

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of

FRANCONIA, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2016

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Bernadette Costa	(Term expires 2018)
John Lachapelle	(Term expires 2017)
Eric Meth	(Term expires 2019)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2017)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Leslie (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Roberts & Greene, PLLC (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard Gaudette (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Carol A. Wills (2018)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2018)

HEALTH OFFICER/DEPUTY

Dr Charles Wolcott (Appointed)

Herbie Bartlett (Appointed)

LIFE SQUAD CHIEF

Paul Schmucker (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

John K. Monaghan (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin	(2019)
Raymond Peltier	(2018)
Marcia Graham - Resigned	(2017)
Joan Hartford	(2017)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Melinda Richmond	(2017)	George Lewis	(2018)
Sharon Penney	(2017)	Bill Mellekas	(2019)
Harriet Taylor	(2017)	Elizabeth Andrews	(2019)
Charles Lovett	(2018)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Christi Gignac	Franconia	(2017)
Dennis Draper	Easton	(2017)
Luther Kinney, Chair	Sugar Hill	(2018)
Amy Mullins	Franconia	(2019)
Chris Thayer	Sugar Hill	(2019)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Christine Ash	Bethlehem	(2017)
Lynn Terres	Lafayette	(2017)
April Hibbard	Bethlehem	(2018)
Alice Roche	Lafayette	(2018)
Kim Shillieto, Chair	Bethlehem	(2019)
Rick Christoffersen	Bethlehem	(2019)
Michael Culver	Lafayette	(2019)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Karen Foss	(2017)
Joseph Germano	(2017)
David Starr	(2017)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

James Forrest	(2019)
Lydia Cumbee	(2020)
Susan Moore	(2021)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

PLANNING BOARD

Thad Presby, Chairman	(2019)	Mary Grote	(2017)
Eric Meth, Selectman	(2019)	Brian Williams, Vice Chair	(2017)
Mark Hessler	(2018)	Lydia Cumbee	(2017)
Keith Batchelder	(2018)	Richard Reinhold	(2017)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Lydia Cumbee, Planning Board	(2017)	Peter Grote	(2019)
Phil Krill, Chairman	(2018)	Frank Clulow, Vice Chair	(2019)
Susan Retz	(2018)	Elizabeth Andrews, Alternate	(2019)
Bill Mellekas, Alternate	(2018)		

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kim Cowles, Chair	(2017)	Eric Pospesil	(2018)
Mary Grote, Planning Board	(2017)	Virginia Jeffreys	(2018)
Chris Nicodemus	(2018)	William McCarthy	(2019)
Mary Grote, Planning Board	(2017)		

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton	Franconia	Sugar Hill
Matt Koehler, Chair	Adam Boyer	Haley Ireland
John Hynes	Meghan McPhaul	Launa Glover
	Beth Horan	
	Frank Pinter	

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Jayne O'Connor (2017)	Mary Brubaker (2018)	Barbara Holt (2019)
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AUDIT COMMITTEE

Brian Williams	Virginia Mike	Mark Hesler
Claudia Lachapelle	Peter Grote	John Lachapelle, Selectmen

NORTHERN PASS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

Eric Meth, Selectmen	Virginia Jeffreys	Walter Palmer
	Peter Grote	

WAGES & SALARY COMMITTEE

John Lachapelle, Selectmen	Lydia Cumbee	Dawn Steele
Jeff Woodward		Tinalyn Caisse Knox

ROBERTS & GREENE, PLLC

Independent Auditor's Report

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franconia, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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 of 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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Franconia, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1.8.5. to the financial statements, in 2015, the Town adopted new accounting guidance regarding the accounting and reporting for pensions. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension related schedules on pages 34 and 35 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 Franconia 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 basic financial statements of the Town of Franconia. The combining and individual 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. The 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 financial 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 combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

December 14, 2016

Robert A. Heene, PLLC

BALANCE SHEET
For the year ending December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$1,472,045.48
Investments – NH-PDIP		3,015.48
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$223,030.66	
Yield Tax – Current	327.44	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>144,248.54</u>	
		367,606.64
Other Accounts Receivable		
Dow Clock Fund	1,403.15	
Dow Events Fund	1,720.40	
Police Coverage	900.00	
Franconia Water Department	1,871.71	
Town of Easton	<u>3,955.39</u>	
		9,850.65
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund		<u>11,793.50</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,864,311.75

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		\$ 2,073.46
Accrued Payroll Compensation		40,048.00
Due to Other Funds		
Land Use Fund		35.00
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	588,782.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	689,902.00	
		1,278,384.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,320,530.46

FUND EQUITY

TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>543,781.29</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,864,311.75

NOTES FROM THE SELECT BOARD 2016

Our Community has weathered several challenges this year and only with the dedication of our employees, the commitment of our volunteers and the empathy of our residents have we overcome them. The unexpected resignation of our Buildings and Grounds Supervisor, the sudden death of Chippa Dimmick, our cheerful Transfer Station Attendant, the retirement of our long time administrative assistant, Sally Small, and most recently the illness and death of Joel Peabody, our Deputy Treasurer (as well as long time former Life Squad Chief and Fire Captain) have all contributed to a somewhat melancholy year.

However, the Town has also made progress in several areas as listed below:

- initiated efforts to prevent future winter/ice jam/flood destruction along Plantation Road
- completed the Town revaluation
- continuing to actively pursue the collection of unpaid property taxes, including decisions to deed several properties
- involvement in the Northern Pass Transmission permitting process (before the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee), including meeting with the NH Department of Transportation District Engineer
- conclusion of the longstanding Fairpoint lawsuit regarding valuation of the utility poles
- conclusion of the Small Claims Lawsuit with Holden Engineering
- processed numerous solar permits and building permits
- adoption of a more objective pay scale for employees
- adoption of a more cost-effective Health Insurance Plan for employees
- developing a more detailed Tri-town Agreement for the Recreation Program
- choosing a new Auditor to perform the annual independent audit
- collaborated with the Water Commissions in efforts to prevent pipes freezing at the Public Safety Building
- sprucing up Town Hall

The Select Board encourages you find out more about these accomplishments by reading the individual reports in this book.

Another significant event was the Public Meeting to ask the voters to designate the Selectmen as “Agents to Expend” the Tanker Truck Capital Reserve Fund. This question was resolved by secret ballot: 43 in favor, 13 opposed. Consequently, we now have a beautiful, previously owned Ladder Truck (residents are encouraged to schedule a tour of the truck). The result is what our Fire Department considers an essential piece of equipment in protecting our town. Furthermore, it has already been put to use as a temporary replacement of our rescue vehicle, which is out of service due to an accident. As an added bonus, the use of it should extend the life of our current tanker truck.

Of additional note is the fact that two of our employees, Chief Monaghan and Officer Pilotte received special awards from outside organizations for their work this year. Feel free to ask them about these.

Last but not least, the Select Board held a Public Hearing and determined that the Community overwhelmingly approved the change from an Administrative Assistant at

Town Hall to a Town Administrator. This has been accomplished and Holly Burbank stepped into this position on January 17th.

Overall, the state of our Town is good. Our sense of Community remains strong and we'd like to extend our gratitude to all the volunteers who have donated countless hours to help our town with the numerous tasks necessary to keep Franconia the place that we all love.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernardette Costa, Chairman
Eric Meth
John Lachapelle

MINUTES OF THE FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING

March 8, 2016

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

The Moderator introduced the Selectmen Robert Montagno, Bernardette Costa, and Eric Meth and Administrative Assistant, Sally Small. He then recognized all veterans present at the meeting for their service to our country and held a moment of silence for those residents who passed away this year. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

There was a motion and a second to waive the reading of last year's minutes. There being no discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

The Moderator noted that he received petitions for Article 3 and Article 16 to go to a ballot vote.

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

Selectman (3-year term)	Eric Meth	190
Write-ins:	Joseph Cimino	1
	Frederic Hoyle	1
	John Lachapelle	12
	Robert Montagno	1
	Sharon Penney	1
Selectman (1-year term)	Robert Montagno	102
Write-ins:	John Lachapelle	110
	Scott Knowlton	1
Treasurer (1-year term)	Tina Peabody	212
Moderator (2-year term)	William Mead	196
Write-ins:	Elizabeth Andrews	1
	Ned Densmore	3
	John Lachapelle	1
	James Walker	2
Library Trustee (3-year term)		
Two Vacancies	William Mellekas	200
	Elizabeth Andrews	98
Write-Ins:	Meghan McPhaul	1
	Sharon Penney	87
	Christopher Scott	1
Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term)	Sharon Penney	3
Write-Ins:	Peter Ainsworth	1

	Elizabeth Andrews	1
	Brad Ball	1
	Anne Foss	1
	Karen Foss	1
	Mary Grote	1
	Steve Heath	1
	Mark Hesler	1
	Joe Germano	1
	Jack Kennedy	1
	Richard Langworthy	1
	George Lewis	1
	Kathy Mead	1
	William Mellekas	2
	Eric Meth	1
	Robert Montagno	1
	Jon Peabody	1
	Tina Peabody	1
	Elizabeth Penney	1
Cemetery Trustee (3-year term)	Barbara Holt	193
Write-Ins:	Mary Brubaker	1
	Will Nolan	1
Water Commissioner (3-year term)	Richard McLachlin	200
Write-Ins:	Robert Montagno	1
	Jon Peabody	1

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of adopting the amended Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This article was approved last year but because of a procedural error the amended 2015 Zoning Ordinance was not adopted. This year's amended Zoning Ordinance includes revisions that have been made due to additional public input. (By Ballot) (Majority vote required)

Ballots Cast: **YES/NO VOTE:** **YES – 191** **NO – 33**

Article 2 passed by ballot vote

Prior to Article 3 being read, the Moderator explained to the audience that there had been discussion on social media and throughout the town regarding RSA 40:13, which allows, in the event the budget is voted down, to revert to the default budget; however, after speaking with counsel and the Secretary of State's office, RSA 40:13 covers SB2 towns and towns that have a Budget Committee. Franconia has neither. RSA 32:6 governs our situation and that says the amount of the budget may only be amended up or down.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one million six hundred ninety seven thousand four hundred four dollars (\$1,697,404.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. (Majority vote required)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive.....	\$120,511.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics.....	40,138.00
Financial Administration.....	63,392.00
Revaluation of Property.....	9,450.00
Legal Expenses.....	10,000.00
Planning & Zoning.....	4,110.00
General Government Buildings.....	88,912.00
Cemeteries	13,354.00
Insurance.....	9,475.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	11,894.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....)	10,000.00
(North Country Council.....)	1,894.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	
Police.....	372,579.00
Fire.....	104,943.00
Life Squad.....	66,199.00
Building Inspection.....	3,000.00
Emergency Management.....	2,900.00
Dispatch Phone Lines.....	44,118.00
(Franconia's Share.....)	43,618.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS.....	390,232.00
UTILITIES.....	21,500.00
Health Officer.....	200.00
WELFARE.....	8,700.00
(General Assistance.....)	6,000.00
(CAP.....)	2,700.00
CULTURE & RECREATION	
Recreation Programs.....	121,984.00
(Franconia's Share.....)	47,000.00
Parks.....	36,615.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000.00
Museums.....	386.00
CONSERVATION.....	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE.....	150,812.00
TOTAL..... (Franconia's Share \$1,621,920.00).....	\$1,697,404.00

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. Bernadette Costa spoke to the article outlining the budget process. Bernardette stated the increase in the budget is due in part to increases in salaries, health insurance premiums, town's contribution to employee retirement, salary for webmaster, and the cost of training someone to replace the Administrative Assistant who will be retiring at the end of this year.

Several citizens were concerned about what they feel is a 6% increase in the budget. They feel during these difficult financial times that a lean budget is required. The 2015 budget was reduced by \$54,000.00 and was still under spent by \$29,000.00.

Dawn Steels made a motion to reduce the 2016 budget to last year's budget of \$1,630,488.00, which represents a decrease of \$66,916.00. Second by Russell Cumbee.

A Chamber of Commerce representative requested that their budget be increased to \$10,000.00 from \$5,000.00 because it is their advertising budget which helps bring in tourism. The Moderator explained that we cannot vote on a particular line item in the budget.

There was concern raised regarding the increase in the Life Squad budget. It was explained that in the past the figures were kept low and they were informed by the accountants that is not the proper way to do it. The budget more accurately reflects what they anticipate on spending.

There was discussion regarding the need to budget for what you think you will spend in the coming year, not what was spent in the past year so that there are sufficient funds to cover all costs. Any monies not spent in the budget do not disappear or go away. You need to fund some level of inflation in the budget.

It was also pointed out that the increase in the budget is actually 3.6% and not 6%.

The amendment to the article was called to a vote (ballot vote). Results: 68 – Yes; 75 – No. The amendment fails.

The moderator read Article 3 once again and it passed by majority voice vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred one thousand three hundred seventy six dollars (\$101,376.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Town Buildings Truck, \$7,980; Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$6,834; Highway Trucks, \$ 4,826; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$7,000; Police Cruisers, \$7,100; Life Squad Van, \$11,118; Life Squad Equipment, \$3,264; Fire Equipment Truck, \$7060; Fire Pumper Truck, \$20,194; Bridge Maintenance, \$5,000; Rural Water Supply \$5,000; and Legal \$16,000.

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. A question was raised concerning why \$16,000.00 for legal was being raised. It was explained that there were legal expenses this year attempting to collect back taxes and funds need to be raised again. Article 4 passed by voice vote.

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

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

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 5 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Fire Ladder Truck Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty seven thousand Dollars (\$37,000.00) for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small.

There was a question concerning what the total increase in spending will be between the budget that was just voted in and the warrant articles. It was stated the total spending is \$2,754,807.00, which is a 5.4% gross budget increase over last year. This amount will be reduced by anticipated income of \$254,000.00 from Capital Reserve Funds, so the actual increase is 1%.

Rick Gaudette, Franconia Fire Chief, spoke to the article. The proposal is to purchase a used piece of equipment for a total expenditure of \$140,000.00. The current tanker truck has a life expectancy of 20 years and we think we can extend the life of that truck and use some of the money we put aside for that and use it for the ladder truck. The ladder truck is an important piece of equipment for the safety of the public and the Fire Department.

A question was raised concerning Mutual Aid and the fact that surrounding towns have ladder trucks that are available. The Fire Chief explained that once you arrive at the scene of a fire, set up your equipment and then realize you need a ladder truck, it then takes between twenty and thirty minutes for the truck to arrive.

Article 6 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000.00) to purchase a 10-Wheeler Truck & Sander for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of eighty-eight thousand nine hundred dollars (\$88,900.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, seven thousand \$7,000 from trading in the 2000 Mack, and to raise fourteen thousand one hundred dollars (\$14,100.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 7 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$190,000.00) to purchase a loader, an excavator and a trailer for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of one hundred three thousand hundred dollars (\$103,000.00) from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, thirty thousand (\$30,000.00) from trading in the 2006 backhoe and to raise fifty-seven thousand dollars (\$57,000.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Sally Small and seconded by Robert Montagno. There was no discussion. Article 8 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$35,300.00) to purchase a Police cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$28,600.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, and to raise six thousand seven hundred dollars (\$6,700.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. John Monaghan, Franconia Police Chief, explained that cylinder 7 broke on the police cruiser and no one will work on it because of the liability and no one will sell us a used engine because of the liability, and a new engine was worth more than the cruiser so they had to purchase the new cruiser prior to Town Meeting. The vehicle could not be traded in; however it will be put up for auction so that some revenue will be received.

A question was raised regarding what would happen if this article was voted down. It was explained that the funds would need to come out of their line item budget.

Article 9 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of forty two thousand eight hundred dollars (\$42,800.00) for a full Property Valuation Update, as required every five years by the Department of Revenue Administration, and to authorize the withdrawal thirty-four thousand three hundred dollars (\$34,300.00) from the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund created for the purpose, and to raise the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Eric Meth and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 10 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 11 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Dow Field Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 12 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Recreation Committee’s line item budget to the Recreation Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 13 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty two thousand eight hundred twelve dollars (\$82,812.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Bernardette Costa and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 14 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty one thousand two hundred fifty dollars (\$281,250.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal, with (\$51,893.00) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$23,587.00) from the Town of Easton, (\$77,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$29,000.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$18,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$81,770.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 15 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote pay for the town’s portion of health insurance (69%) for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, at her request, and to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand one hundred eighty five dollars (\$6,185.00) to pay for her health insurance for the remaining 9 months of 2016. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Eric Meth and seconded by Sally Small. Several residents raised concerns that if this article were approved it would open up a “Pandora’s Box” and set a precedent for all elected officials to ask for health insurance coverage. It was stated the Town Clerk/Tax Collector accepted the position with the current compensation package which does not include health insurance and there is no reason to add that at this point. Another concern raised was since the Town Clerk/Tax Collector is an elected official and can set her own hours, what is to stop her from only working 25 hours once this is approved.

There was discussion regarding whether the insurance coverage was for the remainder of this year or would it then be included in the budget. It was determined that the way the article is written the insurance would be for the remainder of 2016 only. Any continuation of insurance coverage would need to be approved at next year’s town meeting.

The article was called to a vote (ballot vote). Results: 38 – Yes; 69 – No. Article 16 failed.

The Moderator announced the results of the candidate vote (as outlined under Article 1 above).

Jeff Woodward made a motion that we cannot revisit Article 3 tonight and seconded by Kathy McCarthy. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to create a Town-funded trust fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Northern Pass Defense Fund, for the purpose of financing legal expenses and other costs incurred by the town in advocating the Town's opposition to the Northern Pass project, to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10, 000.00) for this purpose and, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Eric Meth and seconded by Sally Small. There was a question regarding when the Town took a position to oppose Northern Pass. It was stated there was a petitioned article at the 2011 town meeting opposing Northern Pass, which was voted in.

Peter Grote spoke to the article. The reason for the defense fund is outlined in the platform that was sent in a letter to all towns that are impacted by Northern Pass stating that we voted to intervene and explaining the platform. Basically it concerns construction issues impacting storm drainage and municipal water, sewer and other utilities, maintenance of all these infrastructures under the ground, addressing remediation on the part of any developers to industrial, commercial or residential properties, remediation for existing industrial, commercial or residential properties because of this impact. Municipal infrastructure reversal fund for unforeseen events, damages mitigation fund and a decommission trust fund. The major concern is once this line is installed under the streets the Town is going to be stuck with major maintenance issues and major new construction issues and heat dissipation problems and we want to make sure we are adequately compensated. That is why we have recommended a defense fund that will be pooled, at this point, with ten other towns and we are hoping to get additional towns that will pool the very expensive cost of litigation.

Ginny Jeffryes stated that one of the main points is if they do indeed come all the way down Route 18 and out Route 116 their cable, which is going to be 155 degrees, is going to be 36" below the surface of the road. Our water pipes in the downtown area are 5', or less than 5', below the ground. The cable is going to have a concrete cap over it to prevent dig ins. To do any kind of repair or construction once this is all in place will be much more expensive. To have an attorney who can go as our intervener and sit at the table and have them set aside money for the Town of Franconia for all these expenses is important.

Bernardette Costa stated that the Select Board appointed a committee headed up by Peter Grote, Ginny Jeffryes, Mary Grote, and Eric Meth and they have done an awful lot of work to represent the town in what we hope will be a successful way to have the least impact on the town.

Article 17 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept donations, grants, or gifts in any amount , to be utilized for the same purposes as set forth in Article 18, above, to be held and invested in accordance with RSA 31:19-a, paragraph IV. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Eric Meth and seconded by Sally Small. Eric indicated that the article referred to in Article 18 should read “Article 17”. Eric Meth made a motion to amend Article 18 to read “...as set forth in Article 17...” The motion was seconded by Sally Small. The amendment to Article 18 passed unanimously by voice vote.

The amended article was read, moved by Eric Meth and seconded by Sally Small. Article 18, as amended, unanimously passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand two hundred eighty dollars (\$15,280.00), for the following non-profit organizations. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Adaptive Sports Partners of the NC, \$750; American Red Cross, \$518; ACHS, \$4,000; CASA, \$500; Center for New Beginnings, \$1,000; Franconia Children’s Center, \$2,000; Grafton County Senior Citizens , \$1,500; North Country Home Health & Hospice, \$3,200; Support Center at Burch House, \$520; White Mt Mental Health, \$1,292.

The article was read, moved by Robert Montagno and seconded by Sally Small.

A question was raised as to why the Town supports these organizations. It was stated that we have supported them in the past. The Town receives requests for these donations and we have received a request from each of the organizations listed.

A resident read from the Franconia Children’s Center request letter, which read in part, “The funds are for the general upkeep of our facility along with supplies for our classroom.” How does this benefit the Town of Franconia? It was stated that a lot of people in town use the facility. It was also stated that the Children’s Center is very fiscally responsible. Some of these monies help to cover expenses when a Franconia family has a hard time making a payment due to an unexpected bill. It allows the child to remain in the program. The monies provide supplies and many other things, but it helps the Center help people. It was also stated that there is no preschool program in town, but legally we are responsible for these children and those children end up being housed at the Franconia Children’s Center.

A representative of Adaptive Sports Partners stated they have offices in town and most of the work they do is at Cannon Mountain Ski area. They have 150 people that work for their organization and they take about 700 disabled people through all kinds of sports—skiing, hiking and biking—in the community and they appreciate the support. It was also stated that every Thanksgiving we have the Turkey Trot which the Recreation Department partners with Adaptive Sports and the money goes to both organizations.

A resident made the following fiscal arguments:

- White Mountain Mental Health and Burch House. If we were in a crisis, a suicide situation in the town and we needed these resources and they weren't there it would be very expensive.
- The Children's Center—We are talking about single women who are trying to work who can't always afford to put their children in daycare so they can work full time and be paying taxpayers in this town.
- Adaptive Sports Partners—When they come to town a lot of people come up from places like Boston for the weekend and they want to spend time in this community.

It was stated that people do not have a problem giving money to deserving organizations; it is about knowing how the organization spends its money, how many Franconia residents are being served by these organizations, and whether these services are being reimbursed by the recipients or by third parties.

A question was asked why are these organizations all lumped together in one article and not listed separately. It was explained that this was previously in the line item budget but has not been put in a warrant article. An amendment can be made to remove something from this warrant article. It was also stated that if Article 21 gets passed then these requests will be handled differently.

Article 19 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 (one-thousand and no dollars) to support the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country in order to provide a healthy, safe, and productive after school and vacation camp environment for children from Franconia and other area towns. The Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation. (By petition)

The article was read, moved by Bob Tortorice and seconded by Sally Small. Jeff Woodward spoke to the article. There are children from Franconia that use the Club. They are in the process of purchasing two 16-passenger vans that would come to Franconia and pick up kids after school and bring them to the Boys and Girls Club. There are parents who work in the community and their kids attend the program and that allows them to stay and work until four or five o'clock.

There was a question raised as to why the Selectmen did not recommend this appropriation. Bernardette responded that they did not have any information on how many children from Franconia were being serviced.

There was a question regarding why we need to send kids to the Boys and Girls Club to recreate when we have a recreation budget. It was stated that the program is more than recreation. They offer programs that help develop a healthy attitude and lifestyle and help with academic and social skills. They work in collaboration with Littleton Studio School, Appalachian Mountain Club, North Country Climbing Center and White Mountain Science Institute. It was stated that if you invest in children whose parents are on welfare, they are 23% more likely to break that cycle of dependency and become taxpayers for our society.

There was a question regarding how much surrounding towns donate. It was stated Littleton gives \$10,000.00, Sugar Hill - \$500.00, Easton - \$1,000.00, Bethlehem - \$1,000.00, Lyman - \$250.00, Landaff - \$500.00, and Lisbon does not give cash support but waives taxes.

Article 20 passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to adopt the following policy in regard to Charitable Contributions:

Requests for charitable contributions from the town will be accepted only from entities that have documented their nonprofit status.

All such requests must be petitioned annually using established warrant article procedures. These requests must be listed and voted upon on separate articles on the Town Warrant.

Prior to each Town Meeting, entities requesting charitable contributions must submit a report to the Town which details their activities and the specific services provided to actual residents of the Town during the preceding year. These reports should also include information regarding the degree to which the requesting entity was compensated for these services, either by the recipient or by third parties. These reports must be submitted at a time which permits them to either be included in the Annual Report or provided to voters under separate cover with that report. These reports must then be either included in the Annual report or provided to voters with that report under separate cover.

Requesting entities must have a representative present at the Town meeting to answer questions and clarify information contained in their report.

Failure to comply with the above conditions will disqualify any requesting entity from receiving Town funds. (By Petition)

The article was read, moved by Russell Cumbee and seconded by Dawn Steele. Russ Cumbee spoke to the article. He stated he is not opposed to donating to charitable organizations; however there needs to be a policy in place that takes the burden off the taxpayers to prove why the organization should get money rather than having the organization show why it needs the money. He stated he has a one page form for providing all the information requested such as the mission of the organization, how they use the money, and how much they are requesting. If this information was filled out and made available at the budget hearing, voters would be able to make an informed decision.

Concerns were raised regarding certain aspects of this article putting an undue burden on these organizations that surrounding towns are not requiring of them. Since all town meetings are held on the same evening, it would be difficult to be present at each one. Russ indicated that this evening several people spoke in favor of some of these organizations. It does not have to be an employee of the organization.

Several residents stated they did not disagree with the spirit of the article but disagreed with some of the language. A question was asked regarding where the language in the article came from. Russ indicated he made it up himself. It was suggested that we should look and see if this resembles anything from the surrounding towns.

Eric Meth made a motion to table Article 21 due to some of the language being too restrictive, seconded by Timothy Burnell. The motion to table Article 21 passed by voice vote.

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

The articles was read, moved by Bernardette Costa and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. Article 22 passed by voice vote.

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

The motion was read, moved by Eric Meth and seconded by Sally Small.

There was a concern raised regarding the condition of the water at the new Safety Services building. The water pressure is too low to wash the fire trucks; the water in the ladies' shower comes out black; and they cannot drink the water because it is dirty. Water Commissioner Ray Peltier indicated this situation would be looked into.

There being no further business to transact, there was a motion by Melinda Richmond and a second by Lydia Cumbee to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol F. Wills
Town Clerk

After Article 16 Moderator read the results of the ballot vote (as indicated under Article 1).

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$102,218,115.00
Buildings	175,690,882.00
Manufactured Housing	1,131,600.00
Electric Utilities	<u>5,240,000.00</u>
 Gross Valuation	 \$284,280,597.00
 Elderly Exemptions	 (105,000.00)
Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption	(82,256.00)
Solar Energy Exemptions	<u>(71,631.00)</u>
 Net Valuation	 \$284,021,710.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$2,748,622.00
Revenues	<u>(1,111,598.00)</u>
 Net Town Appropriations	 1,637,024.00
 Net School Appropriations	 1,946,738.00
Net State Education Appropriations	659,934.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>523,701.00</u>
 Total of Town, School & County	 4,767,397.00
 Add: Overlay	 48,095.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>17,500.00</u>
 Property Tax to be Raised	 4,832,992.00
Less Credits	<u>(17,500.00)</u>
 Taxes Committed to Treasurer	 \$4,815,492.00

2016 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$6.00
County	1.84
State	2.37
School	<u>6.85</u>
	\$17.06

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2016

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

Village Water Project - 30 Year Bond 2.25% Interest \$1,958,806.73

	<u>Town's Payment</u>	<u>Water Users Payment</u>	
Principal	22,908.24	42,976.82	<u>(65,885.06)</u>
Interest	15,191.76	28,511.18	
Balance of Loan			\$1,892,921.67

Safety Services Building Project – 20 Year Bond 2.84% \$1,616,608.72

Principal	65,130.20		(65130.20)
Interest	45,581.32		
Balance of Loan			\$ 1,551,478.72

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 88,000.00	\$420,900.00	\$ 3,298.00
General Government, buildings & equipment		15,900.00	56,972.00
Library, land & buildings	97,100.00	345,100.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	98,400.00	567,200.00	
Fire Department, equipment			339,230.00
Police Department, equipment			71,730.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	68,800.00,	108,800.00	
Highway Department, equipment			528,686.00
Transfer Station, equipment			19,175.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	292,600.00	3,237,600.00	
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			1,534,100.00
Cemeteries	256,700.00		
Land in Franconia	280,139.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	126,300.00	155,700.00	
Heritage Museum	97,700.00	198,200.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	110,600.00	6,700.00	
Dow Field	164,100.00		
Fox Hill Park	182,200.00		
	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
TOTALS	\$1,862,639.00	\$5,056,100.00	\$2,033,793.00

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$250,079.17
Motor Vehicle Title/Transfer Fees	984.00
Municipal Agent Fees	4,668.00
Town Clerk Fees	3252.00
Dog Licenses	830.00
Vital Statistics	835.00
Marriage Licenses	600.00
UCC Filings and Requests	45.00
Miscellaneous	44.00
TOTAL	<u>\$261,337.17</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2016
For Year Ending December 31, 2016

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$4,815,660.02	
Land Use Change Taxes	70.00	
Yield Taxes	1,072.95	
Utility – Water	<u>277,888.03</u>	<u>\$5,094,691.00</u>
Overpayment of Property Taxes	21,478.05	
Interest Collected	<u>4,801.23</u>	<u>26,279.28</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$5,120,970.28</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$4,602,665.39	
Land Use Change Taxes	70.00	
Yield Taxes	745.51	
Utility - Water	261,565.05	
Property Tax Abatement	4,620.02	
Utility Charge Abatement	7,440.36	
Current Levy Deeded	7,162.00	
Interest Collected	<u>4,801.23</u>	<u>\$4,889,069.56</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	223,030.66	
Yield Taxes	327.44	
Utility-Water	<u>542.62</u>	<u>\$231,900.72</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$5,120,970.28</u>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2015**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2015		
Property Taxes	\$175,797.36	
Utility – Water	15,715.33	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>11,715.87</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$203,228.56

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$102,479.17	
Utility – Water	6,498.96	
Interest Collected	11,715.87	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	626.00	
Utility	0.00	
Conversion to Lien	79,913.56	
Uncollected Property Taxes	<u>1,995.00</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$203,228.56

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016**

DEBITS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2015	\$	\$61,127.72	\$252,426.23
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	87,977.69		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>760.29</u>	<u>1,876.37</u>	<u>43,475.44</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	88,737.98	63,004.09	295,901.67

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	19,308.05	9,617.36	67,241.03
Interest & Costs Collected	760.29	1,876.37	43,475.44
Abatements	48.00	142.31	218.14
Liens Deeded to Municipality	15,608.53	15,688.91	55,141.18
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>53,013.11</u>	<u>35,679.14</u>	<u>129,825.88</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$88,737.98	\$63,004.09	\$295,901.67

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Yvonne Bastianelli	5,635.22	6,372.06	7,031.70
Heather Bouchard	192.26		
Edward A. Breault	2,621.79	3,034.59	3,371.46
C. Luke Lore, LLC	7,021.56		
Janice Chernicki	279.01		
Mary A. Clarke	23.57		
Bradford B. Cornell	1,811.75	717.13	
Marguerite N. Donovan	470.75	544.02	670.57
Ellen Beth Fine	573.19		
Forest Hills Associates	4,740.51	5,487.72	
John Gargano	2,884.26	3,338.61	3,630.18
David Lavallee		2,882.37	
Robert H. Lodge, Jr	1,635.56		2,103.27
Robert H. Lodge, Jr.	2,098.69		2,689.77
Estate of Austin Macaulay		82.66	
Edward C. Mattox	232.25	267.73	298.67
John E. McKay	923.73	1,068.76	1,189.05
Joel C. McKenzie	2,234.76		
Christopher A. Miller	1,363.51	1,579.60	1,879.45
Norman W. Peoples	294.62		
Denis P. Poltrino Realty Trust	84.16		
Jean M. Sauls	4,193.38		
Colleen Stadelmann	9,803.65	11,349.07	12,570.56
Sam P. Stephenson	1,918.38	2,219.68	2,498.75
Deborah A. Stravato	1,629.60		2,095.38
George F. Stroup	1,068.09	1,235.80	
George F. Stroup	4,412.15	2,868.97	
Estate of Grace Taylor		360.78	
Deeann L. Widder	805.04	1,858.74	
TOTALS	\$ 58,951.44	\$45,268.29	\$40,028.81

2016 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance **\$1,388,747.41**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,385,747.59	
Tax Collector	4,858,372.84	
Town Clerk	280,455.80	
Selectmen	1,073,481.30	
Interest	1,624.09	
NHPDIP	155,353.16	
TAN	<u>450,000.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$6,819,287.19	\$6,819,287.19
Checks	(6,266,411.80)	
NHPDIP	(15,000.00)	
TAN	(450,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(1,577.50)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(6,732,989.30)</u>	(\$6,732,989.30)
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 1,472,045.48	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,999.82	
Deposits	0.00	
Interest Earned	15.66	\$15.66
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(0.00)</u>	(\$0.00)
Ending Balance	\$3,015.48	
Ending Cash Balance		\$1,475,060.96

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$269,544.22
Deposit from General Fund	15,000.00
Interest Earned	1,473.04
08 Land Use Transfer	<u>(155,353.16)</u>
Ending Balance	\$130,664.10

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,314.10
Interest Earned	<u>17.28</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,331.38

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 139,064.05
Interest	725.46
Deposit-Transfer General Fund	0.00
Withdrawals to General Fund	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$139,789.51

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$117,542.09
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 7,763.96	
Deposits	277,867.46	
From NHPDIP	110,000.00	
To NHPDIP	0.00	
Interest	159.47	
		388,026.93
Checks	(322,766.43)	
Fees	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(322,766.43)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 73,024.46	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	117,332.42	
Deposits	110,000.00	
Interest Earned	481.87	110,481.87
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(220,002.00)</u>	<u>(220,002.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 7,812.29	
Year End Cash Balance		\$73,282.46

FRANCONIA SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT

Beginning Balance		\$12,079.06
Deposits		\$58,086.80
Interest		32.67
Withdrawals		0.00
Fees		<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance		\$70,198.53

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$4,832,101.48
3190 Interest & Penalties	63,255.97

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	272,591.67
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3359 State of New Hampshire	111,584.55
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	32,609.39
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	85,062.07

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	101.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	326.20
4150 Financial Administration	.50
4191 Planning & Zoning	3,246.00
4194 General Government Buildings	81.55
4195 Cemeteries	3,075.00
4210 Police	3,335.00
4221 Life Squad	96,482.89
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	29,940.72

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	39,010.00
3502 Interest on Investments	1,875.52

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	239,661.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>112,197.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUES

\$5,926,537.51

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	15,148.15
AFLAC - Employee	648.87
Conservation Land Purchase	172,003.16
Dow Clock Restoration	1,403.15
Dow Concerts/Events	2,670.40
Flags for Main Street	1,789.28
4 th of July Fireworks	3,250.00
Halloween Cup Expense	425.00
Lafayette School ETF from Trustees	30,000.00

Police Coverage	6,660.00
Recreation Field Trips	559.00
Tax Anticipation Note	450,000.00
Water Project Semi-Annual Loan	<u>71,488.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 756,045.01

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$4,763,485.97	
3120 Land Use Change Tax	70.00	
3185 Yield Tax	745.51	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>67,800.00</u>	
		\$4,832,101.48
3190 Interest & Penalties		63,255.97

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3220 Motor Vehicle Fees	254,181.77	
3230 Building Permits	10,669.20	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	<u>7,740.70</u>	
		272,591.67

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	57,811.21	
3353 Highway Block Grant	<u>53,773.34</u>	
		111,584.55

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton		
Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
Recreation Programs	7,022.39	
Transfer Station	<u>23,587.00</u>	
		32,609.39
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	438.69	
Recreation Programs	30,430.38	
Transfer Station	<u>51,893.00</u>	
		85,062.07

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Current Use/LUCT Fees	51.00	
Photocopying Charges	50.00	
		101.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
Postage Reimbursed	1.20	
Voter Checklist	<u>325.00</u>	
		326.20
4150 Financial Administration		
Bank Adjustment		.50
4191 Planning & Zoning		
Hearing Fees		3,246.00

4194 General Government Buildings		
Supplies Reimbursed	66.55	
Use of Town Hall	<u>15.00</u>	81.55
4195 Cemeteries		
Burials		3,075.00
4210 Police		
Court Fines	310.00	
Donations	70.00	
Pistol Permits	195.00	
Police Coverage	1,790.00	
Police Report	630.00	
Supplies Reimbursed	100.00	
Town Fines	<u>240.00</u>	3,335.00
4221 Life Squad		
Town of Sugar Hill	2,000.00	
Transport Payments	<u>94,482.89</u>	96,482.89
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
Use of Recreation Van	952.72	
Spring Sports/Baseball Fees	2,185.00	
Summer Recreation Fees	19,366.00	
Fall Sports/Soccer	2,432.00	
North Country Soccer	4,215.00	
Winter Sports Fees	<u>790.00</u>	29,940.72
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		
3501 Sale of Town Property		
2011 Police Cruiser	510.00	
2000 Mack Truck	7,500.00	
2006 Cat Backhoe	<u>31,000.00</u>	39,010.00
3502 Interest on Investments		
Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	1,842.58	
NH-PDIP	<u>32.94</u>	1,875.52
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		
3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Highway Heavy Equipment	102,525.00	
Highway Truck Fund	54,938.00	
Northern Pass Defense Fund	10,000.00	
Police Cruiser	28,063.00	
Reassessment Fund	34,300.00	
Legal Fund	<u>9,835.00</u>	239,661.00

3917 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement Fund	100,000.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	<u>12,197.00</u>	<u>112,197.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUES **\$5,926,537.51**

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department		
Cell Phones	265.59	
Computer Support	1,734.82	
Insurance-Buildings	950.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	1,548.15	
Newspaper Ads	96.50	
Payroll Taxes	268.18	
Supplies	316.22	
Wages	3,806.23	
Water Payments Paid with Taxes	<u>6,162.46</u>	<u>15,148.15</u>

AFLAC – Employee		648.87
Conservation Commission Land Purchase		172,003.16
Dow Clock Restoration		1,403.15
Dow Concerts/Events		2,670.40
Flags For Main Street		1,789.28
4 th of July Fireworks		3,250.00
Halloween Cup Expense		425.00
Lafayette School ETF from Trustees		30,000.00
Police Coverage		6,660.00
Recreation Field Trips		559.00
Tax Anticipation Note		450,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment		<u>71,488.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS **\$ 756,045.01**

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 114,886.37
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	37,487.82
4150 Financial Administration	62,855.15
4152 Revaluation of Property	52,249.92
4153 Legal Expense	23,463.12
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	6,523.61
4194 General Government Buildings	76,995.38
4195 Cemeteries	11,978.18
4196 Insurance	9,475.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	11,894.10

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	387,633.87
4220 Fire	102,674.37
4221 Life Squad	81,216.54
4240 Building Inspector	3,518.40
4291 Emergency Management	2,707.69
4299 Emergency Dispatch Phone Service	44,586.89

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	337,156.55
4316 Utilities	21,759.59

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	16,279.96
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	12,660.54
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	108,244.94
4521 Parks	28,884.88
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	386.00

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	266.00
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DEBT SERVICE

4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds	88,038.44
4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds	60,773.08
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	4,736.98

CAPITAL OUTLAY	
4902 Vehicles & Equipment	370,825.85
4903 Buildings	12,889.22
4909 Other Improvements	100,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	164,582.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	152,276.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>136,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,646,906.75
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	34,317.88
WATER LIENS	800.91
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	523,701.00
4933 School Districts	2,545,272.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>1,113.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,752,111.54

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department	15,148.15
AFLAC - Employee	648.87
Conservation Commission Land Purchase	172,003.16
Dow Concerts	2,670.40
Dow Clock Restoration	1,403.15
Flags for Main Street	1,789.28
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TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 756,045.01

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses	
Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings	61.88
Dues	1,546.00
Equipment	
New	199.99
Website/Internet Expense	1,918.03
Maps	1,934.00
Miscellaneous	699.60
Newspaper Notices	844.73
Postage	1,166.88
Professional Assistance –MRI	2,500.00
RSA Updates & Legal Material	283.00
Software & Program Support	3,118.50
Supplies	783.45
Telephone	1,331.35
Training/Meetings	120.92
Salaries & Wages	
Administrative Assistant	25,001.60
Executive Secretary	12,210.15
Secretary	16,819.44
Training/Police Payroll	6,235.63
Taxes & Benefits	
Health Insurance	33,025.68
Payroll Taxes	3,364.22
Retirement - Town Contribution	1,555.50
Workers Compensation	<u>165.82</u>
	\$ 114,886.37

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration	
General Expenses	
Supplies	197.92
Town Clerk	
General Expenses	
Dog Tags	125.08
Dues	20.00
Newspaper Notices	224.00
Postage	653.79
Software & Programs Support	2,371.00
Supplies	180.23
Telephone	985.75
Workshops/Meetings	108.00
Salaries & Wages	
Supervisor of the Checklist	2,000.00
Town Clerk	28,288.00

Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,334.05</u>	37,487.82
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports		
Bank Charges	156.00	
Checks & Supplies	376.72	
Direct Deposit Charges	1,527.50	
Town Report	2,060.00	
Auditor	16,975.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	40.00	
Mortgage/Tax Lien Search	917.44	
Postage/Envelopes	1,544.48	
Software & Programs Support	2,108.00	
Recording Fees	273.44	
Supplies	334.84	
Tax Bills	315.12	
Training/Workshops	126.00	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	25,001.60	
Tax Collector	7,072.52	
Treasurer	1,966.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,060.49</u>	62,855.15
4152 Revaluation of Property		
General Expenses	9,450.00	
Revaluation Article 19	<u>42,799.92</u>	52,249.92
4153 Legal Expense		
General Matters	3,627.78	
Litigation (Capital Reserve Funds)	9,835.34	
Northern Pass Defense Fund	<u>10,000.00</u>	23,463.12
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses		
Meetings	330.00	
Newspaper Notices	776.00	
Postage	710.66	
RSA Updates & Law Books	11.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings	241.47	
Supplies	142.46	
Master Plan		
Professional Assistance NCC	1,860.00	

Salary & Wages			
Secretary		2,288.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>164.02</u>	6,523.61
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		7,927.76	
Dow Clock		235.24	
Equipment			
Gas & Diesel	872.48		
Maintenance	1,739.35		
New	<u>522.57</u>	3,134.40	
Heating Oil		3,167.80	
Insurance			
Buildings & Equipment	930.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>400.00</u>	1,330.00	
Janitorial		5,040.00	
Library Insurance		1,893.00	
Maintenance Garage			
Electricity	726.71		
Heating/Water	1,013.78		
Phone	<u>264.67</u>	2,005.16	
Plantings		100.00	
Supplies		2,533.75	
Uniforms		506.09	
Vehicles			
Gas	2,030.65		
Maintenance	<u>455.81</u>	2,486.46	
Salaries & Wages			
Supervisor	30,222.56		
Assistant	1,614.23		
Overtime	<u>4,241.50</u>	36,078.29	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		5,101.62	
Payroll Taxes		2,923.89	
Retirement - Town Contribution		757.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,243.67</u>	76,995.38
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity/Water		471.99	
Equipment		347.55	
Fence		225.14	
Newspaper Ads		150.00	
Supplies/Flags		955.54	
Salary & Wages			

Supervisor/Sexton	590.51		
Assistant	<u>8,387.63</u>	8,978.14	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes	684.00		
Workers Compensation	<u>165.82</u>	849.82	11,978.18
4196 Insurance			
Liability			9,475.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations			
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce		10,000.00	
North Country Council		<u>1,894.41</u>	11,894.41
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance			
Electricity	1,967.42		
Janitorial	566.67		
Propane	1,212.21		
Water	<u>1,511.60</u>	5,257.90	
Dues & Subscriptions		300.00	
Educational Programs		286.50	
Firearms			
Ammunition	1,594.27		
New	1,980.59		
Training	<u>120.00</u>	3,694.86	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	292.00		
Commercial Auto	700.00		
Liability	<u>7,497.00</u>	8,489.00	
Miscellaneous		394.50	
Office			
New	685.26		
Software/Support	2,956.00		
Supplies/Postage	<u>3,368.16</u>	6,982.42	
Photography		14.00	
Radar Calibration		130.00	
Radios		1,092.98	
RSA Updates & Law Books		144.00	
Telephone/Internet		3,037.13	
Training/Conferences		625.00	
Uniforms			
Cleaning/Repairs	80.00		
New	<u>3,988.89</u>	4,068.89	
Vehicles			
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	6,878.12		
Maintenance	1,706.57		
Repairs	118.46		

Supplies	<u>43.77</u>	8,746.92	
Salaries & Wages			
Chief	76,876.81		
Sergeant	62,100.60		
Patrolman	52,912.00		
Overtime	11,481.17		
Part Time Officers	20,427.75		
Administration	2,778.71		
Training	<u>100.00</u>	226,677.04	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		52,840.64	
Payroll Taxes		4,600.25	
Retirement – Town Contribution		56,603.72	
Workers Compensation		<u>3,684.12</u>	387,633.87
4220 Fire Department			
General Expenses			
Administration and Supplies		2,175.61	
Building Maintenance			
Cleaning	4,270.53		
Electricity	3,934.79		
Maintenance	1,510.52		
Propane	2,359.12		
Water	<u>3,023.20</u>	15,098.16	
Dues and Subscriptions		1,711.51	
Fire Prevention & Training		2,837.00	
Gas and Diesel		1,606.68	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	950.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>3,925.00</u>	4,875.00	
New Equipment			
Turnout Gear	3,058.17		
Fire Hose	1,905.83		
Radios & Pagers	1,082.63		
Rescue Equipment	<u>1,419.40</u>	7,466.03	
Telephone/Internet		1,634.02	
Vehicles and Equipment		13,973.01	
Salaries & Wages			
Fireman's Annual Pay	41,571.25		
Fireman's Fund	1,800.00		
Inspections	<u>2,860.00</u>	46,231.25	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes	3,407.88		
Workers Compensation	<u>1,685.22</u>	5,066.10	102,674.37
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			
Billing & Collections Fee		9,340.91	

Building Maintenance			
Electricity	655.77		
Propane	382.32		
Water	<u>503.86</u>	1,541.95	
Equipment		1,639.34	
Miscellaneous		150.00	
Radios & Pagers		4,944.63	
Computer Scheduling		200.00	
Supplies		10,747.70	
Telephone		1,243.30	
Training		2,133.47	
Uniforms		490.75	
Vehicles			
Commercial Auto Insurance	1,231.00		
Gas & Diesel	2,236.20		
Maintenance	<u>6,041.90</u>	9,509.10	
Wages & Benefits			
Wages	35,980.00		
Payroll Taxes	2,797.93		
Workers Compensation	<u>497.46</u>	39,275.39	81,216.54
4240 Building Inspector			
Wages	3,313.00		
Payroll Taxes	<u>205.40</u>		3,518.40
4291 Emergency Management			
Wages			
Director	2,000.00		
Deputy	<u>500.00</u>	2,500.00	
Payroll Taxes		207.69	2,707.69
4299 Dispatch Phone Lines			
8123 Phone Line		877.39	
Grafton County Dispatch		<u>43,709.50</u>	44,586.89
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312 Highway Department			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		2,451.45	
Calcium Chloride		5,550.00	
Culverts		1,213.50	
Equipment			
Maintenance	1,831.74		
New	3,400.00		
Rental	107.50		
Repairs	<u>4,039.28</u>	9,378.52	
Gas and Diesel		13,622.05	
Gravel		19,832.50	

Insurance			
Building & Equipment	445.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>4,621.00</u>	5,066.00	
New Tools		623.97	
Propane		3,143.18	
Random Drug Tests		75.00	
Safety		912.75	
Salt		19,301.33	
Sand		8,000.00	
Storm Damage – Plantation Rd		2,361.50	
Street Sweeping		2,458.86	
Supplies		3,357.74	
Telephone		1,607.46	
Training/Workshops		90.00	
Uniforms		1,728.87	
Vehicles			
Maintenance	2,300.65		
Repairs	<u>2,124.12</u>	4,424.77	
Salaries & Wages			
Public Works Director	62,420.80		
Road Crew – 2 nd Man	15,511.60		
Road Crew – 3 rd Man	41,912.00		
Part Time	17,296.00		
Overtime/On Call	<u>5,390.32</u>	142,530.72	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		41,429.79	
Payroll Taxes		9,657.66	
Retirement		2,454.00	
Workers Compensation		4,477.21	
Highway Improvement		<u>31,407.72</u>	337,156.52

4316 Utilities

Cable Consortium		56.00	
Street Lighting		<u>21,703.59</u>	21,759.59

HEALTH

4415 Health Agencies

Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country		750.00	
American Red Cross		517.96	
Ammonoosuc Community Health Services		4,000.00	
Boys & Girls Club		1,000.00	
CASA		500.00	
Center for New Beginnings		1,000.00	
Franconia Children’s Center		2,000.00	
Grafton County Senior Citizens		1,500.00	
North Country Home Health		3,200.00	
Support Center at Burch House		520.00	

White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,292.00</u>	16,279.96
WELFARE		
4442 Welfare		
General Assistance	9,960.54	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>2,700.00</u>	12,660.54
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
4520 Recreation		
Recreation Director	24,821.68	
Youth Director	19,726.20	
Miscellaneous Expense		
Communications	554.15	
Tech Services	200.00	
Vehicle Expense		
Fuel	799.37	
Insurance	400.00	
Repairs	<u>78.75</u>	1,278.12
Spring Programs		
Fit Girls	150.81	
League Fees	500.00	
Supplies & Equipment	890.09	
Umpire Fees/Clinics	450.00	
Uniforms	1,193.65	
Winter Programs		
Supplies	527.00	
Rink and Ice Skating		
Rink Maintenance	55.80	
Supplies	116.85	
Utilities	1,417.58	
Fall Programs		
North Country Soccer Staff	2,799.00	
North Country Soccer Uniforms	1,165.96	
Referees	150.00	
Supplies	1,205.82	
Tournament Expense	400.00	
Uniforms	561.37	
Summer Recreation		
Adventure Program	207.83	
Background Checks	412.75	
Newspaper Notice	7.06	
Pool & Facilities	475.00	
Staff Uniforms	116.87	
Staff Workshops/Training	385.00	
Supplies	757.21	
Transportation	2,549.82	
Uniforms	619.64	
Salaries & Wages	22,236.88	

Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		10,978.09	
Payroll Taxes		4,803.02	
Retirement-Town		622.20	
Workers Compensation		1,409.49	
Dow Field Playground Fund		1,500.00	
Rink Maintenance Fund		2,000.00	
Recreation Van Fund		<u>1,000.00</u>	108,244.94
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity/Water	458.24		
Field Maintenance	1,199.01		
Portable Toilets	<u>1,550.00</u>	3,207.25	
Equipment		332.57	
Parks Maintenance		735.25	
Supplies/Gas		544.01	
Wages			
Director	15,108.60		
Assistant	<u>240.00</u>	15,348.60	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance	7,318.67		
Retirement	414.80		
Payroll Taxes	<u>983.73</u>	8,717.20	28,884.88
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance			386.00
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			
Dues			266.00
DEBT SERVICE			
4711 Principal – Long Term Bond			
Public Safety Building	65,130.20		
Water Project	<u>22,908.24</u>		88,038.44
4721 Interest – Long Term Bond			
Public Safety Building	45,581.32		
Water Project	<u>15,191.76</u>		60,773.08
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note			4,736.98
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Article 7 Highway 10-Wheeler		76,538.00	
Article 8 Highway Heavy Equipment		190,525.00	
Article 9 Police Cruiser		34,762.85	
Fire Ladder Truck		<u>69,000.00</u>	370,825.85

4903 Buildings		
Museum Gutters	871.29	
Museum Painting	413.93	
Highway Garage Doors	<u>11,604.00</u>	12,889.22
4909 Other Improvements		
HighwayImprovements		100,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
4912 Special Revenue Funds		
Library Appropriation	82,812.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation	<u>81,770.00</u>	164,582.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		
4915 Capital Reserve Fund		
Bridge Construction	5,000.00	
Fire Truck - Ladder	37,000.00	
Fire Truck – Equipment	7,060.00	
Fire Truck – Pumper	20,194.00	
Frost Place Maintenance	3,900.00	
Highway Heavy Equipment	7,000.00	
Highway Trucks	4,826.00	
Life Squad Ambulance	11,118.00	
Legal	16,000.00	
Life Squad Equipment	3,264.00	
Northern Pass Defense Fund	10,000.00	
Police Cruisers	7,100.00	
Rural Water Supply	5,000.00	
Town Buildings & Grounds Equipment	6,834.00	
Town Buildings & Grounds Truck	<u>7,980.00</u>	152,276.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement	100,000.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	21,000.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	<u>15,000.00</u>	136,000.00
SUB-TOTAL		\$2,646,906.75
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS		34,317.88
WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS		800.91
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		523,701.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	1,478,170.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,067,102.00</u>	2,545,272.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	174.00	

Dog Licenses	2.00	
Marriage Licenses	516.00	
Vital Records	<u>421.00</u>	<u>1,113.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

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TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department		
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Recreation Field Trips		559.00
Tax Anticipation Note		450,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment from Water Department		<u>71,488.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS

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NOTES

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	Balance. Beginning of Year	PRINCIPAL Additions- Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End Year
<u>Expendable/Maintenance Funds:</u>			
Sidewalk Improvement	22,262.64	20,996.77	43,259.41
Highway Improvement	9,524.17	22.83	9,547.00
Town Buildings Maintenance	46,998.51	2,812.75	49,811.26
Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,039.96	0.87	5,040.83
Safety Services Facilities Imp.	1,658.62	0.41	1,659.03
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	8,431.54	2,000.79	10,432.33
Cemetery Restoration	135.30	.02	135.32
Heritage Museum	35.74	0.00	35.74
Emergency Management	6,869.16	1.19	6,870.35
	100,955.64	25,835.63	126,791.27
<u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u>			
Remedial Education	133,534.65	23.19	133,557.84
Lafayette School Fund	111,829.92	(59,948.42)	51,881.50
Bridge Construction	35,499.11	5,004.41	40,503.52
Reassessment	34,370.79	(34,275.21)	95.58
Legal	13,932.71	6,167.41	20,100.12
Northern Pass Defense Fund	0.00	32.11	32.11
Police Cruiser	28,529.23	(20,944.98)	7,584.25
Handicap Access	78.81	.01	78.82
Dow Field	5,125.50	1,500.40	6,715.90
Fire Truck Ladder	0.00	36,987.48	36,987.48
Fire Truck Pumper	103,620.70	20,205.13	123,825.83
Highway Truck	118,743.12	(50,062.76)	68,680.36
Highway Heavy Equipment	110,670.21	(95,451.88)	15,218.33
Life Squad Van	62,920.12	11,125.15	74,045.27
Town Buildings Truck	17.97	7,977.32	7,995.29
Transfer Station Equipment	1,087.88	.20	1,088.08
Fire Truck Equipment	43,896.15	7,065.22	50,961.37
Town Buildings & Grounds Equip	16,527.27	6,834.50	23,361.18
Fire Truck Tanker	142,801.55	24.74	142,826.29
Fire Dept Safety Equipment	64,965.62	11.26	64,976.88
Forestry Truck	531.16	.09	531.25
School Technology Fund	25,005.66	4.34	25,010.00
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	0.00	50,281.47	50,281.47
Transfer Station Imp	560.05	.10	560.15
Life Squad Equipment	9,586.71	3,264.55	12,851.26
Frost Place Maintenance	11,683.83	3,900.70	15,584.53
Rural Water Supply	9,985.36	5,000.03	14,985.39
Recreation Van	998.29	999.83	1,998.12
	1,086,592.37	(94,273.57)	992,318.80
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	48,598.46	(48,598.46)	0.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	98,108.19	1,951.06	100,059.25
Franconia Scholarship Fund	138,686.03	2,311.39	140,997.42
Lucy Pfsosi Memorial Fund	18,937.29	309.54	19,246.83
	304,329.97	(44,026.47)	260,303.50

December 31, 2016

Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	INCOME Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal and Income	Ending Market Value
421.94	393.69	-0-	815.63	44,075.04	44,013.83
737.89	581.64	-0-	1,319.53	10,866.53	10,851.44
472.38	655.20	-0-	1,127.58	50,938.84	50,868.09
71.65	62.94	-0-	134.59	5,175.42	5,168.23
741.59	29.56	-0-	771.15	2,430.18	2,426.80
100.18	115.93	-0-	216.11	10,648.44	10,633.65
1.89	1.69	-0-	3.58	138.90	138.71
0.50	0.45	-0-	0.95	36.69	36.64
98.48	85.78	-0-	184.26	7,054.61	7,044.81
<u>2,646.50</u>	<u>1,926.88</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>4,573.38</u>	<u>131,364.65</u>	<u>131,182.20</u>
1,926.53	1,667.57	-0-	3,594.10	137,151.94	136,961.46
1,063.72	1,240.19	-0-	2,303.91	54,185.41	54,110.16
168.56	466.34	-0-	634.90	41,138.42	41,081.29
408.69	397.39	-0-	806.08	901.66	900.41
199.92	252.34	-0-	452.26	20,552.38	20,523.84
0.00	45.54	30.00	15.54	47.65	47.58
755.57	374.06	-0-	1,129.63	8,713.88	8,701.78
1.10	.98	-0-	2.08	80.90	80.79
60.77	73.12	-0-	133.89	6,849.79	6,840.28
0.00	201.63	-0-	201.63	37,189.11	37,137.46
1,284.63	1,401.50	-0-	2,686.13	126,511.96	126,336.25
2,142.77	1,465.25	-0-	3,608.02	72,288.38	72,187.98
1,402.52	1,325.93	-0-	2,728.45	17,946.78	17,921.85
788.96	844.88	-0-	1,633.84	75,679.11	74,574.00
97.22	44.90	-0-	142.12	8,137.41	8,126.11
17.38	13.60	-0-	30.98	1,119.06	1,117.51
556.82	585.73	-0-	1,142.55	52,103.92	52,031.56
186.15	242.97	-0-	429.12	23,790.93	23,757.89
1,800.23	1,780.05	-0-	3,580.28	146,406.57	146,203.24
782.18	809.41	-0-	1,591.59	66,568.47	66,476.02
7.39	6.62	-0-	14.01	545.26	544.50
361.00	312.28	-0-	673.28	25,683.28	25,647.61
0.00	13,437.61	-0-	13,437.61	63,719.08	63,630.58
9.17	7.01	-0-	16.18	576.33	575.53
106.02	137.14	-0-	243.16	13,094.42	13,076.23
129.22	166.68	-0-	295.90	15,880.43	15,858.37
96.29	151.36	-0-	247.65	15,233.04	15,211.88
5.39	17.81	-0-	23.20	2,021.32	2,018.51
<u>14,358.20</u>	<u>27,469.89</u>	<u>30.00</u>	<u>41,789.09</u>	<u>1,034,116.89</u>	<u>1,032,680.67</u>
12,162.21	1,193.85	13,356.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
26,633.85	3,134.72	802.72	28,965.85	129,025.10	125,681.94
11,225.06	3,711.07	2,400.00	12,536.13	153,533.55	149,555.51
995.14	497.87	200.00	1,293.01	20,539.84	20,007.65
<u>51,016.26</u>	<u>8,537.51</u>	<u>16,758.78</u>	<u>42,794.99</u>	<u>303,098.49</u>	<u>295,245.10</u>

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT/LIFE SQUAD

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
1995 Ladder Truck	69,000.00	76,500.00	15	5,100.00
2012 Cardiac Monitor	\$30,000.00	\$15,000.00	10	\$3,000.00
2012 Difibtech Lifeline AED	732.00	-0-	5	-0-
2012 Pressure Washer	1,560.00	-0-	5	-0-
2009 Ford Equipment Truck	140,000.00	84,000.00	20	7,000.00
2008 Kenworth T300	146,548.00	80,605.00	20	7,327.00
Emergency Generator	15,000.00	5,250.00	20	750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	64,375.00	20	10,750.00
2008 Ambulance	135,000.00	13,500.00	10	13,500.00
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-		-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)		-0-		-0-
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	-0-	20	-0-
2009 Protective Gear	2,897.00	-0-	5	-0-
2010 Protective Gear	3,653.00	-0-	5	-0-
2011 Protective Gear	1,511.00	-0-	5	-0-
2009 Ice Rescue Gear	754.00	-0-	5	-0-
Protective Gear	15,000.00	-0-		-0-
Fire Hose & Fittings	29,000.00	-0-		-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-		-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-		-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	393.00	-0-		-0-
2011 Computer	1,064.00	-0-	5	-0-
2011 Pagers & Radios	2,375.00	-0-	5	-0-
Portable Radios & Beepers	47,775.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$942,196.00	\$339,230.00		\$47,427.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2016 Police Cruiser	34,763.00	40,500.00	5	8100.00
2015 Ford Interceptor SUV	\$37,000.00	22,200.00	5	\$7,400.00
2007 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-		-0-
2014 Motorola Radios (2)	5,940.00	4,158.00	10	594.00
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	-0-		-0-
2015 Kustom Signals Raptor Radar	1,730.00	1,034.00	5	346.00
2004 Eagle Radar	2,212.00	-0-	5	-0-
2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	-0-	6	-0-
2011 Video Cameras (1)	360.00	108.00	10	36.00
2015 Dell Latitude Optiplex (2)	1,894.00	632.00	3	631.00

2015 Dell Latitude Laptop	896.00	298.00	3	299.00
2015 Dell Precision	1,246.00	416.00	3	415.00
2011 Dell Vostro Computer (2)	2,084.00	-0-	5	-0-
2009 Laptop Computer	749.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 Typewriter	575.00	-0-	5	-0-
2014 Aimpoint Rifle Optices (4)	1,632.00	326.00	5	980.00
2013 Colt LEU Rifle (5)	1,475.00	1,031.00	10	148.00
2012 Glock 21-45 (5)	1,715.00	1,027.00	10	172.00
2002 Colt M-16A1 (2) (Mil. Surplus)	150.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	<u>1,430.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$106,609.00	\$71,730.00		\$75,095.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2016 Heavy Equip. Trailer	11,500.00	10,525.00	15	767.00
2015 Excavator	99,500.00	190,000.00	15	6,633.00
2015 Ford F550	96,000.00	39,150.00	5	19,574.00
2014 Dodge Truck	94,000.00	53,716.00	5	13,428.00
2014 International Truck (2013)	146,296.00	73,146.00	10	14,630.00
2011 Truck	19,803.00	3,959.00	5	3,961.00
2012 Loader	81,500.00	80,500.00	15	5,433.00
2013 Mower	4,290.00	715.00	6	715.00
2008 International Ten-Wheeler	76,538.00	77,000.00	10	7,654.00
2007 Woodchipper	23,000.00	-0-	10	2,300.00
2006 CAT Broom	7,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
2013 Radios (4)	1,300.00	-0-	5	-0-
2011 Radio	375.00	-0-	5	-0-
Snow Plow	5,000.00	-0-	3	-0-
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	-0-	10	-0-
Compressor	1,163.00	-0-	10	-0-
2 Stihl Chain Saws	1,000.00	-0-	2	-0-
Stihl Pole Saw	650.00	-0-	5	-0-
Stihl Leaf Blower	450.00	-0-	5	-0-
Stihl Walk Behind Power Broom	500.00	-0-	5	-0-
Stihl Handheld Power Broom	400.00	-0-	5	-0-
Battery Charger	400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Work Signs & Stands (6)	1400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Plate Compactor	1,000.00	-0-	7	-0-
Welder	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$733,765.00	\$528,686.00		\$54,868.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2014 Dell Optiplex Workstation(2)	\$2,400.00	960.00	5	\$480.00
2014 Dell Laptop & Docking Station	1,346.00	1,512.00	5	269.00
2014 Dell Laptop (Supervisors)	850.00	340.00	5	170.00
2014 Dell Desktop (Town Clerk)	920.00	368.00	5	184.00
2014 HP Officejet Printer	70.00	28.00	5	14.00
2008 HP LaserJet Printer	350.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
2015 Brother Fax Machine	150.00	90.00	5	30.00
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	-0-
Totals	\$7,636.00	\$3298.00		\$1,147.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2013 Bobcat	\$ 15,466.00	(52%)	\$6,810.00	7	\$2,209.00
2014 Baler	5,928.00	(52%)	4,149.00	10	593.00
2015 Container	1,924.00	(52%)	1,540.00	10	192.00
2013 Containers (2)	6,968.00	(52%)	4,380.00	10	697.00
2008 Container	1,040.00	(52%)	104.00	10	104.00
2012 Dell Laptop	422.00	(52%)	86.00	5	84.00
2010 Trash Compactor	7,020.00	(52%)	2,106.00	10	702.00
Totals	\$38,768.00		\$19,175.00		\$4,581.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2016 Police Cruiser				
2015 Ford -F350w/plow	62,774.00	37664.00	5	12,555.00
2010 John Deere Tractor	36,000.00	4,500.00	8	4,500.00
2011 Ford Van (Recreation 58%)	9,628.00	3,850.00	5	1,926.00
2014 Wright Mower 36"	5,800.00	3,313.00	7	829.00
2014 Wright Mower 61"	10,500.00	6,000.00	7	1,500.00
2013 Spreader	900.00	180.00	5	180.00
2014 Trailer (Parks)	2,095.00	1,465.00	10	210.00
2005 Trailer	2,200.00	-0-	8	-0-
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	5	-0-
2005 59" Snow blower	2,850.00	-0-	5	-0-
1995 Toro Snow blower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
Totals	\$134,170.00	\$56,972.00		\$ 21,700.00

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

This past year, we spent a considerable amount of money at the Mittersill site. The interior of the water tank was cleaned and the interior walls were coated. An air operated air system was installed. This system will keep the surface of the water moving and prevent it from freezing.

In the spring trees will be taken down around the water tank. The exterior of the water tank will then be cleaned and painted and an aluminum ladder will be fastened to the exterior of the tank.

In the spring the three water tanks at the Franconia Village site will have to be inspected as part of a State mandate requiring inspection every 5 years. The water pumps at two of the wells in Franconia had to be replaced. One of the wells requires a new meter.

Thank you all for your support.

Richard McLachlin
Joan Hartford
Ray Peltier
Franconia Water Commissioners

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement

For the year Ending December 31, 2016

REVENUES

Income

Water Rents	\$269,495.72
Water Rent Interest	3,295.66
Water rent overpayment	100.00
Interest Income	<u>378.64</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$273,270.02

EXPENDITURES

Wages	4,074.41
Software	2,594.98
Propane	473.11
Phone	2,620.82
Contract Labor	39,727.47
Computer Contract	2,030.82
Water Testing	1,605.00
PSNH	11,185.93
Chlorine/Sodium Hydroxide	875.00
Misc. Expense	15,858.71
Repairs	885.78
Meter Readings	2,035.40
General Maintenance	299.79
Meters	6109.22
Cap Imp. Fran Village	25,100.00
Cap. Imp Mittersill	110,324.64
Fire House Utilities	1,414.00
LRW Contract Labor	48,000.00
Plumbing Supplies	1777.67
Postage	678.97
Refund of Excessive Water Payment	<u>171.93</u>
RD Loan Payment	71,488.00
Total Expenditures	\$349,331.65

Net Ordinary Income \$-76,061.63

Net Income \$-76,061.63

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For the year Ending December 31, 2016

ASSETS

Cash on Hand/Checking	\$110,211.20
Reserve Account	<u>\$7,582.22</u>
	\$117,793.42

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Storage tanks	\$354,000.00
Mains	\$1,200,900.00
Hydrants	\$51,000.00
Pumps	\$7,200.00
Gate Valves	\$113,000.00
Meters	\$160,000.00
Pump Stations/Treatment Plants (Village)	\$351,900.00
Pump Stations/Treatment Plants (Mittersill)	\$261,630.00
Tools & Equipment	\$2,000.00
Water Tower (Mittersill)	<u>\$2,100,500.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$4,602,130.00

2017-2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2017-2022 Capital Improvement Plan was completed by a group of five citizens, appointed by the Planning Board. The Committee worked from August through January 2017 on this year's plan.

Preparation of the plan involved the Committee interviewing and interacting with the Town Operational Department Heads, the Fire and Life Squad Chiefs, and the Town's Select Board and Administration to collect their anticipated capital needs, and the priority of the needs, for the time frame 2017-2022. These individual requests were then laid out in an annualized schedule and analyzed relative to the Town's need to maintain critical assets and the need to raise monies to fund the projects in the future.

These activities resulted in the CIP Committee updating the long range capital plan for 2017 with a total funding of \$405,437, which is an \$8,673 reduction from 2016. This was made possible by a thorough review of the status of vehicles and extending the useful life of several vehicles. In addition, the Committee determined that the Town could allocate a portion of the Highway Block Grant toward road improvement and thereby reduce taxpayer funding.

A draft of the CIP was published and made available for citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for Capital appropriations in 2017. A Public Hearing was then held to elicit public comment on the draft. No request for change was received. The plan was adopted by the Franconia Planning Board in December 2016 and was accepted by the Select Board in January 2017.

The CIP would like to highlight a few specific findings and concerns that it recommends receive further consideration by the CIP, Planning and Select Boards as well as the community at large:

- 1) The CIP recommends that the Road Agent, BOS, and CIP continue to work to update the strategic road plan for the next year and develop a detailed plan with priorities for reconstructions for the next five years. Much has been accomplished in the past four years and much remains to be done.
- 2) The current CIP plan concentrates primarily on vehicles, machinery and equipment. We recommend that the Town begin to develop a plan for its many buildings to include roofs and heating systems.
- 3) The CIP recommends that the Town adhere to equipment purchasing policies that require Requests for Proposals from multiple vendors and suppliers to insure the Town is getting the most for its money. Likewise disposal of equipment should be publicly noticed or posted for sale.
- 4) When it is time to purchase new equipment, the CIP is offering its members' knowledge and expertise in helping to define its purpose and general utility, how to locate reliable sources, write the RFP, and negotiate the best deal.

Finally, the CIP Committee would like to thank all Town employees, administrators, board members, and citizens for their generous contributions of time and consideration in establishing and delivering Franconia's 2017-2022 CIP. We are hopeful that the plan and process will be an important aid to the Select Board in their annual budgeting and result in improved capital planning and investment for the Town of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernadette Costa (Select Board's Representative), Karen Foss, Peter Grote, Trevor Presby, Dick Reinhold-The CIP Committee

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

Director's Report 2016

In 2016, Abbie Greenleaf Library bustled with activity. A record number of patrons participated in programming and cultural events including storytelling, music, art, gardening and poetry presentations. Repairs and upgrades to the building continued throughout the year as did the maintenance of the library collection itself. Overall, the vitality of the library both physically and spiritually continued to grow.

BUILDING

2016 saw a flurry of repairs made to the library. Work was done on the foundation of the building to prevent water seepage. The brick facade was repointed. Gutter extensions were added to the front of the building, broken and missing roof tiles were replaced and flashing around one of the chimneys was repaired. The windows were cleaned. Several windows that had been painted shut were opened for the first time in decades and were fitted with storm windows and screens. A smoke detection system was added to the automated alarm system. The plaster walls of the stairwell leading to the attic were repaired and insulated.

In November, the motor to the ventilation system burned out and was replaced. Shortly thereafter CO levels in the building were very high causing the sporadic closing of the library in December and January. Twice the building had to be ventilated by the fire department. In early January 2017 it was determined by Cutting Edge, the furnace installation company, that the antiquated ventilation system could not accommodate the new motor, furnace and repairs made to the building that reduced drafts. Temporary repairs to the ventilation system solved the problem with permanent repairs expected to be made in summer 2017.

TECHNOLOGY

In 2016, the process of converting the analog catalog to the new automated library system (APOLLO) was completed. A desktop computer was added in the lobby to allow patrons exclusive access to the automated catalog. In addition, two new genealogy databases and Novelist and Explora research software databases were added to the system. Usage of computer hardware (a newly donated Ipad, two laptop computers and the original desktop computer) was unprecedented and during the summer people often had to wait in line to use the computers. Computer usage for 2016 was up by approximately 20%.

GRANTS

In March of 2016, the second half of a CLIF grant allowed the library to bring book illustrator James Arnofsky to Lafayette School and also to the library where he read to children and played music. In addition, the library received a *Kids, Books and the Arts* grant from the New Hampshire State Library. This grant made possible the summertime visit of musician T.J. Wheeler as part of the library program *Music for Children and Their Adults*.

EVENTS

The library was host to an assortment of events including book sales, a seed catalog swap, genealogy workshop and winter holiday events. In addition, the library hosted two

Franconia Museum/ NH Humanities Council lectures, a reading by the resident Frost Place poet Rose McLarney and a reading by mystery writer Marilinne Cooper. Woolly Studio artists Whitney Robbins and Marjorie Morgan visited several times working with children to create art. *Music for Children and Their Adults*, summer music events, included performances by the Ammon-Ukes ukulele band, blues singer T.J. Wheeler and performances by musicians from the North Country Chamber Players. All events were well attended some filling the library to capacity with regular patrons and people new to the community.

PROGRAMMING

Programming continues to evolve. During the summer, Story Time was regularly scheduled. During the school year, Story Time became a spontaneous event often coinciding with bursts of creativity at the newly installed children's art table. The North Country Equality alliance held monthly community get-togethers for adults and children, including a Thanksgiving potluck. Mah Jong continued to be the Wednesday cornerstone program.

OTHER NEWS

Easton Library contributed a subsidy of \$450 to Abbie Greenleaf Library in order for Easton residents to use the library for a reduced annual fee of \$10.

STAYING CURRENT

The library director stayed abreast of current trends in publishing, technology and library management by attending quarterly North Country Cooperative library meetings. In May, the director and library assistant Priscilla Hindley attended a library book repair workshop. The skills learned at the workshop have been utilized whenever possible to salvage and repair some of the library's best loved materials. In September, the director attended a NH State Library conference on Young Adult literacy and diversity with the hopes of gaining a better understanding of how to continue to diversify the library's holdings and meet the needs of the community's young adult readers. In addition, the director enrolled in online technology courses and made a point of meeting in-person and virtually with other NH State librarians in order to broaden her understanding of how libraries deal with current trends in technology and ever evolving policy issues.

BURSTS OF ENERGY AT A SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Statistics for 2016 showed positive growth in all areas of the library. Circulation statistics indicated increases in the borrowing of books, DVD's, magazines and puzzles, as well as the dolls, horse and mice! The number of patrons requesting library cards has risen once again this year and the revitalized children's room continues to be a hub of activity. Events like the Franconia Museum lectures, NCEA potluck, music performances and Santa's visit, filled the library with patrons and created an energetic resonance that could be seen in the faces of young and adult alike.

A special thanks goes out to the superb library staff: Joanne Carey, Priscilla Hindley, Loriann Jesseman and Chris Scott as well as the Friends of the Library all of whom have been supportive of change, calm during the chaos of special events and kind and efficient throughout.

And finally, a thank you to the patrons not only for the donation of books, magazines and toys but also for their enthusiasm, good energy and good humor.

In the coming year, we at Abbie Greenleaf Library look forward to continued growth in programming and patronage and celebrate the vibrancy that this brings.

Respectfully reported by,
Ann Steuernagel
Library Director

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2016

Materials Loaned

Adult Fiction	2,652
Adult Non-Fiction	1,117
Easy Readers	1,475
Juvenile Fiction	561
Juvenile Non-Fiction	262
Young Adult	114
Audio Books	233
DVD's	916
Magazines	536
Objects (toys, puzzles, telescope)	85
Digital material downloaded	
Ebooks	686
Eaudio	781
Eperiodicals	38
TOTAL	9,446

The above figure includes 430 books loaned to NH libraries via inter-library loan.

Computer usage	1,338
New library cards	77
Active cardholders	1023

Materials Borrowed

From NH Libraries	555
From NH State Library	10

Materials Accessioned

Purchases	410
Books	374
DVD's	27
BCD's	9
Gifts	390
Books	326
DVD's	36
BCD's	28
Estranged Materials (previously in storage or unaccounted for)	497
Total Accessions	1,297
Total Withdrawn	4,835
Total Volumes	18,000

Subscriptions

Periodicals purchased	26
Periodical gifts	2
Newspapers purchased	4

In addition, the library subscribes to two Genealogy databases and OverDrive, An Ebook/Eaudio book database.

**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016**

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$ 50,273.93
Income from Trust Accounts	<u>381,457.86</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$431,731.82</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,514.72
Permanently Restricted	126,856.23
Reserved for Special Purposes	254,601.63
Unreserved Designated Fund Balances	<u>48,759.24</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$431,731.82</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES

Town Appropriation	\$ 86,312.00
Non-Resident Card Fees	660.00
Grants	5,270.00
Contributions and Donations	9,674.00
Tape and Book Sales	195.00
Transfer from Stifel	2,400.00
Income from Trust Accounts	<u>5,942.15</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>110,453.15</u>

EXPENDITURES

Director's Salary	43,800.00
Other Wages	17,991.00
Payroll Expenses	5,151.75
Books, Audio, DVD's, Newspapers, and Periodicals	8,070.84
Bank Charges and Fees	56.00
Advertising and Promotion	50.00
Insurance – Treasurer's Bond	100.00
Utilities and Telecommunications	6,041.50
Office and Library Expenses	1,806.58
Computer and Internet Expenses	2,409.00
Dues and Fees	37.92
Programs	1,323.75
Legal and Professional Fees: Bookkeeping	2,283.75
Repairs and Maintenance	9,167.28
Professional Development	73.24
Postage and Post Office Box Fees	<u>202.46</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>98,565.07</u>
 Net Income	 <u>\$ 11,888.08</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Endowment Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

FUND	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
	Beginning Balance	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Investment Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	12/31/16 Balance
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$122,748.44	\$4,023.97	\$126,772.41	\$15,263.90	\$4,446.18	\$(2,750.19)	\$16,959.89	\$143,732.50
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	44,969.40	1,480.83	46,450.23	5,818.81	1,636.17	(1,012.07)	6,442.91	52,893.14
Phillips Fund	6,119.70	193.55	6,313.25	518.00	213.84	(132.25)	599.59	6,912.84
J.C. Blair Fund	30,561.90	889.93	31,451.83	(39.55)	983.30	(608.23)	335.52	31,787.35
Karl Schaffer Fund	12,144.80	387.83	12,532.63	1,156.73	428.52	(265.06)	1,320.19	13,852.82
Lovett Fund	4,421.52	151.82	4,573.34	785.84	167.78	(103.78)	849.84	5,423.18
TOTALS	\$220,965.76	\$7,127.93	\$228,093.69	\$23,503.73	\$7,875.79	\$(4,871.58)	\$26,507.94	\$254,601.63

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2016

The Fire Department has seen another very busy year. A total of 78 emergency calls for service were received. There were 45 fire related calls and 32 calls for motor vehicle accidents and one special duty call. The average time for a piece of fire apparatus to be staffed and able to respond to a call is just under five minutes, arrival time 5.78 minutes and the average call length is 53.05 minutes. The Department put in 788.5 man hours for training and 1187 man hours for incident response.

In November the Department took delivery of the ladder truck which was approved at a special town meeting in August. The truck has proven to be in even better condition than we had anticipated and should serve the Town well for many years to come. The Department would like to thank the residents and the Select Board for their support of this purchase.

Permits are no longer required when there is snow on the ground. Burn Permits for open fires are now available online at nhfirepermit.com or from a local forestry warden.

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

Meetings & training are held on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 7:00PM.

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

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

A Roll of Your Fire Department Members

Rick Gaudette, Chief

Roger Odell, Asst. Chief

Cray Ball	Harvey Flanders	Andrew Husson	Alex Peoples
Ron Baillargeon	Peter Gaudette	Bill McCarthy	Stan Sherburn
Shaw Brown	Tyler Gaudette	Tom Palmer	Rusty Talbot
Kim Cowles	Jeremy Hall	Walter Palmer	
Tim Cowles	Ted Hoyle	Phil Payette	

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly 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. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were 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 2016 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!

As we prepare for the 2017 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.nhdf.org.

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD/AMBULANCE

The Franconia Ambulance currently has three (3) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two (2) of whom are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at years' end, has eleven (11) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and the visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education each year for a total of 40 hours after two years, at which time they must reapply for their national certification and state license.

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

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its' membership from the surrounding area by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. Anyone willing to volunteer is welcome to apply for membership. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

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

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT	
Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT	Capt. Pam Oakman Paramedic
William Mead Paramedic	Allan Clark EMT
Bill Blackwell AEMT	Ned Wilson EMT
Susan Simpson EMT	William McCarthy EMT
Zach Chicoine EMT	Jeffrey Collins EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 295 calls for assistance during 2016, of those 176 required transport.

In 2016, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$81,216.89. While income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill and Easton totaled \$96,482.89. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of **\$15,266.35** was returned to the town.

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

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

In closing, I would like to pay homage to one of Franconia Ambulances' founding fathers Joel Peabody. Who recently passed away at the all too young age of 70. Joel had the vision and foresight to see the need for medically trained residents to respond to calls of assistance from their neighbors in their growing community. And during his life contributed his time and energies toward that goal and the continued growth of that Ambulance service and the idea of neighbor helping neighbor.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Schmucker-Chief
Franconia Life Squad

FRANCONIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Franconia Emergency Management started out the 2016 season with a major ice jam and flooding of the Plantation Road area. In February wildly fluctuating temperatures and heavy rains caused a half mile ice jam to form on the Gale River. This resulted in ¾ of a mile of Plantation Rd. being washed away. 1 home was submerged under five feet of water and 3 others received minor damage. Three people were rescued from the resulting flood waters by the Franconia Life Squad and the Franconia Police Department. The Franconia Fire Department also assisted in property recovery. The Franconia Highway Department along with Presby Construction worked constantly to relief the area of the flood waters and rebuild the roadway. My Thanks to these agencies as well as area citizens who allowed travel over their property so the citizens of Plantation road could escape the flood.

The State Emergency Management as well as the Division of Environmental Services responded to the event. From this a study was completed over the summer on the Gale river. A proposal to work on the river to mitigate future flooding was submitted. D.E.S. has advised that they will begin work on the river in the summer of 2017 to aid in the flood control along the Gale River. This is a federally funded program .

Last but not least, I wish to thank my Finance / liason officer Sally Small for years of dedicated service to Franconia Emergency Management and to the Town of Franconia. We have received high praise from the State for the efficiency of reporting information required from these events and it is due to Sally's knowledge and expertise in those areas. Thank You Sally.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Taylor Emergency Management Director
John Monaghan Deputy Emergency Management Director

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Franconia Highway Department 2016 Annual Report details all maintenance and road construction completed this year.

- Purchased a used loader, excavator, and ten wheeler which replaced backhoe and six wheeler and heavy equipment trailer.
- Rebuilt Plantation Road after flooding caused by ice jam. Installed dry culvert to relieve water in case of flooding again.
- Put 1" topcoat of asphalt on upper half of Lafayette Road.
- Paved entrance to Bickford Hill to the bridge.
- Put 1" topcoat of asphalt on Kerr Road.
- Shimmed Wells Road from Horse and Hound to Route 118.
- Paved top of Wallace Hill which completes this project.
- Shimmed entrance to Dow Avenue.
- Paved Sawmill Lane.
- Added ¾ inch gravel to several dirt roads.
- Placed Calcium Chloride on graded roads for dust control.
- Mowed some of roads. Unable to finish due to breakdowns.
- Continued ditching roads for proper water runoff. We were able to double the amount completed because of new excavator.

In 2017, I hope reclaim and pave Harvard Street, and also shim the rest of Wells Road and Lafayette Road which are deteriorating very fast. Also hoping to start reclaiming and paving at Mittersill in 2017 or possibly 2018, depending on water projects taking place up there. I would also like to get more sidewalks done this year. We were shut down on this project in 2016, due to the possibility of Northern Pass coming through Town. These projects are all based on the Highway Improvement Fund being funded in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Leslie, Public Works Director

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2016, the tragic year we lost Donald "Chippa" Dimick. He was a good friend and a credit to this community. He will be greatly missed. Corey Rush also left the Transfer Station. He is now working with the Town's Grounds and Maintenance Department. To fill the void, we have hired Eric Rasmussen and Seth Raynor.

Recycled Commodities:

Newsprint	20.86 Tons
Cardboard	64.85 Tons
Mixed Paper & Magazines	63.92 Tons
Aluminum	3.31 Tons
Tin Cans	5.22 Tons
Plastic	13.31 Tons
Glass	109.62 Tons
Scrap Metal	39.74 Tons
Tires	1.73 Tons
Electronics	5.94 Tons
Fluorescent Bulbs	7500 Ft.
Batteries	123 Units
Textiles	6.14 Tons

Tri-Town Recycling Rate 43.3%

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Seth Raynor

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
2016 INCOME AND EXPENSES**

Income	
Town of Franconia	81,770.00
Town of Sugar Hill	51,893.00
Town of Easton	32,587.00
PAYT Bags	79,981.78
Special Handling Fees	20,310.73
Recycled Material	<u>23,728.61</u>
	290,271.12
Expenses	
Solid Waste Disposal	
MSW Hauling	7,264.64
MSW Tipping	31,712.31
Bulky Disposal	
Roll Off Hauling	10,058.34
Roll Off Tipping	15,941.69
Glass & Plastic	8,365.79
Tires	291.50
Electronics	2,980.23
Other	469.05
Utilities	4,916.77
General Expenses	
Bailing Wire	993.33
Dues	1,896.58
Insurance	854.00
PAYT Bags	9,243.84
Printing	300.00
Oil & Gas	209.71
Supplies	1,581.76
Training & Certification	680.00
Equipment Maintenance	904.03
Wages	127,269.69
Benefits	
Health Insurance	34,779.45
Retirement	3,271.00
Payroll Taxes	8,276.51
Workers' Compensation	<u>3,316.45</u>
	275,638.97

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dear Franconia,

This year was similar to the prior year as far as calls for service go. Last year's mild winter kept our car accident statistics down. We are one of the few industries where being slow and not having as much business is a good thing. Still, we are plenty busy. It was nice not going from emergency to emergency and crisis to crisis. Instead we were able to focus on prevention, community engagement and making ourselves accessible to Franconia not just through 911 phone calls. To that end when I took this position in 2012 it was very intentional the way we as a department engaged with the Town. We were new to you and you were all new to us, clearly that is not the case anymore. I did this so that as many people as possible would be able to get to know us and the mission of our department. I really can't thank you enough for the support and positive feedback you've given us. You have no idea how much it means and how much it helps when we deal with the hard calls in policing. Your kind words are like a "good stuff" bank account we can draw from when dealing with tragedy and difficult situations. So thank you very much.

You may have noticed I've been penning a few articles here and there on our Franconia Facebook page. They've gotten the attention of the local paper and even as far away as Denmark, Slovenia and Ireland. I've tried to write, again very intentionally, about how people treat one another using humor, true stories and metaphor. We come from a long history of New England "neighbors helping neighbors." I think it is the mark of a human being when you can be as rugged as the mountains of the Kinsman range and still offer a kind word to a friend in need. I think we are those people.

In 2016 we trained the Lafayette School and Town Staff in A.L.I.C.E. technique of what to do in the event of an emergency or Hazard. The Sergeant and I schlepped our way to the top of Cannon in Race to the Face, We skied with the Lafayette School kids, taught bike safety to the recreation program and enjoyed the Old Home Day Parade. I have to say all the waves and smiles do our hearts good. We also answered 2,378 calls for service.

Be kind to you neighbors and proud of your Town, we think you're awesome.

John Monaghan MS
Chief of Police

Sergeant Martin Cashin
Officer Gary Pilotte
Officer Zachary Chicoine (PT)
Officer Merideth Holmes (PT)
Officer Robert Mancini (PT)
Officer Ryan Jarvis (PT)
(PT)-Part Time Officers

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2015	2016	ARRESTS	2015	2016
Assaults	3	2	Theft	3	4
Sexual Assault	1	0	Driving While Intoxicated	4	1
Bad Checks	2	0	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
Burglary/Trespass	11	6	Unlawful Possession	4	0
Violation of Restraining order	4	0	Hindering apprehension	2	0
Computer Crime	0	0	Bad Checks	2	0
Criminal Mischief	9	6	Simple Assault	1	2
Disorderly Conduct	0	1	Resisting Arrest	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	6	3	Conduct After Accident	3	2
Criminal Trespass	11	9	Domestic Violence	2	2
Drug Investigation	5	4	Harassment	0	0
Fraud/Theft/Robbery	28	29	Criminal Mischief	0	0
Harassment	1	4	Criminal Threatening	0	0
Criminal Threatening	3	3	Burglary	1	1
Illegal Dumping	4	1	Shoplifting	0	0
Juvenile Offenses	3	1	Protective Custody/IEA	5	2
Attempted Suicide	3	3	Criminal Trespass	0	0
Possession of Alcohol	9	9	Disorderly Conduct	1	0
Wanted Persons	15	8	Opr w/o Valid License/OAS/HO	8	5
Child Abuse	2	2	EBW/Breach of Bail	8	3
Stalking	0	1	Possession of Drugs	4	6
			Reckless Operation	1	1
			Illegal Dumping	0	0
			Sexual Assault	0	0
			False Information	1	0
			Title Fraud (auto)	0	1
			Carrying of Weapons	0	1
CALLS FOR SERVICE			MOTOR VEHICLE		
Alarms	164	126	Accidents	89	73
Lost/Found Property	18	20	Summons & Warnings	792	677
Animal Complaints	87	57	Citizen/Motorist Assists	69	44
911 Hang ups	44	36	Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	67	53
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	10	11	Disabled Vehicles	119	103
F&G/Missing Lost Persons	37	47	MV Complaints/BOLO/REDI	58	68
Noise Complaints	6	3	VIN Verifications	14	13
Assist other Agency	19	21	MISC SPOTS Inquires	138	99
Foot patrol/bldg. checks	146	55			
Follow Up Investigation	100	99	TOTAL INCIDENTS	2408	2378
Civil Stand By	10	10			
Admin Calls/paperwork Svs	141	175			
Road Hazard	71	43			
Special Events	15	11			
Welfare Checks	17	18			
Misc/did not advise	11	89*			
Sex Offender Registration	2	2			
Shots Fired	6	10			
Bomb Threat	0	0			
Unattended Death	2	2			
Assist Fire/Ambulance		289			

*There was a significant change in dispatch staff causing the generic labeling of some Calls For Service (CFS)

PLANNING BOARD

The revised zoning ordinance as presented by the Planning Board was approved at town meeting by a large margin. The Board's next goal was to update the master plan. During the recent zoning updates many discussions, ideas and public comments led to the town applying for and receiving a grant for a study of the zoning regulations and general housing situation in town. The Municipal Technical Assistance Grant (MTAG) was offered by Plan New Hampshire and North Country Council. The grant amount was \$8,000 with \$2,000 of matching funds required from the town. This process is currently ongoing and should be completed in the coming months. With this information and input from the community the Board will continue with the Master Plan update in 2017.

General ordinary business during the year included a modest number of lot line adjustments and minor subdivisions. The Planning Board is currently seeking additional members and alternates to join the board.

Respectfully submitted, Thaddeus D. Presby Chairman

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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

June 4, 2016 most members of the Board attended a Planning and Zoning Conference in Concord, NH. The purpose of this Conference was to give NH Planning Board and Zoning Board members the latest information with regard to their responsibilities.

June 16, 2016 the Board met to nominate and elect officers of the Board. Phil Krill was elected Chairman, Frank Clulow Vice Chairman, Lydia Cumbee ZBA Representative, and Herbie Bartlett Secretary. Current Board members Peter Grote, Susan Retz, Elizabeth Andrews, and Bill Mellekas will remain.

November 2, 2016 the Board met to review the application by Jason and Jessica Jacobs for an area variance on building a garage that would stand 15 feet from the abutting property line - less than the Town 20 foot requirement. The Board determined that the appeal for a variance met all five of conditions necessary for approval. Under RSA 672-677, the requested variance was approved.

December 14, 2016 the Board met to review the application by Jonathan Holder and Mary Brubaker to divide a six acre lot shared by the Holders and the Brubakers into two three acre lots. The zoning in this area requires a minimum of five acre lots. There are two dwellings on the property and they are currently being taxed as two three acre lots – one by the Holders and one by the Brubakers. The appeal for variance met all five conditions necessary for approval. However, the approval by the Board is dependent upon receiving an authorization letter from the Brubakers.

Respectfully submitted, Phil Krill, Chairman

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Lafayette Recreation had a busy and fun 2016, chockfull of events, sports, and activities for all ages. The Committee works hard to provide recreational opportunities to the residents of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, and we're continually striving to expand our activities in ways that engage our communities.

In 2016 Lafayette Rec. hosted twice weekly adult basketball and Zumba programs and partnered with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire to host a variety of events. We also continued our work to make Old Home Day, Earth Day roadside cleanup, and Halloween happenings successful community events. Holiday events included caroling through downtown Franconia, including a stop at the Lafayette Center, and a First Night party at the ice rink.

Our youth programs continue to engage children from all three member towns. We had 58 children involved in our baseball and softball teams last spring, 15 in the trail running program, 88 playing soccer, and 55 now involved in basketball. During the summer 60 Lafayette students – more than half of the school's enrollment – joined us for the Summer Recreation program, visiting many of our area's fun spots, taking swim lessons, and learning about bike safety.

In addition to these regular programs the Lafayette Recreation Department, in collaboration with other organizations and with a dedicated corps of volunteers, hosts the annual Top Notch Triathlon, Halloween Cup youth soccer tournament, Wobble-N-Gobble fun run, and the Franconia Scramble Color Run. Proceeds from these events have provided important funding through the years to improve and maintain the skating rink, build and maintain the gazebo at Dow Park, and create countless other positive changes and improvements to our recreational programs and infrastructure.

We continue to strive to offer an array of programs and activities for residents of all ages in our communities and welcome ideas. The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at Lafayette Regional School, and residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Lafayette Committee Members,

Franconia: Adam Boyer, Meghan McPhaul, and Frank Pinta

Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland and Launa Glover

Easton: Matt Koehler and John Hynes

Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Parks & Recreation Director

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2016 Summary

- The purchase the Lawrence Property on Map 17-Lot 4 has preserved 114 acres for recreation and conservation. There are trails on the property and they can be accessed from the end of Old County Rd. Signs and maps are in the works. All are encouraged to explore!
- A Recreational Trail Program grant has been awarded to our community, and work is underway to develop and sustain our trails system.
- Chris Nicodemus has been working with members of the Planning Board and Kaela Gray from North Country Council as they integrate input from the community regarding the town's future, the master plan and rework the new zoning regulations for the town through the MTAG grant.
- With the help of Chris Collman, Eric Pospesil and Kim Cowles the trails in Fox Hill Park and along the Gale River were cut back, re-blazed and signed.
- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration. With the Lafayette Student Council, we cleaned the brook between the interstate and Main St as well as the Gale River Trail.
- Kathy McCarthy and Eric Pospesil have both stepped down as members of the conservation commission. Their dedication and hard work will be missed. Both were and still are very valuable resources to our community. Thank you Kathy and Eric for everything you have done!

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cowles, Chairman
Ginny Jeffryes, Secretary
John Lachepelle, Selectmen
Red McCarthy
Chris Nicodemus
Mary Grote
Mark Ober

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2016 REPORT

2016 was a do or die year for the Chamber. Our commitment to find a viable combination of an office and welcome center space from which to build a bigger, better and busier Chamber became increasingly more difficult. The seasonal information center continued to deteriorate in its allotted space, while the business of the community continued to increase, creating a contest for accessibility for community and tourism needs. As a Chamber of Commerce, we needed to show our value to not only our members, but our surrounding communities as well. Through hard work and dedication, our Board of Directors and committees worked hard to refocus, recreate, and rebuild our chamber. The successes have come, or are in process through the following 4 actions:

A: Launching our new state of the art website - our most significant and effective marketing benefit to continually attract visitors, business and families to our four season destinations. Identifying and redefining our brand, mission and purpose: **Gateway to the North Country** at Exit 38 to Main Street Franconia, our unique village and all the routes East, North and West, and through our logo and tag line of **TAKE IT UP A NOTCH and Discover...** the uniqueness of our region, our legends and legacies, all promoting our members, communities and our region as a great place to play, stay, dine, shop and live, plus providing valuable and effective marketing opportunities for our members, and great information for our residents and guests. All residents of our tri-towns should visit franconianotch.org and appreciate and enjoy!

B: Strategic planning sessions to guide the board's action, mapping out where we want to be over the next 1, 3, and 5 years to continue to provide value to our members through great benefits, and to provide our guests, visitors and communities with resources about our area and membership by adequate staffing and developing an office-welcome center in the middle of Main Street Franconia Village which will allow us to do so.

C: Revisiting the pursuit of the former flower shop on Main Street with Sherman V. Allen, Inc. is back on the table with the support of our Main Street owners and members. The site is the most viable one for a complete welcome center and fulfills our mission for economic growth by bringing visitors and guests to the middle of the village where everything is available for needed respite, services and all that visitors and guests need on Main Street coming off Exit 38 - Gateway to the North Country, as well as all the information needed to stop, stay and play. The building will support public toilets, ample parking, walk-in welcome center with amenities, Wi-Fi, ample space for brochures, and all informational vehicles, a walk-up window, and separate office space for a fully staffed office and boardroom with space to hold meetings. Our membership throughout the region is anxious to support this as much as they support the NHDOT welcome centers at other exits throughout the state. Working with NH's Travel and Tourism Division of DRED and the support of its JPP grant program and other initiatives can be utilized for this project.

D: Development and implementation of new and creative marketing items and events showcasing the uniqueness of our communities while continuing to improve our signature events and community involvement.

To further fulfill our chamber's mission statement and recognizing our welcome center as the Gateway to the North Country, we established the Northern Star Award at our Annual Dinner Meeting this year. The plaque reads: "Presented annually to an individual who has made lasting and significant contributions in the economic development of New Hampshire's North Country by promoting its natural resources and quality of life while fostering a climate in which commerce, recreation and tourism flourishes". The award will be hung on the wall of our welcome center and will be presented annually to a deserving individual. The plaque is sponsored in perpetuity by 5 of our members who have made many lasting and significant contributions in the economic development of New Hampshire's North Country as members of FNRCC and several other chambers and organizations. We are grateful to Bank of New Hampshire, Eames Partnership, Peabody and Smith Realty, Presby Construction and The Raymond S. Burton Legacy Fund for their participation and support.

The Chamber honors the retirement of Maxine Aldrich and sincerely thanks her for her dedicated service to the chamber that touched 3 decades of leadership on our board; serving in many capacities including President and Chair (and founder) of the Fields of Lupine Festival/Lupine Celebration while serving as the steward of the organization's history and accuracy of its parliamentary procedures. Shannon McKee retired from the board this year after 2 terms as Secretary and we very much appreciate her service in getting us through the tougher years.

The Chamber is grateful for the support from the communities, residents and our members. Thanks to the outstanding dedication of members of our current board, we can and will continue to promote our region's economic growth, provide superb hospitality and remain attentive stewards of our area's history and attractions.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Tarling, Executive Director

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chad Stearns, President	Kevin Johnson
Kevin Haynes, Vice President	Sandy Olney
Barbara Ashley, Secretary	Thad Presby
Atty Joseph Garrison	Rusty Talbot
Bob Tortorice	

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 2015 through September 2016

	<u>Total</u>
Income	
Advertisements	2,465.00
Events	8,159.50
General Donations	1,062.90
Membership Dues	29,617.28
Town Contribution Income	16,900.00
Total Income	<u>\$58,204.68</u>
Gross Profit	<u>\$58,204.68</u>
Expenses	
Advertising	4,075.68
Bank Service Charges	139.25
Dues and Subscriptions	186.00
Insurance	1,477.90
Other Employee Expenses	442.00
Event Expenses	4,738.92
Operations	162.23
Payroll Expenses	27,371.50
Postage and Mailings	179.08
Professional Fees	6,488.05
Rent	750.00
Taxes	3,020.00
Utilities	1,496.25
Welcome Center	<u>1,222.99</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$51,749.85</u>
Net Operating Income	6,454.83
Other Income	
Interest Income	<u>23.96</u>
Total Other Income	<u>23.96</u>
Net Income	<u>\$6,478.79</u>

THE FROST PLACE 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights

New Assistant to the Director

Paige Roberts is the new Assistant to The Director. Paige has lived in the Franconia area her entire life, and has worked as a museum docent at The Frost Place since 2014. She has since moved from the museum into the office as the new Assistant to the Director. Paige has a Bachelor's degree in Creative Writing from Southern New Hampshire University, which she received in 2016. Paige replaced Daniel Levin who received a full scholarship to the University of California at Irvine and was forced to relocate.

Museum Visitors

Nearly 2,800 visitors from around the globe came to The Frost Place museum and thus patronized the Franconia community between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. The Frost Place continued to receive visitors outside of our regular season, which indicates that the landmark draws visitors to the area throughout the year.

The highway attraction signs were taken down for all small organizations north of the notches, which has significantly impacted the number of visitors to The Frost Place and to the Franconia community. An application is currently being reviewed by the NH Department of Transportation to have The Frost Place logo placed on the Exit 38 attractions signs.

Partnership with Polly's Pancake Parlor

The Frost Place partnered with Polly's Pancake Parlor for the second time this fall. Visitors who brought a Polly's receipt to The Frost Place were given a free poster with photos of local nature overlaid with a Frost Poem. This promotion proved beneficial to both Polly's and The Frost Place by building mutual awareness.

Lupine Festival and Sugar Hill Market

The Frost Place participated in the annual Lupine Festival and Sugar Hill Market celebrations. A booth was set up at both events selling merchandise and directing visitors toward The Frost Place.

Littleton Food Cooperative

The Frost Place participated in the Partner of the Month program at the Littleton Food Cooperative in September. This partnership allowed The Frost Place to raise money and advertise locally while supporting the Littleton Food Co-op.

School Outreach Programs

The Frost Place's school outreach programs offer an experiential learning opportunity for teachers and students at Robert Frost's former home. School and youth groups tour the museum and grounds; take time for journaling or writing prompts, and gain insight and exposure to one of the literary art's most beloved poets.

This year The Frost place hosted 22 students and 2 teachers from the New Hampton School. Students from The White Mountain School came to The Frost Place to help with

the opening of the museum, and also visited in November during the offseason to tour the grounds.

Poetry Reading Series and Frost in the Air

Every year poets visit The Frost Place to participate in a reading series, free and open to the public. In addition to 24 poetry readings during the summer poetry programs, The Frost Place partnered with the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum for the second time to offer a poetry reading by the 2016 Dartmouth Poet in Residence, Rose McLarney. Mrs. McLarney also read at the Abbie Greenleaf Library and Dartmouth College.

In the summer we continued the “Frost in the Air” program, for which we invite local community members to participate in poetry readings at The Frost Place. Community members open readings by contemporary poets in Robert Frost’s barn by reading their favorite of Robert Frost’s poems. Reading alongside guest poets and faculty, community members not only enjoyed the transformative experience of reading in Robert Frost’s own barn, as ambassadors of the local community, they also created a bridge between the modern forefront of poetry and Franconia.

North Country Chamber Players

For the third year in a row, The Frost Place partnered with the North Country Chamber Players for two concerts in July. The two performances featured poets reading their poetry to selected chamber works. This partnership combines the forms of music and poetry in performances that enhance and illuminate both.

Programs

Conference on Poetry and Teaching | June 25 -29, 2016

The annual Conference on Poetry and Teaching focuses on training educators to effectively integrate poetry into curricula. Nineteen educators attended the conference, traveling from across New Hampshire and the country to spend a full week on-site at The Frost Place. Each year full tuition scholarships are awarded to a New Hampshire and a New Jersey “Poetry Out Loud” educator. The educators who participated in this conference expect an estimated 1,222 students to benefit from their training during the 2016-2017 school year.

Writing Intensive | June 30, 2016

The Writing Intensive is a creative addition directly following the Conference on Poetry and Teaching. Teachers are invited to focus on their own writing in a supportive workshop environment. 12 teachers participated and worked with special guest poet, Afaa M. Weaver.

Conference on Poetry | July 10 – 16, 2016

The Conference on Poetry is an intense “poetry camp” that includes workshops, readings, and craft discussions. This program brings renowned poets from across the United States to New Hampshire to teach poetry workshops and give public readings and book signings at The Frost Place. Among the awards and honors of the faculty this year were a Ruth Lilly Fellowship, the Agnes Scott Writer’s Festival Award, a Stegner Fellowship, the Green Rose Prize, Kundiman Prize, Lambda Literary Award, a winner of Drunken Boat

Poetry Book Contest, Rona Jaffe Woman Writers Award, Black Caucus of the American Library Association Inaugural Poetry Award, fellowships from Yaddo, Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center, Cave Canem Foundation, Vermont Studio Center, The Millay Colony, a Jones Lectureship from Stanford University, Civitella di Ranieri, and the Lannan Foundation.

Faculty members are also poetry editors at prominent presses and professors at colleges and universities such as Sarah Lawrence College, the Warren Wilson College MFA program, the Institute of American Indian Arts, Goddard College, Hunter College, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Instructors included conference director, Martha Rhodes, as well as respected poets Gabrielle Calvocoressi, Maudelle Driskell, Rachel Eliza Griffiths, Michael Klein, Collier Nogue, and Matthew Olzmann.

Thirty-nine poets attended the Conference on Poetry. Poets attended from the state of New Hampshire, all the states of New England, and other states across the country, even coming from as far as Israel. Scholarships were provided to three New Hampshire university students. The Latin@ Scholarship fully funded Diana Delgado's travel and a full fellowship to attend the Conference. Ms. Delgado was selected based on the merit of her submitted work, over 58 other applicants. The Latin@ scholarship was also able to fully fund the tuition and room and board of a runner-up applicant for the scholarship, and partially fund three others. Partial scholarships for tuition and two work fellowships were also provided to seven other participants.

Poetry Seminar | July 31 – August 5, 2016

The Frost Place Poetry Seminar is an in-depth specialized poetry program. Instructors included director Patrick Donnelly, and faculty Ilya Kaminsky, Maudelle Driskell, and Lyrae Van Clief-Stefanon. Among the awards and honors of the faculty this year were a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award, a Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Prize for the Translation of Japanese Literature, a U.S./Japan Creative Artists Program Award, an Artist Fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, the Margaret Bridgman Fellowship in Poetry from the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, a 2018 Amy Clampitt Residency Award, the current poet laureate of North Hampton, Massachusetts, a National Book Award finalist, an American Academy of Arts and Letters' Metcalf Award, a Whiting Writers Award, a Ruth Lilly Fellowship, a Lannan Literary Fellowship, a Yinchuan International Poetry Prize winner, a Pushcart Prize winner, a *Poetry International* editor, and *Poetry* magazine's Levinson Award. The very first Gregory Pardlo Scholarship for Emerging African American Poets was awarded to Charif Shanahan. This scholarship funded Charif's attendance at the Seminar, including room and board. This scholarship, which is funded by an anonymous donor, was named to honor Gregory Pardlo, Pulitzer Prize winning poet and faculty at The Frost Place 2015 Poetry Seminar.

Dartmouth Poet in Residence

Since 1977, The Frost Place has awarded a Resident Poet Fellowship to allow a contemporary poet to live and work in the house for two months of the summer. The 40th poet in residence, Rose McLarney, lived and worked in the house during the summer months with her husband and dog. Rose gave featured readings at the Abbie Greenleaf Library, Dartmouth College, the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, and The Frost Place. The

Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place is supported by Dartmouth College, and annually awards a poet with a six-to-eight week residency at The Frost Place every summer.

Chapbook Competition

The Frost Place continued its annual chapbook contest, an international competition drawing applications of poets of high caliber from across the country. We received 437 submissions to the 2016 competition. Tiana Clark's winning chapbook, *Equilibrium*, was published by Bull City Press. She was also awarded a full scholarship to attend the Seminar where she gave a featured reading from her published chapbook.

Community

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

- Abbie Greenleaf Library hosts annual readings by the Dartmouth Poet in Residence at The Frost Place.
- Dan Fowler, neighbor to The Frost Place, has provided ongoing support as our volunteer "caretaker," keeping a close eye on the museum throughout the year.
- Dartmouth College sponsors the Dartmouth Poet in Residence.
- Heartstone Stoves provided a woodstove for the fireplace in The Frost Place living room.
- New Hampshire State Council on the Arts provides funding to The Frost Place.
- Patti and David Schaffer continue to generously fund the gardening services that keep the flower beds in front of the Museum beautiful and inviting from spring through fall.
- The Town of Franconia owns and maintains the exterior of The Frost Place.
- Kim Cowles and the Capital Improvement Planning board are working diligently making arrangements to repair The Frost Place roof.
- St. Johnsbury Athenaeum provided space for a poetry reading by the 2016 Dartmouth Poet in Residence, Rose McLarney.
- The White Mountain School students donate time to help with trail cleanup and The Frost Place uses the WMS campus to board participants in the Conference on Poetry and Poetry Seminar.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Maudelle Driskell, Executive Director

Paige Roberts, Assistant to the Director

FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL

2016 President's Report

Accessions: Over 18 different donors added 39 items to the collection. Thank you! The Heritage Council appreciates the continuing interest of those who add to our collection, allowing us to interpret early Franconia life. Among the highlights: an early inventory of Lovett's Inn; a group of antique kitchen wares--aluminum coffee pot, aluminum steamer pot, potato masher; notebook of Dow Academy memories; a CD of Frost Place documents preserved; a copy of conservation officer Charles Barry's "Behind Badge 32"; two photograph albums of early 1900s views of New Hampshire; a group of antique ladies' dresser accessories--comb holder, brush, hair pick, silk scarf, kid gloves; "America's First Aerial Tramway", a 1938 publication about Cannon Mountain.

Visitors: The Franconia Heritage Museum welcomed 220 visitors from ten states and Canada. Many visitors were entire families. It is uplifting to see whole families enjoy their visit to "Grandma's House". In June we entertained 30+ students from Lafayette Regional School. The Iron Furnace welcomed 851 visitors, testifying to the importance of this restored historic landmark. Visitors continue to record many positive remarks about the stone stack.

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

Events: The annual skating party February 13 drew quite a number of families, despite a very cold day. The children and the adults had a good time skating, sliding, chatting, eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate. At the Abbie Greenleaf Library the Council hosted two NH Humanities of the Arts programs that were well received. Steve Taylor spoke on the Grange movement at a presentation on June 14, in conjunction with our new exhibit. On August 16 Kevin Gardner spoke on "Discovering New England Stone Walls." Also in August, the Council hosted the granges from Bath and Landaff to a picnic and tour of the grange exhibit.

Maintenance: The museum building's exterior was painted in July, including the house plus barns. This work was performed by the Grafton County inmates. Roof gutters and down spouts were added to both sides of the shed. The Council board approved \$3,000 for repairs to the Iron Furnace Interpretive Center. The wind-broken plexiglass on one of the large exhibit boards at the Interpretive Center was remodeled and replaced. In accordance with a practice initiated in 2015, the museum was shut down for winter on November 14. We are grateful for the many hours Dinny Richmond spends maintaining the lovely flower beds, enhancing the curb appeal of the museum. We also want to acknowledge Chuck Besaw for his help maintaining the Interpretive Center visitors' logs and donation box.

General: Our winter work days were occupied with the installation of a new exhibit, "The Grange: a Voice for the Farmers." The Heritage Council is indebted to Maxine Aldrich for her generous donation of artifacts and documents from Franconia's Lafayette Grange, providing the majority of the items for the grange exhibit. Harriet Taylor

provided photographs and mementoes, allowing us to create a permanent exhibit "Restoring the Dow Clock." With a touch of sadness we dismantled our gift shop and returned the kitchen to its 1880s appearance. In June NH PBS featured the heritage museum on its Chronicles program. The Chronicles' Fritz Wetherbee twice did a piece from the Interpretive Center. Work continued on rehousing and preserving the collection. A complete inventory of the clothing collection is under way, accompanied by a photographic record of every piece. The treasurer's reports were successfully audited. As always our newsletters continue to receive rave reviews. Museum open hours remain at Saturday only.

FAHC contributing members number 194. We are grateful for their support and interest. We invite you to consider volunteering at this important landmark in Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,
Dot Wiggins, President, Franconia Area Heritage Council

FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE MUSEUM

October 1, 2015-September 30, 2016

Checking Account Balance Oct 1, 2015 \$ 4,462.98

INCOME

Membership	3,875.00
Museum Donations	411.00
Interpretive Center Donations	174.72
Edward Jones Dividends	1,016.49
GE Dividends	243.80
Gift Shop	97.90
Memorials	5,666.35
Checking account interest	4.55
Program Speaker Reimbursement	250.00
Reimbursement for Buidling Expense	<u>3,671.29</u>
Total Income	\$15,411.10

EXPENSES

State of NH Filing Fees	102.00
Electric	335.14
Internet	364.68
Telephone	529.42
Heating Oil	442.36
Water	220.66
Office Supplies	395.40
Stamps	119.00
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	644.19
Building & Grounds	3,529.15
Mailbox Rental	50.00
Program Expenses	614.50
Gift Shop	80.00
Community Support	100.00
Memberships	<u>275.00</u>
Total Expense	7,721.50

Ending Balance \$12,152.58

FRANCONIA ENERGY COMMISSION

The Board of Selectmen created the Franconia Energy Commission in 2011 to advise on reducing town energy costs through conservation and renewable energy measures. Educational outreach has also been an important focus of the group's efforts.

2016 Projects

The Ammonoosuc Solarize campaign was wrapped up this past Spring. Committee members helped the Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Team with this successful campaign in which 22 solar systems were installed totaling over 125 Kilowatts of potential solar energy locally. The campaign was able to hit the tier 4 pricing for the folks that had systems installed.

The Committee's main focus this year has been replacing the existing town street lights with new LED fixtures. There will be a possibility of removing some street lights that aren't needed anymore. This project will produce a significant annual savings for the town. A warrant article representing the final plan will be in place for the 2017 town meeting.

Focus of Attention for 7/1/2016 – 6/30/2017

The committee is in great hopes that the warrant article for the town lights will pass at the town meeting and therefor will implement the plan of converting the street lights to LED's.

The committee will be looking into the possibility of a community net-metered solar system in the area. This will help homeowners that don't have an ideal solar site to gain the benefits of solar energy.

For the third consecutive year, the Town's energy data will be uploaded to the EPA website on a quarterly basis. We are learning more about the reporting features and will be able to analyze and compare for actionable information.

The commission members welcome your ideas and suggestions on all energy related matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Franconia Energy Commission

Kim Cowles, JS Fitzpatrick, Karen Foss, Eric Meth (Selectboard liaison), Chip Stowell, Dave Strange, Bob Tortorice.

2016 REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

2016, our second season as Cemetery Trustees, provided us with another interesting and challenging year. We furthered our understanding of our role as Trustees by attending the annual Cemetery Trustees Seminar in Concord in early June. A top priority this year was to straighten out the financial situation: to make necessary corrections to the Perpetual Care Trust Fund entries and to separate out into a general maintenance fund (as voted by the town in 1985) the money accumulated from cemetery lot sales after the perpetual care donations ceased. This was finally accomplished in early December, a lengthy detailed project involving the Charitable Trust Unit of the NH Attorney General's Office, Bearing Point Wealth Partners of Hampton (Franconia's investment firm), the Town Trustees of the Trust Funds, and the Cemetery Trustees. Besides the lot-specific trust fund, we now have an expendable Capital Reserve Fund for General Cemetery Maintenance. This year we were able to reimburse the Town for \$802.72 that was transferred from the Perpetual Care Trust Fund.

In May, the Cemetery Sexton of 15 years, Jeff Phillips, resigned to take a job in Conway. He had just hired a new assistant, Susan Simpson. The Cemetery Trustees took on the role of training and supervising Susan, selling lots, and coordinating interments with funeral parlors. Susan proved to be a very competent worker and will be promoted to our revised Sexton position in 2017 that combines some of the former Sexton responsibilities plus those tasks she performed this year as the assistant. There will no longer be a Supervising Sexton and an Assistant.

Since our financial situation was still uncertain during all of the working season, improvements to Elmwood Cemetery were of the do-it-yourself variety that were within the town warranted budget. This list includes: painting the front arch of the shed and the large bulletin board on its front wall, replacing missing fence pickets, staining the Herbert Memorial Bench slats, painting the flag pole support, removing moss build-up from the shed roof, pruning overgrown shrubbery and removing it completely when necessary on individual lots, trimming overhanging tree branches along cemetery boundaries, repairing leaky water spigots, and the fall cutting back of flower gardens around monuments. Many small gravestones that were leaning or sinking got repositioned and straightened. A total of 170 gravestones, some old and some more recent, were carefully hand-washed using only water, sponges and soft scrub brushes. Our thanks to the Highway Crew for their assistance in creating a new flag pole, and for their help with the mowing in May and with burial preparations in early June. We would also like to thank Kim and Corey for lending a hand when needed. The cooperation from other Town Departments is much appreciated.

The Cemetery and Grounds/Buildings personnel used to share the Town Garage at the far end of Elmwood Cemetery. Last summer the Cemetery equipment and gasoline cans were moved down to the shed which was thoroughly cleaned and turned into a user-friendly work station and storage area. A much needed addition to the Cemetery was a used small pick-up truck bought for \$50 from Lafayette Regional School. Due to body rust, it no longer passes inspection and therefore can only be used within the Cemetery, but it greatly eases getting oneself and materials around the grounds. The Cemetery

scenery was much enhanced by the removal of the Cosco trailer to behind the Safety Services building.

We are very pleased with the progress made this year in improving the overall appearance and atmosphere of Elmwood Cemetery, and we look forward to taking on more projects in 2017 such as the picket fence at Elmwood and the gates at both Cemeteries.

Respectfully submitted,
Franconia Cemetery Trustees
Barbara Holt, chair
Mary Brubaker
Jayne O'Connor

2016 Elmwood Interments:

April 28	Robert C. Derrington
May 13	Robert Larson
May 22	Kristen Cunningham
June 1	Fred W. Locke
July 21	Priscilla P. Locke
July 25	Almamae R. Girard
July 29	Ronald C. Broderick
August 4	Ronald G. Berlack
October 7	David H. Clark
October 11	Diane C. Robbins
November 10	Edith M. Herbert
November 21	Jeremy C. Heath
November 21	Reginald O. Heath
December 3	Stephanie Hjelm

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

Date & Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Mother & Father
January 4, 2016 Littleton, NH	Sawyer George Mike	Jennifer Mike Matthew Mike
March 28, 2016 Littleton, NH	Natalie May Hersey	Samantha Hubbard Alan Hersey
May 5, 2016 Littleton, NH	Tallulah Easton McKenzie-Hartford	Jessica McKenzie Ryan Hartford
October 5, 2016 Littleton, NH	Uriah Knight Butler	Rebecca Butler Christopher Butler

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

Date & Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage
June 25, 2016 Franconia, NH	Brandon C. Sherburn Sophia H. Evans	Franconia, NH Littleton, NH
August 6, 2016 Franconia, NH	Philip G. Boone Robin A. Lacasse	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
August 12, 2016 Franconia, NH	Patrick S. Woodbrey Anne R. Kelley	Enfield, NH Campton, NH
August 27 2016 Franconia, NH	Lars P. Bildman Nassime Ruch-Kamgar	Denver, CO Denver, CO
September 17, 2016 Franconia, NH	Benjamin N. Harwood Kerin L. Perez	Cambridge, MA Cambridge, MA
October 2, 2016 Whitefield, NH	Daniel C. Walker Jade A. Monahan	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 25, 2016 Franconia, NH	Todd W. Finch Felicia R. Newberry	Atlanta, GA Atlanta, GA

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 4, 2016 Franconia, NH	Sibyl Labonte	John Lander	Dorothy Robeson
January 16, 2016 Littleton, NH	Linda Gordon	Hollis Gordon	Dora (unknown)
March 17, 2016 North Haverhill, NH	Nancy Zega	Mark Eucalitto	Bertha Mischak
May 2, 2016 Lebanon, NH	Raymond Holland	Howard Holland	Sarah Stedwell
May 5, 2016 Lebanon, NH	Barbara Robinson	Wesley Van Dine	Josephine Zygmont
May 12, 2016 Franconia, NH	Almamae Girard	Solon Richardson	Lilly Kerans
June 15, 2016 Franconia, NH	Barbara Barrand	Harry Barrand, Sr.	Helen Drayton
June 17, 2016 Franconia, NH	Evelyn Mercado	Jose Torres	Carmen Cotto
June 28, 2016 Littleton, NH	Marion Edmunds	Frank Stone	Lillian Reese
July 1, 2016 Franconia, NH	Ronald Broderick	Joseph Broderick	Evangeline Bourke
July 3, 2016 Franconia, NH	Cecile Hinerth	Joseph Girouard	Leonie Dumis
August 2, 2016 Franconia, NH	Etta Hooker	David Hooker	Martha Powers
September 2, 2016 Lebanon, NH	Marilyn Suydam	Harold Suydam	Anita Wientjes
October 20, 2016 Franconia, NH	Michael Carey	Charles Carey	Mary Martin
November 4, 2016 Franconia, NH	Florence Lapointe	Amos Parent	Eva Bellerose

November 29, 2016 Franconia, NH	Patrick Spencer, Sr.	Robert Spencer	Celeste Dickie
December 12, 2016 Franconia, NH	Maurice Deming	Roscoe Deming	Irene Bovat
December 16, 2016 Franconia, NH	Teresa Glover	Ludwik Gawel	Zofia Wieczorsk

NOTES

IN MEMORIAM

**Donald “Chip” Dimick, Jr.
1961-2016**

Although Chip only worked for the Transfer Station for a little over one year, he brought joy to anyone he came in contact with, and quickly became well liked by his peers and the community. We would like to honor and express our gratitude for his contribution. He will be greatly missed.