

2016 Town Report

**Town of Lempster
New Hampshire**

Incorporated 1767



DIRECTORY

Police/Fire/Rescue - Emergency 911

Animal Control	477-1229
Building Inspector/Bob Porter (home)	863-9711
Fire Chief - Jon Thomas	504-2854
Forest Fire - Outside Burn Permits	
Warden David Richards (home)	863-4153
Deputy Warden James Richards (home)	863-3670
Health Officer/Bob Porter (home)	863-9711
Highway Garage	863-6779
Miner Memorial Library	863-0051
Rescue Captain - Adam Kobeski (cell)	903-2627
Selectmen's Office	863-2698
Sheriff	863-7908
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	863-3213
Town Office Fax	863-8105
Transfer Station	863-7062
Welfare Officer/Selectmen's Office	863-2698

The following boards meet at the Town Office 856 Rte. 10
Selectmen - 2nd and 4th Tue. of each month at 7 PM
Planning Board - 2nd Mon. of each month at 7 PM
Conservation Commission - 1st Wed. of each month at 6 PM
Cemetery Trustees - 3rd Mon. of each month at 4 PM

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Tue, Wed, Thurs 8 AM - 6 PM (closed 1-2 PM) Fri. 8 AM - 1 PM Sat. 8 AM - 1 PM
Selectmen's Office	Tue., Wed. 8 AM - 4:00 PM, Fri. 8 AM - 1 PM

MEETINGS AT THE FIRE STATION - 929 Route 10

Fire Department	1st Wed. of each month at 7 PM
Rescue Squad	3rd Wed. of each month at 7 PM

MEETINGS AT MINER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Library Trustees	3rd Wed every other month beginning in Jan. at 6 PM
Friends of the Library	1st Mon. of each month at 7 PM
Library Hours	Sun. 2-5 PM, Mon. 10-12 & 2-7 PM, Wed. 1:30-6 PM

MEETINGS AT HISTORY HALL

Historical Society	4th Thurs. 6:30 PM except Nov. & Dec.
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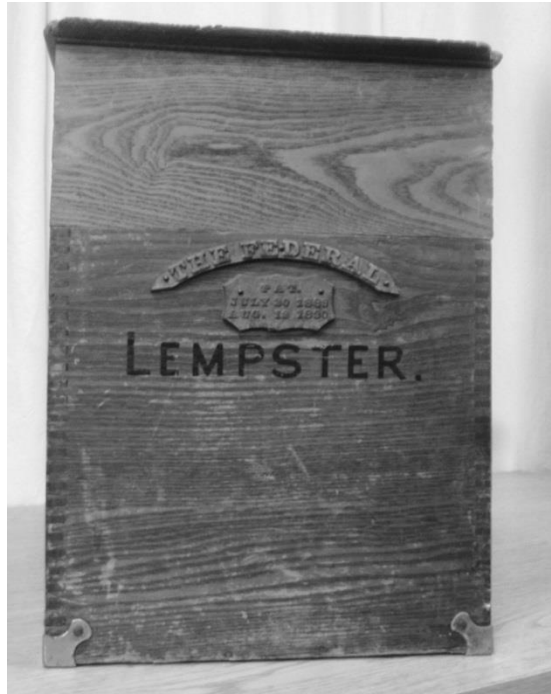
TRANSFER STATION - 118 LOVEJOY ROAD

Sunday 8 AM - 2 PM, Wednesday 10 AM - 2 PM

All meeting hours subject to change

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Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of NH Presidential Direct Primary

During the January 1891 session, the New Hampshire legislature passed an act requiring the use of secret ballots, also known as “Australian” ballots, because they were first used in that country.

“To enforce the secrecy of the ballot,” the law said, the Secretary of State among other things was to prepare and print all ballots at public expense, and “provide every city and town with a ballot-box for use at each polling place.”

Ballot boxes were therefore ordered constructed and delivered by Secretary of State Ezra Stearns of Rindge to the then 272 voting places in New Hampshire in time for use in the November 8, 1892 presidential election. These boxes were each constructed to include a counting device with a hand-crank and a bell to signal each ballot cast.

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2016 Town Officials

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
SELECTMEN	Everett Thurber	2017
	Edward Sauer	2018
	Mary Grenier	2019
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	Ingrid Bjork	
AUDITOR	James Grenier	2017
BUILDING INSPECTOR	Robert Porter	
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	Carol Stamatakis	2017
	Glenn Wirkkala	2018
	Cheryl McGinnis	2019
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (Appointed by Selectmen)	Jim Beard, Chairman	2017
	Sue Lichty	2017
	Emily Fairweather	2017
	Andria Elliot	2019
	George Peterson	resigned
	Alt. Richard Fairweather	
EMERGENCY MGMT DIRECTOR	Selectmen	
FIRE-RESCUE DEPARTMENT	Jon Thomas, Fire Chief	
	Brandon Langlois, Ass't Fire Chief	
	David Loring, Rescue Captain	
	Tom Moore, Jr., Fire Captain	
	David Richards, Fire Lieutenant	
	Adam Kobeski, Fire Lieutenant	
	James Richards	
	Bill Baker, Jr.	
	Ronald Clark	
	John Cleveland	
	Loretta Loring	
	Mark Magoon	
	Tim Meyette	
	Joseph Moulton, Jr.	
	Megan Settembro	
	Chris Young	
	Aaron Watson	
	Nicholas Lund	
	Alvin McNeill, Jr.	
Life Members:		
Philip Tirrell, Sr.		
Barbara Chadwick		
FOREST FIRE WARDEN	James Richards	

2016 Town Officials

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
HEALTH OFFICER	Robert Porter	
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	Daryl Simino, Supervisor Peter Blythe Scott Goodspeed Ernie Perry	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Janice Baker	2017
	Robert Cilley	2018
	Janice Brehio	2018
	Alvin McNeill, Jr.	2019
	James Beard	2019
LIBRARIAN	Bonnie Cilley	
MODERATOR	Michael Shklar, Esq.	2019
PLANNING BOARD	Kirt Wirkkala	2017
	R. Mark Adams	2018
	William Rodeschin	2018
	David Richards	2019
	Everett Thurber, ex officio	
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	Capt. Jeremy Wilson Michael J. Batista Justin Merrill Glen St. Amant	
SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST	Robert Cilley	2018
	Sharron Wallace	2022
	Sharon Perry	2024
TAX COLLECTOR/ TOWN CLERK	Gayle Newton	2017
	Barbara Richards	Deputy
TOWN COUNSEL	Michael Shklar, Esq.	
TREASURER	Mary Fellows	2017
	Ingrid Bjork	Deputy
TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS	Carol Stamatakis	2017
	Barbara Richards	2018
	Barbara Parker	2019
WELFARE OFFICER	Selectmen	

Town of Lempster, NH.
Board of Selectmen's – Annual Report 2016

We have all heard the commonly spoken of beginnings of Lempster from many sources. I would like to relate some not so well known facts and concepts of the early years of the Town of Lempster. In order to do this I will draw on the thoughts of Dorothy Hathaway of our own town. She prepared an extensive dissertation about Lempster while attending Dartmouth College titled *“Good Men and True Women”*.

- Lempster had a rough start. In 1735, 1753, 1761, 1767 re-grant after re-grant of the land occurred. By 1770 only eight families settled here, therefore, another charter extension occurred. The first census was taken in 1790, there were 416 residents. The population continued to rise and in 1830 had risen to 999.
- Those living here were trying to farm in what has been described at best as “difficult”. The lands were rocky and not very fertile. Some of the inhabitants developed multipurpose farms and small enterprising businesses.
- Since this report comes out in the year of 2017 I would like to mention that there are plans for a yearlong series of activities. If this bit of history has sparked some interest, then seek out more in the months to come from those who really know the story.

2016 Town Highlights

- The Board of Selectmen acting as the Emergency Management Director brought together all department heads to review and up-date the Local Emergency Operations Plan. This is required every five years to enable the town to apply for grants as well as being prepared for emergencies. The Board is still looking for a volunteer to fill this position.
- The Town Office Building underwent a face lift this past year. Everett Thurber did a wonder job in refurbishing the medallion on the back of the Town Office. The fact that we had House of Correction workers and our Highway Department doing the paint work we saved many dollars in the process. A thank you goes out to Gregg Lynch for voluntarily doing the majority of the prep work to make the painting possible.
- Mountain Road was totally rebuilt; new culverts, ditches, signage and line painting this year. The work makes for a smooth ride, better run off control, easier plowing and makes it safer for years to come.



Regards,
The Board of Selectmen
Ed Sauer
Chairman

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2016**

LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES

Permits		
Excavation	150.00	150.00
Auto		
Auto Registration	199,823.00	
Agent's Fees	5691.00	
Town Title Fees	673.00	
Transfer Fees	635.00	
Clerk's Fees	3910.00	210,732.00
Building Inspector		
Building Permits	2,131.30	
Occupancy Permits	150.00	2,281.30
Dog Licenses		
License Fees	948.00	948.00
Vital Statistics		
Marriage Licenses	49.00	
Certified Copies	277.00	326.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees		
UCC Filings	150.00	
NSF bank charge	10.00	
OHRV/Hunting Licenses	425.00	
Sale of Checklists/Tax Info.	325.00	
Driveway Permits	130.00	
Misc. Fees	1.97	1014.97

TOTAL LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES

\$215,452.27

FROM FEDERAL/ STATE GOVERNMENTS

Highway Block Grant	66,848.68
Room & Meals Distribution	60,396.69
LCHIP (Mtg. House)	51,345.00
EMPG Grant	2,700.00
NH the Beautiful (Highway Dep't)	2,500.00
Reimburse for Forest Fires	3,559.06
Forest Fire Grant	2,000.00
State & Federal Forest Reimbursement	221.73
Forest Fire Training Reimbursement	61.29

TOTAL FROM FEDERAL/STATE GOVERNMENTS

\$189,632.45

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Wellness Grant Income	600.00	600.00
Selectmen's Office		
Copies & Faxes	83.25	83.25
Police Department		
Pistol Permits	610.00	610.00
Planning Board		
Subdivision App. Fees	901.55	
Subdivision Regulations	10.00	911.55
Cemetery		
Burial Preparation	140.00	
Sale of Cemetery Plots	750.00	
Mowing & Maintenance	385.46	1,275.46

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS (CON'T)

Transfer Station

NH the Beautiful Grant	2,400.00
Tin/Metal Recycling Revenue	1,790.96
Decals	5,040.00
Demolition Fees	6,459.54
Electronics	1,271.00
Recycle Revenue	1,519.53
Appliances/AC	845.00
Tires	550.00
TV/Monitors	765.00
Florescent Bulbs	233.00
Household Items	178.00
Propane Tanks	72.00

21,124.03

TOTAL INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS**\$24,604.29****REVENUE FROM MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES**

Sale of Municipal Property	5,820.00
Rent of Property (Long Pond rent)	1,220.00
Misc. Reimbursements to Town	1,328.23
Insurance Dividends/Reimbursements	873.60
Welfare Reimbursements	374.51
Other Misc. Revenue	122.08
Fines/Forfeitures	25.00

TOTAL REVENUE FROM MISC. SOURCES**\$ 9,763.42****FROM CAPITAL RESERVE/EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS**

250 th Anniversary (CIP 045)	605.00
Emergency H2O Supply (CIP 006)	16,040.00
Forest Fire Truck (CIP 005)	4.31
Highway Equipment (CIP 026)	52,500.00
Town Bldg. Repair Exp. Trust (CIP 012)	21,637.46
Town Hall/Meeting House (CIP 030)	3,350.09
Transfer Station Equipment (CIP 021)	10,850.00
Road Reconstruction/Paving (CIP 048)	40,000.00

TOTAL FROM CAPITAL RESERVE/EXPENDABLE TRUST ACCOUNTS**\$144,986.86****FEES COLLECTED FOR STATE**

State of NH-DMV	82,861.13
State of NH-Vital Records	657.00
State of NH-Fish & Game	9,524.50
State of NH- Dep't of Agriculture	457.00

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED FOR STATE**\$ 93,499.63****TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK****\$ 677,938.92**


GAYLE NEWTON, TOWN CLERK



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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Property Taxes	3110		\$212,133.54		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$1,452.93		
Yield Taxes	3185		\$1,716.58		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$3,299.92)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2015	
Property Taxes	3110	\$3,528,160.06		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$500.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$11,605.72		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$378.16		
Other Taxes	3189			
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	3110	\$231.44			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
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Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,781.83	\$13,801.16		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits	\$3,539,357.29	\$229,104.21		
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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$3,346,709.17	\$91,554.06		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$500.00	\$430.00		
Yield Taxes	\$11,326.03	\$17.50		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,781.83	\$10,934.16		
Penalties		\$2,867.00		
Excavation Tax	\$378.16			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$117,058.15		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$836.42			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded	\$2,506.62	\$6,243.34		



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$175,963.87			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$279.69			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$924.50)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$3,539,357.29	\$229,104.21		



Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$99,882.92	\$83,254.38
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$126,984.08		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$3,632.89	\$9,494.33	\$19,111.71
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Total Debits		\$130,616.97	\$109,377.25	\$102,366.09

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Redemptions		\$47,826.41	\$40,104.55	\$53,664.29
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Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$3,632.89	\$9,494.33	\$19,111.71
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Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$3,210.02	\$9,408.11	\$23,662.36
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$75,947.65	\$50,370.26	\$5,927.73
Total Credits		\$130,616.97	\$109,377.25	\$102,366.09



LEMPSTER (257)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Gayle

Newton

1/7/2017

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

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

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Gayle Newton Tax Collector

Preparer's Signature and Title

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
TREASURER'S REPORT 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Forest Fund</u>	<u>Conservation Commission Checking</u>	<u>Conservation Commission CD</u>	<u>Total</u>
Beginning Balances	\$ 1,129,321.26	\$ 128,235.99	\$ 16,732.61	\$ 4,162.87	\$ 1,278,452.73
Receipts:					
Deposits Taken in for CCC			\$ 9,785.00		
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	\$ 4,435,097.72				
Treasurer	\$ 142,419.17	\$ 120,000.00			
Interest	\$ 1,319.68	\$ 449.08	\$ 8.83	\$ 14.64	
Disbursements:					
Paid out for Cons. Comm.			\$ 7,158.50		
Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 4,668,054.78	\$ 120,000.00			
Ending Balance	\$ 934,308.30	\$ 128,685.07	\$ 19,367.94	\$ 4,177.51	\$ 1,086,538.82

Respectfully Submitted,



Mary Fellows, Treasurer

Auditor's Report

The 2015 Auditor Report, required by the state each year, was completed and returned to DRA in April of 2016. Each section of the report was accepted without issue by DRA. Once all of the 2016 data is available, I will meet with the individuals responsible for the six areas to be covered in the town auditor report. There is a separate section of the report pertinent to the general ledger, treasurer, tax collector, trustees, town clerk and library. The final report will be completed and returned to the Department of Revenue Administration by April 1, 2017.

All Town purchases must have the original signed invoice accompanying the town's payment stub. This is required by NH law. I take the time to check each purchase to make sure that a physical document is filed with the record of payment. The practice of attaching the original signed invoices is important for making sure Town money is being spent appropriately and identifies the person responsible for the purchase. Each department head is responsible for approving all department expenditures. To the extent possible the purpose of the expenditure is noted; for example, a part for a specific town truck. Over the past several years, the departments have done an exemplary job providing the necessary documentation for purchases.

An accurate inventory of all town equipment and property is necessary to comply with statutes. Each department is responsible for the department's respective inventory. It is important to have updated files for insurance purposes; in case of a fire or theft as well as clearly identifying what equipment each department is responsible for. The matter of accurate inventory was discussed in 2014 again in 2015 and the town has continued to improve on this practice. Establishing a consistent town practice for each department is the goal.

The employees responsible for receiving funds, handling funds and paying town expenses are doing so efficiently and are complying with State RSA's. Records of receipts and expenditures are being accurately recorded by town employees.

Jim Grenier

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Value of Land:	
Current Use Land	\$ 983,516
Residential	\$ 30,672,500
Commercial	\$ 724,800
Total Taxable Land	\$ 32,380,816
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Land	\$ 2,071,400
Value of Buildings:	
Residential	\$ 63,527,946
Manufactured Homes	\$ 3,693,900
Commercial	\$ 3,629,200
Total Taxable Buildings	\$ 70,851,046
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable Buildings	\$ 3,950,454
Total Public Utilities	\$ 45,268,700
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$148,500,562
Exemptions:	
Blind	\$ 0
Elderly	\$ 301,500
Total Exemptions	\$ 141,500
Net Valuation on Which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is Computed	\$148,199,062
Less Utilities	\$ 45,268,700
Net Valuation Without Utilities on Which Tax Rate For State Education Tax is Computed	\$102,930,362

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Lempster

on December 31, 2016

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>			<u>INCOME</u>			Grand Total of Principal & Income		
				Balance Beginning	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning	Income During Yr		Expended During Yr	Balance End Year
			Common #1,2,6									
4/7/11	F. Davis	Perpetual Care	"	\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00	\$ 310.14	1.06	-	311.20	386.20
4/29/15	A. Booth	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 413.58	1.41	-	414.99	514.99
4/25/16	C. Booth	"	"	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 2,076.88	7.05	-	2,083.93	2,583.93
4/25/16	A. Honey	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 624.68	2.11	-	626.79	776.79
4/25/16	E. Honey	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 677.65	2.11	-	679.76	829.76
3/9/17	L. Hill	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 831.67	2.82	-	834.49	1,034.49
3/26/17	Wm. Thissel	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 531.59	2.82	-	534.41	734.41
2/14/20	H. Fund	"	"	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 1,243.75	4.23	-	1,247.98	1,547.98
9/12/24	M. Gee	"	"	\$ 75.00			\$ 75.00	\$ 310.14	1.06	-	311.20	386.20
6/6/25	F. Huntoon	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 406.74	1.41	-	408.15	508.15
3/30/33	A. Mitchell	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 826.27	2.82	-	829.09	1,029.09
12/13/33	M. Shanks	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 835.29	2.82	-	838.11	1,038.11
3/21/36	A. Hodgman	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 442.96	1.41	-	444.37	544.37
6/1/37	H. Bingham	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 442.96	1.41	-	444.37	544.37
1/3/40	C. Harris	"	"	\$ 125.00			\$ 125.00	\$ 509.44	1.76	-	511.20	636.20
3/25/40	F. Parker	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 897.54	2.82	-	900.36	1,100.36
4/18/40	L. Nichols	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 299.70	1.41	-	301.11	401.11
12/26/41	E. Hooper	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 446.44	1.41	-	447.85	547.85
3/31/43	W. Hodgman	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 446.44	1.41	-	447.85	547.85
3/31/43	H. Huntley	"	"	\$ 40.00			\$ 40.00	\$ 104.28	0.56	-	104.84	144.84
5/2/47	J. Cumberland	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 821.00	2.82	-	823.82	1,023.82
9/28/49	A. Bellows	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 412.63	1.41	-	414.04	514.04
8/28/50	J. McLaughlin	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 678.91	2.11	-	681.02	831.02
3/16/53	E. Cutler	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 282.27	2.82	-	285.09	485.09
3/16/53	F. Lovejoy	"	"	\$ 125.00			\$ 125.00	\$ 552.56	1.76	-	554.32	679.32
3/18/54	R. Schrenk	"	"	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 1,327.94	4.23	-	1,332.17	1,632.17
4/16/54	G. Breed Fund	"	"	\$ 500.00			\$ 500.00	\$ 2,241.92	7.05	-	2,248.97	2,748.97
6/10/55	H. Nichols	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 617.92	2.11	-	620.03	770.03
4/6/56	G. Richardson	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 536.32	2.11	-	538.43	688.43
4/20/56	C. Parker	"	"	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 1,233.25	4.23	-	1,237.48	1,537.48
3/17/58	L. H. Davis	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 399.10	1.41	-	400.51	500.51
3/17/58	Wm. Way	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 400.10	1.41	300.00	101.51	201.51
6/27/58	G. Evans	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 435.89	1.41	-	437.30	537.30
6/27/58	J. Evans	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 435.89	1.41	-	437.30	537.30
3/30/59	G. Leslie	"	"	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00	\$ 199.32	0.70	-	200.02	250.02
3/30/59	L. Nichols	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 798.58	2.82	-	801.40	1,001.40
5/10/61	C. Campbell	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 773.62	2.82	-	776.44	976.44
9/21/62	H. Hansen	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 383.38	1.41	-	384.79	484.79
1/28/64	F. Welch	"	"	\$ 300.00			\$ 300.00	\$ 1,116.36	4.23	-	1,120.59	1,420.59
2/19/70	C. Abott	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 737.57	2.82	-	740.39	940.39
5/13/70	C. Rudenfeldt	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 702.31	2.82	-	705.13	905.13
3/2/72	H. Hartwell	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 359.04	1.41	-	360.45	460.45
3/2/72	R. Pitkins	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 538.47	2.11	-	540.58	690.58
12/21/73	M. Skie	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 598.97	2.82	-	601.79	801.79
2/18/75	Wm. Heiser	"	"	\$ 100.00			\$ 100.00	\$ 314.72	1.41	-	316.13	416.13
4/12/76	R. Champney	"	"	\$ 150.00			\$ 150.00	\$ 479.26	2.11	-	481.37	631.37
4/12/76	E. Kelso	"	"	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00	\$ 639.25	2.82	-	642.07	842.07

3/11/86	E. Kosotsky	"	"	\$	100.00		\$	100.00	\$	221.59	1.41	-	223.00	323.00	
3/11/86	T. Wirkkala	"	"	\$	200.00		\$	200.00	\$	440.02	2.82	-	442.84	642.84	
3/8/88	H. Starkey	"	"	\$	150.00		\$	150.00	\$	298.39	2.11	-	300.50	450.50	
3/14/89	G. Clayton	"	"	\$	300.00		\$	300.00	\$	563.16	4.23	-	567.39	867.39	
8/22/90	F. Pitman	"	"	\$	200.00		\$	200.00	\$	336.38	2.82	-	339.20	539.20	
2/15/91	K. Ordway	"	"	\$	200.00		\$	200.00	\$	320.89	2.82	-	323.71	523.71	
6/7/91	A. Grotheer	"	"	\$	200.00		\$	200.00	\$	304.95	2.82	-	307.77	507.77	
9/22/93	D. Allen	"	"	\$	450.00		\$	450.00	\$	468.33	6.34	-	474.67	924.67	
11/1/93	A. Reynolds	"	"	\$	300.00		\$	300.00	\$	401.38	4.23	-	405.61	705.61	
2/3/94	E & R Frink	"	"	\$	250.00		\$	250.00	\$	330.42	3.52	-	333.94	583.94	
9/7/94	O. Golonka	"	"	\$	500.00		\$	500.00	\$	640.28	7.05	-	647.33	1,147.33	
11/9/94	C. Cragin	"	"	\$	500.00		\$	500.00	\$	634.28	7.05	-	641.33	1,141.33	
TOTAL	-----			\$	11,190.00		\$	11,190.00	\$	35,654.74	157.68	300.00	35,512.44	46,702.44	
5/2/47	R. Beckwith	Cemetery &	Common #1,3	\$	1,000.00		\$	1,000.00	\$	2,584.73	14.12	16.59	2,582.25	3,582.25	
3/18/54	J. Bean	Common	"	\$	2,000.00		\$	2,000.00	\$	4,363.03	28.24	33.19	4,358.08	6,358.08	
6/1/79	C. Allen	"	"	\$	2,150.00		\$	2,150.00	\$	3,134.80	30.35	35.68	3,129.48	5,279.48	
TOTAL	-----			\$	5,150.00		\$	5,150.00	\$	10,082.56	72.71	85.46	10,069.81	15,219.81	
5/17/96	Gen. Cem. Main.	Cem Care E/T	CD	\$	5,180.00	390.00	\$	5,570.00	\$	448.14	23.00		471.14	6,041.14	
			CD	\$	960.00		\$	960.00	\$	11.16	3.90		15.06	975.06	
			common #6	\$	855.00	1,070.00	390.00	\$	1,535.00	\$	1,503.93	1.00	1,504.93	3,039.93	
TOTAL				\$	6,995.00	1,460.00	390.00	\$	8,065.00	\$	1,963.23	27.90	1,991.13	10,056.13	
Total of Common #1,2,3,6				\$	17,195.00	1,070.00	390.00	\$	17,875.00	\$	47,241.23	231.39	385.46	47,087.18	64,962.15
PRE 1896 Asa Way Fund	School	Common #5		\$	447.50		\$	447.50	\$	260.18	0.36	-	260.54	708.04	
PRE 1912 Hurd Fund	"	"		\$	166.66		\$	166.66	\$	96.88	0.13	-	97.01	263.67	
TOTAL	-----			\$	614.16		\$	614.16	\$	357.06	0.49	-	357.55	971.71	

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME					Grand Total of Principal & Income
				Balance Beginning	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning	Income During Yr	Expended During Yr	Balance End Year	
11/30/83	Town Records Preservation	Cap. Reserve	CD	\$ 3,307.58	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,307.58	\$ 6,898.62	39.66	-	6,938.28	10,245.86
11/30/83	Emerg. Mgmt.	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 3,192.97	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 3,692.97	\$ 1,960.94	5.18	-	1,966.12	5,659.09
12/29/89	Landfill Closure	Cap. Reserve	CD	\$ 28,296.75	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,296.75	\$ 32,138.82	240.45	-	32,379.27	62,676.02
			Common #4	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1.15	0.57	-	1.72	1,001.72
12/29/89	Transfer Station	Cap. Reserve	CD	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,281.19	7.24	1,288.43	-	-
			Common #4	\$ 2,765.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 9,547.78	\$ 1,217.22	\$ 13.79	1,292.05	1,302.22	3.62	1,220.84
12/31/93	Emerg. Water Supply	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 14,123.26	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 15,138.54	\$ 3,984.72	\$ 901.46	13.03	901.46	13.03	3,997.75
4/1/98	Town Bldg. Repair	Expend. Trust	Common #4	\$ 49,225.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 13,621.15	\$ 60,603.85	\$ 8,016.31	52.20	8,016.31	52.20	60,656.05
12/31/96	New Cemetery	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 220.68	3.29	-	223.97	4,223.97
12/19/97	Town Bridges	Expend. Trust	Common #4	\$ 63,644.94	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 93,644.94	\$ 122.24	65.86	-	188.10	93,833.04
12/19/01	Forestry Truck	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4.31	-	4.31	-	-
12/19/01	Fire Pumper	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-	-	-
	Municipal Bldgs. Complex	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 253.43	61.61	-	315.04	80,315.04
3/10/05	Fire Dept. Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 5,850.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 10,850.00	\$ 500.39	6.71	-	507.10	11,357.10
4/10/06	Cemetery Fence	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 249.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 249.64	\$ 0.51	0.24	-	0.75	250.39
4/10/06	Hwy Dept Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 65,562.43	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 52,170.57	\$ 38,391.86	\$ 329.43	37.11	329.43	37.11	38,428.97
12/22/06	Veterans Memorial Meetinghouse/Town	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 88.55	1.09	-	89.64	1,089.64
11/30/07	Hall Restoration	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 35,358.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 3,215.45	\$ 42,342.55	\$ 134.64	36.06	134.64	36.06	42,378.61
12/6/08	Info. Tech. System	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 12,077.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,077.00	\$ 531.22	12.95	-	544.17	17,621.17
11/19/12	250th Anniversary	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 5,395.00	\$ 6.89	4.10	-	10.99	5,405.99
12/12/13	Cemetery Tree Mainter	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 2,975.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 5,475.00	\$ 2.83	3.16	-	5.99	5,480.99
12/12/13	Road Reconstruction &	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 20,813.39	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 30,813.39	\$ 34.69	21.55	-	56.24	30,869.63
12/14/15	Emergency Response	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.04	0.54	-	0.58	1,000.58
12/14/15	Rescue Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #4	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.14	2.15	-	2.29	4,002.29
Total of Common #4				\$ 348,336.63	192,700.00	136,298.49	\$ 404,738.14	\$ 13,123.64	1,619.45	10,688.37	4,054.72	408,792.83
	LCS Rep/Replace Existing Equipment	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.18	-	-	1.18	2.18
12/19/97	LCS SpEd	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 15,905.76	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,905.76	\$ 4,021.76	9.97	-	4,031.73	19,937.49
1/14/00	LCS Boiler	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 887.05	4.44	-	891.49	8,891.49
11/9/95	LCS Waste Water Syst	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,092.37	1.55	-	2,093.92	3,093.92
10/9/06	LCS Driveway	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 16,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,400.00	\$ 2,712.05	9.56	-	2,721.61	19,121.61
	LCS Accounting Software	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 435.89	0.47	-	436.36	936.36
9/17/09	LCS Building Repair	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 14,550.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,550.00	\$ 184.99	7.37	-	192.36	14,742.36
7/16/12	Vicky Goss Mem Schol	Cap. Reserve	Common #5	\$ 1,896.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,896.00	\$ 19.71	0.96	-	20.67	1,916.67
			CD	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 112.60	40.53	-	153.13	10,153.13
Total of Common #5				\$ 58,866.92	-	-	\$ 58,866.92	\$ 10,712.08	34.81	-	10,746.89	69,613.80
Total of all common				\$ 424,398.55	193,770.00	136,688.49	\$ 481,480.06	\$ 71,076.95	1,885.65	11,073.83	61,888.79	543,368.78
Total of CD's (non-common)				\$ 54,744.33	2,390.00	7,000.00	\$ 50,134.33	\$ 40,890.53	354.78	1,288.43	39,956.88	90,091.21
Total of all accounts				\$ 479,142.88	196,160.00	143,688.49	\$ 531,614.39	\$ 111,967.48	2,240.43	12,362.26	101,845.67	633,459.99

Report of the Common Trust Fund Investments of the Town of Lempster

on December 31, 2016

	HOW INVESTED Description of Investment	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			Grand Total of Principal & Income at End of Year		
		Balance Beginning Year	Additions	Withdrawals	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
#1	Claremont Savings Bank 1yr CD Cemetery & Common Interest interest .35%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 42,030.06	\$ 163.13	\$ -	\$ 42,193.19	\$ 42,193.19
#2	Claremont Savings Bank 1 yr CD Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal interest .35%	\$ 11,190.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,190.00	\$ 399.65	\$ 44.98	\$ -	\$ 444.63	\$ 11,634.63
#3	Claremont Savings Bank 1 yr CD Cemetery & Common interest .35%	\$ 5,150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,150.00	\$ 224.32	\$ 20.84	\$ -	\$ 245.16	\$ 5,395.16
#4	Claremont Savings Bank ICS 509 Town CR/ET variable money market interest	\$ 348,336.63	\$ 192,700.00	\$ 136,298.49	\$ 404,738.14	\$ 13,123.61	\$ 1,619.45	\$ 10,688.37	\$ 4,054.69	\$ 408,792.83
#5	Claremont Savings Bank ICS 652 School variable money market interest	\$ 58,866.92			\$ 58,866.92	\$ 10,712.08	\$ 34.80		\$ 10,746.88	\$ 69,613.80
#6	Claremont Savings Bank ICS 684 Cemetery Funds variable money market interest	\$ 855.00	\$ 1,070.00	\$ -	\$ 1,925.00	\$ 4,587.15	\$ 2.48	\$ 775.46	\$ 3,814.17	\$ 5,739.17
	Total	\$ 424,398.55	\$ 193,770.00	\$ 136,298.49	\$ 481,870.06	\$ 71,076.87	\$ 1,885.68	\$ 11,463.83	\$ 61,498.72	\$ 543,368.78

Building Inspector Report

There were a total of thirty building permits issued in 2016, below is a list of the types and quantities:

Houses	3
Garage / Barn / Shed	13
Additions	4
Occupancy Permits	4
Other (decks, roofs, porches, improvements, etc.)	<u>6</u>
Total	30

The number of permits issued in 2016 was the same as in the previous two years. If you have a question whether a permit is required or if you have a question about the state and federal building codes that might pertain to your construction, please feel free to call me.

Bob Porter

Building Inspector / Health Officer

603-863-9711 / Cell 603-477-4950

LEMPSTER RESCUE

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

The Rescue Squad responded to 87 calls in 2016 with some of them having multiple patients. We gave care to 97 people.

Helping our neighbors is what the squad has been about.

This year the Rescue Squad applied for an Emergency Management Performance Grant which we received. This grant provided half the cost for a RAD 57 CO Pulse Oximeter which tests the blood for carbon monoxide.

I joined the fire and rescue in 1982; it has been one of the best things that I have been a part of. Over the years, I have seen the rescue grow from a few people with first aid kits to what we have today. None of us could have done this alone. It was hard work from all the members, past, present and future.

It has been an honor to have been on this ride with so many great people. As of January 2017, I have retired. I appreciate all the help the people of this great community have given.

David L. Loring
Lempster Rescue Captain
(Retired)

Lempster Fire Department Annual Report

Submitted By Fire Chief Jon Thomas

The Lempster Fire Department continues to provide the town with the best service that we can. We strive to do this with training, pride and ownership of what we do day to day. We continue to train twice a month, with one EMS training and one Fire training. The Fire and Rescue meet every Wednesday to maintain the equipment and vehicles, train, and also maintain the fire station.

The Fire Department members pride themselves on dedication and this year we recognize someone that exemplifies this. David Loring has served for 33 years and continues to serve in a lesser and well deserved capacity as a Life Member. Davey joins Phil Tirrell and Barbara Chadwick on this List. Thank You Davey!

In the last year, the members have worked hard to keep their skills sharp and knowledge of an ever changing world of hazards and new techniques. The members achieve this through outside sources and a committed training officer in Deputy Chief Langlois. Another program the fire department is implementing is a "cancer awareness" program. This is to try to reduce carcinogens in certain areas of the station and also stop the men and women from bringing them home to their families. This is achieved by isolating areas of the station and some easy personal hygiene measures.

The Fire Department has also worked hard to find every avenue to provide the town with the best equipment possible and also replace equipment in a reasonable manner. Lempster Fire has placed a grant application in to assist with replacing the hydraulic auto extrication tools, as well as the air bags used for lifting. These pieces of equipment are 20 years old and with the new vehicle construction they work hard and slow to gain access to a patient. If the town is fortunate enough to get this grant, 95% will be paid by the grant and only 5% will be the responsibility of the town.

The men and women of the Fire Department continue to get out in the public. The members enjoy the social events such as the Pancake Breakfast and other dinners held at the fire house. The crew also enjoys educating the public on fire safety. This is achieved at courses and on calls to residents homes. The men and women take pride in assisting a service that is top notch; this can be something so small like changing an elderly couples smoke detector batteries at a medical call. The crew also continues to provide a fire safety program at the Lempster Community School for grades K-4.



This past year the crews were busy answering the calls for service, in total we ran 174 calls. This is roughly an 8.5% increase over last year. 75 medical, 9 building fires, 5 chimney fires, 3 vehicle fires, 20 MVA, 6 MVA w/ extrication, 13 brush fires, 8 unauthorized burns, 13 trees/wires, 6 cover assignments, 2 fire alarms, 2 haz-mat, 2 search and rescue, and 10 service/ other calls. As always the goal when we are out on or returning from a call is to return all members home safe. We strive to provide the community with the best service we can and we all thank you for your continued support!

Roll Call:

Jon Thomas, Brandon Langlois, Thomas Moore Jr., David Richards, Adam Kobeski, David Loring, James Richards, Phil Tirrell, Ron Clark, Barbara Chadwick, Loretta Loring, Mark Magoon, Alvin McNeill, Chris Young, Tim Meyette, Joe Moulton Jr., Bill Baker, Megan Settembro, John Cleveland, and Thomas Brennan

2016 Forest Fire Department Report

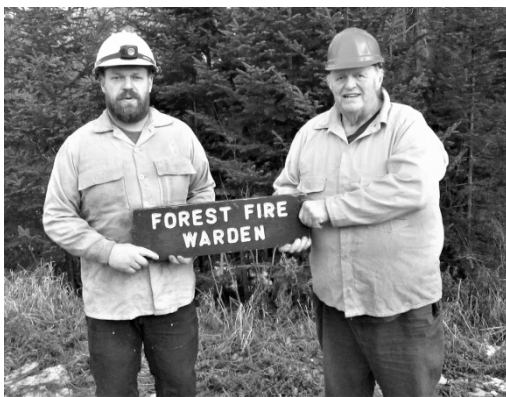
It was another dry year with plenty of brush fires. In 2015 when we had a major fire in a hard to reach area we were assisted by many of our neighboring towns. The lack of snow and the drought made this year worse! This year we were the ones to assist our neighboring towns. Again most of the brush fires were day time when it is hard to find fire fighters able to leave work to fight fire. We sent brush fire crews and equipment to the two Stoddard fires, two in Goshen, one in Marlow, and a couple in Newport, and four in Alstead. One of the brush fires in Alstead involved a building and a long run for water with many tankers. We were three days in Acworth on Gove Hill with one of the inaccessible, super dry, dig it out type of fires!

The rest of the equipment planned for the brush truck last year that we didn't have the money for due to the big expense fire, was purchased this year. Other needed items that we realized we didn't have and should, were obtained with the matching grant we received. This has made the brush truck very usable!

The UTV has become a very valuable piece of equipment, in that it is a smaller sized unit that will go in further on smaller trails than the truck. Between the two of them, it has cut down on a lot of the inaccessible areas.

Being retired, I am available during the day. However, being old enough to retire means things don't move as well as before and I can't do as much for as long! I have moved down to a deputy warden, with my son David taking over the Warden position. Over the years he has taken a lot of the brush fire training, and has the experience of growing up in a family that has been involved in firefighting. I will continue doing what I can. I will still be writing fire permits. This year we have written over 158 permits, almost half of them seasonal, and not one of them needed the Fire Dept. to bring it under control, unlike some of the illegal ones!

Brush fire permits are only good after 5 PM until 9 AM unless it is raining. Permits are still needed in the rain. When there is good snow cover, permits are not needed but dispatch should be notified when burning. Permits can be obtained online at nhfirepermit.com. This will involve a convenience fee or can be obtained from the Warden David Richards, Deputy Warden Jim Richards, Fire Chief Jon Thomas, or Barbara Richards at no charge.



James Richards, Warden 1981-2016, handing off to incoming Warden David Richards

Thank you for your support over the past 35 years!

Jim Richards



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The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office has completed our 9th year of service to the Town of Lempster. The Town is currently being served by four deputies that provide service at various times throughout the week. Chief Deputy Jeremy Wilson, Sergeant Michael Batista, Deputy Justin Merrill and Deputy Glen St. Amant are the deputies assigned to patrol the town. All of them are full-time certified and trained. They also have a significant amount of experience in Law Enforcement which I believe allows us to provide a very professional service to the town.

The Claremont Dispatch Center received 604 calls for service in 2016 which is a decrease from 2015. While the town experienced a number of years with an increased call volume it is nice to see the trend going the other way. This is especially gratifying considering the trends our nation has seen over the last couple of years.

Many issues in the community can be complex. These issues often include difficulties with family, finances, and more often drugs. Many issues such as these can take a significant amount of time and planning to resolve. Some community issues can be more easily resolved. In the past year, we received a large number of calls for traffic accidents. Most of these accidents were caused as a result of either wildlife or the weather. We recognize that each traffic accident is significant in its own right, but many are easily preventable. We urge everyone to please slow down, recognize danger signs and drive accordingly.

We also saw a large number of animal complaints. These are issues that can take a significant amount of time to resolve, but are very easily prevented. Generally, NH law does not allow for most animals to be free roaming. NH law also allows victims of free roaming at-large animal's compensation for damages to their person or property. Please be sure to keep your dogs and other animals on a leash or make provisions that will prevent them from leaving your property. Taking a few simple steps can prevent property damage, personal injury and legal ramifications.

The Sheriff's Office continues to make strides at becoming the best we can be. In 2016 we took custody of a new fleet of cars, we began working on and continue to update our policy manual, and all of our patrol deputies have become certified to administer NARCAN.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the citizens of Lempster and I appreciate both your support and assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sheriff John P. Simonds

"It's all about public service"

2016 Highway and Transfer Station Report

Although it was a fairly mild winter, the highway department still used about 2500 yards of sand and 185 tons of salt treating the roads. All the ice and little storms make it just as costly as major storms.

The Mountain Road project was completed in July and August. Most everyone seems to be happy with it. I would like to say thanks to Pike Industries for the work they did.

Other maintenance projects that were done throughout the summer included: resurfacing, ditching, crack sealing and changing culverts.

Thanks to the town, the highway department has up-graded their loader from a 1987 to a 2006 624J John Deere.

Plans for 2017 are to start working on Lovejoy Road. It needs culverts, ditching, raising the road, and resurfacing.

The Transfer Station has been busy with a total tonnage for all materials coming into our facility at a little over 500 tons. We would like to thank everyone who recycles. It does keep cost down for disposal, as well as, it is better for our environment.

Thank you!
Daryl Simino
Highway Supervisor

**CIP FY 2017
PROPOSED
TOWN OF LEMPSTER**

PROJECT NO./PROJECT	2017 Art. #	AGENCY	FINANCE TYPE	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	BALANCE IN CAP RESERVE/ EXP TR 12/31/2016	FY 2017			FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
						CRF/ET	CURRENT APPROP.	OPERATING BUDGET						
004 Comm & Pwr Gen Equipmt	5	S		14,000	5,659	500			500	500	500	500	500	500
051 Emergency Response	6	S		5,000	1,000	500			500	500	500	500	500	500
006 Emerg Water Supply System	7	S		60,000	3,997	5,000			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
036 Fire Dept. Equipment	10, 11	S		undefined	11,357	15,000	5,820		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
050 Rescue-Pumper	4	S		395,000										
052 Rescue Equipment	12	S			4,002	2,000			2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
012 Twn Bldg. Repair Exp Trust	13	S		undefined	60,656	25,000			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
013 Town Records Preservation		S		undefined	10,245									
010 Municipal Bldgs Complex	14	S			80,315	25,000			30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
027 Appraisal of Property	4, 26	S	C				9,244	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	TBD	TBD	TBD
030 Twn Hall/Meetghs Restoratn	15, 16	S		undefined	42,378	25,000	200		25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
037 Twn Office IT System	17	S		undefined	17,621	5,000			5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
042 Fire Station	4	S		513,000					33,647	33,090	32,534	31,989	31,422	30,866
045 250th Anniv Reserve Acct		S		6,000	5,405									
053 Mountain Rd Recon & Paving	4			950,000					111,367	111,716	109,341	106,980	104,578	102,216
018 Twn Brid Repr & Recon ET	18	S		300,000	93,833	30,000			30,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
026 Highway Dept. Equipment	19	S		undefined	38,428	25,000			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
048 Road Paving & Reconstr	20	S		undefined	30,869	25,000			25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
049 Backhoe	21	S	LP	160,000			14,250		14,250	14,250	14,250	14,250	14,250	14,250
021 Transfer Station Equipment	22	S		20,000	1,220	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
022 Landfill Closure	23	S		300,000	63,677	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
023 New Cemetery	24	CT		10,000	4,223	1,000			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
024 Cemetery Fence	27	CT		7,500	250									
047 Cemetery Tree Management	25	CT		25,000	5,480	2,500			2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
					\$480,615	188,500	\$29,514	\$194,365	\$401,347	\$372,874	\$369,427	\$365,916	\$336,457	\$318,734
						TOTAL CIP 2017 CRF/ET + CA + OB = \$412,379								

Agency Legend
S - Selectboard
CT - Cemetery Trustee Board

Financing Type Legend
LP - Lease Purchase
C - Contract

FY 2017
CRF - Monies to be deposited in Capital Reserve Fund
ET - Monies to be deposited in Expendable Trust
Current Appropriations - Payment to be made

CRF - Monies to be deposited in Capital Reserve Fund
Operating Budget - Can be found in the Operating Budget of each respective department
TBD - To be determined

Town of Lempster
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2017

To the voters of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs. You are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Lempster Community School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2017 at three thirty (3:30 PM) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting of candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 PM) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant. Polls will remain open until 7:30 PM.

Article 01: Choose Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 02: Receive Reports

To receive all reports and act thereon.

Article 03: Town Clerk/Tax Collector

To see if the Town will vote to change the compensation for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector to be paid up to \$18.00 per hour for a maximum of 32 hours per week. All benefits will be earned pursuant to the Town of Lempster's personnel policy. Furthermore, to raise and appropriate up to \$23,040.00 for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector compensation for March 19-December 31, 2017. The following years' compensation will be in the operating budget. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 04: General Town Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,272,705.00 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 05: Emergency Communication and Power

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 06: Emergency Response CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the Emergency Response Capital Reserve (CIP 051) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 07: Emergency Water Supply System CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Water Supply System Capital Reserve (CIP 006) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 08: Assistance to Firefighter Grant

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$42,858.00 for the purpose of motor vehicle extrication and stabilization equipment for the Fire Department with said funds to come from an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This article is contingent on receipt of the grant. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 09: Fire Dept. Equipment C/R

To see if the Town will vote to amend the purpose of the existing Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) to be for the purchase of personal protective gear and large expenditures for vehicle repairs as well as the purchase of fire department equipment. (2/3 vote required)

Article 10: Fire Dept. Equipment C/R

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,820.00 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) previously established. This sum to come from the December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. These funds came from the sale of Engine 2. The Selectmen Recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 11: Fire Department Equipment CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 12: Rescue Equipment CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 13: Town Building Repair ET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust (CIP 012) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 14: Municipal Buildings Complex CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Complex Capital Reserve (CIP 010) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 15: Town Hall/Meetinghouse Restoration CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be added to the Town Hall/Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (CIP 030) previously established. This sum is to come from December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. These funds came from the LCHIP Monitoring Report check received in 2016. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 16: Town Hall/Meetinghouse Restoration CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Hall/Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (CIP 030) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 17: Town Office Information Technology CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Town Office Information Technology Capital Reserve (CIP 037) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 18: Town Bridge ET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Town Bridge Repair and Restoration Expendable Trust (CIP 018) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 19: Town Highway Equipment CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 20: Road Repair & Reconstruction CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Road Repair and Reconstruction Capital Reserve (CIP 048) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 21: Lease Payment

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,250.00 for the purpose of the fifth payment of the lease-purchase of the Highway Department Backhoe (CIP 049). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 22: Transfer Station Equipment CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 23: Landfill Closure CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 24: New Cemetery CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 25: Cemetery Tree Management CR

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Cemetery Tree Management Capital Reserve (CIP 047) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Article 26: Appraisal of Property C/R

To see if the Town will vote to Establish the Appraisal of Property Capital Reserve (CIP 027) to meet our constitutional and statutory requirement that assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,244.00 to be added to the fund with these funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. Furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. It is anticipated that a revaluation will take place in 2020. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 27: Discontinue CR

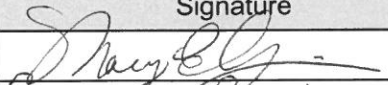

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Cemetery Fence Capital Reserve Fund (CIP 024) created in 2006. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Article 28: Old Home Day

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of supporting Old Home Day events. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Article 29: Any other business

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

Given under our hands, February 7, 2017		
We certify and attest that on or before February 27, 2017, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Lempster Town Office and the Lempster Post Office, and delivered the original to the Lempster Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
MARY GRENIER	SELECTMAN	
EVERETT THURBER	SELECTMAN	

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$78,715	\$75,342	\$78,715	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$76,800	\$74,540	\$49,585	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$14,325	\$11,174	\$14,325	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$26,000	\$16,756	\$26,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$15,000	\$3,605	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$199,850	\$182,354	\$213,450	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$15,000	\$8,781	\$15,000	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$16,000	\$12,198	\$16,000	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$17,400	\$17,381	\$4,500	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$17,000	\$17,004	\$17,600	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	04	\$13,455	\$665	\$13,455	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	04	\$55,000	\$46,428	\$55,000	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$27,671	\$26,205	\$27,600	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$49,620	\$47,467	\$52,820	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	04	\$1,900	\$1,700	\$1,900	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$15,500	\$10,384	\$7,900	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	04	\$201,050	\$197,974	\$186,550	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$159,750	\$152,106	\$174,250	\$0
4313	Bridges	04	\$2,000	\$187	\$2,000	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$850	\$886	\$900	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	04	\$26,225	\$26,176	\$27,525	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	04	\$42,675	\$51,569	\$55,175	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	04	\$400	\$357	\$400	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal	04	\$200	\$1,322	\$1,400	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$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

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
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
Health						
4411	Administration	04	\$1,700	\$1,600	\$1,700	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	04	\$9,764	\$9,764	\$7,960	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	04	\$7,000	\$100	\$7,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$2,500	\$2,373	\$2,500	\$0
4550-4559	Library	04	\$19,500	\$18,679	\$19,030	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$500	\$497	\$500	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$1,000	\$1,479	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	04	\$46,667	\$46,667	\$141,667	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	04	\$11,427	\$11,422	\$26,698	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$24,250	\$91,606	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$58,262	\$35,054	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$1,000,000	\$840,362	\$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		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total Proposed Appropriations		\$2,263,556	\$2,050,264	\$1,272,705	\$0
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Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Emergency Communication and Power					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0
	Purpose: Emergency Response CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Emergency Water Supply System CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$0	\$0	\$5,820	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Dept. Equipment C/R					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Equipment CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	12	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
	Purpose: Rescue Equipment CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Municipal Buildings Complex CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$0
	Purpose: Town Hall/Meetinghouse Restoration CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Town Hall/Meetinghouse Restoration CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Town Office Information Technology CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Town Highway Equipment CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	20	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Road Repair & Reconstruction CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	22	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
	Purpose: Transfer Station Equipment CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	23	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
	Purpose: Landfill Closure CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	24	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
	Purpose: New Cemetery CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	25	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0
	Purpose: Cemetery Tree Management CR					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	26	\$0	\$0	\$9,244	\$0
	Purpose: Appraisal of Property C/R					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	13	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Town Building Repair ET					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	18	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
	Purpose: Town Bridge ET					
Special Articles Recommended			\$183,700	\$183,700	\$203,764	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	03	\$0	\$0	\$23,040	\$0
	Purpose: Town Clerk/Tax Collector					
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	28	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
	Purpose: Old Home Day					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	21	\$0	\$0	\$14,250	\$0
	Purpose: Lease Payment					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$0	\$0	\$42,858	\$0
	Purpose: Assistance to Firefighter Grant					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$82,148	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	04	\$2,500	\$375	\$500
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$14,000	\$11,606	\$12,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	04	\$400	\$378	\$380
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$70,000	\$47,822	\$48,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$150	\$150	\$150
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$190,000	\$210,530	\$210,000
3230	Building Permits	04	\$1,500	\$2,281	\$2,200
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$1,100	\$2,306	\$1,100
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$60,397	\$60,397	\$60,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$66,849	\$66,849	\$66,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	04	\$222	\$222	\$222
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$56,765	\$8,320	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	08	\$0	\$0	\$42,858
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$23,500	\$23,714	\$22,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$5,820	\$5,820	\$35,000
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$2,000	\$1,769	\$1,700
3503-3509	Other	04	\$6,000	\$3,943	\$5,000
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)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$144,987	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$1,000,000	\$787,172	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	15, 26, 10	\$7,317	\$7,317	\$15,264
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,511,220	\$1,388,658	\$522,374

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,165,144	\$1,272,705
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$1,232,645	\$203,764
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$56,467	\$82,148
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,454,256	\$1,558,617
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,463,124	\$522,374
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$991,132	\$1,036,243

Town of Lempster
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2016

	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>		<u>Dec 31, 16</u>
ASSETS		LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Current Assets		Liabilities	
Checking/Savings		Current Liabilities	
1000 - Bank Accounts		Other Current Liabilities	
1001 - LSB Checking	875,846.90	2271 - Conservation Commission Funds	23,473.60
1002 - Forest Fund	128,685.07	2040 - State License & Permit Fees	
Total 1000 - Bank Accounts	<u>1,004,531.97</u>	2040-10 - State MV Registration Fees	-138.40
		2040-01 - State Dog	28.00
1004 - Conservation checking	19,367.94	2040-02 - State Vet Dog	92.00
1005 - Conservation CD	4,105.66	2040-03 - State Vital Record Fee	3.00
Total Checking/Savings	<u>1,028,005.57</u>	2040-09 - Recording fee	42.45
		Total 2040 - State License & Permit Fees	<u>27.05</u>
Other Current Assets		2075 - School Tax Payable	977,462.00
1080 - Taxes Receivable		2270 - Agency Deposits	
108116B - 2016 Property Taxes 2016P02	118,454.50	2270-2 - Timber Bonds	252.00
108116A - 2016 Property Taxes 2016P01	57,509.37	2270-6 - Dodge Pond Dry Hydrant - Insura	1,102.20
1084-16 - 2016 Timber Tax	279.69	2270 - Agency Deposits - Other	15,880.45
1080-01 - Credits	-924.50	Total 2270 - Agency Deposits	<u>17,234.65</u>
Total 1080 - Taxes Receivable	<u>175,319.06</u>		
		Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>1,018,197.30</u>
1110 - Unredeemed Taxes			
1110-15 - Unredeemed Property Taxes 2015	75,947.65	Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,018,197.30</u>
1110-14 - Unredeemed Property Taxes 2014	50,370.26		
1110-13 - Unredeemed Property Taxes 2013	5,927.73	Total Liabilities	1,018,197.30
Total 1110 - Unredeemed Taxes	<u>132,245.64</u>		
		Equity	
1119 - Allowance for Non-Current Taxes	-200,000.00	2440 - Reserve for Encumbrances	47,795.51
1260 - Due from other gov'ts - grants	51,145.00	2530 - Unreserved Fund Balance	149,524.49
1499 - Undeposited Funds	99,162.82	Net Income	70,360.79
Total Other Current Assets	<u>257,872.52</u>		
		Total Equity	<u>267,680.79</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,285,878.09</u>		
		TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>1,285,878.09</u></u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>1,285,878.09</u></u>		

**2016 TOWN WARRANT
TOWN of LEMPSTER
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the voters of the Town of Lempster, in the County of Sullivan, in said State qualified to vote in Town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Lempster Community School in said Lempster on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2016 at three thirty (3:30 P.M.) in the afternoon to open the polls for the voting of candidates, and at seven o'clock (7:00 P.M.) in the evening for the discussion of the articles of the warrant.

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

Barbara Richards, Moderator Pro-tem, opened the Polls at 3:30 pm. The following were elected: Mary Grenier, Board of Selectmen; Mary Fellows, Treasurer; James Grenier, Auditor; David Richards, Planning Board; Cheryl McGinnis, Cemetery Trustee; Alvin McNeill, Jr., James Beard and Janice Brehio, Library Trustees; Sharron Wallace and Sharon Perry, Supervisors of the Checklist; Michael Shklar, Moderator; Barbara Parker, Trustee of Trust Funds.

ARTICLE 2: To receive all reports and act thereon.

Motion: Mr. Sauer Second: Mrs. Grenier Motion passed

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000,000.00 (Gross Budget) for the purpose of reconstruction and repaving of Mountain Road from Route 10 to the Washington Town Line and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,000,000.00 of bonds and notes in accordance with the provision of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Thurber Questions from the audience were addressed by the Selectboard. The question was called and seconded. Paper ballot results were 73 Yes, 23 No. Article 3 passed by more than the required 2/3 majority.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,165,144.00 for the purpose of General Municipal Operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Executive	\$ 78,715.00
Election and Registration	76,800.00
Financial Administration	14,325.00
Appraisal of Property	26,000.00
Legal Expenses	15,000.00
Personnel Administration	199,850.00
Planning Board	15,000.00
General Government Buildings	16,000.00
Cemeteries	4,500.00
Insurance Property & Liability-all Depts.	17,000.00
Contingency	13,455.00
Police Budget	55,000.00
Ambulance Service	12,000.00
Rescue Squad	15,671.00
Fire Department	49,620.00

Building Inspection	1,900.00
Emergency Management/Forest Fire	13,500.00
Highway Department	362,800.00
Street Lights	850.00
Solid Waste	70,000.00
Health Officer/ Supplies	1,700.00
Animal Control	3,000.00
Southwest Community Services	1,598.00
West Central Services	1,200.00
Sullivan Nutrition	1,022.00
Visiting Nurse	3,194.00
Community Alliance	1,500.00
Newport Food Pantry	1,000.00
Connecticut Valley Home Care	250.00
Direct Assistance	7,000.00
Parks and Recreation	2,500.00
Library	19,500.00
Patriotic Purposes	500.00
Conservation Commission	5,100.00
Bonds and Notes Principal	46,667.00
Bonds and Notes Interest	11,427.00

Motion: Ms. Bjork Second: Mr. Thurber Selectman Grenier indicated that the operating budget reflected an increase of 2.4%. The Board answered questions from the audience about the Contingency line item. Article 4 passed by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the Emergency Communication and Power Generation Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 004) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Sauer Mr. Richards spoke briefly regarding the efforts to provide emergency power & communication to the Town's buildings. Article 5 passed by show of hands.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be added to the Emergency Response Capital Reserve (CIP 051) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Richards Second: Mr. Fairweather Article 6 passed

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Forest Fire Equipment, with said funds to come from a Dept. of Resources and Economic Development Grant. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: D. Richards Second: J. Richards Passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Emergency Water Supply System Capital Reserve (CIP 006) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Thomas Second: Mrs. Grenier Chief Thomas spoke briefly of the importance of emergency water supply sources throughout the Town. He mentioned Richardson Brook Pond & Dodge Pond as active projects. Article 8 passed by show of hands.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of an anti-fracture unit for the Lempster Fire Department. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Thomas Second: Mr. Moulton Chief Thomas explained the purpose of the anti-fracture unit; then answered numerous questions from the audience. The question was called and seconded. Article 9 passed by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 036) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Thomas Second: C. Richards Chief Thomas spoke briefly of the need to replace and update equipment. Article 10 passed by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 052) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Thomas Second: C. Richards Chief Thomas spoke briefly of the need to replace and update equipment. Article 11 passed by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Building Repair Expendable Trust (CIP 012) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Ms. Bjork Article 12 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Municipal Buildings Complex Capital Reserve (CIP 010) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Sauer Second: Mr. Thurber Mr. Tremblay proposed to amend the amount from \$25,000 to \$20,000 which was seconded by an unidentified individual. The amendment was passed. Article 13 passed as amended by a show of hands.

Moderator Shklar closed the polls at 7:55 pm.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,317.00 for the work on the Town Hall/Meetinghouse with \$21,200.00 to come from the 2013 LCHIP Grant for this purpose and up to \$7,117.00 to come from the December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Motion: Mr. Rodeschin Second: Mr. Tremblay Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be added to the Town Hall/Meetinghouse Restoration Capital Reserve (CIP 030) previously established. This sum is to come from the December 31 fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. These funds came from the LCHIP Monitoring Report check received in 2015. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Rodeschin Second: Mr. Fairweather Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Town Hall/Meetinghouse Capital Reserve (CIP 030) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Rodeschin Second: Mr. Tremblay Mr. Rodeschin reviewed the ongoing projects at the Lempster Meeting House which include a handicap ramp and repairing the exterior doors. Article 16 passed by show of hands.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Town Office Info Technology Capital Reserve (CIP 037) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Sauer Second: Mrs. Grenier Article passed.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to be added to the 250th Anniversary Capital Reserve (CIP 045) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: B. Richards Second: C. Richards Barbara Richards indicated that she & Laura Pinkney would be co-chairing the planning committee for Lempster's 250th anniversary celebration to be held in 2017. She invited anyone interested in helping with the plans to attend a meeting on Sunday, March 13, 2016 at 2:30 pm at the Lempster Meeting House. No discussion. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to be added to the Town Bridge Repair and Reconstruction Expendable Trust (CIP 018) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Sauer Mr. Thurber indicated two bridges that would be requiring attention this year. (Mountain Rd over the Ashuelot and Crescent Lake Rd over Cold River) Article 19 passed by show of hands.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Town Highway Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 026) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Sauer Second: Mrs. Grenier Article passed.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Road Repair and Reconstruction Capital Reserve (CIP 048) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mr. Sauer Second: Mrs. Grenier Article passed.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,250.00 for the purpose of the fourth payment of the lease-purchase of the Highway Department Backhoe (CIP 049). The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Ms. Richards Second: Mr. Sauer Article passed.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve (CIP 021) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Thurber Article passed.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve (CIP 022) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Thurber Article passed.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be added to the New Cemetery Capital Reserve (CIP 023) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Ms. Stamatakis Second: Mr. Wirkkala Article passed.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,900.00 to remove three trees in the cemetery. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Ms. McGinnis Second: Ms. Stamatakis Ms. Stamatakis, Cemetery Trustee, spoke about the need to remove three large trees that are in danger of damaging stones in the oldest part of the East Lempster Cemetery. She reviewed the efforts of the Trustees to find the most economical option for the trees removal that would have the least negative impact on the stones and plots. She answered several questions from the audience. Article 26 passed by show of hands.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Cemetery Tree Management Capital Reserve (CIP 047) previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Ms. McGinnis Second: Mr. Wirkkala Ms. Stamatakis indicated that additional tree work would be needed in the Cemetery. Article passed.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required) Forest Fire Truck Capital Reserve (CIP 005) and Fire Pumper Capital Reserve (CIP 008).

Motion: Mr. Thurber Second: Mrs. Grenier Mrs. Richards indicated that there was a total of \$4.31 to be transferred from the two CIP accounts. Article passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Special Forest Maintenance Fund under the terms of RSA31:113 with 10% of funds from Timber Harvest of the Town Forest, up to \$5,000.00, going into the fund and the remainder going into the Town's General Fund. (Majority vote required)

Motion to amend: Mr. Sauer Second: Mrs. Grenier The amendment is to be as follows: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Special Forest Maintenance Fund under the terms of RSA31:113 with 100% of funds from Timber Harvest and other agricultural endeavors of the Town Forest going into the Special Forest Maintenance Fund. The motion to amend was passed by a show of hands. Questions as to why a special fund needed to be established were addressed by the Selectboard. Article 29, as amended, was passed by a show of hands

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,945.00 for the purpose of repairing the rafters and painting the Miner Memorial Library with said funds to come from an LCHIP grant for this purpose. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the rafters and painting is completed or by December 31, 2021, whichever is sooner. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Tremblay Article passed.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of supporting Old Home Day events. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Motion: C. Richards Second: Mr. Tremblay Article passed.

ARTICLE 32: Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:9-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Lempster, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$40,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$60,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$80,000.00. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years; own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,000.00, or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$26,000.00;, which includes social security and pension payments; and own net assets not in excess of \$70,000.00 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required)

Motion: Mrs. Grenier Second: Mr. Thurber The Selectboard pointed out that the only change being made to the established Elderly Exemption Credit is to increase the income limits to \$18,000 for single and \$26,000 for married taxpayers. Town Clerk, Gayle Newton, indicated that Mrs. Richards, Deputy Clerk, had surveyed other towns in the area to determine what income limits were used for their Elderly Exemption Credits. The results showed that Lempster's were lower in comparison. Article 32 passed by a show of hands.

ARTICLE 33: To transact any other business that may legally come before this Town Meeting.

Motion to adjourn: D. Richards Second: C. Richards Motion to adjourn passed.



Gayle Newton, Town Clerk

2016 Annual Report Lempster Planning Board

The Planning Board members for the year ending 2016 were: Mark Adams (Chairman), William Rodeschin (Vice Chairman), Kirt Wirkkala (Secretary), David Richards and ex officio Everett Thurber.

Approval was granted for the following subdivisions and merger:

- Two Lot subdivision of property owned by Danny J. Smith, Olds Road (Map 232, Lot 025) (January);
- Two lot subdivision of property owned Robert Simino, Lempster Street and Keyes Hollow Road (Map 213, Lot 22.1) (March);
- Two lot subdivision of property owned by David L. Stewart, Sand Pond Road and Huntley Road (Map 246, Lot 004 and Map 247, Lot 036) (March);
- Merger of Lots of Record of property owned by Darryl and Terrie Waterman, 104 Charlestown Turnpike (Map 225-17, Lot #2 and 225-18, Lot 4) (April);
- Lot line adjustment of property owned by Gary and Cara Cote, Hurd Road (Map 223, Lot 039 and 040) (June);
- Major subdivision (three lot subdivision by virtue of road requirements) and annexation of property owned by Keith and Della Fulton, Brown Road (Map 227, Lot 7 and Map 232, Lot 25.011) (September);
- Major subdivision (two lot subdivision but major due to a multiple subdivision within a five year period) of property owned by Robert Simino and located on Lempster Street and Keyes Hollow Road in Lempster, N.H. (Map #213, Lot #22.1) (December).

Excavations. Annual reviews were conducted this fall and all excavation pits were in compliance.

Master Plan. It was the decision of the Board to begin the process of review of the Master Plan by creating a community survey. This process will be ongoing until completion.

The Board welcomes all interested persons to attend their regular meetings held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Mark Adams
Chairman

Cemetery Trustees

The Cemetery Trustees are responsible for the care and maintenance of the town cemetery, located behind the Town Offices on the corner of Route 10 and the 2nd NH Turnpike. The Trustees assist family members who are interested in having a loved one interred at the cemetery and help coordinate arrangements for burial. The Cemetery Trustees actively promote a tradition of stewardship of the cemetery within the community and appreciation of its cultural and historical significance.

The Cemetery Trustees have been focusing for several years on the need to remove large and decaying trees in the cemetery that pose a risk of causing extensive damage. In the past, damage and displacement of gravestones has been caused by large root systems, and falling limbs and trees have been a concern. The Trustees are very grateful that in 2016 the voters allocated funds through a warrant article to enable the removal of three trees that were the highest priority. This work was accomplished in May. County Forester Dode Gladders has provided advice and guidance to the Trustees on past and future tree maintenance needs.

The Highway Department has provided routine maintenance in the cemetery, and has shown exceptional care and commitment in its work. The Trustees would like to express their appreciation to the Selectmen and Highway Department for their ongoing commitment and support.

The Trustees retained Stone Vault of Newport to repair or restore numerous stones. The Trustees consulted with Gardiner Stetson of GK Stetson Blacksmiths about options to restore cast iron fencing that has fallen down or fallen apart in places. A plan is being developed to restore the fencing in stages.

The Trustees worked on revisions to the cemetery regulations and consulted with the Selectmen on several details. Revised regulations were adopted in September. Copies are available online at <http://lempsternh.org/PolicyFormFees.html> or at the Town Office.

The Cemetery Trustees are actively involved in the planning for the Town's 250th anniversary, and plan to develop a program relating to the cemetery.

In May, Sue King, 4th grade teacher at the Lempster Community School, brought her students to the cemetery to place flags on the graves of veterans, as she has done for many years. This was the first year that the group consisted entirely of Lempster students. Many townspeople showed up to greet the students and talk about Town history.

The Trustees worked with the Selectmen to have the picket fence in the cemetery painted. About two-thirds of the fence was painted this year and the rest will be finished in 2017. The Trustees planted geraniums around the Civil War monument. The Trustees also put up a sign to discourage people from riding horses in the cemetery.

The Cemetery Trustees were saddened to learn of the death of Larry Johnson. Larry had generously donated to the Cemetery Trustees and the Historical Society volumes of notebooks he created over many years with photographs of graves, locations and other information.

The Cemetery Trustees usually meet the third Monday of the month at 4:00 at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Stamatakis (chair), Cheryl McGinnis and Glenn Wirkkala
Cemetery Trustees

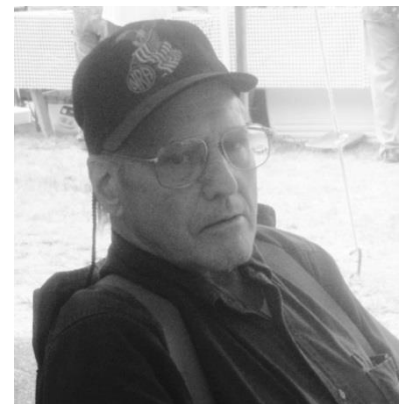


Photo courtesy of Natasha Osborne



LEMPSTER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2016 was a year for the Lempster Conservation Commission (LCC) to look to future years and plan activities to embrace our natural resources and environment. Highlights included organizing the annual plant sale, a road-side clean-up day and trail clearing at Duck Pond.

For roadside cleanup, we tackled Mountain Road from Route 10 to the Town Line and included Lovejoy Road and 2nd NH Turnpike from the Meeting House to Route 10. Over 96 large garbage bags were filled compared to 2015 of 49 bags. This occurred on April 30th. This year we were supported by families of the Parent Teacher Group representing the Lempster Community School, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Lempster Fire Department and the LCC appreciate their support! We thank other residents in Lempster who regularly maintain other sections of roads and streets. Please do **YOUR** part to help keep litter off the sides of our roads!

The LCC annual plant sale was well attended on May 21, along with held over plants on May 28 at the Historic Society "Yard Sale". We raised over \$700.

The LCC was again able to contribute generously to the control of invasive pond weeds. Donations of \$2000 were given to the Long Pond and \$1500 to Sand Pond's individual Lake Host programs. This money is sent to NH Lakes Association for distribution to paid hosts at each lake. If you use either or both lakes, please consider signing up as a volunteer or inquiring about becoming a paid lake host. For 2017, we will require reporting standards in compliance with LCC guidelines for future considerations for funding.

The LCC supported, in conjunction with the Friends of the Miner Memorial Library, a VINS program presentation on "Birds of Prey" during Old Home Day. This event was well attended with standing room only, and people were visibly impressed!

During Old Home Day weekend, a trail walk at the Indian Cave was well attended and we are thankful for the Lewis Allen Family hosting this event, held at their request every ten years. This was held on Sunday morning, August 14th prior to the Boy Scouts Luncheon and attended by 26 people. Geologist Walter Beckworth, in a report to the Town sometime before 1960, stated that the "Oldest land in the world is in Lempster." We natives and residents may still speak of "Old Lempster" in the deepest reverence.

The LCC are involved with the plans and celebration for Lempster's 250th anniversary. We plan to provide a print map of open hiking trails within the town which are open to the public. The LCC is working on a new trail plan for the Long Pond Town Forest.....stay tuned!

During October the LCC met with Ellen and Foote Stetson to learn of their concern with beaver activity along Grandview Road, abutting their property. Their request was to offer a solution from the common cure.....trap them. Their recommendation was for installing a system inspired and designed by Skip Lislse of "Beaver Deceivers" of Grafton, Vermont. The installation will control the water levels, prevent flooding of Grandview and protect the ecological resources beavers maintain. In November, the LCC agreed to provide 50% of the cost and the Stetson's provided the remaining 50%.

Future activities include: evaluating the apple orchard and pruning off Earls Lane. Once completed, the orchard will be open to the public and residents of Lempster for PYO.



The LCC urges anyone with an interest in helping our town conserve our wonderful resources and would like to be involved, they are encouraged to make themselves known to a member, or anyone in the Town Office.

Members of the Lempster Conservation Commission (LCC): Jim Beard, Chair; Susan Lichty, Secretary; Andria Elliot, Treasurer, and Emily Fairweather, member. George Peterson resigned in the summer 2016 as he moved out of Lempster.....we miss his involvement.

Lempster Historical Society Report for 2016

2016 turned out to be another interesting and busy year for The Lempster Historical Society, as we worked to preserve and present Lempster History.

Our home base is History Hall which was the former Methodist Church and this year we made some significant repairs and restoration work there. We hired Alan Chandler at Colonial Carpentry to repair and restore the front entrance to History Hall and that was accomplished in time for it to be looking good for Old Home Day. We also asked Alan to repair and restore the rear cellar entrance to the building and that was completed in September. Photographs of this work can be seen in the Fall 2016 Edition of The Historian Newsletter.

Bill Murgatroy installed solar lighting on the west side of the building for improved safety at night meetings. We hired Jason Fulton to grade the lawn on the east side of History Hall to improve water drainage away from the building.

In addition to these improvements, we hired Gerard Leone of Slate and Copper Roofing to do a concentrated review of the roof which resulted in the replacement of about 300 slates.

Our other building is the Dodge Hollow Schoolhouse and this was painted this summer by Roy Malool's Company based in Newport. Roy donated this service to us which was much appreciated.

We put on two presentations at History Hall: "The Battle of Culp's Hill" presented in March by Gary Ward and "The Cougar Returns to the East"; presented in July by Susan Morse.

In August we supported and planned Old Home Day activities and co sponsored a hike to Indian Cave with the Conservation Commission.

Historical Society Member, Bill Murgatroy, designed the Commemorative Medallion for Lempster's Sestercentennial Celebration and he also wrote a book entitled The Missing Mapmaker which was written for the Celebration. It can be purchased at LHS events, on line at Amazon, at Violet's Book Exchange in Claremont and by contacting Bill in Lempster.

The Society received a major historical input when David and Kate Strachan brought boxes of historical papers to us for the archives. The donation included over 400 items; photos, letters, journals, and ledgers pertaining to the Butler Family and businesses in Lempster in the 1800's.

Sadly, we lost one of our members in 2016 with the passing of Lauri Johnson. Over a number of years he spent many days of research in the Lempster Cemetery creating records to show who is buried there and where the graves are located. He also compiled many note books full of Lempster History with much of it showing his research on the Nichols and related families. His estate gave all of his research, including 24 notebooks and boxes of papers, to the Historical Society. We will be spending many hours filing and storing this huge lot of Lempster History.

Looking ahead to 2017 we are planning to repair and paint the steeple at History Hall and we would also like to get the external wood trim painted. These projects and others we'll get involved in cost money and we will gratefully accept donations to help us with the costs.

The Lempster Historical Society is a 501 (c) (3) organization and all donations are tax deductible for the donor. The Society is not supported by Town Taxes.

LHS Board of Directors: Roger Kieffer, President; Everett Thurber, Vice President; Pat McCabe, Secretary; Janice Baker, Treasurer; Laura Pinkney, Archivist; Linda Murgatroy, Newsletter Editor, William Murgatroy, Building Committee Leader.

Report written by Roger Kieffer

Miner Memorial Library Annual Report

This has been another good year at the Miner Memorial Library. As in the past we held an Easter party, Halloween party and summer reading program for local children. The book group has been very active and participation continues to grow. Reading selections include fiction, nonfiction, biographies, history, bestsellers and older gems. The group meets the last Monday of the month at 7 PM. All are welcome. The lighting and electrical up-grade project has been completed, and work on repairing the rafters and exterior painting should begin this spring.

The library has a large variety of new best sellers, Oscar winning movies and books on CD. If we don't have a title you are looking for, we can order it for you with our interlibrary loan system. Please come in and see the great selections we have to offer. We provide a craft night for adults, as well as a game night once a month. Call for dates and times.

This year as we celebrate the town's 250th birthday the library in conjunction with The Friends of the Library will be holding two special events. There will be an afternoon tea featuring a speaker. In July there will be an old fashioned ice cream social and games for the children. Check out the blog at Lempster250.org to learn about these and additional events happening throughout the year.

Miner Memorial Library

3 2nd NH Turnpike, P.O. Box 131, Lempster, NH 03605

(603) 863-0051

Hours: Monday 10-12 and 2-7 Wednesday 1:30 – 6 Sunday 2-5

Trustees Report

The Trustees of Miner Memorial Library are pleased to report outstanding support for activities sponsored at the library, promoted by Bonnie Cilly, librarian and supported by Sibbel Cellini, assistant. A combination of children daytime and adult evening programs utilize our library beyond just traditional resources of books, audio, video and reference materials. Our library is a strong supporter of the "Summer Reading" program for the youth in our community. Outstanding!

A trust fund controlled by the Trustees, the charitable fund account, is reported as follows:

December 31, 2015	\$2808.35
Interest earned	1.29
Balance 12/31/2016	\$2809.64

Since being awarded an LCHIP grant in December 2015 for building roof renovation and painting, we have consulted with potential contractors and will select those familiar with LCHIP requirements. We anticipate beginning the renovation process in April 2017, with completion by summer in advance of "Old Home Day" in August. This in celebration of Lempster's 250th !

Sincerely,

Jim Beard, Chair; Janice Baker, Secretary; Janice Brehio, Secretary and Al McNeill, Member

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH **01/01/2015-12/31/2015**

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
O'BRIEN-CLANCY, COLIN MATHEW	3/1/2016	SWANZEY, NH	CLANCY, DAVID	O'BRIEN, TAMMY
GALLARDO-MORENO, XAVIER	3/18/2016	KEENE, NH	GALLARDO-MORENO, APOLONIO	GALLARDO-MORENO, CHRISSANDRA
ETHIER, ROWEN CASH	4/14/2016	LEBANON, NH	ETHIER, PAUL	ETHIER, AMANDA
BAKER, PAYTON ASHLYNN	7/25/2016	KEENE, NH	BAKER, WILLIAM	BAKER, CHRIS
BREHIO, WYATT GABRIEL	8/1/2016	LEBANON, NH	BREHIO, GABRIEL	BREHIO, KAYLA
SNIDE, AIDAN MICHAEL	8/2/2016	LEBANON, NH	SNIDE, MICHAEL	SNIDE, HILARY
HOLLAND JR, NILES HAMILTON	8/18/2001	LEBANON, NH	HOLLAND, NILES	BYLTHE, SONYA
LACASSE, LIAM MICHAEL	8/26/2016	LEBANON, NH	LACASSE, CHRISTOPHER	REED, KORA
ROCK, JONAH HAMES	8/27/2016	KEENE, NH	ROCK, ANDREW	ROCK, VANESSA
PERRON, LILYANNA MARIE	11/30/2016	LEBANON, NH	PERRON, ROBERT	MEHLMAN, MARISSA

RESIDENT MARRIAGE **01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015**

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
MORONE, JAMES A LEMPSTER, NH	HENDERSON, REBECCA M CAMBRIDGE, MA	LEMPSTER	NELSON	6/18/2016
MONTGOMERY, NATHAN D LEMPSTER, NH	SHUMWAY, JEANNE M GRANTHAM, NH	LEMPSTER	GRANTHAM	6/22/2016
BRUDICK, JEREME S LEMPSTER, NH	SIMPSON, ASHLEY M LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	WALPOLE	7/9/2016
ASH, WARREN R LEMPSTER, NH	WILLEY, ASHLEY A LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	CROYON	7/16/2016
CAMP, MARK E LEMPSTER, NH	BORN, DOROTHY C LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	LEMPSTER	8/6/2016
PECKHAM, DANIEL J LEMPSTER, NH	O'DAY, NAOMI S LEMPSTER, NH	LEMPSTER	SPRINGFIELD	10/15/2016
HANCOCK, WILLIAM A LEMPSTER, NH	WORTMAN, AMBER D SPRINGFIELD, VT	LEMPSTER	GOSHEN	10/23/2016

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RESIDENT DEATH

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to		Military
				First Marriage/Civil Union		
SCHILLINGER, JASON	3/1/2016	LEMPSTER	SCHILLINGER, DENVER	HOSMER, VICKI		N
GUIMOND, LAWRENCE	4/28/2016	LEMPSTER	GUIMOND, RALPH	UNKNOWN, DOROTHY		N
FRENCH, BONNY	9/13/2016	NEW LONDON	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	STONE, SHIRLEY		N
HODGES, RICHARD	9/21/2016	NEW LONDON	HODGES SR, CHARLES	RICHARDS, MARJORIE		Y
WHEELER, GWENDOLYN	9/28/2016	LEBANON	PAVLOSKY SR, JOHN	DEWEY, ANGIE		N
COLBY, TRACIA	10/5/2016	CONCORD	COLBY, TOBY	CHENEY, SUSAN		N
MONAHAN, DENNIS	10/26/2016	CLAREMONT	MONAHAN, HAROLD	GARBITT, DOROTHY		Y
LOUNDER JR, LOUIS	12/6/2016	KEENE	LOUNDER SR, LOUIS	ROBINSON, BARBARA		N



In March the 250th Anniversary Committee held its first meeting. The different groups in town sent representatives to serve on the committee. Since then we met four times as a group to plan and coordinate the celebration of the Lempster charter. We are endeavoring to have something each month during 2017. It has been exciting to see all the different groups coming together and working towards a fun filled year of celebration.

It was decided to have 2017 calendars for sale with the events in town and photos from past and present. The Historical Society is selling commemorative medallions. A novella written by Bill Murgatroy, The Missing Mapmaker, to commemorate the sescentennial has been on sale.

A web-site was established under www.lempster250.org and will be a good place to keep up on events and view photos from the past. A banner was purchased and displayed on the Historical Society grounds. Bunting was purchased to decorate the town buildings. Through donations including one from the owners of Lempster Wind Farm, flags were purchased to be displayed on the flag poles in the areas of Lempster Street and Route 10.

Old Home Day is being planned to have a larger parade and additional events. We want to encourage Family "floats" and participation in the 2017 Old Home Day parade.

We are looking forward to you celebrating with us in 2017.

The 250th Anniversary Committee,

Janice Baker, Lempster Historical
Jim Beard, Conservation Commission
Marilyn Butler, Friends of the Library
Bob Cilley, Supervisors of Checklist
Bonnie Cilley, Librarian
Beth Clark, Steering Committee, Ladies Aux.
Mary Contaldi, PTSA, Ladies Aux.
Dorothy Hathaway
Pat McCabe, Lempster Historical
Cheryl McGinnis, Cemetery Trustees
Jon Metz, Friends of the Library
Suzie Moore, Ladies Aux., PTSA
Tom Moore, Jr., Fire Dept.
Joe Moulton, Jr., Fire Dept.
Bill Murgatroy, Lempster Historical
Janet Perry
Laura Pinkney, Steering Committee, Lempster Historical
Barbara Richards, Steering Committee
Jim Tremblay
Sharron Wallace, Supervisors of Checklist
Glenn Wirkkala, Cemetery Trustees

NOTICES and REMINDERS

Be sure to notify the Town Office of any change of address.

If you have not received your tax bill by July 1 and December 1, contact the tax collector's office.

Bring your current registration or the renewal notice to renew vehicle registrations.

Dog Licenses are required by April 30.

Photo ID required for voting at all elections.

Transfer Station Decals are available at the Town Office during December and need to be purchased by January 1.

Make sure your **correct** 911 number is posted so it is **easily visible** from all directions so emergency services can locate your house.

The web site to obtain an on-line permit brush fires is www.nhfirepermit.com. There is a convenience fee for this but you can still get it at no charge from your forest warden.



Photo courtesy of Natasha Osborne

Barbara Chadwick

Retired January 13, 2016

**32 years of service to the Town of Lempster
Fire Chief, Rescue Captain, EMT, Firefighter**

Thank You.

In Memory of Charles “Bud” Newton



Thank you for your service to the Town!

Sexton 1975-1977

Selectman 1978-1982

School Bus Owner and Driver

WWII Veteran

