



# Sunapee, NH

*Inc. April 4, 1781*

# Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Cover Photos: Town of Sunapee Water Treatment Facility Upgrade  
Photo courtesy of Kristen McAllister

# Dedication



Rod Chandler was a native son, he lived his entire life in Sunapee, graduating from Sunapee High School in 1957.

A number of jobs developed Rod's many interests and skills. He was a student pilot, a machinist, a quality control engineer, a NH DOT employee. But he always had a part- or full-time job in law enforcement, his favorite activity. He worked as an officer in Newport, as a security guard, as an auxiliary NH State Trooper, and as a Sunapee police officer. Most recently, he worked traffic details on Route 11, and patrolling Sunapee Harbor during the summers.

Rod loved to "hang out" at the transfer station, the harbor, neighborhood businesses, and especially at the Safety Services Building, keeping his finger on the pulse of his home town.

When not involved in the workings of the town, Rod enjoyed taking care of his home and property, and spending time with his wife Joan, his son Dean, his daughter Diane, and her husband Leo, and his grandson, Scott.

Rod had a friendly greeting for everyone he met, and truly loved conversations wherever they could be found. We will miss his smiling face.

# In Memoriam

## **Corliss (Sonny) Abbott**



Sonny was a lifelong resident of Sunapee. From the time he started driving he was self-employed. With the use of his backhoe and truck he gave countless hours to several departments in town, to include the water and sewer, highway and cemetery departments. When assistance was needed, there was never any hesitation. He was also instrumental in the acquisition of the town's first 'modern' street sweeper.

Sonny joined the Sunapee Fire Department in 1969 and served on Engine 1 until his retirement from the department in 1980.

During 'retirement' he was devoted to his business Abbott Septic Service. His passing has left a noticeable void in Sunapee and its neighboring communities.

## **Gloria Achilles**

Gloria Achilles was a long time resident of Sunapee. Many of you may remember her gracious smile at the Sunapee Post Office or Mt Sunapee Resort, where she was employed for many years. After retirement, she continued to greet visitors at the Sunapee Welcome Center and she was a dedicated volunteer at the Sunapee Thrift Shop. Gloria's willingness to help out at church fairs, the Teddy Bear Picnic and caring for others will be remembered by those close to her and will be greatly missed.



## **Barbara Hollander**

Last year, the Sunapee community lost a woman who committed many hours to public service which enriched the lives of everyone in our community.

At the time of her passing, Barbara had completed serving one of her many terms as a Trustee of the Abbott Library.

During one of the many meetings held to discuss specific details regarding the strategy for a new library, Barbara would bring the Board above all of the many details with her "just build a library" comment.

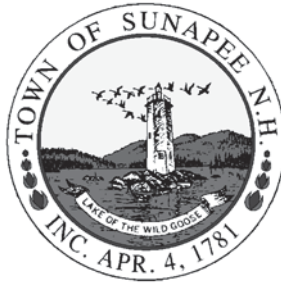
In addition, Barbara served on the Planning Board and the Safety Services Building Committee.

Barbara's generosity, determination, and steadfast commitment to projects in which she was involved will be missed but not forgotten.



Barbara and her husband, Bill, attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Abbott Library. October 2013.





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## ***ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES***

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### ***TERM EXPIRES***

#### ***BOARD OF SELECTMEN***

Joshua Trow, Chairman	2018
Suzanne Gottling, Vice Chair	2017
John Augustine	2018
Frederick Gallup	2016
Emma Smith	2016

#### ***TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR***

Betty H. Ramspott	2018
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#### ***TOWN MODERATOR***

Harry Gale, Jr.	2016
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#### ***TREASURER***

Alan Doherty	2016
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#### ***TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS***

Stephen White, Chairman	2017
Jolene Chappell	2018
Lena Welch	2016

#### ***CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS***

Jeffrey Trow, Chairman	2018
Helen Tosh	2016
Joshua Trow	2017

#### ***FIRE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS***

Daniel R. Ruggles, Chief	2016
Dana Ramspott	2018
Howard Sargent	2018
Mark Scott	2017

#### ***LIBRARY TRUSTEES***

Terri Jillson White, Chairman	2016
Xan Gallup, Vice-chair	2017
Denise Bressette	2018
Carol Brudnicki	2016
James Currier	2017
Jane Frawley	2018
Tom Mickle	2018
Lois Gallup, Alternate	2016
Sharon Palmer, Alternate	2016

**PLANNING BOARD**

Peter White, Chair	2017
Tanner Royce, Vice Chair	2016
Donna M. Davis Larrow	2016
Shane Hastings	2016
Kurt Markarian	2018
Richard Osborne	2018
Suzanne Gottling	Ex-Officio
Joseph Butler, Alternate	2018
Joseph Furlong, Alternate	2018
<i>(1) Alternate Vacancy</i>	

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Faith Reney	2020
Holly Simpson-Durfor	2018
Kathy Weinstein	2016

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Theodore Gallup, Chairman	2016
J. Anthony Bergeron	2018
David Cain	2018
Peter Hill	2016
Paul Manson	2016
Kurt Markarian	2018
<i>(1) Full Vacancy</i>	

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Edward Frothingham, Chairman	2017
Daniel Schneider, Vice Chairman	2018
William Larrow	2016
Clayton Platt	2018
Aaron Simpson	2016
George Neuwirt, Alternate	2017
<i>(1) Alternate Vacancy</i>	



## ***TOWN OFFICIALS***

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### ***TOWN MANAGER***

Donna Nashawaty

Barbara Vaughn, Administrative Assistant

### ***DEPUTY TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR***

Melissa Heino

### ***ASSESSORS***

Normand Bernaiche, Assessor

Melissa Pollari, Assessing Technician

Kristen McAllister, Assessor

### ***EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR***

Howard Sargent

### ***FINANCE OFFICE***

Lynne Wiggins, Finance Director

### ***FIRE CHIEF***

Daniel Ruggles

### ***HEALTH OFFICER***

Wayne Whitford

Donna Nashawaty, Deputy

### ***LIBRARY DIRECTOR***

Mary Danko

### ***PLANNER***

Michael Marquise

### ***POLICE CHIEF***

David P. Cahill

### ***RECREATION DIRECTOR***

Scott Blewitt

### ***HIGHWAY DIRECTOR***

Scott A. Hazelton

### ***DEPUTY TREASURER***

Kathy Weinstein

### ***WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT***

David Bailey, Superintendent

Holly Leonard, Office Manager

### ***WELFARE DIRECTOR***

Laura Trow

### ***ZONING ADMINISTRATOR***

Roger Landry

## ***APPOINTED TOWN COMMITTEES***

### ***TERM EXPIRES***

#### ***BALLOT CLERKS***

John V. Chesson	Democrat
Sally J. Putonen	Democrat
Justine Cutting	Republican
Joan Gross	Republican

#### ***BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

Donald Bettencourt, Chair	2017
David Andrews	2017
Spotswood Bowers, III	2015
John Brandolini	2018
Veronica Hastings	2018

#### ***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

Van Webb, Chair	2017
Lela Emery	2018
Timothy Fleury	2017
Robert Hill	2017
Rem Mastin	2017
Gerard Tracey	2018
(1) Full Vacancy	

#### ***CROWTHER CHAPEL COMMITTEE***

Francis Nolin, Jr., Chair	2017
John Augustine	2017
Deborah Grant	2015
Wenda Nolin	2017
Joshua Trow	Ex-Officio
Scott Hazelton	TOE
(1) Full Vacancy	

#### ***FOREST FIRE WARDENS***

Daniel R. Ruggles, Warden	2017
John Galloway	2017
Corey Oxland	2017
Dana Ramspott	2017
Howard Sargent	2017
Mark Scott	2017

#### ***HARBOR HOUSE LIVERY COMMITTEE***

Michael Durfor, Chair	2015
Betsy Katz	2015
Donna Gazelle	2015
Sharon Parsons	2015
Dana Ramspott	2015
Faith Reney	2015
Eileen Stiles	2015
Barbara Sullivan	2015
Stephen White	2015
Elizabeth Webb, Alternate	2015
Scott Hazelton	TOE

***RECREATION COMMITTEE***

Erica Belisle, Chair	2018
Maria Fair	2016
Joseph Furlong	2018
Charlene Osborne	2018
Michael Pollari	2016
Tanner Royce	2017
Paul Skarin	2017
Rhonda Gurney, Alternate	2016
Tracey Nangeroni, Alternate	2016

***THRIFT SHOP***

Wilda Digiovanni	2017
Elizabeth Herder	2017
Jo Hill	2016
Betsy Webb	2016
Donna Nashawaty	TOE

***UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION***

Aaron Simpson	2016
Joshua Trow	2016

***WATERSHED COALITION***

Peggy Chalmers



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
2016 TOWN WARRANT**

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**TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

**You are hereby notified to meet in the Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 2016, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 2 thru 9 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 10 through 23, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, 2016, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, in said Sunapee. The polls shall be opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.**

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

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
1 Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Fire Engineer	4 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	1 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Planning Board Member	1 Year Term
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Water & Sewer Commissioner	1 Year Term
3 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term
2 Zoning Board Members	3 Year Term

**Article 2:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IV Section 4.33 (B)(1) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions** – by removing all local requirements for docks and deferring to state regulations. The full text of Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(1) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – as amended will be as follows:

Docks for boating and swimming facilities are permitted subject to required State permits and standards. ~~The width of the deck of a pier or dock shall not exceed six (6) feet. In lakes and ponds of less than 1,000 acres in size, the length shall be limited to twenty (20) feet. Docks or piers permitted on property with less than seventy five (75) feet of shore frontage shall be no larger than 4 X 24 Feet. For properties with shore frontage of 75' or more, there shall be a minimum of seventy five (75) feet of shore frontage for the first two slip structures, and an additional seventy five (75) feet of shore frontage on the property for each additional boating slip or securing location on a structure.~~

**Article 3:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article IV Section 4.33 (B)(8)(b)(I) – Cutting and Removal of Natural Vegetation within the Natural Woodland Buffer** – by adding to this section the requirement that the Board of Selectmen or their agent will review all cutting and clearing plans in the Natural Woodland Buffer including those reviewed by the Planning Board.

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(I) – Cutting and Removal of Natural Vegetation within the Natural Woodland Buffer –as amended will be as follows:

- I. A cutting and clearing plan shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board for the following:
  2. Cutting within the Natural Woodland Buffer of more than five (5) trees having a diameter of six (6) inches or more at a point 4.5 feet above existing ground in any calendar year;
  3. Removal of large areas of vegetation (over one thousand [1000] square feet) within the Natural Woodland Buffer in any calendar year.

The Board of Selectmen or their agent shall review and approve the cutting of all trees having a diameter of six (6) inches or more, ~~which are not included above.~~

In addition, on ponds, lakes or rivers, any cutting or removal of natural vegetation must be by permit from DES, if applicable.

**Article 4:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article VII Section 7.10 – Conversion Requirements** – by allowing for an increased septic flow on a property if a licensed septic designer provides certification that the existing designed system has adequate capacity.

The full text of Article VII, Section 7.10 – Conversion Requirements – as amended will be as follows:

7.10 No structure shall be converted in any manner resulting in increased septic flow or water utilization without ~~the approval of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division Subsurface Systems bureau or approval from the Sunapee Water and Sewer Commission if on municipal sewer.~~

1. *The approval of the New Hampshire DES Water Division Subsurface Systems Bureau or*
2. *Certification from a New Hampshire licensed septic designer that the existing designed system will handle the additional septic flow or*
3. *Approval from the Sunapee Water & Sewer Commission if on municipal sewer.*

**Article 5:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article VIII Section 8.21(e) – Certificate of Zoning Compliance – Permit** – to include both interior and exterior improvements as projects requiring permits.

The full text of Article VIII, Section 8.21(e) – Certificate of Zoning Compliance – Permit - as amended will be as follows:

8.21 Certificate Required if:

- (a) a new structure is dimensionally changed or installed;
- (b) an existing structure is dimensionally changed;
- (c) additional dwelling units are to be added to existing structure;
- (d) any municipal structure is to be constructed or dimensionally changed;
- (e) major alterations/interior or exterior renovations are planned;
- (f) a structure is to be demolished;
- (g) a Site Plan Review approval has been granted by the Planning Board

**Article 6:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 5, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations** – by removing the reference to the screening of contractor yards from the definition of Home Occupation and placing it in the definition of Contractor’s Yards.

The full text of Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Contractor’s Yards and Home Occupations –as amended will be as follows:

Contractor's Yards – An area used by builders, electricians, plumbers, excavators, roofers, yard maintenance, or other similar contracting service establishments for the storage of materials and equipment only. *Heavy equipment and materials shall be either screened or enclosed.* There shall be no service or sales on the site and any signs must be in accordance with Section 5.34 of this ordinance and specify for deliveries only. A Site Plan Review will be required. Any use of the contractor yard beyond this definition will require a variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Home Occupation – Any use that is customarily conducted in the home by the inhabitants of such home. A home occupation shall not involve on-site sales or customer service. There shall be no employees and no on-site signs, advertising or outside displays. The home occupation shall be subordinate and incidental to the primary residential use of the property and shall not change the residential character of the dwelling or neighborhood. The home occupation shall not generate noise, odor, traffic, or any other negative influence on the community or neighboring properties. ~~Heavy equipment and materials in contractor's yards shall be either screened or enclosed.~~

**Article 7:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 6, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations** – by adding a definition for Maximum Residential Density which will clearly outline that residential dwelling units are the sole factor for determining allowable density.

The full text of Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – as amended will be as follows:

*Maximum Residential Density – The maximum number of residential dwelling units allowed within a specified area. Density shall only be calculated using a Dwelling Unit as defined elsewhere in this article. Office spaces, commercial spaces, motel rooms, and other commercial uses do not fall under the requirements of residential density.*

**Article 8:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structure (minor)** – by adding patios as minor structures and give limitations to height, size, and future use as a footprint.

The full text of Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structure (minor) - as amended will be as follows:

Structure, Minor – A minor structure is exempt from the terms of this Ordinance and shall not require a Certificate of Zoning Compliance. Minor structures shall include the following:

1. Fence measuring less than five (5) feet high from the ground surface provided that the fence is constructed in such a manner as to allow the fence owner the ability to maintain both the fence and fence owner's land, if any, on the neighbor's side of the fence
2. Mail Box
3. Flag Pole
4. Dog House
5. Thirty-two (32) square foot platform and associated stairs, which is no more than four (4) feet off the ground and is used for access to a structure
6. *Patio constructed from pervious materials, less than 150 square feet in area and less than 12" above the existing ground elevation. Patios will not be considered a footprint for future construction.*



**Article 9:** To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$6,988,074? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,982,430 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$260,000 to purchase a new Grader for the Highway Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$260,000 from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund and authorizing the trade-in or sale of the current grader to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 12:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$115,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 13:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 14:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$16,000 to be added to the Town Bridges Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 15:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$9,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 16:** Shall the Town vote to establish an Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of employee health insurance deductible funding starting in 2017 and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,500 to be placed in this fund, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2015, Unexpended Fund balance?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 17:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 18:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for conservation purposes accordance with RSA 36-A?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 19:** Are you in favor of establishing a Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing software, technology upgrades to include computer items, telecommunication items and similar products; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund, and appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 20:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 for control of the invasive species of reed, Phragmites, on the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant property; and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from existing Sewer Department fund balance and authorizing the use of any available grant monies or payments from New London to defray the total cost of said control? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the work is completed or December 31, 2021, whichever occurs first.  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 21:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,600 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2015, Unexpended Fund balance?  
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**Article 22:** Are you in favor of changing the purpose of the 2001 capital reserve fund titled "Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve" from evaluating, designing, repairing and/or constructing only those Town road bridges that are on the state's "red list" to evaluating, designing, repairing and/or constructing all Town road bridges?  
2/3 majority vote required, RSA 35:16

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee, pursuant to RSA 674:5, to prepare and amend a recommended program of municipal capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least ten years? The sole purpose and effect of the capital improvements program committee shall be to assist the selectmen and, along with the Budget Advisory Committee, aid in the Board of Selectmen's consideration of the annual budget.

Dated: January 25, 2016

Sunapee Board of Selectmen

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Joshua Trow, Chairman

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Suzanne H. Gottling, Vice Chairman

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John Augustine

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Emma Smith

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Frederick Gallup

## 2016 TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES SUMMARY

Article	Description	Amount	New Tax Dollars raised in 2016	Not Recommended	Revenue Offset/No increase to tax rate
11	Purchase Grader from Hydro Funds (reduce w/d by trade est 26,000)	\$260,000			\$260,000
12	Add to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	\$115,000	\$115,000		
13	Add to Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve	\$40,000	\$40,000		
14	Add to Bridges Capital Reserve	\$16,000	\$16,000		
15	Add to Used Highway equipment Capital Reserve	\$9,000	\$9,000		
16	Expendible reserve for health deductibles (could be from fund balance)	\$43,500			\$43,500
17	Add to Milfoil Control Non Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000		
18	Conservation	\$55,000	\$55,000		
19	Capital Reserve for Software/Technology	\$10,000	\$10,000		
20	Sewer Article for invasive control from Sewer fund	\$50,000			\$50,000
21	Cemetery Trust from Fund balance (2015 lot sales)	\$3,600			\$3,600
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$607,100</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>		<b>\$357,100</b>

**\*\$673,930 new tax dollars raised in 2007**

**\*\$408,350 new tax dollars raised in 2008**

**\*\$407,300 new tax dollars raised in 2009**

**\*\$348,152 new tax dollars raised in 2010**

**\*\$358,300 new tax dollars raised in 2011**

**\*\$335,300 new tax dollars raised in 2012**

**\*\$607,300 new tax dollars raised in 2013**

**\*\$370,000 new tax dollars raised in 2014**

**\*\$105,000 new tax dollars raised in 2015**

## ***2016 TAX RATE ESTIMATED COMPUTATION***

### **Using 2015 Value of Property for Calculation**

#### **2015 TOWN PORTION**

Appropriations	\$	7,048,778
Less: Revenues	\$	-3,152,381
Less: Fund Balance Surplus voted	\$	-2,900
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Tax	\$	-300,000
Add: Overlay	\$	93,782
Add: War Service Credits	\$	92,500
Net Town Appropriation	\$	3,779,779

**2015 Town Tax Rate** **\$ 3.17**

Net Assessed Valuation 2015	
State Education Tax (no utilities)	1,184,721,995
All Other Tax (Grand List)	1,194,330,595

AS PROPOSED

#### **2016 ESTIMATED TOWN PORTION**

Appropriations	\$	7,595,174
Less: Revenues	\$	-3,721,961
Add: Overlay	\$	60,000
Add: War Service Credits	\$	92,500
Net Town Appropriation	\$	4,025,713

**2016 Estimated Town Tax Rate** **\$ 3.37**

This estimate includes all money warrant articles assuming approved, uses \$300,000 of fund balance to reduce taxes. Totals do not include any new assessed valuation for 2016.

## 2015 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

### TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	\$ 7,048,778	
Less: Revenues	\$ -3,152,381	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus	\$ -2,900	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$ -300,000	
Add: Actual Overlay Used	\$ 93,782	
Add: War Service Credits	\$ 92,500	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$ 3,779,779</b>	
<b>Town Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$ 3.17</b>

### SCHOOL PORTION

Due to Local School	\$ 10,569,406	
Less: Net Education Grant	\$ -18,441	
Less: Locally Retained State Education Tax	\$ -2,810,903	
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$ 7,740,062</b>	
<b>School Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$ 6.48</b>

### STATE EDUCATION TAXES

State Education Tax	\$ 2,810,903	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$ 0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$ 2,810,903</b>	
<b>State School Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$ 2.37</b>

### COUNTY PORTION

Net County Appropriation	\$ 3,573,385	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$ 3,573,385</b>	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$ 2.99</b>
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>		<b>\$15.01</b>

VALUATION	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	1,194,330,595	1,161,906,381
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	1,184,721,995	1,152,354,981

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***SUMMARY OF INVENTORY (MS-1)***

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***Value of Land Only:***

Current Use	\$	500,295
Residential	\$	593,436,000
Commercial / Industrial	\$	12,323,300
Total Taxable Land:	\$	606,259,595

***Value of Buildings Only:***

Residential	\$	556,511,000
Manufactured Housing	\$	1,004,300
Commercial / Industrial	\$	21,332,100
Total Taxable Buildings:	\$	578,847,400

<b><i>Public Utilities:</i></b>	\$	9,608,600
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<b><i>Valuation before Exemptions:</i></b>	\$	1,194,715,595
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***Exemptions:***

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities		
Blind Exemptions	\$	30,000
Elderly Exemptions	\$	355,000
Total Amount of Exemptions:	\$	385,000

<b><i>Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County and Local Education is Computed</i></b>	\$	1,194,330,595
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<b><i>Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is computed</i></b>	\$	1,184,721,995
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# AUDITOR'S REPORT

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Sunapee, New Hampshire

### Additional Offices:

Nashua, NH  
Andover, MA  
Greenfield, MA  
Ellsworth, ME

### Report on the Financial Statements

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

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opin-

ion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse audit opinion on the governmental activities and unmodified audit opinions on each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information.

#### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities**

Management has not included any of the Town of Sunapee, New Hampshire's capital assets acquired nor the accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense related to those assets in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

#### **Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities**

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse Opinion paragraph on the governmental activities, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Sunapee, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Opinion on Major Funds and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Sunapee, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position where applicable and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## Other Matters

### *Required Supplementary Information*

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

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 7, 2015 on our consideration of the Town's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Melanson Heath*

August 7, 2015

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 2014**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Library Project</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 6,978,735	\$ 1,486,092	\$ 7,706	\$ 1,597,573	\$ 10,070,106
Receivables:					
Property taxes	802,591	-	-	-	802,591
Departmental and other	-	45,451	-	78,825	124,276
Intergovernmental	17,939	127,852	-	-	145,791
Due from other funds	413,673	398	-	184,262	598,333
Other assets	12,405	-	-	-	12,405
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 8,225,343</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,793</b>	<b>\$ 7,706</b>	<b>\$ 1,860,660</b>	<b>\$ 11,753,502</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accounts payable	\$ 254,032	\$ 136,651	\$ -	\$ 6,181	\$ 396,864
Accrued liabilities	40,001	-	-	-	40,001
Due to other funds	198,516	38,044	21,146	379,898	637,604
Due to school district	5,006,970	-	-	-	5,006,970
Tax refunds payable	107,919	-	-	-	107,919
Other liabilities	79,989	-	-	-	79,989
Notes payable	-	1,529,506	-	-	1,529,506
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>5,687,427</b>	<b>1,704,201</b>	<b>21,146</b>	<b>386,079</b>	<b>7,798,853</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>551,063</b>	<b>173,303</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>49,263</b>	<b>773,629</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Nonspendable	12,405	-	-	70,750	83,155
Restricted	-	-	-	1,197,824	1,197,824
Committed	432,228	-	-	168,394	600,622
Assigned	120,529	-	-	-	120,529
Unassigned	1,421,691	(217,711)	(13,440)	(11,650)	1,178,890
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>1,986,853</b>	<b>(217,711)</b>	<b>(13,440)</b>	<b>1,425,318</b>	<b>3,181,020</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 8,225,343</b>	<b>\$ 1,659,793</b>	<b>\$ 7,706</b>	<b>\$ 1,860,660</b>	<b>\$ 11,753,502</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWN OF SUNAPEE													
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2015 (unaudited)													
	2012 Voted	2012 Expended	2013 Voted	2013 Expended	2014 Voted	2014 Expended	2015 budget approved (default)	2015 Expended thru Dec, not Year End	2016 Proposed Budget	2016 Default Budget	\$ of change /2015	% of change pro- posed / 2015	% of overall budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT													
Executive	265,601	257,839	272,157	257,855	286,739	282,185	289,510	285,036	294,102	294,102	4,592	1.6%	5.59%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	191,264	179,876	195,589	178,899	201,510	192,518	202,309	189,401	205,458	205,398	3,149	1.6%	3.91%
Elections	15,424	11,347	8,261	4,521	14,443	12,452	4,978	4,479	14,514	14,544	9,536	191.6%	0.28%
Finance	164,506	146,895	158,804	140,543	162,642	140,331	169,721	153,488	177,158	174,580	7,437	4.4%	3.37%
Assess-Assessing	90,000	87,773	93,576	95,354	100,100	98,459	106,300	102,335	107,600	107,600	1,300	1.2%	2.05%
Legal - GG - Legal Services	18,000	46,701	18,000	20,705	18,000	29,724	18,000	32,176	18,000	18,000	0	0.0%	0.34%
Employment Benefits - Other	1,000	162	1,000	128	1,000	214	1,000	86	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0.02%
Planning/Zoning	43,018	32,727	44,628	32,902	49,636	34,352	50,698	33,844	50,407	50,777	-291	-0.6%	0.96%
General Gov Buildings	96,492	93,152	101,478	96,050	113,422	106,286	116,383	105,361	137,753	132,854	21,370	18.4%	2.62%
Cemetery	13,026	10,246	13,218	9,783	13,369	11,198	13,362	12,421	13,536	13,536	174	1.3%	0.26%
Insurance - Prop. Liab, Veh	7,500	7,271	4,800	8,251	8,252	6,394	9,642	8,102	9,661	9,661	19	0.2%	0.18%
Information Booth	11,062	11,106	12,635	11,434	12,804	12,187	12,923	12,205	13,316	13,216	393	3.0%	0.25%
Other General Gov't	21,969	19,642	26,382	21,108	28,688	24,836	31,676	26,596	29,609	32,459	-2,067	-6.5%	0.56%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	938,862	904,737	950,528	877,533	1,010,605	951,136	1,026,502	965,529	1,072,114	1,067,727	45,612	4.4%	20.40%
Police	685,401	669,128	719,589	719,536	758,239	723,539	778,103	731,939	777,272	783,800	-831	-0.1%	14.79%
Ambulance	47,689	47,689	51,000	54,262	51,850	51,850	53,449	53,449	56,100	56,100	2,651	5.0%	1.07%
Fire	126,075	127,095	122,511	125,714	190,029	189,213	191,163	181,910	199,546	194,146	8,383	4.4%	3.80%
Emergency Management	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	0	200	200	0	0.0%	0.00%
Safety Services Building	125,479	111,608	125,587	118,893	137,868	121,995	148,569	137,469	143,222	149,639	-5,347	-3.6%	2.72%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	984,844	955,520	1,018,887	1,018,405	1,138,186	1,086,597	1,171,484	1,104,767	1,176,340	1,183,885	4,856	0.4%	22.38%
Highway	1,160,361	1,075,856	1,208,689	1,113,726	1,357,110	1,294,873	1,544,765	1,434,787	1,560,589	1,537,168	15,824	1.0%	29.69%
Street Lights	36,750	30,584	36,750	31,796	36,750	38,207	36,750	36,630	36,750	36,750	0	0.0%	0.70%
Transfer Station	495,581	452,074	503,859	449,875	536,540	511,093	505,980	454,344	499,462	491,687	-6,518	-1.3%	9.50%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,692,692	1,558,514	1,749,298	1,595,397	1,930,400	1,844,173	2,087,495	1,925,760	2,096,801	2,065,605	9,306	0.4%	39.89%



TOWN OF SUNAPEE													
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2015 (unaudited)													
	2012 Voted	2012 Expended	2013 Voted	2013 Expended	2014 Voted	2014 Expended	2015 budget approved (default)	2015 Expended thru Dec, not Year End	2016 Proposed Budget	2016 Default Budget	\$ of chang e/ 2015	% of change pro- posed/ 2015	% of overall budget
Health	4,772	768	4,624	276	4,828	437	4,939	420	4,969	4,939	30	0.6%	0.09%
Animal Control	500	0	500	140	500	0	500	140	500	500	0	0.0%	0.01%
Health - LSVNA & KCOA	14,287	14,287	14,678	14,578	14,856	14,678	14,856	14,678	14,384	14,856	-472	-3.2%	0.27%
Welfare	54,850	24,680	50,901	15,566	51,799	25,628	52,088	24,931	52,385	52,385	297	0.6%	1.00%
Recreation	141,190	141,189	145,379	135,948	148,350	137,485	148,478	148,458	150,585	148,964	2,107	1.4%	2.86%
Library	308,313	309,182	317,961	319,490	339,845	332,668	349,170	349,170	362,752	353,489	13,582	3.9%	6.90%
Memorial Day Supplies	200	35	200	30	200	39	200	62	200	200	0	0.0%	0.00%
Band Concerts	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0.10%
Conservation Commission	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,250	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,550	3,500	50	1.4%	0.07%
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE	532,362	498,391	542,493	494,278	568,878	519,435	578,731	546,359	594,325	583,833	15,594	2.7%	11.31%
Debt Service - Principal	180,426	180,426	182,180	182,180	181,633	181,633	249,767	230,867	246,027	246,027	-3,740	-1.5%	4.68%
Debt Service - Interest	94,380	92,817	72,770	67,374	111,352	48,161	68,161	53,241	70,044	70,044	1,883	2.8%	1.33%
TAN Interest	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0.02%
TOTAL DEBT	275,806	273,243	255,950	249,554	293,985	229,794	318,928	284,108	317,071	317,071	-1,857	-0.6%	6.03%
SUBTOTAL GENERAL													
GOV'T	4,424,566	4,190,405	4,517,156	4,235,167	4,942,054	4,631,135	5,183,140	4,826,523	5,256,651	5,218,121	73,511	1.4%	100.00%
Encumbrance from operating		15,108		31,213		114,956		10,000					
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS													
Water	510,959	474,368	497,343	424,711	506,667	360,594	503,344	481,585	500,038	490,746	-3,306	-0.7%	
Sewer	919,963	754,660	942,153	610,711	975,276	622,863	1,090,249	860,083	1,099,682	1,156,075	9,433	0.9%	
Hydroelectric	108,621	40,648	108,674	54,443	113,360	58,764	114,145	59,222	131,703	117,488	17,558	15.4%	
SUBTOTAL SPEC REV	1,539,543	1,269,676	1,548,170	1,089,865	1,595,303	1,042,221	1,707,738	1,400,890	1,731,423	1,764,309	23,685	1.4%	
TOTAL OPERATING													
BUDGET	5,964,109	5,460,081	6,065,326	5,325,032	6,537,357	5,673,356	6,890,878	6,237,413	6,988,074	6,982,430	97,196	1.4%	
Special & Indivd Articles	4,586,000	4,586,000	1,516,000	1,516,000	560,000	560,000	105,000	105,000	325,000				
Expendable Trusts	2,500	2,500	1,000	1,000	3,600	3,600	2,900	2,900	47,100				
Capital Reserve Funds	327,300	327,300	332,300	332,300	270,000	270,000	50,000	50,000	235,000				
TOTAL SEPARATE													
ARTICLES	4,915,800	4,915,800	1,849,300	1,849,300	833,600	833,600	157,900	157,900	607,100				
TOTAL BUDGET	10,879,909	10,375,881	7,914,626	7,174,332	7,370,957	6,506,956	7,048,778	6,395,313	7,595,174				





TOWN OF SUNAPEE										
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES 2015 (unaudited)										
		2011	2012	2012	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
		Revised Revenues	Estimated Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Proposed Revenues	
	<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>									
3401-3406	Income from Departments	90,000	85,000	97,000	159,859	97,000	145,000	89,000		
3409	Other Charges	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	5,550	2,000		
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>									
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	5,800	1,000	1,000	28,679	67,119	1,900	1,000		
3502	Interest on Investments	24,000	18,000	30,000	28,000	30,000	30,000	30,000		
3503-3509	Other	21,600	21,600	1,623,500	47,637	22,500	26,000	26,000		
	<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>									
3912	From Special Revenue Funds					125,000				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds									
3914	From Enterprise Funds									
	Sewer - (Offset)	904,502	919,963	919,963	942,153	1,040,276	1,117,749	260,000		
	Water - (Offset)	546,787	510,959	710,959	497,343	506,667	525,844	500,038		
	Electric - (Offset)	187,968	108,621	208,621	108,674	113,360	114,145	131,703		
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	636,500		158,000	266,000	270,000		50,000		
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds									
	<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>									
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds &	2,800,000		2,360,000	975,000					
	<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>	6,337,575	2,763,761	7,229,694	4,172,472	3,424,879	3,152,381	3,374,86		
	Fund Balance to reduce taxes	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000		
	Voted from Surplus	600		162,500		3,600	2,900	47,100		
	Net Revenues	6,638,175	3,063,761	7,692,194	4,472,472	3,728,479	3,455,281	3,721,96		

***BALANCE SHEET—UNAUDITED***  
***Assets as of 12/31/15***

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**CASH ON HAND**

General Fund	\$7,287,636.32
Hydro Electric Fund	662,547.95
Water Dept. Funds	435,681.88
Sewer Dept. Funds	1,644,544.36
Misc. Other Funds	128,373.25
 Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	 \$10,158,783.76

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Due from Hydro Fund- Operating Expenses	22,022.53
Due from Special Recreation	47,871.34
Due from School	5,991.01
Due from Water & Sewer	136,129.07
TOTAL:	121,013.95

**TAXES UNCOLLECTED:**

Levy of 2015	516,247.26
Levy of 2014	109,190.70
Levy of 2013	71,794.19
Levy of 2012	3,934.81
Levy of 2011+	4,731.63

TOTAL:	705,898.59
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<b>TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED</b>	<b>\$ 826,912.54</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$10,985,696.30</b>

**LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/15:**

Overpayment of Taxes	\$ 60,909.46
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**Unexpended Balances:**

Hydro Dues	900.00
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SSB Building Maintenance Budget	9,100.00
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**Due to Other Funds:**

Bartlett Tyler Fund	29,051.70
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Bandstand Account	1,026.62
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Conservation Commission	22,836.63
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Dewey Woods Commission	1,603.25
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Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	3,198.58
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Drug Forfeiture Fund	7,726.09
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Special Recreation Account	54,407.79
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Coffin Memorial Park	255.52
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Special Fund – Pistol Permits	2,620.68
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Sunapee Center Assoc	449.80
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Town Forest Fund	5,196.59
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Hydro Account	662,547.95
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Water Department Fund	435,681.88
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Sewer Department Fund	1,644,544.36
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Due to School	5,305,753.00
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<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$8,247,809.90</b>
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<b>ASSETS VS LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$2,737,886.40</b>
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**LONG TERM DEBT**  
**ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS**

GENERAL OBLIGATION Debt Payable:	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	OUTSTANDING Dec 31, 2015
Water Filtration Bond	\$2,083,400.00	1997	2027	2.42	\$1,037,000.00
Safety Services Building	\$3,303,125.00	2006	2025	2.6	\$1,024,276.33
New Abbott Library	\$975,000.00	2015	2033	2.76	\$926,250.00
Perkins Pond Sewer	\$1,585,000.00	2015	2042	2.5	\$1,585,000.00
TOTAL:	\$5,386,525.00				\$4,572,526.33

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2015, including interest payments, are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2015	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$345,381.63	\$132,834.87	\$478,216.50
2017	\$347,381.63	\$123,102.04	\$470,483.67
2018	\$351,381.63	\$112,765.42	\$464,147.05
2019	\$354,381.63	\$102,688.80	\$457,070.43
2020	\$357,381.63	\$93,101.41	\$450,483.04
2021-2025	\$1,220,908.00	\$328,281.16	\$1,549,189.16
2026-2042	\$1,595,710.00	\$769,097.19	\$2,364,807.19
	\$4,572,526.15	\$1,661,870.89	\$6,234,397.04

TREASURER'S COMPARATIVE BALANCE						
INSTITUTION	ACCOUNT NAME	ACT NUMBER	RATE	BALANCE	RATE	BALANCE
			December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015		
					Lake Sun Bk	Sugar Rvr Bk
						Claremont
<b>TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCTS:</b>						
<u>LkSunBk - Transaction Accts</u>	General Account	8-235-167-280	1.00%	6,612,107.74	1.00%	7,282,818.23
"	Payroll		0.05%	12,362.84	0.05%	4,818.09
				6,624,470.58		
<u>Subtotal</u>					7,287,636.32	
<u>LkSunBk - Stmt Savings Accts</u>	Coffin Memorial Park	579-420	0.25%	255.26	0.05%	255.52
"	Conservation Comm.	497-660	0.49%	260,753.14	0.40%	22,836.63
"	Sunapee Ctr Assoc	568-960	0.25%	449.35	0.05%	449.80
				261,457.75		
<u>Subtotal</u>					23,541.95	
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Bandstand Account	506-502-627	0.55%	1,024.57	0.36%	1,026.62
"	Bartlett Taylor Fund		CD	49,274.54	1.85%	29,051.70
"	Dewey Woods Comm.	100-052-018	0.55%	1,600.05	0.35%	1,603.25
"	Harbor Ridge Property	506-501-388	0.55%	3,192.19	0.35%	3,198.58
"	Hydro Account	506-524-418	0.15%	465,214.61	1.00%	662,547.95
"	Drug Forfeiture	129-411-974	0.10%	7,724.54	0.05%	7,726.09
"	Pistol Permit	230-104-069		2,620.15	0.04%	2,620.68
"	Special Recreation Fund	125-404-948	0.55%	63,372.19	0.11%	54,407.79
"	Town Forest	506-518-531	0.55%	5,186.21	0.35%	5,196.59
				599,209.05		
<u>Subtotal</u>					767,379.25	
	Total - Town of Sunapee			7,485,137.38		767,379.25
<b>WATER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:</b>						
<u>SRB - Transaction Accts</u>	Water Dept - General Fund	230-115-115	1.00%	274,331.65	1.00%	314,717.89
"	Water Dept - Replacement	306-131-384	1.00%	66,112.08	1.00%	80,705.25
				340,443.73		
<u>Subtotal</u>					395,423.14	
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Water Dept Cap Imprvmt	506-504-433	1.00%	37,239.56	0.05%	40,258.74
	Total - Water Department			377,683.29		435,681.88
<b>SEWER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:</b>						
<u>SRB - Transaction Accts</u>	Sewer Dept - General Fund	230-115-131	1.00%	497,790.86	1.00%	605,613.20
"	Sewer Dept - Replacement	306-131-376	1.00%	512,049.57	1.00%	554,793.00
"	Sewer Upgrade Construction	230-138-810	0.00%	82,744.48	0.00%	51,510.19
				1,092,584.91		
<u>Subtotal</u>					1,211,916.39	
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Sewer Dept Cap Imprvmt	506-504-425	1.00%	391,613.44	1.00%	427,375.64
<u>Claremont Savings Bank</u>	Perkins Pond Construction Acct	9343339		1,919.84		
	Total - Sewer Department			1,486,118.19		1,639,292.03
					5,252.33	5,252.33
<b>TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS</b>						
				9,348,938.86	10,158,783.76	7,311,178.27
						2,842,353.16
						5,252.33

## ***TOWN CLERK REMITTANCES TO TREASURER 2015***

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### **Town Clerk:**

Remittances made to Treasurer - 2015:

Auto Registrations: \$ 749,223.35

Boat Registrations: \$ 10,879.96

Dog Licenses:

Town of Sunapee \$ 6,792.00

State of NH \$ 358.50

Dept. of Agriculture \$ 1,286.00

Vital Statistics

State of NH \$ 2,394.00

Clerk Fees:

Auto Registrations \$ 15,611.90

UCC Filings \$ 600.00

Wetland's Application \$ 12.50

Vital Statistics \$ 1,386.00

Pole Licenses \$ 50.00

Disk Sales/Copies \$ 367.25

**Total Remittances:**

**\$ 788,961.46**



## **SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY**

<b>PARCEL ID#</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>USE</b>	<b>ACRES</b>	<b>VALUE</b>
<b>Municipal Buildings and Land</b>				
0106-0064-0000	807 Jobs Creek Rd	Georges Mills Fire Station	0.24	\$ 158,000
0129-0036-0000	9 Sargent Rd	Safety Services Building	6.10	\$ 3,384,600
0129-0043-0012	11 Soonipi Circle	New Abbott Library Site	2.78	\$ 1,695,900
0129-0077-0000	542 Route 11	Old Abbott Library	0.22	\$ 363,400
0132-0001-0000	23 Edgemont Rd	Town Hall & Coffin Park	3.40	\$ 633,000
0218-0074-0000	89 Avery Rd	Transfer Station	20.94	\$ 316,000
0218-0077-0000	Avery Rd	Transfer Station	14.50	\$ 52,400
0218-0082-0001	621 Route 11	Highway Dept Buildings	7.56	\$ 1,027,900
0218-0083-0000	Route 11	Asphalt Crushing Lot	4.20	\$ 48,400
<b>Beaches, Parks, Commons &amp; Playgrounds</b>				
0106-0019-0000	18 Cooper St	Georges Mills Beach	0.61	\$ 1,138,600
0122-0031-0000	Jobs Creek Rd	Bartlett-Tyler Lot	47.00	\$ 625,100
0122-0032-0000	Jobs Creek Rd		2.80	\$ 44,200
0123-0001-0000	Route 11	Dewey Woods	9.20	\$ 63,400
0123-0003-0000	Route 11	Dewey Woods	5.90	\$ 52,900
0123-0021-0000	706 Route 11	Dewey Field	79.00	\$ 229,900
0125-0025-0000	158 Garnet St	Dewey Beach	1.20	\$ 1,299,600
0125-0046-0000	Garnet St	Dewey Woods	0.73	\$ 97,200
0132-0003-0000	Edgemont Rd	Ski Tow Hill	10.00	\$ 9,000
0133-0003-0000	Edgemont Rd	Ski Tow Hill	10.40	\$ 71,500
0133-0012-0000	River Rd	Coffin Park Land	0.81	\$ 72,600
0133-0013-0000	38 Main St	Hames Park	0.38	\$ 41,900
0133-0033-0000	Main St	Parking Lot	0.05	\$ 209,500
0133-0036-0000	Lake Ave	Parking & Public Restrooms	1.00	\$ 1,324,900
0133-0084-0000	Burkehaven Hill Rd	Ben Mere Park / Bandstand	3.60	\$ 450,600
<b>Water &amp; Sewer Plants &amp; Facilities</b>				
0104-0012-0000	24 Pleasant St	Public Water Supply Building	10.70	\$ 178,500
0120-0022-0000	24 Fernwood Point	Pump Station	0.34	\$ 469,600
0121-0001-0000	83 Woodland Rd	Pump Station	0.37	\$ 106,900
0123-0020-0000	112 Granliden Rd	Pump Station	0.12	\$ 85,900
0125-0045-0000	161 Garnet St	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 87,200
0127-0022-0000	184 Lake Ave	Pump Station	0.07	\$ 89,600
0128-0024-0000	55 Garnet St	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 87,200
0128-0026-0000	91 Garnet St	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 87,200
0128-0071-0000	113 Lake Ave	Pump Station	0.04	\$ 82,500
0133-0077-0000	Harbor Hill Rd	Public Water Supply	5.19	\$ 2,162,000
0133-0090-0000	1 River Rd	Pump Station	0.54	\$ 172,100
0134-0031-0000	258 Lake Ave	Pump Station	0.05	\$ 84,800
0136-0035-0000	15 Birch Point Rd	Pump Station	0.05	\$ 89,900
0136-0049-0000	8 Birch Point Ln	Pump Station	0.93	\$ 117,400
0203-0008-0000	Prospect Hill Rd	Town Reservoir	2.05	\$ 416,200
0225-0057-0000	21 Post Office Rd	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 91,500
0225-0086-0000	50 Treatment Plant Rd	Water Treatment Facility	40.00	\$ 8,333,800
<b>Hydroelectric Plant &amp; Facilities</b>				
0132-0049-0000	11/21 Edgemont Rd	Hydroelectric Plant & Info. Booth	0.67	\$ 1,805,900
0132-0050-0000	Edgemont Rd	Hydroelectric Station	0.29	\$ 5,100
<b>Schools, Land &amp; Buildings</b>				
0129-0022-0000	23 School St	Playground / Mobile Classroom	2.00	\$ 212,900
0129-0025-0000	22 School St	Elementary School	2.70	\$ 2,147,400
0130-0034-0000	10 North Rd	Middle / High School	34.10	\$ 4,307,500
0132-0038-0000	Lower Main St		0.02	\$ 2,200

**Cemeteries**

0104-0005-0000	Route 11	Georges Mills Cemetery	0.36	\$	26,400
0132-0045-0000	Lower Main St	Lower Village Cemetery	0.46	\$	35,300
0210-0035-0000	North Rd	Eastman Cemetery	2.20	\$	48,900
0210-0037-0000	North Rd	Eastman Cemetery	7.10	\$	76,200
0231-0013-0000	Stagecoach Rd	Weigle Cemetery	0.43	\$	5,500
0231-0015-0000	Stagecoach Rd	Dexters Cemetery	0.25	\$	4,900

**Land & Buildings Acquired by Tax Deed**

0104-0079-0000	Otter Hill Rd		1.30	\$	6,600
0115-0041-0000	22 North Shore Rd		0.72	\$	40,200
0132-0031-0000	Winn Hill Rd		0.58	\$	5,800
0148-0043-0000	Edgemont Rd		0.02	\$	32,700
0218-0002-0000	Sargent Rd		0.21	\$	4,800
0235-0003-0000	Edgemont Rd		0.21	\$	4,800
0239-0012-0000	Backland		0.69	\$	4,800

**All Other Town Owned Properties**

0102-0001-0000	Backland		0.74	\$	4,800
0102-0003-0000	Interstate 89		10.4	\$	51,900
0102-0004-0000	Interstate 89		5.00	\$	6,400
0102-0005-0000	Backland		3.40	\$	5,900
0103-0031-0000	Route 11		0.09	\$	20,400
0104-0049-0100	Springfield Rd		0.16	\$	2,700
0104-0049-0200	Off Springfield Rd		0.05	\$	7,700
0105-0021-0000	Keyes Rd		1.10	\$	251,600
0106-0040-0000	Jobs Creek Rd		0.10	\$	134,300
0121-0047-0000	Fernwood Point Rd		0.25	\$	90,200
0124-0011-0000	Ryder Corner Rd		97.40	\$	223,000
0125-0054-0000	Route 11		0.67	\$	5,300
0129-0034-0000	Route 11		0.02	\$	3,300
0129-0037-0000	Route 11		0.25	\$	4,400
0129-0039-0000	Sargent Rd		4.80	\$	0
0136-0063-0000	Birch Point Rd		4.40	\$	203,300
0140-0011-0000	Burkehaven Hill Rd		0.01	\$	67,300
0206-0007-0000	Prospect Hill Rd		89.10	\$	757,500
0206-0008-0000	Ledge Pond		4.58	\$	253,900
0207-0020-0000	Ledge Pond		0.21	\$	42,800
0207-0027-0000	Ledge Pond		0.88	\$	136
0207-0028-0000	Ledge Pond		8.76	\$	39,955
0210-0003-0000	Trow Hill Rd		40.00	\$	16,200
0210-0009-0000	Fieldstone Drive		26.93	\$	63,300
0218-0064-0000	Sargent Rd		5.00	\$	50,300
0218-0065-0000	Sargent Rd		2.20	\$	48,900
0224-0014-0000	Route 11		137.00	\$	14,159
0224-0015-0000	North Rd		39.00	\$	16,100
0225-0087-0000	Route 11		0.33	\$	5,200
0225-0089-0000	Route 11		11.80	\$	1,463
0231-0017-0000	Youngs Hill Rd		0.98	\$	45,400
0238-0054-0000	Penacook Path		1.70	\$	34,400
0238-0055-0000	Penacook Path		1.40	\$	33,500

**TOTALS:****846.37 \$37,452,013**

# TAX COLLECTOR (MS-61)



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

2015  
MS-61

## Tax Collector's Report

Form Due Date: **March 1 (Calendar Year), September 1 (Fiscal Year)**

### Instructions

#### Cover Page

- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name  Last Name   
Street No.  Street Name  Phone Number   
Email (optional)



Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year:	2014	Year:	Year:
Property Taxes	3110		\$615,119.72		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$1,995.00		
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance			(\$46,423.00)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$17,817,780.26			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$4,500.00	\$11,752.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$1,960.66	\$323.94		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$160.00			
Other Taxes	3189				
- Utility-Water/Sewer/Bond			\$83,966.98		
Add Line					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$38,815.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
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Add Line					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$9,240.58	\$33,610.85		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits	\$17,872,456.50	\$700,345.49		
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FINANCIALS



**New Hampshire**  
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$17,400,933.20	\$415,498.37		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,500.00	\$13,747.00		
Yield Taxes	\$1,960.66	\$323.94		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$9,240.58	\$33,610.85		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$160.00			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$168,207.55		
- Utility-Water/Sewer/Bond		\$68,957.78		
Add Line				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$324.26			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Add Line				
Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
	2014			
Property Taxes	\$516,247.26			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$60,909.46)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$17,872,456.50	\$700,345.49		



**New Hampshire**  
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**2015**  
**MS-61**

Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011+	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$100,426.14	\$80,322.68	\$4,731.63	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$181,003.84			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,112.32	\$9,483.27	\$24,533.61	
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<div>Add Line</div>				
Total Debits	\$184,116.16	\$109,909.41	\$104,856.29	\$4,731.63

Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies			
	2013	2012	2011+	
Redemptions	\$70,310.32	\$28,631.95	\$75,580.76	
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Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$3,112.32	\$9,483.27	\$24,533.61	
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<div>Add Line</div>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$1,502.82			
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$807.11		
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$109,190.70	\$71,794.19	\$3,934.81	\$4,731.63
Total Credits	\$184,116.16	\$109,909.41	\$104,856.29	\$4,731.63





SUNAPEE (435)

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

BETTY

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01/21/2016

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Services Advisor:

- Michelle Clark: [michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov](mailto:michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov)
- Jamie Dow: [jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov](mailto:jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov)
- Shelley Gerlarneau: [shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov](mailto:shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov)
- Stephanie Derosier: [stephanie.derosier@dra.nh.gov](mailto:stephanie.derosier@dra.nh.gov)

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

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

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

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

Preparer's Signature and Title

**REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2015**  
*Through December 31, 2015*

**NON EXPENDABLE PRIVATE TRUST FUNDS**

<b>Year Created</b>	<b>Trust Name</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>Principal Added</b>	<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Withdrawals</b>	<b>Ending Balance</b>
Various	Cemetery - <b>0001</b>	\$54,151.66	\$0.00	\$29.78	\$54,181.44	\$0.00	\$54,181.44
	Common #1						
Various	Student Awards - <b>0018</b>	\$56,162.33	\$0.00	\$32.65	\$56,194.98	\$0.00	\$56,194.98
	Common #2						
1983	Bartlett Speaking - <b>0019</b>	\$14,942.85	\$0.00	\$7.58	\$14,950.43		\$14,950.43
1983	Bartlett Park - <b>0017</b>	\$20,268.97	\$0.00	\$12.35	\$20,281.32		\$20,281.32
1988	Touhy Memorial Sch - <b>0050</b>	\$21,334.62	\$0.00	\$12.90	\$21,347.52	\$0.00	\$21,347.52
1970	Library General - <b>0021</b>	\$9,319.15	\$0.00	\$4.72	\$9,323.87	\$0.00	\$9,323.87
1972	Library Gardner - <b>0005</b>	\$2,687.62	\$0.00	\$1.35	\$2,688.97	\$0.00	\$2,688.97
1969	Firemen's - <b>0002</b>	\$17,325.42	\$0.00	\$8.99	\$17,334.41	\$0.00	\$17,334.41
	Knowlton						
1969	Firemen's - <b>0003</b>	\$6,817.09	\$0.00	\$3.45	\$6,820.54	\$0.00	\$6,820.54
	Robinson						
1987	Fireman's - <b>0025</b>	\$1,166.64	\$0.00	\$0.59	\$1,167.23	\$0.00	\$1,167.23
	Warren & Quaw						
1966	Parks-Coffin - <b>0006</b>	\$10,229.43	\$0.00	\$5.18	\$10,234.61	\$0.00	\$10,234.61
1958	Visiting Nurses - <b>0004</b>	\$2,605.50	\$0.00	\$1.33	\$2,606.83	\$0.00	\$2,606.83
1987	Historical Society - <b>0013</b>	\$37,779.32	\$0.00	\$21.25	\$37,800.57	\$0.00	\$37,800.57
1990	Crowther Family Trust - <b>0014</b>	\$8,977.62	\$0.00	\$4.50	\$8,982.12	\$82.76	\$8,899.36

<b>Total Non Expendable Funds</b>	\$263,768.22	\$0.00	\$146.62	\$263,914.84	\$82.76	\$263,832.08
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# REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2015

Through December 31, 2015

## EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

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Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
1989	Cemetery Expendable - <b>0016</b>	\$44,629.20	\$3,600.00	\$26.55	\$48,255.75	\$0.00	\$48,255.75
1995	Expendable Insurance - <b>0007</b>	\$7,922.83	\$0.00	\$4.01	\$7,926.84	\$0.00	\$7,926.84
1996	Memorial Grdns - <b>0022</b>	\$1,656.78	\$0.00	\$0.43	\$1,657.21	\$792.88	\$864.33
2015	Theilen Sunapee Food Pantry Agreement - <b>0055</b>	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
2000	Special Education Trust - <b>0029</b>	\$312,452.25	\$46,082.98	\$154.74	\$358,689.97	\$46,065.00	\$312,624.97
2000	Expendable Sam Bond Memorial - <b>0039</b>	\$7,251.51	\$0.00	\$3.67	\$7,255.18	\$0.00	\$7,255.18
2004	Raymond Leone Scholarship - <b>0040</b>	\$1,606.06	\$0.00	\$0.57	\$1,606.63	\$500.00	\$1,106.63
1996	Molloy Scholarship - <b>0031</b>	\$28.22	\$0.00	\$0.01	\$28.23	\$0.00	\$28.23
1995	Burrill Scholarship - <b>0033</b>	\$1,560.91	\$0.00	\$0.53	\$1,561.44	\$500.00	\$1,061.44
1998	Charles-Esther Flint Scholarship - <b>0032</b>	\$380.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$380.04	\$300.00	\$80.04
1999	Journalism Award - <b>0030</b>	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.04	\$0.00	\$0.04
2002	Milfoil Expendable Reserve M - <b>0036</b>	\$20,322.61	\$0.00	\$0.23	\$20,322.84	\$20,000.00	\$322.84
2004	Crowther Chapel - <b>0041</b>	\$4,076.33	\$0.00	\$2.05	\$4,078.38	\$0.00	\$4,078.38
2005	Sunapee Beautification - <b>0043</b>	\$174.45	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$174.53	\$0.00	\$174.53
2014	Brown Family Revocable Trust - <b>0053</b>	\$100.00	\$5,000.00	\$1.83	\$5,101.83	\$1,993.00	\$3,108.83
2009	L.R.Pierce Memorial Playground - <b>0048</b>	\$1,125.22	\$0.00	\$0.57	\$1,125.79	\$0.00	\$1,125.79

**Total Expendable Funds**

\$403,286.41	\$54,692.98	\$195.31	\$458,174.70	\$70,150.88	\$388,023.82
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# REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2015

Through December 31, 2015

## CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST FUNDS

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
1984	Fire Department C/R - <b>0011</b>	\$220,469.86	\$190,000.00	\$4.51	\$410,474.37	\$402,269.25	\$8,205.12
1989	Highway Department C/R - <b>0010</b>	\$275,579.78		\$89.47	\$275,669.25	\$116,517.68	\$159,151.57
2003	Public Safety Bldg C - <b>0037</b>	\$208.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$208.40	\$208.40	\$0.00
1997	Used Highway Equipment - <b>0027</b>	\$34,890.70	\$0.00	\$9.87	\$34,900.57	\$21,065.00	\$13,835.57
1992	School Buildings Cap Imp Res - <b>0008</b>	\$136,052.27	\$25,000.00	\$90.14	\$161,142.41	\$0.00	\$161,142.41
1999	New Library Bldg Fund - <b>0028</b>	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.08	\$0.00	\$0.08
2001	Town Road Bridges CA - <b>0034</b>	\$107,143.14	\$0.00	\$58.33	\$107,201.47	\$4,453.00	\$102,748.47
2003	Dirt Roads Paving CA - <b>0038</b>	\$95,206.35	\$0.00	\$19.05	\$95,225.40	\$62,000.00	\$33,225.40
2003	Police Patrol Vehicles - <b>0035</b>	\$549.52	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$549.52	\$549.52	\$0.00
2005	Beech Street Reconstruction - <b>0042</b>	\$1,209.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,209.37	\$1,209.37	\$0.00
2008	Sunapee Central Elementary C/R - <b>0045</b>	\$128,318.43	\$25,000.00	\$75.96	\$153,394.39	\$16,429.70	\$136,964.69
2009	Harbor House Livery CA - <b>0046</b>	\$31,559.51	\$0.00	\$16.72	\$31,576.23	\$2,712.00	\$28,864.23
2013	Sewer Capital Improvement C/R	\$14,006.20	\$0.00	\$7.10	\$14,013.30	\$0.00	\$14,013.30
2015	Sunapee High School Roof C/R - <b>0054</b>	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$37.95	\$75,037.95		\$75,037.95
2010	Building Maintenance Cap Res - <b>0049</b>	\$74,041.94	\$25,000.00	\$34.95	\$99,076.89	\$38,348.90	\$60,727.99
2012	Touhy Family LLC CR - <b>0051</b>	\$8,474.29	\$0.00	\$3.91	\$8,478.20	\$750.00	\$7,728.20

## Total Capital Reserve Funds

\$1,127,709.84	\$340,000.00	\$447.96	\$1,468,157.80	\$666,512.82	\$801,644.98
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**ABBOTT LIBRARY**  
**PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL**  
*January through December 2015*

	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
<b>Income</b>		
<b>46400 · Other Types of Income</b>		
46429 · Interest Operating Acct	17.41	
46430 · Miscellaneous Revenue	95.00	
46492 · Remainder FY 2014	7,138.96	
<b>Total 46400 · Other Types of Income</b>	<u>7,251.37</u>	
<b>1 · Town Funding Contributions</b>		
102 · Town Funding Insurance	0.00	3,710.00
100 · Town Funding	93,385.00	93,385.00
101 · Town Funding Payroll & Benefits	247,642.38	256,070.00
<b>Total 1 · Town Funding Contributions</b>	<u>341,027.38</u>	<u>353,165.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>348,278.75</u>	<u>353,165.00</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>2 · Payroll and Benefit Expenses</b>		
207 · Full Time Wages	99,825.48	99,549.00
208 · Part Times Wages	79,838.51	84,519.00
209 · Unused Sick Time	1,410.78	2,305.00
210 · Health Insurance	38,730.90	37,913.00
215 · Life & Disability Insurance	1,401.13	1,769.00
220 · FICA & Medicare	2,530.29	2,624.00
221 · Employee FICA	10,001.85	11,219.00
231 · Retirement Contribution	10,306.21	11,173.00
250 · Unemployment Comp Insurance	294.61	326.00
260 · Workers Compensation Insurance	0.00	678.00
<b>Total 2 · Payroll and Benefit Expenses</b>	<u>244,339.76</u>	<u>252,075.00</u>
<b>2013 · Remainder FY 2013</b>	3,056.61	0.00
<b>3 · Prof. &amp; Tech Services</b>		
341 · Telephone	759.93	805.00
341A · Fire Alarm	390.00	360.00
341B · Internet Access	206.74	917.50
342A · Computer Support/Hardware	1,202.84	1,200.00
342B · Copier Lease	3,177.68	3,305.00
365 · Equipment Repair	0.00	500.00
<b>Total 3 · Prof. &amp; Tech Services</b>	<u>5,737.19</u>	<u>7,087.50</u>
<b>4 · Facilities</b>		
<b>450 · OLD LIBRARY BUILDING OVERHEAD</b>	4,169.57	4,840.00
410 · Electricity	8,784.80	10,000.00
411 · Heat	5,156.52	3,485.00
412 · Water	540.25	770.00
413 · Sewer	430.00	470.00
430 · Bldg Repair & Maintenance	1,799.41	3,800.00
<b>Total 4 · Facilities</b>	<u>20,880.55</u>	<u>23,365.00</u>
<b>5 · Other Services</b>		
520 · Insurance	3,302.62	4,044.00
540 · Training and Meetings	1,006.90	800.00
550 · Programs	225.06	950.00
555 · Advertising	576.17	500.00
560 · Membership	724.00	600.00
<b>Total 5 · Other Services</b>	<u>5,834.75</u>	<u>6,894.00</u>
<b>6 · Supplies</b>		
610-A · Machine Supplies	962.41	750.00
610-C · Program Supplies	3,830.84	3,150.00
610 · General Supplies	1,623.65	1,000.00
625 · Postage	412.47	400.00

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630 · Office Equipment	104.99	300.00
640 · Custodial Supplies	1,950.71	1,000.00
6 · Supplies - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 6 · Supplies</b>	<b>8,885.07</b>	<b>6,600.00</b>
<b>62100 · Contract Services</b>		
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	100.00
62140 · Legal Fees	2,220.00	3,583.00
62150 · Outside Contract Services	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<b>2,220.00</b>	<b>3,683.00</b>
<b>7 · Capital Outlay</b>		
750 · Furniture and Fixtures	822.79	300.00
<b>Total 7 · Capital Outlay</b>	<b>822.79</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>8 · Library Materials</b>		
802-A · Books	34,428.45	26,500.00
802-B · Subscriptions	3,651.56	3,900.00
802-C · Non-Print	5,092.80	7,000.00
802-D · Large Print	0.00	2,000.00
802-F · Software	5,856.85	6,500.00
802-G · Collection Supplies	2,532.26	1,800.00
802-H · E-Content	1,684.43	1,800.00
8 · Library Materials - Other	-100.00	
<b>Total 8 · Library Materials</b>	<b>53,146.35</b>	<b>49,500.00</b>
<b>9 · Bank Charges and Fees</b>	<b>51.00</b>	<b>51.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>344,974.07</b>	<b>349,555.50</b>

### ***ABBOTT LIBRARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FINANCIALS***

	<u>Dec 31, 15</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
B201 · Cap. Campaign/Donation Account	8,050.54
Total Checking/Savings	8,050.54
Total Current Assets	8,050.54
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>8,050.54</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
32000 · Temp. Restricted Cap. Campaign	7,706.25
Net Income	344.29
Total Equity	8,050.54
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>8,050.54</b>

### ***ABBOTT LIBRARY TRUSTS AND FINES***

	<u>Jan - Dec 15</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46480 · Book Reimbursement	642.50
46481 · Non-Resident Fees	560.00
46482 · General Donations/Coffee	578.66
46487 · Printing/Copying Income	1,543.97
46488 · Fax	150.50
46489 · Overdue Conscience	822.59
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	4,298.22
Total Income	4,298.22
Expense	
999 · Trust & Fines Expenses-Restricted	409.00
Total Expense	409.00
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,889.22</b>

# ***SUMMARY & MINUTES OF 2015 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING***

## **TOWN OF SUNAPEE TOWN WARRANT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:**

**You are hereby notified to meet in the Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of February, 2015, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 2 thru 5 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 6 through 17, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, in said Sunapee. The polls were opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and 744 cast their votes on March 10, 2015.**

Moderator Harry Gale opened the Deliberative Session on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7:06 p.m. Harry Gale explained procedures for SB 2 voting. He reviewed the following housekeeping items: no smoking in the building, and if there were an emergency he gave directions of exits. He further explained that only registered voters would be allowed to speak with the exception of the following: Town Manager Donna Nashawaty and Highway Director Scott Hazelton. The moderator also noted that safety rules were posted in the back of the gym. All amendments must be in writing, all questions are to be made to the moderator, and all motions require a second. The moderator asked for any questions. The moderator introduced the Head Table, Budget Committee and the Supervisors of the Checklist. Chairman Fred Gallup led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Alan Peterson.

### **\*Denotes Winner**

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

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term	*Joshua Trow	375 Votes
		*John Augustine	333 Votes
		Don Bettencourt	329 Votes
		Shane Hastings	288 Votes
1 Treasurer	1 Year Term	*Alan W. Doherty	617 Votes
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term	*Betty H. Ramsport	665 Votes
1 Fire Engineer	4 Year Term	*Howard G. Sargent	652 Votes
1 Cemetery Commissioner	2 Year Term	*Joshua Trow	5 Votes
			(Write In)
1 Cemetery Commissioner	3 Year Term	*Jeffrey S. Trow	643 Votes
3 Library Trustees	3 Year Term	*Tom Mickle	353 Votes
		*Denise L. Bressette	358 Votes
		Carol Lee Brudnicki	281 Votes
		*Jane Frawley	370 Votes
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term	*Jolene G. Chappell	587 Votes
1 Planning Board Members	2 Year Term	*Daniel Schneider	6 Votes
			(Write In)
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term	*Kurt Markarian	543 Votes
		*Richard Osborne	10 Votes
			(Write In)
1 Water & Sewer Commissioners	2 Year Term	*J Anthony Bergeron	619 Votes
2 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term	*Kurt Markarian	496 Votes
		*David B. Cain	458 Votes
2 Zoning Board Members	3 Year Term	*Clayton Platt	549 Votes
		*Daniel Schneider	32 Votes
			(Write In)



**Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article VIII, Section 8.23 – Issuance of Certificate of Compliance – by adding a provision that affirms that Certificates of Zoning Compliance are transferable to new property owners?**  
**\*Yes 540 No 152**

**Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article IX, Section 9.12 – Site Review Required – to require that Zoning Board approval of any variance or special exception must be granted prior to the Planning Board review of any site plan?**  
**\*Yes 456 No 216**

**Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article X, Section 10.16(e) – Powers – by extending the period for which a Variance or Special Exception is valid (before obtaining a Certificate of Zoning Compliance) from 12 months to 24 months?**  
**\*Yes 437 No 244**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on Articles 2-4 being none he moved them to the official ballot.**

**Article 5: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.**

**Fred Gallup thanked everyone for coming and explained that the articles brought forward are what the Board of Selectmen feel is important for you to vote on. He explained that the Board worked diligently with the budget committee and their concerns for the anticipated increases in the budget. As for the special articles that will be the decision of the voters.**

**Article 6: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$6,999,273? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,890,878 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.**

**The article was moved by Fred Gallup and seconded by Sue Gottling.**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**  
**Yes 347 \*No 360**

**Article 7: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$115,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 33 of the 1984 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen**

**The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by Shane Hastings**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**  
**Yes 352 \*No 353**

**A recount of this article took place on March 23, 2015 the result of the recount was as follows:**  
**Yes 353 \*No 354**

**Article 8: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$260,000 to purchase a new Grader for the Highway Department and to fund this appropriation by, authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$105,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting, by authorizing the withdrawal of \$155,000 from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund as established by Article**

38 of the 1987 Town Meeting, and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

The article was moved by Shane Hastings and seconded by Josh Trow. Fred Gallup explained with a suggestion from the Budget Committee we have altered our way of using money from the Hydroelectric Fund. In the past we have used money in this fund to pay down loans, but because of declining interest rates we feel this is a better use of money. Resident Jeff Gallagher questioned a misprint in the mailer and Town Manager Donna Nashawaty explained the posted warrant is correct the mailer had to go to press before it was caught.

The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot. Yes 333 \*No 381

**Article 9:** To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$97,685; to purchase a \$61,685 radio console and \$36,000 to purchase a generator; a 50/50 grant is being sought to defray the cost of the purchase; and to further authorized the withdrawal of \$48,843 to come from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund. If the grant fails for either portion the amount spent from the Hydroelectric withdrawal will be only for the portion of the purchase that was grant match approved.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Fred Gallup. Fred Gallup noted that the Selectmen realize this is two separate items rolled into one article. The rationale behind this is to be eligible for an Emergency Management Performance Grant. Police Chief David Cahill explained that these grants are used for providing a system of emergency preparedness in the event of a situation that required action. He went on further to explain that Highway Director Scott Hazelton and School Officials have met to map out a plan in case of one of these emergencies. The plan calls for all children and busses to go the Highway Garage for temporary shelter. Chief Cahill went on to explain the only way for this to go forward is if the grants are approved. Resident Alan Peterson questioned where such a console would be housed and he felt this was a lot of money for a console. Chief Cahill answered the console at the Police Department was purchased with another grant in 2002, it has only 4 channels the new one would have more channels in order to be able to speak with New London & Newport Dispatch & Sheriff's Departments and other emergency agencies in the event an evacuation became necessary. Chief Cahill explained they are hoping to perform a full scale plan to test this in the Spring. Resident Jeff Gallagher wanted clarification as to how much money is being asked for, and how the grants would work. It was explained that if the grant fails for either portion then we would only withdraw money for the other portion. If we fail to get both grants the article totally fails and no money will be appropriated. Chief Cahill Homeland Security suggested writing the grants in this manner. Resident Tanner Royce stated the article is confusing because in his eyes one has nothing to do with the other. Mr. Royce would like to see separate articles. It was noted that at this point the warrant cannot be changed. Mr. Royce felt this will be very confusing to voters. Resident John Augustine asked if this new console would accommodate Sunapee if we needed to have our own dispatch, and the second part of the question is how much it would cost us to have our own dispatch. Chief Cahill explained that this will avail us to do more right now should an emergency arises. As for the cost of our own dispatch those figures have not been worked out at this time. Mr. Augustine asked if this new console will accommodate us 2-3 years down the road if we decide to have our own dispatch and Chief Cahill explained he cannot guarantee that it depends on what technology does in that time frame. Tanner Royce questions the validity of bringing kids to Highway with a generator. Chief Cahill explained this is a temporary location to house buses and students. Highway Director Scott Hazelton said the generator was a recommendation from Homeland Security

**Shaun Carroll, Chairman of the Sunapee School Board also spoke to the fact that after discussion with Homeland Security we need to get the children away from the school, and have a generator at Town Garage to get the students secure. Mr. Carroll noted that the Sunapee School Board support this 100%, and we need to make ourselves secure.**

**The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot. Yes 303 \*No 401**

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 17 of the 2010 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Fred Gallup and seconded by Sue Gottling. Fred Gallup informed voters that the Highway Director and Maintenance Manager for the town went through a process this past summer to identify maintenance needs and concerns for all town buildings and the cost for each. The amount we have been appropriating is not enough to keep up the cost, therefore, this year we have increased the amount this year. Chairman Gallup went on to say we are trying to be proactive rather than reactive. Resident John Augustine asked if any of these funds are being used on vacant buildings such as the Harbor House Livery and former Abbott Library Buildings, and the second part of the question is there a plan for their usage of these buildings. Fred Gallup replied both buildings are in active discussions the Harbor House Livery with the NH Alliance for Preservation and hope to have something by September 2015. The Abbott Library Trustees are still in control of the old Abbott Library Building at this time, and are in contact with us. Mr. Augustine inquired if voters would be able to have a say in what was going to happen to the buildings and what they will be used for. Chairman Gallup said we are making steps in positive direction on both buildings. The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot. \*Yes 371 No 336**

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 29 of the 1989 Town Meeting and as amended by Article 14 of the 2004 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by Shane Hastings.**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot. Yes 324 \*No 379**

**Article 12:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$55,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund, to be used for the acquisition and improvement of conservation property, easements, and other interests in land within the Town, for the benefit of present and future generations, all in accordance with RSA 36-A?

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Shane Hastings and seconded by Josh Trow. Fred Gallup explained this is an article to perpetuate the project the Conservation Commission has been working on to complete Wendell Marsh South. Chairman Gallup stated the Board of Selectmen recommend passage of this article. Conservation Chairman Van Webb indicated if passed this project will be paid for by May, and the Conservation Commission will be back next year to have the property placed in town forest land. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 394 No 321**

**Article 13:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 16 of the 2002 Town Meeting? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Fred Gallup.**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.** \*Yes 534 No 179

**Article 14:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, as established by Article 23 of the 1997 Town Meeting, for the purpose of purchasing used highway equipment? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Fred Gallup and seconded by Sue Gottling.**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.** \*Yes 425 No 277

**Article 15:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 to purchase a new truck and related equipment for the Water & Sewer Department; authorizing the sale or trade in of the existing 1999 Ford Ranger; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$50,000 from existing Water & Sewer Department fund balances and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said funds? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by Shane Hastings**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.** \*Yes 364 No 346

**Article 16:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$2,900 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund, as established by Article 43 of the 1989 Town Meeting, and as amended by Article 33 of the 1991 Town Meeting, under the provisions of RSA 31:19(a) for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2014, Unexpended Fund balance? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Shane Hastings and seconded by Josh Trow.**

**The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.** \*Yes 523 No 185

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve Funds with said funds with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, to be transferred to the Town's general fund?

2003 Public Safety Building \$208

2003 Police Patrol Vehicles \$549

2005 Beech Street Reconstruction \$1,209

1993 Tax Maps \$0

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen

**The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Fred Gallup. Fred Gallup specified this is a housekeeping article to clean up some funds that are inactive and there is no benefit to keep them on the books. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 590 No 118**

Motion to adjourn by Fred Gallup seconded by Sue Gottling at 8:04pm

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk

## ***BOARD OF SELECTMEN***

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2015 was a year full of all sorts of interesting things, from the Abbott Library seeing a banner year in their new building to the Harbor House Livery being transitioned to the Sunapee Harbor Riverway, all the way down to bridge maintenance, failure, and replacement being brought into the limelight. One of the main themes running throughout the year was that we were operating under a default budget, and we are very fortunate to have dedicated department heads who all came together and made sure that they were able to operate to as close to normal as possible while still fitting into the available budget. One big item that allowed us to operate with as few issues as we did was that the unusually warm fall meant that we were able to push off getting the plows out for as long as possible, something that many people certainly seemed altogether pleased by.

It also came to our attention that perhaps there is some question about how we manage large expenses, and if the capital improvement plans we have are working correctly. To that end, we hope to set up a Capital Improvement Plan Committee in the coming year so that we can get a group together who can take a comprehensive view of that entire process and help us plan out what and how we should be doing, and hopefully ease any fears and answer any questions that may come up.

I would be remiss if I didn't note that this year has had some difficult personnel moments. We have had multiple folks leave us for various reasons, and I believe it a credit to the department heads who had to deal with those instances that they were able to fill in where necessary with time and labor from the rest of their teams. This is in no small part thanks to the hard work they put in to ensure that most every situation we can think of has options and a plan to deal with it. As well, I would like to thank all the local businesses that have time and time again proven that they are a vital part of the community with their assistance and efforts when we find ourselves needing to ask for help.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Board and the Town for their trust in me as Chair of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josh Trow, Chairman



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## TOWN MANAGER

For 2015, Sunapee voters said no to the budget and no to a number of the warrant articles. For the year 2015, all of the departments regrouped and took stock of what they had planned in the 2015 budget and made the default budget work. For some departments this meant deferring maintenance for an additional year. Mother Nature also cooperated and as you saw this past year, early winter never came, saving a lot of overtime and use of salt/sand on our roadways. Please take the time to review all of the reports from the various departments, it will show more of how your tax dollars are spent and the services provided.



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During the preparation for the 2016 budget, I solicited from the department heads for a list of the savings and purchasing initiatives that have been developed over the years. It is not just during budget season that our department heads and I work on reducing costs to the taxpayer. This list encompasses things from not purchasing preprinted checks; combining bids for municipal paving with the school's paving bid; and to the task of reviewing interest rates on loans for the Town, when the financial climate changed the local banks in Town have supported revisiting the loan interest rates. Specifically halving the rate over the

rest of the life of the Safety Services building loan saving over \$150,000 over the next 7 years. One last thing important to note, whenever possible we purchase local and those businesses are very generous in helping out the Town with pricing. I am very proud of the initiatives taken and would discuss the specifics with anyone interested.

On other subjects, 2015 was a busy year for the Selectmen, the Harbor House Livery (also known as the Old Town Hall) after much research and work with an outside agency, came to be recommended that the property be sold, so the Town had 2 public hearings and a vote, the board voted to transfer the property to the Sunapee Harbor Riverway to further develop and get back to a viable use for the community. After all this work, we all look forward to seeing the changes as they progress. On a related note, the Sunapee Thrift Shop remains in the HHL building for an 18 month period for two reasons. One to keep activity in the otherwise unused building and two, to figure out where the Sunapee Thrift Shop might relocate to in order to continue their service to Sunapee. Please contact either myself or one of the selectmen if you have any ideas as we work through this process.

In 2015 we also saw some employee changes, David (Shiny) Sanborn who worked for the Highway Department full time, retired and continued on as the Crossing Guard. Rodney Chandler, our Harbor Patrol and Crossing Guard passed away as well as Gloria Achilles who worked at the Welcome Center part time for many years. Our long time Highway employee, Gilbert (Wes) Roberts also passed away in 2015, they all will be missed.

At this time, I would like to remind you that our annual report is on the Town website

[www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us) and also remind you to sign up for the Town website news and minutes and as always I invite you to my office to talk about issues that you might like more information on.



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Summer Town Meeting this year had good attendance and got good reviews from the ones that participated, and we will continue to make the annual summer meeting the first Tuesday of August at 7pm. Please come and hear the reports of all of the departments of the Town. This year we included the Sunapee School and would like to continue that as an addition to the meeting.

This is your opportunity to ask questions and see what services your Town tax dollar provides.

As in past years I like to encourage the citizens of the Town to use both the Town of Sunapee's website and the vending machine for transfer dollars. I am very proud of the Sunapee team of employees; the Town of Sunapee employees value the citizens of Sunapee and do their absolute best in undertaking each and every task they are charged with. I consider myself very privileged to be your Town Manager.

Donna Nashawaty  
Sunapee Town Manager



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## ***TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR***

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A question posed to me frequently is what the job entails as Town Clerk & Tax Collector. The duties of a Town Clerk are difficult to fully describe because there are many different jobs a Town Clerk may fulfill. The days are filled with assisting our residents and taxpayers with numerous services, and continuing to be educated on the frequent law changes. Tax Collection is pretty straight forward and takes up a portion of each day. The laws do not change as frequently as the Town Clerk but both positions require the utmost accuracy to ensure all are residents and taxpayers receive top notch service. With that being said here is an overview of the year 2015.

In 2015, we registered 6200 motor vehicles this is a slight increase from the previous year's registrations. The on-line registration option we instituted a couple of years ago has proven a success with 5% of our registration being processed in this fashion. The on-line is user friendly and the users find it most convenient. Just a reminder you are able to get an estimate for registration fees for a new vehicle or a renewal on the front page of the Town of Sunapee website which is [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us). In the upper right hand corner you will see a license plate that says E-Reg, click on that and follow the directions from there. I know that many of you would like to know the cost before coming into the office to register.

Boat registration income is remaining steady, and once again a reminder if you register your boat with our office, Sunapee gets to keep some of the proceeds; if you mail it to the State of New Hampshire the State is the recipient all the funds.

In 2015 our office registered 727 dogs, quite a substantial increase over the previous year. Please do not forget to register all dogs 4 months or older as they are required to be licensed prior to April 30th of each year. Dogs not licensed prior to June 1st will be imposed a \$25.00 fine.

Sunapee tax payers are very conscientious when it comes to paying their real estate taxes and 2015 was no exception. Thank you taxpayers for all your efforts in getting your tax bills paid on time.

Some say it takes a village, but in the case of our office it takes a whole state to make our office work properly. Cooperation at both the town and state level is key and when it works properly success is achieved. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Safety, the Department of Revenue Administration, and the Secretary of State's Office Division of Vital Records and the Elections Division.

It my pleasure to serve as your Town Clerk & Tax Collector and want you to know if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [betty@town.sunapee.nh.us](mailto:betty@town.sunapee.nh.us) or 763-2449.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector



Photo Courtesy of Dick Katz

## ***ABBOTT LIBRARY***

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Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library. The only entrance requirement is interest. ~ Lady Bird Johnson

The first full year in the \*NEW\* Abbott Library has gone by so fast! We were wonderfully busy serving all of our patrons, established and new. Over the summer months we were able to show off the new library all over again to the summer residents. Needless to say, our usage statistics have gone up incredibly and we are amazed at how eventful this past year has been.

We've had many programs including Cyber-Security, Homework Help, Valentine Making, the Elusive Bobcat, Cyber-Safety for Kids, Maker-Space Week, Poetry Night, Kid's Yoga, New Hampshire Bears, 3-D Printing, Lego Club, Summertime Tea, Comics Workshop, Halloween Pajama Story Time, Cook the Book Club, Making Cents Finance Series in partnership with the Sunapee Welfare Office and iPad Day in partnership with Sunapee Schools. Plus, we continue our regular programs of book discussions, knitting, story time, ASK (After School Kids), Summer Reading for all Ages, Chess Group and Read-to-Bumble Bee, the Therapy dog.

We are lucky and feel incredibly grateful that the library is wonderfully supported by three entities: the Library Trustee Board, The Friends of the Abbott Library and the Abbott Library Foundation.

The Library Trustee Board was honored by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association with the "Library of the Year" award in November. It is a great honor and testament to all the hard work done by trustees past and present to get the new library built. This year, the Library Trustee Board worked hard to develop policies for the \*NEW\* library, including meeting room policies. We have been able to provide meeting room space for many organizations in town and they have been very appreciative. The Library Trustee Board has also worked to maintain high levels of service while keeping a watchful eye on finances as we navigated our first year in the new building. For next year our goal is to work on a strategic plan. Be on the look-out for surveys and community forums. We want to hear what you have to suggest!

Once again we are very grateful to the Friends of the Abbott Library who provide funding for many of our programs and services. The Friends help us to fund the Summer Reading Program, the Museum Pass Program, IndieFlix-Movie Streaming Service, Freegal-Downloadable Music Service, Aquarium Maintenance, ASK (After School Kids) Healthy Snacks, National Library Week Programming & National Volunteer Week Support. In addition to the wonderful cookbooks, "A Taste of Sunapee," that the Friends have for sale, there are also beautiful tote bags that can be bought for \$15.00. Both items make great gifts and support the library!

Special thanks go to the Abbott Library Foundation for helping us to see the end of our new building project. Little things always come up when you move into a new facility, and the Abbott Library Foundation was always there to help out when needed. Because of their generosity we were able to add a generator to the new library which will power the library given whatever circumstance comes our way. In July the Foundation held their first Gala here at the new library, "A Night in the Stacks." It was a wonderful night of celebration and merriment.

All of the folks within these entities are volunteers and we appreciate their service to the library. We now have a long roster of volunteers that work within the library as shelveers, program helpers, office assistants and much more. This past year we had the pleasure of benefitting from over 2,200 volunteer hours. Thank you to all of our library volunteers!

The staff love working in the new library. We are finding that we can work more efficiently and have better space to assist you. To keep up with all current events at the library, sign up for our library newsletter at <http://tinyurl.com/AbbottNewsletterSignup>.

Thank you to the community for all of your support. Please let us know how we can serve you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Danko, Library Director

STAFF

Sharon Montambeault, Assistant Librarian  
Heather Weir, Library Aide  
Mindy Flater, Library Aide  
Shirley Weir, Children’s Intern

Joyce Martin, Children’s Librarian  
Laura Kennedy, Library Aide  
Liz Moulton, Library Aide  
Brian Gebro, Custodian

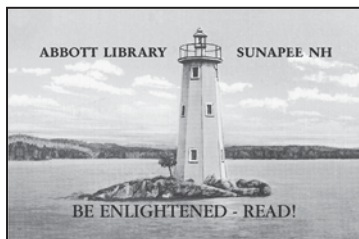
You can find us on the web at: [www.AbbottLibrary.org](http://www.AbbottLibrary.org)

**ABBOTT LIBRARY SUMMARY STATISTICS 2015**

<b>Library Use:</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Total Circulation	57,789	50,058	15%
Patrons (Library Visits)	38,196	24,078	59%
Online Patrons	1,165	882	32%
New Registrations	372	267	39%
Internet Usage	4,288	3,117	38%
Reference	3,045	2,530	20%
Wireless Usage	1,069	658	62%
Downloaded Audio Books	1,169	784	49%
Downloaded E Books	1,683	1,622	4%
Downloaded Music	1,974	1,928	2%
<b>2015 Materials:</b>	<b>Added</b>	<b>Deleted</b>	
Adult Fiction	556	273	
Adult Non-Fiction	446	72	
Large Print	26	47	
Adult Audio Books	140	4	
Children's Fiction	648	235	
Children's Non-Fiction	117	147	
DVD / Video	284	17	
Music CD	25	2	
Reference Books	21	6	
Young Adult	168	13	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>816</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	
<b>2014 Inter-Library Loans (through State ILL):</b>			
Sunapee Requests Filled	547	409	
Requests to Sunapee Filled	1,010	905	
<b>Active Borrowers</b>	<b>1,659</b>	<b>1,396</b>	
<b>Website</b>			
Visits	16,534	13,006	
Unique Visitors	9,175	4,466	



Students in the ASK (After School Kids) Program work with Snap Circuits.



Terri White, Chair of the Abbott Library Trustees, accepts the Library of the Year of the Award while fellow trustees look on.



The Council on Aging hold a Sunapee Community Lunch in the library's activities room.



Children's Librarian, Miss Joyce, looks on as students make a Lego marble run during Lego Club.

## ASSESSING OFFICE

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We have completed our tenth anniversary of the innovative Tri-Town Joint Assessing program. Sunapee, New London and Newbury continue to be the only Assessing Cooperative in the State of New Hampshire, with continued success. During our tenure within the three towns we've come to know the taxpayers and the properties. During this time we have completed 7 revaluations, the latest being Sunapee. We are fully vested in providing fair and equitable assessments for all property owners.

There's never a dull moment in the Assessing Office, Kris and I rotate a schedule between the three towns in order to provide equal coverage to each municipality. This past September we finalized the revaluation in Sunapee, are in the process of producing our almost 500 page report to the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and preparing to revalue the Town of Newbury.

There have been 50 qualified arms-length sales since the cut-off sample date of June 18, 2015 used for the revaluation. The assessment ratio for the time period since is 96% meaning, homes are assessed at 96% of what they sell for. We regularly monitor sales that happen along with MLS listings to gauge where we are at statistically. When sales occur we send letters requesting an inspection to verify the property at the time of sale and include a sales questionnaire to ascertain circumstances surrounding the transaction.

We completed data verification on about 200 properties last year and expect to do more this year. You should also expect to see Kris and I out there looking at construction projects which were incomplete this past April along with all new projects started after April 1, 2015. Please remember that if you think you need a building permit, you probably do.

The mandate to this office is to provide fair and equitable assessments, so that everyone is paying their fair share of the pie. In order to reach our goal, all of the data points we are recording on the property record card must be accurate. Would you have a real estate agent place your home on the market without going inside? The interior condition of a home matters more in today's real estate market than ever as well as finished living area, bedrooms, bathrooms, and updates. Did the prior owner get the necessary building permits; are there outbuildings unknown to us? If the assessor has never been inside, or has not been to the property since improvements were made, then the assessed value is likely less accurate.

Every taxpayer should know what it is their assessment is based on. We take pride in being transparent which is why we have a fantastic online GIS / property record card available on the Town of Sunapee's website- [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us) The Assessing page, then click "online database". The site is in the process of being upgraded to work on all smart phones including Apple products. It does not presently work with Google Chrome. There are also instructions to "read your property card". If you have questions regarding your property card, please call or email Melissa Pollari, e-mail addresses are also on the Town's website.

We would be remiss if we didn't thank The Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Donna Nashawaty for their ongoing support. Kudos to our "right hand" Melissa Pollari for all she does to assist us. Thanks to you, the taxpayer who we ultimately work for and we thank you for the respect, kindness and understanding you've shown us over the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Bernaiche- Chief Assessor & Kristen McAllister- Assessor



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## **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS**

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The following tax relief programs are permitted by State law and adopted by Town meeting. Applications are available by the Assessor's office, online at the Town of Sunapee website: [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us) or the NH Department of Revenue website: [www.nh.gov/revenue](http://www.nh.gov/revenue)

**Abatements:** Per RSA 76:16, property owners who believe their property is assessed incorrectly or that the assessment is disproportionate to other similar properties may apply to the Board of Selectmen for abatement. ***Filing deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup>***

**Blind Exemption:** Per RSA 72:37, every inhabitant owning residential real estate, who is legally blind as determined by the administrator of blind services of the vocational rehabilitation division of the Department of Education. Benefits: *\$15,000 reduction of assessed value.* ***Filing deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>***

**Elderly Exemption:** Per RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:39-b, residents over 65 years of age who meet income and asset limits may apply for an exemption off the assessment of their property. A single resident must have a net income under \$18,000 and married residents must have a combined net income under \$27,000. Applicants cannot own assets in excess of \$50,000 (*excluding the value of the residence and residential land up to two acres*). Applicants must be a resident of Sunapee and must have lived in the State of New Hampshire for three (3) years, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Approved applications will receive the following reductions off their assessed value: *ages 65 – 74: \$35,000; ages 75 – 79: \$55,000; age 80 and over: \$75,000.* ***Filing deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>***

**Veteran's Tax Credit:** Per RSA 72:28, a resident who has served in the armed forces in qualifying wars or armed conflicts and was honorably discharged; a resident who served in any war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975 in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, may qualify for a \$500 tax credit. The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry, may qualify for a \$2,000 tax credit. Applicants must be a resident of Sunapee and must have lived in the State of New Hampshire for at least one year, as of April 1<sup>st</sup>. Any person who has a total and permanent service connected disability or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service connected injury, and has been honorably discharged, may qualify for a \$2,000 tax credit. ***Filing deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>***

**Solar Tax Credit:** Per RSA 72:62, the Town of Sunapee has adopted a solar energy system exemption equal to 100% of the ad valorem value of the solar energy system from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a "solar energy system" as defined in RSA 72:61.

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

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### **NOTICE**

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Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body no later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

***Read the full statute RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.***

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## ***CEMETERY COMMISSION***

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### **Burials**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Cemetery</b></u>	<u><b>Lot</b></u>	<u><b>Grave</b></u>
Dec. 12, 2014	Susan C. Lenoe	New Eastman	49C	2
Jan .19	Cheryl M. Lucas	New Eastman	101B	2
Feb. 19	Doris W. Ivey	New Eastman	93A	3
April 19	Corliss G. Abbott	New Eastman	44B	1
May 13	William J. Corey	Perkins	14	1
June 6	Concetta C. Bonanno	New Eastman	73B	3
Nov. 13	Gloria Achilles	New Eastman	30A	3

### **Cremations**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Cemetery</b></u>	<u><b>Lot</b></u>	<u><b>Grave</b></u>
Aug. 21, 2014	Ricky A. Caron	South	71	3
Dec. 23, 2014	Valleau Wilkie, Jr.	New Eastman	36A	2
Dec. 29, 2014	Jason M. Lussier	New Eastman	94B	2
April 11	Kathryn M. Ross	New Eastman	18B	2
April 18	Barbara L. Ruggles	Georges Mills		
May 16	Barbara F. Hollander	New Eastman	71D	4
May 19	Margaret M. Dunbar	Old East Ext.	81	1
June 22	Rodney W. Chandler	South	83	1
Aug. 21	Ivy Louise Gallup	New Eastman	75A	3
Sept. 5	David A. Tosh	New Eastman	85C	2
Sept. 13	Pamela Quinlan	Old East. Ext.	20	1
Sept 30	Burton M. Bessey, Jr.	New Eastman	80D	1
Oct .31	Dave A. Davis	South	61	3
Nov. 12	Charles R. Ashford	New Eastman	102D	1

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Trow, Chair

## ***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

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The Conservation Commission would like to thank the voters of Sunapee for their continued support in our conservation efforts. We are very excited to report we have completed our Wendell Marsh project, and thru efforts by the voters in Town are ready to work on our next project. We have been approached by a landowner that abuts the newly acquired town property to include their property in this parcel. We are in the very preliminary stages of negotiation for this parcel, but are excited about the ability to enlarge the Wendell Marsh project. There is high conservation value in linking contiguous properties to protect wildlife and water resources.

As with all conservation efforts, there are expenses to make land protection happen. We work with our Conservation Commission fund to pay for these expenses, and use our warrant article to build this fund over time. Our goal is to have \$250,000 in this fund, currently this fund is quite small due to expenses incurred to complete Wendell Marsh North and South. Please support our article this year so we can continue to build our fund to its desired goal. We are also trying to roll the Wendell Marsh South project into the Town Forest system in town; your support for this effort will be greatly appreciated.

Van O. Webb  
Chairman, Conservation Commission



Photo Courtesy of Dick Katz



## *CROWTHER CHAPEL*

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Once again, the Crowther Chapel had a very successful season. Our number of visits was the highest ever. For this we are very thankful.

The committee voted to have some tree work and thinning around the chapel, which was a great improvement. Funding for this work came from the Trust Fund with no tax money involved. This made the Chapel a lot brighter and it eliminated potential damage to the Chapel.

We wish to thank the town crew who mowed the grounds. Our goal is to maintain the property for visitations. Once again, the chapel was open the last Sunday of the months of June, July, August and September from 11:30 to 1:30.

A big thank you to John Augustine for his efforts and guidance. Also a special thanks to Josh Trow for providing lights for the interior of the chapel.

We are always needing docents. This is a rewarding experience. Please let the committee know if you are interested.

I would also wish to thank the committee members for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted for the Chapel Committee,  
Skip Nolin

## ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

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This year has been another busy and exciting year. The Fire/EMS Department had four hundred eighty-six (486) calls this year. This is up from last year by 18%.

We want to thank our members and our community for their dedication and caring, which has made our department a strong and professional one.

We continue to have training every month for both Fire/EMS to keep up with our skills and requirements. This requires many hours of education to keep up with our certifications. This year we have a couple of members who took and completed classes to advance their skills. Two members received their EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) certifications and one member received Firefighter II. These classes require many hours and months of training and testing which is on their own time.

We continue to go out into our community to provide fire safety and education in the schools. We have gone to the Senior Citizens to explain our roles within the community. We assist with local organizations such as blood drives for EMS and Fire when needed. We cover for many special events such as bike races, Turkey Trot, Fireworks, Luney Plunge and many more.

We are very excited about the Care Trak program that we initiated along with New London Fire Department in 2009. It has been very successful. This device helps us locate people in our community that have dementia and wander off and children who have medical issues and tend to wander away from home and school. This device is like a radio transmitter that presents in the form of bracelets and is worn all the time. We use a receiver that tracks the bracelets. Anyone interested in finding out more about this device please contact Chief Daniel Ruggles.

As of January 1, 2010, all new homes are required to have Carbon monoxide detectors as well as all rental units, which include but are not limited to: apartments, hotels, motels, and Bed and Breakfasts. This is for all new and existing structures; all existing structures have up to two years to comply.

We would like to thank Sunapee voters for voting for a new tanker. We received the tanker in March. It's a big help for us when out of the hydrant area and for mutual aid in local towns.

We have the New London Ambulance staging in Sunapee Safety Service Building now as of January 4, 2016. The ambulance is maned 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. This will help with coverage in Sunapee, Newbury and Croydon.

We want to inform all Sunapee homeowners that you can now get fire permits for burning outside on-line. You can go to the Fire Department web site and click a link to get to the site to fill out form. The cost is three dollars. You can also go to NH division of Forest and Lands to obtain the permits for three dollars. You can continue to get them at no cost from the Fire Wardens and Town Clerk.

Thank you Jerry Patnode who received The Outstanding Citizenship Award for the recipient from the Fire Department, and Sharon Montambeault who received the Outstanding Citizenship Award for community from the Fire Department for 2015.

Please remember to change your batteries every six months in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Please perform maintenance on your wood and pellet stoves and furnaces. Please put your house numbers in a visible location (on house or driveway) so that emergency personnel can find your house in case of emergency. Remember to use your seatbelts and place your children in the correct car seat, facing the correct way. They do Save Lives.

## ***2014 FIRE / EMS CALLS***

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80 Fire Alarm activations	6 Diabetic Emergencies
5 Chimney Fires	12 Lift assists
61 Motor Vehicle Accidents	30 Falls
36 Mutual Aid	5 Dizzy
14 Structure Fires	3 Smoke investigations
17 Carbon Monoxide Detectors Alarms	4 Allergy Reaction
11 Power lines Down	8 Odor Investigations
3 Gas/Oil leaks	3 Propane Alarm
1 Brush Fire	3 Seizures
9 Unconscious	2 Car Fires
16 Cardiac Calls	5 Public Assist
26 Breathing Difficulties	6 Lockout
7 Building Inspections	7 Back Injuries
1 Person Stuck in Elevator	5 Knee Injuries
3 Water Problems	6 Feeling Ill
7 Good intent calls	5 Abdominal Pains
2 Allergic Reaction	5 Illegal burning
6 Leg Injuries	5 Knee Injuries
6 Back Injuries	1 Overdoses
2 Boating Accident	1 Passed out
3 Domestic assault	1 Deaths
6 Special details	3 Arm Injuries
7 Life line Activation	6 Propane Smell
5 Strokes	8 Hip Injuries
1 Leg Pain	2 Eye Injuries
4 Tree Blocking Road	6 Head Injuries

Thanks to everyone in our community for your continued support and caring. Without your support, our department wouldn't have this great facility and trained, caring volunteer personnel.

Please Dial 911 for all Emergency Calls

From the Board of Engineers, Daniel Ruggles, Chief, Dana Ramspott, Howard Sargent, and Mark Scott Deputy, Chiefs

## ***MIDWESTERN NEW HAMPSHIRE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MUTUAL AID DISTRICT***

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The Sunapee Fire Department is an active member of the Midwestern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual aid District. The district is made up of fire officials from the cities and towns along the I89 corridor from Sutton to Lebanon. District members meet and train on a monthly basis in the member towns. The district provides member towns with equipment, training and expertise to respond to an emergency involving hazardous materials.

Through state and federal grants, the district has purchased sophisticated chemical detection and monitoring equipment. Most of this monitoring equipment has been provided to the member fire departments for use in their everyday operations as well as in the event of a hazardous materials incident. Member towns have the ability to quickly access hazardous materials technical expertise from within the district and from other hazardous material districts within New Hampshire as well as from the state. A cache of hazardous material response supplies and equipment is also available to each member town through the district.

In addition to the in house training, district members attend hazardous materials response training conferences provided by the New Hampshire Department of Safety and the national hazmat conference sponsored by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Through the district, Sunapee participates in the New Hampshire Hazmat Collaborative, which is made up of representatives from all of the hazmat districts in New Hampshire. The Collaborative provides joint training and hazmat response resources for the teams throughout the state.

The district works and trains with the New Hampshire National Guard Civil Support Team to respond to potential terrorist incidents which may involve explosives, chemicals and weapons of mass destruction.

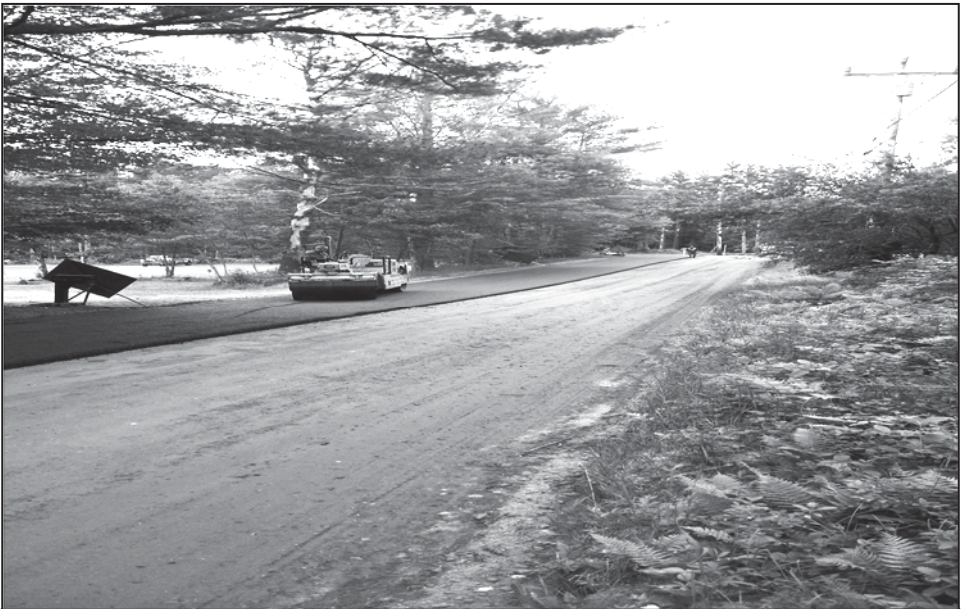
The district receives data on hazardous materials that are stored or used by industry in the region, through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Tier II filing system. All businesses that use chemicals are required to report their chemical inventories on an annual basis. This information is used by the districts to identify chemicals in the community and to plan and train for emergencies involving spills and releases of these hazardous materials. The district tracks all hazardous materials incidents occurring in the member communities for reporting to the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety and utilizes this data in developing training programs and purchasing equipment.

Information on the district can be found on the district's website [www.midwesthazmat.org](http://www.midwesthazmat.org).

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Highway Department began winter maintenance operations on the Town's roads (i.e. plowing and applying sand and salt), removing ice-dams from roadways, removing ice-pack from roadways, and thawing numerous frozen culverts in November 2014 and continued them through late April 2015. The winter of 2014 / 2015 saw an above average number of storm events with only a few significant snow storms, but numerous small snow storms, and many sleet, freezing rain and rain events. The majority of February saw temperatures below 0 degrees Fahrenheit and pushed frost depths up to 6'-7' into the ground! We used slightly more sand and more salt in 2014 / 2015 than in previous years, and we continued spreading 3/8" chip stone on our gravel roads during winter maintenance operations for improved traction and improved road stabilization in the spring months.

In June 2015, we completed the rehabilitation of Nutting Road and Messer Road in accordance with the 15-year Roadway Management Plan.



Photograph: View looking north towards the intersection of Bradford Road after starting the paving of the road.

Additionally, due to the significant winter frost depths (6'+ in many places) and our observations that some of the Town's roads would not fully recover after the spring thaw, we constructed pavement leveling courses on approximately one mile of roadway which included the western end of Stagecoach Road, and the section of Jobs Creek Road from the north intersection of Garnet Street to the south intersection of Garnet Hill Road.

Spring cleanup was started in late May and was completed near the middle of June due to the late spring. The first full grading of gravel roads was completed in June. Roadside mowing began during late July, but had to be completed in October due to a significant rain/wind storm that the Town experienced in mid July.

We began replacing failed cross-culverts on Job's Creek Road (Georges Mills end) in late September in preparation for paving of the roadway in 2016. We continued replacing other miscellaneous failed culverts through October.



The Lower Main Street Bridge was rehabilitated by Hansen Bridge, with 80% funding assistance from the NHDOT State Aid Bridge program, between September and early December. The bridge re-opened to all traffic after the first week of December. The project included the removal of the existing steel “I” beam, concrete deck and guardrails, and replacing them with a laminated wood beam and laminated wood panel paved deck, constructing concrete abutment scour walls and capping the existing stone abutments with concrete, and the addition of a new guardrail system. This project significantly improved safety of the bridge and resulted with the bridge being removed from the NHDOT’s red-list. We also completed a detailed inspection of the other 22 Town-owned bridges after receiving notice from the NHDOT that the Bradford Road Bridge had to be closed or decreased to one lane due to it’s poor condition. Our inspections assisted with developing a “Bridge Maintenance Plan”, will be supplemented by the Town structural engineer’s observations, and will be used for future maintenance plans for both State inspected and Town maintained bridges beginning in 2016.

We completed many buildings and grounds maintenance projects over the summer and fall in conjunction with our routine maintenance schedule. One of the projects consisted of replacing all of the rotted floor joists of the middle section of the dock in Sunapee Harbor (shown below) and then re-installing the deck. Other projects included installation of an emergency door at the Town Offices and the rehabilitation of the Dewey Field Snack Shack.



We began removing leaves from the Town’s drainage ditches, and reshaping of the drainage ditches with the grader in October and continued these operations well into December. We were fortunate enough to not have any snow until just after Christmas which allowed us to complete ditching operation for the majority of the Town. Should any resident of the Town have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding Highway Department operations, please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 763-5060 Ext 11, or please feel free to stop in at my office at 621 Route 11.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott A. Hazelton, CPESC  
Highway Director

## ***HYDROELECTRIC PLANT***

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I am pleased to provide this, my 16th, report for the Town's hydro-electric generation plant. The Plant went officially online in February 1985 and in 30+ years has generated 68,685,120 GREEN kilowatt hours and produced over 5.6 million dollars. After retiring the original \$1.2M bond for the plant, the balance has been used to offset many building expenses for the Town, saving taxpayer money in interest expense.

2015 was a below average year, by 25%, with total production at 1,663,360 kilowatt hours and electricity sales of \$105,495.55, resulting in an average price of \$0.0634/KWhr. If it hadn't been for an extremely profitable first quarter, revenues would have been dismal at best. The average energy price for March was \$0.12484/KWhr. However, and this is a BIG however, energy prices plummeted from there on, only slightly recovering by year end. June's energy price, of \$0.014/KWhr, was some of the lowest energy pricing in this century. An abundant supply of cheap natural gas, which generates between 50% and 60% of the electricity in New England, was the culprit.

The Town sold 2,290 renewable energy credit certificates and received a total of \$58,687.44 in renewable energy credit income, after a 3% management fee. Sunapee works with an aggregator to effectively market these credits, which are bought by utilities to satisfy renewable energy portfolio requirements. These credits are paid quarterly and averaged \$25.63 per megawatt hour (\$0.02563/KWhr) in 2015.

The plant was off-line for 109 days, 30% of the year, due to insufficient river flow, which is regulated by the State of NH Department of Environmental Services Water Resources Board. The discharge comes directly from the dam in the harbor and is based on Lake level and time of year. I work diligently with the State to maintain a productive flow of water and avoid excessive discharges, which "waste" water that could later be used for generation.

2015 was also the first year that power producers experienced the full effect of a phenomenon known as negative energy pricing. This occurs when the generation capacity is high and the demand for electricity is low. ISO-New England, which is "command central" for the distribution of generated electricity, instituted this policy in December of last year. Depending on the surplus of capacity, at a given time, the producers are actually charged a penalty for their generation, up to a maximum penalty of \$0.15/KWhr. Sunapee suffered a penalty of \$1,145.11 due to negative energy pricing in 2015, which usually occurred in the wee hours of the morning.

In closing, I would like to thank Joe Adams and Jeff Collins for their continued commitment as assistant plant operators.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Collins, Plant operator



## ***PLANNING BOARD***

In 2015, the Planning Board, for the first time in a while had a full board with (3) alternates. All interested citizens are always encouraged to attend our meetings and take part in the land use process.

The Board continued its review of land sub-divisions and site plans for proposed or changing businesses this year.

A few of the sub-divisions the Board considered were;

- A revised/updated Planned Unit Development (PUD) which included (5) single family homes and (6) duplex units.
- (3) lot sub-division for new single family homes.
- Major sub-division of approximately 30 proposed building lots.

The board approved site plans for a wide range of local businesses such as;

- The expansion of an assisted living facility in Georges Mills, adding a wing to house a memory care area.
- A new building for a local spray foam company.
- The establishment of a specialized Veterinary clinic.
- Re-use of an existing facility/site for a new boat/auto repair shop.
- A relocation and return of a local retail store.
- A construction equipment sales/service business in an existing commercial building.

The Board has again proposed Zoning Amendments for the town to consider at the March town vote and, if approved, will become part of the Town Zoning Ordinance.

The issue of “traffic calming” strategies along Route 11 as it runs thru our town has not been advanced due to other more pressing town priorities. This long range project for the town is considered essential if Sunapee is to promote a more pedestrian friendly, small town feel as identified in our 2010 Master Plan.

The Board continues with training sessions intended to keep us apprised of changing land use laws and strategies. Your involvement as citizens of Sunapee is greatly appreciated by the board and we encourage your continued input & participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter J. White, Chair

## ***PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS***

	<i><u>Approved</u></i>	<i><u>Denied</u></i>	<i><u>Pending</u></i>	<i><u>Withdrawn/ Not Applicable</u></i>	<i><u>Total</u></i>
Subdivisions*	5	0	1	1	7
Site Plans	8	0	0	1	9
Mergers^	3	0	0	0	3
Total Cases	16	0	1	2	19

\*No new lots were approved in 2015 (all approvals were for subdivision / annexations).

^Four (4) lots were merged.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Marquise ~ Town Planner



## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sunapee Badge—Issued  
2002 to present

The year 2015 proved to be no different than previous years in that we continue to deal with illegal drugs and other crimes that tear at the core of our community. Sunapee Police continue to place a emphasis on our training. This year the patrol staff attended over 20 hours each of in house training while myself, Sgt. Neill Cobb and Sgt. Tim Puchtler attended executive development training classes put on by outside organizations such as the FBI and Roger Williams University. Sunapee Police Department is considered a small police department by today's standards. We must continue to train not only our patrol staff, for all they may encounter while answering calls, but the executive staff needs stay up to date on the trends and issues that face law enforcement across the country so we can support our staff and better serve the citizens.

Sunapee Police officers have enjoyed the all wheel drive patrol cars during the first winter we have deployed them. We are able

to traverse the roadways during inclement weather more effectively and efficiently with the all wheel drive.

During 2015, with the increased gas mileage of the vehicles and the gas prices drop, we were able to reduce the amount of money spent on fuel. We use a credit card which allows us the purchase gas at the pump when it is less than contract price at the State pumps in Wendell. This year we were able to save over \$6,000.00 in our gasoline budget.

For 2015, we have been able to continue to provide a professional service to the community within our budget. As normal we have gone down in some areas of calls but increased in other areas. I believe it balances out with no real strain on our force. The following are statistics for 2015;

- \*1,183 vehicle stops
- \*154 in-custody arrests
- \*3,627 calls for service with 172 incident reports
- \*110 field interviews
- \*5,471 total calls for service
- \*1,159 people visited our lobby
- \*3,438 phone calls answered separate from dispatch

Looking into 2016 there will be more changes we will all work through. Off. Adam Lantiegne has left after almost 5 years full-time with us. Adam has started a new business with his family. We will truly miss Adam, he was a burst of energy who worked so hard each and every day. Adam was truly an asset to the Town and the police department. We wish Adam and his family happiness and success. We have hired Robert Riessle to take Adam's position and currently Robert is in the Police Academy until April 2016.

The Sunapee Police has been one of five departments across the State chosen by the Department of Safety Division of State Police to test a new program called e-ticketing. With todays technology the Courts across the State have made changes moving toward a "paperless" system. E-ticketing will be a large part of that mission. The computers in the Sunapee Police cars have been equipped with the software and equipment to scan licenses and registration that will automatically be uploaded to the computer and an on board printer will then print a citation to be issued. We will soon be moving from actually writing a citation.

During 2015 the department was challenged to open lines of communication with the citizens of Sunapee so they could be more aware of what we do. This challenge led to

the creation of two programs. One is “Coffee with the Chief;” this is an hour long event held once a month at the Police Station where I enjoy coffee and conversation with anyone who wants to attend. It is a casual time to talk about law enforcements events, training and / or challenges that are currently facing the Sunapee Police. This event has been well attended each month. The second program was our “News Alerts System” which is an email list of citizens that chose to sign up for any alert that comes from the Police Department such as road closures, arrests/incidents, and planned events in town. In order to get our news alerts go to [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us) and on the left side of the page click on “subscribe to news and announcements” and fill out the request with your email address and check off the “police” box. We encourage everyone to subscribe.



Rod Chandler at work in Sunapee Harbor—2015

Photo Courtesy of Minnette Sweeney

2015 brought us some sad news in that Rodney Chandler had passed away from a brief illness in June. Rod spent 45 plus years in law enforcement in one way or another spending most of that time with Sunapee Police Department. For the last 11 years Rod was one of our crossing guards and worked the security post in Sunapee Harbor. Rod was a charter member of the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association, a position he was very proud of. Rod was not just an employee but a great friend to all of us that had the opportunity and pleasure of working with him. Rod's presence is missed around the station, his character, humor and consideration for others were really what you admired about Rod. The Sunapee Police were proud to participate in his services that were held at the Sunapee Safety Service building allowing us the opportunity to give him the good-bye he would

have wanted. During his services, Rod was surrounded by family, friends, and the Sunapee Police Department, an organization he held close to his heart. I thank Joan, Rod's wife of 54 years, for sharing Rod with us.

Do you know the meaning behind the badge designed and worn by the Sunapee Police? The shape of the badge is a shield which represents a broad piece armor which is designed for protection of our citizens. The eagle that rests upon the top of the shield symbolizes freedom and rights that we are sworn to up hold and protect. The seal in the middle of the badge is the Town of Sunapee seal, which is a symbol of the community we have chosen to serve.

I want to thank every employee for their hard work and dedication to making this Town and Department a better place every day. I want to thank the officers' families for their continued support for their spouse; it is that support that makes this job a lot easier.

Once again, I am honored to serve as your Chief of Police and if there is anything I or any member of this Department can do for you please do not hesitate to call on us.

David P. Cahill, Chief of Police

## ***RECREATION DEPARTMENT***

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Sunapee Recreation Department had a busy year in 2015. Recreation programs continue to expand with the adult programming seeing the largest increase. This fall, an adult boot camp program was created in the early mornings in the Sherburne Gym attracting over 30 adults to start the day off right! A project that is in the works is the functionality of Veterans Field. This project will study the layout, facilities and expandable space along Route 11 to meet the needs of the community in the future. Special thanks to those that continue to make very generous donation to the Recreation Department annually. The help of these donations allows us to provide programs and upgrades to facilities not otherwise in the annual budget.

### **Winter Activities:**

**K-2nd grade Basketball:** 35 youngsters learned the basics of basketball every Saturday morning from 9:30-11am at Sunapee High School. Emphasis focused on participation, skills and fun. Thank you to all the wonderful coaches!

**3rd-6th grade Basketball:** The Quad Valley basketball league is made up of boys & girls team in grades 3rd-6th. This league includes: Kearsarge area, Grantham, Sunapee, Newport, and Andover. Many thanks go out to the following coaches: 3rd/4th grade girls: David Rowell and Tanner Royce; 3rd/4th grade boys: Josh Bennett; 5th/6th grade girls: Matt McNally; and 5th/6th grade boys: Matt Tenney and Andy Clifford.

**Open Gym:** We offered youth drop-in basketball for grades 3rd-12th on Saturday evenings at the Sherburne Gym. This program runs from December to the end of February from 6pm to 8pm. Participants shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games. Many thanks to Mike and Erica Belisle for assisting with supervising Open Gym.



Photo Courtesy of Dick Katz

**Ice Skating Rink:** The ice skating rink is now located on Veterans Field after being in the harbor for the past decade. Going back to the old location made it more visible to local traffic and more accessible to kids going skating after school. This addition has greatly added to the quality of the facility and has attracted many more skaters. Many thanks also go to Craig Heino and Matt MacAllister for doing a wonderful job maintaining the ice!

### **Spring Activities:**

**T-Ball:** Introductory baseball program for boys and girls ages 5-6. Thank you to coaches for spending their Saturday mornings teaching Americas' favorite pastime to our future big leaguers.

**Cal Ripkin Youth Baseball:** Seventy three 7-12 year old boys turned out for the Kearsarge Valley baseball program this year. Fundamentals, participation, sportsmanship and fun are the focus of the program with the option of All-Stars for a post season play experience.

### **Summer Activities:**

**Dewey Beach/Georges Mill's Beach:** Going to the beach is such a wonderful part of summers in Sunapee. We are very fortunate to have two beautiful beach facilities. Hours of operation are 9-5, seven days a week at Dewey and 11-3 at Georges Mills on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The 2015 Beach manager was Mike Belisle. Special programs offered at the beach included the wonderful "store", swim lessons, snorkeling, kayaking, volleyball, arts and crafts, sailing, sand castle building or just soaking up the sun.

**Swimming lessons:** 81 young swimmers entered our "Learn to Swim" program at Dewey Beach. It is my goal as Recreation Director that swimmers of all ages get a quality learning experience from the Dewey Beach swim staff. Thank you to all the lifeguards and beach staff for their dedication and continued training.

**British Challenger Soccer Camp:** This week long soccer camp is designed for participant's enjoyment, and to enhance skills at virtually all ages and skills levels. 68 future soccer stars ages 3-12 attended the camp. This camp is held on Veterans Field during the last week in July.



**Fall Activities:**

**K-2nd grade Soccer:** This Saturday morning program attracted over 50 players that came to Veterans Field to learn the basics of soccer. Instruction, participation, and fun is the main objective for the coaches of this fun program.

**3rd-6th grade Soccer:** Sunapee participates in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League consisting of 18 other towns. It is one of the largest recreation level soccer leagues in the state. This year's program supported over 103 players in grades 3rd -6th. The season ends with fun tournaments for all the teams.

**Year-round programs:**

**Adult Drop-in Basketball:** Adult basketball for men and women runs Sunday from 5-7pm at the high school. Thanks to Ken Ricketts for organizing this program.

**Drop In Floor Hockey:** A very well organized program that runs Sunday mornings from 8-10am at either Sherburne Gym or the High School. This program is free and open to all.

**Drop in Adult Volleyball:** Offered Fridays nights at Sunapee High School from 7-9pm. Organized by Lynne Smith.

**Dewey Woods Trail:** Thanks to Sawyer Webb and the Sunapee Conservation Commission, residents can now enjoy a walking trail system that can be used year round. Located at the top of Route 11, this is a wonderful trail for all hiking/snow shoeing levels.

**Special Events:**

**4th of July celebration:** Each year \$12,000 is raised by donations from local businesses and residents so the community can display the spirit of patriotism with a spectacular fireworks show shared by 2,000+ viewers in Sunapee Harbor by land and by boat. This weekend also includes a grand parade along Central Street with more than 30 cars, trucks, and lots of candy!

**Rock Bass Fishing Derby:** Over 145 anglers of all ages joined the efforts on the second Saturday in August to rid Lake Sunapee of these pesky little critters. In total, over 1,450 rock bass were removed from Lake Sunapee.

**Lake Sunapee Turkey Trot 5K Race:** Sunapee Recreation offered its 9th annual Turkey Trot in 2015. Special thanks to David Rowell, Keri Spiwak, Christina O'Halloran, Maria Fair and many other volunteers and all the sponsors for their dedicated efforts to make this event one of the largest 5K races in the state. Please enjoy additional details about the race on our website at [www.sunapeeturkeytrot.com](http://www.sunapeeturkeytrot.com)

**Sunapee Harbor "Magical" Christmas:** Sunapee Recreation joined forces with the harbor businesses, Sunapee Seniors, and other town organizations to offer a Christmas celebration that showed the spirit of the whole community. Some highlights include the Looney Lunge, silent auction, and Santa arriving by fire truck into the harbor. Thank you Rhonda Gurney for organizing a great community event!

**Recreation Advisory Committee:**

Rhonda Gurney  
Paul Skarin  
Tracy Nangeroni

Joe Furlong  
Tanner Royce

Charleen Osborne  
Mike Pollari

Erica Belisle- Chair  
Maria Fair

Thank-you so much for supporting recreation and all its benefits!

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Blewitt, Recreation Director

## *SUNAPEE WELCOME CENTER*

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The Sunapee Welcome Center was happy to begin the new season with big smiles after such an unusual winter! We have had a beautiful Summer and Fall here; with plenty of warm, sunny weather to encourage both residents and visitors to get out and enjoy all the area has to offer! Most of all, we had the pleasure of meeting and greeting over 1,500 people from all over the country and the world! Our guests were delighted with the vast resources available to them here; information on activities for children, hikers, bikers, campers, antique-hunters, and more!

How fortunate we are to have such a lovely building to call “home”. We hear so many nice comments on its architecture and charm, and consider ourselves very lucky to have such an attractive place to house our varied and extensive array of information. We are open on weekends from Memorial Day through June, and Labor Day through Columbus Day. During the months of July and August we are open 7 days a week.

As happens each year, time just seems to fly by, as we wrap up another season at the Welcome Center. We have so enjoyed meeting and chatting with all who stopped by, and look forward to greeting newcomers and returning visitors and friends in the Spring!

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Pankhurst

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## ***TRANSFER STATION***

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The Town processed approximately 1,047 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2015, compared to 1,082 tons in 2014, and we processed approximately 562 tons of construction and demolition debris (C&D) in 2015 compared to 575 tons in 2014. The cost to dispose of MSW and C&D in 2015 was \$51.97/ton.

Gross revenues from the sale of recyclables was \$36,161.62 in 2015, compared to approximately \$59,621.11 in 2014. This translates to about \$0.025 on the tax rate. We did not reach our goal for 2015 of \$75,000 in gross revenues for recyclables. However, the decrease was due to the flooded market conditions and the significant decline in petroleum prices which everyone across the State observed.

We continue to explore more innovative ways to reduce the amount of MSW and C&D waste that we dispose of, and to remove additional solid waste products from our waste stream that we pay to dispose of. Specifically, we will be exploring different options for the disposal of glass which we generated approximately 180 tons at a disposal cost of \$30/ton, and for the disposal of electronics which increased from \$0.23/lb to dispose of to \$0.45/lb to dispose of!!

We will be constructing a "Take-it or Leave-it" shack in 2016, and my staff and I thank all of you who have donated materials for the construction of the shack. Please make a conscious effort to keep all recyclable materials out of your household trash to help save on MSW disposal costs, and please continue to do your part by recycling, and encourage others residents in the Town to recycle as well. Recycling helps save tax dollars and the environment.

Should you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding operations at the transfer station, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Transfer Station staff, or myself at 763-5060 Ext. 11.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott A. Hazelton, Highway Director



### **TRANSFER DOLLARS**

Now Available at the Sunapee Transfer Station

Cash Only! \$20 bill is the highest denomination accepted

No Change Tendered! Whatever cash inserted becomes the amount in tickets

Gives out \$5 and \$15 transfer dollars



*"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"*

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234

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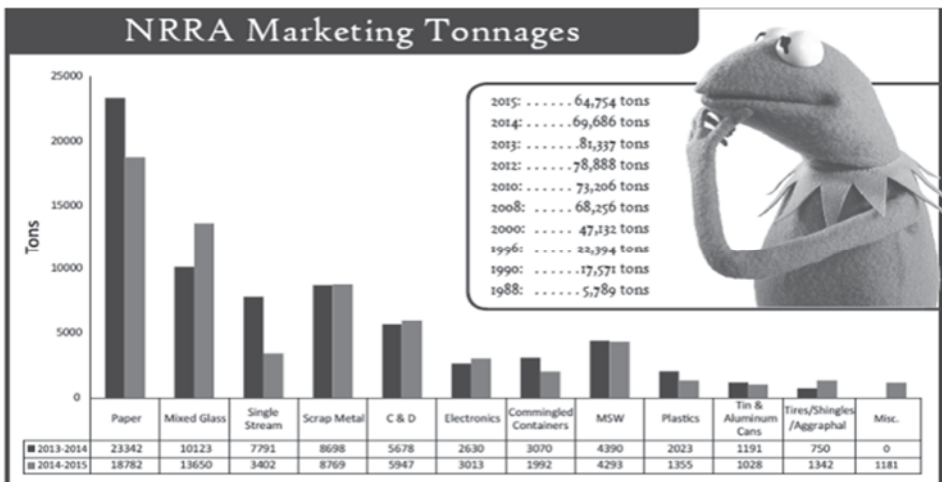
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 35-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date Technical Assistance in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- Cooperative Marketing to maximize pricing and Cooperative Purchasing to minimize costs;
- Current Market Conditions and Latest Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;
- Innovative Programs (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- Educational and Networking Opportunities through our Annual Recycling Conference, our Monthly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, members' only website, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- School Recycling Club - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;
- NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.

NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 63,573 tons in fiscal year 2014-2015!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at [www.nrna.net](http://www.nrna.net)



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## **Sunapee, NH**

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2015</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Plastics	43,924 lbs	Conserved 32,943 gallons of gasoline!
Tires	6.3 tons	Conserved



## ***TRANSFER STATION PASSES***

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The owner or owners of the residential property will be given a 3-year decal pass for entrance to the Transfer Station and Dewey Beach. The decal pass is to be affixed to the inside of the driver's side windshield, lower corner. If not affixed and the decal pass is lost, a fee of \$25 will be charged for a replacement pass. The owner may request as many passes as he wants, but each decal pass must have a plate number.

Relatives of owners and long-term renters will be issued 1-year decal pass for entrance to the Transfer Station and Dewey Beach with a plate number. Seasonal or short-term renters will be issued a temporary "card stock" pass with the make and color of their vehicle, plate number and expiration date.

Land only and Boat Slip "card stock" passes will be reviewed and issued on a case-by-case basis.

If the property is a business, for example: Sunapee Cottages, which has 11 units, they would get 11 "card stock" guest passes that would be good for the current summer season.

Owners must request a contractor's pass. They will be issued a temporary pass with their make and color of vehicle, plate number and expiration date.

There is a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office or in the vending machine at the Transfer Station. Brochures explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered, are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

### **TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS 603-763-4614**

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ~ 8:00 am - 4:15 pm  
Sunday ~ 8:00 am – 11:45 am. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Sunapee Town Office or on the town's website [www.town.sunapee.nh.us](http://www.town.sunapee.nh.us)

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Vaughn, Administrative Assistant

## ***TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS***

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With the fluctuations in both the National and International financial markets, the Trustees have closely followed the investment vehicle used for the trusts in our care. We look for soundness in our investments, liquidity to ensure the monies are available when needed, and principal preservation. In doing this we had made a decision to transfer the trust accounts to TD Banks Trust Division. We had numerous meetings with them and feel that they are the best option moving forward. They have proven to be very knowledgeable and we are already seeing the rewards of higher interest earned. We will continue to monitor the funds closely in the year to come to ensure that the below principles are met.

- Safety – preserving the value of principle through conservative investments that minimize the impact of negative influences and guard against loss due to error or fraud.
- Liquidity – maintaining the ability to convert investment assets into cash, when and as needed, without incurring financial penalties.
- Investment Return - obtaining the highest investment return possible, consistent with the concern for safety and liquidity.
- Convenience – maintaining a system of operational controls that facilitate the investment and reporting processes, while minimizing associated administrative and cost burdens.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Steve White – Chair  
Jolene Chappell – V. Chair  
Secretary; Lena Welch - Trustee



## ***WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT***

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Again I want to start with thanking the Water and Sewer Commissioners for their support and hard work over the past year and by giving many thanks to the Highway, Fire, and Police Departments for their assistance during 2015.

2015 was another busy year for the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade construction was finally put into full use with the result being a much better functioning facility. The Perkins Pond Sewer Collection system is up and running very well with about half of the one hundred homes attached and the rest to do so in 2016.

This year, the Department repaired four water main breaks and thawed eleven water service lines that froze during the extremely cold winter weather of 2015. The Department also replaced three hydrants, found two leaking service lines for owners to fix, replaced eight curb stops, installed two new water services, tested all commercial backflows in Town, and replaced the water main on Pleasant Street as well as installing a new tee and valve for that main. The Department also helped installed a new irrigation line for the High School Ball Field, rerouted and repaired the water main on Lower Main Street because of the bridge replacement, and also repaired a leak in the water intake pipe between the lake and River Road's water pumping station. The Department flushed hydrants at night again this spring and fall which we believe is less of an inconvenience to our users and is part of maintaining our water distribution system in good order.

The Georges Mills well system is, as usual, operating very well and required no major maintenance with four call outs. The plant processed 15,210,970 gallons of potable water, which is 1,407,805 gallons more than in 2014. The Slow Sand Filter plant also ran fairly well with seven call outs. Each of the three filters were cleaned once during the year. The Slow Sand Filter plant processed 38,220,004 gallons of potable water, which is 9,064,709 gallons less than in 2014.

In 2015, the upgraded Wastewater Treatment plant ran great with eight call outs, and treated and returned just over 104 million gallons of clean water back to the river to be used again. This is approximately 33 million gallons less than 2014. In doing so, we produced over 83 tons of sludge that was dewatered utilizing our new centrifuge, then trucked to Claremont's Wastewater Treatment plant to be treated and then land applied.

The Collection System ran fairly well this past year with only five pump station alarms. Eight manholes were repaired and upgraded as part of our collection system yearly maintenance. The Department inspected 52 new Perkins Pond sewer attachments, and repaired a leak on the new sewer main on Mary's Road. The Department installed one new sewer tap, responded to one sewer main blockage, and as part of our yearly sewer collection maintenance, inspected the grease traps at businesses in town and video-taped approximately 300 feet of sewer main looking for any problems. We wish to remind all sewer users not to flush non woven products such as baby wipes and to please can their household FOG (fats, oils, and grease) for disposal at the Transfer Station. This is very important in helping to prevent sewer system problems.

The Department personnel continue to do the daily routines of plant inspections, water and wastewater sampling, staying current with the ever additional and changing rules and regulations for both water and wastewater.

In closing, I would like to thank the Water and Sewer Department personnel for their commitment. We are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. I would like to invite all of our citizens to tour your Water and/or the newly upgraded Wastewater Plant. To arrange for a tour, or to ask questions, please call (603) 763-2115.

Respectfully submitted  
David Bailey - Superintendent

## SUNAPEE WATER QUALITY REPORT—2015

### TEST RESULTS FOR 2015 (1/15—12/5)

#### **Is my drinking water safe?**

*We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.*

#### **What is the source of my water?**

The Sunapee water system source is surface water from Lake Sunapee. The water intake pipe is about 35 feet below the surface and is located in Sunapee Harbor. This water is treated and distributed from the Slow Sand Filter Plant located on Harbor Hill. The Georges Mills water system source is two bedrock wells located on Pleasant Street.

#### **Why are there contaminants in my water?**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

#### **How can I get involved?**

Questions regarding your water systems can be directed to David Bailey, Water & Sewer Superintendent, at 603-763-2115, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday. The Water & Sewer Office is located in the Town Hall at 23 Edgemont Road. The Water & Sewer Commission meets the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall, on the Town website, and in the Sunapee and Georges Mills Post Offices.

#### **Other information**

Water & Sewer Department Personnel: David Bailey – Superintendent, Aaron Cartier – Foreman; Arthur Mitts – Operator II, Joshua Archibald – Operator I, John Fellows-Operator I, Justin Densmore – General Laborer, Holly Leonard – Office Manager

Water & Sewer Commissioners: Theodore Gallup – Chairman, Peter Hill – Vice-Chairman, Paul Manson, Kurt Markarian, J. Anthony Bergeron, David Cain.

#### **Do I need to take special precautions?**

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).*

**Definitions:** MCLG: Maximum Contaminant Level Goal, or the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. • MCLs: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. • AL: Action Level, or the concentration of a contaminant which, when exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. • TT: Treatment Technique, or a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).

**Abbreviations:** PPT: Parts per trillion, PPB: parts per billion, ppm: parts per million or, n/a: not applicable, NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, MFL: million fibers per liter, nd: not detectable at testing

Environmental Protection Agency requires testing of 77 different contaminants. The following test results represent the only contaminants that were of a detectable level in the Sunapee and Georges Mills Water Systems.

## 2014 TEST RESULTS FOR SUNAPEE, NH SYSTEM #2271010

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water, and is used because it is a good indicator of how well the filtration treatment process is functioning.

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas.	MCL G	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
Microbiological Contaminants						
Total Coliform Bacteria	NO	0	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in ≥5% of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Turbidity	NO	.049	NTU	n/a	1 NTU	Soil runoff
Fecal Coliform and E. Coli	NO	0	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste
Inorganic Contaminants   (*) Represents 2013 Test Results						
Barium *	NO	.011	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of <u>natural deposits</u> Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood <u>preservatives</u> . Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of <u>natural deposits</u> .
Copper	NO	0.139	ppm	1.3	1.3	
Lead	Number of samples above AL was 0	9	ppb	0	AL = 15	
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Total HAA5	NO	52.25	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane	NO	69.825	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

## **2014 TEST RESULTS FOR GEORGES MILLS, NH SYSTEM #2271020**

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected/ Range of Detection	Unit Meas	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Microbiological Contaminants</b>						
Total Coliform Bacteria	NO	Absent	ppm	0	Presence of coliform bacteria in $\geq 5\%$ of compliance samples	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E coli	NO	Absent	ppm	0	A routine sample and repeat sample are total coliform positive or E. coli positive.	Human and fecal waste
<b>Inorganic Contaminants (*) Represents 2012 Test Results</b>						
Barium	NO	.017	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Copper #	NO	.095	ppm	1.3	1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead #	NO	2	ppb	0	AL = 15	Corrosion of household plumbing system; erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride *	NO	.76	ppm	4	4	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants (#) Represents 2005 Test Results (*) Represents 2012 Test Results</b>						
Combined Radium #	NO	1.3	pCi/l	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits.
(Compliance) Gross Alpha *	NO	3.6	pCi/l	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits.
Uranium *	NO	14	ug/L	0	30	Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants (*) Represents 2013 Test Results</b>						
Total HAA5*	NO	2.8	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane*	NO	8.7	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Bis (2-Ethylhexyl) phthalate						

**Synthetic Organic Contaminants-did not exceed MCL / Volatile Organic Contaminants-did not exceed MCL.**

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## **WATER QUALITY HEALTH EFFECTS INFORMATION**

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### **Health Effects Information:**

**Barium** – Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

**Copper** – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

**Lead** – Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

**Combined Radium** – Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**Uranium** – Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity.

**Gross Alpha** – Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**TThms (Total Trihalomethanes)** Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

**HAA5s (Haloacetic Acids)** Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of developing cancer.

### **Description of Drinking Water Contaminants:**

**The sources of drinking water** (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

**Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

**Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic water discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

**Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

**Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

**Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining.

**Lead:** If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water system is responsible for high quality drinking water, but can not control the variety of materials used in your plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing cold water from your tap for at least 30 seconds before using water for drinking or cooking. Do not use hot water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>.

**In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink**, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

NH Department of Environmental Services has prepared a Source Assessment Report for the sources serving this public water system. The results of the assessments are as follows. For Sunapee's system no susceptibility factors were rated high, 4 were rated medium, and 8 were rated low. For the George's Mills Water Works, no susceptibility factors were rated high, 2 were rated medium, and 10 were rated low. The complete Assessment Report is available for inspection at the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department office located at 23 Edgemont Road. For more information, call David Bailey, Water & Sewer Superintendent, or visit NH DES's Drinking Water Source Assessment Program web site at [www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/dwsap.htm](http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/dwsap.htm).

## **WELFARE DEPARTMENT**

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The Sunapee Welfare Office provides financial support to qualified individuals and families who are “poor and unable to support themselves”. Assistance given through this office is used to address emergencies where a qualified applicant or family is facing an emergency such as: eviction from their home, utility shutoff, emergency heating needs, or nutritional needs.

This year there were over 900 contacts made to the Welfare Office. Some of those contacting the office offered goods and services while others were in search of assistance. Generous residents and organizations worked together with the Department to assist many families in need.

Once again, the majority of inquiries to the Office were referred to outside agencies for further assistance. The most frequent referrals were made to the Department of Health and Human Services for Food Stamps, fuel and electric assistance through Southwestern Community Services, and employment help through NH Employment Security.

The Food Pantry continued to be stocked and maintained by an amazing group of volunteers! Muriel Bergeron, Bob Stanley, Billie Barry, Kathy Meyer, Susan Vigneault, Barbara Cooper, and Ruth Ann Randall continued to insure that the Sunapee Food Pantry was carefully maintained. They picked up donations at sites around town and stocked our shelves weekly. They have also been available at a moment’s notice to help on other projects whenever asked. With the generosity of local individuals, businesses, schools, churches and organizations sponsoring multiple food and pet food drives, our shelves are well stocked and we are able to offer grocery gift cards to help clients purchase perishable items on their own.

Thanks to support from Sugar River and Lake Sunapee Banks as well as the Abbott Library, this October we were able to offer a financial literacy program. Participants learned about debt counseling from GreenPath Debt Solutions, received information about a free Life Insurance opportunity as well as little known savings plans available through the Community Loan Fund and, finally, were shown the steps to take to prepare for buying a home. That portion was sponsored by Sugar River Bank. The workshops were well received with plans to offer more in the future.

We went quickly from financial literacy to the holidays. We first worked on Thanksgiving to assure that everyone would have plenty on their tables for the holiday. We then quickly moved on to the “Toys for Joy/Holiday Giving Tree” program - which included gifts for senior citizens. The program went very smoothly thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped to make so many Christmas wishes come true. Thanks to you all!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Trow, Welfare Director





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## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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The Zoning Board of Adjustment saw a slight increase in the number of cases heard in 2015. A complete list of all cases and decisions are listed under this report. As always, the public is welcome to attend all our meetings. We are in need of at least two Alternate ZBA members. I encourage interested residents to get an application at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Frothingham, Chair

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## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS**

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	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Dismissed / Withdrawn</u>	<u>Continued</u>	<u>Total</u>
Special Exceptions	05	00	00	00	05
Special Extensions	00	00	00	00	00
Variances	18	04	05	00	27
Rehearing	00	01	00	00	01
Administrative Appeal	00	00	00	00	00
Equitable Waivers	00	00	00	00	00
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>33</b>

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PERMITS**

New Single Family Homes	19
New Single Family Additions	14
Garages and Outbuildings	27
Major Interior Renovations	11
Manufactured/Mobile Homes	01
Municipal Structures/Renovations	00
Commercial Structures	02
Commercial Structure Additions	05
Multi-Family Homes	00
Decks, Porches, etc.	22
Miscellaneous, boat houses, solar units, cell tower additions, etc.	35
<b>Total Applications Submitted and Approved</b>	<b>136</b>

### **OTHER PERMITS**

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demolition	09	00	09
Tree Cutting	45	00	45
Driveway Permits	11	00	11
Land Disturbance Permits	25	00	25
Sign Permits	06	00	06
After-the-Fact Permits	17	00	17
Septic Designs	14	00	14
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>127</b>

### **NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOMES—10 YEAR SUMMARY**

	<u>Total BPs</u>	<u>New Single Family Homes</u>
2015	136	19
2014	117	12
2013	112	14
2012	110	10
2011	94	12
2010	113	15
2009	121	08
2008	159	15
2007	132	22
2006	154	28

### **ZONING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

12 Notices of Violation were issued and resolved.

The dedication and time volunteered by the Board members is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roger J. Landry, Zoning Administrator

## **AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST**

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The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Mt. Sunapee region. The region comprises the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 137 projects and protected 11,066 acres – including fourteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places and outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well being of the State and our communities.

During 2015 Ausbon Sargent completed four projects representing just over 207 acres; one in the town of Warner, one in New London, and two in Sunapee.

One of the strengths of Ausbon Sargent is our success in working with other conservatory bodies to protect land. 2015 brought a renewed partnership with the Town of Sunapee as we worked to conserve Wendell Marsh South, a property 143.4 acres in size which joins the Wendell Marsh North property that was conserved in 2013. The property is owned by the Town of Sunapee, managed by the Sunapee Conservation Commission, and the conservation easement is held by Ausbon Sargent, making us responsible for perpetual stewardship. In addition to the Town of Sunapee, its Conservation Commission and its voters, this project received generous support from LCHIP, The Burton D. Morgan Foundation, Fields Pond Foundation, and many private donors who appreciate the value of the marsh. It is a wonderful example of how a town and other organizations can come together to meet a common goal that is actually a benefit for all.



In August of 2015, the 37-acre Sorento Conservation Easement in Sunapee was donated, along with a Stewardship Contribution by the Sunapee Conservation Commission, insuring that Ausbon Sargent can watch over the property forever. This property is located near other protected land including Ausbon Sargent's Wendell Marsh easements, NH Fish and Game's Dobles Tract, and the Town of Sunapee's Webb-Flint Lot and Dewey Woods Preserve. It is a beautiful

mix of fields and forests with a stream that flows through the southeastern portion of the property. It is an important natural habitat for woodland creatures of all kinds, and the soils are highly ranked for forest production. The Sorento property is open for low impact recreation and includes a snowmobile trail.

Ausbon Sargent's website indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public. These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The website includes trail maps and driving directions. For more information on these newly conserved properties; and all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties, please visit our website at: [www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org); also, please visit our Facebook page.

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2015 that are available for our membership and the public to enjoy. In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December, we hold many other events, which I encourage you to attend. The 4th Annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club was at the end of August. A timber harvest demonstration was held in Sutton at the Johnson and Putnam properties

in March. A hike through the LaBaron-Brewer property in Danbury was held in July, and a winter snowshoe was held at the Courser property in Warner in March. Dragonfly Walks were held in Bradford on the Blitzer property and at Russell Pond in Sutton. We hope you will all come out at some point to experience the beauty of these special places for yourselves. Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. In May we hosted a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee as a thank you to these loyal and talented volunteers.

We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support and the countless hours which have assured our success. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, you could become a conservation easement donor, support Ausbon Sargent financially, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our twelve town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation and most importantly, if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Sincerely,  
Deborah L. Stanley  
Executive Director

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## COA CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER

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37 Pleasant Street  
New London, NH 03257

### The Chapin Senior Center: Bettering the Lives of Seniors in Our Community

The mission of the Chapin Senior Center of the Kearsarge Council on Aging (COA) is to respond to the needs of seniors living in the Kearsarge/Mt. Sunapee area. We are pleased to report that in the past year – with the generous support from our volunteers, donors and area towns – we have been able to continue to make significant contributions to the health, well being and quality of life of senior residents in the area.

COA provides a variety of services, including organizing indoor and outdoor recreation programs, hosting social events such as bridge games and lunch discussion groups, providing access to free mobility equipment, and acting as a clearinghouse for resources for those in need of assistance to remain living independently in their homes.

One of the most critical of COA's programs is the volunteer transportation program that provides door through door service to medical and other appointments to those who are unable to drive. COA volunteers typically drive seniors from the nine town area 40,000 to 50,000 miles each year. Last year was no different. The program is so successful that **COA continued to look for additional volunteer drivers. If you are interested in a truly rewarding volunteer experience, join us in helping provide this crucial service to your senior friends and neighbors.** We'd love to hear from you. Stop by the Chapin Senior Center or call us at 526-6308.

COA relies on private donations from local citizens and community businesses as well as fundraisers (such as its annual Book Sale) for 70% of our operating funds. The remaining 30% comes from the nine towns we serve. We are truly thankful to all of those who contribute their money, time and energy to make our work possible.

COA's Chapin Senior Center is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whether you come to take part in exercises, to ask Medicare questions, to attend an enriching educational program, to enjoy our book and video library, to volunteer or just to have coffee with friends, opportunity awaits. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Derek D. Lick  
Chairman

## ***FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER***

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

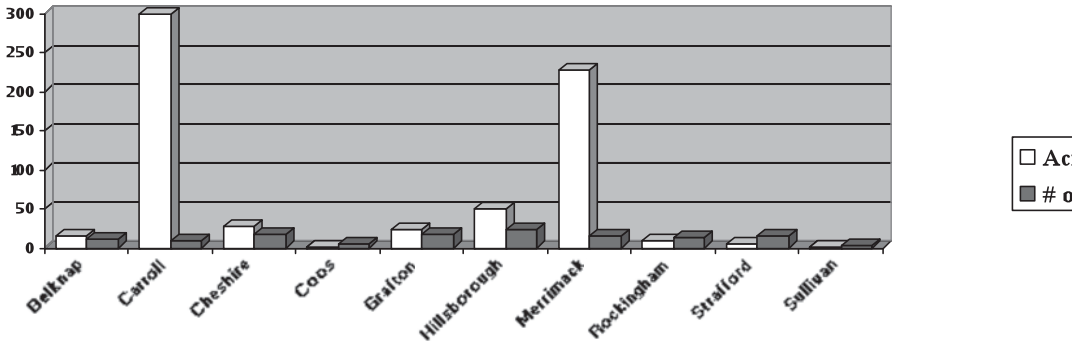
This past fire season burned 635 acres which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for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

## 2014 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	276	2
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	49.7	22
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	7	13
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	7			
Debris	14			
Campfire	12	<b>Total</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
Children	2	<b>2015</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>635</b>
Smoking	12	<b>2014</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>72</b>
Railroad	0	<b>2013</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>144</b>
Equipment	6	<b>2012</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>206</b>
Lightning	4	<b>2011</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>42</b>
Misc. *	67			

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

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**



## LAKE SUNAPEE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

2015 was another busy year for LSPA in lake and watershed protection, environmental education, and water science. LSPA continues to be the "go-to" resource for a wide range of inquiries, from lake and watershed issues, legislative concerns and environmental property questions. In 2015, LSPA:



- Added more programs to its environmental education in the 3 local school systems, as well as at libraries, at LSPA, and other locales.
- In October, LSPA hosted "Watershed Discovery Day" for all 5th graders in the area at Mt. Sunapee. It was a day of learning and fun and may become a yearly event.
- Measured Lake Sunapee and its tributaries for continued trend analysis.
- Analyzed water samples from regional lakes and ponds at the LSPA lab housed at Colby Sawyer College. LSPA's lab is DES-certified lab and does 30% of the state's VLAP water sample analysis.
- LSPA Lake Hosts inspected over 5,700 boats visiting Lake Sunapee, with one "save" this summer. This "save" removed invasive milfoil from a boat at the State Beach boat ramp. Staff and volunteers combed the peripheral waters of Lake Sunapee for invasive species as well.
- Collaborated with partners on watershed issues- meeting with watershed towns, and UVLSRPC on a potential watershed compliance process.
- Hosted presentations on lake quality, winter ice boating, how historical storms have affected Sunapee, Star sailboat history, fishing, and fireflies, to name a few.
- Love Your Lake Day and the Antique Boat Parade were extremely well-attended.
- Annual Full Moon (Super "Blood" Moon in 2015!) was again a full-boat activity, fun for all. (Thank you to the Fentons for all their help.)
- Staff members attended conferences to keep informed of the latest trends, particularly with regard to cyanobacteria, invasive species and climate change effects on lakes.

LSPA's educational programs, including Watershed Discovery Day, continue to complement state educational curricula and are always free of charge. Classes from several schools visited LSPA's Learning Center programs, and the Trout-in the Classroom



Program once again delighted school children, this year in 3 schools, and 4 classrooms, with requests for more fish tank installations.

The water quality of Lake Sunapee continues to be good, with phosphorus and conductivity (a stand-in for saltness) below many lakes, but still on the rise, with clarity slowly on the decline. (This is why watershed protection is so important.) pH is stable. Of concern is Gloeotrichia, a form of cyanobacteria, which appears around July and lasts through mid-September. It was not

seen in heavy blooms this year, but nevertheless, has appeared yearly. Research is ongoing to understand how this species multiplies and whether there are controls that might be implemented. LSPA staff attended the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) conference in NY which focused on cyanobacteria and invasive species.

Aquatic invasives continue to pose threats to local lakes and ponds. LSPA is following current methods of prevention and control. Fortunately, inlake invasive milfoil did not raise its head again this year. Meanwhile, LSPA staff took plankton net pulls and analyzed the results for bivalve invasives with none found yet. The Clean, Drain, Dry prevention campaign continues.

LSPA continues to work with partners such as Mt. Sunapee, Trout Unlimited and NH Fish and Game on brook restoration. LSPA's solar project went live in springtime and the 8KW system has greatly reduced LSPA's electric grid usage.

Lastly, loons not only nested this year on Lake Sunapee, but produced two chicks! This was quite the event!! LSPA also had the unviable loon egg from the previous year analyzed through the Loon Preservation Committee. Some chemicals (pesticides, flame retardants, etc) were found in the egg tissue in minute amounts, but it is not known whether these caused the egg to not hatch.

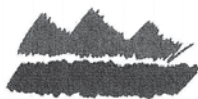
LSPA is a member-supported non-profit. And wish to thank all our members, volunteers, and the town of Sunapee for their support!

It's all about the water!



## LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VNA & HOSPICE

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Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

January 2016

Dear Friends:

On behalf of all the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care and community health services in Sunapee. Our Mission to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible is at the heart of all we do for Sunapee residents and residents throughout our 1,900 square-mile service area. As in previous years, our Board of Directors has pledged that, within its financial resources, LSRVNA will continue to serve those in need of care regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2015, LSRVNA employees served Sunapee in the following ways:

- ✦ Provided 6,601 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 121 residents;
- ✦ Provided 2,799 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to these residents. 70 visits were provided without any remuneration to LSRVNA. 45 visits were provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
- ✦ Fifteen residents received 341 visits through our hospice program and were able to spend their last days at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved, at no cost;
- ✦ 284 residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

Our talented staff remains committed not only to individual health and well-being, but to fostering community support and involvement which empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way that we may be of service to you, your loved ones or your Town's residents. Our vision to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Culhane", with a stylized, flowing script.

Jim Culhane  
President & CEO

## NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

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In the 12 months since our last report, New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services in our community hospital setting, serving 15 towns, including Sunapee.

The following capable and caring providers joined our medical staff in 2015: Vicki Anderson, PsyD; Fariha Chaudhry, MD; Mindy Dube, APRN; Stephen Holderman, APRN; Ben Holobowicz, Jr., MPAS, PA-C; Stephen Kantor, MD; Doug Kleinman, PA-C; Michael O'Brien, DO; Amy Schneider, MD; and Jennifer Taylor, APRN. Robert Hyde, MD became NLH Director of Emergency Services. Gregory Curtis, MD rejoined NLH as a Clinical Informatics Advisor. Furthermore, local services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers continued to deepen and expand as a result of the affiliation we have shared since October of 2013.

The NLH Board of Trustees approved rebuilding our rural health center in nearby Newport to meet healthcare needs there and to strengthen our overall organization. *Building for Health*, a \$9-million project with a \$2.2-million fundraising campaign, will provide 28,600 square feet of specially designed space to replace a 16,000 square foot patchwork structure that facilitates more than 21,000 annual primary care and women's health patient visits, as well as other services. We broke ground for the new Newport Health Center in October and anticipate project completion in the fall of 2016. We completed our triennial Community Health Needs Assessment, available to all from the homepage of our website ([www.newlondonhospital.org](http://www.newlondonhospital.org)), where you will also find the related Implementation Plan. Our thanks to community members who participated in this important collaborative process.

In response to community need amongst the seven towns served by our New London Hospital Ambulance Service, we expanded by hiring new staff members who will operate an additional ambulance that has been ordered. Service area additions include covering the entire Town of Sunapee.

The *Wellness Connection: For a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region* developed a Mini-Grant Program that made grants to seven local organizations to fund healthy eating and active living programs.

We are pleased to report the following appointments and recognitions received in 2015:

- Anne Holmes, immediate past Chair of our Board of Trustees, was honored by the New Hampshire Hospital Association with its Outstanding Trustee of the Year Award during the Association's annual meeting.
- Pamela Drewniak, NLH Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, was appointed to the Advisory Board for the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services Disaster Behavioral Health Response Teams.
- Matthew Petrin, OTR/L and NLH Director of Sports Medicine and Therapy Services, was appointed to the New Hampshire Emergency Medical Services Trauma Board.
- NLH was one of 32 hospitals in New England and one of ten in New Hampshire to be named to the 2014 Harvard Pilgrim Hospital Honor Roll based on performance among the top 25% of hospitals nationally on a set of composite quality and patient experience measures.
- Healthgrades recognized NLH with its Patient Safety Excellence Award. This distinction goes to the top 10% of hospitals which are leaders in patient safety based on analysis of Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) patient safety indicators.

As in prior years, we hosted a number of community and fundraising events, most notably:

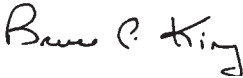
- The 91st annual Hospital Days celebration brought nearly a full week of events to New London for the enjoyment of all in our region, concluding with the 32nd annual Triathlon. Over \$31,000 was raised at the 12th annual NLH Golf Invitational, held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield.
- More than 220 guests attended the 10th Annual Benefit for NLH, held at Camp Coniston in Croydon. The Oktoberfest-themed event raised more than \$33,000 from attendees in support of Pediatric services, plus nearly \$16,000 for our Annual Fund.
- The second Annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by Dr. David Currow, Director of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's new Center for Palliative and Hospice Care on The Benefits of Investing in Hospice and Palliative Care.

Our fiscal year concluded in June with a small net gain from operations, evidence of the success of the financial improvement plan instituted during the prior year and the growing utilization of many of our services.

At the end of 2015 we bade Dr. Donald Eberly farewell as he retired after 35 years of general surgery service. We are exceedingly grateful for the compassionate local care he provided at NLH for our community over the decades.

Thank you to all Sunapee patients, families and guests who chose to receive care from us, volunteers who gave their precious time, generous donors who provided funding, dedicated staff who gave their best daily and all others who supported our mission in the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce P. King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bruce P. King  
President and CEO, New London Hospital

## STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, SUE GOTTLING

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The focus of the legislature in the first year of a biennium is always on the budget. The 2017 budget was delayed due to policy disagreements between the legislature and the Governor. Following compromises on business tax cuts and funding for substance abuse, mental health, and services for our most vulnerable citizens, the budget passed in September. Two major issues were left hanging; reauthorization of expanded Medicaid and coping with the drug epidemic ravaging NH and neighboring states. These are under consideration in 2016.

While the budget occupied the headlines, much work went on in committees. In 2015, I sponsored or co-sponsored 8 bills and five passed. In the coming session, just begun, I am involved in 9 bills. Bipartisan support for legislation works best, so I always seek out bills that include sponsors from both sides of the aisle. Last year and this year, my legislative priorities have included the environment, education, agriculture, consumer protection, and public utilities.

Because the health of our lakes, ponds, and river is crucial to Sunapee's economic health, preventing the spread of aquatic invasive plants and animals is one of my major interests. Last year I asked the legislature to expand the duties of the Exotic Invasives Committee and this year to support the concept of "clean, drain, and dry", the most effective process for preventing boats from spreading invasives from one lake or river to another. I continue to work to restore state funding for municipal water projects begun before the state imposed a moratorium. These projects are also vital to a healthy environment.

In 2015, I led passage of a bill that addressed the authority of a school superintendent to approve student reassignment without a vote of the school board. There are two aspects to school reassignment, best interest of the student and a manifest educational hardship. The legislature agreed that a vote of the school board for either method of reassignment would protect the interests of the taxpayer against unanticipated tuition expenses. This bill addressed student issues outside of special education. In 2016, I will be examining the Croydon situation where the assignment of students to non-public schools has come under state scrutiny.

In the summer of 2014, I participated in a committee studying industrial hemp and its potential as a commercial crop in NH. Until outlawed by the federal government many years ago, hemp could be grown in NH. The product was banned because it contains a small amount of THC related to but significantly different than that found in marijuana. A change in federal regulations allowed industrial hemp to be grown as a research project at a land grant educational institution. After many hearings, the committee recommended NH take advantage of the new guideline and allow any UNH professor so inclined to undertake the study. This legislation passed easily but to my knowledge no research project is underway.

As a member of a summer 2015 committee looking to improve private investment in renewable energy, I was made aware of the huge increase in renewables in NH, especially solar energy. This economic activity is in danger because of the cap the state imposes on reimbursements for extra electricity generated from these sources. Sunapee typically earns significant sums from its hydro plant and increasing numbers of residents are installing solar equipment. Increase of the cap or removal of it will be a hot topic of discussion in the legislature.

I want to thank the citizens of Sunapee for the privilege of representing them in the legislature where every day is a new learning experience.

(sgottling@comcast.net or 603-763-5904)



## *SUNAPEE GARDENERS*

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We had our first meeting in April and made up our garden orders with Robert's Greenhouse. Picked up the flowers in the end of May and planted in the first week of June. During the summer, many wonderful comments were given. All in all, we had another great season and the gardens were beautiful.

In July, the gardeners marched in the parade. In August, we had the Memorial ceremony at the gazebo during concert intermission. After, gardeners served cookies and punch to the audience. In October, we cleaned up the gardens for the winter. In November, we greened the Harbor. Thank you Riverway. Bows from the gardeners were put on the greens after Thanksgiving. The information booth was decorated as a gingerbread house; thank you Richard Hanssen.

The gardeners got together at the end of the season at the home of Ellie Goddard. Thank you Ellie.

Many new members joined us this year, thank you all. We welcome anyone to join us to help keep Sunapee a beautiful place. We also had several meetings with some wonderful speakers at the Abbott Library, a beautiful place to meet.

Betsy Lyons has done a great job as the chair and we thank her for that. Once again, thanks to Ellie Goddard we had a lovely get together in the fall. All in all, another great year. Thank you Sunapee

Head Gardener: Stephanie DeAugustinis

Chairperson: Betsy Lyons

Secretary / Treasurer: Mural Bergeron

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie DeAugustinis and Betsy Lyons



Photo Courtesy of Dick Katz



## SUNAPEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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As usual, 2015 was a busy year, and our customary complement of exhibits and programs was punctuated by less usual events and accomplishments:

- We replaced our kitchen exhibit with a beautifully restored Bowdish sailing skiff that originally belonged to Professor Dunning and passed to the next and current owners of his property, the Tilsons. It was generously loaned to us for the summer by Bo and Kathy Muller.
- We participated in the farmers' market on Newport Common on four Friday afternoons during the summer, telling folks about the museum, relating nuggets from Sunapee's rich history, and selling items from our small store.
- We held a second annual open house to raise awareness of the wonderful artifacts that reside in the museum. Greg Young and Richard Osborne had the Woodsum steamboat machine shop running, and folks had a chance to explore a bit behind the scenes. Delicious refreshments provided by many friends (thank you!) completed the picture, and everyone had a good time.
- We added to the books and postcards we have for sale, including T-shirts and note cards in the collection. In the fall we added mugs and, most notably, an ornament—the first in what will be a series. It features the Armenia White, the largest of the steamboats that once were a common sight on the lake. The Abbott Library kindly agreed to sell it for us while the museum is closed for the winter.
- We changed our logo to a steamboat silhouette and adopted a new masthead that features three of our steamers—the Lady Woodsum, the Armenia White, and the Weetamoo—and highlights our focus on preservation and education.
- At the end of the year, we were busy—with the help of former summer resident Phil Chapline of Chapline Computers—revamping our website to make it more informative and user-friendly.
- We began the process of applying for inclusion in the New Hampshire State Registry of Historic Places for both the old Abbott Library and our museum building. If successful, membership on the list will carry no restrictions on the use or maintenance of the buildings but will be recognition that they are historic buildings.



The Board of Directors met monthly to attend to the everyday business of the organization. The museum, following its normal summer schedule, was open free of charge six days a week during July and August as well as weekends in June and September. Thanks, as always, go to our many loyal docents and to Lucy Young, who took care of scheduling them.

We held an assortment of programs, all free and open to anyone interested in Sunapee History: spring and fall meetings at the Community Methodist Church and several “cracker barrel” talks, held at the museum on Thursday evenings in the summer. Our spring program featured photos and memories of Sunapee's various ball teams. Summer programs covered summer activities that kids enjoyed in the 1950s and '60s, the work of the Lake Sunapee Board of Trade to promote our area through the middle of the last century, personal watercraft of yesteryear, Frank Morse's water ski school, and

the famed Lake Sunapee Regatta—an annual water sports competition that brought in large crowds of participants and spectators for 65 years. Our fall program featured Sunapee Ski Tow's 35 year history and the high school's ski jump. Thanks to our volunteer speakers and those who came to help us reminisce!

We continued to keep our eye on the original Abbott Library building and still hope to create an historical library and archive there. While the Board of Selectmen and Library Trustees work through the legalities surrounding use of the building, we are preparing a formal proposal to present to the Select Board when the time is right. We are eager to preserve the building along with items in our collection that are not suited to life at the controlled-by-the-climate museum and to provide year-round accessibility for the public to Sunapee's oldest records and artifacts and be a resource for teachers and students studying Sunapee's history.

As always, we owe a great deal of thanks to all who contributed time, treasure, or items for the museum during the year. It takes many hands to keep the museum open and humming, but learning and teaching about the history of our town is great fun. All are welcome to join us.

Current Officers:

President: Becky Rylander

Treasurer: Lois Gallup

Vice President: Sandy Alexander

Secretary: Lois Gould

Directors:

Barbara Chalmers, Lucy Young, Ron Hand, Bob Blakley, Tony Bergeron

Programs: Ron Garceau

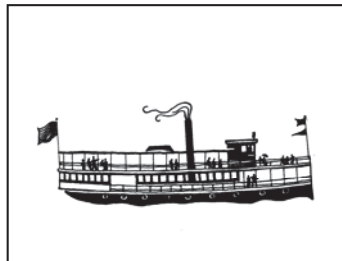
Nominations: Ron Garceau

Docent Coordinator: Lucy Young

Website: [SunapeeHistoricalSociety.org](http://SunapeeHistoricalSociety.org)

E-mail: [sunapeehistory@gmail.com](mailto:sunapeehistory@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Fitts Rylander, President



## *SUNAPEE-RAGGED-KEARSARGE GREENWAY*

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The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75 mile hiking trail forming a loop known as the SRK Greenway was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mt. Sunapee, Mt. Ragged and Mt. Kearsarge. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist were it not for the generosity of many land owners.

The SRK Greenway is a thoroughly community-based, all volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, a website ([www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com)), a trail guide book and a 3-season hiking schedule.

Help the Greenway. We are looking for a person to represent the SRK Trails in Sunapee. We need help with monitoring the Trails as well as volunteers to assist with maintenance to keep the trails open.

Our website at [www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org) has maps of the entire Greenway. There you will find hiking schedules, and a Calendar of events, landowner information, membership details and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a Green Corridor in Sunapee and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact with its associated recreational, economic and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails generally SRK Greenway representatives continually meet with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others including the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

## *SUNAPEE SENIORS*

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The Sunapee Seniors organization is open to all Sunapee and surrounding towns residents who are 55 years of age and older. Meetings are held at the Lake Sunapee Methodist Church on the second and fourth Monday of every month from September through June. All meetings are held with lunch at noon. Dues are \$10.00 per year.

Once again, in January we held our annual auction. February was Candidates Day where we listened to various people running for office. In March, it was a pleasure to listen to the Kindergarten and First Grade students sing for St. Patrick's Day. Also in March, "Moose Man," Rick Libbey, came with beautiful slides and a presentation about his experiences with moose. In April, the Middle and High School Chorus from Sunapee performed for us, which is always a pleasure. Keith Gardner built a stone wall along with a most interesting presentation from a Humanities program in April. In June, Ron Garceau spoke about the age of the railroad when it went from Sunapee to Concord. In the fall we had the flu shot clinic given by the Lake Sunapee visiting Nurse Assoc. In November, Col. Lisa McManus gave a great presentation on Veterans in the past and how things are today. In December, we had our annual Christmas luncheon at the Four Corners Restaurant. In June, we had a great "picnic" at the LSPA building.

We went on two trips this year, one to Kittery and the coast and one to the Mt. Washington Hotel.

The Thrift Shop continues to thrive, giving annual scholarships and donations to several organizations. It is located in the Harbor Livery Stable in the harbor and is staffed by volunteers. It is open Tuesday 2:00—4:00, Thursday 5:00—7:00, and Saturday 10:00 - 12:00.

If you wish to learn more about Sunapee Seniors, please contact Lorraine Mathiesen at 763-2103.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorraine Mathiesen, Pres.



Photo Courtesy of Dick Katz



## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963. The UVLSRPC coordinates inter-municipal planning, acts as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and provides advisory technical assistance on development issues. The Commission serves 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan, and Merrimack Counties.

The Commission's highlight of 2015 was the adoption of the UVLSRPC Regional Plan (available online at [regionalplan.uvlsrpc.org](http://regionalplan.uvlsrpc.org)). This plan is based on the most extensive public engagement process in the Commission's history and presents a bold vision for the future development of our region over the next twenty years. In addition to the adoption of the Regional Plan, UVLSRPC highlights for 2015 included:

- Responding to more than 150 municipal requests for technical assistance.
- Coordinating four Household Hazardous Waste Collections that served over 1,000 households in the region.
- Coordinating with the NH Department of Transportation to develop the 2017-2026 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan with approved projects totaling more than \$125 million over the next ten years in the UVLSRPC region.
- Completing more than 110 traffic counts across the region.
- Securing funding to conduct a feasibility study for a new transit service along the I-89 corridor linking New London and Grantham to Lebanon and Hanover.
- Assisting five communities in the region (Claremont, Newbury, Orford, Springfield, and Wilmot) with circuit rider planning services.
- Assisting five communities (Washington, Newport, Grantham, Sunapee, and Goshen) in updating their local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Assisting seven communities in the Sugar River watershed (Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Goshen, Grantham, Newport, and Sunapee) in developing Fluvial Erosion Hazard appendices for their local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Assisting three communities (Unity, Washington, and Claremont) in updating their Local Emergency Operations Plan.
- Assisting two communities (Grantham and Lebanon) in developing local culvert inventories.
- Providing administrative and staffing assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

Please feel free to contact me at (603) 448-1680 or e-mail me at [nmiller@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:nmiller@uvlsrpc.org) to share your thoughts. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region!

Sincerely,



Nathan Miller, AICP  
Executive Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>FATHER/ PARTNER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Jan 23	Adam Victor Stepinski	Alexander Stepinski	Katarzyna Stepinski	Lebanon, NH
Jan 24	Norman David Stowell	Craig Stowell	Berta Stowell	Lebanon, NH
Feb 14	Natalie Ann Kelley	Richard Kelley Jr	Jessica Kelley	Concord, NH
Feb 18	Julia Herd	Christopher Herd	Laura Herd	Manchester, NH
April 4	Logan Michael Lantiegne	Adam Lantiegne	Michaela Lantiegne	Concord, NH
April 5	Brayleigh Elizabeth Potter	Devin Potter	Kelsey Laroche	Lebanon, NH
May 11	Addilyn Lee Heino	Brian Heino	Samantha Heino	Lebanon, NH
June 13	Ella Wells Shaffer	William Shaffer	Tanja Mauzy-Shaffer	Concord, NH
June 18	Hayden Kevin Cole	Julia Cole	Caitlin Cole	Lebanon, NH
Aug 7	Ayla Rose Alterisio	Michael Alterisio	Christina Alterisio	Lebanon, NH
Aug 7	Ariya Grace Alterisio	Michael Alterisio	Christina Alterisio	Lebanon, NH
Aug 9	Virginia Alys Bilodeau	Lawrence Bilodeau	Sarah Bilodeau	Lebanon, NH
Sept 14	Troy William Kujawski	Francis Kujawski	Jennifer Sylvia	Lebanon, NH
Oct 18	Catherine Rose Conner	Adam Conner	Amelia Conner	Lebanon, NH
Dec 24	Zoe Olivia Ebert	Jason Ebert	Erika Ebert	Lebanon, NH
Dec 31	Callie Marie Johnstone Carucci		Marie Carucci	Concord, NH

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

***DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015***

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
Jan 7	Sean McCarthy	Sunapee	Bruce McCarthy	Mary Arroll
Jan 9	William Akscyn	New London	Rokas Akscyn	Rose Zekas
Feb 19	Doris Ivey	New London	Ernest Winters	Agnes Brown
Feb 25	John Halsted	New London	Henry Halsted Jr	Katherine Holmes
March 5	Eugene Kirk	Sunapee	Kenneth Kirk	Vienna Henderickson
April 11	David Russell	Sunapee	Eugene Russell	Doris unknown
April 11	Kathryn Ross	Newport	George Cross	Mildred unknown
April 16	Eileen Kirk	Sunapee	Edward Boland	Nellie Daly
April 19	Corliss Abbott	Claremont	Corliss Abbott	Ariel Hart
April 22	George Binzel	Lebanon	Otto Binzel	Maria Krum
May 13	William Corey	Lebanon	John Corey	Jeanne Spannaus
May 16	Barbara Hollander	Sunapee	Charles Foley	Ruth Hawley
May 17	Theodore Sandberg	Lebanon	Alan Sandberg	Frances Beres
May 19	Margaret Dunbar	New London	Earl Martin	Ruth Hoyt
May 22	Patricia Attridge	Sunapee	Richard Oetjen	Elizabeth Mackey
May 27	Margaret Peterson	Sunapee	Edward Lee	Elizabeth Cove
May 28	Pauline Sanderson	Sunapee	Ernest Gaudrea	Antoinette Cardin
June 4	James McCabe	Sunapee	Patrick McCabe	Margaret Farrell
June 22	Rodney Chandler	Manchester	Lyle Chandler	Doris Louiselle
June 23	Evelyn Faye	New London	James Brown	Eva Parsons
July 20	Raymond Frappier	New London	Raymond Frappier	Barbara Fillioe
July 23	Martha Vernlund	Lebanon	William Shepard	Katrina Bowers
July 27	Ralph Garrand	Sunapee	Albert Garrand	Susan Barber
Aug 17	James Carrier	New London	Edward Carrier	Mary McElreavy
Sept 20	Olga Takush	New London	Peter Derkach	Helen Shaban
Sept 21	Henry Martinelli	Sunapee	Anthony Martinelli	Mary Savino
Sept 30	Burton Bessey Jr	Newport	Burton Bessey Sr	Cora Cross

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector



**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE**  
**JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROOM/BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>GROOM/BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Jan 24	Garrik T Clogston	Bloomfield, NJ	Heather A Nolen	Bloomfield, NJ
May 15	Christopher J Morse	Sunapee	Sarah J Sandler	Sunapee
June 13	Dana S Linwood	Lakeside, OR	Bonnie R White	Port Townsend, WA
June 13	Petar M Leonard	Concord	Caroline K Lyons	Concord
June 14	Christopher Z Leoutsakos	Claremont	Bethany M Bourdeau	Claremont
June 27	Steven R Tighe	Sunapee	Kristina S Kalacinski	Sunapee
June 27	Joel P Haan	East Boston, MA	Ashley A Bauer	East Boston, MA
June 27	John G McNeil	Bluffton, SC	Pamela D Gouty	Bluffton, SC
July 4	Kevin J Callanan	Sunapee	Marybeth W Booth	Sunapee
July 11	Matthew J Briggs	Washington, DC	Victoria R Szydlowski	Washington, DC
July 23	William J Dickman	Sunapee	Kristin D Judge	Sunapee
Aug 1	Walter J Petterson Jr	Georges Mills	Debra Spaulding	Georges Mills
Aug 1	William P Durette	Arlington, MA	Katherine M Townsend	Arlington, MA
Aug 16	Bryan A Sicard	Sunapee	Suzanna M Brown	Sunapee
Sept 12	Richard D Rothman	Vero Beach, FL	Sarah Zappala	Vero Beach, FL
Sept 26	Adam E Sharp	Sunapee	Amanda R St Ivany	Sunapee
Sept 27	Henry A Kirhdorfer	Sunapee	Betsy J Wiggins	Sunapee
Oct 3	Nicolas T Richard	Sunapee	Kristal M Knowlton	Sunapee
Oct 4	Joseph R Audette	Sunapee	Stephanie M Demers	Sunapee
Oct 7	Blake W Hughlock	Sunapee	Amanda I Patneau	Sunapee
Oct 10	Peter A Hill	Sunapee	Tanya E Lonardo	Sunapee
Oct 18	Michael J Pezone	Sunapee	Laura A Kennedy	Sunapee

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 Respectfully submitted,  
 Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

## ***TOWN OF SUNAPEE DIRECTORY***

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<b>ABBOTT LIBRARY</b>	<b>763-5513</b>	<b>763-8765-FAX</b>
Mon/Wed: 9:00-8:00; Thurs/Fri: 9:00-6:00; Sat: 9:00-1:00		
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY</b>	<b>763-5770</b>	<b>763-7358-FAX</b>
<b>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>763-5060</b>	<b>763-4337-FAX</b>
<b>PLANNING OFFICE</b>	<b>763-3194</b>	<b>763-4925-FAX</b>
Monthly: First Thursday afternoon by appointment		
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY</b>	<b>763-5555</b>	<b>763-4771-FAX</b>
<b>RECREATION DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>763-2212</b>	<b>763-4925-FAX</b>
<b>SAU #85 OFFICE</b>	<b>763-4627</b>	<b>763-4718-FAX</b>
<b>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</b>	<b>763-2212</b>	<b>763-4925-FAX</b>
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 8:00-5:00; Wed: 8:00-1:00		
<b>SUNAPEE CENTRAL ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>763-5675</b>	<b>763-9627-FAX</b>
<b>SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH</b>	<b>763-5615</b>	<b>763-3055-FAX</b>
<b>THRIFT STORE</b>		
Tues: 2:00-4:00; Thurs: 5:00-7:00; Sat: 10:00-12:00		
<b>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</b>	<b>763-2449</b>	<b>763-4608-FAX</b>
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 8:00-4:30; Wed: 8:00-12:30; 2nd & 4th Sat: 9:00-11:30		
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>	<b>763-4614</b>	
Mon/Thurs/Fri/Sat: 8:00-4:15; Sun: 8:00-11:45		
<b>WATER &amp; SEWER DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>763-2115</b>	<b>763-2271-FAX</b>
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 8:00-4:30; Wed: 8:00-1:00		
<b>WELCOME CENTER</b>		
Memorial Day-June: Sat/Sun: 10:00-5:00; July-Labor Day: Daily: 10:00-5:00		
Labor Day-Columbus Day: Sat/Sun: 10:00-5:00		
<b>WELFARE OFFICE</b>	<b>763-2212</b>	<b>763-4925-FAX</b>
Sunapee Hours: Wed: 9:00—12:00		
<b>ZONING OFFICE</b>	<b>763-3194</b>	<b>763-4925-FAX</b>
Mon: 8:00—5:00; Tues/Thurs: 8:00—1:00		

**DIAL 911 FOR EMERGENCIES**

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ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION  
OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS  
AND  
BALLOT VOTING ON THE WARRANT ARTICLES FOR  
TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

POLLS ARE OPEN 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016  
AT THE  
SHERBURNE GYMNASIUM ON ROUTE 11

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