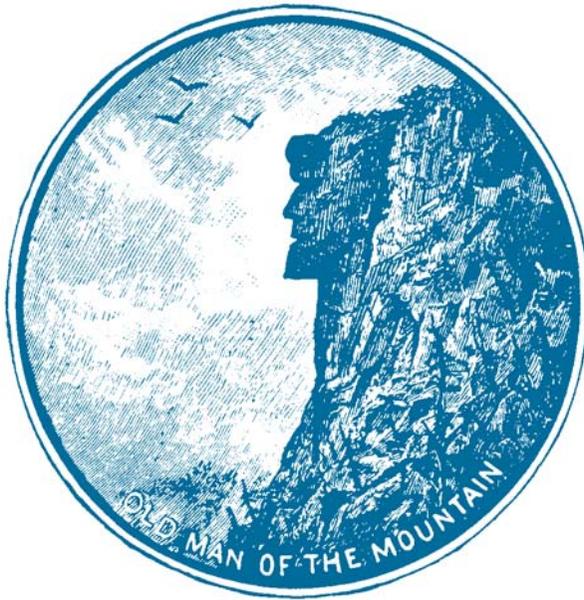


2015
FINANCIAL REPORT



FRANCONIA
NEW HAMPSHIRE

This Town Report
is dedicated to
Harriet Taylor
and
Melinda (Dinnie) Richmond
in appreciation of their
energy and leadership to
both the Dow Clock restoration
and the care of the
Abbie Greenleaf Library

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

of

FRANCONIA, NH

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2015

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert Montagno	(Term expires 2016)
John Lachapelle - Resigned	(Term expires 2017)
Eric Meth	(Term expires 2016)
Bernardette Costa	(Term expires 2018)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Carol A. Wills (2018)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2016)

MODERATOR

William L. Mead, Sr. (2016)

ROAD AGENT

Scott Leslie (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER/DEPUTY

Dr Charles Wolcott (Appointed)
Herbie Bartlett (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Roberts & Greene, PLLC (Appointed)

LIFE SQUAD CHIEF

Paul Schmucker (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Richard Gaudette (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

John K. Monaghan (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin	(2016)
Marcia Graham	(2017)
Raymond Peltier	(2018)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Bill Mellekas	(2016)	Harriet Taylor	(2017)
Sharon Penney	(2016)	Charles Lovett	(2018)
Peter Ainsworth	(2017)	George Lewis	(2018)
Melinda Richmond	(2017)		

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tom Eymam, Vice Chair	Franconia (2016)
Linda Gaitskill	Sugar Hill (2016)
Christi Gignac	Franconia (2017)
Denys Draper	Easton (2017)
Luther Kinney, Chair	Sugar Hill (2018)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Kim Shillieto Chair	Bethlehem (2016)
Steve Chardon	Lafayette (2016)
Carol Cunningham	Bethlehem (2016)
Christine Ash	Bethlehem (2017)
Lynn Terres	Lafayette (2017)
April Hibbard	Bethlehem (2018)
Alice Rocke	Lafayette (2018)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Anne Foss	(2016)
Carol Walker	(2017)
Grace Montagno	(2018)

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	(2016)	Mary Grote	(2017)
Eric Meth, Selectman	(2016)	Brian Williams, Vice Chair	(2017)
Thad Presby	(2016)	Mark Hessler	(2018)
Lydia Cumbee	(2017)	Keith Batchelder	(2018)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Peter Grote, Vice Chair	(2016)	Lydia Cumbee, Planning Board	(2017)
Frank Clulow	(2016)	Phil Krill, Chairman	(2018)
Elizabeth Andrews, Alternate	(2016)	Susan Retz	(2018)
		Bill Mellekas, Alternate	(2018)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kathryn McCarthy	(2016)	Virginia Jeffries	(2018)
William McCarthy	(2016)	Chris Nicodemis	(2018)
Kim Cowles, Chair	(2017)	Eric Popesil	(2018)
Mary Grote, Planning Board	(2017)		

RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Barbara Holt	(2016)
Jayne O'Connor	(2017)
Mary Brubaker	(2018)

BALANCE SHEET
For the year ending December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$1,385,749.59
Investments – NH-PDIP		2,999.82
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$175,797.36	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>313,553.95</u>	
		489,351.31
Other Accounts Receivable		
Engineering Fees	660.00	
Franconia Water Department	2,555.97	
Town of Easton	<u>3,991.73</u>	7,207.70
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Special Revenue Fund		<u>10,574.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,895,882.42

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable		\$ 822.88
Accrued Payroll Compensation		59,386.62
Due to Other Funds		
Land Use Fund		15,000.00
Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	480,306.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	<u>736,978.00</u>	1,217,284.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$1,292,493.50

FUND EQUITY

TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>603,388.92</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,895,882.42

NOTES FROM THE SELECT BOARD 2015

During this year, there have been numerous activities and accomplishments in our town.

We recognize a few, most notably:

1. Restoration of the Dow Clock was completed, a joint endeavor of a number of dedicated citizens funded in part with tax dollars and a larger amount through donations.
2. Conducted a public meeting to receive input from Franconia's citizens on how they wanted the BOS to deal with the Northern Pass proposal to route buried high voltage cables through the center of the town.
3. Established a committee to best obtain the possible resolution to minimize the negative impacts of the route of the Northern Pass power cables through or by-passing Franconia. The committee is chaired by Peter Grote.
4. Attempting to get reimbursement from Holden Engineering for their failure to complete the work required to receive a Safe Routes to School Grant.
5. Actively pursuing the collection of past delinquent taxes and taking appropriate action with taxpayers as their current taxes become past due..
6. Developing a plan to deal with the retirement of Sally Small, Franconia's Administrative Assistant for 24 years.
7. Connected the Town Offices to the state via a secure line.
8. Revised the building permit application and fee structure to comply with state requirements and to generate sufficient revenue to cover the cost of the town's building inspector.

Finally, we extend our thanks and appreciation to all those volunteers who have contributed their time, experience, and effort to Town operations and activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Montagno, Chairman
Bernie Costa
Eric Meth

MINUTES OF THE FRANCONIA TOWN MEETING

MARCH 11, 2015

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 Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The Moderator introduced the Selectmen, Ted Hoyle, John Lachapelle and Bob Montagno and Administrative Assistant, Sally Small. He then acknowledged retiring volunteers, Ted Hoyle, Sybil Carey, Betsy Philips and Mogens Jessen. He also announced the completion of the Safety Services Building.

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

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

Selectman (3-year Term)		
Write-ins	Bernie Costa	73
	Eric Meth	71
	Joan Hartford	3
	Paul O'Hara	1
	Rich McLachlin	1
Town Clerk (3-year term)	Carol Wills	81
Write -in	Joan Hartford	77
Treasurer (3-year term)	Tina Peabody	156
Cemetery Trustee (1-year term)	Barbara Holt	152
Cemetery Trustee (2-year term)	Jayne O'Connor	153
Cemetery Trustee (3-year term)	Mary Brubaker	160
Water Commissioner (3-year term)	Marcia Graham	153
Write-in	Richard McLachlin	1
Library Trustee (3-year term)		
Two Vacancies	Charles Lovett	150
	George S. Lewis	137
Trustee of the Trust Funds (1-year term)	Anne Foss	161
Trustee of the Trust Funds (3-year term)	Grace Montagno	146
Write-in	Bernie Costa	1
	Carol Walker	1
Supervisor of the Checklist (5-year term)	Lydia Cumbee	144
Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term)	Susan S. Moore	143

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of adopting the amended Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? (By Ballot)

The article was read, moved by Sally Small and seconded by John Lachapelle. A ballot vote was taken. Results: 61 yes, 15 no. The article passed.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate one million six hundred ninety six thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,696,400.00) to defray town charges for the ensuing year.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive	\$110,968.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	42,575.00
Financial Administration	60,367.00
Revaluation of Property	19,562.00
Legal Expenses	10,000.00
Planning & Zoning	5,900.00
General Government Buildings	95,250.00
Cemeteries	17,510.00
Insurance.....	8,693.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	13,453.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	2,082.00)
(Regional Airport.....	1,371.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police	353,940.00
Fire.....	109,420.00
Life Squad	55,058.00
Building Inspection.....	3,000.00
Forest Fire.....	3,000.00
Emergency Management	3,000.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	32,000.00
(Franconia's Share.....	31,500.00)

HIGHWAYS & STREETS407,941.00

UTILITIES21,500.00

HEALTH & HOSPITALS.....14,458.00

(Adaptive Sports Partners	750.00)
(American Red Cross.....	496.00)
(Ammonoosuc Community Health ...	4,000.00)
(Boys & Girls Club of the NC	1,000.00)
(CASA	500.00)
(Center for New Beginnings	1,000.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,500.00)
(Health Officer.....	300.00)
(North Country Home Health	3,100.00)
(Support Center – Burch House.....	520.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,292.00)

WELFARE9,700.00

(General Assistance7,000.00)
 (CAP2,700.00)

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....114,765.00
 (Franconia’s Share 52,295.00)
 Parks34,446.00
 Patriotic Purposes1,000.00
 Museums.....354.00
 CONSERVATION1,000.00
 DEBT SERVICE147,540.00

TOTAL..... (Franconia’s Share \$1,633,430.00)\$1,696,400.00

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small. John Lachapelle spoke to the article as Selectman stating that there was a 1.7% cost of living increase.

Dawn Steele, a citizen explained that a group of concerned residents had looked at the budget from a different perspective and compare the actual amount spent to the proposed budget. She stated that by doing the way it has been done historically has resulted in a 21.1 % increase since 2010, excluding the Safety Services Building. She recommended that the budget can be decreased 3.1% without impact to wages and benefits.

Peter Grote stated that there was a crisis year in 2009 when the Town of Franconia sold property and contingency reserves were drawn upon. He also stated that there was a growth of core expenses , before debt service costs that had grown \$344,000 over 5 years during a time when revenues were flat.

Marsha Luce questioned the \$12,000 increase in the “Parks” line. John Lachapelle, as Selectman, explained that there was a \$9000 Health Insurance cost increase for someone who works for the Recreation Department as well as the Park Department and that this amount needed to be shifted to the “Parks” line to ensure that the costs were being properly distributed amongst Sugar Hill and Easton.

Marsha Luce wanted to know why the Boys and Girls Club is a line item and the Franconia Children Center has to beg every year for money. She believed that the Boys and Girls Club was voted down when it was a separate line item. She stated that it was a great organization but serviced Franconia very little. She asked why Health and Hospice can’t be considered the same as Franconia Children Center.

John Lachapelle, as Selectman stated that the Town voted last year to fund the Boys and Girls Club.

Sally Small, as Administrative Assistant, stated that last year the Town had voted overwhelmingly to fund the Boys and Girls Club so it was put on the line item budget.

Marsha Luce stated that it was in last year, so it was voted upon two years ago.

Sally Small, as Administrative Assistant, also stated that the Franconia Children Center sent a letter to the Selectman requesting the funds.

Karen Foss proposed for Article 3 that with the exception of debt service the budget be decreased by 3.5%, a \$54,000 decrease and that the Selectman should use their discretion. The motion was seconded. More discussion followed.

Karen Foss added that a few of the Townspeople had created a shadow budget which did not decrease salary and benefits.

Ned Densmore asked if the Town could hear the shadow budget before the vote.

Cindy Burnell added that she was not comfortable voting when she did not know where the money was dropped from.

Karen replied that she hadn't made copies of their shadow budget because they wanted the Selectboard to be able to use their discretion.

Dawn Steele added that they could state their proposals, that is,

- a. since 2016 is the election year, not 2015 the budget should remain the same for 2015
- b. Planning and Zoning and Cemetary can remain consistent
- c. Fire can be decreased by \$15,000
- d. Forest Fire can be decrease to \$2000
- e. Boys and Girls Club and Adaptive Sports can be defunded
- f. Recreation can be decreased by \$3000
- g. Conservation dropped to \$500

Dawn Steel added that charities should never become automatic.

Bob Tortorice, as a proponent of the Boys and Girls Club stated that line items, after voted on individually, speed up the process. The Boys and Girls Club do service Franconia. They now have grant money to bus kids from Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton to the program.

Bob Montagno, as Selectman, stated that they had received a letter from Jeff Woodward, the Adaptive Sports treasurer and partner and the Boys and Girls Club Treasurer. He wrote that kids from Franconia do not go to Boys and Girls Club but kids of parents who work in Franconia do go.

Dawn Steele asked if tax dollars should be paying for these year after year.

Jon Peabody stated that if the highway department had unexpended funds, the Town should be able to cut \$50,000.

The Moderator ascertained that there was no more discussion on the amendment. He state that if on wanted to vote to reduce the budget by \$54,000, vote "yes" and if one wanted to keep the proposed budget, vote "no". A voice vote was taken and it was inconclusive. A hand vote was taken. There were 41 "yes" votes and 42 "no" votes. The amendment failed.

The moderator asked if there was any more discussion on Article 3. A recount on the amendment was requested by Peter Grote. A hand vote was taken. There were 40 yes votes and 40 no votes. There was a request for a ballot vote by Joel Peabody. John Peabody seconded it. A ballot vote was taken. There were 45 “yes” votes and 44 “no” votes. The amendment passed. The line item budget would be reduced by \$54,000.

The Moderator read the results of Article 2 Ballot Vote.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seven thousand four hundred dollars (\$207,400.00) to be added to the following Capital Reserve Funds previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

Town Buildings and Grounds Equipment, \$6,700; Highway Trucks, \$51,300; Highway Heavy Equipment, \$18,000; Police Cruisers, \$7,500; Life Squad Van, \$10,900; Life Squad Equipment, \$3,200; Fire Equipment Truck, \$6,900; Fire Pumper Truck, \$19,700; Fire Truck Tanker, \$23,700; Fire Safety Equipment, \$15,000; Bridge Maintenance, \$2,000; Rural Water Supply \$5,000; Legal \$29,000 and Reassessment, \$8,500

Article 4- The Moderator read the article. It was moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small.

Marsha Luce noted that the for “Legal” had \$29,000 added to it. Sally Small, Administrative Assistant, stated that the fund was down to \$991 because the Town had spent over \$29,000 resolving the P&R lawsuit and we were asking the monies be replaced in the fund.

Marsha Luce questioned there being a line item for “legal expense”. Sally Small stated that the line item was for everyday expense and money in the Capitol Reserve Fund was for unexpected lawsuits.

Bob Montagno, as Selectman, state that the Capitol Improvements Committee ensures that the departments get the current pricing on equipment and that is what the amounts are based on.

Jon Peabody proposed an Amendment to Article 4 so that the name, “Bridge Maintenance Fund” be changed to “Bridge Construction Fund”. Dave Starr seconded this. There was no discussion. A voice vote was held on the amendment. There was one “nay” and overwhelming “yeas”. The amendment was adopted and voted upon. It passed by voice vote.

The Moderator redirected the Town to Article 3 and a voice vote was held regarding the amended article. The article 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.

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

The article was read and moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally S mall. There was no discussion. The article passed by voice vote

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appoint the selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1966. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required).

The article was rescinded.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of fifty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$51,900.00) to purchase a truck for Buildings and Grounds and to authorize the withdrawal of up to forty-two thousand seven hundred dollars (\$42,700.00) from the Buildings & Grounds Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose; and to raise nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

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

David Starr enquired about what type of truck costs \$100,000. Sally Small answered that the cost of the truck in Article 7 was \$51,900 total with \$42,900 coming from the Capital Reserve Fund and \$9,200 from taxation.

Nick Mike enquired what type of truck was being referred to. The answer was a one ton dump truck.

The article was passed by voice vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of ninety six thousand dollars (\$96,000.00) to purchase a plow truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to seventy-nine thousand four hundred dollars (\$79,400.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, and to raise sixteen thousand six hundred dollars (\$16,600.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read and moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. There was an enquiry as to what the truck was used for. Scott Leslie, the Road Agent, replied that it is a plow truck and that we have 4 plow trucks. Someone enquired whether the article meant we would then have 6 trucks. Scott Leslie replied that we would not because trucks are traded in. There was a voice vote and the article passed.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$39,000.00) to purchase a 4WD Police cruiser, and to authorize the withdrawal of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, previously established for this purpose, and to raise four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) through taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read and moved by Bob Montagno and seconded by Sally Small. John Monahan, the Chief of Police, spoke to the article. He stated that cruiser was a 5-year scheduled replacement plus the cost of new equipment to fit the newly designed model. He hoped to sell the old equipment along with the old vehicle.

Jon Peabody asked why there was no trade-in amount listed. Bob Montagno, as Selectman, explained that there no dealers would give them a hard number for trade-in so the maximum amount had been put in and when the Town gets the trade-in , that amount being taken from the reserve fund would be deleted. A voice vote was taken and the article passed.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Fund created in {2000}. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

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

Mr. Rolfe asked if the fund would go to reducing the debt and that it should not go to purposes for which it was not voted. The value of the fund was requested with an answer of \$46,000.

Marsha Luce stated that she thought the Safety Services Expendable Trust Fund should go to reduce the Safety Services Building debt.

Bob Montagno, Selectman, stated that before anything can happen, the money has to go to the General Fund and then the Town can utilize it.

Mr. Rolfe asked if the Town could amend the article to put it in the General Fund. Sally Small stated that you first have to dissolve the fund then the monies automatically go into the General Fund. There was a question about whether the meeting could defer this decision until the other two articles were discussed. The moderator would not allow this.

Jon Peabody asked why the Town hadn't used all the money before we borrowed money for the building.

Bob Monagno, Selectman, stated that the Town had voted to remove only \$200,000 from the fund at the last Town Meeting.

Jon Peabody asked if we could discuss how we borrowed money from Passumpsic Bank. The moderator negated this request. It was asked if Article 10 were voted down, does the money stay in this fund and next year we can vote what to do with it.

Claudia Lachapelle asked if the money stays in the fund, does it earn interest. Sally Small stated that if the vote to dissolve the fund failed, the money would stay in the trust fund earning interest.

Bob Montagno stated that the Capital Improvement Plan Committee had approved this plan.

Joel Peabody asked if Article 10 is voted down, can the money be used on short-comings of the new building. Bob Montagno said it could be done.

A voice vote was held on Article 10. It was indecisive. Joel Peabody requested a paper ballot. Cindy Burnell seconded this. A paper ballot was held. There were 45 “yes” votes and 26 “no” votes. The article passed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) to be placed in the Bridge Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, previously established. The sum of \$24,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents the funds from the dissolution of the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust in warrant article #10. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

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

Joel Peabody proposed an amendment which would change “Bridge Maintenance” to “Bridge Construction”. Sally Small seconded the amendment. A voice vote was taken. The amendment passed. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken on the amended article. The article passed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty two thousand dollars (\$22,000.00) to be placed in the Town Buildings Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, previously established. The sum of \$22,000.00 to come from unassigned fund balance. This represents the funds from the dissolution of the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust in warrant article #10. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

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

Jon Peabody asked whether the Town can use these funds at the Safety Service Building, if needed. The answer was yes. A voice vote was taken. The article passed.

ARTICLE 13. 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 Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle, Selectman, and seconded by Sandra Gamble. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken. The article passed.

ARTICLE 14. 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 Fund previously established. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small. There was no discussion. A voice vote was taken. The article passed.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred eighty five thousand nine hundred eighty six dollars (\$285,986.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and capital improvements to include the purchase of scales and a container, with (\$16,000.00) to come from the Transfer Station Special Reserve Fund, (\$46,525.00) from the Town of Sugar Hill, (\$21,148.00) from the Town of Easton, (\$74,000.00) PAYT Fees, (\$25,000.00) Special Handling Fees, (\$30,000) in Recycled Material, and to raise (\$73,313.00) from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Charlie Lovett. Joel Peabody asked what happens if other towns don't pay. Sally Small answered that three towns have always done it this way but if either Sugar Hill or Easton did not vote their share they wouldn't be able to use the transfer station and we wouldn't process their trash. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was held. The article passed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ninety two thousand two hundred sixty six dollars (\$92,266.00) 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 John Lachappelle and seconded by Marsha Luce. There was no discussion. A voice vote was held. The article passed.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA 35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years of the original adoption of this article. The Selectmen recommend this article.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small.

Carol Walker stated that in July of 2014 the governor signed a provision permitting professional management of the Town's Trust Funds by a professional manager and with payment of the fees by the funds. She stated that the funds were never professionally managed. The Town has hired Matheson and Co. out of Manchester, NH. They specialize in municipal investment.

Marsha Luce asked what is the nominal amount to pay a manager and is there higher risk. She stated that we have \$1,000,000 in the funds.

Carol Walker stated that the fee paid is .5% of the funds managed out of the earnings. Earnings for the entire year of 2014 were \$814. Already in just January and February the earnings were \$2162. When asked what would happen if the manager did not make enough money to cover costs, the reply from the company was, "Fire us!"

Bob Montagno added that the provision states that the warrant article is good for only 5 years, not a 5 year contract with the same manager. The Town can change managers.

Dave Starr stated that if there are no earnings under professional management, there are no fees.

Carol Walker then stated that the firm is doing pro bono work until May 2015.

Jon Peabody then asked what the Trustees of the Trust Funds would do.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was held. The article passed.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Franconia Children’s Center to be used for general operating expenses. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by John LaChappelle and seconded by Sally Small.

Tina Brown, a member of the board at the Franconia Children’s Center, stated that there were 81 students at the Franconia Children’s Center. 29 of the children are from Franconia. It is a non-profit organization that relies on donations and provides a good, rich program. It is a draw for young families and collaborates with schools.

Mary Grote – asked whether other towns with students asked to donate and have they donated?

Tina Brown stated that we are making a more coordinated effort this year. I don’t know about other towns: we haven’t always asked other towns. There has been a change in leadership and this has caused some inconsistency. The towns we are asking are Littleton, Sugar Hill, Easton, Franconia and Bath.

Russ Cumbee stated that it is not the first time the Franconia Children Center has asked. Previously, the Town was told that 20% of the children are from Franconia. He asked if warrant articles are in the other towns and on the ballot. He questioned the fact that charitables are on the ballot forever when they have been passed once.

Marsha Luce stated that the Franconia Children Center is always a separate article every year and has been voted down in past years because it was called“tax abatement”. This year is a donation.

There was no further discussion. There was a voice vote. The article was passed.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to accept Meadow Crest Drive as a Class V town road. This road was constructed in 2000, and complies with the then existing and current road specifications. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

The article was read, moved by Ted Hoyle and seconded by Sally Small.

Scott Leslie stated that he had looked at the road during the last 3 years and that there were no problems with culverts or drainage and that the grading is good. He estimated that it would take \$1200-1300 a year to maintain the road.

Lydia Cumbee asked how many other roads which were private roads may come to Town Warrant in the future years.

Mike Gerard, a resident of the road, stated that there are 7 houses with a future possibility of 4 more houses and that the Town gets \$50,000/ year in taxes from these residents.

Bernardette Costa stated that there seem to be two problems with the road: one is that there is a curve where a couple cars have slid off the road and second that the end of the road which enters Rt. 116 seems to have some troubles.

Scott Leslie stated that he is aware of the one problem are that needs to be built up but that there is not a problem at the entrance. He felt there is a need for 3 inches of gravel on the road.

Dawn Steel stated that we must consider the cost of improving the road.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was held. This was indecisive. A hand vote was held. There were 35 “yes” votes and 23 “no” votes. The article passed.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to adopt RSA 41:14-a, to allow the selectmen to acquire or sell land, buildings or both; provided, however, they shall first submit any such proposed acquisition or sale to the planning board and to the conservation commission for review and recommendation by those bodies. This article will remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. (Majority vote required)

The article was read, moved by John Lachappelle and seconded by Sally. John Lachapelle, Selectman, spoke to the article. The Town was approached by someone who wanted the Town to accept a piece of land but the Town didn’t have the right to take it.

Joel Peabody stated that townspeople should vote on selling or accepting land.

Marsha Luce asked if the Town had sold property before.

Sally Small answered that it had and Copper Cannon was approved for sale by vote of the Town.

Pat Garvin stated that the Town would lose tax revenue.

Sandra Campbell asked if she could amend the article and was told that she could not because the RSA is written that way.

Joel Peabody stated that it comes down to 2 out of 3 people – if it passed. He thought it sounded to him that they don’t want it and asked for a ballot vote.

Dawn Steele read the RSA and interpreted this to mean that there would have to be public hearings if the article passed.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was held. The article was defeated.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of a Recreation Van and to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Recreation Committee’s line item budget for this purpose. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation. (Majority Vote required)

The article was read, John LaChappelle moved it and Sally seconded it. Some asked how many vans the town has. The answer was one. There was no further discussion. A voice vote was held. the article passed.

Article 22 was put on hold as votes for Selectman and Town Clerk/Tax Collector were being recounted.

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

The article was read, moved by John Lachapelle and seconded by Sally Small.

Jon Peabody asked what the “unknown deposit” was in the Water Department as shown in the Treasurer’s report. Sally Small explained that the treasurer was responsible for that report and he, should talk to the treasurer.

Joel Peabody asked what was done to correct deficits in the Safety Services Building.

Bob Montagno, Selectman, explained that the septic system froze because of not being used sufficiently and the bacteria, therefore were not present to generate enough heat to keep it from freezing. He also stated that because of the snow and salt the crew was washing vehicles a lot. He also stated that the pipe from the septic tank to the leach field froze and that Allan Clark, the general contractor, was getting permission to drain into the wetlands. He also reassured the Town that there was a warranty on the building. He also noted that the heating strips on the front concrete were not working and there was always snow there and that that would be addressed.

Jon Peabody offered to stop by and make a deposit for the septic system.

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

The article was read; John Lachapelle moved it and Sally Small seconded it. The article was revisited and the results of the contested elections were announced.

For Selectman:

Bernie Costa	73 votes
Eric Meth	71 votes

For Town Clerk:

Carol Wills	81 votes
Joan Hartford	77 votes

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Bernardette Costa
Deputy Town Clerk

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$99,422,906.00
Buildings	184,432,238.00
Manufactured Housing	1,237,600.00
Electric Utilities	<u>3,605,100.00</u>
 Gross Valuation	 \$288,697,844.00
 Elderly Exemptions	 (120,000.00)
Wood-Heating Energy Systems Exemption	(82,256.00)
Solar Energy Exemptions	<u>(71,631.00)</u>
 Net Valuation	 \$288,423,957.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$2,607,352.00
Revenues	<u>(1,137,798.00)</u>
 Net Town Appropriations	 1,469,554.00
 Net School Appropriations	 2,066,384.00
Net State Education Appropriations	658,587.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>479,326.00</u>
 Total of Town, School & County	 4,673,851.00
 Add: Overlay	 16,938.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>19,500.00</u>
 Property Tax to be Raised	 4,710,289.00
Less Credits	<u>(19,500.00)</u>
 Taxes Committed to Treasurer	 \$4,690,789.00

2015 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$5.23
County	1.66
State	2.31
School	<u>7.16</u>
	\$16.36

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
Town of Franconia – December 31, 2015

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

Village Water Project - 30 Year Bond 2.25% Interest \$2,023,234.02

	<u>Town's Payment</u>	<u>Water Users Payment</u>	
Principal	22,399.43	42,027.86	(64,427.29)
Interest	15,700.57	29,460.14	<u> </u>
Balance of Loan			\$1,958,806.73

Safety Services Building Project – 20 Year Bond 2.84% \$1,700,000.00

Principal	84,112.48	(84,112.48)
Interest	26,599.04	<u> </u>
Balance of Loan		\$ 1,615,887.52

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 96,500.00	\$339,700.00	\$ 4,445.00
General Government, buildings & equipment		15,900.00	78,672.00
Library, land & buildings	97,100.00	355,500.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	103,500.00	676,300.00	
Fire Department, equipment			305,521.00
Police Department, equipment			41,275.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	76,300.00,	126,800.00	
Highway Department, equipment			223,254.00
Transfer Station, equipment			23,756.00
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	311,000.00	3,239,393.00	
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			1,356,870.00
Cemeteries	246,100.00		
Land in Franconia	294,500.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	126,300.00	155,700.00	
Heritage Museum	107,400.00	199,300.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	92,200.00	6,700.00	
Dow Field	167,800.00		
Fox Hill Park	<u>258,700.00</u>		
	(1)	(1)	(2)
TOTALS	\$1,971,000.00	\$5,115,293.00	\$2,033,793.00

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$243,143.24
Motor Vehicle Title/Transfer Fees	1,224.00
Municipal Agent Fees	4,782.00
Town Clerk Fees	2,277.00
Dog Licenses	618.50
Vital Statistics	545.00
Marriage Licenses	340.00
UCC Filings and Requests	255.00
TOTAL	<u>\$253,184.74</u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2015-
For Year Ending December 31, 2015

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$4,692,464.87	
Land Use Change Taxes	30,000.00	
Utility – Water	<u>289,499.32</u>	<u>\$5,011,964.19</u>
Overpayment of Property Taxes	12,812.22	
Interest Collected	3,848.82	
Property Tax Credit Balance	<u>(3,139.93)</u>	<u>13,521.11</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		<u>\$5,025,485.30</u>

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$4,524,658.93	
Land Use Change Taxes	29,987.18	
Utility - Water	265,600.36	
Property Tax Abatement	1,680.87	
Land Use Change Tax Abatement	12.82	
Utility Charge Abatement	8,183.63	
Interest Collected	<u>3,848.82</u>	<u>\$4,833,972.61</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	175,797.36	
Utility-Water	15,715.33	<u>\$191,512.69</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		<u>\$5,025,485.30</u>

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2014**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2014		
Property Taxes	\$282,654.75	
Utility – Water	17,641.39	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>19,066.85</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$319,362.99

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$213,938.26	
Utility – Water	10,655.39	
Interest Collected	19,066.85	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	21.64	
Utility	0.00	
Uncollected Property Taxes	<u>75,680.85</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$319,362.99

**SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015**

DEBITS

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2015	\$	\$88,337.39	\$245,326.75
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	84,005.78		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>1,057.39</u>	<u>7,339.99</u>	<u>17,083.26</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	85,063.17	95,677.38	262,410.01

CREDITS

Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	22,878.06	34,610.26	39,361.02
Interest & Costs Collected	1,057.39	7,339.99	17,083.26
Abatements		1,170.12	6,096.51
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>61,127.72</u>	<u>52,557.01</u>	<u>199,869.22</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$85,063.17	\$95,677.38	\$262,410.01

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Richard H. Andross	568.78		
Yvonne Bastianelli	5,466.64	6,166.27	7,185.57
Barry K. Bliss	1,037.75	1,195.52	
Edward A. Breault	2,603.40	2,956.51	3,335.26
Bradford B. Cornell	610.94		
Cottontail Farms Trust	1,061.03	1,116.64	
Marguerite N. Donovan	466.72	531.91	597.98
Forest Hill Associates	4,707.95		
John Gargano	2,864.22	3,183.39	3,289.78
Estate of Harriet Harris	3,840.05	3,310.32	
David Lavallee	2,472.80		
Robert H. Lodge, Jr.		1,844.41	2,079.55
Robert H. Lodge, Jr.		2,358.73	2,662.77
Estate of Austin Macaulay	161.78		
Deborah S. Mastro	325.40		
Edward C. Mattox	229.69	261.91	
John E. McKay	916.90	1,042.71	1,173.40
Joel C. McKenzie	386.90	441.47	494.57
Joel C. McKenzie	8,008.30	9,095.79	10,479.20
Christopher A. Miller	1,355.15	1,648.13	1,858.45
Larry R. Neal	155.08		
Peter A. Nehring	781.79		
Robert J. O'Neill, Sr	352.35	401.09	450.62
Robert J. O'Neill, Sr.	4,147.56	5,561.45	5,315.56
OTL Property #8, LLC	2,664.05	5,428.98	2,033.10
Michael P. Parcell	380.97		
Vicki M. Scott	542.94	618.19	695.20
Colleen Stadelmann	9,736.45	11,023.43	12,445.09
Sam P. Stephenson	1,904.28	2,163.15	2,440.07
Deborah A. Stravato		1,837.49	2,073.21
George F. Stroup	2,460.04		
George F. Stroup	1,060.20		
Estate of Grace Taylor	309.51	743.50	836.36
Top of the Notch Cooperative			1,695.84
Stokes Lott Von Pantz	361.89	412.22	463.17
Deeann L. Widder	1,594.63		
Gary Young, Jr.	2,919.06	3,673.27	5,227.94
Gary Young, Jr.		120.62	272.01
TOTALS	\$66,568.53	\$67,137.10	\$67,104.70

2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance **\$1,311,710.95**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$1,297,492.34	
Tax Collector	4,576,573.93	
Town Clerk	255,322.58	
Selectmen	1,361,102.18	
Interest	924.83	
NHPDIP	910,000.00	
TAN	<u>700,000.00</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,803,923.53	\$7,803,923.52
Total Regular Disbursements	(6,114,120.87)	
NHPDIP	(900,000.00)	
TAN	(700,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debit/Fees	(1,547.40)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>(7,715,668.27)</u>	(\$7,715,668.27)
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 1,385,747.59	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 14,218.61	
Deposits	912,500.00	
Interest Earned	17.21	\$912,517.21
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(923,736.00)</u>	(\$923,736.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 2,999.82	
Ending Cash Balance		\$1,388,747.41

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$269,347.29
Deposit from General Fund	0.00
Interest Earned	<u>196.93</u>
Ending Balance	\$269,544.22

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,311.87
Interest Earned	<u>2.23</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 3,314.10

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 153,720.78
Interest	107.27
Deposit-Transfer General Fund	13,736.00
Withdrawals to General Fund	<u>(28,500.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$139,064.05

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$132,650.67
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 20,404.14	
Deposits	625,169.39	
From NHPDIP	45,000.00	
To NHPDIP	(50,000.00)	
Interest	125.73	
		620,639.43
Expenses	(633,251.61)	
Fees	<u>(28.00)</u>	<u>(633,279.61)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 7,763.96	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	112,246.53	
Deposits	50,000.00	
Interest Earned	85.59	50,085.89
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>(45,000.00)</u>	<u>(45,000.00)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 117,332.42	
Year End Cash Balance		\$125,096.38

FRANCONIA SAFETY SERVICES BUILDING PROJECT

Beginning Balance		46,302.43
Deposits		\$450,000.00
Interest		22.34
Withdrawals		(484,245.71)
Fees		<u> </u>
Ending Balance		\$12,079.06

SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$4,917,850.88
3190 Interest & Penalties	39,243.96

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	255,949.16
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3359 State of New Hampshire	112,286.31
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	29,746.73
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	77,306.49

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	102.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	300.00
4150 Financial Administration	10.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	662.00
4194 General Government Buildings	275.00
4195 Cemeteries	100.00
4210 Police	2,879.11
4220 Fire	250.00
4221 Life Squad	81,413.47
4240 Building Inspection	100.00
4312 Highway Department	33.60
4442 Welfare	300.00
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	24,373.66

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	41,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	942.31

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	140,705.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	133,255.00

OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

Unassigned Fund Balance	171,000.00
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TOTAL REVENUES

\$6,030,084.68

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	19,991.59
AFLAC - Employee	295.92
Dow Concerts	2,300.00
Dow Clock Restoration	12,044.05
Engineering Fees	1,040.00
4 th of July Fireworks	3,250.00
Halloween Cup Expense	485.13

North Country Soccer Camp	6,524.00
Police Coverage	1,890.00
Recreation Uniforms Deposits	100.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms	86.00
Tax Anticipation Note	700,000.00
Water Project Semi-Annual Loan	<u>71,488.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 819,494.69

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110 Property Taxes	\$4,821,273.88	
3120 Land Use Change Tax	30,000.00	
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>66,577.00</u>	
		\$4,917,850.88
3190 Interest & Penalties		39,243.96

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3220 Motor Vehicle Fees	246,589.24	
3230 Building Permits	2,903.92	
3290 Other Licenses & Fees	<u>6,456.00</u>	
		255,949.16

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	54,148.17	
3353 Highway Block Grant	50,203.44	
3359 Other State Revenue (Pellet Stove Grant)	<u>7,934.70</u>	
		112,286.31

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton		
Administrative Fees	2,000.00	
Recreation Programs	6,598.73	
Transfer Station	<u>21,148.00</u>	
		29,746.73
3379 Town of Sugar Hill		
Administrative Fees	2,300.00	
Dispatch Phone Lines	436.86	
Recreation Programs	28,044.63	
Transfer Station	<u>46,525.00</u>	
		77,306.49

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments		
4130 Executive		
Training Expense Reimbursed	20.00	
Current Use/LUCT Fees	34.00	
Photocopying Charges	<u>48.00</u>	
		102.00
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
Voter Checklist		300.00
4150 Financial Administration		
Bank Charges Reimbursed		10.00

4191	Planning & Zoning Hearing Fees		662.00
4194	General Government Buildings Sale of Used Equipment	200.00	
	Use of Town Hall	<u>75.00</u>	275.00
4195	Cemeteries Burials		100.00
4210	Police Pistol Permits	60.00	
	Police Coverage	630.00	
	Police Report	835.00	
	Sale of Town Equipment	400.00	
	Supplies Reimbursed	17.11	
	Town Fines	890.00	
	Witness Fees	<u>47.00</u>	2,879.11
4220	Fire Court Fines		250.00
4221	Life Squad Detail Work	1,000.00	
	Donations	200.00	
	Town of Sugar Hill	2,000.00	
	Transport Payments	78,158.10	
	Supplies Reimbursed	<u>55.37</u>	81,413.47
4240	Building Inspection Fees		100.00
4312	Highway Department Sale of Scrap Metal		33.60
4442	Welfare Assistance Reimbursed		300.00
3409	Other Charges (Recreation Fees) Recreation Donation	1,254.66	
	Spring Sports/Baseball Fees	1,475.00	
	Summer Recreation Fees	19,587.00	
	Fall Sports/Soccer	1,605.00	
	Winter Sports Fees	<u>452.00</u>	24,373.66
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Town Property 2010 Ford Expedition	4,000.00	
	2010 Chevy Silverado	19,000.00	
	2008 Chevy 5500	<u>18,000.00</u>	41,000.00
3502	Interest on Investments Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank	924.83	
	NH-PDIP	<u>17.48</u>	942.31

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Town Buildings Truck	31,000.00	
Highway Truck Fund	63,272.00	
Police Cruiser	30,422.00	
Legal Fund	<u>16,011.00</u>	140,705.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds		
Highway Improvement Fund	100,000.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	20,000.00	
Town Buildings Maintenance	<u>13,255.00</u>	133,255.00
Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>171,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		\$6,030,084.68

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department		
Cell Phones	457.95	
Computer Support	2,082.73	
Insurance-Buildings	864.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	1,381.60	
Newspaper Ads	132.50	
Payroll Taxes	130.67	
Supplies	142.23	
Wages	1,752.39	
Water Payments Paid with Taxes	<u>13,047.52</u>	19,991.59
AFLAC - Employee		295.92
Dow Concerts		2,300.00
Dow Clock Restoration		12,044.05
Engineering Fees		1,040.00
4 th of July Fireworks		3,250.00
Halloween Cup Expense		485.13
North County Soccer Camp		6,524.00
Police Coverage		1,890.00
Recreation Uniform Deposits		100.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms		86.00
Tax Anticipation Note		700,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment		<u>71,488.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 819,494.69

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 105,471.81
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	35,960.52
4150 Financial Administration	61,228.84
4152 Revaluation of Property	19,562.00
4153 Legal Expense	23,802.85
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	4,591.38
4194 General Government Buildings	87,541.66
4195 Cemeteries	10,506.35
4196 Insurance	8,693.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	7,082.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	353,803.23
4220 Fire	92,542.54
4221 Life Squad	65,537.53
4240 Building Inspector	6,781.95
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	419.54
4291 Emergency Management	2,660.30
4299 Emergency Dispatch Phone Service	40,366.85

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	355,385.62
4316 Utilities	21,477.82

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	13,912.00
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	7,391.66
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	106,918.16
4521 Parks	33,228.26
4583 Patriotic Purpose	1,000.00
4589 Museums	354.00

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	992.00
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DEBT SERVICE

4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds	106,511.91
4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds	39,027.79
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,102.38

CAPITAL OULTAY	
4902 Vehicles & Equipment	199,067.80
4903 Buildings	13,254.74
4909 Other Improvements	120,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	165,579.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	211,300.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>136,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$2,460,055.49
ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS	1,466.72
WATER LIENS	8,078.23
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	479,326.00
4933 School Districts	2,735,111.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>726.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,684,763.94

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department	19,991.59
AFLAC - Employee	295.92
Dow Concerts	2,300.00
Dow Clock Restoration	12,044.05
Engineering Fees	1,040.00
4 th of July Fireworks	3,250.00
Halloween Cup Expense	485.13
North Country Soccer Camp	6,524.00
Police Coverage	1,890.00
Recreation Uniform Deposits	100.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms	86.00
Tax Anticipation Note	700,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment	<u>71,488.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS **\$ 819,494.69**

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses	
Current Use/Land Use Change Recordings	16.49
Dues	1,502.00
Equipment	
Maintenance/Repairs	367.50
New	37.50
Website/Internet Expense	786.60
Maps	4,385.00
Miscellaneous	465.00
Newspaper Notices	523.00
Postage	985.17
RSA Updates & Legal Material	292.25
Software & Program Support	2,816.00
Supplies	901.05
Telephone	1,400.74
Training/Meetings	567.65
Salaries & Wages	
Administrative Assistant	24,106.48
Executive Secretary	14,048.77
Secretary	17,120.59
Taxes & Benefits	
Health Insurance	30,024.96
Payroll Taxes	3,471.11
Retirement - Town Contribution	1,351.50
Unemployment Compensation	20.67
Workers Compensation	<u>281.78</u>
	\$ 105,471.81

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration	
General Expenses	
Supplies	86.15
Town Clerk	
General Expenses	
Dog Tags	61.13
Dues	20.00
New Office Equipment	847.77
Newspaper Notices	260.00
Postage	609.23
Software & Programs Support	2,785.50
Supplies	443.88
Telephone	889.18
Workshops/Meetings	178.00
Salaries & Wages	
Supervisor of the Checklist	2,250.00

Town Clerk	20,340.75	
Deputy Town Clerk	5,080.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,108.93</u>	35,960.52
4150 Financial Administration		
Accounting & Reports		
Bank Charges	30.00	
Checks & Supplies	585.71	
Direct Deposit Charges	1,507.40	
Town Report	2,170.00	
Auditor	16,175.00	
Tax Collection		
Dues	20.00	
Mortgage/Tax Lien Search	838.76	
New Office Equipment	37.50	
Postage/Envelopes	1,682.68	
Software & Programs Support	2,516.00	
Recording Fees	341.57	
Supplies	408.88	
Tax Bills	166.95	
Salary & Wages		
Bookkeeper	24,106.48	
Tax Collector	5,429.75	
Deputy Tax Collector	1,045.00	
Treasurer	1,927.00	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>2,240.16</u>	61,228.84
4152 Revaluation of Property		
General Expenses		19,562.00
4153 Legal Expense		
General Matters	7,791.85	
Litigation (Capital Reserve Funds)	<u>16,011.00</u>	23,802.85
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards		
General Expenses		
Meetings	120.00	
Newspaper Notices	245.50	
Postage	40.66	
Printing	71.39	
RSA Updates & Law Books	54.00	
Supplies	158.05	
Master Plan		
Postage	564.50	
Printing	52.87	

Salary & Wages		
Secretary		3,051.20
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		<u>233.21</u>
		4,591.38

4194 General Government Buildings

General Expenses		
Building Maintenance		7,317.61
Dow Clock		214.25
Equipment		
Gas & Diesel	867.11	
Maintenance	2,696.83	
New	<u>168.94</u>	3,732.88
Heating Oil		7,460.67
Insurance		
Buildings & Equipment	850.00	
Commercial Auto	<u>362.00</u>	1,212.00
Library Insurance		1,737.00
Maintenance Garage		
Electricity	743.52	
Heating/Water	1,576.37	
Phone	<u>367.56</u>	2,687.45
Newspaper Ads		150.00
Plantings		70.11
Sidewalk Plowing		36.39
Supplies		808.62
Uniforms		389.99
Vehicles		
Gas	2,233.97	
Maintenance	<u>627.44</u>	2,861.41
Salaries & Wages		
Supervisor	41,538.60	
Overtime	<u>4,058.44</u>	45,597.04
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		7,506.23
Payroll Taxes		3,447.48
Retirement - Town Contribution		901.00
Unemployment Compensation		96.53
Workers Compensation		<u>1,315.00</u>
		87,541.66

4195 Cemeteries

General Expenses		
Electricity/Water		630.82
Equipment		593.55
Newspaper Ads		55.00
Supplies/Flags		298.44
Waterline		44.71

Salary & Wages			
Supervisor/Sexton	3,830.16		
Assistant	<u>4,248.00</u>	8,078.16	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		604.02	
Unemployment Compensation		13.79	
Workers Compensation		<u>187.86</u>	10,506.35
4196 Insurance			
Liability			8,693.00
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.			
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce		5,000.00	
North Country Council		<u>2,082.00</u>	7,082.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210 Police			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance			
Electricity	2,222.47		
Janitorial	167.80		
Propane	1,403.66		
Septic	155.00		
Water	<u>1,862.32</u>	5,811.25	
Dues & Subscriptions		349.00	
Educational Programs		200.00	
Firearms			
Ammunition	1,665.24		
New	518.84		
Training	<u>200.00</u>	2,384.08	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	268.00		
Commercial Auto	650.00		
Liability	<u>6,878.00</u>	7,796.00	
Miscellaneous		46.48	
Office			
Repairs/Maintenance	362.95		
Software/Support	3,593.99		
Supplies/Postage	<u>2,595.31</u>	6,552.25	
Radar Calibration		150.00	
Radios		209.05	
RSA Updates & Law Books		144.00	
Telephone/Internet		3,266.28	
Training/Conferences		251.98	
Uniforms			
Cleaning/Repairs	65.64		
New	<u>1,894.68</u>	1,960.32	
Vehicles			

Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	8,526.21	
Maintenance	1,700.86	
Repairs	1,012.54	
Supplies	<u>195.60</u>	11,435.21
Salaries & Wages		
Chief	76,829.12	
Sergeant	54,759.60	
Patrolman	46,173.40	
Overtime	7,446.79	
Part Time Officers	19,872.69	
Administration	4,555.06	
Training	<u>377.97</u>	210,014.63
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		46,402.77
Payroll Taxes		4,296.97
Retirement – Town Contribution		48,298.40
Unemployment Compensation		289.59
Workers Compensation		<u>3,944.97</u>
		353,803.23
4220 Fire Department		
General Expenses		
Administration and Supplies		2,726.83
Building Maintenance		
Electricity	2,373.33	
Maintenance	1,219.44	
Propane	1,403.66	
Septic	155.00	
Water	<u>1,862.31</u>	7,013.74
Dues and Subscriptions		1,680.61
Fire Prevention & Training		100.00
Gas and Diesel		1,090.77
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	464.00	
Commercial Auto	<u>4,000.00</u>	4,464.00
New Equipment		
Turnout Gear	60.00	
Fire Hose	6,101.00	
Radios & Pagers	1,994.50	
Rescue Equipment	<u>614.20</u>	8,769.70
Telephone/Internet		1,680.09
Vehicles and Equipment		15,121.52
Salaries & Wages		
Fireman's Annual Pay		39,972.90
Fireman's Fund		2,400.00
Inspections		<u>1,875.00</u>
		44,247.90
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes		3,227.63
Unemployment Compensation		165.48

Workers Compensation		<u>2,254.27</u>	92,542.54
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			
Billing & Collections Fee		7,760.81	
Building Maintenance			
Electricity	2,222.43		
Propane	1,403.66		
Septic	155.00		
Water	1,862.29	5,643.38	
Equipment		55.51	
Miscellaneous		395.88	
Radios & Pagers		2,502.15	
Computer Scheduling		200.00	
Supplies		5,880.33	
Telephone		967.67	
Training		2,115.00	
Uniforms		2,312.32	
Vehicles			
Commercial Auto Insurance	1,129.00		
Gas & Diesel	2,546.26		
Maintenance	<u>3,597.02</u>	7,272.29	
Wages & Benefits			
Wages	27,524.00		
Payroll Taxes	2,101.61		
Unemployment Compensation	55.16		
Workers Compensation	<u>751.42</u>	30,432.19	65,537.53
4240 Building Inspector			
Wages	6,300.00		
Payroll Taxes	<u>481.94</u>		6,781.95
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)			
General Expenses			
Supplies		337.98	
Salary & Wages			
Fire Fighting Training		75.78	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>5.78</u>	419.54
4291 Emergency Management			
Wages			
Director	2,000.00		
Deputy	<u>500.00</u>	2,500.00	
Payroll Taxes		160.30	2,660.30
4299 Dispatch Phone Lines			
8123 Phone Line		949.85	
Grafton County Dispatch		<u>39,417.00</u>	40,366.85

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department

General Expenses

Building Maintenance		2,880.00	
Calcium Chloride		3,702.84	
Culverts		20.20	
Equipment			
Maintenance	1,700.88		
New	3,632.20		
Repairs	<u>8.99</u>	5,342.07	
Gas and Diesel		17,981.04	
Gravel		17,797.50	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	400.00		
Commercial Auto	<u>4,239.00</u>	4,639.00	
New Tools		723.24	
Propane		5,650.12	
Random Drug Tests		126.00	
Safety		898.50	
Salt		14,354.31	
Sand		7,953.50	
Street Sweeping		1,950.00	
Supplies		3,432.25	
Telephone		1,774.43	
Training/Workshops		115.00	
Uniforms		1,421.79	
Vehicles			
Maintenance	2,205.71		
Repairs	<u>8,928.29</u>	11,134.00	
Salaries & Wages			
Public Works Director	62,280.51		
Road Crew – 2 nd Man	28,390.31		
Road Crew – 3 rd Man	41,854.50		
Part Time	10,770.00		
Overtime	<u>7,231.48</u>	150,526.80	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		37,907.10	
Payroll Taxes		10,268.07	
Retirement		2,397.00	
Unemployment Compensation		372.33	
Workers Compensation		5,072.11	
Highway Improvement		<u>46,946.42</u>	355,385.62

4316 Utilities

Cable Consortium		56.00	
Street Lighting		<u>21,421.82</u>	21,477.82

HEALTH

4415 Health Agencies

Adaptive Sports Partners of the North Country	750.00	
Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	3,500.00	
CASA	500.00	
Center for New Beginnings	1,000.00	
Franconia Children's Center	2,000.00	
Grafton County Senior Citizens	1,250.00	
North Country Home Health	3,100.00	
Support Center at Burch House	520.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,292.00</u>	13,912.00

WELFARE

4442 Welfare

General Assistance	4,691.66	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>2,700.00</u>	7,391.66

CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation

Recreation Director		24,089.02
Youth Director		19,520.43
Miscellaneous Expense		
Communications		773.01
Vehicle Expense		
Fuel	1,460.00	
Insurance	397.00	
Repairs	<u>180.70</u>	2,038.30
Spring Programs		
Fit Girls		126.19
League Fees		500.00
Supplies & Equipment		1,317.66
Umpire Fees/Clinics		300.00
Uniforms		1,580.78
Winter Programs		
Supplies		181.85
Uniforms		1,007.64
Rink and Ice Skating		
Equipment Maintenance		33.62
Rink Maintenance		572.00
Utilities		1,607.78
Fall Programs		
Referees		300.00
Supplies		488.44
Tournament Expense		385.00
Uniforms		150.92
Summer Recreation		
Adventure Program		1,205.21
Background Checks		768.59

Pool & Facilities		885.00	
Staff Workshops/Training		130.00	
Supplies		1,044.82	
Transportation		2,833.34	
Uniforms		1,058.50	
Salaries & Wages		20,909.24	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		11,843.67	
Payroll Taxes		4,467.55	
Retirement-Town		540.60	
Unemployment Compensation		117.23	
Workers Compensation		1,596.77	
Dow Field Playground Fund		1,500.00	
Rink Maintenance Fund		2,000.00	
Recreation Van Fund		<u>1,000.00</u>	106,918.16
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity/Water	646.21		
Field Maintenance	2,652.75		
Portable Toilets	<u>1,425.00</u>	4,723.96	
Equipment		1,630.85	
Parks Maintenance		455.51	
Supplies/Gas		889.22	
Wages			
Director	14,425.67		
Assistant	<u>1,800.00</u>	16,225.67	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance	7,875.78		
Retirement	360.40		
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,066.87</u>	9,303.05	33,228.26
4583 Patriotic Purpose			1,000.00
4589 Museums- Building Insurance			354.00
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			
Dues		242.00	
Lawrence Land Appraisal		<u>750.00</u>	992.00
DEBT SERVICE			
4711 Principal – Long Term Bond			
Public Safety Building	84,112.48		
Water Project	<u>22,399.43</u>		106,511.91
4721 Interest – Long Term Bond			
Public Safety Building	23,327.22		
Water Project	<u>15,700.57</u>		39,027.79

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note			2,102.38
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Article 7 Town Buildings Truck		62,774.00	
Article 8 Highway Plow Truck		97,872.00	
Article 9 Police Cruiser		<u>38,421.80</u>	199,067.80
4903 Buildings			
Museum Barn Doors		2,800.00	
Library Drainage		177.44	
Library Pellet Stove		<u>10,277.30</u>	13,254.74
4909 Other Improvements			
Highway Improvements			
Kerr Road & Lafayette Drive	100,000.00		
Sidewalk Improvements			
Main Street		<u>20,000.00</u>	120,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 Special Revenue Funds			
Library Appropriation		92,266.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation		<u>73,313.00</u>	165,579.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES			
4915 Capital Reserve Fund			
Bridge Construction		2,000.00	
Fire Department Safety Equipment		15,000.00	
Fire Truck – Equipment		6,900.00	
Fire Truck – Pumper		19,700.00	
Fire Truck – Tanker		23,700.00	
Frost Place Maintenance		3,900.00	
Highway Heavy Equipment		18,000.00	
Highway Trucks		51,300.00	
Life Squad Ambulance		10,900.00	
Legal		29,000.00	
Life Squad Equipment		3,200.00	
Police Cruisers		7,500.00	
Reassessment		8,500.00	
Rural Water Supply		5,000.00	
Town Buildings & Grounds Equipment		<u>6,700.00</u>	211,300.00
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			\$2,460,055.49

ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS		1,466.72
WATER DEPARTMENT LIENS		8,078.23
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		479,326.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	1,477,425.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,257,686.00</u>	2,735,111.00
4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	122.00	
Dog Licenses	30.50	
Marriage Licenses	248.00	
Vital Records	<u>326.00</u>	<u>726.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$5,684,763.94

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department		
Cell Phones	457.95	
Computer Support	2,082.73	
Insurance – Buildings	864.00	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	1,381.60	
Newspaper Ads	132.50	
Payroll Taxes	130.67	
Supplies	142.23	
Wages	1,752.39	
Water Payments Paid With Taxes	<u>13,047.52</u>	19,991.59
AFLAC - Employee		295.92
Dow Concerts		2,300.00
Dow Clock Restoration		12,044.05
Engineering Fees		1,040.00
4 th of July Fireworks		3,250.00
Halloween Cup Expense		485.13
North Country Soccer Camp		6,524.00
Police Coverage		1,890.00
Recreation Uniform Deposits		100.00
Recreation Staff Uniforms		86.00
Tax Anticipation Note		700,000.00
Water Project Annual Loan Payment from Water Department		<u>71,488.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 819,494.69

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Beginning Balance		\$157,210.13
Income		
Town of Franconia	73,313.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	46,525.00	
Town of Easton	21,148.00	
PAYT Bags	73,060.25	
Special Handling Fees	29,026.75	
Recycled Material	18,243.75	
Interest Earned	<u>107.27</u>	261,424.02
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	7,317.71	
MSW Tipping	31,668.32	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	9,628.83	
Roll Off Tipping	17,825.15	
Tires	424.50	
Electronics	2,168.62	
Other	7,414.47	
Utilities	5,981.14	
General Expenses		
Bailing Wire	1,162.99	
Dues	1,830.17	
Insurance	778.00	
Mileage	45.20	
PAYT Bags	7,523.76	
Printing	183.00	
Oil & Gas	701.31	
Supplies	1,112.41	
Training & Certification	455.00	
Equipment Maintenance	636.17	
New Container	3,700.00	
Wages	129,342.26	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	29,806.86	
Retirement	2,720.00	
Unemployment Compensation	248.22	
Workers' Compensation	3,381.40	
Payroll Taxes	8,735.55	<u>275,230.29</u>
Funds Transferred to offset costs		16,000.00
Ending Balance		\$136,140.01

FRANCONIA PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Beginning Balance		\$ 46,302.43
Income		
Loan Advances from Passumpsic Bank	\$450,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>22.34</u>	450,022.34
Expenses		
Building Construction	400,156.12	
Computers	9,124.82	
Computer Infrastructure	3,095.65	
Construction Layout	240.00	
Engineering	695.00	
Furnishings	42,138.65	
Interest- Construction Period	3,271.82	
Miscellaneous	487.52	
Police Equipment	3,808.40	
Project Manager	3,450.00	
Radio Installation	6,310.46	
Signage	4,111.96	
Temporary Heat	6,602.21	
Temporary Relocation Rent	100.00	
Temporary Utilities	<u>653.10</u>	<u>484,245.71</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 12,079.06

2016 – 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

The 2016 – 2022 Capital Improvements Plan was completed by a group of five citizens, appointed by the Planning Board. The Committee worked from July 2014 through January 2015 on this year's CIP. The plan was adopted by the Franconia Planning Board and accepted by the Select Board in January 2015.

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 2015-2019. 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.

All Department Heads attempted to find savings and efficiency in this year's requests and will be looking for savings in future years.

These activities resulted in the CIP committee revising the long range capital plan presented in 2015. The plan was 2015 plan of \$341.6K. The 2016 plan is 336.3. This plan will change due to the failure of the police cruiser which will have to be replaced this year if the warrant article is approved but will result in a commensurate reduction in the 2017 plan.

A draft of the CIP was published and made available for the citizens' review. This draft plan reflected a recommendation for Capital appropriations in 2016. A Public Hearing was then held in January to elicit public comment on the draft. Since no one attended there was no discussion and questions. In January the draft CIP was presented to the Planning Board and, after thorough review, was accepted.

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 2016-2022 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,

Karen Foss, Bob Montagno, Carl Schafer, Dick Reinhold, Trevor Presby
The CIP Committee

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT/LIFE SQUAD

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2012 Cardiac Monitor	\$30,000.00	\$18,000.00	10	\$3,000.00
2012 Difibtech Lifeline AED	732.00	152.00	5	145.00
2012 Pressure Washer	1,560.00	312.00	5	312.00
2009 Ford Equipment Truck	140,000.00	91,000.00	20	7,000.00
2008 Kenworth T300	146,548.00	87,932.00	20	7,327.00
Emergency Generator	15,000.00	6,000.00	20	750.00
2004 Rescue Tools	20,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	215,000.00	75,125.00	20	10,750.00
2008 Ambulance	135,000.00	27,000.00	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	136.00
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	302.00
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	212.00
2011 Pagers & Radios	2,375.00	-0-	5	475.00
Portable Radios & Beepers	47,775.00	-0-		-0-
Totals	\$873,196.00	\$305,521.00		\$43,909.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2015 Ford Interceptor SUV	\$37,000.00	29,600.00	5	\$7,400.00
2007 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	-0-		-0-
2014 Motorola Radios (2)	5,940.00	4,752.00	10	594.00
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	-0-		-0-
2015 Kustom Signals Raptor Radar	1,730.00	1,380.00	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	144.00	10	36.00
2015 Dell Latitude Optiplex (2)	1,894.00	1,263.00	3	631.00
2015 Dell Latitude Laptop	896.00	597.00	3	299.00

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Lafayette Regional School
March 8, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Polls open from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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

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)

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

Health Officer	200.00
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WELFARE

(General Assistance	6,000.00)
(CAP	2,700.00)

.....8,700.00

.....21,500.00

.....390,232.00

CULTURE & RECREATION

Recreation Programs.....121,984.00

(Franconia's Share..... 47,000.00)

Parks

.....	36,615.00
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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**

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.

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.

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.)

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)

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)

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)

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.)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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)

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.

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)

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 provide 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)

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

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

Robert Montagno
Bernardette Costa
Eric Meth
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2015	Actual 2015	Estimated 2016
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
3185 Yield Taxes	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	61,348.00	66,577.00	60,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	34,000.00	39,244.00	30,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	250.00	0.00	250.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	215,000.00	246,589.00	220,000.00
3230 Building Permits	2,000.00	2,904.00	3,000.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	6,000.00	6,456.00	6,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	54,148.00	54,148.00	50,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	49,774.00	50,203.00	45,000.00
3359 Other (Pellet Stove Rebate)	7,935.00	7,935.00	-0-
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	30,362.00	29,747.00	33,721.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	79,981.00	77,306.00	89,943.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	40,000.00	90,925.00	62,500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	129,000.00	120,331.00	124,000.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	24,600.00	24,374.00	31,600.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	41,000.00	41,000.00	37,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	300.00	942.00	600.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Special Revenue Funds	16,000.00	16,000.00	-0-
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	157,100.00	140,705.00	254,800.00
3916 Expendable Trust Funds	-0-	133,255.00	-0-
3916 Cemetery Trust Fund	2,000.00	-0-	-0-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	-0-	-0-	-0-
Fund Balance (Surplus)	46,000.00	171,000.00	-0-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$966,798.00	\$1,334,641.00	\$1,051,414.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2015	Actual 2015	Estimated 2016
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$ 108,968.00	\$ 105,457.00	\$120,511.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	41,575.00	35,961.00	40,138.00
4150 Financial Administration	60,367.00	61,179.00	63,392.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	19,562.00	19,562.00	9,450.00
4153 Legal Expense	10,000.00	23,803.00	10,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,200.00	4,591.00	4,110.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	91,680.00	87,542.00	88,912.00
4195 Cemeteries	14,510.00	10,506.00	13,354.00
4196 Insurance	8,693.00	8,693.00	9,475.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	7,082.00	7,082.00	11,894.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	345,890.00	353,803.00	372,579.00
4220 Fire	96,920.00	92,543.00	104,943.00
4221 Life Squad	53,558.00	65,664.00	66,199.00
4290 Forest Fire	2,000.00	420.00	-0-
4200 Building Inspection	1,137.00	6,782.00	3,000.00
4291 Emergency Management	2,900.00	2,660.00	2,900.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	32,000.00	40,367.00	44,118.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	400,941.00	355,386.00	390,232.00
4316 Utilities	21,500.00	21,478.00	21,500.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	11,912.00	11,912.00	200.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	9,700.00	7,392.00	8,700.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	113,715.00	106,918.00	121,984.00
4521 Parks	33,496.00	33,228.00	36,615.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	354.00	354.00	386.00
CONSERVATION			
4619 General Expenses	1,000.00	992.00	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4711-4723 Interest/Principal	147,540.00	147,642.00	150,812.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
Highway Heavy Equipment	186,900.00	199,068.00	-0-
4903 Town Buildings			
EFT: Town Buildings	-0-	13,255.00	-0-

4909 Other Improvements			
EFT: Highway Improvement	-0-	120,000.00	-0-
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	285,986.00	275,230.00	281,250.00
Library	92,266.00	92,266.00	82,812.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: Town Buildings Truck	-0-	-0-	7,980.00
CRF: Buildings & Grounds Equipment	6,700.00	6,700.00	6,834.00
CRF: Highway Trucks	51,300.00	51,300.00	4,826.00
CRF: Highway Heavy Equipment	18,000.00	18,000.00	7,000.00
CRF: Police Cruiser	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,100.00
CRF: Life Squad Van	10,900.00	10,900.00	11,180.00
CRF: Life Squad Equipment	3,200.00	3,200.00	3,264.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Equipment)	6,900.00	6,900.00	7,060.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Pumper)	19,700.00	19,700.00	20,194.00
CRF: Fire Truck (Tanker)	23,700.00	23,700.00	-0-
CRF: Fire Safety Equipment	15,000.00	15,000.00	-0-
CRF: Bridge Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	8,500.00	8,500.00	-0-
CRF: Rural Water Supply (Article 17)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
CRF: Legal	29,000.00	29,000.00	16,000.00
CRF: Recreation Van	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
ETF: Sidewalks	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00
EFT: Rink Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
EFT: Town Buildings Maintenance	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
EFT: Frost Place Maintenance	3,900.00	3,900.00	3,900.00
EFT: Dow Field Maintenance	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
FY2015			
Article 11: Bridge Maintenance Fund	24,000.00	24,000.00	-0-
Article 12: Town Buildings Maintenance	22,000.00	22,000.00	-0-
FY2016			
Article 6: Fire Ladder Truck	-0-	-0-	37,000.00
Article 7: 10-Wheeler	-0-	-0-	110,000.00
Article 8: Heavy Equipment	-0-	-0-	190,000.00
Article 9: Police Cruiser	-0-	-0-	35,300.00
Article 10: Revaluation	-0-	-0-	42,800.00
Article 16: Town Clerk Health Insurance	-0-	-0-	6,185.00
Article 17: Northern Pass Defense Fund	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
Article 19: Boys & Girls Club	-0-	-0-	1,000.00
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
FY2015			
Article 18: Children's Center	2,000.00	2,000.00	-0-
FY2016			
Article 19: Non Profits	-0-	-0-	15,280.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$2,607,152.00	\$2,712,536.00	\$2,754,839.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$108,968.00	\$ 102.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	41,575.00	300.00
Financial Administration	60,367.00	10.00
Revaluation of Property	19,562.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	10,000.00	16,011.00
Planning & Zoning	4,200.00	662.00
General Government Buildings	91,680.00	275.00
Cemeteries	14,510.00	100.00
Insurance	8,693.00	-0-
Advertising & Regional Associations	7,082.00	-0-
Police	345,890.00	2,879.11
Fire	96,920.00	250.00
Life Squad	53,558.00	48,913.47
Building Inspector	1,137.00	100.00
Forest Fire	2,000.00	-0-
Emergency Management	2,900.00	-0-
Dispatch Phone Lines	32,000.00	(63.14)
Highway Department	400,941.00	33.60
Utilities	21,500.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	14,112.00	-0-
Welfare	9,700.00	300.00
Recreation	113,715.00	(226.34)
Parks	33,496.00	-0-
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	354.00	-0-
Conservation	1,000.00	-0-
Interest	147,540.00	642.31
TOTALS	\$1,644,400.00	\$70,289.01

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$109,070.00	\$ 105,471.81	\$ 3,598.19	\$ -0-
41,875.00	35,960.52	5,914.48	-0-
60,377.00	61,228.84	-0-	851.84
19,562.00	19,562.00	-0-	-0-
26,011.00	23,802.85	2,208.15	-0-
4,862.00	4,591.38	270.62	-0-
91,955.00	87,541.66	4,413.34	-0-
14,610.00	10,506.35	4,103.65	-0-
8,693.00	8,693.00	-0-	-0-
7,082.00	7,082.00	-0-	-0-
348,769.11	353,803.23	-0-	5,034.12
97,170.00	92,542.54	4,627.46	-0-
102,471.47	65,537.53	36,933.94	-0-
1,237.00	6,781.95	-0-	5,544.95
2,000.00	419.54	1,580.46	-0-
2,900.00	2,660.30	239.70	-0-
31,936.86	40,366.85	-0-	8,429.99
400,974.60	355,385.62	45,588.98	-0-
21,500.00	21,477.82	22.18	-0-
14,112.00	13,912.00	200.00	-0-
10,000.00	7,391.66	2,608.34	-0-
113,488.66	106,918.16	6,570.50	-0-
33,496.00	33,228.26	267.74	-0-
1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-	-0-
354.00	354.00	-0-	-0-
1,000.00	992.00	8.00	-0-
<u>148,182.31</u>	<u>147,642.08</u>	<u>540.23</u>	<u>-0-</u>
\$1,714,689.01	\$1,614,853.95	\$119,695.96	\$19,860.90

NOTES

2015 Dell Precision	1,246.00	831.00	3	415.00
2011 Dell Vostro Computer (2)	2,084.00	4.00	5	416.00
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	1,306.00
2013 Colt LEU Rifle (5)	1,475.00	1,179.00	10	148.00
2012 Glock 21-45 (5)	1,715.00	1,199.00	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	\$71,846.00	\$41,275.00		\$11,763.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2015 Ford F550	96,000.00	58,724.00	5	19,574.00
2014 Dodge Truck	94,000.00	67,144.00	5	13,428.00
2014 International Truck (2013)	146,296.00	87,776.00	10	14,630.00
2011 Truck	19,803.00	7,920.00	5	3,961.00
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	-0-	10	-0-
2013 Mower	4,290.00	1,430.00	6	715.00
2007 Woodchipper	23,000.00	-0-	10	2,300.00
2004 Spreader	5,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2006 CAT Backhoe/Loader	83,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
2006 CAT Broom	7,500.00	-0-	10	750.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	-0-	15	-0-
2013 Radios (4)	1,300.00	260.00	5	260.00
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	\$699,578.00	\$223,254.00		\$55,618.00

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2014 Dell Optiplex Workstation(2)	\$2,400.00	1,440.00	5	\$480.00
2014 Dell Laptop & Docking Station	1,346.00	1,781.00	5	269.00
2014 Dell Laptop (Supervisors)	850.00	510.00	5	170.00
2014 Dell Desktop (Town Clerk)	920.00	552.00	5	184.00
2014 HP Officejet Printer	70.00	42.00	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	120.00	5	30.00
1996 Motorola Portable Radio	690.00	-0-	8	-0-
Totals	\$7,636.00	\$4,445.00		\$1,147.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2013 Bobcat	\$ 15,466.00	(52%)	\$9,019.00	7	\$2,209.00
2014 Baler	5,928.00	(52%)	4,742.00	10	593.00
2015 Container	1,924.00	(52%)	1,732.00	10	192.00
2013 Containers (2)	6,968.00	(52%)	5,077.00	10	697.00
2008 Container	1,040.00	(52%)	208.00	10	104.00
2012 Dell Laptop	422.00	(52%)	170.00	5	84.00
2010 Trash Compactor	7,020.00	(52%)	2,808.00	10	702.00
Totals	\$38,768.00		\$23,756.00		\$4,581.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2015 Ford -F350w/plow	62,774.00	50,219.00	5	12,555.00
2010 John Deere Tractor	36,000.00	9,000.00	8	4,500.00
2011 Ford Van (Recreation 58%)	9,628.00	5,776.00	5	1,926.00
2014 Wright Mower 36"	5,800.00	4,142.00	7	829.00
2014 Wright Mower 61"	10,500.00	7,500.00	7	1,500.00
2013 Spreader	900.00	360.00	5	180.00
2014 Trailer (Parks)	2,095.00	1,675.00	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	\$78,672.00		\$ 21,700.00

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

2015 was very cold and that caused many water pipes to freeze, including the water pipe providing water to the Safety Services building. The town of Franconia had to pay more than \$31,000 to thaw frozen water mains throughout the Village and Mittersill. Many homeowners had frozen service lines but they were responsible for thawing their own lines.

We have replaced some of the old EJP water meters with stainless steel Badger meters and we will continue replacing meters throughout 2016. The MXU readers will be replaced by cellular readers.

Thank you all for your support.

Richard McLachlin
Marcia Graham
Ray Peltier
Franconia Water Commissioners

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement

For the year Ending December 31, 2015

REVENUES

Income

Water Rents	281,202.59
Water Rent Interest	3,459.63
Water rent overpayment	0.22
Interest Income	<u>148.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$284,810.94

EXPENDITURES

Wages	791.83
Software	2,483.34
Propane	3,341.80
Phone	4,202.30
Contract Labor	72,400.45
Computer Contract	1,728.00
Engineer Study	1,907.50
Water Testing	3,487.00
PSNH	14,024.00
Chlorine/Sodium Hydroxide	1,435.00
Misc. Expense	3,972.03
Repairs	1,697.09
Equipment repairs	565.00
Meter Readings	38,987.49
Frozen Water Maintenance	31,256.93
General Maintenance	3,566.21
Postage	626.10
Refund of Excessive Water Payment	7,283.92
RD Loan Payment	71,488.00
EJP Supplies	<u>1,221.84</u>
Total Expenditures	\$266,465.83

Net Ordinary Income 18,345.11

Net Income \$18,345.11

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For the year Ending December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Cash on Hand/Checking	\$ 41,292.69
Reserve Account	<u>117,252.34</u>
	\$158,545.03

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Storage tanks	354,000.00
Mains	1,028,935.00
Hydrants	51,250.00
Pumps	3,200.00
Gate Valves	115,000.00
Meters	157,000.00
Pump Stations/Treatment Plants (Village)	352,900.00
Pump Stations/Treatment Plants (Mittersill)	262,630.00
Tools & Equipment	1,485.00
Water Tower (Mittersill)	<u>2,135,500.00</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	4,461,900.00

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	21,339.42	923.22	22,262.64
Highway Improvement	9,693.69	(169.52)	9,524.17
Town Buildings Maintenance	23,363.30	23,635.21	46,998.51
Library Building Maintenance Fund	5,050.68	-10.72	55,039.96
Safety Services Facilities Imp.	47,681.89	(46,023.27)	1,658.62
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	6,448.64	1,982.90	8,431.54
Cemetery Restoration	135.59	(.29)	135.30
Heritage Museum	35.81	(.07)	35.74
Emergency Management	6,883.77	(14.61)	6,869.16
	120,622.01	19,641.04	100,980.97
<u>Capital Reserve Funds:</u>			
Remedial Education	133,818.80	(284.15)	133,534.65
Lafayette School Fund	52,042.84	59,787.08	111,829.92
Bridge Construction	9,563.62	25,935.49	35,499.11
Reassessment	25,940.36	8,430.43	34,370.79
Legal	991.88	12,940.83	13,932.71
Police Cruiser	51,566.82	(23,037.59)	28,529.23
Handicap Access	78.98	(.17)	78.81
Dow Field	3,725.97	1,489.53	5,215.50
Fire Truck Pumper	84,132.91	19,487.79	103,620.70
Highway Truck	131,067.08	(12,323.96)	118,743.12
Highway Heavy Equipment	92,898.14	17,772.07	110,670.21
Life Squad Van	52,149.42	10,770.70	62,920.12
Town Buildings Truck	30,749.96	(30,731.99)	17.97
Transfer Station Equipment	1,090.20	(2.32)	1,087.88
Fire Truck Equipment	37,086.65	6,809.50	43,896.15
Town Buildings & Grounds Equip	9,859.67	6,667.60	16,527.27
Fire Truck Tanker	119,395.44	23,406.11	142,801.55
Fire Dept Safety Equipment	50,097.57	14,868.05	64,965.62
Forestry Truck	532.29	(1.13)	531.16
School Technology Fund	25,058.88	(53.22)	25,005.66
Transfer Station Imp	561.25	(1.20)	560.05
Life Squad Equipment	6,405.78	3,180.93	9,586.71
Frost Place Maintenance	7,807.05	3,876.78	11,683.83
Rural Water Supply	5,004.52	4,980.84	9,985.36
Recreation Van	0.00	998.29	998.29
	931,626.08	154,966.29	1,086,592.37
Cemetery Trust Fund	145,008.25	1,698.24	146,706.49
Franconia Scholarship Fund	138,501.58	184.45	138,686.03
Lucy Pfosi Memorial Fund	18,913.30	23.99	18,937.29
	302,423.13	1,906.868	304,329.81

DECEMBER 31, 2015

Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	INCOME Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal and Income	Ending Market Value
30.29	391.65	-0-	421.94	22,684.58	22,426.47
91.38	646.51	-0-	737.89	10,262.06	10,145.30
64.70	407.68	-0-	472.38	47,470.89	46,930.76
4.75	66.90	-0-	71.65	5,111.61	5,053.45
149.48	592.11	-0-	741.59	2,400.21	2,372.90
4.01	96.17	-0-	100.18	8,531.72	8,434.64
0.08	1.81	-0-	1.89	137.19	135.63
0.02	0.48	-0-	0.50	36.24	35.83
7.27	91.21	-0-	98.48	6,967.64	6,888.36
<u>346.89</u>	<u>2,208.41</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>2,555.29</u>	<u>103,525.54</u>	<u>102,397.39</u>
153.12	1,773.41	-0-	1,926.53	135,461.18	133,919.87
63.86	999.86	-0-	1,063.72	112,893.64	111,609.11
9.65	158.91	-0-	168.56	35,667.67	35,261.83
19.33	389.36	-0-	408.69	34,779.48	34,383.75
33.68	166.24	-0-	199.92	14,132.63	13,971.83
38.53	717.04	-0-	755.57	29,284.80	28,951.59
0.05	1.05	-0-	1.10	79.91	79.00
3.32	57.45	-0-	60.77	5,276.27	5,216.24
64.06	1,220.57	-0-	1,284.63	104,905.33	103,711.69
143.19	1,999.58	-0-	2,142.77	120,885.89	119,510.43
74.94	1,327.58	-0-	1,402.52	112,072.73	110,797.54
39.46	749.50	-0-	788.96	63,709.08	62,984.18
23.03	404.06	(329.87)	97.22	115.19	113.88
2.92	14.46	-0-	17.38	1,105.26	1,092.68
28.39	528.43	-0-	556.82	44,452.97	43,947.17
19.31	166.84	-0-	186.15	16,713.42	16,523.25
90.98	1,709.25	-0-	1,800.23	144,601.78	142,956.48
37.79	744.39	-0-	782.18	65,747.80	64,999.71
.33	7.06	-0-	7.39	538.55	532.42
28.89	332.11	-0-	361.00	25,366.66	25,078.03
1.72	7.45	-0-	9.17	569.22	562.74
3.97	102.05	-0-	106.02	9,692.73	9,582.44
4.83	124.39	-0-	129.22	11,813.05	11,678.64
3.10	93.19	-0-	96.29	10,081.65	9,966.94
0.00	5.39	-0-	5.39	1,003.68	992.26
<u>888.45</u>	<u>13,799.62</u>	<u>(329.87)</u>	<u>14,358.20</u>	<u>1,100,950.57</u>	<u>1,088,423.69</u>
34,864.62	3,931.60	-0-	38,796.22	185,502.71	174,844.79
15,260.76	3,264.30	(7,300.00)	11,225.06	149,911.09	141,298.15
<u>770.24</u>	<u>424.90</u>	<u>(200.00)</u>	<u>995.14</u>	<u>19,932.43</u>	<u>18,787.23</u>
50,895.62	7,620.80	(7,500.00)	51,016.42	355,346.23	334,930.17

**ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015**

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on Hand	\$ 38,782.25
Income from Trust Accounts	<u>374,917.36</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$413,699.61</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	\$ 1,911.09
Permanently Restricted	130,447.87
Reserved for Special Purposes	244,469.49
Unreserved Designated Fund Balances	<u>36,871.16</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>\$413,699.61</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
DECEMBER 31, 2015

REVENUES

Town Appropriation	\$ 94,116.00
Non-Resident Card Fees	500.50
Grants	15,200.00
Contributions and Donations	23,668.00
Income from Trust Accounts	<u>4,462.14</u>
 Total Revenues	 <u>137,946.64</u>

EXPENDITURES

Co-Director's Salary	54,133.28
Other Wages	21,974.39
Payroll Expenses	6,466.22
Books, Audio, DVD's, Newspapers, and Periodicals	5,100.86
Bank Charges and Fees	18.00
Insurance – Health	3,231.34
Insurance – Business	(727.00)
Utilities and Telecommunications	7,164.77
Office and Library Expenses	1,841.03
Computer and Internet Expenses	8,147.92
Dues and Fees	75.00
Legal and Professional Fees: Bookkeeping	2,422.00
Repairs and Maintenance	20,088.17
Professional Development	15.00
Postage and Post Office Box Fees	<u>169.76</u>
 Total Expenditures	 <u>130,120.74</u>
 Net Income	 <u>\$ 7,825.90</u>

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
 Report of Endowment Funds
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

FUND	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
	Beginning Balance	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Investment Income	Expenses	Ending Balance	12/31/15 Balance
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	133,991.84	(11,243.40)	122,748.44	9,589.31	7,104.06	(1,429.47)	15,263.90	138,012.34
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	49,106.95	(4,137.55)	44,969.40	3,730.59	2,614.27	(526.05)	5,818.81	50,788.21
Phillips Fund	6,660.46	(540.76)	6,119.70	245.09	341.66	(68.75)	518.00	6,637.70
J.C. Blair Fund	33,048.46	(2,486.56)	30,561.90	(1,294.52)	1,571.12	(316.15)	(39.55)	30,522.35
Karl Schaffer Fund	13,228.44	(1,083.64)	12,144.80	609.82	684.68	(137.77)	1,156.73	13,301.53
Lovett Fund	4,845.71	(424.19)	4,421.52	571.72	268.03	(53.91)	785.84	5,207.36
TOTALS	\$240,881.86	\$(19,916.10)	\$220,965.76	\$13,452.01	\$12,583.82	\$(2,532.10)	\$23,503.73	\$244,469.49

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY - DIRECTOR'S REPORT 2015

Services: Materials Loaned

Accessions: Library Materials

Adult Fiction	3,680	Purchases:	201
Adult Non-Fiction	1,048		
Juvenile Fiction	336		
Juvenile Non-fiction	163	Books	167
Easy Readers	935	Paperbacks	10
Youth Fiction	36	DVDs	18
Books on CD	311	Books on CD (Leased)	6
DVD	563		
Magazines	598		
Puzzles	40	Gifts:	243
EBooks Downloaded	649	Books	151
EAudio Downloaded	754	Paperbacks	40
Puzzles	53	DVDs	37
		Books on CD	15
Total	9,113	Total Accessions	444
Of this total 450 items were loaned to NH Libraries			
 		Total Items Withdrawn	(535)
Computer Users	984	Total Volumes	20,000
New Library Cards	70		
Card Holders	834		
 		Periodicals purchased	25
Materials Borrowed:		Periodical Gifts	5
From NH State Library	347	Newspapers	6
From Other NH Libraries	8		

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Steuernagel

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

Director's Report 2015

As one library worker recently put it, the Abbie Greenleaf Library experienced a “tsunami of change” in 2015. This included shifts in personnel, major repairs to the building, significant technological upgrades and, most sadly, the death of the assistant librarian and our dear friend, Sybil Carey.

The year began with the introduction of Ann Steuernagel to the library staff, first as co-director with Sybil Carey and later, in September, as director of the library.

BUILDING

In January the library team (which included technicians and plumbers, the co-directors and members of the Board of Trustees) coordinated the conversion of the library heating system from oil to wood pellet. The failing oil system emitted toxic fumes throughout the library and had to be removed. Because of the fumes and later because of the physical conversion from one heating system to the other, the library had to be closed for many days in January and February. By the end of February the pellet system was fully operational. Later in the year, a “Pellet Furnace Open House” was held at the library featuring a talk by Charles Niebling from the NH Wood Energy Council.

In addition to the heating system conversion, almost all of the basement windows were replaced, the foundation interior was painted, the attic was professionally cleaned to remediate spray foam dust, repairs were made to the electrical and alarm systems and research is being done to determine why there is water seepage in the basement and how to mitigate this problem.

TECHNOLOGY

In January it was determined that the computer hardware and automated library catalog software were nearing obsolescence. In February several new desktop computers and two Chromebook laptop computers were incorporated into the library system. In addition, a shift was made from the ALEX automated library system to the APOLLO system. At the same time a new website was created for the library and the new automated library system was incorporated into the site. Please visit www.abbielibrary.org to view the new website and automated system. In addition, an IT specialist was brought in to upgrade our WIFI and router and add automated access to the new furnace via the internet.

GRANTS

In 2015 the library applied for and received two grants from CLIF, the Children’s Literacy Foundation. The first grant provided the library with two reading events and \$2,000 in new children’s books. The second grant will enable the library to invite a visiting artist to give a presentation in March of 2016.

EVENTS

Throughout the year the library was host to lectures, trainings, tutoring sessions, a poetry reading, Mah Jongg, musical performances, a special Children’s literacy event and a perpetual book sale.

The library hosted two Franconia Museum/ NH Humanities Council lectures and also a reading by the resident Frost Place poet. Two summer musical events were held for “Children and Their Adults” in conjunction with the North Country Chamber Players.

In October, Children's Literacy Foundation Executive Director Duncan McDougall sang with and read to children at the library. Also in October the library hosted a pellet furnace open house. All events were well attended and the children's events filled the library with familiar faces and new patrons.

PROGRAMMING

In December, with assistance from the NH State Library, Abbie Greenleaf kicked-off the *NH 1000 Books Before Kindergarten*. This program encourages parents to read to their pre-kindergarten children and keep track of the books read. Incentives are given to the children for every 100 books read. Several very tiny, very enthusiastic patrons have already signed up for this program.

OTHER NEWS

Sadly, the Easton Library closed its doors in 2015; books were donated to Abbie Greenleaf and were also included in the book sales.

A SMALL PUBLIC LIBRARY REMAINS RELEVANT IN THE 21st CENTURY

Circulation statistics for this year indicate a slight decrease in borrowing which coincided with the intermittent library closures at the beginning of the year. However, by May the trend for borrowing physical books was on a steady rise that continued through the end of the year.

We are happy to report that the number of patrons requesting library cards has risen by 60% since 2014. The push to revive the children's reading room with toys, magazines and books has paid off as the number of young patrons coming in the door has also increased. Efforts to stay abreast of current trends in publishing included purchasing graphic novels, audio books and top ten books and has kept us just ahead of our patrons' desires for these items.

In September, Ann Steuernagel attended a library conference where other directors attested to the fact that library use is up and that the items being circulated have become quite diversified. Not only are libraries loaning books, DVDs, magazines, audio books and ebooks but also objects like telescopes, snowshoes and sewing machines. Going forward it is the intention of the director to loan objects as well as books beginning with several donated telescopes. One of the director's primary roles is that of curator, procuring books and information and helping patrons locate and select material. In the digital age this task has expanded to helping patrons traverse the barrage of digital noise to locate the information that is pertinent to their lives.

I would like to extend our appreciation to the many people who made contributions of books, poetry, periodicals, ebook readers and services and to the many people who donated money for the purchase of books in memory of Sybil Carey.

The library could not function without the stellar contributions made by library assistants: Joanne Carey, Priscilla Hindley and Loriann Jesseman as well as the Friends of the Library. And, of course, Sybil Carey, who spent her best energy orienting Ann Steuernagel to the position of library director while maintaining all of the daily functions of the library.

In the new year, we at Abbie Greenleaf Library look forward to continued evolution in our programming and the increase in patronage and vibrancy that this brings.

Respectfully reported by Ann Steuernagel, Library Director

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT 2015

The Fire Department has completed a year in the new safety services building and the members are proud to have a new and efficient station to work out of.

The Fire Department has seen another very busy year. A total of 80 emergency calls for service were received. Twenty eight of the calls had the department responding to Interstate 93 or Route 3 for motor vehicle accidents. The average time for a piece of fire apparatus to be staffed and able to respond to a call is just over five minutes. The department responded to 20 different types of incidents and while the emergency calls totaled 80 there were an additional 160 calls for fire department services received by Grafton County Dispatch.

The town ordinance that regulates burn permits was amended in November. Previously permits were required during the winter season. 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.

This year the Department added four new members; Shaw Brown, Ron Baillargeon, Andrew Husson and Bill McCarthy. 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	Darrel Dietlein	Ted Hoyle	Walter Palmer
Ron Baillargeon	Harvey Flanders	Andrew Husson	Phil Payette
Shaw Brown	Peter Gaudette	Kirk Luce	Alex Peoples
Kim Cowles	Tyler Gaudette	Bill McCarthy	Stan Sherburn
Tim Cowles	Jeremy Hall	Tom Palmer	Rusty Talbot

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. Please contact your local Forest Fire Warden Chief Rick Gaudette or the Fire Department if you have any burn permit questions. Permits are required for any open fires when there is no snow on the ground. Burn Permits may be obtained online at nhfirepermit.com.

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November, 2015)

figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest

COUNTY	ACRES	NUMBER OF FIRES
BELKNAP	15.3	11
CARROLL	299.5	10
CHESHIRE	27.6	18
COOS	1.6	6
GRAFTON	22.6	17
HILLSBOROUGH	50.6	23
MERRIMACK	228	16
ROCKINGHAM	9.2	14
STRAFFORD	5.5	15
SULLIVAN	1.1	4

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson _____	7
Debris _____	17
Campfire _____	13
Children _____	3
Smoking _____	12
Railroad _____	0
Equipment _____	6
Lightning _____	5
Miscellaneous _____	71

* IE: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.

	<u>Total Fire</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2015	134	661
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206
2011	125	42

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD/AMBULANCE

The Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year's end has thirteen (13) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and 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 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hour of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

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 is:

Chief Paul Schmucker EMT

Asst. Chief Mark Taylor EMT

Capt. Pam Oakman Paramedic

William Mead Paramedic

Allan Clark EMT

Steven Czarnecki Paramedic

Bill Blackwell AEMT

Jennifer Liang EMT

Susan Simpson EMT

Linda Mordhorst EMT

Zach Chicoine EMT

Ned Wilson EMT

William Demers EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 261 calls for assistance during 2015, of those 138 required transport.

In 2015, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$65,538. Income obtained from patient billing and the subsidy from Sugar Hill totaled \$81,413. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of \$15,875.

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 special note to the retirement of John Ireland, who for many years donated countless hours of selfless, compassionate service to his neighbors and the community of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Schmucker-Chief
Franconia Life Squad

FRANCONIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This year the Franconia Department of Emergency Management transitioned into our new Public Safety Facility. Our Facility houses our Emergency Operations Center, Communications room and our EMD/ EMS office. This was a much needed upgrade and we are grateful to our citizens and our emergency operations partners for the opportunity to grow. We spent most of the year working closely with our state Emergency Management partners on a grant for equipment and a generator for the new building. We have been able to obtain \$25,581.80 for equipment, and \$32,364.00 for the generator set up.

Our Deputy Director Sergeant Martin Cashin has stepped down from his position. Chief John Monaghan has taken over the Deputy Director position. I wish to thank Sergeant Cashin for his time as our deputy Director and welcome Chief Monaghan to his new position.

I also want to thank Sally Small who acts as our Finance Officer. Because of her efficient and effective skills in the town government, our grants and special required reports to Homeland Security have been praised by our state and federal partners.

As always we cannot function without the citizens and volunteers who are willing to step up to the challenge during emergencies. We thank the citizens of our town for their continue support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Taylor Emergency Management Director
John Monaghan Deputy Emergency Management Director

FRANCONIA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Franconia Highway Department 2015 Annual Report details all maintenance and road construction completed this year as well as future plans relevant to road construction. The Highway Department purchased a much needed 2015 F550 Truck which replaced the old Chevy 5500 used for winter and summer maintenance.

- Repaired and repaved 775 feet of sidewalks in downtown Franconia.
- Reclaimed old asphalt on Kerr Road as well as reconstructed the entire road with new culverts. Ditched to ensure proper drainage and repaved with 2" of binder.
- Reclaimed Lafayette Drive and added 2" of binder.
- Paver shimmed Alpine Hill and Deer Pass up at Mittersill.
- Ditched several additional roadways for proper drainage.
- Replaced handrail on Hillwinds Bridge
- Added crushed gravel to several dirt roads where needed, as well as all of Toad Hill Road.
- Mowed and maintained all town roads with town mower.
- Graded roadways as needed and used calcium chloride treatment for dust control.

In 2016, I hope to put a top coat of asphalt onto Lafayette Drive, Kerr Road and the top of Lafayette Road. We also plan to reconstruct and repave another 700-800 feet of town sidewalks. I anticipate the possibility of paving the entrance to Bickford Hill down to the bridge and 20 feet of apron on the other side of the bridge in an effort to prevent the ongoing pot holes. In addition, to the above, the highway department will continue ditching and adding gravel to the town's dirt roads and paver shimming more roadways up at Mittersill.

The Highway Department is also due to replace the 2000 Mack six-wheeler and the 2005 Cat Backhoe.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Leslie, Public Works Director

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2015 saw a drop in the market prices for recycled products but an increase of revenue in the special handling fees. We said goodbye to Nate Hartford who decided to make a career change and welcomed Corey Rush as a full time employee. To round out our staff we have brought aboard Don “Chipper” Dimick as a part time employee. As always we thank you for your continued support.

- Cardboard ----- 72.9 tons
- Newspaper ----- 27.7 tons
- Mixed paper --- 35.9 tons
- Magazines ----- 22.1 tons
- Aluminum ----- 12.4 tons
- Tin ----- 7.5 tons
- Plastics ----- 10.3 tons
- Scrap Metal----- 18.6 tons
- Glass ----- 163.8 tons
- Textiles----- 5.7 tons
- Electronics----- 8.2 tons
- Tires ----- 5.5 tons

Respectfully submitted,

Your Transfer Station Crew,
Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Corey Rush
Don Dimick

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

In preparing to write this I asked the department what they thought was important for you to know. The following answer was a resounding: Thank you again for showing your commitment to our town's public safety, through the building of the Safety Services Facility.

This year our calls for service dipped from 2014, but are still higher than 2013. In reviewing our statistics and looking through our files, I was hard pressed to find cases that we did not solve or bring resolution to. It is, in no small part, credited to this building. The Safety Services Building provides our officers the space they need to lay out their paperwork and evidence, to organize, research, do follow up investigations and interview people. We have made good use of our interview room, due to its privacy; we have been able to effectively talk with people and have gotten many confessions as well as corroborate people's innocence. I am pleased that we are able to handle the majority of all the calls in Franconia with little reliance on outside agencies. In fact we have found that many State, County and Municipal Departments have benefited from the use of our facility. In the latter part of the year we had a case involving the FBI, who praised the quality and functionality of the building.

I have a feeling that 2016 is going to be a banner year for Franconia. With the opening of new businesses, the expansion of Mittersill and the dedication of the towns people to the health and well being of our community. We look forward to our role of protecting and serving you. On a personal note, this summer I had some work done on my house. I saw that the man doing the work had a dog-tag tattoo poking out from under his sleeve. I asked him if he was a veteran, he told me "yes" and I thanked him for his service. What he said to me in response was quite simply a line I wish I could take credit for. He told me "The pleasure was all mine." I stopped in my tracks; here is a guy who was in a combat zone, lost friends and saw who knows what. He was doing something dangerous so that neither I nor my family would have to and he is telling me it was his pleasure. What I saw was a selfless dedication to morals and principals that were developed in him by a family and community long before that hot July day. Policing is similar, it can be hard, dangerous, exhausting, and it will profoundly change you as a person. I have often thought throughout my career, "If I don't do it, who will?" Policing is a calling, to protect and to serve and I want you to know the pleasure is all ours. Please feel free to call or stop in, even if just to say hi and remember always take the time to thank a veteran.

In gratitude and service,

John Monaghan MS
Chief of Police

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

CRIMINAL OFFENSES	2014	2015	ARRESTS	2014	2015
Assaults	5	3	Theft	1	3
Sexual Assault	1	1	Driving While Intoxicated	5	4
Bad Checks	1	2	Kidnapping/Abduction	0	0
Burglary/Trespass	7	11	Unlawful Possession	0	4
Violation of Restraining order	0	4	Hindering apprehension	0	2
Computer Crime	0	0	Bad Checks	0	2
Criminal Mischief	7	9	Simple Assault	7	1
Disorderly Conduct	6	0	Resisting Arrest	0	0
Domestic Disturbance	16	6	Conduct After Accident	3	3
Criminal Trespass	15	11	Domestic Violence	0	2
Drug Investigation	3	5	Harassment	1	0
Fraud/Theft/Robbery	33	28	Criminal Mischief	0	0
Harassment	7	1	Criminal Threatening	0	0
Criminal Threatening	3	4	Burglary	0	1
Illegal Dumping	0	4	Shoplifting	0	0
Juvenile Offenses	3	3	Protective Custody/IEA	5	5
Attempted Suicide	1	3	Criminal Trespass	2	0
Possession of Alcohol	6	9	Disorderly Conduct	0	1
Unattended Death	5	0	Opr w/o Valid License/OAS/HO	10	8
Wanted Persons	13	15	EBW/Breach of Bail	1	8
Child Abuse	2	1	Possession of Drugs	6	4
			Reckless Operation	1	1
			Illegal Dumping	0	0
			Sexual Assault	1	0
			False Information	0	1
CALLS FOR SERVICE			MOTOR VEHICLE		
Alarms	154	164	Accidents	97	89
Animal Complaints	108	87	Summons & Warnings	864	792
911 Hang ups	58	44	Citizen/Motorist Assists	45	69
Disturbance/Fight/Brawl	12	10	Suspicious Vehicles/Persons	71	67
F&G/Missing Lost Persons	36	37	Disabled Vehicles	140	119
Noise Complaints	16	6	MV Complaints/BOLO/REDI	82	58
Assist other Agency	17	19	VIN Verifications	15	14
Foot patrol/bldg. checks	170	146	MISC SPOTS Inquires	176	138
Follow Up Investigation	129	100			
Civil Stand By	29	10			
Admin Calls/paperwork	297	141	TOTAL INCIDENTS	2832	2408
Service					
Road Hazard	78	71			
Special Events	16	15			
Welfare Checks	22	17			
MISC	21	11			
Sex Offender Registration	2	3			
Shots Fired	0	6			
Bomb Threat	0	1			
Unattended Death	1	2			

PLANNING BOARD

There was little new development in town during 2015. One subdivision, a conceptual meeting for a possible subdivision and a site plan review for Plain Kates (formerly Cannon Mt. View). Several board members attended a training session in Lincoln for Zoning and Planning Boards. The board starting working on updating the existing town master plan. Letters requesting public input for the future vision and needs of Franconia were sent and comments reviewed. This information will be used to help update the master plan over the next several years. Public input is always welcome.

There was also substantial work and discussion on the proposed updated Zoning Ordinance from 2014. Due to procedural error during the voting process, the updated ordinance was required to go through the public notice and comment process again. There was considerable comment from the Franconia Conservation Commission regarding the proposed zoning. After reviewing comments and input at the public meetings, the Planning Board is currently amending and re-wording some portions of the zoning as proposed in 2014 to address concerns and comments raised during 2015. The Planning Board feels that the revised zoning, which will accommodate Work Force Housing (required per State Law), senior housing and provide an option for cluster development to preserve open space, is extremely important for Franconia. It is the board's intent to complete the zoning regulations in time for town meeting with unanimous support from all Planning Board members.

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.

In 2015 the Zoning Board of Adjustment had no activity with the exception of two meetings, May 28th and September 24th to discuss the replacement of outgoing members and the election of new officers.

In the May meeting, we thanked and honored the outgoing members who had so faithfully served – Mary Fowler, Sharon Hoyle, Don Lawton, Ken Mosedale, and Melinda Richmond. In the September meeting, we welcomed and installed our new members – Elizabeth Andrews, Herbie Bartlett, Frank Clulow, Peter Grote, Bill Mellekas, and Susan Retz. Phil Krill was elected Chairman, Peter Grote Vice Chairman, and Herbie Bartlett Secretary. All members were encouraged to attend a training session for Planning Board and ZBA members on October 20th at the Lincoln Town Hall conducted by Steve Buckley of the New Hampshire Municipal Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Phil Krill, Chairman

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Committee saw a 2015 filled with events, activities, and sporting fun for residents of all ages. The Committee works hard to provide recreational opportunities to the residents and guests of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, and we're continually striving to expand our activities in ways that engage our communities.

Lafayette Recreation sponsors or assists with several events each year: The Longest Day in June, Old Home Day, the Top Notch Triathlon, the Franconia Scramble Color Run, Community Harvest Potluck Dinner, the Wobble-n-Gobble and the Longest Night in December. This year also saw curling on the Lafayette ice rink, and dancing in the Franconia Town Hall with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire.

We are continuing work to inventory, maintain, map, and sign the many trails in our three towns. Anyone interested in adopting a trail may email recreation@franconianh.org. We also sponsor Earth Day activities in the spring, Old Home Day Fireworks, a series of summer concerts on the Dow, the Halloween bonfire, and the Community Holiday Party in December.

These events throughout the year bring our communities and residents together to visit and celebrate the beautiful place we call home. This year's holiday party was expanded to include downtown Franconia businesses and activities for all ages, including caroling at the Lafayette Center and a visit by Santa at the Village Store.

Youth Programs Director Kris Kappler oversees our summer Recreation program of 97 enrolled campers and 13 counselors and orchestrates school-year sports through Lafayette Regional School. From fall soccer (including the hugely successful Annual Halloween Cup) to winter basketball and spring baseball/softball, these programs engage almost 95% of the Lafayette Regional School children with the essential assistance of over 20 dedicated volunteer coaches and officials. Information about our youth programs can be found at www.LafayetteRecreation.weebly.com

Finally, the Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Lafayette Regional School; residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Beth Horan, Adam Boyer, & Meghan McPhaul

Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland & Launa Glover

Easton: John Hynes & Matt Koehler

Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Programs Director

Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director - recreation@franconianh.org

FRANCONIA CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2015

- The Commission participated in the Lafayette School Earth Day Celebration. With the Lafayette Student Council, we cleaned Shitte Creek and the Gale River Trail.
- With the help of Chris Collman, Sam Johnk and Kim Cowles the trails in Fox Hill Park and along the Gale River were cut back, re-blazed and signed.
- After walking the boundaries of Fox Hill Park with SPNHF it was determined the time has come to re-blaze and mark the corners. Eric Pospesil will take care of this. The park itself is well maintained.
- An offer has been made to purchase the Lawrence Property on Map 17-Lot 4. A public meeting was held on December 17th and the idea of town acquisition, using funds from the current use fund and matching grants, and with an overlying conservation easement was well received.
- Chris Nicodemus, Sandy Olney and Kim Cowles are applying for a Citizen's Institute on Rural Design grant. If this is awarded to our community, we will host a 2 ½ day workshop in November 2016.
- Chris Nicodemus has been providing input to the Planning board as they rework the new zoning regulations for the town.
- Ginny Jeffryes has been working with neighboring Conservation commissions on the Northern Pass project as it pertains to Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Cowles, Chairman
Mary Grote
Kathryn McCarthy
Red McCarthy
Ginny Jeffryes
Chris Nicodemus
Eric Pospesil

COOLEY – JERICHO COMMUNITY FOREST

The 840-acre Cooley-Jericho Community Forest is owned and managed by the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) on behalf of the towns of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill. With participation by these towns and numerous local residents, the property was acquired in 2013.

This year was devoted to recreation and education. Great progress was made in creating the first multi-use trails. Trail planning has been in the works for a couple of years. A consulting ecologist/forester, assisted by members of the Stewardship Team and other volunteers, explored the entire property, identifying and mapping wildlife corridors, bird nesting areas, wetlands, communities of various plants and trees, and identifying areas that are sensitive to disturbance and ought to be avoided by trails. Along with the topography, road access, and other natural features such as good view points, the team laid out a trail network.

To ensure that trail building followed best techniques, ACT partnered with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), which has been building and maintaining trails in the White Mountains for well over a century. AMC led trail building training for local adult volunteers, and also worked with a terrific group of students from Lisbon's Panther Adventure Wilderness Program (PAWS). The students built a series of sturdy bog bridges through particularly wet areas. Summer teen crews from AMC continued the bog bridges and laid stone to harden other muddy sections of trail. Meanwhile, adult volunteers cut the new trails, cleared viewpoints, and put up trail markers. Eagle Scout candidate Asher Merrill of Sugar Hill designed, built, and installed a kiosk at the Trumpet Round access with the help of another volunteer team.

Now a loop trail (marked with blue blazes) originates from the Trumpet Round access that is suitable for hiking, and for the intrepid, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. A mountain bike trail (yellow blazes) originates not far from the beginning of the blue loop as it heads up the eastern side of the property. It is also found at the end of the Jericho Road by following a short trail. A map is at the kiosk and can be downloaded at www.cooley-jericho.org. Thanks to all the hardy volunteers who worked tirelessly on these trails!

Part of the reason for creating the Community Forest was to use the land for education. Last spring, ACT partnered with AMC to bring "A Mountain Classroom" to the Forest. AMC's highly regarded environmental education program gets kids outside to combine hands-on discovery, problem solving, and lots of fun to learn about topics ranging from glacial history to stream ecology to map and compass use. Students from Bethlehem Elementary participated. This spring, we hope to work with additional schools, and to start a new effort to continue this vital work of reuniting kids and nature. We will be recruiting adults for a Community Conservation Corps, where AMC will train and mentor volunteers so that we may grow our local capability to lead the outdoor classrooms on the Community Forest and other conserved land. Please contact ACT (823-7777) if you're interested in volunteering.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Cooley-Jericho Stewardship Team
by Rebecca Brown
Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2015 REPORT

2015 was a year of much organizational change stemming from the aftermath of our community town meetings. The spring resignations of the president and executive director, following other board member resignations, created a challenge. In the face of this, the chamber has reorganized, scrutinized their role as a viable Chamber of Commerce representing an incredible region, and is returning to their original mission and purpose. Our current board of experienced veterans and the expertise of newer board members, are restoring, renewing and revitalizing our member benefits and chamber features while focusing on our tourism driven life above the notch.

The highlight of our successful Annual Dinner Event was a presentation of 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 destination.

Our annual brochure- “Franconia Notch Region” was produced in time for the tourism season. This important marketing piece for attracting tourism has become the most popular brochure at New Hampshire’s welcome centers (according to our distributors).

Our welcome center was staffed every day throughout the May - October tourism season under the management of Tinker Stevenson and two part timers who kept the business of tourism, the newsletter and member communication on-going.

Finding a new Executive Director was our biggest challenge due to the availability of experienced candidates and our revised budget from the effects of town appropriation cuts and an over extension of operational costs through early May. We were able to hire Mark Butterfield, a full time marketing employee at Bretton Woods, as a part-time Executive Director who was able to handle the immediate duties - re-build communication, restore the operation of the basic member benefits and work with the marketing committee. Mark ably handled our annual membership renewals, and administration, as well as our Annual Dinner Meeting Event that produced much needed income through his efforts of the event and successful accomplishment of its silent auction. Regrettably, Mark had to tender his resignation at the end of the year citing changes in his full time commitment to Bretton Woods, and concerns for his availability to meet our needs within the PT hours. Mark continues to serve as a volunteer in an ambassadorial capacity in member development and remains on our Marketing Team. We are grateful that he can continue to support the chamber and our work, appreciate and thank him for getting us through one of our more critical times.

As Mark’s efforts became voluntary and ambassadorial, we were able to hire Heidi Tarling, owner of Page 3 Graphics, for the position. Her background and experience provides the focus necessary for creating and producing our chamber features and member benefits concentrating on the redesign of our newsletter and implantation of our continuing marketing products and event management.

The year ended on a positive note with realistic goals for bigger and better. One goal remains paramount for FNRCC: A walk-in Welcome Center with realistic office space, a larger brochure display, public bathroom and easier parking to keep visitors in town for

more time to plan their stay and explore the possibilities. We believe Exit 38 should be the visitor/tourist destination to enjoy and appreciate our villages' attractions, hospitality and history along the spectacular loops of our scenic routes north, east and west.

The chamber is grateful for the support from the communities, residents and our members. Without this support, we would be unable to accomplish our mission and our goal. As with all entities in today's governance and economy, marketing and technology constantly change and operational costs rise accordingly. 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,
Barbara Ashley, President

FRANCONIA NOTCH REGION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

October 2014 through September 2015

Income

Brochures Ads	3,450.00
Events	9,125.19
General Donations	526.67
Membership Dues	31,395.36
Sale of Product Income	10.00
Town Contribution Income	8,650.00
Uncategorized Income	<u>(3,051.27)</u>

Total Income	\$50,305.95
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>4,170.50</u>

Gross Profit **\$46,135.45**

Expenses

Advertising	17,106.92
Bank Service Charges	20.00
Dues and Subscriptions	336.00
Insurance	1,838.50
Other Employee Expense	784.75
Parade Expense	750.00
Payroll Expense	34,278.63
Postage and Mailings	572.57
Professional Fees	569.76
Taxes	50.16
Utilities	2,112.42
Welcome Center	<u>1,970.31</u>

Total Expense **\$ 60,389.82**

Net Operating Income (14,254.37)

Interest Income .27

Net Income **(\$14,254.10)**

THE FROST PLACE 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Highlights

Strategic Plan

The Board of Trustees and staff re-evaluated the strategic plan and adopted a new version. The updated plan, broken into three parts – increase visibility and revenue through partnerships, achieve financial stability, and improve leadership through governance – is focused upon building internal structure while developing relationships with the community and beyond, such that The Frost Place can uphold its mission far into the future.

New Assistant to the Director

In October, Sarah Audsley left The Frost Place and was replaced by Daniel Levin. Daniel moved to Franconia from Brooklyn, New York to work for the Frost Place. He brings his love for poetry and his experience as a work fellow at The Frost Place Conference on Poetry in 2014 and 2015, as well as two years of operations experience for the NYC Department of Education, Office of Teacher Effectiveness.

Museum Visitors

Nearly 4,000 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 passively draws visitors to the area throughout the year.

This year, the highway attraction signs were taken down for all small organizations north of the notches, which significantly impacted the number of visitors to The Frost Place and to the Franconia community.

Partnership with Polly's Pancake Parlor

The Frost Place partnered with Polly's Pancake Parlor for the first time this year. 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. Visitors from all over the world took advantage of the promotion.

Lupine Festival and Sugar Hill Market

The Frost Place participated in the annual Lupine Festival and Sugar Hill Market celebrations and offered a free public poetry reading on June 13 during the Lupine Festival.

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 31 students and 3 teachers from the New Hampton School, 12 students and 1 teacher from Profile High School, and Plymouth State

University brought 19 students and 2 teachers from the New Hampshire National Writing Project Summer Young Writers Institute.

Students from The White Mountain School came to The Frost Place to help with the opening of the museum.

Poetry Reading Series and Frost in the Air

Each year poets visit The Frost Place to participate in a reading series, free to the public. In addition to 21 poetry readings during the summer poetry conferences, The Frost Place held poetry readings by New Hampshire state poets: poets from The Poetry Society of New Hampshire, poets from Hobblebush Books, and poets from the Hyla Brook Poetry Series. The Frost Place partnered with the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum for the first time this year to offer a poetry reading by the Still Puddle Poets, a writing circle based in New Hampshire.

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 second year in a row, The Frost Place partnered with the North Country Chamber Players in two concerts called “Word, Song, Masterpiece.” The two performances featured four poets (Maudelle Driskell, Abby Wender, Patrick Donnelly, and Ellen McCulloch-Lovell) reading their poetry to selected chamber works as well as a soprano mezzo singer. This partnership combines the forms of music and poetry in performances that enhance and illuminate both.

Pulitzer Prize Winner Visits Franconia

The 2015 winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Gregory Pardlo, was faculty member at The Frost Place Poetry Seminar. He gave a featured poetry reading at the Franconia Town Hall.

Poetry Out Loud

Maudelle Driskell, Executive Director, was a judge for the New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud semi-finalists contest.

Programs

Conference on Poetry and Teaching

The annual Conference on Poetry and Teaching focuses on training educators to effectively integrate poetry into curricula. Fifteen educators attended the conference, traveling from across New Hampshire and the country to spend a full week on-site at The Frost Place. Educators from as close as Bethlehem, NH and as far away as Washington, DC and Canada participated. Each year tuition scholarships is awarded to a New Hampshire and a New Jersey “Poetry Out Loud” educator. Educators who attended to

the conference expect 1,487 students to benefit from their training during the 2015-2016 school year. Future classes of students will also benefit.

Teachers as Writers

Teachers as Writers is a creative addition which directly follows the Conference on Poetry and Teaching, invites teachers to focus on their own writing in a supportive workshop environment. 10 teachers participating in Teachers as Writers and worked with special guest poet, Baron Wormser.

Conference on Poetry

The Conference on Poetry is an intense “poetry camp” that includes workshops, readings, and 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 the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, the Green Rose Award, a Pushcart Prize, two Larry Neal Writers Awards, fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, Cave Canem Foundation, the Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts, the Simon Guggenheim Foundation, and finalists for the National Book Award. Faculty members are also poetry editors at prominent presses and professors at colleges and universities. Instructors included conference director, Martha Rhodes, as well as respected poets Patrick Phillips, Joan Houlihan, John Murillo, and Gabriel Fried. Thirty-three 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. Scholarships were provided to three New Hampshire university students. The inaugural Latin@ Scholarship fully funded Jennifer Givhan’s travel and a full fellowship to attend the Conference. Ms. Givhan was selected based on the merit of her submitted work, over 35 other applicants. During her residency at the Conference, her first full length poetry collection was accepted for publication.

Poetry Seminar

The Frost Place Poetry Seminar is an in-depth specialized poetry program, attended this year by 22 poets from around the country. Instructors included director, Patrick Donnelly, and faculty Cammy Thomas, Gregory Pardlo, and Joan Larkin. The faculty consisted of award winning artists, including Gregory Pardlo who received the 2015 Pulitzer Prize in Poetry. Pardlo gave a well-attended public poetry reading at the Franconia Town Hall.

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 38th poet in residence, Todd Hearon, lived and worked in the house during the summer months with his family. He gave featured readings at the Franconia Town Hall, Dartmouth College, and at 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. Anders Carlson-

Wee's winning chapbook, *Dynamite*, was published by Bull City Press. Mr. Carlson-Wee gave a featured reading at the Poetry Seminar and he lived and worked in the house-museum for a one week residency. Two additional manuscripts were selected for publication by Bull City Press.

Community

The Frost Place is truly a community place, 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 continue to be grateful to 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
- Hobblebush Books sponsors poetry readings at The Frost Place
- 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.
- Poetry Society of New Hampshire sends poets to read at The Frost Place
- Sally Small and the Franconia Selectmen own and maintain the exterior of The Frost Place and are engaged in a Capital Improvement Planning project to fix The Frost Place roof
- St. Johnsbury Athenaeum provided space for a poetry reading by the Still Puddle Poets
- Still Puddle Poets provided poets to read at St. Johnsbury Athenaeum and donated funds from their book sales
- 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.

We continue to be grateful to all the area volunteers and businesses who support The Frost Place with generous contributions of their time and financial resources.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Maudelle Driskell, Executive Director
Daniel Levin, Assistant to the Director

FROST PLACE
January through December 2015

INCOME

Application Fees	16,047.00
Book Sales	9,828.22
Food – Room & Board Fees	2,290.00
Miscellaneous	2,133.30
Fundraising	91,435.52
Grants and Partnerships	15,982.99
Merchandise Sales	3,815.00
Museum Admissions	8,687.00
Tuition	91,200.00
Total Income	<u>241,419.03</u>

EXPENSES

Bank Service Charges	1,948.34
Board Expense	289.23
Building & Grounds	1,970.43
Chapbook	2,798.00
Consultant Services	32,146.10
Credit Card Merchant Fees	1,257.37
Dues and Subscriptions	2,212.22
Equipment	109.88
Food	4,431.31
Fundraising	176.64
Insurance	4,748.25
Lodging	38,150.00
Marketing, Printing and PR	9,952.08
Merchandise and Books	8,149.64
Miscellaneous	12,878.58
Office Supplies	1,179.20
Payroll Expenses	119,524.50
Postage and Delivery	662.27
Program Discounts	2,745.00
Program Scholarships	1,900.00
Rent	4,547.16
Telephone	762.02
Travel	3,838.09
Utilities	454.53
Reconciliation Discrepancies	9.00
Total Expense	<u>256,839.84</u>

NET Operating Income **15,420.81**

FRANCONIA AREA HERITAGE COUNCIL

2015 President's Report

Accessions: Over 20 different donors added 70 items to the collection. Thank you! Among the highlights: a group of old photographs showing street scenes of Franconia and Dow Academy; a DVD of skiing history in Franconia, an interview with Norwood Ball; three envelopes of First Day issue of 150th Anniversary of the discovery of the Great Stone Face 1805-1955; History of Franconia's Postal System booklet; a collection of memorabilia from Franconia's Lafayette Grange #208.

Visitors: The Franconia Heritage Museum welcomed 127 visitors from eleven states and Canada. Attendance unfortunately was on the low side due to the nice Saturday weather that had tourists favoring outdoor activities. The Iron Furnace welcomed 767 visitors, many noting on the visitor's log their appreciation of the stone stack restoration. Franconia is indebted to Jean Goehlen for preserving this unique structure from an earlier era of our town history.

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

Events: The annual skating party February 14 drew quite a number of families. The children and the adults had a good time skating, sliding, chatting, eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate. We hosted at the Abbie Greenleaf Library two NH Humanities of the Arts programs that always are well received. In July Maggie Stier spoke on remembering the architecture of New Hampshire, and in October Steve Taylor gave an interesting history of NH poor farms. In mid-June, we had a successful plant and yard sale to raise funds for the museum. New this year: a scavenger hunt for adults and one for children, adding a bit of pizzazz to museum tours. Right before school closed in June, the Lafayette 3rd graders came for a visit and had lots of fun locating the scavenger hunt items.

Maintenance: New plexi-glass and display panels were installed in one of the large outdoor display cabinets at the Iron Furnace Interpretive Center to replace those damaged in a wind storm. A new door lock was installed on the center's cabin. The deteriorating front barn doors on the museum property were replaced and painted, and the rear barn doors were repaired so they now close tightly. The milk porch and stairs, including foundation supports, were replaced. A new smoke detector was installed on the museum's second floor. Constant telephone problems resulted in the purchase of a new phone and new interior phone wiring. Complete shutdown for winter done November 10. The museum has lovely flower beds and we thank Dinny Richmond for her many volunteer hours weeding and maintaining them for us. We also thank Chuck Besaw for his help maintaining the Interpretive Center visitors' logs and donation box.

General: The exhibit "Readin Ritin Rithmitic" on the NH one-room school houses was held over for a second season. Tuesdays were the workdays for staff for "housekeeping" and general tasks. Work continued on rehousing and preserving the collection. In particular, the clothing collection is being photographed, cataloged and properly housed in acid-free boxes. Antique tools in the barn received a good cleaning and new labels. A

new flag was acquired, the torn old one donated to Pease for their welcoming stars to servicemen program. The treasurer's reports were successfully audited. Our newsletter continues to receive rave reviews. Museum open hours were changed to Saturday only.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dot Wiggins, President
 Franconia Area Heritage Council

Franconia Area Heritage Museum

October 1, 2014-September 30, 2015

Checking Account Balance Oct 1, 2014 \$3,485.98

INCOME

Membership	4,312.00
Museum Donations	387.00
Interpretive Center Donations	158.41
Edward Jones Dividends	978.85
GE Dividends	263.90
Gift Shop	140.05
Spring Plant and Yard Sale	915.00
Memorials	481.56
Checking account interest	2.90
Program Speaker Reimbursement	250.00
Reimbursement for Roof Leak	172.00
Total Income	<u>\$8,061.67</u>

EXPENSES

State of NH Filing Fees	75.00
Electric	326.74
Internet	334.29
Telephone	570.08
Heating Oil	178.06
Water	203.00
Office Supplies	876.59
Stamps	172.10
Newsletter Printing/Mailing	838.92
Building & Grounds	2,097.97
Insurance	100.00
Fall Foliage Lunch	127.49
Fall & Spring Plant Sale	72.75
Program Expenses	681.68
Gift Shop	80.00
Community Support	25.00
Memberships	325.00
Total Expense	<u>\$7,084.67</u>

Ending Balance \$4,462.98

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.

2015 Projects

In collaboration with the Ammonoosuc Regional Energy Team, we participated in the Solar workshop held at The White Mountain School on Nov 12, 2014. Commission member David Strange presented details of his residential solar PV installation including specifications and economic benefits. And throughout the first quarter of 2015, commission members cooperated again with ARET to promote the Energy Fair held at Profile High School on April 11. Members Bob Tortorice and Chip Stowell presented their company's energy conservation services and products. With about 25 presenters, this event attracted over 200 residents and businesses from all over the North Country interested in energy conservation and alternative energy systems, sources, and economics.

Committee members met with the Building Inspector to discuss energy building codes. Franconia adopts the most recent state standards. Franconia inspects for health and safety, but not for energy efficiency. This might be considered at a future time. We concluded that providing energy efficiency information to new home builders prior to building would be a worthwhile effort.

Committee members inspected the Highway Garage and noted that additional upgrades are needed to reduce energy consumption and improve working conditions for the highway crew. A tour of the Water Department facilities also revealed conditions in need of remediation.

All fuel and electricity data for all Town buildings has been entered into the EPA Portfolio Manager website. This will enable the commission to analyze usage and costs on a year-to-year basis and to benchmark Franconia buildings against similar structures in the region. This information is also required for many sources of grants and financing for alternative energy systems.

Wood pellet heating systems were installed in the Abbie Greenleaf Library and at Lafayette Regional Elementary School during the summer. Estimates of #2 heating fuel savings amount to \$5,433 and \$21,427 respectively, as well as reducing CO2 emissions by 86%.

A Solar Leasing program for Town buildings has been explored but it was determined that our facilities are too small to be economically feasible. In addition, commission members have participated with ARET in a proposed solar installation at the Profile High School financed through a Solar Power Purchase Agreement. School Board members do not have any interest in pursuing solar at this time.

The installation of the Presby Energy Gas Station in January 2015 enabled some Town vehicles to fill up locally resulting in lower fuel costs and fewer miles driven.

Focus of Attention for 7/1/2015-6/30/2016

The commission is cooperating with ARET in a Solarize Campaign to begin in January 2016. This is a community based initiative designed to help residential and small business owners take advantage of group purchasing to make solar power more affordable.

We will continue to research the ways and means to reduce the cost and kWhs of Franconia's streetlights while improving the visual effect.

For the second 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.

An Energy Audit will be done on the Water Department buildings and a proposal submitted for the department's consideration. Energy Efficiency upgrades to the Highway Garage will also be explored, costs estimated, and installed (budgets permitting).

As recommended in New Hampshire's RSA 674:2, the Commission will write an energy chapter to be included in the 2016 Franconia Master Plan.

We will continue to add energy conservation and alternative energy information onto the commission's website. An informational brochure about energy efficiencies and systems for homebuilders will also be written and distributed.

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

ENERGY CHAPTER: FRANCONIA 10 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

Introduction

The purpose of a town energy chapter is ultimately to reduce the overall energy consumption in the community and promote the use of alternative energy resources available to the community. The result being reducing overall costs to the town and a reduction in the release of greenhouse gases.

This is the first energy chapter to appear in Franconia's strategic planning. The state of NH encourages this as a part of the state's energy goals. The Franconia energy commission was formed in 2011 by a vote of the town and has since been active in pursuing energy efficiencies for town buildings and taxpayer supported services. An annual report from the committee has been included in Franconia's annual report since 2011. Minutes from our monthly meetings are available on the Franconianh.org website.

Franconia in the larger picture

Franconia may seem like an island sometimes, but it clearly is not. Energy policy and action occurs on a state, national and international level. How do we fit in? The scientists and nations of the world have recognized that global climate change caused by human activities is a danger to our planet. Of particular danger is the long term and accelerating consumption of fossil fuels. The volatility of the price and availability of fossil fuels has at one time or another disrupted transportation and production, severely altered the budgets of public and private institutions and contributed to military conflicts. To attempt to deal with these very large issues, governments worldwide and closer to home have adopted strategies to try and mitigate the negative aspects of these disruptions.

Our own state of New Hampshire recently adopted a 10 year statewide energy strategy in September, 2014 encompassing some 82 pages. The basic numbers are that approximately 85 to 90% of the energy consumed in NH is imported from outside of the state. The money used to purchase it is exported from the state. New Hampshire residents are pretty low energy users compared to other states, ranking 47th in energy use per capita. However, we pay a lot for what we use, ranking 5th in per capita expenditure. So we use less than most and pay more for it. These numbers clearly show that we should develop more local energy sources and keep the money we spend closer to home.

Recommendations for the Town of Franconia

- adopt a town energy policy based upon some of the recommendations below
- establish a capital improvement fund for energy projects and efficiencies
- promote and monitor energy efficiency
- establish policies for promoting a group net metering facility that would make solar power available to town residents that are unable to establish their own
- establish a town owned or leased solar facility to offset town electric costs
- establish incentives for exceeding building codes on new structures and be sure that all new construction meets the latest standards.

- increase community awareness and participation energy and environmental issues.
- promote and establish policies that helps in the financing of the up front costs of alternative energy project like adopting PACE standards when appropriate
- when replacing (installing) any town heating plant convert to non fossil fuels if at all possible
- reduce the number of streetlights and replace the remainder with more efficient bulbs
- lead by example in municipal energy use and conservation. A “green” reputation fits well with our tourist image
- monitor energy use in town facilities and vehicles and establish reliable benchmarks (USDE portfolio manager)for future decisions, comparisons to standards and applying for funding.
- do what we can to help with a reduction in vehicle use by keeping a bus station in town, establishing charging stations for electric vehicles, reduce vehicle idling, promote high speed internet to facilitate working from home and considering adding a ride share lot near the interstate exit in the center of town,
- consider the idea of district heating when appropriate for the downtown commercial area, the library/town hall/skating rink area and the transfer station/town garage area.
- adopt policies that promote small energy production.
- increase the use of renewables and decrease the use of fossil fuels and its accompanying associated pollution
- keep Franconia moving forward looking through the lens of sustainable practices
- comply with and promote state initiatives for energy use such as 25 by 25 (a 25% reductions in fossil use by 2525)
- energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction have a political side. Beyond town efforts, Franconia should support and advocate for sound policies on a state and national level.

Recommendations for residents: What can **you** do?

There are lots of simple ways to reduce your own carbon footprint, and most of them will save you money. Get an energy audit for your home and then receive cash incentives to plug leaks and increase the insulation in your home. Install a smart thermostat, switch to more efficient light bulbs, turn off the lights in any room where you are not using them, drive fewer miles by consolidating trips or taking public transit, waste less food, and eat less meat. Perhaps the biggest single thing individuals can do on their own is to take fewer airplane trips; just one or two fewer plane rides per year can save as much in emissions as all the other actions combined.

“If you want to be at the cutting edge, you can look at buying an electric or hybrid car, investing in solar panels on your roof, or both. Heat pumps paired with solar panels are a great combination. Divest your stock portfolio of fossil fuel companies as have many universities and individuals. Heating your house with wood doesn't sound cutting edge, but it is significantly better than using fossil fuels. If you want to offset your emissions,

you can buy certificates, with the money going to projects that protect forests or capture greenhouse gases.

In the end, though, experts do not believe the needed transformation in the energy system can happen without strong state and national policies. So speaking up and exercising your rights as a citizen matters as much as anything else you can do.

(Much of this report came from other NH town's energy chapters, the NH energy policy and "Short answers to hard questions about climate change" by Justin Gillis)

Town Energy, 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

	kWh	Electricity \$	Fuel \$	Total \$	Gallons	Fuel Type
Key Buildings						
Town Hall	8,244	1,424	7,929	9,353	2,455	#2
Safety Services Bldg. (6 mos)	23,500	4,091	4,211	8,302	2,325	LP
Highway Garage	7,410	1,291	6,397	7,688	3,143	LP
Mittersill Firehouse	8,413	1,441		1,441		
Town Vehicles & Machines						
Buildings & Grounds			4,263	4,263	1,643	Unld & Dsl
Police			10,786	10,786	3,738	Unld
Fire Department			1,838	1,838	563	Dsl
Life Squad			2,890	2,890	864	Dsl
Highway			22,439	22,439	7,574	Dsl
Transfer Station			1,232	1,232	465	
Recreation			1,979	1,979	670	Unld
Abbie Greenleaf Library	8,018	1,605	653	2,258	203	#2
Transfer Station	10,716	1,881	3,097	4,978	1,523	LP
Maintenance Garage	3,524	773	1,495	2,268	742	LP
Skating Rink	2,595	615	706	1,321	347	LP
Dow Clock	423	251		251		
Dow Field	188	212		212		
Cemetery Utility Shed	393	246		246		
Water System	57,574	10,213	1,877	12,090	1,003	LP
Streetlights	58,748	21,011		21,011		
Municipal Bottom Line	189,746	45,054	71,792	116,845	26,122	
Franconia's portion of:						
Lafayette School	115,113	16,994	23,417	40,411	8,368	#2
Profile School	137,063	18,889	10,844	29,733	3,704	#2
School Buses			3,435	3,435	2,864	Dsl
Total Schools	252,176	35,883	37,696	73,579	14,936	
Total Franconia	441,922	80,936	109,488	190,424	41,058	

2015 REPORT OF THE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

This was the first year that Franconia elected a board of Cemetery Trustees to operate and maintain the town cemeteries, as cemetery oversight duties had been previously assumed by the selectmen and town office personnel. Our powers and duties are regulated by state law and include: adopt bylaws and regulations, prepare an annual budget, expend money raised and appropriated by the town for cemetery purposes, expend income from cemetery trust funds, and prepare deeds of cemetery lots. We work closely with the cemetery sexton of 15 years, Jeff Phillips, who supervises work done in the cemeteries and interacts with lot purchasers and the area funeral and monument companies.

2015 has been a self-education time for us: updating and improving internal efficiency, researching through town records to develop an understanding of past cemetery activities, or, in some cases non-activities, and extracting details regarding the formation of the current cemetery trust fund. For years, cemetery lot purchasers would donate extra money to be used for perpetual care of their respective lots; this money was held in separate and then combined trust funds and only the income could be used to maintain these specific lots. This practice floundered in the 1970's and 1980's and ceased in 1985 when the Town voted to establish a Cemetery Maintenance Fund for the purpose of general care and maintenance. Lot fees were then increased and were deposited into the earlier trust fund. We are currently waiting for a decision from the Charitable Trust Unit of the NH Attorney General's Office on whether we can separate the post-1985 maintenance trust funds from the earlier perpetual care funds to allow expending the interest, and perhaps also the capital, accumulated from lot fees since 1985, on any cemetery-related project such as repair and painting of the entrance gates, resetting fallen and leaning gravestones, or improving pathway conditions.

Willow Cemetery, the first town burial ground, was restored in 2003-2004 after years of neglect when focus apparently shifted to Elmwood Cemetery which was created in 1871. There are currently about 600 purchased lots in Elmwood, with enough extra surveyed lots to accommodate the town for a number of years into the future. We are aware of only two private burial lots elsewhere within the bounds of Franconia: one on the Taylor property on Butter Hill Road and one on the Vaill-Ball property on Magowan Hill Road. If you know of any other grave sites in Franconia, please bring them to our attention.

The trustees have put together a cemetery Rules and Regulations Document, as an informative guide for lot owners and cemetery visitors. Copies will be issued to all new lot owners and will be posted on the cemetery shed wall. The pricing established in January of 2014 for lot purchases and burials was reviewed and determined to still be satisfactory and in line with those charged by neighboring towns. The trustees voted to replace the use of lot deeds with a Right to Inter Document letter which states that the purchaser has the right to human burial in the lot but that ownership of the land stays with the Town. This change will eliminate the confusion resulting from private lot sales among residents. The 1997 Elmwood lot map has been manually corrected and updated and is almost ready for professional revision.

The cemetery lost a dedicated, hard-working 10-year veteran assistant with the illness and passing of Jim Aldrich in October. Although two successive workers did help Jeff

with mowing and trimming, their training time and working fewer hours than required greatly hampered the tackling of special projects this year. However, all were pleased to note that the no-water situation was corrected in June, numerous holes and ground depressions that had opened up this spring were filled, many stones and pavers were edged, trees around the cemetery borders were trimmed, and several missing and/or knocked down concrete fence posts along the entranceway were replaced. A new assistant will be hired in the spring.

Minutes from all cemetery trustee meetings are available in a binder at the Town Hall.

If you are interested in Town history or working on your family tree, there is a spiral-bound booklet containing all the Elmwood gravestone inscriptions up to 2013, available for viewing at the Selectmen's office, at the Abbie Greenleaf Library, and at the Heritage Museum. A detailed accounting of all remaining Willow Cemetery gravestones can be viewed online at www.tributaries.info/ui490.htm courtesy of Christopher Brooks who surveyed the cemetery in 2002. Photos of most all the gravestones in both cemeteries have been posted online at www.findagrave.com.

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

2015 Elmwood Interments:

August 1	Edward Byron Parker III
August 4	David B. Hunt

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Date & Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Mother & Father
February 25, 2015 Littleton, NH	Andre John Presby	Joselle Germano-Presby Thaddeus Presby
March 11, 2015 Littleton, NH	Marcus Barack Brewer-Nyborg	Jill Brewer Adam Nyborg
April 20, 2015 Littleton, NH	Ellery Dwight Garrison	Ashley Garrison Joseph Garrison
June 30, 2015 Littleton, NH	Sebastian James Abernathy	Jillian Abernathy Matthew Abernathy
September 19, 2015 Littleton, NH	Noah Alexander Boyko	Ashley Hatfield Blake Boyko

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Date & Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each at Time of Marriage
June 21, 2015 Franconia, NH	Bruce S. Perlo III Elissa D. Roberts	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
August 15, 2015 Franconia, NH	Ryan D. Boissonneault Julianne E. Ireland	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 26, 2015 Franconia, NH	Frank L. Pinter Judith A. Wilson	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
November 3, 2015 Bethlehem, NH	James A. Knights Misty R. Johnson	Franconia, NH Barnet, VT

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
January 1, 2015 Littleton, NH	Julie Lawrence	Merrill Lawrence	Anne Richards
January 4, 2015 Littleton, NH	Flossie Steele	George Tillman	Dallie Jones
January 18, 2015 Franconia, NH	Ronald Bilodeau	George Bilodeau	Veronica Derochers
January 22, 2015 Franconia, NH	Madeleine Boissonneault	Gideon St. Hilaire	Anna Routhier
February 14, 2015 Franconia, NH	James Cantlon	Edwin Cantlon	Kathryn Ligon
February 19, 2015 Franconia, NH	Edith Switser	William Berwick	Mary Welch
February 26, 2015 Franconia, NH	Marie McLaughlin	Andeol Lemieux	Ida Baldic
March 16, 2015 Littleton, NH	Vivian Stoddard	Raymond Lucas	Ruby Emery
March 24, 2015 Franconia, NH	Ruth Lewis	Charles Veigue	Ida O'Neil
April 30, 2015 Franconia, NH	John Feenstra, Jr.	John Feenstra, Sr.	Eva St. Cyr
May 31, 2015 Franconia, NH	Kenneth Hartwell	Kermit Hartwell	Violet Bundy
July 6, 2015 Franconia, NH	Alvin Corliss	Alfred Corliss	Viola Washburn
July 13, 2015 Franconia, NH	Sophie Haley	Albert Sarna	Catherine Sarna
July 22, 2015 Franconia, NH	Virginia Martin	William Martin	Veronica Dlugos

July 25, 2015 Littleton, NH	David Hunt	Arthur Hunt	Mary Baines
July 30, 2015 Franconia, NH	Arthur Hunt	Herbert Hunt	Lorraine Stewart
August 18, 2015 Littleton, NH	Alvin Edmunds	Alvin Edmunds	Bertha Craig
September 3, 2015 Franconia, NH	John Glover, Sr.	Paul Glover, Jr.	Diane Lafond
September 6, 2015 Franconia, NH	Patricia Derby	Floyd Phillips	Helena Carlson
October 1, 2015 Littleton, NH	Ronald Kirby	Charles Kirby	Clara Hall
October 13, 2015 Franconia, NH	Beryl Moyer	Joel Hatt	Beryl Miller
November 2, 2015 Franconia, NH	Leona Gagnon	John Flynn	Mary Sullivan
November 11, 2015 Franconia, NH	Erika Donovan	Peter Lastuschinkow	Helene Balde
December 20, 2015 Littleton, NH	Sybil Carey	Irving Polsky	Fannie Dubrov

In Memoriam

In 2015 the Town of Franconia lost three former employees who had dedicated many years of service to the people of Franconia. We would like to take this opportunity to honor them and express our gratitude for their contributions to our community.

Jim Aldrich

 **1939-2015** 

Jim worked for ten years maintaining both the Elmwood Cemetery and Willow Cemetery as well as helping out with the buildings and grounds. He was dedicated to his work and went about his job with a quiet demeanor and quick wit.

Sybil Carey

 **1944-2015** 

Sybil worked at the Abbie Greenleaf Library for over thirty years, providing support and a smile to all patrons over those decades. She also volunteered as both a Planning Board and Zoning Board member. Her most recent contribution was as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

Dave Hunt

 **1938-2015** 

Dave worked for over thirty years in the pursuit of keeping our roads safe to travel as a member of the Highway Department and from 1974-2003 he served as our Road Agent. When Dave wasn't working on the roads he could be found riding his motorcycle and going to the fairs.

NOTES

