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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

2019

Town Meeting
March 10th, 2020

A Dedication to Fred Roentsch

Langdon lost an active member of our community in 2019.



Fred was involved in Langdon activities since he moved here in 1961. He and his wife, Pat, raised their four children on an historic farm on the east side of town. He joined the Fire Department soon after he moved here and continued to volunteer on the department for 45 + years. He was a Deputy Forest Fire Warden from 1974-1978 and then was the Warden from 1979-2017. He also served as the Fire

Chief for 1 year.

Fred's sense of community service was not limited to the Fire Department. He also dedicated his time to many of the boards in town. He was on the Planning Board for 20 years, the Zoning Board for 14 years and Selectman for 24 years (two different terms). In addition to the boards, he also spent time on the Stokes Scholarship Committee and was Auditor of the Town.

It is with pleasure that we honor Fred for his outstanding commitment, spirit and drive to make our community a better place.

He will be missed.

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NH STATE LIBRARY

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CONCORD NH

We would like to encourage all residents to actively participate in the US Census this year, as the results will determine how more than 675 Billion dollars annually are distributed to states and localities for key programs for the next decade. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for this town.

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 Tuesday 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

Town Office: 603-835-2389
603-835-6055 (fax)

Tax Collector: 603-835-6260
langdontaxcollector@yahoo.com

Town Web Site: www.langdonnh.org
email: townoflangdon@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: 603-355-2000
Emergencies: **911**

Fire Department: 603-835-6353
Emergencies: **911** or 352-1100
Forest Fire Warden: 603-835-6959

Transfer Station Town of Alstead Facility
Wednesdays and Saturdays: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 603-835-2425

Shedd-Porter Library Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Alstead, NH Thursday: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
835-6661 Friday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Elected Officers

MODERATOR FOR 2 YEAR TERM

Jeffrey Holmes Term Expires 2020

SELECTMEN FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Lucien Beam Term Expires 2020

Nathan Chaffee Term Expires 2021

Devin Gallagher Term Expires 2022

TOWN CLERK FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Jessica Jarvis Term Expires 2021

TAX COLLECTOR FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Andrea Cheeney Term Expires 2022

TREASURER FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Kathleen A. Beam Term Expires 2020

SEXTON FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Curtis Barnes Term Expires 2020

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUND

Hayes Stagner Term Expires 2021

Tina Christie Term Expires 2020

Daniel Reagan Term Expires 2022

Patricia Comeau, appointed 11/2019

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

Douglas Beach Term Expires 2022

Ronald Batchelder Term Expires 2021

Diane Holmes Term Expires 2020

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST FOR 6 YEAR TERM

Ruth Kemp Term Expires 2021

Myrna Harrington Term Expires 2025

Robert Cunniff Term Expires 2023

FIRE CHIEF FOR 1 YEAR TERM

Gregory Chaffee Term Expires 2020

FALL MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD FOR 3 YEAR TERM

Mary Henry Term Expires 2020

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 (retired 3/2019) Stephen Murrell (appointed 3/2019)

BUILDING INSPECTOR: Everett Adams

FOREST FIRE WARDEN: Curtis Barnes

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS:

Greg Chaffee, Greg Cheeney, Curtis Barnes, Virginia Foote

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: Virginia Foote

PLANNING BOARD

(7 members)

Robert "Chops" Polcari, Chair

Mark Collins, Vice Chair

Lucien Beam

Michael Holmes

Stephen Coffey

Helen Koss, secretary pro tem

J. Pat Bresland, retired

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2022

Ex Officio

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2022

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

(5 members)

Virginia Foote, Chair

Greg Chaffee, Vice Chair

Ray L'abbe

Kenneth Hart, Secretary

Ronald Batchelder

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2022

Term Expires 2020

Term Expires 2021

Term Expires 2020

RECREATION BOARD

Andrea Cheeney, Kim Mastrianni, Jessi Dussault, Jess Jarvis

HERITAGE COMMISSION

(7 members)

Dennis McClary, Chair	Term Expires 2022
Mike Sweeney (Alternate)	Term Expires 2020
Cliff Oster	Term Expires 2020
Bud Ross	Ex-Officio
Andrea Cheeney	Term Expires 2021
Lorraine Chaffee (Alternate)	Term Expires 2022
Laura Rheume	Term Expires 2021
Kathie Beam, Treasurer	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

As of December 31st, 2019

(Assessed Values)

5408	Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	\$252,450
	Town Hall Furniture & Equipment	500
5404	Old Fire Department Land & Buildings	109,700
5305	Highway Department Land & Buildings	168,120
	Highway Department Vehicles & Equip	340,000
5427	Municipal Building & Land	750,380
	Municipal Building Contents	100,000
	New Fire Station	174,460
	Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment	436,000
	Police Department Vehicles & Equipment	80,000
5408.1	Town Common	5,000
5401	Village Road	3,000
5414	Tory Hill Road	400
TOTAL		\$ 2,420,010

**Town of Langdon
214th Annual Meeting
Langdon Town Hall
Tuesday March 12th, 2019**

Moderator, Jeff Holmes, commenced the meeting at 7:18pm. Jeff went over the rules of the meeting and led the pledge of allegiance.

Article 1:

To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Selectman (3 years): Devin Gallagher	56votes
Trust Fund Trustee (3 years): Daniel Reagan	5 votes
Fire Chief (1 year): Greg Chaffee	121 votes
Treasurer (3 years): Kathleen Beam	60 votes
Cemetery Trustee (3 years): Doug Beach	115 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist (6 years): Myrna Harrington	114 votes

Article 2:

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of the following to the Langdon Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

4 C, ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS as defined in NH RSA 674:71 – 73

Definition

1. As used in this subdivision, “accessory dwelling unit” means a residential living unit that is within or attached to a single-family dwelling, and that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation on the same parcel of land as the principal dwelling unit it accompanies.

To increase housing alternatives while maintaining neighborhood aesthetics and quality, one accessory dwelling is permitted on any property containing an owner-occupied single-family dwelling.

Accessory Dwelling shall be permitted only on properties containing an owner-occupied single-family dwelling.

2. There shall be not more than one accessory dwelling unit per lot.
3. An accessory dwelling unit shall not be considered to be an additional dwelling unit for the purpose of determining minimum lot size or development density of the property.
4. The owner if a property containing an accessory dwelling unit shall reside in either the principal or the accessory dwelling.
5. The accessory dwelling shall contain a fully self-sufficient living quarters, consisting of adequate sleeping, bathing, and eating accommodations.
6. The maximum size of an accessory dwelling shall not exceed 50% of the living area of the principal dwelling, and shall include no more than two bedrooms. The minimum size for an accessory dwelling shall be 300 sq. ft.
7. The accessory dwelling shall be subsidiary in size and function to the principal dwelling and be consistent with the principal dwelling in appearance, design, colors and materials.
8. The accessory dwelling may be located within or added to the principal structure, or attached to an accessory structure such as a free-standing garage, or may itself be a free-standing accessory structure.

A. If contained within or added to the principal structure, exterior entry to the accessory dwelling shall not face the street as a second door.

B. If a free-standing structure or attached to a free-standing structure, the accessory dwelling shall be located only in the side or rear yard of the property within 100ft or the primary structure.

9. All required setbacks shall be complied with.
10. Water and septic provisions shall comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regulations, but separate systems shall not be necessarily required for the principal and accessory dwelling units.
11. There shall be one parking space in the rear or side yard for the accessory dwelling and no additional curb cut.
12. The structure and lot shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the principal single-family dwelling.
13. Both the accessory dwelling unit and the primary residence shall comply with the state and town Building Code and Fire Code regulations for construction, minimum living space, fire exits and smoke alarms.
14. An interior door shall be provided between the principal unit and an attached accessory dwelling unit. There is no requirement for said door to remain unlocked.
15. Accessory dwelling units are not intended for individual ownership. The title shall be inseparable from the primary dwelling.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen Dollars (\$582,615) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. Don Martin moved and Shelly Barnes seconded, no discussion. Article 3 passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 4:

To see if the Town would vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Fire Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Selectman Nate Chaffee spoke to this article. He noted that the amount is doubled this year as the truck that needs replacing is now 20 years old. He said that a new truck would cost the town over \$100,000 for the chassis alone. Don Martin moved and Shelly Barnes seconded, no discussion, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be added to the Scott Air Tank Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

Selectman Nate Chaffee spoke to this article. He said that the life period of 20 years is up in 2020 on the air packs that the Fire Department uses. The Capital Reserve Fund has just over \$8,000 in it currently. Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to redo the Town Common. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Selectman Lou Beam spoke to this article. Lou discussed that the Cooperative Extension had been out to see the trees on the common and had said that they were all diseased. The cost of spraying the trees annually to treat them was too much and they should come down. Lou had discussed the changes with Bobby Cunniff who had offered his help. The plan is to take down the existing trees and replace them with four new trees. One on each corner and a center tree as a Christmas Tree. There would be electric to each tree and the topsoil would be stripped and new soil added and the area would be hydroseeded. The town would utilize the backhoe and use volunteers to keep the costs down.

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Lou Beam, Selectman, spoke to this article. Lou said that the big truck would need replacing in 2021 and that costs keep going up. Todd Porter, Road Agent, said the chassis for a new truck could run the Town at least \$103,000 but could, by the time we purchase it, be \$109,000 to \$112,000 not including \$40,000 for the body. Steve Holmes asked how much we had in the reserve fund. Lou said \$36,000. Todd mentioned that the town will probably have \$25,000 to \$30,000 equity in the truck we have now to offset the cost.

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 8:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$105,000) for the purpose of paving the lower half of the existing dirt section of Holden Hill with base and top layers. Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to come general taxation and the remaining Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to come from the unreserved Fund Balance. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Bud Ross, Selectboard Chair, spoke to the article. Bud discussed that it was time to work on this part of Holden Hill. He also mentioned that the Town has a healthy fund balance so they would use that to offset the cost. Todd Porter, Road Agent, discussed that the part of Holden Hill to be paved costs quite a bit of money to maintain every year as dirt. Todd said he spends \$3,000 just in chloride. He discussed that it is only 5/10ths of a mile, just past the Stewarts driveway. Don Martin moved and Shelly Barnes seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Selectman Bud Ross spoke to this article. Bud said there was \$10,000 and change in the Capital Reserve Fund. Ray L'abbe, Police Chief, mentioned that the cruiser would need to be replaced in three years. Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded the article, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$13,320) to repair and revitalize the Salt shed behind the Meetinghouse. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Lou Beam, Selectman, spoke to this article. Lou said that the building was of historical relevance to a village. Iron Wood Construction from Marlow had appraised the building as early 1900's. The building is in bad condition, there are holes in the roof, bugs and the concrete is impacted. Lou said they needed to either tear down or fix it. The building would not be fixed to historical measures, for cost reasons, but would be stabilized. Lou said that the quote contained having the concrete floor installed, 4 carrying beams, 4 new doors, repair of the exterior rot, and scrape and paint the building. Greg Chaffee asked what the building would be used for. Lou said that the town is lacking in storage space since leasing out the Municipal Building and Fire Department to the school. Lou said that it could be used for storage for the festival, fire department and any storage. Everett Adams said that it seemed a very reasonable price considering the cost of materials. Gina Beach asked about the roof and Lou said that the quote included a new corrugated roof.

Don Martin moved and Shelly Barnes seconded, passed by voice vote.

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$4,150) to paint the Old Fire Department. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Nate Chaffee, Selectman, spoke to the article. Nate said that the Old Fire Station was built in 1960 and the cinderblocks were never sealed and the weather had taken its toll over time. Nate said that the sealing and painting of the cinder blocks would extend its life. He said the paint would cut around the date and name. Also, the bell tower and trim would be painted. Mike Holmes asked if the cinderblocks would be repaired, yes, they would. Shelly Barnes asked if the windows would be replaced. Lou Beam said that there is no heat so they had not thought it necessary. Lou said that maybe under the general government buildings budget they could be replaced if the money is in there.

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded, passed by voice vote.

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars (\$5,375) to update three chapters of the Langdon Master Plan. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Lou Beam, Selectman, spoke to this article. He said that the Planning Board is updating the master plan. Lou said that the SWPC has the time to do the research that is not possible for a small board. SWPC would take over the basics; population and housing, transportation, and implementation. Lou mentioned that next year will be chapter four and then year three would continue a chapter. These costs would come out of the fund balance each year, if voted, or the Planning Board Budget.

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Article 13:

On petition of 14 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution or take any action thereon:

We call upon the United States to lead the global effort to prevent nuclear war by:

- *Renouncing the option of using nuclear weapons first
- *End the president's sole, unchecked authority to launch a nuclear attack
- *Taking U.S. nuclear weapons off hair-trigger alert
- *Canceling the plan to replace its entire arsenal with enhanced weapons
- *Actively pursuing a verifiable agreement among nuclear armed states to eliminate their nuclear arsenals

The Town Clerk is directed to send copies of this resolution, if adopted, to the two New Hampshire U.S. Senators and to the U.S. Representative for this district, and to the President of the United States, and the Secretary of State.

Lark Leonard, spoke to this article. Lark said that the movement was started by a group of non partisan scientists and does predate our current situation. She said that the US is in a vulnerable moment in time with treaties. She said that no matter the vote, she hopes everyone stays more aware of the nuclear situation.

Shelly Barnes moved to pass over this article and Steve Holmes seconded. Ayes to pass over 26 nays 8. Article is passed over.

Article 14:

To allow all accounts.

George Ross \$2500.

Lou Beam \$2200.

Nate Chaffee \$2200.

Shelly Barnes moved and Don Martin seconded, passed by voice vote, unanimous.

Lou beam discussed that the Selectboard is working hard to keep the budget down. He also mentioned that the tax rate for the school had gone down last year and is anticipated to go down again this year.

Chops Polcari thanked Todd Porter for the good work he does on Cold River Road.

Doug Beach discussed the project going on at the Langdon Church. He said that they do have a grant and are working on making it ADA compliant and adding a bathroom. Doug mentioned that the church is planning on having a yard sale and a vintage wedding dress show. He said he would like to see the building used to its potential.

Kim Mastrianni noted that the Fall Festival will be September 21st this year. She also mentioned that the Langdon Rec Committee is fundraising for a new playground at Sarah Porter.

Bud Ross said that they would be remiss not to thank Ray L'abbe for his many years of service, as he is set to retire, again.

Marilyn Martin talked about the Community Club closing in on 100 years. She mentioned that it has contributed to the food sheld, fishing derby, summer reading program, Sarah Porter School, and building a new storage space off the voting room. The Community Club has lost some members over the year and are looking for new volunteers. They meet on the third Thursday of the month at 1:00. Marilyn also asked if there was any interest in having the 1936 town history reprinted.

Shelly Barnes won the Community Club Quilt.

Adjourn:

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Jarvis, Town Clerk

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 10th day of March, 2020 at 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, Ten of the clock a.m. until Seven p.m.)

(Article 2 through 14 will be acted on at the Regular business meeting commencing at Seven-Fifteen p.m.)

Article 1: To choose, in a manner provided by law, all necessary officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$591,717) for the general operating expenses of the Town. This article does not include special or individual articles addressed. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$197,500) for the purchase of a new 2020 Ford F-550 Walk In Rescue Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Dollars (\$131,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase of a Fire/Rescue Truck, Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) to come from general taxation and to authorize the issuance of not more than Forty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$46,500) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required) The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Dollars (\$16,000) for the purpose of purchasing SCOTT Air Tanks for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase of SCOTT Air Tanks, the remaining Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to be raised through general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars (\$86,765) for the purpose of purchasing a new 2020 Ford F-550 Truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$56,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purchase of Highway Equipment, the remaining Thirty Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty-Five Dollars (\$30,765) to be raised through general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$7,400) toward the purchase of Sand, Salt and Gravel. Funds to come from the State of New Hampshire Infrastructure Grant. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$128,000) for the purpose of installing culverts and paving the upper half of the existing dirt section of Holden Hill Road with base and top layers. Eighty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$83,000) to come from the unassigned Fund Balance and the remaining Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) to come from general taxation. This will complete the Holden Hill Project. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred and Five Dollars (\$5,505) for the completion of the Langdon Master Plan. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance with no amount to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$6,700) to replace and/or update five Town computers (Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Planning Board, Administrative Assistant and Police Department). Funds to be raised by general taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 11: To allow the Town to add a new line item to the budget for the Heritage Commission; and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500) this year for the Heritage Commission. Funds to be raised by general taxation. This Article is simply to bring clarity to the proper line for distribution. The Selectmen recommend this article. (3-0)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 231:81, to declare the portion of Winch Hill Road beginning at the intersection of Winch Hill Road and Crane Brook Road and continuing northwesterly up Winch Hill Road for a distance of 0.5 miles closed annually from December 15th to April 15th. The Selectmen recommend this article (3-0).

Article 13: To allow all accounts.

Article 14: 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 Twenty.

Lucien Beam, Chair

Nathan Chaffee

Devin Gallagher

1	2	3		4	5	6	7
Acct. #	Purpose of Appropriations (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art # 2019	Warr. Art # 2020	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
4130-4139	Executive (Town Officers Salaries)			29,500	28,721	29,500	
4140-4149	Election, Reg & Vital Statistics			1,000	524	3,000	
4150-4151	Financial Admin (Town Officers Exp.)			34,500	30,885	32,500	
4152	Revaluation of Property			16,000	15,654	16,000	
4153	Legal Expense			4,000	2,996	4,000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning			2,000	1,114	1,500	
4194	General Government Buildings			32,000	25,054	28,000	
4195	Cemeteries			10,650	3,805	10,650	
4196	Insurance			23,216	19,791	26,589	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.			1,100	1,096	2,100	
4199							
PUBLIC SAFETY							
4210-4214	Police			45,000	59,183	65,234	
4210-4214	School Resource Officer			72,000	73,365	72,000	
4215-4219	Ambulance			8,424	8,424	8,424	
4220-4229	Fire			31,989	32,098	32,000	
HIGHWAYS & STREETS							
4312	Highways & Streets			198,519	218,607	200,870	
SANITATION							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal			40,000	40,000	45,500	
HEALTH							
4414	Pest Control (Dogs)			1,000	754	1,000	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other			3,500	1,500	2,000	
WELFARE							
4441-4442	Admin. & Direct Assistance			1,500	0	1,000	
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other			500	0	500	
CULTURE & RECREATION							
4550-4559	Library			5,100	5,100	5,100	
4583	Patriotic Purposes			225	250	250	
	Fall Mtn. Food Shelf Donation			3,000	3,000	3,000	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation			1,200	647	1,000	
DEBT SERVICE							
4711	Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes			14,872	15,318	0	
4721	Interest Long Term Bonds & Notes			1,820	1,374	0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY							
4902	Highway Paving	#8	#7	105,000	87,458	128,000	
4902	Old Fire Department	#11		4,150	4,150	0	
4902	Town Common	#6		5,000	5,000	0	
4902	Old Salt Shed	#10		13,320	13,320	0	
4902	Master Plan Updates	#12	#9	5,375	5,375	5,505	
4902	Ford F-550 Fire Dept		#3	0		197,500	
4902	SCOTT Air Packs		#4			16,000	
4902	Ford F-550 Highway		#5			86,765	
4902	Heritage Commission		#11			500	
4902	Sand, Salt, Gravel		#6			7,400	
4902	Computers		#10	0		6,700	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund						
	Highway Equipment	#7		20,000	20,000	0	
	SCOTT Packs	#5		4,000	4,000	0	
	Police Dept. Cruiser	#9	#8	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Rescue Vehicles	#4		20,000	20,000	0	
	Refunds:			0	0	0	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS				764,460	753,563	1,045,087	
LESS REVENUES				411,525	443,189	678,973	
TAXES TO BE RAISED				352,935	310,374	366,114	

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	Source of Revenue	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Tax		0	247	0
3185	Timber Taxes		2,500	8,258	2,500
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		12,000	22,661	8,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		100	575	100
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		0	0	0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		140,000	162,673	150,000
3230	Building Permits		250	1,350	250
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,200	1,263	1,200
	Forest Fire Reimbursement		0	0	0
OTHER GOVERNMENTS					
3379	From FMRSD (School Resource Officer)		72,000	69,879	88,000
3379	From FMRSD (Detail)		0	3,630	4,000
3351	Shared Revenues		0	0	0
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		30,000	35,507	30,000
3353	Highway Block Grant		60,000	61,619	60,000
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		300	339	300
3359	Misc. State Revenues		100	8,026	7,500
3379	From Other Governments (Court Fines)		0	350	0
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments (Police)		0	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		0	0	10,000
3502	Interest on Investments		700	1,341	1,000
3503-3509	Other (Copies, Maps, Histories)		25	0	25
3503-3509	Others (Refunds & Insurance Payment)		100	2,194	100
3503-3509	Reimbursement from Food Shelf		1,500	3,813	5,193
3503-3509	Other (Reimbursement from Heritage)		0	0	0
3503-3509	Other (Rent of Property)		19,400	15,383	22,100
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3916	Cemetery Perpetual Care		700	0	700
3915	Paving (Fund Balance)		60,000	60,000	83,000
3915	Master Plan (Fund Balance)		5,375	5,375	5,505
3916	Cemetery Fund (Winch/Putnam)		500	1,458	500
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		0	0	199,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3394	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		0	0	0
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			406,750	465,941	678,973

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

	Jan. 1 st , 2019	Dec. 31 st , 2019
Current Assets:		
Cash and equivalents:	\$ 736,575	\$ 614,956
Taxes Receivable:	\$ 143,436	\$ 189,076
Liens Receivable:	\$ 94,942	\$ 77,958
Accounts Receivable:	\$ 18,750	\$ 21,139
Total Assets:	\$ 993,703	\$ 903,129
Liabilities and Fund Equity		
Due to School District:	\$490,926	\$ 479,415
Warrants and Accounts Payable:	\$ 18,750	\$ 21,139
Total Liabilities:	\$ 509,676	\$ 500,554
Fund Equity:		
Unassigned:	\$ 484,027	\$ 484,027
Total Fund Equity:	\$ 484,027	\$ 402,575
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity:	\$ 993,703	\$ 903,129



WE are counting on YOU for a complete & accurate count.

Summary of Inventory Valuation 2019

<u>Land Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Current Use	8,148.91	\$ 869,501
Residential	1,321.89	\$ 15,415,800
Commercial/Industrial	98.710	\$ 1,057,700
Total of Taxable Land:	9,571.31	\$ 17,569,228
Tax Exempt and non-taxable	641.710	\$ 1,574,191

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$ 36,022,910
Manufactured Housing	\$ 896,870
Commercial / Industrial	\$ 1,650,280
Total of Taxable Buildings:	\$ 38,570,060
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable	\$ 7,969,520

Public Utilities: **\$ 1,502,910**

Total Valuation before Exemptions:	\$ 57,445,871
Less Elderly Exemptions	\$ 228,500
Net Value for Municipal Tax Rate:	\$ 57,217,371
Less Utilities	\$ 1,532,810
Net Value for State Education Tax Rate	\$ 55,684,561

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019

Cash Balance on hand on January 1, 2019		\$736,575.29
Remittance from the Tax Collector	1,584,608.41	
Remittance from the Town Clerk	163,936.50	
Total - Town of Langdon		1,748,544.91
Remittance from State of NH		
Highway Block Grant	61,619.39	
Rooms & Meals Tax	35,506.84	
Reimbursement State Forest Land	338.67	
State Infrastructure Grant	7,430.72	
Total - State of New Hampshire		104,895.62
Miscellaneous Receipts		
School Resource Officer Reimbursement	83,338.27	
Local Police Officer Details	1,100.00	
Permits	1,350.00	
Planning and Zoning Boards	200.00	
Rent - Municipal Bldg	13,073.00	
Interest Income	1,216.04	
Cemetery - Interest	2,994.73	
Food Shelf Reimbursement for expenses	5,163.04	
Closing Covered Bridge Acct,	1,000.00	
Fines	350.00	
Escrow Accts	431.84	
Refunds	247.05	
UCC Filings	595.00	
Misc. Void Checks	592.19	
Total Miscellaneous		111,651.16
Total Income		1,965,091.69
Paid on Selectmen's Orders	1,911,390.57	
Police, Highway, and Town Officer Payroll Acct	175,000.00	
Supplies for checking acct.	320.61	
Total Expenditures		\$2,086,711.18
Balance on Hand December 31, 2019		\$614,955.80

Respectfully Submitted, Kathleen A. Beam, Treasurer

2019 Tax Rate Calculation

Gross Town Appropriations	\$ 764,460	
Less Revenues	(\$ 382,771)	
Less Fund Balance Used:	(\$ 65,375)	
Add overlay	\$ 5,289	
Add War Service Credits	\$ 19,500	
Net Town Appropriation:		\$ 341,103
Regional School Apportionment	\$ 1,393,989	
Less Adequate Education Grant	(\$ 313,699)	
Less State Education Taxes	(\$ 124,440)	
Net Local School Appropriation:		\$ 955,850
State Education Tax		\$ 124,440
County Tax		\$ 165,832
Total Property Taxes Assessed:	\$ 1,567,725	
Less War Service Credits	(\$19,500)	
Total Property Tax Commitment:		\$1,548,225

2019 Tax Rate:

Town	\$ 5.96
School	\$ 16.71
State Education	\$ 2.23
County	\$ 2.90
TOTAL RATE:	\$ 27.80

Report of the Langdon Tax Collector Fiscal Year 2019

This year will mark my 13th year serving as your Tax Collector that has gone by very quickly. I will continue with my Monday hours and scheduled appointments as needed.

Payment options: mail to; Langdon Tax Collector PO Box 335 Alstead NH 03602; I accept the **postmark** as the payment date. There is also a secure **payment drop box** on the outside of the municipal building for collection of check or money order payments. For security reasons I **do not** accept payments at my home and the Town Clerk is not authorized to accept tax payments. I am also available by appointment; call 603-835-6260 or email Langdontaxcollector@yahoo.com.
HYPERLINK "mailto:Langdontaxcollector@yahoo.com"com, to arrange an appointment.

2020 Tax Year Important Dates

February –Mail Notice of Arrearage (unpaid taxes and interest for 2019)

March – Notice of Arrearage Due (unpaid taxes and interest for 2019)

April – Lien Notices issued (unpaid taxes and interest for 2019)

May – Lien Notice due (if 2019 taxes and interest are unpaid lien issued with the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds and additional fees are added to balance)

2020 1st issue tax bills are mailed.

June – Deed notices mailed for 2017 taxes, fees and interest

July – 2019 1st issue tax bills due

Deed notice due for 2017. taxes, fees and interest are due.

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

November – 2020 2nd issue tax bills are mailed

December – 2020 2nd issue tax bill due

Interest Rates for Late Payments:

Current Years Tax bills – 8%

Taxes currently in the Lien or Deed process – 14% (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%

Tax Exemptions and Help: The Veteran's credit has changed and now applies to anyone honorably discharged from the military, regardless of your time of service. The Low to Moderate Income forms and Elderly Exemptions forms are also available at the town office.

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



Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2018	Year: 2017	Year: 2016
Property Taxes	3110		\$135,387.81	(\$5,239.50)	(\$1,208.85)
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				\$114.11
Excavation Tax	3187			\$/4.14	
Other Taxes	3189		\$0.32	(\$73.77)	\$628.80
Property Tax Credit Balance					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	3110	\$1,576,389.18		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$3,500.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$8,702.90		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$536.68		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes	3110	\$473.05			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Cost Before Lien	3190		\$664.00		
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$573.58	\$7,085.10		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$1,590,175.39	\$143,137.23	(\$5,239.13)	(\$465.94)



Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes	\$1,388,380.13	\$78,779.87	(\$3,818.47)	\$175.29
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,500.00			
Yield Taxes	\$8,258.19			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$573.58	\$7,030.31		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$536.68			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$56,789.41		
cost not liened		(\$75.50)		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes		\$0.98		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes		\$75.50		
interest		\$536.66		
Current Levy Deeded				

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	2016
Property Taxes	\$189,076.19	\$481.55	(\$1,421.03)	(\$1,384.14)
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$444.71			\$114.11
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes		(\$481.55)	(\$123.77)	\$628.80
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$594.09)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$1,590,175.39	\$143,137.23	(\$5,363.27)	(\$465.94)



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2017	Year: 2016	Year: 2015
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$53,448.66		\$3,713.74
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$3,549.08		\$1,092.06
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$56,997.74	\$0.00	\$4,805.80

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2017	2016	2015
Redemptions	\$19,808.69	\$19,722.93	\$23,837.83	\$3,713.74
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$1,529.46	\$3,549.08	\$8,886.09	\$1,092.06
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$4,065.55	\$1,584.72		
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$36,902.56	\$32,141.01	\$8,914.68	
Total Credits	\$62,306.26	\$56,997.74	\$41,638.60	\$4,805.80

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

Andrea J.

Preparer's Last Name

Cheeny

Date

Feb 24, 2020

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.

Andrea J. Cheeny
Preparer's Signature and Title

Town of Langdon, NH Trustee of the Trust Funds For the year Ended December 31, 2019

Name and Date Created	Purpose	How Invested	Beg Bal	New Funds	Interest Earned	Expended	End Bal
Cemtery Funds 1996	Mascoma	Saving	\$ 6,143.05		\$ 3.07		\$ 6,146.12
Grand Total Cemetary Funds			\$ 6,143.05		\$ 3.07		\$ 6,146.12
MBIA Capital Reserves:							
Trustee Working Fund 1996	Working Fund	MBIA	\$ 10,219.22		\$ 221.86		\$ 10,441.08
Highway Equipment 1996	Highway Equip	MBIA	\$ 36,189.69	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 793.53		\$ 56,983.22
Fire/Rescue Truck 1996	Fire/Rescue	MBIA	\$ 109,469.22	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 2,384.44		\$ 131,853.66
Cemetary Perpetual Care 1996	Perpetual care	MBIA	\$ 39,759.42	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 853.43	\$ 724.57	\$ 41,888.28
Cem Major Improvements 99	Cemetary Land	MBIA	\$ 10,224.02		\$ 221.96		\$ 10,445.98
Police Cruiser 2005	Police Cruiser	MBIA	\$ 10,301.90	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 225.62		\$ 15,527.52
Langdon Elem School 2009	Elem School	MBIA	\$ 42,313.18		\$ 918.64		\$ 43,231.82
Fire Scott Air Packs 2017	Fire/Rescue	MBIA	\$ 8,133.62	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 178.15		\$ 12,311.77
Grand Totals MBIA Capital Reserves			\$ 266,610.27	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 5,797.63	\$ 724.57	\$ 322,683.33
Winch Perpet Care Fund 1958	Perpetual Care	Putnam Funds	\$ 48,608.74		\$10,175.94		\$ 58,784.68
Mascoma Savings Bank		Checking	\$ 11,445.89	\$ 53,182.27		\$ 53,457.70	\$ 11,170.46
(* Debits & credits of checkbook)							
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS			\$ 332,807.95	\$ 104,182.27	\$ 15,976.64	\$ 54,182.27	\$ 398,784.59

Hayes Stagner
 Patricia Comeau
 Tina Christie
 Trustees of the Trust Funds

Langdon Town Clerk Report 2019

January 1st, 2019 – December 31st, 2019



Town Clerk Hours

Mondays: 1:00pm to 2:30pm

Thursdays: 4:00pm to 6:30 pm

The First Saturday of the Month

8:00am to 11:00am

Fees Collected 2019

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	1081
Total Registration & Title Fees Collected	\$ 152,552.00
Vital Records Fees	\$ 200.00
Dog Licenses and Fines	\$ 1,460.50
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Total	\$ 154,212.50

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Jarvis

Town Clerk

2020 Dog License Information

Puppies (4-7 Months)	\$7.50
Neutered or Spayed	\$7.50
Unaltered	\$10.00
Senior discount	\$3.00

(Owner who is 65 years of age or older, for their first dog only)

New Hampshire Law requires that all dogs must be registered by APRIL 30TH of each year. Please remember to bring a valid rabies certificate for each animal.



Town of Langdon 2019 Selectboard Report

As we close the old year and start a new year, we have a lot to be thankful for.

Thank you to all who volunteer your time to make Langdon a better place to live. A shout out to our recreation committee as they raised the funds to build a new playground for both the students at Sarah Porter as well as the town to enjoy. I would also like to recognize Andrea Cheeney and her committee who make up the Fall Festival. This has become an annual event that brings our Town together and allows us the opportunity to enjoy the company of our friends and neighbors on this very special day.

As always, our thanks for the outstanding service provided to us by the Langdon Fire and Rescue. This team of individuals, spear headed by Greg Chaffee, our Chief, provide the security of having both fire and rescue professionals available in our time of need. Their countless hours of training and self-giving make our community a better place to live.

A special note of thanks goes to Bruce and Ginger Cheeney for their generous donation of time and materials as we reconstructed the Town Common. I would also like to thank Chris Porter, of Porter & Son Construction, for their generous donation of time and equipment as we trenched for electricity and the planting of four new trees. Also, a special thank you to Robert Cunniff Jr., who made a special trip from Boston to advise and help in the planting of our new trees on our beautiful Town Common.

The Selectboard would also like to recognize Kathie Beam for her 33 years of service to the town as both Treasurer and past Town Clerk. Kathie will partially retire as she will become the Deputy Treasurer and support the newly elected treasurer for the coming year.

So, what have we been able to accomplish as we took on the challenges of managing the town in 2019?

The third phase of Holden Hill has been completed as new gravel and culverts were laid down before the new asphalt was in place. Repairs including a new cement floor, sill work, new stairs and roof, along with painting took place at the Old Salt Shed building next to the Town Hall. We were able to paint the old Fire Station and replace the old wooden overhead doors with new ones.

We were able to re-construct the Town Common by replacing the old top soil with new, trenched and laid new electrical to provide outlets for the four new trees, a flowering Locust, a flowering Pear, a Maple and the new Christmas tree.

We were faced with a number of emergencies throughout the year which impacted heavily on the budgets of our various departments. The unusual warm weather this past winter put a heavy burden on salt, sand, and gravel as well as stone, as our Highway Department fought a losing battle with mud in late winter.

Unexpected expenses for vehicle repair, computer upgrades and wages pushed the Police Department to be over on their budget. The good news is that the Town received a \$7,400 grant that we were allowed to use to off-set the overage.

Emergency repairs to Crane Brook Bridge required the Town to use monies from our Fund Balance totaling Thirteen Thousand Dollars. We are forever grateful to Todd Porter, our Road Agent, who worked alongside Cold River Bridges and by doing so saved the Town Twelve Thousand Dollars from the proposed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollar quote.

As some may know the Town of Langdon has been involved in a lawsuit with Fairpoint Communications for over six years. The Town of Langdon, along with many towns in the State, was found guilty in over charging for taxes as a result of using an incorrect formula for determining taxes mandated by the State. As a result of this decision the Town was given a one-time opportunity by Fairpoint to settle the dispute at a reduced amount. The settlement of \$48,000 which required a Public Hearing, as well as approval from the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, allowed the Town to pay the settlement by use of the Town Fund Balance.

Voted at last years Town Meeting was the approval to develop a new Master Plan. The third module for the Langdon Master Plan is close to completion and will be ready in February for review. These three modules satisfy the minimum requirements of the State as each Town is required to have an updated Master Plan in place. When completed in 2020 the Towns' Master Plan will consist of five modules; of which the remaining two will be completed by the end of 2020, if approved by Warrant Article.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of getting out and voting. This year on the School warrant will be an article that allows the Town of Charlestown to withdraw from the Fall Mountain School District. A vote to allow withdrawal will impact your school taxes by an additional 13% which is roughly a \$122,000 dollar increase in Langdon's school taxes. A withdrawal by Charlestown from the current SAU will have a significant impact on our students as well as every tax payer in the four remaining towns.

Lucien Beam
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

Langdon Fire Chief's Report 2019

The Langdon Fire and Rescue responded to 73 calls in 2019.

Rescue Calls	44	Fire Alarm	4
Mutual Aid	11	Service	1
Tree down	9	Odor investigation	1
Chimney Fire	2		
Wires down	1		

The department continues to train weekly. We 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. On Sunday mornings we meet at the station to do an equipment check. In addition to our weekly in-house drills, we were able to host the following drills for area towns:

- * A drill with Cota and Cota for propane emergencies.
- * An Electrical Hazards Awareness Training sponsored by the NH Fire Academy taught by representatives from the NH Co-op and Eversource.

During this past year, we attended fire training in area towns for the following:

- *Large vehicle rescue training in Charlestown.
- *NH Warden and Deputy Warden training in Keene.
- *First Due without a crew training in Charlestown.

The Langdon Fire Department along with Emergency Management Director, Virginia Foote, applied for a \$6000 grant for EMS in the Warm Zone Equipment. Seventy five percent of Langdon personnel had to complete two on-line trainings to qualify for this grant. The online classes were Ems in the Warm Zone Awareness and EMS in the Warm Zone Operations. These online trainings were presented at the high school by Jeff Duluc from the state of NH Fire Academy. In addition to the online training, personnel also needed to participate in a four-hour practical put on by the State of NH Fire Academy. I am happy to report that we met the qualifications and did receive this grant.

We continue to take courses to be sure personnel's certifications stay current.

The following people took a CPR refresher course in June:

Curt Barnes, Shelly Barnes, Ken Hart, Matt Barnes, Nate Chaffee, Mike Kmiec, Dave Barton, Virginia Foote and Greg Chaffee

We enjoy staying active in our community through the following activities:

- *Providing rescue personnel for the Langdon Fishing Derby.
- *Providing fire safety education to students at Sarah Porter School and Early Learning Center. Each child received fire safety packets and enjoyed a visit from Smokey Bear.
- *Providing fire personnel for the F.M.R.H.S. Homecoming Weekend.
- *Providing candy, doughnuts and hot beverages on Halloween in the village.

We were also able to represent Langdon in the Bellows Falls Fire Parade in October and we attended the Epsom Truck Show with the 1946 Willey's Jeep in May.

The fundraisers that we did in 2019 were very successful. We held our annual Mother's Day Breakfast at our fire station, and we provided a food booth at the Langdon Fall Festival. Proceeds from our fundraisers help us buy 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, Selectman Office and the Highway Department for working so closely with us.

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

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in joining the department, please call me at 835-6418.

Respectfully Submitted,

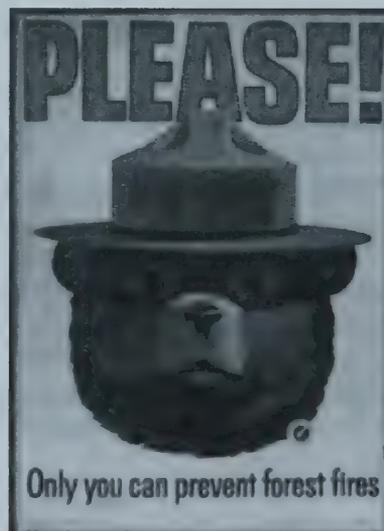
Greg Chaffee
Langdon Fire Chief

Langdon Forest Fire Warden Report 2019

This year was very somber for us, with the passing of Fred Roentsch, we had a big loss in the Fire Department. I was very honored to be asked to drive Fred home to Langdon by the family, and it was an honor to bring him home in the jeep, with Chief Chaffee riding with me.

The spring was good to us, plenty of rain and everything turned green fast, so the fire danger was low most of the summer. Thank you to all that reached out for permits, as in the past, just give a call or come to the station on Sunday mornings around 10am and we can get the permits filled out. The State also has an online permit site www.NHfirepermit.com, and we have signed our town up for this service. My home phone is (603) 835-6959 or my cell is (603) 209-6918. To report an emergency please dial 911 or 352-1100.

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Barnes
Langdon Forest Fire Warden



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout the state. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is 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. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire 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!

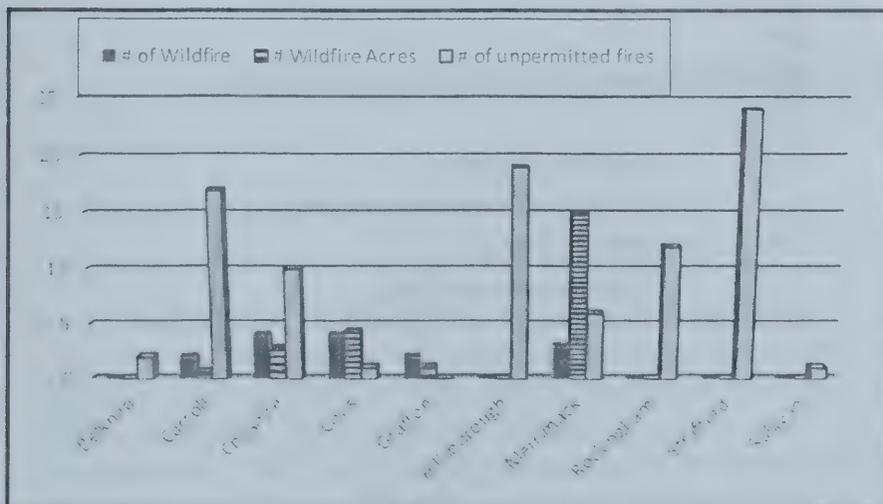
The Forest Protection Bureau and local fire departments were very busy this year celebrating Smokey Bear's 75th year preventing wildfires. Many events were held at local libraries, in fact, this program was so successful we will be offering it again in 2020. We were fortunate enough to partner with the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and bring the Smokey Hot Air Balloon to Franconia Notch in August. The weather was fantastic and hundreds of people got the chance to ride in the balloon! Smokey's message has always been about personal responsibility – remember his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**



As we prepare for the 2020 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY 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. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping 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 www.nh.gov/nhdfl.

2019 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2019)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

* Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3

Road Agent's Report 2019

As we close 2019 and open the door to 2020 let's review over our progress and what's upcoming.

Roads graveled in 2019 include the Upper half of Egerton, the lower half of Comstock, Kelley Road and the lower part of Meany Road. Total yards used were 1150. The remaining gravel in the pit is 450 yards. Culverts to be replaced in 2020 will be 60ft for the lower half of Winch Hill and 40ft on Kelley Road, and to complete the Holden Hill Project, we will need 180ft of culvert plus the 7/10 of a mile to be paved. Crack sealing was completed on Hemlock, Old Drewsville and Comstock Roads this year. 2020 will be the upper half of Holden Hill, and the upper half of Crane Brook Road. Roadside mowing was completed this year with a huge thank you to Ron Batchelder. Equipment repair costs this year were extremely high:

2011 Ford F550 over \$7,000 dollars were spent

2011 International approximately \$13,000

2016 F550 around \$3,000

2016 John Deere Backhoe has had 0 issues only scheduled maintenance

With the extreme "mud season" of 2019 we encountered unexpected costs of around \$9,000 including repairs to many dirt roads in Town and having to use several hundred yards of 1 ½" stone. As we know Mother Nature is hard to predict. I would like to extend congratulations to my part time helper, Kevin Beal, for putting in his 10th year of service with the Town, and as always a huge thank you to all the Townspeople, Fire Department, Police Department, Selectboard, Porter and Sons Construcion, Keith Short Trucking and Pelton's Construction.

Respectfully Submitted,

Todd A. Porter

Langdon Road Agent

Building Inspector's Report

The following is a list of Building Permit Activity for the Town this year.

1- Commercial Permit (Shop and Office)
2- Residential Homes
2- Residential Home Foundations
2- Garage and Shop Foundations

1- Residential Garage
2- Addition and Accessory Building
1- Code Violation
11- Total Permits for 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Everett Adams

Langdon Building Inspector

2019 Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a very quiet year. There were two public hearings held for the same piece of property on the corner of Cheshire Turnpike and Mellish Road. A variance to the septic system setback was granted, as well as changing the zoning of the lot from Residential to Commercial. The board is continuing their work to set more clear guidelines for operation. If there are any towns people with expertise in zoning rules and regulations, and time to give, we would love to hear from you. We meet on an as needed basis. If you have any questions, or would like to request a meeting, please contact any member of the Zoning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Foote
Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustment
603-504-8013
footev@yahoo.com



The 2020 U.S. Decennial Census begins in March and April

Every ten years the US Constitution requires an 'enumeration' of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as "The Census." For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than 675 billion dollars will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more. This year, you will have the option of responding on-line, over the telephone or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participates and that all household members be included. Make sure that our community counts!

2019 Report of the Emergency Management Director

In 2019 Emergency Management spent a lot of time working on EMS in the Warm Zone (training and planning for Active Shooter Events) and Emergency Operations in our schools. Unfortunately, times are changing and active shooters have become a real threat to our communities and public places. The State of NH and Homeland Security has recognized this threat and is trying to better prepare emergency services through grant funding for equipment to be used during these incidents. Fire Chief Greg Chaffee and myself submitted and received a \$6000 grant from NH Emergency Management and Homeland Security to purchase equipment for our first responders to use in Active Shooter Incidents. This equipment helps to keep the first responders safe and assists in rapid treatment of critically injured patients. Members of the Fire and Rescue Department had to complete training on Active Shooter Incidents as part of the grant requirements. Many first responders from our neighboring towns received the same training so that we can easily work together should an incident occur. While we hope we never need to use any of this, we are now much better prepared for those types of operations.

I also had a couple meetings with the Superintendent of SAU 60 and other school and area emergency officials, to assist them in updating the School District's Emergency Response Plans. The school district has made huge progress on updating and improving how they operate during an emergency. They are working hard on developing the "Fall Mountain Mindset" and getting all staff educated and trained on how to respond in emergencies. 2020 will bring opportunities for the schools to work and train with their town's emergency services.

Lastly, it is past time to update our Town's Emergency Operations Plan. This plan is updated every ten years and we are at the ten-year mark. A committee is being formed and resources are being gathered to complete this project. We are hopeful that the Town will receive a grant to help pay for outside professional resources to assist us in this process. If anyone would like to sit on the committee, or has any questions or comments about the plan, please let me know.

I feel very fortunate to live and serve in a town where departments can work so well together towards common goals. It makes the "job" that much better. Thank you to all for your time and commitment to making this town what it is.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Foote
Emergency Management Director
603-504-8013
footev@yahoo.com

Langdon Police Department Annual Report

2019 was a year of changes and transitions for the Langdon Police Department. Keeping that in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and update you on our personnel. My name is Stephen Murrell and I relocated to Langdon from NJ with a law enforcement background. I worked for the NJ State Park Service for almost 6 years and then became a law enforcement officer for the Town of Andover in NJ. I was with Andover Township for 15 years including my last 4 years as a Sergeant. I was also an EMT and on the volunteer fire department for 10 years. After moving to NH in 2014, I worked as the Director of Campus Safety at Landmark College in Putney, Vermont. I was hired as Chief of Police in Alstead in June of 2017 and started as Chief here in May.

Chief Ray L'abbe retired after a career of more than 30 years in law enforcement and more than 20 years as Chief. Thank you Chief L'abbe for your dedication and service to the Town of Langdon and its residents! Chief L'abbe overlapped with me for a month as we transitioned, his experience and knowledge of the Town are extensive and were very much appreciated.

Lt. Jonathan DeLisle has been covering the Town averaging approximately 50 hours per month. He mainly works morning and evening commutes, targeting speeders in our high traffic areas. Lt. DeLisle also responds to speeding/aggressive driving complaints, especially when inexperienced drivers are involved. A priority for our department is curtailing these operator's bad habits before they have a crash and injure themselves or others.

Sgt. Josh Wade works many evening hours covering Langdon. His understanding of and access to the Sullivan County Court System have proven extremely valuable over the past year.

Animal Control Officer Jesse Moore has continued to be an asset to the department and the town. There are a lot of dog and other animal calls throughout the year. Some of these can be complicated and ACO Moore makes himself available and follows through with the situation.

It has been a pleasure for me since May of this past year to get to know the citizens of Langdon. Some of you I met through calls for service to your residences, others I have met at various events in Town. Unfortunately, after only ten months as Chief in Langdon, I must step down for personal and political reasons. I am thankful for the opportunity to be Chief here, albeit even for this short time.

The support from the community given to our small department is wonderful. Thank you all for this continued support and hopefully you will back the police department in the future. Thank you again.

Respectfully,

Stephen D. Murrell
Chief of Police

ANNUAL REPORT 2019 LANGDON PLANNING BOARD

This past year we have been working on two Subdivisions, one Earth Excavation permit renewal, and updates for the Master Plan. All in all, we missed two meetings due to lack of a quorum or bad weather, called four special meetings, and held five public hearings.

In January, we accepted the resignation of Curt Barnes, followed by Pat Breslend in March. The Board misses these two knowledgeable and experienced members and we wish them well. Our door is always open to them or anyone in town who would like to sit in with us on the third Tuesday of the month.

Steve Coffey did just that in May, and we welcome his input and participation.

Helen Koss, Secretary Pro-Tem
Lou Beam, Ex-Officio
Mark Collins, Vice Chair
Mike Holmes
Steve Coffey

Respectfully submitted,
Chops Polcari, Chair

Langdon Heritage Commission Annual Report for 2019

One of the highest honors for the owners of an historic building is to have their building listed on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Buildings. Because of your support and the care of generations before, your Langdon Meetinghouse, the old Town Hall is now so listed!

What are the benefits of inclusion on the NR? It is simply an honorific, a statement of congratulations by the National Park Service that we have successfully preserved an historically important structure. In part, they do this to encourage us to remember, study and appreciate the people and events of our past so they can guide us in our present time. Our old meeting place holds important lessons from our ancestors when we consider its long life.

We congratulate the Selectmen for several preservation and beautification projects completed last year. They planted new, healthy trees on the Town Common and replanted the grass. They painted our old cement block Fire Station thereby preserving the cement from further erosion and making it far more attractive. They saved the circa 1900, or earlier, Salt Shed from falling in on itself. It is now structurally sound and visually appealing. They also spruced up the area around the Prentiss Bridge and removed graffiti, no small task.

In compliance with the New Hampshire and the U.S. Constitution and the State's 1819 Toleration Act, the Heritage Commission must maintain strict separation of church and town. However, it does not cross the line to express here our appreciation of the Congregational Church which plans to rehabilitate their historically significant and still important structure. According to Doug Beach, Tina Christie and their Board of Directors, their goal is to bring the building to code as a public meeting place for their church services as well as secular uses such as art shows, music, speakers, civic service organizations, film festivals and more. This is commendable and we look forward to a successful completion.

Meetinghouse use is regular and good to see. Such parties, festivals, art shows and private events are welcomed as is our 218th consecutive annual Town Meeting.

This past year the Heritage Commission sought guidance from the Historical Society of Cheshire County on best practices for archival collections. Several of us were offered a tour of their collection at which we learned much. In addition, we have engaged the help of their archivist Chris Pratt who has visited our archival room and will make additional consulting visits in 2020.

As chair of the LHC, I am grateful for the reliable participation of our Commissioners. Their good ideas and enthusiasm for our mission to preserve, promote, protect the historical and cultural resources of our town is invaluable.

We are all grateful for your support.

Dennis McClary: Chairman, Kathie Beam: Treasurer, Lorraine Chaffee: Recording Secretary, Andrea Cheeney: Corresponding Secretary, Lu Beam: Ex Officio, Cliff Oster, Laura Rheume, Mike Sweeney

Langdon Recreation Committee

This was a busy year for the Langdon Recreation Committee. In 2018 the Sarah Porter School's playground was deemed unsafe and removed from the grounds of the school. In the Spring of 2019 Rec. Committee Co-chair Andrea Cheeney and Community Volunteer Jessi Dussault started a fundraising campaign to fund a much needed new play structure for the school. With the help of the Community Members and local Businesses the pair were able to raise the funds needed for the structure by the end of the summer. We would like to thank the following folks for their generous support:

Jonathan & Linda Haar
In Memory of Nan Haar
Andrea & Greg Cheeney
Jessi & Griffin Dussault
Sharon & Joe Difranza
Kate & Josh Gallagher
Claremont Saving Bank
Jess Monty & Jay Brown
Canfield's Garage
Mark Tassinari
AEBI New England LLC.
Doug & Gina Beach
Demetria Clark
Chad Thurston
Lou & Kathy Beam
Dawn Tucker

Heather & Mark Pelow
Mike Pelow
Carroll Concrete
Fuzzy Brothers Construction
Griffin Construction
Kiwanis Claremont Charities
Loretta Zahn
Steve & Michelle Dussault
Rita Gulardo
Gendron Fisher Automotive
Roger and Beth Hodgkins
Jeff & Lisa Holmes
Tom Luck / Fall Mountain Small Engine
Josh & Katie Gallagher
Marley King
Dennis McClary & Marilyn Stuller

Landry Oil, LLC
Garage Door Rescue
Members of the Langdon Masonic Hall
Pelow And Son Paving
Shamrock Diesel
Lucius & Rhonda Fowler
Ruth Kemp
Mike & Stacey Nachajski
Cody & Hayley Drusel
Mark and Kitty Mervine
Bobbie Taylor
Ron & Phyllis Clark
Lark Leonard
Emilie Judge
Bart and Carole-Anne Centre
Lanny Difranza

The 12th annual Fall Festival was such a fun day for the Fall Mountain Area and our Town! The festival continues to be a success due to the support the committee receives from family members, the Town of Langdon, local businesses and the folks who visit every year. Visiting the festival has become a family tradition. We had several sponsors again this year the Town of Langdon, AEBI New England, Inc., Northern Lights Credit Union, Holmes Farm, Griffin Construction and Woodell and Daughters Forest Products. If your company is interested in sponsoring the festival, please contact Andrea at 603.835.6999 or email langdonfallfestival@gmail.com

The festival continues to grow each year. If you would like a booth for the 2020 festival, please contact the festival committee for information. The festival committee must approve all booth spaces. Also, if you have a quilt you would like to display please let us know.

For festival updates follow us on facebook : [Langdonfallfestival](https://www.facebook.com/Langdonfallfestival)

Please save the date for this year's festival: September 19, 2020 from 10am-3pm.

We really need your help! We had a lot of new volunteers in 2019 and look forward to adding more in 2020. If you are interested in helping out 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 | Katie Gallagher | Jess Jarvis | Kathie Beam



Vital Records 2019

Marriages

RHOADES, SUZANNAH to KNICELY, MICHAEL 02/09/2019

LAQUERRE, MICHELLE to LITTLE, MICHAEL 08/09/2019

Births

SHELLEY, ODIN ROBERT 10/24/2019 to AMBER JOYCE and CHRISTOPHER SHELLEY

Deaths

WILLIS, DAVID 03/13/2019

PELTON, FRANCIS 03/23/2019

STAGNER, SANDRA 04/05/2019

CLARK, ALVIN 05/21/2019

CARPENTER, FREDERICK 06/03/2019

BELLOWS, ELBRIDGE 08/13/2019

ROENTSCH, FREDERICK 09/28/2019

DILLON, MICHAEL 12/08/2019

PAYROLL - WAGES PAID BY TOWN IN 2019

Adams, Everett	Building Inspector	\$1,000
Barnes, Curtis	Sexton	\$2,153
Barnes, Michelle	Cemetery Labor	\$1,484
Beal, Kevin	Highway	\$20,282
Beam, Kathleen	Treasurer	\$2,000
Beam, Lucien	Selectman	\$2,200
Campbell, Linda	Dep. Treasurer	\$500
Chaffee, Greg	Fire Chief	\$1,000
Chaffee, Nathan	Selectman	\$
Cheeney, Andrea	Tax Collector	\$7,000
Christie, Tina	Dep. Town Clerk	\$270
Cunniff, Robert	Checklist Supervisor	\$90
DeLisle, Jonathan	Police Officer	\$14,843
Harrington, Myrna	Checklist Supervisor	\$105
Holmes, Jeffrey	Moderator	\$115
Jarvis, Jessica	Administrative Asst and Town Clerk	\$17,335
Kemp, Ruth	Checklist Supervisor	\$160
L'Abbe, Raymond	Police Chief	\$7,215
Moore, Jesse	Animal Control Officer	\$700
Murrell, Stephen	Police Chief	\$12,925
Porter, Todd	Road Agent	\$58,495
Ross, George	Selectman	\$2,500
Wade, Joshua	Police Officer	\$1,889



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

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, 2018, 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

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 described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Langdon as of December 31, 2018, 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 each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Langdon, as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension information on pages 23-25 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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 purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor and individual general fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

Concord, New Hampshire
October 15, 2019

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Librarian's Report 2019

For the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library, 2019 was a lively, busy year! Following a year marked by transition and time closed for repairs, this year we were happy to welcome 12,206 patron visits. This is not only an increase over 2018, but a 107% increase from the 2010 tally of 5,904 patron visits. I am thrilled to have so many community members using and enjoying this treasured resource.

Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is robust. In 2019:

- 17,368 items were checked out by the community.
- We downloaded 3982 items from NH Downloadables (also known as Overdrive). This represents a 22% increase in usage of electronic books and audiobooks over 2018!
- We added 1,263 items to our shelves.
- We welcomed 101 new patrons.
- Provided computer access to 1,180 visitors.
- We utilized the NH State Inter-Library Loan system to borrow 1,005 items for patrons. We loaned 656 items out to other libraries in the state.

In 2019, we hosted many events for patrons of all ages. Several are ongoing programs guided by community members that I am delighted will continue in 2020:

- In March we hosted a presentation with the Alstead Conservation Commission on the Connecticut River by Kathy Urffer of the Connecticut River Conservancy.
- A Poetry Jam in April honored National Poetry Month.
- A NH Humanities grant brought Richard Hesse to Shedd-Porter in May. Hesse led us in a fascinating discussion entitled "Civil Liberties v. National Security."
- We also hosted Thomas Farnen and his dog Bessie in May. This uplifting discussion of Farnen's book, *Watching the lights go out* was insightful and enjoyed by patrons of all ages. The book can be found in the library.
- Thanks to another grant from NH Humanities, we hosted Rebecca Rule in June. Rebecca's "That reminds me of a story..." had the crowd both laughing and enlightened about the importance of stories and oral tradition.
- In October we hosted Elizabeth Bunker of Langdon for a discussion and signing of her new book, *Breathtaking*. Congratulations and thank you Elizabeth! The book can be found in the library.
- Sharon Phennah volunteers her time and expertise leading discussions and providing individualized help to patrons with genealogy using Ancestry.com. Sharon comes to the library twice every month to provide this service. A huge thank you to Sharon! Her enthusiasm is infectious.
- We host an adult coloring group twice each month. New members are always welcome!
- Every third Saturday of the month we host "Civil Conversation." This spirited discussion is hosted by Joel McCarty. Thank you Joel!
- Cinnamon Buns Saturday is always the last Saturday of the month. It's a great time to catch up with neighbors, as well as enjoy coffee and delicious cinnamon buns. Please join us!

The library was also a busy place for children in 2019. We are pleased to host a variety of programs geared towards our youngest readers:

- I lead Storytimes at Alstead Primary School and Sarah Porter School.
- We offer a Weekly Storytime at the library led by Jessi Dussault – Fridays at 3:30, September through June.
- In 2019 we introduced a new book club for children ages 6-9 also led by Jessi Dussault. Called "Team Read," the club meets monthly. New members are always welcome!
- The Marion Holmes Summer Reading Club was a highlight of the summer. 58 local children joined. The program began with a visit from Wildlife Encounters.
- The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) awarded Shedd-Porter a Summer Readers Grant. Local author Michael Daley came to the library with a delightful mid-summer presentation. Every child got to take home two free books to keep!
- I am grateful to Betsey Stacey and Mitch Harrison of the Cold River Advisory Board for leading a river exploration during our Summer Reading Program. This event is always a crowd-favorite!
- Through a grant provided by the Kids Books and the Arts Program of the NH State Library, we hosted Bryson Lang, a juggler and comedian who was fun for all.
- Also during summer reading, musician Aaron Jones had our young children singing and dancing.

Cemetery Trustees Annual Report 2019

This past year has been a quiet one for the Cemetery Trustees. Routine mowing and trimming were performed by Curt and Shelly. Thank you to Curt and Shelly, job well done. The new storage shed got its final coat of paint, completing the project. Thank you Jess. The paint looks great. Nathan Beach graciously donated enough loam to even up the roadside along the Lower Cemetery in order to improve mowing without damaging the mowers. Thank you Nathan.

Trees were removed from both cemeteries this spring. Two dead maples in the upper and two overhanging oaks in the lower. Thank you Tom and Jane Esslinger for allowing us to remove the large oak in the southwest corner.

This coming year the plan is to work more on cleaning and straightening the stones in the lower cemetery.

The Trustees meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Selectboard room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Beach

Ron Batchelder

Diane Holmes

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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 and maintenance of the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2019 included:

MEMBERSHIP: Samantha Loch from Walpole joined our committee and Beverly Mason from Acworth has inquired about joining. Betsy Stacey has moved to Keene and will be missed. Shawn Broeder-Stevens will continue to oversee our river testing program but will not be able to attend meetings because of other commitments.

RIVER TESTING: two days of testing were completed at six locations and results sent to DES in Concord. Testing equipment is provided by DES where all maintenance and calibration are performed. In addition to committee members, Shawn was able to recruit two high school students for the third year to help with the testing, making the testing process very efficient and enjoyable.

STUDENT AWARDS: Thanks to the generosity of a community member over a number of years, our committee decided to create two awards for high school seniors. One award is for seniors who have participated in our committee work on the river and tributaries. The students will receive certificates recognizing their contribution and the DVD "Ken Burns: The National Parks- America's Best Idea".. The second award will be an Environmental Scholarship of \$500 available to a graduating senior to support continuing education in environmental programs. This scholarship will be presented at the High School Awards Banquet at the end of each scholastic year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: follow up on recommendations for construction of the bridge on RT 123A. Meetings relating to "In-stream flow analysis" relating to how stream flows should be managed to protect wildlife under abnormal conditions. This analysis should begin in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bowman, Beverly Mason (Acworth), Dick Aikin, Mitch Harrison, Shawn Stevens (Alstead), Fred Ernst (chair), Sam Loch, Gary Speed (Walpole).

New Hampshire State Library
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What's **Langdon** Town

Langdon Coffee Hour

The Langdon Coffee Hour was created as a means for Langdon citizens to get together over a cup of coffee and share what is going on in town and in their lives. Once we retire it is harder and harder to keep in touch with our neighbors.

Coffee Hour is in its fourth year and still serving as a way to keep updated. We meet October through May and not only are given a chance to visit but also have an opportunity to discuss town affairs such as the budget and also the school budget and activities with Jim Fenn, the SAU60 financial officer.

Please join us the first Wednesday, October through May, from 10-noon in the voting room at the Municipal Building. We are always welcoming new people who drop in for a cup of coffee and a cookie. Hope to see you next month.

Kathie Beam. 835-2907

The Langdon Community Club

The Langdon Community Club is a service organization open to all Langdon residents. Feel free to join us at our meeting on the third Thursday of every month at 1:00 at the Municipal Building.

Our goal is to give back to Langdon. We accomplish this by selling raffle tickets for the quilt we create each year. We also sell baked goods, jams and pickles our members donate.

We have also hosted meetings for the Sullivan County Farm Bureau and a Meet the Candidate forum last year.

The Sarah Porter School has received donations to buy books for each student and for their school library.

If you are interested in joining our group and want more information call: Julia Cunniff 835-2226 or Marilyn Martin. 835-6737.

Langdon Sewing and Craft Group

The Langdon Sewing and Craft Group is starting its third year. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 3:30 PM in the municipal building at the back entrance. We still have not adopted an official name for our group although some have been suggested.

Everyone is welcome to join our group. We have no dues. Just bring your craft supplies. We have a space for sewing machines, tying quilts or whatever. On site are cutting board, iron and ironing board.

If you are interested in learning a craft such as quilting, sewing, knitting or crocheting or just need advice or help with a project, come see us. We will do our best to help you resolve your issue.

Do you need an afternoon out to share a little time with other crafters and see what we are about? Come join us. Call Marilyn for more information. 835-6737

And don't forget to check out the Langdon Webpage at <http://langdonnh.org/> and the Town Facebook page to see other important and fun events!