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Annual Reports

Of The Selectmen and Other Town Officers



of the Town of LANGDON, N.H.

For the year ending December 31st 2015

TOWN MEETING MARCH 8th, 2016

Notice of Town Hours

All meetings are held at the Langdon Municipal Building unless otherwise noted.

Board of Selectmen

October through May: Every Monday night at 7:00 P.M. June through September: 1st, 3rd and 5th Mondays of the month at 7:00 P.M. The Selectboard does not meet on federal holidays. Selectmen's Office Mondays and Wednesdays: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. **Town Clerk** Mondays: 1:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Thursdays: 4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. First Saturday of the month: 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. **Planning Board** 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. **Zoning Board of Adjustment** 4th Thursday of the month as needed at 7:00 P.M. **Cemetery Trustees** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. **Heritage Commission** 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. (March through December Meetings held at the Meeting House)

CONTACT INFORMATION

) p.m.

| Town Office: | 603-835-2389 603-835-6055 (fax) | Tax Collector: | 603-835-6260 |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Town Web Site: | www.langdonnh.org | E-Mail: townoflang | gdon@yahoo.com |
| Building Inspector: | 603-835-6032 | Zoning Board: | 603-835-2138 |
| Planning Board: | 603-835-2376 | Highway Garage: | 603-835-2882 |
| Police Department: Dispatch: Emergencies: | 603-826-5747 911 | Fire Department: Emergencies: | 603-835-6353 911 or 352-1100 |
| Transfer Station Wednesday and Satur | rday | Town of Alstead Fa 7 A.M. to 5 P.M. | |
| Shedd-Porter Libra Alstead, NH 835-6661 | ry Wednesday: 11 Friday: 11 a.m. | | Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to Noon |



The Town of Langdon Board of Selectmen cordially invites you to attend an open house at the Langdon Meetinghouse to

celebrate the completion of the First Floor Project. Come join us as we present the most recent evolution of this vibrant and historically significant Meetinghouse.

Sunday, February 28, 2016 5 Walker Hill Road in Langdon, NH from 2:00 to 4:00. A ceremonial ribbon cutting will take place at 2:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Jess Jarvis at 603.835.2389



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Elected Officers

MODERATOR FOR 2 YEAR TERM

Jeffrey Holmes

George "Bud" Ross Lucien Beam Ronald Batchelder

Jessica Jarvis

Andrea Cheeney

Kathleen A. Beam

Curtis Barnes

Fred McKee Tina Christie Hayes Stagner

Douglas Beach Regina Beach Todd Porter

SELECTMEN FOR 3 YEAR TERM

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEAR TERM

TAX COLLECTOR FOR 3 YEAR TERM

TREASURER FOR 3 YEAR TERM

SEXTON FOR 1 YEAR TERM

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Term Expires 2016

Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018

Term Expires 2018

Term Expires 2016

Term Expires 2017

Term Expires 2016

Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018

Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST FOR 6 YEAR TERM

Ruth Kemp Charles Grout Sr. Myrna Harrington Term Expires 2018 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018

FIRE CHIEF FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Gregory Chaffee

FALL MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Mary Henry

Term Expires 2017

Term Expires 2016

Appointed Town Officers

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK: Tina Christie **DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR:** Tina Christie

DEPUTY TREASURER: Linda Campbell

HEALTH OFFICER: Lisa Robichaud

POLICE CHIEF: Raymond L'Abbe

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Everett Adams

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: Fred Roentsch

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS: Greg Chaffee, Greg Cheeney, Curtis Barnes, Virginia Gilman

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: Virginia Gilman

PLANNING BOARD (7 members)

J. Pat Breslend Robert Polcari Marilyn Stuller Lucien Beam Curtis Barnes Hayley Crosby (Alternate) Helen Koss (Alternate)

Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2018 Term Expires 2016 Ex Officio Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017

Term Expires 2018 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2018 Term Expires 2017 Ex Officio Term Expires 2018

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (5 members)

Mary Henry Raymond L'Abbe Fred Roentsch Greg Chaffee Dennis McClary (Alternate) Ron Batchelder Bob Fant (Alternate)

RECREATION BOARD

Mike Sweeney, Kim Mastrianni, Andrea Cheeney

HERITAGE COMMISSION (7 members)

Dennis McClary Caroline Cross Mike Sweeney (Alternate) Carole-Anne Centre Cliff Oster Bud Ross Andrea Cheeney Kate Gallagher Lorraine Chaffee (Alternate) Term Expires 2016 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2017 Term Expires 2017 Ex-Officio Term Expires 2018 Term Expires 2018 Term Expires 2016

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY As of December 31, 2015 (Assessed Values)

| 5408 | Town Hall, Lands & Buildings | \$262,948 |
|--------|--|-----------|
| | Town Hall Furniture & Equipment | 500 |
| 5404 | Old Fire Department Land & Buildings | 142,600 |
| 5305 | Highway Department Land & Buildings | 193,100 |
| | Highway Department Vehicles & Equip | 225,000 |
| | Former Solid Waste Buildings | 4,800 |
| | Solid Waste Department Equipment | 5,000 |
| 5427 | Municipal Building & Land | 590,900 |
| | Municipal Building Contents | 300,000 |
| | New Fire Station | 197,000 |
| | Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment | 436,000 |
| | Police Department Vehicles & Equipment | 39,500 |
| 5408.1 | Town Common | 5,000 |
| 5401 | Village Road | 3,047 |
| 5414 | Tory Hill Road | 400 |
| 3414.1 | Cheshire Turnpike | 11,000 |
| | | |

TOTAL

\$ 2,416,795

The State of New Hampshire Town of Langdon Town Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Langdon, County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Municipal Building in said Langdon on Tuesday, the eighth of March, 2016, ten of the clock a.m. until seven p.m. Regular business meeting will commence at seven-fifteen p.m. at the Town Hall.

(Article 1 will be voted on by ballot during the day.)

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$585,937) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy- Seven Dollars (\$82,677) for the purpose of purchasing a 2015 John Deere loader backhoe for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase of Highway Equipment, the remaining Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$37,677) to be raised through general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 5: To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$76,700) for the purchase of a 2016 Ford F-550 Truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the issuance of not more than Seventy-Six Thousand-Seven Hundred Dollars (\$76,700) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectmen to invest said monies; to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereof. Passage requires a two thirds ballot vote. (If this Article passes, Article 6 will be passed over). The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$51,970) for the purpose of shimming Cheshire Turnpike from the Junction of Old Cemetery Road to the Entrance to the High School, Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from unreserved fund balance, Twenty-One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$21,970) from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-One Dollars (\$35,771) for the purpose of purchasing a cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the withdrawal of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase of a Police Cruiser, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Twenty Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-One Dollars (\$20,771) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectboard to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the Selectboard to invest said monies; to authorize the Selectboard to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereof. Passage requires a two thirds ballot vote. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to rent or lease municipal property for a term of up to 5 years without further vote or ratification of the Town, pursuant to RSA 41:11-a III. (Once adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until specifically rescinded by the Town at Town meeting provided that the term of any lease entered into prior to the rescission shall remain in effect.). The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 10: To allow accounts.

Article 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 23rd day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen.

George Ross

Ronald Batchelder

Lucien Beam

A true copy of the warrant-attest

George Ross

Ronald Batchelder

Lucien Beam

Town of Langdon

210th Annual Meeting

Langdon Town Hall

Tuesday, March 11, 2015

Moderator, Jeff Holmes commenced the meeting at 7:18 pm.

Article 1

SELECTMAN FOR THREE YEAR TERM

Ronald Batchelder 103 Votes

TOWN CLERK FOR TWO YEAR TERM

Jessica Jarvis 111 Votes

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEAR TERM

J. Hayes Stagner 112 Votes

CEMETERY TRUSTEE FOR THREE YEAR TERM

Todd Porter 107 Votes

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST FOR SIX YEAR TERM

Ruth Kemp 111 Votes

FIRE CHIEF FOR ONE YEAR TERM

Greg Chaffee 110 Votes

SEXTON FOR ONE YEAR TERM

Curtis Barnes 102 Votes

<u>Article 2</u>

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Six-Hundred-Nineteen-Thousand-One-Hundred and Eight Dollars (\$619,108) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed.

Don Martin Moved and Betty Whipple seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Fred Roentsch moved and Ken Hart seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote.

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Kim Mastrianni moved and Don Martin seconded. Rodney Campbell asked what the next piece of equipment to be replaced and Todd Porter, Road Agent responded the backhoe in 2017. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum Fifty-Thousand-Nine-Hundred-Dollars (\$50,900) for the purpose of excavating and crushing gravel and reclamation of the municipal and adjoining Canfield Property. Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to come from unreserved fund balance, Twenty-Thousand-Nine-Hundred-Dollars (\$20,900) to come from general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Betty Whipple moved and Don Martin seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Ken Hart moved and Todd Porter seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unreserved fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Recreation Board (no further legislative body approval required.) These funds may be expended only for the recreation purpose as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Kim Mastrianni moved and Andrea Chenney seconded the artice. Rodney Campbell asked which accounts this pertains to and Kim Mastrianni responded the Fishing Derby acount, Recreational Fields account and Landgon Fall Festival account. The recreation committee would like to keep the accounts separate as most donors want money to go to specific accounts. Motion passed by voice vote.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven-Thousand-Forty Dollars (\$11,040) to purchase a 1990 Ford Tractor with four foot mowing boom. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Fred Roentsch moved and Kim Mastrianni seconded. Keith Short questioned buying a 25 year old machine that had been repaired by previous owners and why the Town was deciding to not continue renting mowers with a longer mowing boom. Lou Beam explained that the Town was paying \$4500 every other year for rental of a machine, and Doug and Gina Beach of Aebi New England found this machine for the Town. They rented the machine this year to the Town for the \$4500 and Doug was

willing to take the machine back if the Town did not purchase. If the Town mows every other year there is a 5 year payback or if the Town mows each year there is a 2 year payback. The road agent approved of the machine Doug found. Todd Porter stated that he was having trouble getting mowers with the 5' arm because the state was renting them first and he plans on mowing each year with this tractor. Doug Beach stated that they were selling this machine to the Town at cost. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three-Thousand-Nine-Hundred Dollars (\$3900) to purchase two computers for the Town Office. The Selectmen recommend this article.

Shelly Barnes moved and Kim Mastrianni seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the section of Cold River Road from 1.1 mile west of Cheshire Turnpike to the Walpole Town Line (currently a town maintained highway) as a Class A Trail, pursuant to RSA 231-A:2. By statute, any landowner aggrieved by the reclassification may petition for an assessment of damages. (The reclassification would make this portion of the road a Class A Trail with motorized vehicles prohibited, subject to gates and bars, which would be maintained by the Town.) (Walpole will vote on an article to reclassify a connecting section in the Town of Walpole) The Selectmen recommend this article.

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded. Todd Porter explained there was an 8' hole in the road on the Langdon side and Walpole had the greater damage. Estimated costs for repair was \$18,000-\$19,000 and there is no guarantee of how long the repairs would last. Rodney Campbell asked for a clarification of a Class A Trail. Ron Batchelder responded that the section would be unmaintained, gates locked. Only two landowners are affected and both have been notified. The Town assumes no further responsibility for the condition of the road. Motion passed by voice vote.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen-Thousand Five-Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$16,580) for the purpose of renovating the first floor of the Town Hall to make it ADA accessible and in compliance with life safety codes.

Kim Mastrianni moved and Andrea Cheeney seconded the article.

Dennis McClary gave a brief history of the building. The Town needs to address this building being in noncompliance with the ADA act (access into the building), NH Fire Codes (second egress from the building) and an adequate polling place that meets ADA standards. The proposed changes are necessary but will be made in a way to not disturb the historical nature of the building. The Heritage Commission received an LCHIP grant for \$52,324, are hoping to receive around \$10,000 from the Moose Plate program, have \$7000 in donations and the balance to be voted on in this article. The money will be used to build a new ramp on the back of the building, which will also serve as the second egress of the building. Walls will be removed inside to open up more space for more people and an ADA polling area. The ramp on the front of the building will then be removed. Dennis also stated that if approved, the Town has two years to complete the project. Mike Sweeney stated that the Town had received four LCHIP grants for the building and have spent approximately \$250,000 on renovations.

The moderator had received a request for a written ballot. YES 48 NO 6. Motion passed by written ballot.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4000) for the purpose of rebuilding part of the stone wall on the west side of the cemetery.

Doug Beach moved and Don Martin seconded the article. Shelly Barnes asked if this was to repair the entire wall and Doug Beach responded that this was only for the northern third of the stonewall to the latest repair. Motion passed by voice vote.

Article 13

To allow accounts.

Bud Ross - Services as Selectman \$2200

Lou Beam - Services as Selectman \$2200

Ron Batchelder - Services as Selectboard Chair \$2500

Shelly Barnes moved and Fred Roentsch seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote.

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

Betty Taylor won the Community Club quilt.

Mike Sweeney: Save the date for the Langdon Fishing Derby on May 17th, 2015 at 4:00 PM at the Clark Bison Farm and thanked the Clarks for a very successful derby last year.

Bud Ross: Green Up Day in Langdon will be on May 2nd, 2015.

Andrea Cheeney: Annual Langdon Fall Festival will be on September 26, 2015.

Ron Batchelder thanked Bob Cunniff for his 40 years of service to the Town in various positions including, Moderator, Selectman, Emergency Management Director and the Administrative Assistant for the last five years.

<u>Adjourn</u>

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Christie

Town Clerk

| MS-6 1 | Budget - Town/City of | LANGDO | 4 4 | 5 | 6 FY | 2016 |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
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| | Dumon of Annunities. | 18/ | Appropriations | Actual | Appropriations | Appropriations |
| Acct. # | Purpose of Appropriations | Warr. ' | Prior Year As | Expenditures | Ensuing FY | Ensuing FY |
| ACCL # | (RSA 32:3,V) | Art.# | Approved by DRA | Prior Year | (Recommended) | (Not Recommended |
| | GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | |
| 4130-4139 | Executive (Town Officers Salaries) | | 27,000 | 25,444 | 29,000 | |
| 4140-4149 | Election, Reg & Vital Statistics | | 1,000 | 707 | 4,500 | |
| 4150-4151 | Financial Admin (Town Officers Exp.) | | 44,000 | 38,220 | 38,000 | |
| 4152 | Revaluation of Property | | 10,500 | 10,530 | 10,500 | |
| 4153 | Legal Expense | | 8,000 | 3,902 | 5,000 | |
| 4191-4193 | Planning & Zoning | | 4,900 | 1,348 | 2,500 | |
| 4194 | General Government Buildings | | 58,000 | 57,795 | 35,000 | |
| 4195 | Cemeteries | | 9,500 | 9,320 | 10,650 | |
| 4196 | Insurance | | 13,744 | 13,774 | 20,374 | |
| 4197 | Advertising & Regional Assoc. | | 1,500 | 950 | 1,500 | |
| 4199 | | | | | | |
| | PUBLIC SAFETY | | | | | |
| 4210-4214 | Police | | 36,500 | 36,980 | 38,000 | |
| 4210-4214 | School Resource Officer | | 75,500 | 75,679 | 76,700 | |
| | Ambulance | | 8,424 | 8,424 | 8,424 | · |
| 4220-4229 | | | 31,500 | 30,054 | 31,500 | |
| | HIGHWAYS & STREETS | | | | | |
| 4312 | Highways & Streets | | 187,800 | 180,816 | 174,000 | |
| | SANITATION | | | | | |
| 4324 | Solid Waste Disposal | | 41,000 | 40,754 | 41,000 | |
| | HEALTH | | | | | |
| 4414 | Pest Control (Dogs) | | 1,000 | 774 | 1,000 | |
| 4415-4419 | Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other | | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | |
| | WELFARE | | | | | |
| 4441-4442 | Admin. & Direct Assistance | | 2,500 | 489 | 2,500 | |
| 4445-4449 | Vendor Payments & Other | | 5,000 | 2,000 | 5,000 | |
| | CULTURE & RECREATION | | | | | |
| 4550-4559 | Library | | 5,100 | 5,100 | 5,100 | |
| 4583 | Patriotic Purposes | | 200 | 200 | 200 | |
| 4589 | Other Culture & Recreation | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,500 | |
| | DEBT SERVICE | | | | | |
| 4711 | Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes | | 40,000 | 40,031 | 40,239 | |
| 4721 | Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes | | 3,440 | 3,409 | 1,750 | |
| | CAPITAL OUTLAY | | | | | |
| 4903 | Gravel Crush/Reclamation | | 50,900 | 50,900 | 0 | |
| 4902 | John Deere Backhoe | | 0 | 0 | 82,617 | |
| 4902 | Capital Cemetery | | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | |
| 4902 | Computer Purchase | | 3,900 | 3,900 | 0 | |
| 4902 | Highway Paving | | 0 | 0 | 51,970 | |
| 4902 | Police Cruiser | | 0 | 0 | 35,771 | |
| 4902 | Ford F-550 | | | | 76,700 | |
| 4902 | Town Hall Renovations | | 16,580 | 16,580 | 0 | |
| 4902 | Ford Tractor | | 11,040 | 11,040 | 0 | |
| | OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT | | | | | |
| 4915 | To Capital Reserve Fund | | | | | |
| | Highway Equipment | | 15,000 | 15,000 | 0 | |
| | Police Dept. Cruiser | | 5,000 | 5,000 | 0 | |
| | Rescue Vehicles | | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | |
| | Refunds. | | 0 | | | |
| | TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS | | 735,528 | 706,120 | 842,995 | |
| | LESS REVENUES | | 356,090 | 352,501 | 539,017 | |
| | TAXES TO BE RAISED | | 379,438 | | 303,978 | |

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Budget - Town/City of LANGDON

FY 2016

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----------|---|-------|--------------------|------------|--------------|
| | | | | Actual | Estimated |
| | | Warr. | Estimated Revenues | Revenues | Revenues |
| Acct. # | Source of Revenue | Art.# | Prior Year | Prior Year | Ensuing Year |
| | TAXES | | | | |
| 3120 | Land Use Change Tax | | 3,500 | 3,500 | 0 |
| 3185 | Timber Taxes | | 6,000 | 13,001 | 6,000 |
| 3190 | Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes | | 10,000 | 11,268 | 10,000 |
| 3187 | Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd) | | 100 | 85 | 100 |
| | LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES | | | | |
| 3210 | Business Licenses & Permits | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | | 120,000 | 133,619 | 125,000 |
| 3230 | Building Permits | | 200 | 675 | 200 |
| 3290 | Other Licenses, Permits & Fees | | 2,000 | 1,536 | 1,000 |
| | Forest Fire Reimbursement | | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| | OTHER GOVERNMENTS | | | | |
| 3379 | From FMRSD (School Resource Officer) | | 75,500 | 35,169 | 112,726 |
| | FROM STATE | | | | |
| 3351 | Shared Revenues | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3352 | Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution | | 30,000 | 33,181 | 30,000 |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | | 46,000 | 51,683 | 46,000 |
| 3355 | Misc. State Revenues | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3356 | State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement | | 350 | 268 | 148 |
| 3379 | From Other Governments (Court Fines) | | 300 | 0 | 100 |
| | CHARGES FOR SERVICES | | | | |
| 3401-3406 | Income from Departments (Police) | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3401-3406 | | | | | |
| | MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES | | | | |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property | | 0 | 75 | 4,000 |
| 3502 | Interest on Investments | | 1,000 | 450 | 450 |
| 3503-3509 | Other (Copies, Maps, Histories) | | 200 | 25 | 100 |
| 3503-3509 | Others (Refunds & Insurance Payment) | | 20,100 | 21,115 | 100 |
| | | | | | |
| 3503-3509 | Other (Rent of Property) | | 9,840 | 16,851 | 14,500 |
| | INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN | | | | |
| 3915 | Cemetery Perpetular Care | | 500 | 0 | 981 |
| 3915 | Paving (Fund Balance) | | 0 | 0 | 30,000 |
| 3915 | Gravel Crushing (Fund Balance) | | 30,000 | 30,000 | 0 |
| 3915 | Cemetery Fund | | 0 | 0 | 841 |
| 3915 | From Capital Reserve Funds | | 0 | 0 | 60,000 |
| | OTHER FINANCING SOURCES | | | | |
| 3394 | Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes | | . 0 | 0 | 96,771 |
| | | | | | |

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

| | Jan. 1, 2015 | Dec. 31, 2015 |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Current Assets: | | |
| Cash and equivalents: | \$ 654,723 | \$ 790,595.92 |
| Taxes Receivable: | \$ 91,784 | \$ 122,483.57 |
| Liens Receivable: | \$ 58,777 | \$ 68,902.13 |
| Accounts Receivable: | \$ O | \$ 39,604.87 |
| Total Assets: | \$ 805,284 | \$ 1,021,586.49 |
| Liabilities and Fund Equity | | |
| Due to School District: | \$ 393,010 | \$ 599,501.14 |
| Warrants and Accounts Payable: | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Total Liabilities: | \$ 393,010 | \$ 599,501.14 |
| Fund Equity: | | |
| Unassigned: | \$ 412,274 | \$ 422,085.35 |
| Total Fund Equity: | \$ 412,274 | \$ 422,085.35 |
| | | |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Equity: | \$ 805,284 | \$ 1,021,586.49 |

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

| FOR THE | FISCAL | YEAR 2015 |
|---------|--------|------------------|
|---------|--------|------------------|

| Cash Balance on hand on January 1, 2015 | | \$654,722.62 |
|---|---|----------------|
| Remittance from the Tax Collector | 1,658,665.76 | |
| Remittance from the Town Clerk | 134,694.00 | |
| Total - Town of Langdon | | 1,793,359.76 |
| Remittance from State of NH Highway Block Grant Rooms & Meals Tax Reimbursement State Forest Land Checklist Fee Vital Statistics Total - State of New Hampshire Miscellaneous Receipts School Resource Officer Reimbursement Permits | 52,019.98 33,181.38 267.88 300.00 45.00 35,389.05 725.00 | 85,814.24 |
| Insurance -Water Damage Fire Station Rent: Baker Building Refunds and overpayments Interest Income Money Market Acct Copying and Tax Maps Planning and Zoning Board Void Checks Sale of Municipal Property | 20,323.47 17,096.50 1,797.48 471.12 25.00 95.00 644.28 75.00 | |
| Total Miscellaneous | | 76,641.90 |
| Total Income | | \$1,955,815.90 |
| Paid on Selectmen's Orders Police, Highway, and Town Officer Payroll Acct Non Sufficient Funds Check Tax Check Adjustments Supplies Check Orders | 1,632,054.12 185,000.00 494.50 2,178.00 215.98 | |
| Total Expenditures | | \$1,819,942.60 |
| Balance on Hand December 31, 2015 | | \$790,595.92 |
| Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen A. Beam, Treasurer | | |

2015 Tax Rate Calculation

| Gross Town Appropr | iations | \$ 735,528 | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Less Revenues | | \$ 349,915 | |
| Less Fund Balance U | sed: | \$ 60,000 | |
| Add overlay | | \$ 25,373 | |
| Add War Service Cre | edits | \$ 21,500 | |
| Net Town Appropria | tion: | | \$ 372,486 |
| Regional School App | oortionment | \$ 1,447,696 | |
| Less Adequate Educa | ation Grant | (\$ 355,268) | |
| Less State Education | Taxes | (\$ 142,750) | |
| Net Local School Ap | propriation: | | \$949,678 |
| State Education Tax | | | \$142,750 |
| County Tax | | | \$167,793 |
| Total Property Taxes | Assessed: | \$1,632,707 | |
| Less War Service Cro | edits | (\$21,500) | |
| Total Property Tax C | ommitment: | | \$1,611,207 |
| 2015 Tax Rate: | | | |
| Town | \$6.06 | | |
| School | \$15.46 | | |
| State Education | \$2.36 | | |
| County | \$2.73 | | |
| TOTAL RAT | ГЕ: \$26.61 | | |

Report of the Langdon Tax Collector Fiscal Year 2015

Monday hours are working out wonderfully for those of you that like to pay person (the hours will appear on your tax bill). I will continue the same schedule in 2016. The secure **payment drop box** on the outside of the municipal building for collection of check or money order payments is available 24/7. For security reasons I <u>do not</u> accept payments at my home, also the Town Clerk is not authorized to accept tax payments. I am available by appointment; please call 603-835-6260 or email <u>Langdontaxcollector@yahoo.</u>com, to arrange an appointment. Payments may also be mailed to PO Box 335 Alstead NH 03602; I accept the **postmark** as the payment date.

Hope to see you at Town Meeting your vote is important!

2016 Tax Year Important Dates

February –Mail Notice of Arrearage (unpaid taxes and interest for 2015)
March – Notice of Arrearage Due (unpaid taxes and interest for 2015)
April – Lien Notices issued (unpaid taxes and interest for 2015)
May – Lien Notice due (if 2012 taxes and interest are unpaid lien issued with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds and additional fees are added to balance)
2016 1st issue tax bills are mailed.

June – 2016 1^{st} issue tax bills due

Deed notices mailed for 2013 taxes, fees and interest

July – Deed notice due for 2013 taxes, fees and interest are due.

October - Receive new tax rate from NH Department of Revenue Administration

November – 2016 2nd issue tax bill

December – 2016 2^{nd} issue tax bill due

Interest Rates for Late Payments: Current Years Tax bills – 12% Taxes currently in the Lien or Deed process – 18% (also subject to additional fees and costs for filing and research) Land Use Change Tax (Current Use Changes) – 18% Yield Tax (Timber Tax) – 18% Excavation Tax (Gravel Tax) – 18%

Respectfully submitted, Andrea J. Cheeney Tax Collector

"I don't suppose we will ever get to the point where people are pleased to pay taxes, but we owe it to them to see that the collection is done as efficiently as possible, as courteously as possible, and always honestly."

-Lyndon B. Johnson

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of LANGDON . Year Ending 2015

Interest **Resident Taxes Property Taxes Yield Taxes** Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd Land Use Change **Jtility Charges** UNCOLLECTED TAXES-**BEG. OF YEAR*** #3110 #3185 #3189 #3187 #3120 #3180 of this Report Levy for Year XXXXXX XXXXXX ХХХХХХ ХХХХХХ 2015 XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX DEBITS \$91,820.70 -\$36.50 2014 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) PRIOR LEVIES -0.10 0.10 2013 2012 -1602.59 1486.65

| -115.94 | S | \$97,360.10 S | \$1,633,134.02 | | TOTAL DEBITS |
|---------|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|---------------------------|
| | | \$577.50 | | #3190 | Costs Before Lien |
| | | \$4,998.40 | \$969.63 | #3190 | Interest - Late Tax |
| | | | \$62.12 | #3190 | other |
| | | | | #3187 | Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd |
| | | | | #3185 | Yield Taxes |
| | | | | #3120 | Land Use Change |
| | | | | #3180 | Resident Taxes |
| | | | | #3110 | Property Taxes |
| | | | | | OVERPAYMENT: |
| | | | | | |
| | | | \$2,178.00 | #3189 | Other Charges |
| | | | \$93.00 | #3187 | Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd |
| | | | \$13,063.52 | #3185 | Yield Taxes |
| | | | \$3,500.00 | #3120 | Land Use Change |
| | | | | #3180 | Resident Taxes |
| | | | \$1,613,267.75 | #3110 | Property Taxes |
| ONLY | FOR DRA USE ONLY | | | | TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR |

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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For the Municipality of _____ Langdon ____ Year Ending _____ 2015_

| | CREDITS | | _ | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------|
| | Levy for this | | PRIOR LEVIES | |
| REMITTED TO TREASURER | Year | | (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Property Taxes | \$1,492,560.18 | \$50,256.44 | | |
| Insufficient Funds Int and Tax | | | | |
| Land Use Change | \$3,500.00 | | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$13,001.40 | | | |
| Interest | \$958.72 | \$4,679.08 | | |
| Penalties | | | | |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | \$93.00 | | | |
| Utility Charges | \$62.12 | | | |
| Conversion to Lien | | \$42,313.80 | | |
| Other Charges | | | | |
| DISCOUNTS ALLOWED | | | | |
| ABATEMENTS MADE | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$1,330.50 | | | |
| Resident Taxes | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | | | | |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | | | | |
| Utility Charges | | | | |
| Interest | \$10.91 | \$110.78 | | |
| Penalties-other taxes | \$62.12 | | | |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END O | F YEAR #1080 | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$122,483.57 | -\$172.04 | -\$0.10 | 1486.65 |
| | | | | |
| Land Use Change | | | | |
| Yield Taxes | \$62.12 | | | |
| Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd | | | | |
| Pther taxes | \$2,115.88 | \$172.04 | \$0.10 | -1602.59 |
| credit balances refund | -\$3,176.71 | | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | \$1,633,063.81 | \$97,360.10 | | -115.94 |

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Langdon Year Ending 2015

DEBITS

| | Last Year's Levy | PR | IOR LEVIES |
|---|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Ye | \$0.00 | \$39,740.00 | \$1,903.15 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year | \$45,115.06 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Interest & Costs Collected | \$478.62 | \$2,349.51 | \$2,801.19 |
| TOTAL DEBITS | \$45,593.68 | \$42,089.51 | \$21,838.34 \$ |

CREDITS

| | | Last Year's Levy | PRIOR LEVIES | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------|-----|
| REMITTED T | REMITTED TO TREASURER: | | (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) | | RS) |
| | | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | |
| Redemptions | | \$5,104.79 | \$15,501.36 | \$14,107.07 | |
| Interest & Costs Collected #3190 | | \$478.62 | \$2,349.51 | \$2,801.19 | |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens | | | | \$276.86 | |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality | | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance | | | | | |
| End of Year #1110 | | \$40,010.27 | \$24,238.64 | \$4,653.22 | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$45,593.68 | \$42,089.51 | \$21,838.34 | \$ |

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ?______ yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE____Andrea J. Cheeney____ DATE__1/20/2016

Town Clerk Report

January 1st, 2015 - December 31st, 2015

Fees Collected

| Motor Vehicle Permits Issued | 1,095 |
|---|---------------|
| Total Registration & Title Fees Collected | \$ 133,566.50 |
| Vital Records Fees | \$ 50.00 |
| Pistol Permits | \$ 90.00 |
| Dog Licenses Issued | 149 |
| Dog Licenses & Fines | \$ 1,437.00 |
| Dog License Fees remitted to State | \$ 237.50 |
| | |
| | |

Total

\$ 134,906.00

New Hampshire Law requires that all dogs must be registered by April 30th each year. Please remember to provide a valid rabies certificate for each animal.

2016 Dog License Information

| Puppy (ages 4-7 months) | \$ 7.50 | | | |
|--|----------|--|--|--|
| Neutered or Spayed | \$ 7.50 | | | |
| Unaltered Male or Female | \$ 10.00 | | | |
| Senior Citizen | \$ 3.00 | | | |
| (Owner who is 65 years old or older on the first dog only) | | | | |



Respectfully submitted, Jessica Jarvis Town Clerk <u>langdontc@yahoo.com</u>

Summary of Inventory Valuation 2015

| Land Type | Acreage | Valuation |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Current Use | 7,408.66 | \$775,465 |
| Residential | 1,849.93 | \$19,072,286 |
| Commercial/Industrial | 377.84 | \$1,776,590 |
| Total of Taxable Land: | 9,636.43 | \$21,624,331 |
| Tax Exempt and non-taxable | 645.33 | \$1,724,505 |
| | | |
| Value of Buildings Only: | | |
| Residential | | \$36,620,700 |
| Manufactured Housing | | \$755,700 |
| Commercial / Industrial | | \$1,957,400 |
| Total of Taxable Buildings: | | \$39,333,800 |
| Tax Exempt and Non Taxable | | \$7,379,400 |
| Public Utilities: | | \$1,021,700 |
| | | |
| Total Valuation before Exemption | 15: | \$61,979,831 |
| Less Elderly Exemptions | | \$532,366 |
| Net Value for Municipal Tax Rate | : | \$61,447,465 |
| Less Utilities | | \$1,021,700 |
| Net Value for State Education Tax | x Rate | \$60,425,765 |

Selectmen's Report 2016

Another quiet, yet productive year for the Selectboard.

Following up on the previous year's improved communication initiative, the Selectboard experienced a continuing trend toward open, healthy co-operation with the town's boards and department heads.

The Selectboard completed the task of reclassifying a section of Cold River Road as a Class A trail. The Town of Walpole also followed suit on their end of the road. Bars were put in place at both ends, creating a very attractive, peaceful walkway along the river. Take some time this spring for a stroll. It's well worth it.

During the summer months the Selectboard negotiated with the Fall Mountain School District for the leasing of the town office space. A one year lease was signed by both parties in the fall. The School District now occupies all the space not being used by the town with the exception of the space used by the Fall Mountain Food Pantry. This had proven to be a very positive situation for the Town and the School District.

Toward the end of the year several town residents discussed the possibility of organizing a social group to be held on a regular basis in the voting room at the town offices. Response in the town was very favorable. After a bit of planning the idea is now a reality. The group meets from 10am to noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The Selectboard urges all to come to one of the socials. It's a great chance to sit and relax, exchange pleasantries and, perhaps, play a few games.

The Selectboard would like to thank all the residents who donate so much of their time and energy toward helping the town function in a way we can all be proud of. Their efforts help make it a pleasure to be a Selectboard member.

Respectfully submitted, Bud Ross Ron Batchelder Lou Beam

ROAD AGENT REPORT 2015

Here we are already heading into 2016 and everything is looking good for the upcoming year.

We were able to complete all the crushing last year on time and within budget. We were unable to get our three culverts in last year, so this year's goal is to now get five culverts in.

Roadside mowing is coming along nicely; we will finish up the last five roads this spring.

We will continue to haul gravel to town roads and maintain roadways.

Using the new chloride process is working very well on the roads. We will continue to use the new product.

Our repair costs this year have been significantly reduced due to the newer equipment. However, being the Case backhoe broke down many times and left us unable to ditch some of the roads; we will be focused on doing ditching this year with our new backhoe.

As a reminder, without the continued support of all the townspeople, fire department, police department and my part-time helper, Kevin Beal, we would not be able to get as much done as we do. Thank you for all your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Porter, Road Agent

Police Chief's Report 2015

Well folks, it is that time of year again, report time that is, when the Town Clerk keeps reminding you that your report is due; thanks Jess.

I would like to think that this has been an uneventful year but that's not the case. Accident rate in town is up again due in part to the fact that patrols haven't been done as frequently. We lost one officer to resignation due to personal reasons, almost before he started. Another one of our officers had family medical issues this year that needed to be addressed.

We have learned over the years, the more visible the officers are out in their cruisers, the fewer problems we have with speed and motor vehicle crashes.

I hope this year will be better for all.

At the Town Meeting in March you will be asked to approve the replacement of our oldest cruiser; an 11 year old Dodge Durango that has served us well for many years. We spent almost \$1,500.00 on repairs this past year, and it's only worth \$2,500.00. It's not worth putting anymore into it. Cars for the Police Department are not a luxury; they are an absolute necessity. They are where our communications are and our safety equipment; they are essentially our office on wheels.

As I stated earlier, we had one officer resign and at that point we hired a replacement. Roger Landry works full-time for the Alstead police Department and now works for us part-time. We also hired Adam Howard. Adam works for the town of Charlestown full-time and now works for us part-time. It is essential to have enough staff to cover most all calls in the town of Langdon. As I get older, like we all do, hopefully I can slow down a little and let some of the younger officers get awakened at all hours of the night. I am not planning on leaving the department at this point but sometime down the road it will become a necessity.

The number of calls the SRO handles at the high school have become greater than the number of calls we do as the town. Lieut. Millard does an excellent job keeping up with the demand. It is a thankless job, to say the least, a job I could not do for one day let alone the whole school year. It takes a special type of person to be able to deal with juveniles.

I'd like to take this time to thank the Langdon Fire Department, Langdon Highway Department, the Selectboard and the people of this town for their support all of this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray L'Abbe

Chief of Police

Langdon Fire Chief's Report 2015

The Langdon Fire and Rescue responded to 76 calls in 2015.

| Rescue Calls | 47 | Fire Alarm | 1 |
|-------------------|----|---------------|---|
| Mutual Aid | 17 | Tree down | 2 |
| Tree + Wires down | 1 | Car Fire | 1 |
| Fluid Spill | 2 | Assist Police | 3 |
| First alarm | 2 | | |

We continue to hold our fire training and drills on the first and third Thursday of the month. Rescue training is held every second Thursday of the month. We are always looking for new members. Please call Greg Chaffee if you are interested. Ph#603-835-6418

We were able to attend training in area towns for the following:

- 4" pumping drill in Walpole NH
- Auto extrication drill in Alstead
- Clandestine labs class put on by State Fire Marshal Office

We hosted the Emergency Medical Responders course at the Langdon fire station. This course was open to area towns.

During Fire Safety Week in October, our department visited the Early Learning Center and Sarah Porter schools to teach fire safety education. We also went to Fall Mountain High School and taught a fire extinguisher class to 20 students.

We stayed active in our community. We provided personnel for the Heritage Commission 5k walk and Langdon Fishing Derby. We were honored to participate in a fundraiser to help a fellow firefighter from Walpole who is battling ALS. We assisted with the bon fire at F.M.R.H.S. Homecoming Weekend. On Halloween, we handed out candy, doughnuts, cider and coffee.

The fundraisers that were held in 2015 were successful. We held our annual Mother's Day Breakfast at the Masonic Hall. We provided a food booth for lunch at the Langdon Fall Festival. Proceeds from our fundraisers help us fund needed equipment.

I would like to thank all the members of the Langdon Fire and Rescue for unselfishly giving their valuable time to our community fire and rescue department. The commitment and dedication shown by our members is something to be proud of. I would also like to thank the Langdon Police Department and the Highway Department for working so closely with us.

To report an emergency, you may dial 911 or 352-1100.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Chaffee Langdon Fire Chief

Report of the Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

2015

Langdon again had a quiet season for forest fires. We assisted in only two out of town fires – one in Charlestown and one in Lempster.

We have some new members who, along with our regular members, participated in on-site training. My deputies and I attended training put on by the State in Keene and Lempster.

We also updated some of our forestry equipment.

Again, thank all of you for obtaining written permits when required.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred P. Roentsch

Forest Fire Warden

835-6693

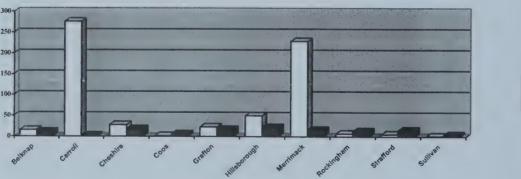
Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing <u>ANY</u> outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit <u>www.NHfirepermit.com</u>. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or <u>www.des.nh.gov</u> for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at <u>www.nhdfl.org</u>.

This past fire season burned **635 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

| | (All fires reported as of November 2015) | | | | | | |
|------|---|------|----|--|--|--|--|
| e fi | e fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mor | | | | | | |
| | COUNTY STATISTICS | | | | | | |
| | County Acres # of Fires | | | | | | |
| | Belknap | 15.3 | 11 | | | | |
| | Carroll | 276 | 2 | | | | |
| | Cheshire | 27.6 | 18 | | | | |
| | Coos | 1.6 | 6 | | | | |
| | Grafton | 22.6 | 17 | | | | |
| | Hillsborough | 49.7 | 22 | | | | |
| | Merrimack | 228 | 16 | | | | |
| | Rockingham | 7 | 13 | | | | |
| | Strafford | 5.5 | 15 | | | | |
| | Sullivan | 1.1 | 4 | | | | |

2015 FIRE STATISTICS



Total

2015

2014

2013

2012

2011

Fires

124

112

182

318

125

| Acres |
|------------|
| # of Fires |

untain National Forest)

Total Acres

635

144

206

42

72

| CA | USES | OF | FIRES | RFP | ORTED | |
|----|------|-----------|-------|-----|-------|--|
| | | VI | | | | |

| Arson | 7 |
|-----------|------|
| Debris | 14 |
| Campfire | 12 |
| Children | 2 |
| Smoking | 12 |
| Railroad | 0 |
| Equipment | 6 |
| Lightning | 4 |
| Misc * | 67 (|

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

(figures do not include

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2015

Early this spring a Langdon resident requested a building permit to build on his neighbor's property. I denied the permit and referred him to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The resident was granted a building permit for a 10'x15' utility building with no electric, water, or foundation to be built on neighbor's property with a gentlemen's agreement between the two property owners (out building land lease agreement).

Please find the following permits that were issued for 2015:

| Residential Foundation1 |
|--|
| Residential Foundation with attached garage1 |
| Residential home with attached garage1 |
| Residential home with two (2) floors1 |
| Residential addition to home1 |
| Accessory out building1 |
| Deck additions to home2 |
| Certificate of Occupancy3 |
| Total Permits Issue in 20151 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Everett L. Adams

Langdon's Building Inspector

ANNUAL REPORT of the PLANNING BOARD

2015

This past year was relatively quiet for the Board, starting out with a renewal of an Earth Excavation Permit for Cold River Materials and formulating our financial budget (with the Select Board) for the year.

After a review of State Regulations and our own Town Regulations concerning reclamation standards, we updated our Langdon Earth Excavation Regulations accordingly.

We also updated our town Schedule of Fees by comparing our fees to other area towns and asking the Southwest Regional Planning Commission for input. Our purpose was to create a fee schedule that was fair to both the payee and the town.

We continue to work on creating a summary of our last Master Plan questionnaire. We are spending time on this for two reasons; one is that it's very interesting; two is that we want to present to you an accurate summation. Soon we plan to present this to you at a public hearing, possibly with a Vision Statement, for any additional input.

We are also trying to get complete Planning Board information onto the town website. We are working with the web site poster and our internal channels to make the postings a consistent and smooth process so that those of you who can access this have information in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert "Chops" Polcari, J.P. Breslend, Marilyn Stuller, Lu Beam, Curtis Barnes, Helen Koss

Zoning Board Report 2015

The ZBA meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00pm as necessary. Meeting times will be posted at the Town Offices and the Town Hall. Again we do not have regular meetings. The ZBA only meets when it has business to discuss or to have a work meeting.

This past year was another quiet one for the ZBA. We, again, only had one meeting to elect officers. This meeting also included one hearing which turned out to be a non-issue. If for any reason you need to meet with the Zoning Board of Adjustment please contact Mary Henry at 835-2183.

I would like to thank everyone who participated this year on the Board; your work and time was greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald Batchelder

Ex Officio

Town of Langdon Cemetery Trustees Annual Report for 2015

- Usual maintenance of the Town's Cemeteries was performed, however, due to family issues it wasn't up to the superior standard normally maintained.
- Trimming and fall clean up were performed in a timely manner.
- Large dead maple tree over the tomb was removed.
- The final 140+ feet of the stone wall at the Upper Cemetery that runs parallel to Holden Hill Road was fully rebuilt.
- We hired the services of a professional to straighten and reset existing head stones with a focus on those in the worst condition which are the old slate and marble stones. We will continue with this project as funding permits. There are still a significant amount of stones to be saved.
- We purchased screened loam and dropped at both cemeteries for filling in graves that have sunken and create a potential walking hazard.
- Doug and Gina attended both the spring and fall meetings of the NH Cemetery Association. These meetings are extremely worthwhile from an informational standpoint as well as a networking opportunity.
- Doug was voted into a second 3-year term as a Director of the NH Cemetery Association.
- We reviewed existing maps and records to come up with an estimate of available plots in both the Lower Cemetery and the new section of the Upper Cemetery. We currently have approximately 80 plots remaining in the Lower Cemetery and 75 plots in the new section of the Upper Cemetery. Unfortunately we can only estimate availability, especially in the Lower Cemetery as the existing maps and records are not adequate to make exact determinations. We have an additional parcel of land that has been generously donated that the Cemetery Trustees are waiting for the Town to have the surveyor "stake" it out for exact measurements. Once this has taken place we will plot this section out to include cremation plots as well as full burial plots.
- The goal of this year is to complete and issue rules and regulations for our cemeteries along with revised costs for the purchase of the Right of Interment. The Rules and Regulations will be available as a handout at the March 2016 Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Beach, Chairman Todd Porter, Trustee Gina Beach, Trustee/Secretary 1-12-16

Annual Report of the Heritage Commission for 2015

"NH RSA 674:44-a Heritage Commission. – A heritage commission may be established in accordance with RSA 673 for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man-made, that are valued for their historic, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built, or cultural contexts."

As you will see upon entering the Town Hall/Meetinghouse, interior walls at the front of the room have been removed. This has been done to accommodate state and federal requirements for fire code and the Americans with Disabilities Act as well as for polling place requirements. For fire code, increased seating capacity and a secondary egress have been added. Additional emergency illumination and "crash bars" on doors have been installed. An ADA parking area and access ramp have been constructed. The stairs on the Holden Hill side will be updated this spring. Voting at town meeting will take place at floor level vs. climbing stairs to the stage. This affords accessibility to all. Aesthetically, windows that once illuminated the interior do so again and a set of decorative columns is revealed. This building has always evolved to meet the needs of each generation who used it as the center of the town's social, civic and at one time its religious needs. Ironically, the most recent changes bring the room a bit closer to its original 1801 design.

Care has been taken over 214 years of continuous use. Had it not been for the attentiveness of past generations the building would not have survived. The present citizens of Langdon as well as LCHIP, the NH Dept of Historic Resources, the NH Charitable Foundation, Putnam Fund, Terra Nova Foundation, Savings Bank of Walpole, Marquis George Macdonald Foundation, Landscapes by Jay Grant, the NH Preservation Alliance and others have continued that tradition of guardianship of this historic inheritance.

In 2015 the LHC was entrusted with important historic documents regarding the Congregational Church by Royal and Diane Holmes. The documents have been inventoried and placed in a fire resistant safe in the Municipal Building. Royal and Diane also gave the Town many papers and photos from the Langdon Players. John and Rita Gulardo generously converted the photos into a selection of CDs. We also received from the Charlestown Historical Society several old newspaper clippings regarding events in our town.

Our annual Restoration Run and Fun Walk was again a success, as was a new event at Fall Festival, a historic cemetery tour called The Hannah Locke Cemetery Walk. The LHC also provided a display of historic artifacts and introduced the Cemetery Art Challenge in which many participated during Fall Festival.

We are happy to announce the addition of Laura Rheaume and Kathie Beam to our Commission. We offer our sincere thank you to Kate Gallagher who after several years of wonderful service has resigned to tend to her job, home and other interests.

All are welcome to join our LHC meetings the first Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the Meetinghouse at 5 Walker Hill Road and the Municipal Building in the coldest months. We welcome your Langdon stories and memorabilia.

Dennis McClary: Chair, Carole-Anne Centre: Secretary, Kathie Beam: Treasurer, Bud Ross, Ex officio, Lorraine Chaffee, Andrea Cheeney, Caroline Cross, Cliff Oster, Laura Rheaume, Mike Sweeney

STOKES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stokes Scholarship Committee held their annual selection meeting on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Langdon Municipal Building.

Committee members attending were: Bob Cunniff, Kathie Beam, Fred Roentsch, Fred McKee, Richard Morrison, Tina Christie and Jeff Holmes.

Motion (Beam/Cunniff) to appoint Jeff Holmes as chairman. Passed unanimously.

The board entered into a discussion regarding trust language.

Applications from 10 candidates were discussed and reviewed. It was agreed to recommend the following to the Charitable Management's Services Discretionary Account Administrative Committee of Bank of America:

| 1. | Jediah Plumley | Rochester Institute of Technology | \$10,000 |
|----|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| 2. | Brittany Chambers | Southern Maine | \$6,000 |
| 3. | Abigail Yoerger | Keene Beauty Academy | \$5,000 |
| 4. | Keanna Bingham | Colby – Sawyer | \$9,000 |
| 5. | Elizabeth Yoerger | Plymouth State | \$4,000 |
| | (Motion Beam/McKee) | to pay for 1/2 award because of gradua | tion date of |
| | 12/15) Passed unanimo | usly. | |
| 6. | Benjamin Chambers | U. Northwestern Ohio | \$5,000 |
| 7. | Nick Burns | Plymouth State | \$8,000 |
| 8. | Christopher Henry | Union College | \$10,000 |
| 9. | Hope Exel | Keene Beauty Academy | \$5,000 |
| 10 | . Marie Simoneaux | Loyola University | \$10,000 |

Total of awards: \$72,000.

The above list consists of all applicants for Stokes Scholarships.

No lineal descendant of any committee member has received an award.

Respectively submitted:

Tina Christie

| Hayes Stagner Fred McKee Tina Christie Trustees of the Trust Funds | (*Debits & credits of checkbook) Respectfully Submitted, | Winch Perpet Care Fund 1958 Mascoma Savings Bank | Grand Totals MBIA Capital Reserves | Town Hall Foundation 2010 Property Revaluation 2010 | Police Cruiser 2005 Langdon Elem School 2009 | Cem Major Improvements 99 | Cemetery Perpetual Care 1996 | Higway Equipment 1996 Fire/Rescue Truck 1996 | MBIA Capital Reserves: Trustee Working Fund 1996 | Grand Total Cemetery Funds | Cemtery Funds 1996 | Name and Date Created | Town of Langdon, NH |
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Vital Records 2015

BIRTHS

| Child's Name | Birth Date | Birth Place | Father's Name | Mother's Name | |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|
| Longley, Remington Scott | 06/16/2015 | Keene, NH | Longley, Jason | Schulenberger, Katie | |
| Chaffee, Henry Willard | 12/03/2015 | Keene, NH | Chaffee, Nathan | Chaffee, Amanda | |
| Pritchard, Rowan Michael | 12/05/2015 | Keene, NH | Pritchard, Derek | Pritchard, Genevieve | |

DEATHS

| Decedent's Name | Death Date | Death Place | Father's Name | Mother's Name | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| | | | | | |
| Benjamin, Kenneth Roger | 10/14/2009 | Windsor, VT | Benjamin, John | Kemp, Phyllis | |
| Rehm, Werner | 04/04/2015 | Langdon, NH | Rehm, Johann | Wolfarth, Clara | |
| Grout Sr., Charles | 04/21/2015 | Langdon, NH | Grout Sr., William | Forsell, Alma | |
| Gulardo, John | 07/18/2015 | Langdon, NH | Gulardo, John | Buglisi, Marie | |
| Adams, Deborah | 08/09/2015 | Langdon, NH | Miller, Harold | Gardner, Jennie | |
| Burke, Evelyn | 08/09/2015 | Claremont, NH | Prunier, George | Aunchnan, Emma | |
| Utton, Shirley | 10/22/2015 | Lebanon, NH | Town, Arthur | Veysey, Velma | |
| Stocker, Bernice | 10/23/2015 | Langdon, NH | Rumrill, Lucius | Kimball, Mildred | |

PAYROLL - WAGES PAID BY TOWN IN 2015

| Adams, Everett | Building Inspector | \$1,000.00 |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Barnes, Curtiss | Sexton | \$1,867.50 |
| Barnes, Michelle | Cemetery Labor | \$1,266.00 |
| Batchelder, Ron | Selectman | \$2,500.00 |
| Beal, Kevin | Highway | \$13,978.25 |
| Beam, Kathleen | Treasurer | \$2,000.00 |
| Beam, Lucien | Selectman | \$2,200.00 |
| Campbell, Linda | Dep. Treasurer | \$750.00 |
| Chaffee, Greg | Fire Chief | \$1,000.00 |
| Cheeney, Andrea | Tax Collector | \$5,600.00 |
| Christie, Tina | Dep. Town Clerk | \$1,900.00 |
| Cunniff, Robert | Administrative Assistant | \$2,066.25 |
| Angela Esslinger | Town Clerk | \$535.00 |
| Gosetti, Raymond | Police Officer | \$1,757.50 |
| Harrington, Myra | Checklist Supervisor | \$170.00 |
| Holmes, Jeffrey | Moderator | \$115.00 |
| Jarvis, Jessica | Town Clerk & Administrative Assistant | \$13,258.00 |
| Kemp, Ruth | Checklist Supervisor | \$150.00 |
| L'Abbe, Raymond | Police Chief | \$17,317.44 |
| Landry, Roger | Police Officer | \$340.00 |
| Millard, Rose | Police Resource Officer | \$50,008.00 |
| Moore, Jesse | Animal Control Officer | \$700.00 |
| Porter, Todd | Road Agent | \$50,669.61 |
| Ross, George | Selectman | \$2,200.00 |



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen Town of Langdon Langdon, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Langdon as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note I.B.3 to the financial statements, management has not recorded its capital assets in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the

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603-856-8431 (fax) info@roberts-greene.com financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Langdon, as of December 31, 2014, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Langdon, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

September 22, 2015

Roberts & Aleene, PLIC

Langdon Fall Festival Committee Report 2015

The 9th annual festival was a huge success! Over the years the festival has become a wonderful town event. Folks from near and far gather in the village to visit with friends, neighbors, craft vendors and non-profit groups. This year the Festival was a success because of the support the committee receives from family members, the Town of Langdon, local businesses and the folks who visit the Festival. We had several sponsors again this year, the Town of Langdon, AEBI New England, Inc., Mascoma Savings Bank, Holmes Farm and Woodell and Daughters Forest Products. If your company is interested in sponsoring the festival please contact Andrea at 603.835.6999.

The festival keeps growing every year. Here is a list of some of the local non-profits that participate : Langdon Fire & Rescue, Fall Mountain Food Shelf, Langdon Heritage Commission, Langdon Community Club, Langdon Recreation Committee: Kids Fishing Derby, Cheshire United Soccer, FMRHS : Art, Hospitality Club, Sophomore Class, Junior Class, Volleyball, Cheerleaders, Interact and students fundraising for educational or sports trips.

If you are a member of a non-politically based non-profit, civic organization or a handmade craft vendor or demonstrator and would like a booth for the 2016 festival please contact the festival committee for information. All booth spaces must be approved by the festival committee.

For festival updates follow us on facebook : Langdonfallfestival

Please save the date for this year's festival: September 24th from 10am-4pm.



We really need your help! Please volunteer to keep the festival going!!! If you are interested in helping please contact Andrea Cheeney at 603.835.699 or Kim Mastrianni 603.835.6488 or email Langdonfallfestival@gmail.com

Thank you again for your help and supportsee you at the festival: Andrea J Cheeney Kim Mastrianni Jennifer Doyle

Carole-Anne Centre Katie Gallagher Jess Jarvis Kathie Beam



2015 Annual Report

Fall Mt. Emergency Foodshelf

2015 was a wonder filled year at the Foodshelf. The spirit of generosity, love, and caring exhibited by the local communities was very inspiring and heart warming. The spirit of kindness and the tremendous reaching out to help those in need was strongly felt by the Foodshelf volunteers and those we serve.

In 2015 we had a large number of people needing help with food. Thanks to all the wonderful donors we were able to provide good nutritious food to all who came to us for help. We are grateful for the many families, individuals, local businesses, churches (many who do monthly food collections), organizations, schools and their staff, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H Groups, foundations, and others who throughout the year did tremendous monetary and food collections for us. Generous monetary donations are received from the thrift shop at the Walpole Recycling Center. We also appreciate all of the banana boxes and plastic bags that are donated by the Recycling Center. It helps so much with our distribution of food. It is this inspirational community outpouring and outreach that made it possible for us to meet the food needs of our neighbors.

In 2015 14,503 times families came to the Foodshelf for food. These families included 56,099 individuals. We were very blest to be able to provide them with 1,746,788 nutritious meals. We also provided 1,028 families with wonderful Thanksgiving dinner boxes. It is exciting to be able to help so many needy families have a delicious holiday dinner with their loved one. Many left in tears of gratitude with their boxes. It is also so awesome all the help we have filling the boxes. We had so many wonderful high school student, 4H members, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and community members. It was such a beautiful heartwarming experience for all.

Everything we do at the Foodshelf to help our neighbors is because of the tremendous love, caring, and dedication of our many volunteers who give so very much of themselves and their time to helping others. They all work hard together to make it all happen from trucking food, ordering, shopping, stocking shelves and freezers, loading and unloading trucks and shipments on pallets, to helping the clients, and all that it takes for it to come together so all the needs for food will be met. People feel welcome and cared for when they come for food. The wonderful way people are treated is food for their spirits.

We and those we serve greatly appreciate our towns for their continued support these many years. We are grateful to the towns of Langdon and Charlestown for providing space for our Foodshelf sites. Both sites serve us and our clients well. The sites are very accessible for clients and for the truck loads of food we bring in. With the need for food so great, we often have 9,000 to 12,000 pounds of food to unload. We appreciate the other town's monetary donations that help with the purchase of food. We are grateful for all the towns' caring. We are thankful for the Foodshelf Advisory Committee with members from the towns who are working with our board to develop plans for the future of the Foodshelf.

Bread is a staple in almost every household and we have been so blest to receive weekly donations of bread and baked goods from Bouyea-Fassetts in Keene, Shaw's, Price Chopper, and the Alstead Village Market. We greatly appreciate the food donated to us and the food we can purchase from the NH Food Bank, the Discount Food Warehouse, Mr.G's, Ralph's Supermarket, and the Claremont Walmart. We also are blest to receive government surplus food every two months.

For the 8th year our "Grow a Row" for the Foodshelf was a tremendous success. The local farm stands, many farmers, gardening groups, and local families regularly donated many varieties and large quantities of local grown produce. People were so happy and excited to receive fresh produce. Many canned and froze the fresh vegetables and fruit for the winter. The local grown produce is a wonderful gift to share with the needy families. We are looking forward to another wonderful growing season and lots of wonderful donations.

We will be having two matching grant fund raisers this year. There will be one from March 1 until April 30th and the second from Labor Day to Thanksgiving Day. We are blest to have a NH family foundation willing to do this for the Foodshelf. They are very committed to providing food for the needy that come for help. We are very grateful for their support and generosity, and caring.

Thank you all so very much for you loving, generous support of the Foodshelf in 2015 and throughout our 36 plus years of caring for our needy neighbors. It is so wonderful to be part of such caring and generous communities that truly care about the well being of their neighbors. Many blessings to everyone in 2016! May you all have a wonder filled year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling, Director

ANNUAL REPORT 2015

COLD RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) functions to advise the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole, New Hampshire on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River and its tributaries. It reviews river corridor projects that require state and federal permits and works to promote improvements to the river and its tributaries. It seeks to enhance public awareness of the issues affecting the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2015 included:

- Membership: Two longtime and valued members retired in 2015. Mike Heidorn (hydrologist, from Alstead). He tested the health of the Cold River at least three times per year for ten years, in 70 locations, and sent the results to DES for inclusion in their data... Sam Sutcliffe (also from Alstead), with his precise mind and extensive knowledge of science, will be missed, as will his gentle wit. And we are delighted that Sue Lichty from Lempster has rejoined CRLAC. Sue has volunteered to join river- testing expeditions with Mitch Harrison and others. Gary Speed will replace Sam as our treasurer.
- Warren Brook: continued effort has been made to extend restoration work on Warren Brook by another 900 feet. Coordination with the Town of Alstead, our hydrologic engineer, contractors, and financial contributors has been ongoing. Without additional funds, this restoration will not be completed.
- Water Quality: water quality testing has continued in some 70 locations. Replacement of testing equipment is still under review. Testing includes conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and turbidity.
- 36 eighth grade students from Walpole, as part of their science course, did benthic invertebrate studies to determine the health of the Cold River behind the Alstead town office. Their research demonstrated that the river was free of pollutants and in excellent health.
- For seven years running the seventh grade science students in Alstead have taken part in the Brook Trout in the Class Room Program. Throughout the spring they evaluate the water quality of the Cold River using many different measurements and reporting them to CRLAC.
- Vilas Pool: its gates have been freed and opened after a significant buildup of sediment. The Town of Alstead is putting in place a maintenance plan; CRLAC has advised on when opening gates should occur to minimize wildlife damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Ernst (Chair), Deborah Hinman and Carol Wallace (Acworth), Mitch Harrison (Alstead), Catherine MacDonald (Langdon), Susan Lichty (Lempster), Fred Ernst, Gary Speed, and Kim Lewis (Walpole).

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Librarian's Report 2015

Small rural libraries can never compete with the funding of larger libraries. We will never have the same amount of new releases or trendy new gadgets that our sister libraries enjoy. However, at our best, small libraries can outpace larger libraries by providing personal customer service, by knowing our patrons well and by having a collection and programming which reflects this intimate connection between library and community. In 2015, our year was shaped and enriched by the talents, ideas, suggestions, participation and support of people from the towns of Alstead and Langdon.

Over the course of 2015, the library was supported by the community in these and many other ways:

- Volunteers worked 248 hours for the library- our thanks to regular volunteers Cynthia Phippen, Jessi Dussault, Eleanor Elbers and Margaret Perry for all they do.
- Noah Elbers at Orchard Hill Breadworks hosted a Pizza Night which benefitted the library. Orchard Hill Breadworks donated over \$1,200 to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library from this event.
- The Holmes family donated funds to support The Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Program. Their generous donations enable us to grow programming for area children.

In 2015, we hosted monthly events, many of which were presented by local volunteers:

- Hadrian's Wall presented by Julie Stevens and Bob Brown
- Ernie Hebert discussed his books, his writing and his new creative efforts
- Poetry Party local patrons gathered to share favorite poems
- Helen Frink discussed her latest book, Oil, Ice and Bone
- Over the Sea to Skye, Uist, and Canna- pictures, stories and songs from the Scottish Hebrides presented by Kathy Torrey
- Living and Working at the Mount Washington Observatory
- Saturday morning coffee and conversation hosted by Joel McCarty on the final Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Children's events from 2015:

- Weekly Storytime with Jessi Dussault Fridays at 3:30, September through June
- CLiF grant finale with storyteller Simon Brooks
- Mural Making with Eleanor Elbers
- Local Heroes David Crosby, Bobbie Taylor Wilson, Louis Lemay and Kim Kercewich kicked off our summer programming for local children, sharing what the highway department, ambulance crew and fire department do for the town
- Mariposa Museum Hanuman the Monkey Hero
- Collage Making with Jessi Dussault
- Magic Show with Peter Boie
- Family Concert with Will Buchan and Lois Buchan
- Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Club 36 Prek-2nd grade children and 27 3rd-8th grade students tracked summer reading at the library
- Scarecrow Party
- Gingerbread House Party with the storytime crew

During 2015, we:

- Circulated 17,576 items, including 1,626 downloads from the New Hampshire Downloadable Books site <u>http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/</u>
- Added 721 items to the shelves
- Enjoyed 11,804 patron visits
- Welcomed 76 new patrons
- Provided computer access to 1,428 visitors
- Made use of the state interlibrary loan system to borrow 1,180 items from other libraries and to loan 420 of our books to libraries across the state.

I would like to thank assistant librarians Gaale Klein and Jessi Dussault for all they do to help the library run smoothly. We are grateful to Laura LaMears for keeping our building both clean and beautiful.

Our trustees, Mary Lou Huffling, Matt Gillette, Jeff Smull, Heather Jasmin and Susan Norlander put in countless hours and careful consideration to their support and governance of the library. The town and the library are fortunate to have them as leaders and stewards of our cultural institution. Sadly, 2015 marks the final year of Mary Lou Huffling's trusteeship. She first joined the board in the 1970s and has remained a friend and supporter for all these years. The library was privileged to have her advocacy, knowledge, unwavering loyalty and devotion. She will be greatly missed.

We encourage all community members to come to the library in 2016. Your suggestions for purchases and programs are extremely valuable to us and the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is a better place for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli Huntley, Director

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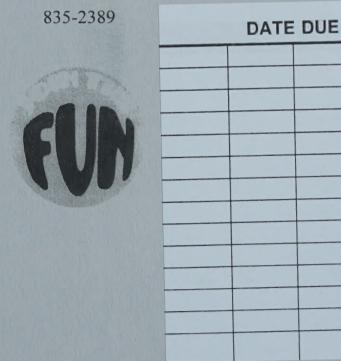


Volunteer in your Town

Make a difference, meet your neighbors, and get involved!

Langdon is always looking for volunteers. Come help out with the Heritage Commission, Recreation Board, Fall Mountain Festival, or Neighbors Gathering Coffee Hour (the first Tuesday of the Month from 10-12). We are looking to start some fun community get-togethers for kids, for families, for everyone! Bring us your ideas!

Call Jess at the Town Offices



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