



**1989 Caterpillar 120G Motor Grader**



**2016 John Deere 672G Motor Grader**

# **Sunapee, NH**

# **Annual Report**

**For the Year Ending December 31, 2016**



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with funds from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund and  
trade in of 1989 Caterpillar 120G Motor Grader  
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# Dedication



## John Wilson

John has always helped at the library in many, different ways. He has built shelving and then helped shelve materials on that shelving! He has helped with the Summer Reading Program, which included building a huge pirate ship one year. He was Treasurer for the Friends of the Abbott Library for several years. He worked hard to get the best interest rates whenever possible so that the money “was always earning.” John is probably best known for all the hard work he put into building the new library. John was a Trustee and worked tirelessly to make sure all the different parts of the project went forward. At the same time, John was on the Abbott Library Foundation Board and worked hard to fundraise for the new library project. John met with donors and was always persuasive on how the new library project had to get done. When the funding was all secured, John was on the Building Oversight Committee that watched over the project with a close eye. John’s life experience in building materials and construction were invaluable in making sure the project was one of quality. John was known for visiting the construction site every day and he built a strong, productive relationship with the construction company and the Architect. The library has been in its new building for over 2 years, but that hasn’t stopped John from continuing to volunteer. John has worked on additional projects for the library including a generator and an upper parking lot. Right now he is working on the lighting for our upper parking lot and we have no doubt that this will come to completion just like all his other efforts. No matter what the library has been up against, John would always put on that cheerful smile and say, “Don’t worry. We’ll get it done.”

# In Memoriam

## **Gary D. Johnson**



Gary started his long career in the fire service in Sunapee in 1978 when he was assigned to Engine 1 before being transferred to Engine 2 in 1981. He had an instrumental part in forming the Sunapee Fast Squad and also worked as a part time Sunapee Police Officer. Gary retired from the Sunapee Fire Department in 1984 and went on to serve as a full time fire fighter in Durham before transferring to Lebanon where he retired as a Captain. Gary also served as the Fire Chief in Pittsfield and he worked for the NH & VT Fire Academies as an instructor.

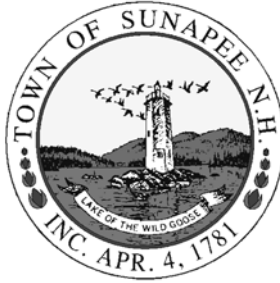
## **James Lyons**

Jim loved New Hampshire and Lake Sunapee. He served the Sunapee community for nine years on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. He was also an avid reader and a patron of the Abbott Library. Jim also loved to ski and sail and spent much of his time outdoors.



## **Everett Pollard**

Everett was very active and involved in all aspects of the Sunapee community. He contributed his expertise and countless hours to committees and causes that he believed in. Everett served on the Planning Board from 1989 to 1998. He was elected Chair in 1990 and served in that capacity throughout the remainder of his time on the Board. He was also instrumental in developing the 1998 Master Plan. Everett also was responsible for the construction of the Sunapee Welcome Center. He donated the timberframe structure, completed the design, and coordinated the efforts of the local contractors involved with the project.



# Annual Report

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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
Shane Hastings	2019
Frederick Gallup	2019

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

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

Harry Gale, Jr.	2018
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#### ***TREASURER***

Alan Doherty	2017
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#### ***TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS***

Stephen White, Chairman	2017
Jolene Chappell	2018
Lena Welch	2019

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

Jeffrey Trow, Chairman	2018
Lois Gallup	2017
Joshua Trow	2017

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

Daniel R. Ruggles, Chief	2020
Dana Ramspott	2018
Howard Sargent	2019
Mark Scott	2017

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

Terri Jillson White, Chairman	2019
Xan Gallup, Vice-chair	2017
Denise Bressette	2018
Carol Brudnicki	2019
James Currier	2017
Jane Frawley	2018
Tom Mickle	2018
Helene Churchill	2017
Lois Gallup, Alternate	2017
Sharon Palmer, Alternate	2017



**PLANNING BOARD**

Peter White, Chair	2017
Donna M. Davis, Vice Chair	2019
Joseph Butler, Appointed	2017
Joseph Furlong	2019
Kurt Markarian	2018
Richard Osborne	2018
Shane Hastings	Ex-Officio
Randy Clark, Alternate	2019
(2) Alternate Vacancy	

**SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST**

Faith Reney	2020
Holly Simpson-Durfor	2018
Kathy Weinstein	2022

**WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

Theodore Gallup, Chair	2019
J. Anthony Bergeron	2017
David Cain	2018
Richard Curtis, Appointed	2017
Peter Hill	2019
Gunter Nester, Appointed	2017
Jimmy Williams	2017

**ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Daniel Schneider, Chair	2018
Clayton Platt, Vice Chair	2018
William Larrow	2019
George Neuwirt, Appointed	2017
Aaron Simpson	2019
(2) Alternate Vacancy	2017

## ***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

Melissa Glasscock, Account Clerk

### ***FIRE CHIEF***

Daniel Ruggles

### ***HEALTH OFFICER***

Wayne Whitford

Donna Nashawaty, Deputy

### ***LIBRARY DIRECTOR***

Mary Danko

### ***PLANNER***

Michael Marquise

### ***POLICE CHIEF***

David P. Cahill

Teresa Mastin, Administrative Assistant

### ***RECREATION DIRECTOR***

Scott Blewitt

### ***HIGHWAY DIRECTOR***

Scott A. Hazelton

Cariann Zandell, Administrative Assistant

### ***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***

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

John Augustine	TOO
John Brandolini	2018
David Cahill	TOE
Kevin Cooney	2017
Mary Danko	TOE
Joe Furlong	2017
Frederick Gallup	TOO
Suzanne Gottling	TOO
Shane Hastings	TOO
Veronica Hastings	2018
Scott Hazelton	TOE
Ronald Kulpa	2019
Betty Ramspott	TOO
Daniel Ruggles	TOE
Paul Skarin	2017
Linda Tanner	2019
Joshua Trow	TOO

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

***RECREATION COMMITTEE***

Maria Fair	2019
Joseph Furlong	2018
Daniel Hayward	2018
Charlene Osborne	2018
Michael Pollari	2016
Tanner Royce	2017
Paul Skarin	2017
Rhonda Gurney, Alternate	2017
Tracey Nangeroni, Alternate	2017

***THRIFT SHOP***

Wilda Digiovanni	2017
Elizabeth Herder	2017
Jo Hill	2016
Beverly Trainor	2019
Donna Nashawaty	TOE

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

Aaron Simpson	2017
Joshua Trow	2017

***WATERSHED COALITION***

Peggy Chalmers
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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
2017 TOWN WARRANT**

**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 7th day of February, 2017, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 1 thru 13 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 14 through 33, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 14th day of March, 2017, 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.

1 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Fire Engineer	4 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	2 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	1 Year Term
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term
1 Water & Sewer Commissioner	1 Year Term
1 Water & Sewer Commissioner	2 Year Term
2 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term
1 Zoning Board Member	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 III, Section 3.10 – Dimensional Controls – by changing the requirement that road setback (excluding routes 11, 103, 103B) applies to all roads as defined in the definition of “Roads” found in Article XI?**

The full text of road setback (excluding routes 11, 103, 103B) in the table of dimensional controls will be as follows:

*Minimum Front Setback (All other roads as defined in Article XI)*

40’ 40’ 40’ 40’ 50’ 50’ 75’

**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 III, Section 3.50 (b) – Special Exceptions – by changing the requirement in subsection (2) that structures used for comparison purposes to reduce road front setback must exist on both sides of the subject property and not just one side?**

The full text of Article III, Section 3.50(B)(2) – Special Exceptions – as amended will be as follows:

3.50(b)(2) the majority of lots on the same side of the road and within 500’ ~~either of both sides~~ of the subject lot have structures of equal or greater type which do not meet front setback requirements (the hierarchy of structures from greater to less is house > garage > shed);

**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 IV, Section 4.33(B)(4) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions -** by removing the requirement that shoreline alterations caused by beach and dock construction be reviewed by the Planning Board?

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(4) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – as amended will be as follows:

- (4) Beach and dock construction may be permitted in accordance with the requirements set forth herein. ~~Alterations of the shoreline must first be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board.~~ In addition, all alterations of the shoreline require a permit from the New Hampshire Wetlands Board as set forth in RSA 483-A and 483-B-1. The Conservation Commission shall review all permit applications submitted to the ~~Planning Board and the~~ Wetlands Board and shall recommend approval, disapproval, or take no action.

**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 IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(I)(1) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions –** by changing allowance for removing up to 5 trees in the natural woodland buffer from calendar year to any 12-month period?

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(I)(1) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions – as amended will be as follows:

- (1) 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~~ 12 month period.

**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 IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(VII) – Shorelines – Specific Provisions -** by reducing the exempted area that allows vegetative matter to be removed in the natural woodland buffer to 12’ from the centerline of driveways and 10’ from edge of parking areas and also limiting the exempted area to 25% of the existing basal area in the natural woodland buffer?

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(VII)– Shorelines – Specific Provisions – as amended will be as follows:

- (VII) A Well-Distributed Stand of Vegetative Matter shall be maintained in the Natural Woodland Buffer except for those areas within 20’ of existing and proposed structures, ~~driveways or parking areas-12’ from the centerline of driveways, and 10’ from the edge of parking areas.~~ The exempted area may not exceed 25% of the existing basal area in the natural woodland buffer of the lot.

**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 IV – Use Regulations - by adding Section 4.90 which will define an Accessory Dwelling Unit per state requirements and set dimensional controls, this amendment will also add this use to each zoning district?**

The full text of Article IV, Section 4.90 – Accessory Dwelling Unit – as proposed will be as follows:

- A. *Authority*  
*This article is adopted pursuant to RSA 674.21 and is intended as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) provision.*
- B. *The purpose of the ADU is to provide societal benefits for aging homeowners, recent college graduates, care givers, disabled persons, etc.*
- C. *General Requirements*
  - 1. *An ADU will be permitted in all districts by special exception.*
  - 2. *Only one (1) ADU is allowed per single family dwelling unit.*
  - 3. *Owner occupancy is required in the main unit or ADU*
  - 4. *The ADU cannot be larger than 1,000 square feet. It must be within or attached with heated space to the single-family dwelling and there must be a connecting door between units.*
  - 5. *Setback dimensions for the ADU must meet the same guidelines as the single-family unit.*
  - 6. *The ADU addition must comply with existing lot coverage standards as specified elsewhere in this Ordinance.*
  - 7. *There shall not be more than 2 bedrooms in the ADU.*
  - 8. *Septic designs and sewer hook ups shall accommodate the number of bedrooms as required by Article VII of this ordinance.*
  - 9. *Proper off-street parking must be provided per section 3.40(e) of this Ordinance.*

**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 VI, Section 6.12 – Restoration and Reconstruction – by adding alterations of a non-conforming structure as actions which require a special exception or variance?**

The full text of Article VI, Section 6.12 – Restoration and Reconstruction – as amended will be as follows:

**6.12 Restoration and Reconstruction.** A non-conforming structure existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance may be replaced on the same or smaller footprint and having the same or lower height, by a new structure having the same purpose and use provided that the non-conformity to this Ordinance is not increased thereby. The replacement *or alteration* of a non-conforming structure that increases the horizontal or vertical dimension or one which increases the non-conformity to this Ordinance, shall only be permitted by variance or, if permitted hereby, by special exception.

**Article 9:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article VI, Section 6.40 – Non-Conforming Lots – by adding the term “legal” to nonconforming lots which would allow a non-conforming lot to remain such, even if there is a subsequent change in the configuration that is permitted by the Planning and/or Zoning Boards?**

The full text of Article VI, Section 6.40 – Non-Conforming Lots – as amended will be as follows:

**Section 6.40 Legal Non-Conforming Lots**

The Planning Board may approve subdivision/lot line adjustments on pre-existing, non-conforming lots without additional approval by the Zoning Board of Adjustment provided that the new lot size(s) and dimension(s) are not more non-conforming than what was existing. *The subdivided or adjusted lot will be considered a legal non-conforming lot and still qualify for the same dimensional reductions or special exceptions given to a pre-existing, non-conforming lot.*

**Article 10:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structures, Minor - by adding play gym/swing sets and pergolas as structures not requiring a permit?**

The full text of Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structures, 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 open platform and associated stairs, which is no more than four (4) feet off the ground and is used for access to a structure.
- 6) *Gym/swing sets for private residential use*
- 7) *Pergolas (8' x 10' maximum footprint)*

**Article 11:** Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article XI – Definitions and Explanations – Structures - by adding patios to the list of structures requiring a permit?**

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

Structure – Anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on the ground, or attached to something having a fixed location on the ground. Structure includes, but is not limited to a building, swimming pool, mobile home, billboard, pier, wharf, *or patio*. It shall not include a minor structure.

**Article 12:** Amend Article II, Section 2.30 District Purpose and Description; Mixed-Use I -to include a third area further described as:

In Georges Mills, the Mixed-Use I District begins at the intersection of Jobs Creek Road and Route 11 and proceeds south east along Jobs Creek Rd. for 600 feet to a point where it turns south and runs parallel to Route 11 to a point on Browns Hill Road in Sunapee then south west along Browns Hill Road to the intersection of Browns Hill Road and Route 11 then North to the point of beginning.

By petition

Not Recommended by the Planning Board

**Article 14:** 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 \$7,102,640? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$7,041,709, 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 15:** Are you in favor of designating the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend the 2016 established Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust Fund?

**Article 16:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$135,000 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 17:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$175,500 to purchase and equip a new Highway Dump/Plow Truck for the Highway Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$159,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund and with the remaining \$16,500 to come from the trade-in or sale of the existing truck H3?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 18:** 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 Selectmen

**Article 19:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) to purchase and equip a Forestry Truck for the Fire Department; authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$150,000 from the Fire Apparatus Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 20:** 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 Selectmen

**Article 21:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 22:** Are you in favor of designating the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the 2001 Capital Reserve Fund titled Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 23:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 24:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Computer System Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing software, technology upgrades to include computer items, telecommunication items and similar products?  
Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 25:** 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 Selectmen

**Article 26:** 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 Selectmen

**Article 27:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$45,000 to construct phase 1 of 3 of a cold storage building at the Highway Garage, by authorizing the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Hydroelectric Revenue Fund as established by Article 38 of the 1987 Town Meeting?

Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 28:** Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,200 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, 2016, Unexpended Fund balance?

Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 29:** Shall the Town vote to designate as Town Forest the properties known as Wendell Marsh South, Town owned parcels; Parcel ID 0224-0014-0000 and 0225-0089-0000 (parcels containing 155 +/- acres); in accordance with RSA 31:110, to be managed by the Sunapee Conservation Commission?

**Article 30:** Shall the Town vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Sunapee under RSA 72:39-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$35,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 \$55,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$75,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$25,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$34,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence.

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Sestercentennial Trust Fund to be used in the expenses in preparation for the celebration in 2018, to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the fund, with said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; furthermore, to designate the Board of Selectmen as Agent to expend?

Recommended by the Board Selectmen

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to disband the Sunapee Board of Fire Engineers and have the Sunapee Fire Department organized pursuant to RSA 154:1 "A fire chief appointed by the local governing body, or by the town or city manager, if any, with firefighters appointed by the fire chief;"

By petition

**Article 33:** To see if the Town will vote to declare the positions of active member of the Sunapee Fire Department and Fire Engineer as incompatible under RSA 31:39-a, and that an active member of the Fire Department may not serve as a member of the Board of Fire Engineers. If the Article passes, the currently elected fire engineers who hold a position of Sunapee Fire Department Member or Board of Fire Engineer shall vacate one of the positions by March 12, 2018, a date less than 1 year away, any vacancy in the Board of Fire Engineer shall be filled in accordance with RSA 669:75 by the Selectmen. If the previous article receives a passing vote, this article shall automatically become null and void.

By petition

Dated: January 10, 2017

Sunapee Board of Selectmen

Joshua Trow, Chair

John Augustine

Suzanne Gottling, Vice Chair

Frederick Gallup

Shane Hastings

## 2017 TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES SUMMARY

Article	Description	Amount	New Tax Dollars raised in 2017	Not Recom- mended	Revenue Offset/No increase to tax rate
16	Add to Highway & Transfer Capital Reserve	\$135,000	\$135,000		
17	Purchase and Equip new Highway truck from Cap Reserve	\$175,500	0		\$16,500 + \$159,000
18	Add to Fire Equipment Capital Reserve	\$115,000	\$115,000		
19	Purchase Forestry Truck from Capital Reserve	\$150,000			\$150,000
20	Add to Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund	\$40,000	\$40,000		
21	Add to Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve	\$100,000	\$100,000		
23	Add to Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$25,000		
24	Add to Capital Reserve for Software/Technology	\$10,000	\$10,000		
25	Add to Milfoil Control Non Capital Reserve Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000		
26	Conservation for Capital Reserve	\$55,000	\$55,000		
27	Construct a cold storage building phase 1 of 3 from Hydro Revenue Fund	\$45,000			\$45,000
28	Cemetery Trust from Fund Balance (2016 lot sales)	\$3,200			\$3,200
31	Sestercentennial Fund from Fund Balance	\$15,000			\$15,000
	TOTALS	\$873,700	\$485,000		\$388,700

**\*\$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**

**\*\$250,000 new tax dollars raised in 2016**

## ***2017 TAX RATE ESTIMATED COMPUTATION***

### **Using 2016 Value of Property for Calculation**

#### **2016 TOWN PORTION**

Appropriations	\$	7,595,174
Less: Revenues	\$	-3,494,744
Less: Fund Balance Surplus voted	\$	-47,100
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Tax	\$	-300,000
Add: Overlay	\$	35,593
Add: War Service Credits	\$	92,250
Net Town Appropriation	\$	3,881,173

**2016 Town Tax Rate** **\$ 3.22**

Net Assessed Valuation 2016	
State Education Tax (no utilities)	\$ 1,195,963,384
All Other Tax (Grand List)	\$ 1,205,571,984

#### **AS PROPOSED**

#### **2017 ESTIMATED TOWN PORTION**

Appropriations	\$	7,102,640
Less: Revenues	\$	-3,362,591
Add: Warrant Article w/o Revenue	\$	485,000
Add: Overlay	\$	35,000
Add: War Service Credits	\$	92,250
Net Town Appropriation	\$	4,352,299

**2017 Estimated Town Tax Rate** **\$ 3.61**

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.

## 2016 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

### TOWN PORTION

Total Appropriation	\$7,595,174	
Less: Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)	(\$ 3,494,744)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus	(\$47,100)	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(\$300,000)	
Add: War Service Credits	\$92,250	
Add: Actual Overlay Used	\$35,593	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$3,881,173</b>	
<b>Town Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$3.22</b>

### COUNTY APPORTIONMENT

Net County Apportionment	\$3,491,008	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$3,491,008</b>	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$2.90</b>

### EDUCATION

Net Local School Appropriations	\$10,740,747	
Less: Net Education Grant	(\$16,818)	
Less: Locally Retained State Education Tax	(\$2,947,522)	
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$7,776,407</b>	
<b>School Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$6.45</b>
State Education Tax	\$2,947,522	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,947,522</b>	
<b>State School Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$2.46</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>		<b>\$15.03</b>

### VALUATION

	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$1,205,571,984	\$1,194,330,595
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$1,195,963,394	\$1,184,721,995

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

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***Value of Land Only:***

Current Use	\$	476,184
Residential	\$	592,329,800
Commercial / Industrial	\$	12,508,300
Total Taxable Land:	\$	605,314,284

***Value of Buildings Only:***

Residential	\$	567,498,100
Manufactured Housing	\$	1,042,400
Commercial / Industrial	\$	22,438,600
Total Taxable Buildings:	\$	590,979,100

<b><i>Public Utilities:</i></b>	\$	9,608,600
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<b><i>Valuation before Exemptions:</i></b>	\$	1,205,901,984
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***Exemptions:***

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities		
Blind Exemptions	\$	30,000
Elderly Exemptions	\$	300,000
Total Amount of Exemptions:	\$	330,000

<b><i>Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal, County and Local Education is Computed</i></b>	\$	1,205,571,984
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<b><i>Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for State Education Tax is computed</i></b>	\$	1,195,963,384
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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, 2015, 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.

### **Auditors' Responsibility**

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' 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, 2015, 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, 2015, 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, the Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of Contributions 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.



November 17, 2016

**TOWN OF SUNAPEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**December 31, 2015**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 7,854,717	\$ 1,625,473	\$ 1,469,046	\$ 10,949,236
Receivables:				
Property taxes	705,894	-	-	705,894
Departmental and other	-	51,153	56,040	107,193
Intergovernmental	413,219	84,898	-	498,117
Due from other funds	216,879	-	99,989	316,868
Other assets	<u>8,185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,185</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,198,894</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,761,524</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,625,075</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>12,585,493</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable	\$ 755,709	\$ 97,601	\$ 1,694	\$ 855,004
Accrued liabilities	45,419	-	-	45,419
Due to other funds	144,627	86,292	130,587	361,506
Due to school district	5,305,753	-	-	5,305,753
Tax refunds payable	166,901	-	-	166,901
Other liabilities	<u>75,104</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>75,104</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>6,493,513</b>	<b>183,893</b>	<b>132,281</b>	<b>6,809,687</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	<b>522,400</b>	<b>136,051</b>	<b>50,203</b>	<b>708,654</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>				
Nonspendable	8,185	-	70,750	78,935
Restricted	-	1,441,580	1,441,611	2,883,191
Committed	380,097	-	-	380,097
Assigned	37,775	-	-	37,775
Unassigned	<u>1,756,924</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69,770)</u>	<u>1,687,154</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>2,182,981</u></b>	<b><u>1,441,580</u></b>	<b><u>1,442,591</u></b>	<b><u>5,067,152</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ <u>9,198,894</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,761,524</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,625,075</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>12,585,493</u></b>

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

TOWN OF SUNAPEE												
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2016 (unaudited)												
	2013 Voted	2014 Voted	2015 Budget	2015 Expended	2016 Budget	2016 Expended thru Dec 2016 Not final	2017 Proposed Budget	2017 De-fault Budget	\$ of change / 2016	% of change posed / 2016	% of change pro-posed / 2015	% of overall budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT												
Executive	272,157	286,739	289,510	286,421	294,102	288,038	308,234	301,901	14,132	4.8%	5.72%	1.6%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	195,589	201,510	202,309	193,118	205,458	192,457	211,685	212,356	6,227	3.0%	3.93%	1.6%
Elections	8,261	14,443	4,978	4,479	14,514	13,583	6,472	6,972	-8,042	-55.4%	0.12%	191.6%
Finance	158,804	162,642	169,721	153,890	177,158	166,495	192,402	187,183	15,244	8.6%	3.57%	4.4%
Assess-Assessing	93,576	100,100	106,300	102,335	107,600	81,745	110,837	110,837	3,237	3.0%	2.06%	1.2%
Legal - GG - Legal Services	18,000	18,000	18,000	32,176	18,000	14,166	18,000	18,000	0	0.0%	0.33%	0.0%
Employment Benefits - Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	86	1,000	114	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0.02%	0.02%
Planning/Zoning	44,628	49,636	50,698	33,844	50,407	37,016	52,386	52,012	1,979	3.9%	0.97%	-0.6%
General Gov Buildings	101,478	113,422	116,383	105,614	137,753	120,062	142,652	141,490	4,899	3.6%	2.65%	18.4%
Cemetery	13,218	13,369	13,362	12,421	13,536	11,255	13,536	13,536	0	0.0%	0.25%	1.3%
Insurance - Prop. Liab. Veh	4,800	8,252	9,642	8,102	9,661	3,757	9,661	9,661	0	0.0%	0.18%	0.2%
Information Booth	12,635	12,804	12,923	12,205	13,316	14,482	13,409	13,070	93	0.7%	0.25%	3.0%
Other General Gov't	26,382	28,688	31,676	26,596	29,609	25,527	29,853	29,807	244	0.8%	0.55%	-6.5%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	950,528	1,010,605	1,026,502	971,286	1,072,114	968,697	1,110,127	1,097,825	38,013	3.5%	20.59%	4.4%
Police	719,589	758,239	778,103	739,631	777,272	737,094	801,430	796,331	24,158	3.1%	14.87%	-0.1%
Ambulance	51,000	51,850	53,449	53,449	56,100	56,100	56,100	56,100	0	0.0%	1.04%	5.0%
Fire	122,511	190,029	191,163	189,801	199,546	182,197	199,968	181,595	422	0.2%	3.71%	4.4%
Emergency Management	200	200	200	0	200	0	200	200	0	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
Safety Services Building	125,587	137,868	148,569	137,469	143,222	129,407	136,727	136,808	-6,495	-4.5%	2.54%	-3.6%
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,018,887	1,138,186	1,171,484	1,120,350	1,176,340	1,104,798	1,194,425	1,171,034	18,085	1.5%	22.16%	0.4%
Highway	1,208,689	1,357,110	1,544,765	1,438,109	1,560,589	1,414,345	1,581,337	1,540,029	20,748	1.3%	29.34%	1.0%
Street Lights	36,750	36,750	36,750	36,630	36,750	25,948	36,750	36,750	0	0.0%	0.68%	0.0%
Transfer Station	503,859	536,540	505,980	455,648	499,462	445,261	506,571	510,738	7,109	1.4%	9.40%	-1.3%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	1,749,298	1,930,400	2,087,495	1,930,387	2,096,801	1,885,554	2,124,658	2,087,517	27,857	1.3%	39.42%	0.4%
												39.89%

TOWN OF SUNAPEE												
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2016 (unaudited)												
	2013 Voted	2014 Voted	2015 Budget	2015 Expended	2016 Budget	2016 Expend thru Dec 2016 Not final	2017 Proposed Budget	2017 Default Budget	\$ of change / 2016	% of change pro- posed / 2016	% of change pro- posed / 2015	% of overall budget
Health	4,624	4,828	4,939	518	4,969	358	5,151	5,110	182	3.7%	0.10%	0.09%
Animal Control	500	500	500	140	500	0	500	500	0	0.0%	0.01%	0.01%
Health - LSVNA & KCOA	14,678	14,856	14,856	14,678	14,384	14,384	15,176	14,384	792	5.5%	0.28%	0.27%
Welfare	50,901	51,799	52,088	24,931	52,385	15,544	51,019	52,794	-1,366	-2.6%	0.95%	1.00%
Recreation	145,379	148,350	148,478	148,830	150,585	143,493	151,258	151,025	673	0.4%	2.81%	2.86%
Library	317,961	339,845	349,170	349,968	362,752	350,833	394,316	378,106	31,564	8.7%	7.32%	6.90%
Memorial Day Supplies	200	200	200	62	200	108	200	200	0	0.0%	0.00%	0.00%
Band Concerts	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%	0.09%	0.10%
Conservation Commission	3,250	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,550	2,624	3,550	3,550	0	0.0%	0.07%	0.07%
TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICE	542,493	568,878	578,731	547,627	594,325	532,344	626,170	610,669	31,845	5.4%	11.62%	11.31%
Debt Service - Principal	182,180	181,633	249,767	230,867	246,027	246,027	261,188	261,188	15,161	6.2%	4.85%	4.68%
Debt Service - Interest	72,770	111,352	68,161	40,469	70,044	70,219	72,716	72,716	2,672	3.8%	1.35%	1.33%
TAN Interest	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%	0.02%	0.02%
TOTAL DEBT	255,950	293,985	318,928	271,336	317,071	316,246	334,904	334,904	17,833	5.6%	6.21%	6.03%
SUBTOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	4,517,156	4,942,054	5,183,140	4,840,986	5,256,651	4,807,639	5,390,284	5,301,949	133,633	2.54%	100.00%	100.00%
Encumbrance from operating				11,998								
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS												
Water	497,343	506,667	503,344	479,147	500,038	435,374	505,358	499,857	5,320	1.06%		
Sewer	942,153	975,276	1,090,249	860,252	1,099,682	820,276	1,074,238	1,107,431	-25,445	-2.31%	-0.7%	
Hydroelectric	108,674	113,360	114,145	59,222	131,703	43,531	132,760	132,472	1,057	0.80%	0.9%	
SUBTOTAL SPEC REV FUNDS	1,548,170	1,595,303	1,707,738	1,398,621	1,731,423	1,299,181	1,712,356	1,739,760	-19,068	-1.10%	15.4%	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	6,065,326	6,537,357	6,890,878	6,251,605	6,988,074	6,106,820	7,102,640	7,041,709	114,566	1.64%	1.4%	
Special & Individ Articles	1,516,000	560,000	105,000	105,000	325,000							
Expendable Trusts	1,000	3,600	2,900	2,900	47,100							
Capital Reserve Funds	332,300	270,000	50,000	50,000	235,000							
TOTAL SEPARATE ARTICLES	1,849,300	833,600	157,900	157,900	607,100							
TOTAL BUDGET	7,914,626	7,370,957	7,048,778	6,409,505	7,595,174							

TOWN OF SUNAPEE								
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES 2017 (unaudited)								
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
		Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Revised Revenues	Proposed Revenues
	TAXES							
3120	Land Use Change Tax	2,000	4,765	0	24,005	0		
3180	Resident Tax							
3185	Timber Tax	800	8,752	0	1,955	0		
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes							
3189	Other Taxes							
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	76,000	85,000	100,600	95,000	75,000	54,000	50,000
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)							
	<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>							
3210	Business Licenses & Permits					500	500	500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	650,000	725,000	675,000
3230	Building Permits	20,000	28,287	29,000	29,000	43,000	48,000	45,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
3311-3319	<b>FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
	<b>FROM STATE</b>							
3351	Shared Revenues							
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	150,315	150,091	150,037	162,760	163,358	177,364	177,364
3353	Highway Block Grant	121,487	106,900	103,518	104,209	112,072	121,863	121,863
3354	Water Pollution Grant	6,156	6,156	5,272	5,328	5,308	5,308	5,308
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement							
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	10,000	0			2,200	2,200	2,200
3379	<b>FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS</b>	98,460	95,500	95,500	95,500	98,755	102,756	98,000

<b>TOWN OF SUNAPEE</b>								
<b>COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES 2017 (unaudited)</b>								
		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
		Revised 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	97,000	159,859	97,000	145,000	84,000	80,000
3409	Other Charges	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	5,550	2,000	2,000
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>							
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	5,800	1,000	28,679	67,119	1,900	16,330	1,000
3502	Interest on Investments	24,000	30,000	28,000	30,000	30,000	40,000	30,000
3503-3509	Other	21,600	1,623,500	47,637	22,500	26,000	38,000	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	942,153	1,040,276	1,117,749	1,149,682	1,074,238
	Water - (Offset)	546,787	710,959	497,343	506,667	525,844	500,038	505,358
	Electric - (Offset)	187,968	208,621	108,674	113,360	114,145	391,703	132,760
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	636,500	158,000	266,000	270,000			
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds							
	<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>							
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	2,800,000	2,360,000	975,000				
	<b>SUBTOTAL OF REVENUES</b>	6,337,575	7,229,694	4,172,472	3,424,879	3,152,381	3,494,744	3,062,591
	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	
	<b>Net Revenues</b>	\$6,638,175	\$7,692,194	\$4,472,472	\$3,728,479	\$3,455,281	\$3,841,844	\$3,362,591

***BALANCE SHEET—UNAUDITED***  
***Assets as of 12/31/16***

**CASH ON HAND**

General Fund	\$6,890,386.47
Hydro Electric Fund	736,033.34
Water Dept. Funds	435,681.88
Sewer Dept. Funds	1,638,292.03
Misc. Other Funds	198,229.23
 Funds in Custody of Treasurer:	 \$9,898,622.95

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Due from Hydro Fund- Operating Expenses	278,434.31
Due from Special Recreation	41,661.25
Due from School	5,874.19
Due from Water & Sewer	100,315.26
 TOTAL:	 426,285.01

**TAXES UNCOLLECTED:**

Levy of 2016	559,538.87
Levy of 2015	106,244.02
Levy of 2014	77,760.20
Levy of 2013	1,158.76
Levy of 2012+	5,892.24
 TOTAL:	 750,594.09

TOTAL AR/UNCOLLECTED	\$ 1,176,879.10
TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL:	\$11,075,502.05

**LIABILITIES AS OF 12/31/16:**

Overpayment of Taxes	\$ 99,723.65
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**Unexpended Balances:**

Recreation maintenance	3,150.00
Executive Telephone System	3,000.00

**Due to Other Funds:**

Bartlett Tyler Fund	29,070.42
Bandstand Account	1,027.65
Conservation Commission	87,483.32
Dewey Woods Commission	1,604.86
Harbor Ridge Property Invest. Pool	3,201.79
Drug Forfeiture Fund	7,726.86
Special Recreation Account	59,585.92
Coffin Memorial Park	255.65
Special Fund – Pistol Permits	2,620.94
Sunapee Center Assoc	450.02
Town Forest Fund	5,201.80
Hydro Account	736,033.34
Water Department Fund	435,681.88
Sewer Department Fund	1,639,292.03
Due to School	5,268,711.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$8,383,821.13</b>

<b>ASSETS VS LIABILITIES:</b>	<b>\$2,691,680.92</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	\$1,024,275.00
New Abbott Library	\$975,000.00	2015	2033	2.76	\$926,250.00
Lake Avenue	\$369,241.00		2024	4.25	\$369,241.00
Perkins Pond Sewer WWTP Upgrade Project	\$1,585,000.00	2015	2042	2.5	\$1,585,000.00
TOTAL:					

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

Future Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Total
2016	\$423,932.00	\$193,535.00	\$617,467.00
2017	\$427,106.00	\$181,432.00	\$608,538.00
2018	\$432,321.00	\$168,711.00	\$601,032.00
2019	\$436,579.00	\$156,206.00	\$592,785.00
2020	\$440,881.00	\$144,159.00	\$585,040.00
2021-2025	\$1,578,821.00	\$546,146.00	\$2,124,967.00
2026-2042	\$2,669,711.00	\$648,138.00	\$3,317,849.00
	\$6,409,351.00	\$2,038,327.00	\$8,447,678.00

TREASURER'S COMPARATIVE BALANCE						
INSTITUTION	ACCOUNT NAME	ACT NUMBER	RATE	BALANCE December 31, 2015	RATE December 31, 2016	BALANCE December 31, 2016
<b>TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCTS:</b>						
<u>LkSunBk - Transaction Accts</u>	General Account	8-235-167-280	1.00%	7,282,818.23	1.00%	6,886,722.22
"	Payroll		0.05%	4,818.09	0.05%	364.25
<u>Subtotal</u>				7,287,636.32	6,887,086.47	
<u>LkSunBk - Stmt Savings Accts</u>	Coffin Memorial Park	579-420	0.25%	255.52	0.05%	255.65
"	Conservation Comm.	497-660	0.49%	22,836.63	0.40%	87,483.32
"	Sunapee Ctr Assoc	568-960	0.25%	449.80	0.05%	450.02
<u>Subtotal</u>				23,541.95	88,188.99	
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Bandstand Account	506-502-627	0.55%	1,026.62	0.36%	1,027.65
"	Bartlett Taylor Fund		CD	29,051.70	1.85%	29,070.42
"	Dewey Woods Comm.	100-052-018	0.55%	1,603.25	0.35%	1,604.86
"	Harbor Ridge Property	506-501-388	0.55%	3,198.58	0.35%	3,201.79
"	Hydro Account	506-524-418	0.15%	662,547.95	1.00%	736,033.34
"	Drug Forfeiture	129-411-974	0.10%	7,726.09	0.05%	7,726.86
"	Pistol Permit	230-104-069		2,620.68	0.04%	2,620.94
"	Special Recreation Fund	125-404-948	0.55%	54,407.79	0.11%	59,585.92
"	Town Forest	506-518-531	0.55%	5,196.59	0.35%	5,201.80
<u>Subtotal</u>				767,379.25	846,073.58	
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:</u>	Total - Town of Sunapee			8,078,557.52	7,821,349.04	6,975,275.46
<u>SRB - Transaction Accts</u>	Water Dept - General Fund	230-115-115	1.00%	314,717.89	1.00%	314,717.89
"	Water Dept - Replacement	306-131-384	1.00%	80,705.25	1.00%	80,705.25
<u>Subtotal</u>				395,423.14	395,423.14	
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Water Dept Cap Imprvmt	506-504-433	1.00%	40,258.74	0.05%	40,258.74
<u>Subtotal</u>	Total - Water Department			435,681.88	435,681.88	435,681.88
<u>SEWER DEPARTMENT ACCTS:</u>						
<u>SRB - Transaction Accts</u>	Sewer Dept - General Fund	230-115-131	1.00%	605,613.20	1.00%	605,613.20
"	Sewer Dept - Replacement	306-131-376	1.00%	554,793.00	1.00%	554,793.00
<u>Subtotal</u>	Sewer Upgrade Construction	230-138-810	0.00%	51,510.19	0.00%	51,510.19
				1,211,916.39	1,211,916.39	
<u>Sugar River Bank</u>	Sewer Dept Cap Imprvmt	506-504-425	1.00%	427,375.64	1.00%	427,375.64
<u>Claremont Savings Bank</u>	Perkins Pond Construction Acct	9343339		5,252.33		0
<u>Subtotal</u>	Total - Sewer Department			1,644,544.36	1,639,292.03	1,639,292.03
<u>TOTAL - ALL ACCOUNTS</u>				10,158,783.76	9,896,322.95	6,975,275.46
						2,921,047.49

## ***TOWN CLERK REMITTANCES TO TREASURER 2016***

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### **Town Clerk:**

Remittances made to Treasurer - 2016:

Auto Registrations: \$ 811,743.68

Boat Registrations: \$ 11,303.50

Dog Licenses:

Town of Sunapee \$ 4,356.50

State of NH \$ 372.50

Dept. of Agriculture \$ 1,312.00

Vital Statistics

State of NH \$ 2,054.00

Clerk Fees:

Auto Registrations \$ 15,975.50

UCC Filings \$ 630.00

Wetland's Application \$ 17.50

Vital Statistics \$ 936.00

Return Check Fees \$ 100.00

Disk Sales/Copies \$ 409.25

**Total Remittances:**

**\$ 849,210.43**

## **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
0132-0033-0000	Route 11		3.70	\$	30,200
0147-0005-0000	638 Route 103		10.10	\$	119,000
0148-0043-0000	Edgemont Rd		0.02	\$	32,700
0218-0002-0000	Sargent Rd		0.21	\$	4,800
0218-0048-0000	Apple Hill Rd		7.10	\$	8,200
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	\$	149,900
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	\$	132
0207-0028-0000	Ledge Pond		8.76	\$	39,950
0210-0003-0000	Trow Hill Rd		40.00	\$	16,200
0210-0009-0000	Fieldstone Drive		26.93	\$	52,700
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	\$	14,301
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	\$	1,412
0231-0017-0000	Youngs Hill Rd		0.98	\$	45,400
0238-0054-0000	Penacock Path		1.70	\$	34,400
0238-0055-0000	Penacock Path		1.40	\$	33,500

**TOTALS: 873.67 \$37,598,895**

# TAX COLLECTOR (MS-61)



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

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)



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

MS-61

Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2015	Year:	Year:	
Property Taxes	3110		\$516,247.26			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance ?			(\$60,909.46)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	3110	\$18,007,240.52				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$140.00	\$7,500.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$2,927.25				
Excavation Tax	3187	\$48.00				
Other Taxes	3189					
<input type="text"/> Utility-Water/Sewer/Bond	<input type="text"/>		\$79,131.51			
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>						

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies		
Property Taxes	3110	\$7,837.00				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>					
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>						
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$11,370.04	\$28,607.41			
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					

Total Debits	\$18,029,562.81	\$576,576.72			
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FINANCIALS



**New Hampshire**  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

**MS-61**

Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$17,554,411.30	\$343,781.37		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$7,500.00		
Yield Taxes	\$2,927.25			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$11,370.04			
Penalties		\$28,607.41		
Excavation Tax	\$48.00			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$129,411.49		
<input type="checkbox"/> Utility-Water/Sewer/Bond		\$61,276.45		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	\$991.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="checkbox"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				





Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report		Prior Levies	
	2015			
Property Taxes	\$559,398.87			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$140.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ⑦	(\$99,723.65)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ⑦				
Total Credits		\$18,029,562.81	\$570,576.72	



Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012+	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$109,190.70	\$71,794.19	\$8,666.44	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$139,579.61			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$1,732.43	\$10,674.84	\$21,290.40	
- Abated Interest	\$83.52	\$121.44	\$163.64	
Add Line				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$141,312.04</b>	<b>\$119,949.06</b>	<b>\$93,206.03</b>	<b>\$10,210.13</b>

Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies			
	2014	2013	2012+	
Redemptions	\$27,694.10	\$28,404.82	\$67,432.55	\$2,540.04
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$1,732.43	\$10,674.84	\$21,290.40	\$1,380.05
- Abated Interest	\$83.52	\$121.44	\$163.64	
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$242.10	\$233.68	\$234.16	
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$5,641.49	\$2,783.58	\$2,069.20	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$106,244.02	\$77,760.20	\$1,158.76	\$5,892.24
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$141,312.04</b>	<b>\$119,949.06</b>	<b>\$93,206.03</b>	<b>\$10,210.13</b>



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 H

Ramspott

1/18/2017

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

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

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

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Signature and Title

# REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2016

Through December 31, 2016

## NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

UNDER RSA 31:19-a

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
Various	Cemetery - <b>0001</b>	\$54,181.44	\$0.00	\$96.83	\$54,278.27	\$0.00	\$54,278.27
	Common #1						
Various	Student Awards - <b>0018</b>	\$56,194.98	\$0.00	\$100.43	\$56,295.41	\$0.00	\$56,295.41
	Common #2						
1983	Bartlett Speaking - <b>0019</b>	\$14,950.43	\$0.00	\$26.72	\$14,977.15		\$14,977.15
1983	Bartlett Park - <b>0017</b>	\$20,281.32	\$0.00	\$36.25	\$20,317.57		\$20,317.57
1988	Touhy Memorial Sch - <b>0050</b>	\$21,347.52	\$0.00	\$38.15	\$21,385.67	\$0.00	\$21,385.67
1970	Library General - <b>0021</b>	\$9,323.87	\$0.00	\$16.67	\$9,340.54	\$0.00	\$9,340.54
1972	Library Gardner - <b>0005</b>	\$2,688.97	\$0.00	\$4.81	\$2,693.78	\$0.00	\$2,693.78
1969	Firemen's - <b>0002</b>	\$17,334.41	\$0.00	\$30.98	\$17,365.39	\$0.00	\$17,365.39
	Knowlton						
1969	Firemen's - <b>0003</b>	\$6,820.54	\$0.00	\$12.19	\$6,832.73	\$0.00	\$6,832.73
	Robinson						
1987	Fireman's - <b>0025</b>	\$1,167.23	\$0.00	\$2.09	\$1,169.32	\$0.00	\$1,169.32
	Warren & Quaw						
1966	Parks-Coffin - <b>0006</b>	\$10,234.61	\$0.00	\$18.29	\$10,252.90	\$0.00	\$10,252.90
1958	Visiting Nurses - <b>0004</b>	\$2,606.83	\$0.00	\$4.66	\$2,611.49	\$0.00	\$2,611.49
1987	Historical Society - <b>0013</b>	\$37,800.57	\$0.00	\$67.55	\$37,868.12	\$0.00	\$37,868.12
1990	Crowther Family Trust - <b>0014</b>	\$8,899.36	\$82.76	\$16.04	\$8,998.16	\$0.00	\$8,998.16

**Total Non Expendable Funds**

\$263,832.08	\$82.76	\$471.66	\$264,386.50	\$0.00	\$264,386.50
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# REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2016

Through December 31, 2016

## EXPENDABLE PRIVATE TRUST FUNDS

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
1989	Cemetery Expendable - <b>0016</b>	\$48,255.75	\$6,500.00	\$88.13	\$54,843.88	\$0.00	\$54,843.88
1995	Expendable Insurance - <b>0007</b>	\$7,926.84	\$0.00	\$14.17	\$7,941.01	\$0.00	\$7,941.01
1996	Memorial Grdns - <b>0022</b>	\$864.33	\$0.00	\$1.55	\$865.88		\$865.88
2015	Theilen Sunapee Food Pantry Agreement - <b>0055</b>	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$10.02	\$0.00	\$10.02
2000	Special Education Trust - <b>0029</b>	\$312,624.97	\$25,000.00	\$559.13	\$338,184.10	\$0.00	\$338,184.10
2000	Expendable Sam Bond Memorial - <b>0039</b>	\$7,255.18	\$0.00	\$12.97	\$7,268.15	\$0.00	\$7,268.15
2004	Raymond Leone Scholarship - <b>0040</b>	\$1,106.63	\$0.00	\$1.97	\$1,108.60	\$0.00	\$1,108.60
1996	Molloy Scholarship - <b>0031</b>	\$28.23	\$0.00	\$0.05	\$28.28	\$0.00	\$28.28
1995	Burrill Scholarship - <b>0033</b>	\$1,061.44	\$0.00	\$1.46	\$1,062.90	\$500.00	\$562.90
1998	Charles-Esther Flint Scholarship - <b>0032</b>	\$80.04	\$0.00	\$0.14	\$80.18	\$0.00	\$80.18
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>	\$322.84	\$10,000.00	\$3.47	\$10,326.31	\$0.00	\$10,326.31
2004	Crowther Chapel - <b>0041</b>	\$4,078.38	\$0.00	\$7.19	\$4,085.57	\$82.76	\$4,002.81
2005	Sunapee Beautification - <b>0043</b>	\$174.53	\$0.00	\$0.06	\$174.59	\$174.59	\$0.00
2014	Brown Family Revocable Trust - <b>0053</b>	\$3,108.83	\$5,000.00	\$7.01	\$8,115.84	\$0.00	\$8,115.84
2009	L.R.Pierce Memorial Playground - <b>0048</b>	\$1,125.79	\$0.00	\$2.01	\$1,127.80	\$0.00	\$1,127.80

Total Expendable Funds

\$388,023.82	\$46,500.00	\$699.33	\$435,223.15	\$757.35	\$434,465.80
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## FINANCIALS

# REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE - TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2016

Through December 31, 2016

## 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>	\$8,205.12	\$115,000.00	\$47.98	\$123,253.10	\$0.00	\$123,253.10
1989	Highway Department C/R - <b>0010</b>	\$159,151.57		\$284.43	\$159,436.00	\$0.00	\$159,436.00
1997	Used Highway Equipment - <b>0027</b>	\$13,835.57	\$9,000.00	\$27.33	\$22,862.90	\$0.00	\$22,862.90
1992	School Buildings Cap Imp Res - <b>0008</b>	\$161,142.41	\$25,000.00	\$288.40	\$186,430.81	\$0.00	\$186,430.81
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>	\$102,748.47	\$16,000.00	\$188.27	\$118,936.74	\$0.00	\$118,936.74
2003	Dirt Roads Paving CA - <b>0038</b>	\$33,225.40	\$0.00	\$59.38	\$33,284.78	\$0.00	\$33,284.78
2008	Sunapee Central Elementary C/R - <b>0045</b>	\$136,964.69	\$25,000.00	\$245.19	\$162,209.88	\$0.00	\$162,209.88
2009	Harbor House Livery CA - <b>0046</b>	\$28,864.23	\$0.00	\$51.58	\$28,915.81	\$0.00	\$28,915.81
2013	Sewer Capital Improvement C/R	\$14,013.30	\$0.00	\$25.05	\$14,038.35	\$0.00	\$14,038.35
2015	Sunapee High School Roof C/R - <b>0054</b>	\$75,037.95	\$0.00	\$134.11	\$75,172.06		\$75,172.06
2010	Building Maintenance Cap Res - <b>0049</b>	\$60,727.99	\$80,000.00	\$131.70	\$140,859.69	\$0.00	\$140,859.69
2012	Touhy Family LLC CR - <b>0051</b>	\$7,728.20	\$0.00	\$13.14	\$7,741.34	\$1,000.00	\$6,741.34

**Total Capital Reserve Funds**

\$801,644.98	\$270,000.00	\$1,496.56	\$1,073,141.54	\$1,000.00	\$1,072,141.54
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**ABBOTT LIBRARY**  
**PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL**  
*January through December 2016*

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>		
Income		
46400 · Other Types of Income		
46429 · Interest Operating Acct	20.79	1.59
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	20.79	1.59
1 · Town Funding Contributions		
102 · Town Funding Insurance	1,586.68	4,293.00
100 · Town Funding	106,672.04	97,805.00
101 · Town Funding Payroll & Benefits	251,441.56	260,654.00
Total 1 · Town Funding Contributions	<u>359,700.28</u>	<u>362,752.00</u>
Expense		
2 · Payroll and Benefit Expenses		
207 · Full Time Wages	101,056.09	103,033.00
208 · Part Times Wages	82,644.37	87,188.00
209 · Unused Sick Time	1,268.78	2,390.00
210 · Health Insurance	39,065.88	39,066.00
215 · Life & Disability Insurance	1,553.62	1,831.00
220 · FICA & Medicare	2,592.32	2,712.00
221 · Employee FICA	11,084.86	11,596.00
231 · Retirement Contribution	11,298.52	11,776.00
250 · Unemployment Comp Insurance	299.53	331.00
260 · Workers Compensation Insurance	577.59	731.00
Total 2 · Payroll and Benefit Expenses	<u>251,441.56</u>	<u>260,654.00</u>
3 · Prof. & Tech Services		
341 · Telephone	796.37	805.00
341A · Fire Alarm	395.00	360.00
341B · Internet Access	453.22	580.00
342A · Computer Support/Hardware	4,700.52	1,800.00
342B · Copier Lease	3,740.76	3,305.00
365 · Equipment Repair	198.28	500.00
Total 3 · Prof. & Tech Services	<u>10,284.15</u>	<u>7,350.00</u>
4 · Facilities		
410 · Electricity	9,606.84	9,000.00
411 · Heat	3,145.45	5,000.00
412 · Water	564.00	700.00
413 · Sewer	460.00	450.00
430 · Bldg Repair & Maintenance	5,099.53	6,060.00
440 · Outside Maintenance	2,602.38	3,095.00
Total 4 · Facilities	<u>21,478.20</u>	<u>24,305.00</u>
5 · Other Services		
520 · Insurance	1,586.68	4,293.00
540 · Training and Meetings	1,120.48	800.00
550 · Programs	302.66	950.00
555 · Advertising	395.60	500.00
560 · Membership	490.00	600.00
5 · Other Services - Other	65.00	
Total 5 · Other Services	<u>3,960.42</u>	<u>7,143.00</u>
6 · Supplies		
610-A · Machine Supplies	903.64	750.00
610-C · Program Supplies	3,566.79	3,500.00
610 · General Supplies	1,899.75	2,000.00
625 · Postage	281.15	350.00
630 · Office Equipment	368.78	300.00
640 · Custodial Supplies	1,025.84	1,500.00
6 · Supplies - Other	17.49	
Total 6 · Supplies	<u>8,063.44</u>	<u>8,400.00</u>

<b>62100 · Contract Services</b>		
62110 · Accounting Fees	0.00	100.00
62140 · Legal Fees	1,920.00	3,500.00
<b>Total 62100 · Contract Services</b>	<u>1,920.00</u>	<u>3,600.00</u>
<b>7 · Capital Outlay</b>		
750 · Furniture and Fixtures	10,211.97	300.00
<b>Total 7 · Capital Outlay</b>	<u>10,211.97</u>	<u>300.00</u>
<b>8 · Library Materials</b>		
802-A · Books	30,472.13	27,500.00
802-B · Subscriptions	4,263.37	5,200.00
802-C · Non-Print	7,188.53	7,000.00
802-D · Large Print	0.00	1,000.00
802-F · Software	5,779.10	6,500.00
802-G · Collection Supplies	3,638.88	2,000.00
802-H · E-Content	1,120.55	1,800.00
8 · Library Materials - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 8 · Library Materials</b>	<u>52,462.56</u>	<u>51,000.00</u>
<b>9 · Bank Charges and Fees</b>	<u>51.00</u>	<u>51.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>359,873.30</u>	<u>362,752.00</u>

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### ***2016 DONATION ACCOUNT***

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	<u><b>Dec 31, 16</b></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
B201 · Cap. Campaign/Donation Account	6,413.96
Total Checking/Savings	<u>6,413.96</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>6,413.96</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>6,413.96</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
32000 · Temp. Restricted Cap. Campaign	8,050.54
Net Income	-1,636.58
Total Equity	<u>6,413.96</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>6,413.96</b></u>

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

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	<u><b>Jan - Dec 16</b></u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
46400 · Other Types of Income	
46480 · Book Reimbursement	603.16
46481 · Non-Resident Fees	520.00
46482 · General Donations/Coffee	238.63
46487 · Printing/Copying Income	2,305.39
46488 · Fax	169.05
46489 · Overdue Conscience	545.15
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	<u>4,381.38</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>4,381.38</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
999 · Trust&Fines Expenses-Restricted	1,382.68
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>1,382.68</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>2,998.70</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><b>2,998.70</b></u>



## ***SUMMARY & MINUTES OF 2016 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING***

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. The polls were opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm and 989 cast their votes on March 8, 2016.**

Moderator Harry Gale opened the Deliberative Session on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:02p.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 Josh Trow led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Alan Peterson.

Moderator Harry Gale asked Betty Ramspott, Town Clerk to read the candidates for offices that will be placed on the town ballot on March 8, 2016.

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

\*Indicates Winner

			Votes
1 Moderator	2 Year Term	*Harry Gale	734
2 Selectmen	3 Year Term	Charles Smith	119
		Don Bettencourt	328
		*Frederick Gallup	680
		*Shane Hastings	544
1 Treasurer	1 Year Term	*Alan W. Doherty	826
1 Fire Engineer	4 Year Term	*Daniel Ruggles	859
1 Cemetery Commissioner	3 Year Term	*Don Bettencourt	38WI
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term	*Terri Jillson White	748
		*Carol Lee Brudnicki	677
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term	*Lena Welch	795
1 Planning Board Members	1 Year Term	*Shane Hastings	752
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term	*Donna Davis Larrow	667
		*Joe Furlong	639
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term	*Kathy Weinstein	857
1 Water & Sewer Commissioners	1 Year Term	*Jimmy Williams	751
3 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term	Charles Smith	238
		*Ted Gallup	708
		*Peter Hill	512
		*Paul Manson	451
		Gunther (Dundee) Nestler	341
2 Zoning Board Members	3 Year Term	*Aaron Simpson	595
		*William Larrow	449
		George Neuwirt	391

**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.

**\*Yes 613 No 315**

**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.

**\*Yes 522 No 405**

**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.

**\*Yes 722 No 207**

**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.

**Yes 279 \*No 653**

**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.

**\*Yes 572 No 315**

**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.

**\*Yes 553 No 324**

**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.

**Yes 392 \*No 527**

**Alan Peterson asked how these related to the state regulations and Planning Board Member Tanner Royce informed voters that if passed these articles will mirror the State regulations. The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on Articles 2-8 being none he moved them to the official ballot.**

**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.

The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Sue Gottling.

Josh Trow reviewed highlights of the budget and stated that the baseline budget is up 1.4%. He went on to say it is mainly due to health care costs. With this being said we are looking forward to a new health care provision for next year an article you will note further down the warrant. Chairman Trow went over the noticeable line item increases and gave explanation of each including insurance and bridge issues the town is encountering. The Moderator recognized Don Bettencourt, Fernwood Point and he stated he had a few questions he asked why the town does not put tax impact of each warrant article like the school district does. Another question is why is so little difference between the budget and the default he is concerned about lack of choice voters have because the default and regular budget are so alike. He stated these are tough economic times with wages lower than 2007 and Social Security benefits flat. He asked if there was any thought or effort to decrease some line items on a dozen or so places the Budget Committee made to decrease spending. One being having payroll service rather than \$16,000 payroll clerk using a payroll services that would cost much less. Josh Trow stated we have been having a difficult time trying to fill two part time positions in particular the payroll clerk and highway department secretary. There is a great desire to get a new payroll clerk so that the person now performing these duties can be relieved to do other duties. Mr. Trow went on to say that New London is hiring a service to do a payroll study and we may be able to participate as these studies are very costly.

Mr. Bettencourt feels money in budget to buy such things as picnic tables and rafts could be removed and ask people for donations for these types of items. Chairman Trow stated that the Recreation Department does not refuse donations. Chairman Trow stated that we have qualified Department Heads and we trust their judgement. Mr. Bettencourt reminded the audience that last year voters defeated the budget and wanted to know what impact this had on services. Mr. Trow replied that all Departments were affected and two that come to mind are the Highway Department that put off some projects and the Police Department cut back on part time employees. Mr. Bettencourt asked if the budget were amended would it affect employee's pay. Chairman Trow responded we must pay all debts, welfare and legal expenses and after that we would work within the boundaries of the money appropriated. At this time Moderator Harry Gale asked Mr. Bettencourt if he wanted to make an amendment he should do so. Don Bettencourt made a motion to amend the budget to \$6,930,000 a \$50,000 reduction. The Moderator recognized Shaun Carroll, Apple Hill Rd. Mr. Carroll explained that Mr. Bettencourt is a member of the Budget Advisory Committee and attended the Budget Hearing and cannot understand why Mr. Bettencourt would get up in this forum and make this suggestion. Mr. Carroll went on to read the job description of the Budget Advisory Committee which states they are to assist the Board of Selectmen and make recommendations prior to the Deliberative Session and come to some common ground. Mr. Carroll stated we are going over the same thing tonight as the Budget Hearing. Mr. Carroll reminded Mr. Bettencourt that he signed a Code of Ethics, and referred to the Budget Advisory Committee Guidelines (attached). At this point it appears you are just trying to throw

complications into the system and confuse voters. The Department Heads have worked for months trying to present a budget that is good for the town and the tax payers. I urge voters to vote yes on the budget presented. The Moderator ruled the amendment out of order. Spec Bowers challenged the ruling. The Moderator asked for a voice vote of the body if they agreed with him that the amendment was out of order and it was in the affirmative siding with the moderator. Spec Bowers tried to again challenge the Moderator and was found out of order. Ted Gallup, Sargent Rd. spoke to the original article and believes it is a great operating budget and encourages everyone to vote for the budget. Tanner Royce stated he asked a lot of questions at budget hearing and after what he learned there he would speak in favor of the operating budget. Tanner Royce did question the maintenance of the old Abbott Library and our need to keep it heated. He feels draining the building for the winter would work and save us some money. The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.

**\*Yes    573       No       359**

**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

**The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by John Augustine.**

**Josh Trow informed voters that this is third year we have brought an article forward to try to purchase a grader that is 4 years past replacement time. The present grader will cost more to repair than it is worth. This year we would like to take \$220,000 from the Hydroelectric Fund and hope to get about \$26,000 in trade on the old grader. The new grader will be used for many task like snow clearing, ditching etc. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes    597       No       329**

**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

**The article was moved by John Augustine and seconded by Fred Gallup.**

**Josh Trow stated most people have idea of how capital reserve fund works, and this article is to keep us on track for purchasing Fire Equipment. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes    528       No       397**

**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

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

**Fred Gallup stated this is a fund we established last year to use for larger ticket items for our newer buildings allowing us not to put them in the operating budget. Again, we are trying to be proactive rather than reactive and cause spikes in the tax rate. Regular routine maintenance will be built in to the regular budget and this is for big ticket items. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes    548       No       369**

**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

**The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Sue Gottling.**

**Josh Trow explained the intent of this article is to plan for future bridge work, and as an example it will assist with the Bradford Rd Bridge when the repairs are done. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 662 No 256**

**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

**The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by John Augustine.**

**Josh Trow explained this article as originally brought forward was \$25,000 but reduced the amount to keep tax rate down. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 576 No 330**

**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

**The article was moved by John Augustine and seconded by Fred Gallup.**

**Fred Gallup explained we are attempting to set up a fund to enable us to get out of present insurance program as we could get penalized for offering this type of insurance. In the new plan we are anticipating higher deductibles and this fund would be used to assist employees to defray some of the costs. Town Manager Donna Nashawaty stated she would like to make everyone aware that we pay for our health insurance from January-December so we would need to approve the money this year in order for us to begin in January 2017. The money will be placed in fund balance and ear marked for this specific program. Spec Bowers stated in general he thinks this is a very good idea but is it necessary that the Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. He felt this was not necessary.**

**The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 480 No 428**

**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

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

**Fred Gallup explained this is money we raise each year to combat milfoil after finding in Georges Mills Harbor many years ago. He went on to say all the surrounding lake towns pay into a similar fund annually. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 715 No 205**

**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

The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Sue Gottling. Josh Trow stated that this is another article we see annually in varying amounts. The Conservation Commission receives 50% of Change in Use Tax collected each year. Chairman Trow expressed his support for this article as the Wendell Marsh project was such a success, and this allows the Conservation Commission to continue with projects in the future. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.

**\*Yes 538 No 379**

**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

The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by John Augustine.

Josh Trow this was brought about with realization that the software we use could be obsolete as we have not seen updates in the last few years. We would like to set up this fund to put us in a position to purchase new software or any items in the technology family if necessary. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.

**\*Yes 576 No 337**

**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.

The article was moved by John Augustine and seconded by Fred Gallup.

Josh Trow asked that a representative from Water & Sewer. Speak to this article. Dave Bailey Water & Sewer Superintendent explained that many years ago the reeds were brought in to take care of sludge but now they are taking over and infringing on abutting properties. He went on to explain that the reeds would need to be sprayed multiple times and it would kill them but not harmful to other vegetation. In order for the State and EPA to get this we have to raise the money. Charles Smith, Apple Hill Rd. stated after reading the warrant article there are no request by the state or the town that calls for their removal so why is this being presented and why isn't New London being asked to help pay for this. The warrant article asked for \$50,000 and Mr. Smith thinks it should be \$6,500. Dave Bailey disagreed and said this is a three year process and \$6,500 is not enough. Ted Gallup, Chairman Water & Sewer Commission explained these reeds are bleeding on the Jolyon Johnson property and we need to get this process moving, and it is important to act now. Jolyon Johnson, Route 11 explained he does own the property and his real concern is these are invasive species and they are approaching the Sugar River. He went on further to say what used to be 50 square feet of these reeds is now several acres. Josh Trow explained that if this article is approved the money can only be used for the purpose indicated and if it does not cost \$50,000 it will not be spent. After hearing from the above Charles Smith said he would be in favor of this article. The moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.

**\*Yes 684 No 228**

**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

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

**Fred Gallup explained that this is an annual request we see this each year and as Cemetery Lots are sold we put all the money in the General Fund and this article allows us to remove to this fund to be utilized for the maintenance of the cemeteries. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 727 No 196**

**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

**The article was moved by Josh Trow and seconded by Sue Gottling.**

**Josh Trow explained we want the Capital Reserve Account to be used for all bridges in town not just one's on the state's "red list". The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 657 No 238**

**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.

**The article was moved by Sue Gottling and seconded by John Augustine.**

**John Augustine explained the goal of this committee would be to tap into the expertise of our residents who can assist us with long term planning. Local experts who would volunteer to assist our Department Heads in their areas of knowledge. We have the Budget Advisory Committee to assist with the budget, but we are looking beyond the numbers to all other Departments. This committee would assist us with a 10 year plan and where the big dollar items are needed. The moderator asked for questions or discussion on the Article being none he moved it to the official ballot.**

**\*Yes 560 No 333**

**With no other business to transact the moderator asked for a motion to adjourn, Josh Trow made the motion it was seconded by Sue Gottling at 8:30pm.**

**Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

## ***BOARD OF SELECTMEN***

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2016 brought us excitement in one of the best ways – it laid the groundwork for the Old Abbott Library to have ownership transitioned to the Sunapee Historical Society (SHS). As of this report, we have agreed to a 24 month agreement with the SHS that also gives them a purchase option right up until the end of that time, for the entire amount needed by law to give the Abbott Library Trustees their due. It has been a long process getting to this point, and I commend all involved in the process on their work to keep the ball rolling, especially the SHS in their dogged pursuit of getting use to see, discuss, and agree to their idea.

2016 also saw unfortunate events affect our town, and as always we do our best to cope and move on but never forget the people who helped us get where we are. Specifically, Sharon Montambeault decided to leave the library, as has our wonderful library director Mary Danko. We were lucky to have Mary available to help find a person to try to fill Sharon's shoes, and the Abbott Library Trustees are currently looking to fill the director position. Finding the right people is never an easy task, and I wish the Trustees the best in their process. We are currently doing our best to ensure that all positions in the town are correctly compensated, and as such have recently approved a new pay scale based on the results of two other New Hampshire towns' pay studies. We hope this allows us to stay competitive and attract and maintain the best personnel we can.

Conversations about filling positions naturally find their way to all of the Selectboard, we do take them seriously. While hired personnel do fall under the Town Manager's role, we are in charge of many appointed boards and to that end I would like to say thank you to the re-started Advisory Budget Committee, who endured the pains of new process after we reconfigured the Committee to more closely follow the rules as set forth in the original warrant (in the late 80's!). It was not easy, but we do appreciate the members of the public who donated their time to help in this process, and also the department heads for putting in time over and above to try to find places where we can all work together more efficiently. As well however, we have a Capital Improvement Plan Committee that is lacking in membership – any and all interested in participating in planning the future of big-ticket items for the town (bridges, roads, buildings, vehicles) please stop by Town Office or go to the website and download and submit the form.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone. Thank you to all the employees of the Town, including the department heads and Town Manager, for their effort in keeping the town on the right track day-to-day, thank you to 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, and thank you to the Board and the Town for their trust in me as Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,  
Josh Trow, Chairman  
Board of Selectman



Photo Courtesy of Katie Flint



## ***TOWN MANAGER***

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As I try to recap the year, part of my process is to review minutes and read through notes over the past year. Each year I am reminded of issues that I forgot since a whole year has passed, so here goes. First I would like to say I have had the pleasure of working with most, if not all of the boards and committees and departments that write a report for this publication, please take the time to read the individual reports as I only touch on the major points during my manager report.

Last March, the Town approved the warrant articles that allowed the town to do some long term savings and planning. One initiative, is a reserve for health deductibles which was established and which will be able to be used to offer a lower rate plan to employees, reducing the cost of the town portion of contribution and offset some of the out of pocket deductible expense, overall a win win for both the town and the employees. During the establishment process on last year's warrant, the Board of Selectmen were not named as agents to expend so we corrected on this year's warrant. If the warrant article is successful, we could see some savings within our 2017 operating budget expenses. Another article that passed last year was the Computer System Capital Reserve Fund, meant to be a multiyear process to put money aside to purchase software to run the operations of the town, the current software package is not being enhanced in any way but being kept current with legal changes.

At the end of the year 2015, I was approached by a citizen with questions about "how does a dirt road get paved?" we explained some of the issues. That prompted an idea to grow, and a group of residents approached the town to pave a dirt road paid for by the residents on the road. In 2016, the Board of Selectmen accepted a check from the Woodland Road residents in the amount of \$81,990 and added the road to the work that was being bid out for the regular scheduled projects. I believe this was a first for Sunapee.

During 2018 the Town of Sunapee will celebrate the Sestercentennial. That is the short name for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charter of the town, scheduled to be held on August 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup> in 2018. Mark your calendar and get involved in the planning. The Sestercentennial has a committee and their minutes are being posted on the town's web site. The warrant article asked for this year is to come from fund balance and is to be start up money as the town prepares for this celebration.

A lot of time and energy was spent on figuring out what the options were for the disposition of the old Abbott Library and how to legally go about this. A Cy Pres agreement was developed between the town and the Library Trustees, the process needed court approval as well as NH Charitable Trust approval. With all of that in place, the Town chose a realtor and listed the property. The Sunapee Historical Society (SHS) came to the Selectmen with an offer of \$250,000 to purchase the building, agreeing to preserve the historical aspects of the property and provide a place for the Sunapee Thrift Shop. After SHS purchases the building, the Thrift Shop would rent the lower level for a 10 year period. (Note: this is a 2016 yearend report but as January 2017, the Board voted to give the Historical society a 24 month period to raise the funds and rent from the town in the meantime.)

In 2016 we had turnover in some of our departments for various reasons, these positions were refilled and I am sure our new employee's will have long successful employment with the Town of Sunapee. In 2016, the Town Manager was charged with reviewing the town salary tables. After an extensive review of the results of other town's surveys, the Board of Selectmen made some changes to the grades and tables. The expectation is that the town is neither the highest nor lowest paid for positions but someplace in the middle. The Board decided that a phased approach was best and implemented an expended table that accomplished a portion of the corrections necessary. While we are discussing employees, I should note that Sharon Montambeault who worked for the Town of Sunapee for 37 years retired at the end of the year 2016.

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.

Summer Town Meeting this year had good attendance, got good reviews from the attendees, 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. For the second 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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The goal of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office is to serve our residents and taxpayers in a professional and courteous manner while assuring accurate collection and timely deposits of property taxes, motor vehicle permits, boat permits, vital records, dog licenses and several other fees and permits.

The Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office also performs a wide variety of other functions including keeper of all town records and overseeing all elections including municipal, state and federal elections.

Elections took up a great deal of time and effort in 2016. With four elections it seems we would get over one and another was just around the corner. Elections require extensive knowledge and training by our election team which includes, Selectmen, Moderator, Town Clerk, Deputy Town Clerk, Supervisors of the Checklist and Ballot Clerks. We are so fortunate to have such an experienced team. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who assisted us at the polls this year, we could not have done it without you. Sunapee has always had a strong voting record and once again we succeeded in this respect. Below you will find the voter turnout of our elections:

- Presidential Primary 63%
- Town/School Meeting 37%
- State Primary 25%
- State/National Election 77%

In 2016 we registered 6425 motor vehicles this is sizable increase from the previous year's registrations in both numbers and dollars. In January we instituted using only one check to register motor vehicles and boats. This is another move to make registrations easier for our residents. The on-line registration option we instituted a few years ago has proven a success with 6% of our registration being processed in this fashion. The on-line is user friendly and the users find it very 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 moose license plate that says E-Reg, click on that and follow the directions from there. This is a helpful tool for those of you would like to know the cost before coming into the office to register.

Boat registration also realized an increase this year. 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 2016 our office registered 745 dogs, a small 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 2016 was no exception. Thank you taxpayers for all your efforts in getting your tax bills paid on time.

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 for all your support and guidance throughout the year. In order to serve our residents and tax payers it takes a team and I can say I am honored to be on this one.

It is a privilege 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 H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

## ***ABBOTT LIBRARY***

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This year we said “Happy Retirement” to Sharon Montambeault. After 37 years of service Sharon is looking forward to lots of time to read at home. We wish her a relaxing and happy retirement. We were delighted to hire Mindy Atwood as Assistant Director and are looking forward to all the wonderful initiatives and ideas Mindy has planned for the library. A big congratulations to Mindy for completing her Masters in Library Science from Clarion College last spring. We welcomed Justin Levesque to our team and he has been doing a great job at the circulation desk, managing Interlibrary Loan, assisting with materials processing and helping with collection development.

We’ve had many great programs at the library this year including a Valentine Making Party, a Stuffed Animal Sleepover, a Make-a- Messenger Bag Program, Learn to Play Mah Jongg series, Maker Lab Afternoons, a Meditating on Mind and Mindfulness program and a Honey Bee program co-sponsored with the Sunapee Gardeners. Our ongoing programs continue to go well and include Python Club, Chess, Story Times, Knit & Stitch Drop-In Evenings and Afternoons of Reading to Bumble Bee, our volunteer therapy dog. Our After School Kids (ASK) Program continues to engage students in literacy and enrichment activities. Last year special guests included the Lake Sunapee Protective Association, the Sunapee Police Department, the Colby-Sawyer Basketball team and special volunteer, Bob Friedlander, who did electrical circuit programming with the students.

This year our Student Summer Reading Theme was “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!” Participants could earn tickets for raffle prizes by reading and by being active. Our summer programming was well attended, especially our Community Sports Night. Thank you to all the folks who came and shared their sport activity with the kids. We had an adult Summer Reading program also. Participants could receive tickets for raffle prizes by reading books or by exercising. Thank you to the Friends of the Abbott Library for providing the funding for all our summer programs.

Thank you to Police Chief Dave Cahill for inviting library staff to speak with him at Coffee with the Chief mornings and at visits to Sunapee Cove. Allowing the library to present with him was an honor and we were grateful to reach a new audience to talk about library services.

All different kinds of art were displayed in the library throughout the year and we are so grateful to all the artists who shared their work. Last August we had our first ever Community Art show and it was a success. If you are interested in showing your art, please contact our Art Display Coordinator Volunteer, Carol Brudnick at [carol@brudnicki.com](mailto:carol@brudnicki.com)

Our book discussions continue to be well attended and our lists included fiction, non-fiction, memoir and new this year, graphic novels. This year we’ve added to our book discussions longer books which included David Copperfield, The Brothers Karamazov and Infinite Jest. These longer books have been interesting to read and our discussions have been lively.

We are once again a member of the Libraries of the Upper Valley (LUV) Co-op Rotating Audio Book Collection. Every 4 months we receive a new batch of audio books that supplement our permanent collection. Please be sure to browse through them when you come to the library.

We were so pleased to partner again with the schools on programming. This year there were Superintendent Forums, a Teacher night and several technology programs. We’d like to give a special thanks to Mindy Atwood for working out the details with the school so the library could be a “Reading Counts” testing place for Sunapee Middle High School Students. Mindy was also a judge for the Pumpkin Carving Contest at Haunted Harbor this year and the library was able to display the entries after the contest. So many talented carvers in Sunapee! Mary was a judge at the PTO’s Chowder Challenge and had a yummy, yet difficult time choosing the winners.

Our meeting rooms continue to be busy. You may not know that the library can assist

with proctoring exams. This year we proctored exams for students and for professionals doing certification testing.

Our 1,000 Books Reading Railroad program has officially left the station. The goal is to read 1,000 books to a child to help the child develop better language and literacy skills. Children that have 1,000 books read to them earn a very special tote bag. Along the way they can earn smaller prizes. Please come to the circulation desk to get the details. Thank you to the Friends of the Abbott Library for sponsoring this program.

Our volunteer roster continues to expand. Much help is given by our volunteers in so many capacities: shelving, office assistance, bookkeeping, statistic reporting, materials processing, technology help, book repair, children's program assistance, and special project assistance. This year all of our volunteers contributed more than 2,400 hours. In the spring, with support by the Friends of the Abbott Library, a special Training and Appreciation Volunteer Luncheon was held for regular volunteers to give supplemental training and to thank them for all their help. Thank you to all our volunteers for the help you give each and every day.

We would like to give a special thanks to the Friends of the Abbott Library for all their support again this year. The Friends fundraise through the Pancake Breakfast, the Plant Sale, the Annual Membership appeal and by the ongoing cook book sale. As you've read earlier in the report, the Friends sponsor many programs at the library. We were especially appreciative of their support in sending two staff members to the New England Library Association (NELA) Conference for 3 days. We were also very happy to receive a telescope and a VHS/DVD transfer machine due to their funding. Both are available for the community to use. We said a fond farewell in March to Dick and Betsy Katz who supported the library for many years. We miss you Dick & Betsy. You can support the Friends of the Abbott Library by becoming members, purchasing a "Taste of Sunapee" cook book or purchasing a library tote bag. The cook book and the tote bag make great gifts!

The Abbott Library Foundation supports the library as well. Because of their generosity the library was able to add a barrier and stairs for the Upper Parking Lot Project. The yearly gala, An Evening in Wonderland, was a huge success and the library is grateful for everyone who attended, for the silent auction donors, for the silent auction bidders and for all the volunteers who made it happen. Also at the gala many donors supported our wish tag items and our ongoing Projector Project. Look for these to unroll in the coming months.

Finally, we are sincerely appreciative of all the work done by the Abbott Library Trustee Board. The Trustees work very diligently all year to make sure the library is running smoothly and efficiently while providing top-notch service to the community. The Library Trustees are in charge of the July book sale. This event takes many hours of volunteering and the Library Trustee Book Sale Committee works hard to coordinate the volunteers and to ensure all the many details run effortlessly.

This coming year a major focus for the Trustees will be the Library's Strategic Plan. By the time of this publication forums and focus groups will have been held. If you haven't participated, please go to [www.AbbottLibrary.org/survey](http://www.AbbottLibrary.org/survey) to tell us what you think.

If you want to keep up with all the library happenings be sure to sign up for email newsletter by going to the website at [AbbottLibrary.org](http://AbbottLibrary.org), follow us on Facebook ([Facebook.com/AbbottLibrary](https://Facebook.com/AbbottLibrary)) and follow us on Twitter (@AbbottLibraryNH)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Danko  
Library Director

Staff  
Mindy Atwood, Assistant Director  
Justin Levesque, Library Aide  
Paula McKinley, Library Aide  
Brian Gebo, Custodian

Joyce Martin, Children's Librarian  
Shirley Weir, Library Aide  
Liz Moulton, Library Aide - Substitute

## ABBOTT LIBRARY SUMMARY STATISTICS 2016

Library Use:	2016	2015	2014	2013
Total Circulation	59,398	57,789	50,058	53,680
Patrons (Library Visits)	36,906	38,196	24,078	24,803
Online Patrons	984	1,165	882	935
New Registrations	274	372	267	197
Internet Usage	4,125	4,288	3,117	3,785
Reference	3,009	3,045	2,530	1,809
Wireless Usage	1,028	1,069	658	826
Downloaded Audio Books	1,482	1,169	784	737
Downloaded E Books	1,636	1,683	1,622	1,505
Downloaded Music	1,938	1,974	1,928	1,949

2016 Materials:	Added	Deleted
Adult Fiction	622	521
Adult Non-Fiction	488	355
Large Print	13	103
Adult Audio Books	194	149
Young Adult	149	189
Children's Fiction	583	1010
Children's Non-Fiction	187	172
DVD / Video	303	26
Music CD	83	3
Reference Books	5	1
<b>Totals</b>	2,627	2,529

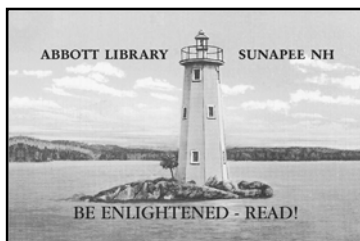
	2016	2015
<b>2014 Inter-Library Loans (through State ILL):</b>		
Requests <i>by Sunapee Filled</i>	471	547
Requests <i>to Sunapee Filled</i>	1,001	1,010

<b>Active Borrowers</b>	1,596	1,629
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<b>Website</b>		
Visits	14,682	16,534
Unique Visitors	6,645	9,175



Gala Chairs, Suzanne & Harry Tether chat with Trustee Board Chair, Terri White, at the Abbott Library Foundation 2016 Gala.



A wee patron gives a hug to Bumble Bee, our volunteer therapy dog.



Betsy & Dick Katz say farewell.



The book drop gets a Halloween make over



Students start the afternoon with a tasty and healthy snack at the After School Kids (ASK) Program.

## ASSESSING OFFICE

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We have completed our 11th 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 8 revaluations, the latest being Newbury. We are fully vested in providing fair and equitable assessments for all property owners.

We completed the most recent revaluation here in 2015. Since then we have had only one appeal beyond the local level. We attribute that to being open, transparent, fair and equitable. It also helps to understand the overall market and sub-markets we work in. A big help in the process are inspections and discussions with buyers of sale properties. This helps us understand their motivations about what is desirable and what is not desirable in the market. That helps us fine-tune our assessment model in future years.

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 Newbury and are in the process of producing our almost 500 page report to the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Preliminarily our assessment ratio is estimated to be around 95% which means assessments are tracking on average 95% of sale price. Our most recent equalization period which encompasses October 01, 2015 to September 30, 2016 show that we have 67 valid or "arm's length" sales. Compare that to the same time period a year earlier where there were 65 sales and 63 the year before. Compare that to the 2008 and 2009 period where there were only about 50 sales. 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 continue to perform data verification on about 200 properties a year and expect to do more this year since there are no revaluations in the three towns. 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 01, 2016. 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 can be accessed from all smart phones including apple products. There are also instructions to "read your property card". If you have questions regarding your property card, please call Melissa Pollari or feel free to e-mail, 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.

***Filing deadline: April 15<sup>th</sup>***

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***CEMETERY COMMISSION***

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**Burials**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Cemetery</u></b>	<b><u>Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Grave</u></b>
Dec. 19, 2015	Robert R. Wagner	New Eastman	77A	2
Dec. 29, 2015	June Torp-Pedersen	New Eastman	62C	1
Aug. 8, 2016	Jessica M. Putnam	New Eastman	14A	3
Aug. 24, 2016	Ruth E. Hastings	Perkins	8	1

**Cremations**

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Cemetery</u></b>	<b><u>Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Grave</u></b>
Feb. 16, 2016	Richard Gregory	New Eastman	83D	1
Feb. 19, 2016	Martha D. Landsiedel	New Eastman	24B	4
Aug. 8, 2016	Louise Howard	New Eastman	72A	2
Aug. 19, 2016	Jean G. Cary	New Eastman	79B	3
Aug. 31, 2016	James P. Lyons	New Eastman	90A	2
Nov. 11, 2016	Eva M. Avery	New Eastman	22A	3

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Trow, Chair

## ***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

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After a busy year your Conservation Commission is working on several projects. We are asking for your support on our Warrant Article that rolls the Wendell Marsh South property into our Town Forest system. This 155 acre piece which is easily accessible from Treatment Plant Road was protected in 2014 with the help of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust and abuts the Wendell Marsh North property which has frontage on Ryder Corner Road. Combined, the Town owns over 300 contiguous acres in this very important wildlife corridor, placing this parcel in the Town Forest will allow us to continue the careful management of this parcel to promote wildlife, water quality recreation and timber management. Our second project on the list is to promote and increase the recreational opportunities that are on this parcel. We installed a kiosk on the northern end of the property and have maps and user information there. We hope to install an interior trail network that will highlight the scenic and cultural features of this piece. We are making slow progress rebuilding our Conservation Commission fund; your support of our capital reserve article for \$55,000 will bring us along on our goal to reach \$250,000 in this account. We are required to have a forest management plan in place for the management of our properties in the Tree Farm program; we are sending out requests for proposals this winter and hope to have an update available for next summer. By the end of summer and into next fall we hope to do some low impact improvements to some of the woodlots that are under management. Please get out and enjoy the opportunities that are available to you right in our town, we look forward to seeing you on the trail.

Van O. Webb  
Chairman, Conservation Commission



Photo Courtesy of Katie Flint

## *CROWTHER CHAPEL*

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Another season has passed by and the Crowther Chapel committee wishes to thank the visitors we had this year. The comments from our guests were very warm and reassuring to say the least. Although we had a slightly lower attendance, the Chapel was enjoyed by all visiting. The schedule will be the same for next year. We are open the last Sunday of the months of July, August, and September, from 11:30 until 1:30. Special visitations for groups can be arranged with advanced notice.

A special thanks to John Augustine, Dexter's Inn, for his support. Also, a thank you to our docents, and the town crew who mowed and kept the grounds around the chapel neat and attractive.

The committee is proud of the Chapel as we look at it as a "Gem in the Woods".

Anyone interested in being a docent should contact the Sunapee Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Skip Nolin, Chairman

## ***FIRE DEPARTMENT***

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This year has been another busy and exciting year. The Fire/EMS Department had four hundred sixty-three (463) calls this year. This is down from last year by 5%.

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 and 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. 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, Loony Plunge and many more.

We are very excited about the Care Trak program that we have 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.

We have a new program started January 10, 2017. We have key boxes for homes so the fire department can get into homes when fire alarm, CO detector alarms or medical emergencies go off and either no one home or unable to get to door to unlock. This program is called HomeBox by Knox company. If you are interested, please contact Chief Daniel Ruggles.

As of January 1, 2010, all new homes are required to have Carbon Monoxide Detectors and all rental units, which include but are not limited to: apartment's, 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 are asking the Town to replace our forestry truck, which is a 1953 Dodge 4x4 truck. We would like to replace it as forestry / utility truck so we can use it for more calls.

We have the New London Ambulance staging in Sunapee Safety Service Building for surrounding towns since January, 2016. This has brought a big benefit to Sunapee and area towns. The ambulance and crew are housed in the Sunapee Safety Service Building 12 hours a day 7 days a week from 10 AM to 10 PM. This helps 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 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 to Richard Osborne who received The Outstanding Citizenship Award for the recipient from the Fire Department and Rhonda Gurney who received the Outstanding Citizenship Award for the community from the Fire Department for 2016.

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends all smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors that haven't been changed in over ten years you need to replace them with new ones.

## ***2016 FIRE / EMS CALLS***

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62 Fire Alarm Activations	5 Diabetic Emergencies
3 Chimney Fires	4 Lift Assists
55 Motor Vehicle Accidents	20 Falls
31 Mutual Aid	5 Dizzy
8 Structure Fires	3 Smoke Investigations
17 Carbon Monoxide Detectors Alarms	4 Allergy Reaction
21 Power Lines Down	6 Odor Investigations
3 Gas/Oil Leaks	3 Propane Alarm
7 Brush Fire	3 Car Fires
16 Cardiac Calls	5 Public Assist
26 Breathing Difficulties	6 Lockout
5 Unresponsive	1 Leg Stuck in a Bike Wheel
2 Person Stuck In Elevator	5 Knee Injuries
3 Water Problems	30 Feeling Ill
10 Good Intent Calls	9 Abdominal Pains
2 Allergic Reaction	5 Illegal Burning
2 Leg Injuries	1 Dog Bite
7 Back Injuries	4 Overdoses
1 Sinking Boar	1 Passed Out
3 Domestic Assault	1 Deaths
4 Special Details	3 Arm Injuries
9 Life Line Activation	4 Propane Smell
5 Strokes	8 Hip Injuries
1 Leg Pain	2 Eye Injuries
4 Tree Blocking Road	6 Head Injuries
1 Gun Shot	1 Bomb Threat
2 UTI	2 Sprinkler Alarm

Please remember to change your batteries every 6 months in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Please perform maintenance on your wood and pellet stoves and furnaces and chimneys. 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.

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 a member of the Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District, a group of thirteen cities and towns in the western part of New Hampshire that works together to prepare for and respond to hazardous materials emergencies. Member communities of the district are Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Springfield, Sutton, Newport, New London, Newbury, Enfield, Plainfield, Sunapee, Meriden, and Grantham. The New Hampshire National Guard Civil Support Team is also a member of the district.

Representatives from each of the cities and towns in the district meet monthly to train and review incidents and the latest information on hazardous material emergency planning. During 2016, the Midwestern Hazmat District participated in a full scale exercise with the other New Hampshire hazmat districts that was held in Merrimack.

The district is a member of the New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Collaborative, which represents all of the hazmat districts in the state as well as state agencies and the National Guard that meets periodically for training and planning. During the year, the State of New Hampshire held a full day hazardous materials training conference in Concord that was attended by members of the Midwestern district as well as members of all the NH hazmat districts. The conference featured hazardous material planning and response experts from throughout the country.

Through state and federal grants the district has purchased sophisticated chemical monitoring and identifying meters and computers as well as vehicles and equipment for responding to hazmat incidents. The district received federal grants to purchase new state of the art metering equipment and other response equipment in 2016. Because of the high cost of this sophisticated diagnostic equipment, no one community would be able to afford this equipment on their own, but through the mutual aid district these tools as well as the personnel trained to operate it is available to all of the towns in the district.

Companies that manufacture or store hazardous materials are required to file annual chemical inventory reports to the state and this information is the basis for a chemical database of hazardous materials in the area that is used for preplanning and in the event of an emergency.

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

Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District  
Officers:

Chair: Assistant Chief Jeff Libbey, Lebanon Fire Department

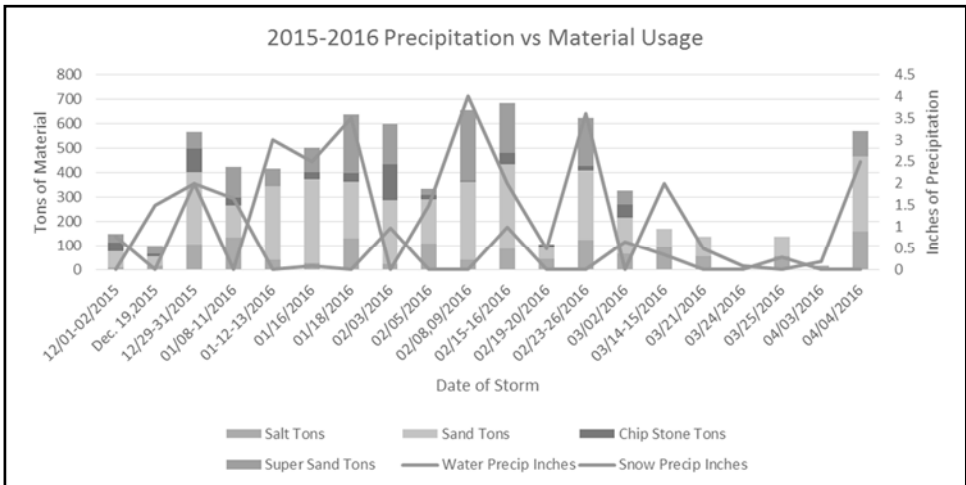
Vice Chair: Chief Dan Ruggles, Sunapee Fire Department

Secretary: Wayne Whitford, Newbury Fire Department

Treasurer: Chief Thomas, Newbury Fire Department

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Winter Maintenance:** The Highway Department began winter maintenance operations on the Town's roads in December 2015, and continued them through early April 2016. The winter of 2015/2016 saw an average number of storm events with only a moderate number of snow storms with minor amounts of accumulation, but many small snow storms, sleet, freezing rain, and rain events. The majority of the winter saw above average temperatures and during the winter months resulted with thawing of our gravel roads twice! We used slightly more sand and salt in 2015/2016 than in previous years, and we continued spreading 3/8" chip stone on our gravel roads during winter maintenance operations for improved traction, and for improved road stabilization during the spring thaw. The table below is a graphical depiction of the winter storm events relative to the winter maintenance materials used for each storm.



**Roadway Paving & Maintenance:** In May and June of 2016, we completed the rehabilitation and paving of the north end of Jobs Creek Road, and we completed a pavement overlay of the south end of Jobs Creek and Garnet Hill Road, all of which are in accordance with the 15-year Roadway Management Plan. Additionally, we constructed pavement leveling courses on approximately 3/4 mile of roadways which included a 1/2 mile section of Prospect Hill Road and 1/4 mile of Perkins Pond Road. Woodland Road, a gravel road, was also paved through donated funds by the Woodland Road residents. Many other minor pavement patches and pothole patching were completed throughout the year. Additionally, gravel roads were graded in the spring with a rental grader (due to the poor condition of the Town's existing grader), and then during the summer and fall with the Town's new John Deere grader which greatly assisted with other gravel road improvements including the addition of a crushed ledge stabilizing course to a couple of gravel roads.



Photograph looking north to south of the reconstructed section of the north end of Jobs Creek Road



**Drainage Repairs:** We completed two major drainage repair projects during the late spring and early fall of 2016. The first repair consisted of slip-lining an existing 42” corrugated metal culvert pipe that is located under the entrance to the Town Office Building parking lot. A private contractor assisted Highway Department staff with slip lining operations rehabilitate the existing failing pipe. The project was used as a training seminar for many other state municipalities that are considering this type of process, and was completed in one working day without any interruption to the operations at the Town Office.



Photograph looking at the discharge end of the new 36” diameter HDPE culvert pipe (black round pipe) that was slip-lined through the existing 42” diameter failed corrugated metal pipe. The annular space between the two pipes is filled with a high strength grout upon completion of the slip-lining process.

The second drainage project consisted of removing two failing corrugated metal drainage pipes that were located under Jobs Creek Road at the intersection of Jobs Creek and Gardiner Bay Road. One of the existing pipes had Grandliden’s irrigation line inside it and the project included coordinating with Grandliden to relocate the pipe to the exterior of the new pipe that was installed. The project also include the removal of a 42” diameter pine tree that was directly adjacent to the paved surface of the road by the local utility company, and at no cost to the Town. Both existing culvert pipes were successfully replaced with larger diameter HDPE culvert pipes, and Grandliden installed a new irrigation line outside the new culverts, and the roadway was re-opened to the public. Many other failed culverts were replaced by the Highway Department during the summer and fall of 2016.

**Leaf Removal Program:** Historically, the Highway Department has used all of its’ equipment including the grader, front-end loader, backhoe, dump trucks, leaf blowers and mechanical sweepers, and all staff members to remove leaves from the Town’s roadways, shoulders and drainage ditches. We were fortunate to have purchased a used leaf vacuum during the summer of 2016, and this past fall we completely restructured our leaf removal program. We are now able to vacuum the leaves from our roads, shoulders, and drainage ditches, only need one dump truck to tow the leaf vacuum, and don’t need the entire staff to assist with leaf removal operations. Our leaf removal program is much more efficient and less labor intensive than the previous leaf removal practice!!



Photograph of the leaf vacuum.

**Tree Management:** A tree management plan was implemented during the early summer months. During this time a private contractor removed numerous dead and hazardous trees from within the Town's rights-of-way and/or that were adjacent to or within the clear zone of existing roadways.

**Miscellaneous Guardrails:** We replaced the failing wood guardrail and posts on Main Street and in the adjacent parking lots during the summer of 2016.

**Bridges:** The Bradford Road Bridge design for replacement was completed during the summer of 2016 by a private consultant. The bridge is scheduled to be replaced during the summer of 2018 pending approval by the residents of the Town of Sunapee. A bridge maintenance program was implemented in 2016. The program includes bi-annual inspections, spring cleaning, and minor repairs of all Town maintained bridges to be completed by Town staff. All major bridge repairs will be completed in accordance with the Bridges Capital Improvements Plan.

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### ***BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE***

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We completed many buildings and grounds maintenance projects throughout the spring, summer and fall in conjunction with our routine maintenance schedule. Some of the major projects that were completed included the following:

**Town Office & Safety Services Building:** The asphalt shingle roof at the Town Office was scheduled to be replaced in 2015. However, due to the weather related issues in late 2015 the project was rescheduled for the spring of 2016. In the spring of 2016, a private contractor removed all existing shingles from the roof, installed new ice and water shield along the building's soffits and valleys, and installed new asphalt shingles on the roof.

Additionally, the parking lots at both the Town Office and Safety Service buildings were in poor condition. The had significant alligator and/or blocky cracking across most of their surfaces, and some sections of both parking lots had heaved during previous winter months and not recovered. Both parking lots received paver shims of asphalt in specific locations and then were paved with a 1" overlay. The sidewalks at the Town Offices were also paved with a 1" overlay. All of the aforementioned projects were completed in accordance with the Buildings and Grounds Capital Improvements Plan.



Photograph of the Town Office with a new roof and recently paved parking lot with new line striping.

**Transfer Station:** The Transfer Station 3-bay pole barn was constructed in late 2015 and completed in 2016 for the purpose of storing the aluminum can storage open-top container, the glass storage open-top container, and the mixed paper storage open-top container under cover and not exposed to rain, snow or ice. Aluminum and mixed paper are recyclable commodities that the Town generates a revenue from. Unfortunately, when water, snow and ice are allowed to accumulate in the open-top



Photograph looking at the west side of the pole barn. The left storage bay is where the mixed paper is stored.

containers that aluminum and mixed paper are stored in, the value of the recyclables are decreased because the vendors will not pay for water or snow weight (which is estimated by the vendor). Conversely, glass is a recyclable commodity that the town pays to dispose of and when water, snow and ice are allowed to accumulate in the open-top container that glass is stored in, the cost to dispose of it increases. This project was completed by by in-house staff members.

The “Take-it or Leave-it” (T.I.L.I.) shop at the Transfer Station was also constructed and opened to the public in in the fall of 2016. The T.I.L.I. shop was constructed for members of the Town of Sunapee and the Town of Springfield to bring items into that are new and unused, or slightly used and in good working condition, and that other residents may find useful for themselves. The T.I.L.I. shop is has been very successful in removing additional solid waste products from the Town’s waste stream, which save money on our overall disposal costs. Please ask an attendant for more information about the T.I.L.I. shop during your next Transfer Station visit. in-house staff members.



Photograph of the Take-it or Leave-it Shop upon completion and prior to opening.

**George’s Mills Boat Dock:** Staff member replaced rotted posts and timbers at the boat docking structure, and they replaced the existing failing wood guardrails in the parking lot of the boat launch.

Should any resident of the Town have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding Highway Department operations, or Buildings & Ground Maintenance 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**

As the highlight, I am pleased to write this, my 17<sup>th</sup>, report for the Town's hydroelectric generation plant.

2016 went down as the second worst year of generation AND revenue since I started operating the Plant in 2000. The Plant started commercial operation in February of 1985 and for the first 20 years was paid a contracted price of \$0.09 per kilowatt hour (kWhr). Upon the expiration of the contract, the Town now receives an hourly calculated price, based upon demand and available generation.

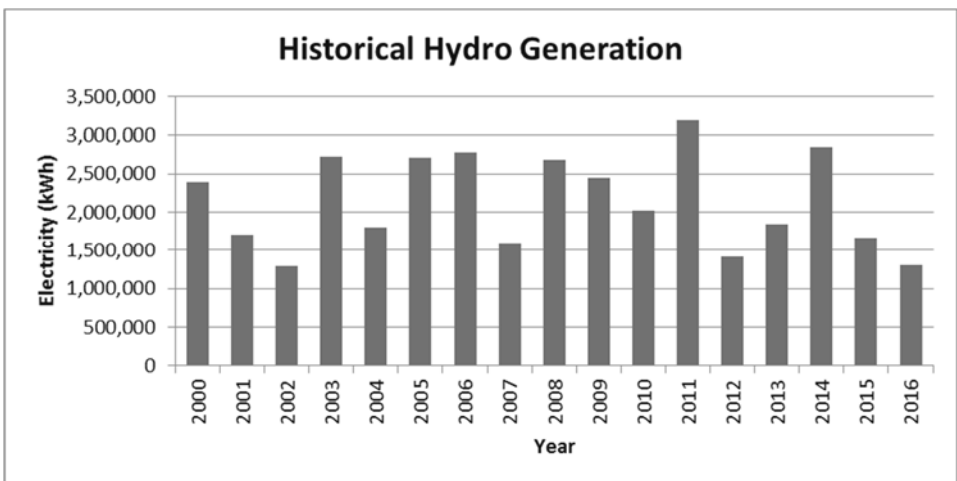
I'm sure that many of you are aware of the drought conditions that much of New Hampshire experienced in 2016. Traditionally, we receive somewhere in the area of 36" of precipitation in an average year. By the end of September, there was a deficit of around 12" of precipitation. This, coupled with a poor winter last year, resulted in the Plant being off line from around the 10<sup>th</sup> of May through the 12<sup>th</sup> of November! The State of New Hampshire controls the outflow of Lake Sunapee and the dam, in Sunapee Harbor, was virtually closed during the summer months in an effort to maintain the Lake level for summer recreation.

On top of the drought effects, 2016 also experienced some of the lowest wholesale energy prices since the inception of energy pricing in the early 2000's. An abundance of natural gas, along with a mild winter and summer kept the demand for electricity low. We received an average of \$0.02711 for each of the 1,301,120 kilowatt hours of electricity we generated. We received \$529.19 for reducing the amount of loss Eversource experiences from transmission losses. We received an additional \$10,353.51 in capacity supply reliability, and paid \$287.18 in expense recovery fees.

We produced 1,664 Class IV Renewable Energy Certificates (REC's) that an aggregator sold for \$41,672.66, which ended up being nearly 50% of 2016's revenue!

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***

2016 presented the Planning Board with diverse cases and proposals. The Planning Board is guided by the Town's Master Plan, which is a compilation of the resident's ideas and desires for how and where they would like to see Sunapee grow and develop. The Master Plan is at the heart of all other Land Use regulations and ordinances and it, along with the corresponding Zoning Ordinance, Site plan and Sub-Division Regulations guide the board in reviewing all the cases that come before us.

Although we saw a few minor sub-divisions this past year, most of the cases were reviewing and approving site plans for proposed or changing businesses. Some of those were:

- The revised expansion plans of an assisted living facility in Georges Mills, adding a wing to house a memory care area.
- An Optometry office moving to an existing building in town.
- A new Restaurant replacing an existing establishment.
- The relocation of an existing pizza shop in town and a new coffee shop moving into their old space.
- Solar panels being added to the roofs of an existing storage facility.
- The proposal for the town's Historical Society and Thrift Shop to occupy the old Abbott Library building.

The board has again recommended proposed Zoning Amendments for the town to consider at the March town vote. There is also a proposed amendment by petition that the board voted not to recommend that will be on the warrant. If these proposed amendments are approved, they will become part of the Town Zoning Ordinance. The board encourages all residents to become familiar with the proposed changes and recommend they contact the Town Planner or come to one of our meetings if you have any questions or concerns.

The board strives to stay apprised of changing land use laws and strategies and looking at ways to help balance the need for both business and residential development in our community. 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***

	<b><i>Approved</i></b>	<b><i>Denied</i></b>	<b><i>Pending</i></b>	<b><i>Total</i></b>
Subdivisions*	4	0	0	4
Site Plans	7	0	1	8
Mergers^	1	0	0	1
Total Cases	12	0	1	13

\*One (1) new lot was approved in 2016.

^One (1) lot was merged.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Marquise ~ Town Planner

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Sunapee Police  
Department Patch

During the 2016 year the Sunapee Police hired one new part time police officer. Officer Peter Brigham was hired to fill a position that was vacated by Officer Joshua Fisher. Officer Brigham attended the part-time Police Academy certifying him and he is currently in his field training program.

The Sunapee police continue to focus on our training. We continue to utilize our in-house on line training program to achieve much of our training credit but still see a lot of value in attending training classes in this state and other states. In August of this year the Sunapee Police, Sunapee School District, and the NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management held an active shooters drill with teachers and students as actors. The drill was designed to see what response is made by the school and the police and close the gaps of communication during these stressful events. We held an after action briefing where the deficiencies were discussed and plans put in place to fix the issues. All in all it was a great drill of

team work. I look forward to these types of drills in the future as it will strengthen the security in our community.

Something new will be having Sgt. Puchtler at the Sunapee Middle High School for various classes throughout the school year. Sgt. Puchtler is our DARE officer and will be assisting in the health class for topics of drugs, alcohol and violence. We are excited to be in the Middle High School to have a positive interaction with the kids.

Below are the 2016 statistics which again are similar from year to year.

- 1,647 vehicle stops
- 96 in-custody arrests
- 5,417 calls for service with 219 incident reports
- 110 field interviews
- 7,689 total calls for service
- 1,250 people visited our lobby
- 3,525 phone calls answered separate from dispatch

As I look forward into 2017, there will be more changes and challenges. Some changes will be to constantly keep up with the world of technology. We rely on technology so much having a computer in our police cars has moved from required to critical. So much of what we do today is by use of a computer. The Sunapee Police have transitioned from a .40 caliber hammer fired duty pistol to the new Ruger American 9mm striker fired. This was the result of a generous donation of Ruger firearms. The old duty pistols were 12 years old and traded in for the cost of the replacement holsters and ammunition for the new duty pistols. Officer MacKenna has resigned his post as part-time officer and we will be looking to fill his position during 2017.

The Sunapee Police are now using e-ticketing which means no more handwritten summonses the license and registration are scanned and printed inside the police car. Aside from the State police we are the first Municipal agency to be using this technology.

I am please to say that the "Coffee with Chief" events have been a success with an average of 15 people each time attending and conversations are anywhere from budgeting, staffing, equipment, legislative to golf. I want to thank Vicki Jepson, Joan Chandler and Bob Ruopp for making food and helping serve coffee. This has been a real pleasure for us to meet with our citizens on a monthly basis.

The Sunapee Police continues to meet with many groups in Town to keep lines of communication open including the Sunapee Seniors, Sunapee Cove and the kids at the Sunapee Schools. The Sunapee Police continue to use the “News Alert” for any road closures, weather related issues and general notifications. We have about 500 emails to alert and have had positive feedback about using the “News Alert” system. To sign up for it please go to the Towns or Police website and follow the link to enter you email address.

Do you know the meaning behind the Sunapee Police Patch? The word Sunapee is derived from the Algonquian Indian words **Suna-** meaning “goose” and **Apee-** meaning lake. The phrase “Lake of the Wild Goose” is depicted on the patch. The Loon Island Lighthouse, one of three lighthouses from the 1890’s situated on the Lake, is shown in center of patch. True to the areas name, a flock of wild geese are depicted in flight over the lighthouse.

I want to recognize all the staff at the Police Department. It is through their hard work and dedication that we are able to do so many projects throughout the year successfully. I also want to thank the families of all the staff as we all know the year 2016 was very difficult for law enforcement across the country. The tragedies that shook the core of many communities were felt in the hearts of the Sunapee Police. It is the support of our families and community that make it easier to do our job.

As I always say, I am honored to served as your Chief of Police and if there is anything me or my staff can do please do not hesitate to call on us.

David P. Cahill, Chief of Police



From left to right: Josh Levasseur, Off. Robert Riessle, Off. Tim Therrien, Sgt. Tim Puchtler, Chief David Cahill, Sgt. E. Neill Cobb, Off. Edward Shaughnessy, Off. Peter Brigham, Off. Courtney Heath.

Missing from photo is Off. Jeffrey Reed and Secretary Teresa Mastin

## ***RECREATION DEPARTMENT***

Sunapee Recreation Department is very blessed with so many dedicated volunteers that care so much about our community to make it a great space to raise our families. These wonderful people volunteer to coach our youth athletic teams, spend endless hours organizing special events or serving on committees devoted to the betterment of our future. To these people I want to extend my greatest gratitude. Thank you for spending your valuable time to make Sunapee a very special place!

### **Winter Activities:**



**K-6th 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! The Quad Valley basketball league is made up of boys & girls team in grades 3-6. This league includes: Kearsarge area, Grantham, Sunapee and Newport.

**Open Gym:** We offered youth drop-in basketball for grades 3-12 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 takes part in more organized pickup games.

**Ice Skating Rink:** The ice skating rink is located on Veterans field after being in the harbor for the past decade. Going back to the old location made it more visible to locate 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.

### **Spring Activities:**

**T-Ball:** Introductory baseball program for boys and girls ages 4-6. Thank you to coaches for spending their Saturday mornings teaching Americas' favorite pastime to our future big leaguers.

**Cal Ripkin Youth Baseball:** This coed baseball program is for ages 7-12 years old. Our league consists of 8 different towns and the focus is on Fundamentals, Participation, Sportsmanship, and Fun!

### **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 9am until 5pm seven days a week at Dewey beach. 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. 86 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.



Photo Courtesy of Katie Flint



### **Fall Activities:**

**K-6th 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 are the main objectives for the coaches of this fun program. Sunapee participates in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League consisting of 18 other towns is one of the largest recreation level soccer leagues in the state. This year's program supported over 103 players in grades 3-6.

### **Year-round Programs:**

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

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

### **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, 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 10th annual Turkey Trot in 2016. Special thanks to the 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)

Recreation Advisory Committee:

Rhonda Gurney

Charleen Osborne

Paul Skarin - Chair

Mike Pollari

Joe Furlong

Dan Hayward

Tracy Nangeroni

Maria Fair

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

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Blewitt

Recreation Director

## ***SESTERCENTENNIAL COMMITTEE***

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In September 2016, the Board of Selectmen formed a new committee and appointed 10 people: David Cahill, Barbara Chalmers, Ron Garceau, Brenda Huff, Steve Marshall, Wendy Nolin, Dana & Betty Ramspott, Becky Rylander, and Kathy Springsteen. The first committee meeting was held September 22nd, at the town meeting room. Donna Nashawaty explained the purpose of this committee, which is to plan and prepare for the 250th Anniversary of the Town of Sunapee, to take place in 2018. The committee agreed to meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month, at 7 pm, at the town office meeting room or the Safety Services Building.

At the October meeting, the following people were nominated and approved: Ron Garceau as Chairman, Barbara Chalmers as Secretary. Steve Marshall volunteered to keep the committee's web page at the town's website up-to-date, and Dana Ramspott volunteered to set up a Sunapee 250th Committee Facebook page.

At subsequent meetings, the committee discussed many possible ideas & events such as fireworks, a parade, commemorative items, banners, town activities, historical programs, a dance or concert, and more. To accomplish any of this, a preliminary budget needed to be worked out – several larger events such as fireworks or a band/concert require an advance deposit to schedule an event. Street banners will need to be designed and ordered, and several other items need to be ordered in advance. It was determined that funding of \$15,000 would be necessary to begin the implementation of this stage. The committee selected the dates of August 17, 18 & 19 - 2018 for the 250th celebration.

On December 12, 2016, the Board of Selectmen approved the schedule for the celebration. The request for funds was also approved, but to be voted on at the Town Meeting in March. This money request will be presented as a separate article, with an explanation that the funds will come from the town fund, with no impact on the tax rate.

In January 2017, a Logo Contest was announced - to design a logo for publicity and to unify our efforts. The winner will have been announced by the time this town report is published!

Our committee will continue to meet monthly and copies of our meeting minutes are posted on the town's website. Suggestions are welcome, and if you would like to add you name to a list for volunteer for the celebration, please contact us.

Note – we have had several inquiries about dates for Sunapee, NH – The following information is from *The Story of Sunapee*, by John Bartlett:

- On November 9, 1768, The New Royal Governor, John Wentworth, by authority of King George III, signed his name to a deed of 23,040 acres of undeveloped land, and recorded the same as the Charter of Saville.

- In 1781 Saville became incorporated as a township under the new name of Wendell.

- In 1850, the State Legislature changed the name from Wendell to Sunapee.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ron Garceau, Chairman  
Email: [Sunapee250th@town.sunapee.nh.us](mailto:Sunapee250th@town.sunapee.nh.us)

PS - Here is our Town Seal, designed for our Bicentennial in 1968.



## *SUNAPEE WELCOME CENTER*

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The Sunapee Welcome Center is always happy to start a new season in our very attractive home. Our visitors often comment on the interior of the building and its many special architectural designs. They are always so pleased with the wealth of information that we have available, and how we will very often check on availability of lodging, tour boat times, and rentals of boats, kayaks, etc., as well as provide our recommendations for eateries within the Lake Sunapee area, and up-to-date current events and activities throughout the summer and autumn seasons!

We have had the pleasure of meeting and greeting over 1,600 people from all over the world. This year we had visitors from Australia, Canada, Japan, and England, as well as the distant US states of Alaska and Hawaii, among many others. They were all entranced with the beauty of the area, as well as the “lack of traffic” and, most of all, how friendly and helpful New Hampshireites are.

After a phenomenal summer and fall, we, at the Welcome Center, truly look forward to next season, when we will be open on weekends from Memorial Day through June, and Labor Day through Columbus Day. During July and August we are open 7 days a week, welcoming new friends and old, with our usual big smiles, and a desire to see that they enjoy the “Sunapee Experience”.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margery Bradie  
Joan Pankhurst  
Lois Gallup

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## **TRANSFER STATION**

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The Town processed approximately 983 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2016, compared to 1,047 tons in 2015, and we processed approximately 525 tons of construction and demolition debris (C&D) in 2016 compared to 562 tons in 2015. The cost to dispose of MSW and C&D in 2015 was \$52.13/ton.

Gross revenues from the sale of recyclables was \$33,890 in 2016, compared to approximately \$36,161.62 in 2015. This translates to about \$0.020 on the tax rate. We did not reach our goal for 2016 of \$50,000 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 continue to explore different options for the disposal of glass which we generated approximately 175 tons in 2016 compared to 182 tons in 2015, at a disposal cost of \$30/ton for both years!!

In 2016 we completed the construction of the 3-bay pole barn which will store our aluminum, mixed paper and glass recyclable commodities, and we completed the “Take-it or Leave-it” shack. Please ask an attendant about the operations of the Take-it or Leave-it Shack during your next Transfer Station visit. My staff and I thank all those who donated materials for the construction of the shack.

Remember, 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

Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150

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Fax: (603) 736-4402

Web Site: [www.nrna.net](http://www.nrna.net)

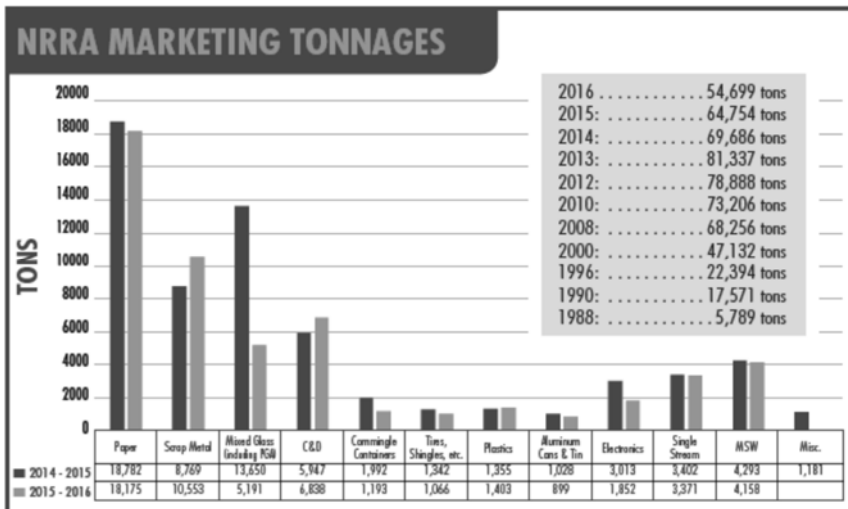
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 36-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 54,699 tons in fiscal year 2015-2016!



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 2016</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Electronics	26,677 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 3.4 houses for one year!
Plastics	31,991 lbs.	Conserved 23,993 gallons of gasoline!
Tires	9.3 tons	Conserved 6.1 barrels of oil!

### **Avoided Emissions:**

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about  
**53 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions

This is the equivalent of removing **11 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year



## **Benefits of NRRA Municipal Membership**

- \*Voting privileges at NRRA annual/special member meetings
- \*Free subscription to NRRA's E-Newsletter-"Full of Scrap"
- \*Access to all of NRRA's cooperative marketing programs, providing consistently high value revenue, consistent movement for all recyclables, and the entire waste stream including MSW
- \*Access to NRRA's monthly pricing guide
- \*Access to NRRA Members' only section of website
- \*Access to NRRA's cooperative purchasing programs
- \*NRRA monthly/quarterly/annual activity reports
- \*Annual NRRA environmental impact reports
- \*Discounts to NRRA award winning annual conference
- \*Discounts to NRRA workshops, bus tours, other events
- \*NRRA SWAT team assistance as needed on site
- \*Technical assistance from NRRA's member services team
- \*Attendance at NRRA's member's only "M.O.M". meetings
- \*Opportunities for NH DES credit towards operator training
- \*Free NRRA membership for all K-12 schools in your municipality
- \*Discounts on all NRRA School CLUB recycling programming
- \*Grant processing assistance for any NH the Beautiful Bins/Grants/Signs
- \*Financing assistance for recycling infrastructure - NRRA will assist with the purchase of balers, skid steers, trailers and storage containers, both with NHtB grant applications and with commodity payments over time

**Membership Fee is .07/capita (\$ 100 minimum/\$ 1,800 maximum)**

**Municipal dues year runs from April 1 through March 31\***  
(option for July 1 thru June 30 available upon request)

\*Municipal membership fees can be prorated for new members

## ***TRANSFER STATION & BEACH 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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The year of 2016 was the first full year since we shifted management from NHPDIP to TD Bank and we were able to hold to the principles laid out in our reportage to the Town of Sunapee during 2016. There were a few aches and pain moments but all is running smoothly and the system itself is easy to handle. We have our own checkbook with TD Bank and write a check to remove monies and a deposit slip to deposit monies by recording the number and name of the Trust Fund and we send the check to the address of the owner of the Fund and send the money entrusted us along with the deposit slip to TD Bank. Rates have been better than NHPDIP and your Trustees are happy with the above system

Unfortunately, our Vice Chairman Jolene Chappell has tendered her resignation due to an upgrade in her position at the Sugar River Bank and family and personal matters. We will miss her skills. My term is up this Town Meeting (2017) and I am not seeking re-election. My health problems have grown and I have to cut down on many activities. I think the Trustees in general have done a good job keeping up with the work given and though not as time consuming work as some others still have made me make this decision. The Town Manager will be searching for others to volunteer by contacting the two neighborhood banks who also live in the Town as well as those of you who might wish to serve the Town in this manner. I will be in position to add comments and help whoever is elected or appointed get up and running with the whole system.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Stephen W. White, Chairman  
Lena Welch, Secretary



Photo Courtesy of Katie Flint

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

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I will start by thanking the Water and Sewer Commissioners for their support and hard work over the past year and by also giving thanks to the Highway, Fire, and Police departments for their assistance during year.

2016 was yet another busy year for the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade has given the Town of Sunapee a much more efficiently functioning facility. And the Perkins Pond Sewer Collection system is running very well with a large majority of the one hundred homes attached and a few left to do so.

This year, the department replaced or repaired four hydrants in town, found and repaired 10 summer water line leaks, repaired three water main breaks, installed two new water services and tested all commercial backflows in town. Department personnel also installed a new mixer in the steel water storage tank on Harbor Hill to prevent freezing and stagnation in the tank. The department flushed hydrants at night again this spring but with this fall being so dry only limited areas in town were flushed during the daytime hours.

The Georges Mills well system required no major maintenance with six call outs during 2016. The Georges Mills plant processed 10,478,825 gallons of potable water, which is 4,732,145 gallons less than in 2015. The Slow Sand Filter plant also ran quite well with eleven call outs. Each of the three filters were cleaned once during the year. The Slow Sand Filter plant processed 36,752,500 gallons of potable water, which is 1,467,504 gallons less than in 2015.

In 2016 the upgraded Wastewater Treatment plant ran wonderfully well with ten call outs, and treated and returned just over 114 million gallons of clean water back to the river to be used again. This is approximately 10 million gallons more than 2015. In doing so we produced over 82 tons of sludge that was dewatered utilizing our new centrifuge, then trucked to Claremont's Wastewater Treatment plant where they treat it for land application. The new sludge dewatering process that was installed as part of the upgrade to the Wastewater Plant has allowed the town to drop the cost of sludge disposal from approximately \$2,015 per ton to \$550 per ton. Another big advantage that was realized when the town voted to upgrade the plant is that it can now accept septage. To start with only local septage is being accepted at the plant and this has created another source of revenue to help defray the costs of running the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Collection System also ran well this past year with thirty pump station alarms. Forty-five manholes were repaired and upgraded and seven manholes were inspected and sealed if needed as part of our collection system yearly maintenance. The department inspected 30 new Perkins Pond sewer attachments. The Department installed three new sewer taps, responded to one sewer main blockage at the Elementary School and video-taped approximately 3000 feet of sewer main looking for any problems. We wish to remind all sewer users never to flush non-woven products such as baby wipes and sanitary items, dental floss should also be disposed of in the trash not down the toilet 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, and taking classes to keep current with the ever additional and changing rules and regulations for drinking water and water reclamation.

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 citizens to tour the Sunapee Water and or Wastewater Plants. To arrange for a tour, or to ask questions, please call (603) 763-2115.

Respectfully submitted  
David Bailey- Superintendent

# SUNAPEE WATER QUALITY REPORT—2017

## TEST RESULTS FOR 2016 (1/16—12/16)

<p><b>Is my drinking water safe?</b>  <i>We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.</i></p>
<p><b>What is the source of my water?</b>  <i>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.</i></p>
<p><b>Why are there contaminants in my water?</b>  <i>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.</i></p>
<p><b>How can I get involved?</b>  <i>Questions regarding your water systems can be directed to David Bailey, Water &amp; Sewer Superintendent, at 603-763-2115, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday. The Water &amp; Sewer Office is located in the Town Hall at 23 Edgemont Road. The Water &amp; Sewer Commission meets the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall, on the Town web site, in the Abbott Library and in the Sunapee Post Office.</i></p>
<p><b>Other information</b>  <i><u>Water &amp; Sewer Department Personnel:</u> David Bailey – Superintendent, Aaron Cartier – Foreman; Arthur Mitts – Operator II, Joshua Archibald – Operator I, John Fellows-Operator I, Justin Densmore – General Laborer, Dylan Murphy-Intern, Holly Leonard – Office Manager  <u>Water &amp; Sewer Commissioners:</u> Theodore Gallup – Chairman, Peter Hill - Vice-Chairman, Kurt Markarian, J. Anthony Bergeron, David Cain, Jimmy Williams, Gunter (Dundee) Nestler.</i></p>
<p><b>Do I need to take special precautions?</b>  <i>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 the health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by <u>Cryptosporidium</u> and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).</i></p>

**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 limits.

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.

## **2016 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.	MCLG	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	.058	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 2014 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	43.25	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane	NO	76.05	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

The Water & Sewer Commission voted to voluntarily test for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) as it has been a contaminant of concern in other parts of the State and NH DES requested water systems do so. No PFOA's were detected in either Sunapee or Georges Mills town water systems.

## 2016 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 2014 Test Results (*) Represents 2015 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 2012 Test Results (*) Represents 2015 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</b>						
Total HAA5*	NO	None Detected	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Total Trihalomethane*	NO	8.1	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

**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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2016 was an unusually quiet year for the Welfare Department. The winter was extremely mild, oil prices plunged, the economy started picking up and unemployment levels dropped. In general, it was a very good year for those who often struggle.

For those who still required assistance, the Welfare Office worked with clients to try to stabilize and improve their living situations. Sometimes that required lower cost housing or finding ways to increasing their incomes. Promoting job training programs - which potentially lead to higher paying employment was a priority.

This year there were multiple calls from people who were concerned with the welfare of other individuals in town. Those reports were passed on to the Bureau of Adult & Elderly Services and the Welfare Office worked cooperatively with everyone involved with the goal of safe resolutions for all.

The Food Pantry continued to operate out of the basement in the Town Hall. It was available to any Sunapee resident Monday through Friday during regular business hours. Once again, this year's Food Pantry Volunteers were; Billie Barry, Muriel Bergeron (and often Tony!), Barbara Cooper, Kathy Meyers, Ruth Ann Randall, Bob Stanley and Susan Vigneault (and often Bob!). The volunteers have always been ready to help whenever called to any task at hand! The Pantry offers dry goods as well as personal care, laundry items, pet food and paper products. Most of the items have been donated by generous residents or are brought in from food drives in the area.

In December, several of Santa's Helpers were busy sorting gifts donated by individuals in the community for the Toys for Joy/Giving Tree program. In all, we disbursed gifts to 46 individuals in 28 households. Thanks to the Sunapee Police Department - who allowed us to use their garage to sort and distribute all the wonderful holiday cheer! This year we had more Senior Citizens than ever participate and receive gifts delivered by the Police on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The program for Seniors was added to our children's program three years ago, and has grown in popularity ever since.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who helped to support the Welfare Department all year long. It is my honor and privilege to serve our wonderful community.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Trow  
Welfare Administrator



Photo Courtesy of Katie Flint

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## ***ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT***

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There were a number of changes on the Board in 2016. Ed Frothingham, Chair, moved away from Sunapee and resigned. The Board is grateful for his years of service. I was elected as the new Chair, and Clayton Platt was elected Vice-Chair. George Neuwirt, formerly an alternate member, was elected as a Board member. Bill Larrow and Aaron Simpson continue to serve as a Board members. I take this opportunity to thank my fellow Board members for their time, support, and wisdom. The Board is seeking alternate members. I encourage interested residents to submit an application at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Schneider, 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>Total</u>
Special Exceptions	08	00	01	09
Variances	19	02	02	23
Rehearing	00	01	00	01
Administrative Appeal	00	01	00	01
Equitable Waivers	02	00	00	02
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>36</b>



## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE PERMITS**

New Single Family Homes	19
New Single Family Additions	13
Garages and Outbuildings	26
Major Interior Renovations	09
Manufactured/Mobile Homes	02
Municipal Structures/Renovations	01
Commercial Structures	01
Commercial Structure Additions	05
Multi-Family Homes	01
Decks, Porches, etc.	17
Miscellaneous, boat houses, solar units, cell tower additions, etc.	19
<b>Total Applications Submitted and Approved</b>	<b>113</b>

### **OTHER PERMITS**

	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Denied</u>	<u>Total</u>
Demolition	10	00	10
Tree Cutting	42	03	45
Driveway Permits	17	00	17
Land Disturbance Permits	27	00	27
Sign Permits	16	00	16
After-the-Fact Permits	09	00	09
Septic Designs	24	00	24
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>148</b>

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

	<u>Total BPs</u>	<u>New Single Family Homes</u>
2016	113	19
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

### **ZONING ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS**

15 Notices of Violation were issued.  
10 Violations were resolved  
05 Violations remain outstand  
03 Approvals awaiting D.E.S. Permits

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/Ragged/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 139 projects and protected 11,117 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 2016 Ausbon Sargent completed three projects representing just over 52 acres; one in Andover and two in New London.

Our website at Ausbon Sargent 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 be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

As many of you may know, Dick Webb, a Sunapee resident and generous benefactor to Ausbon Sargent, passed away on July 6, 2016. Dick was not only a pioneer in the conservation world, but was also a wonderful mentor and sounding board for me. Since donating the first conservation easement in New Hampshire in 1967, more than 4,000 acres of Webb lands have been conserved in five area towns. His love and respect of the land, and his example of conservation, has been carried down through the generations of Webbs that have followed, and has encouraged other landowners to follow suit. Over the years, Dick quietly and generously contributed to a number of Ausbon Sargent strategic goals, offering feedback and suggestions to us. He understood the importance of stewardship and was an early supporter of our "Saving Land for Tomorrow" campaign created to insure that we would be able to fulfill our stewardship responsibilities. Dick has been called a "custodian of the woods" which is a most fitting tribute to someone who was one of the most dedicated and influential conservationists and tree farmers of our time. We thank Dick for the many lasting gifts he has given us to be enjoyed now and for generations to come.

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2016 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 collaborated for the first time with the New London Barn Playhouse to host "Ausbon Sargent Night" and with the Center for the Arts to host an art auction that featured conserved Ausbon Sargent properties and other artwork reflecting the natural beauty surrounding our area. These events raised funds for both organizations and we hope to repeat them in the future. The 5th Annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event in conjunction with the New Hampshire Cycling Club was held in the beginning of September with a record amount of participants. This bike event brings riders along routes that showcase Ausbon Sargent properties throughout the 12-town region.

We held workshops on the invasive insect, the Emerald Ash Borer, and how to support pollinators in the landscape. Hikes were offered in Sunapee on the Wendell Marsh North and South properties, Andover, New London, Wilmot, and Springfield. Our popular dragonfly walk was held in Sutton. As you can see, we offer many opportunities to get out to learn, hike, and involve the public in our mission to protect

the rural landscape of our region. We hope you will all come out at some point to take advantage of our workshops, or to experience the beauty of some 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. We are especially grateful for those volunteers who monitor our 14 conserved properties in Sunapee. Each May we host a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee at the Lake Sunapee Protective Association office 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, there are many ways to get involved: 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 if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

We are most grateful to have such a wonderful relationship with the Town of Sunapee Conservation Commission which has enabled us to work on many successful projects together over the years.

Respectfully submitted,  
***Deborah L. Stanley***  
Executive Director

### **Board of Trustees**

*Steve Allenby*  
*Kathy Carroll*  
*Joseph DiClerico, Secretary*  
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**Land Protection Specialist/Stewardship Manager**  
**Operations Manager**  
**Development and Administrative Coordinator**  
**Bookkeeper**  
**Communications Coordinator**

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## COA CHAPIN SENIOR CENTER

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37 Pleasant Street  
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By most measures, the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA), both through the Chapin Senior Center and its satellite program spaces throughout the region, remains at the forefront of community-based service to active older adults. COA values its role as a community convener, leader, and centerpiece of senior services through its optimistic and positive approach to aging.

2016 was a transformational year for the COA, as it strengthened its community engagement, expanded its services within its traditional nine area communities, and began laying the framework for meeting new and emerging needs of seniors who reside in the 329.3 square miles of largely rural communities served by COA.

This past year, COA's trustees initiated a nationwide search for a new executive director; a search that culminated in the appointment of Kelley Keith, BA, MS, as its new executive. Kelley and her team re-dedicated COA's promise to its members: **To continually provide a positive, uplifting, and healthy social, physical, and educational environment at the Chapin Senior Center and the nine area communities it is proud and honored to serve.**

Additionally, COA launched a new website ([coachapincenter.org](http://coachapincenter.org)), a portal of important information, and began a social media campaign to keep its members engaged and informed. COA leaders also entered into discussions with like-minded community groups to explore ways to further partner and collaborate. In November, trustees and staff leaders began a comprehensive, year-long strategic planning process that will open up dialogue with area stakeholders about the rapidly shifting demographic, health, and economic landscapes, and how these shifts will impact positive aging in the greater Kearsarge area.

COA's metrics were impressive in 2015. COA provided 60 programs, services, and activities on a hyper lean budget of \$200,000. 263 volunteers participated for a total of 8,600 hours, providing guidance as trustees (policy volunteers), front desk and data entry help (administrative volunteers), and community services (program volunteers), as examples. Best illustrating the regional impact of COA's great volunteers are the data from the popular Transportation Program. Last year there were 69 drivers, driving 69 members more than 34,000 miles. These statistics don't include the hundreds of hours spent by front desk volunteers on call intake, driver scheduling, program management, and reporting.

COA is very grateful for its town partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, and staff in helping to provide support that hopefully leads to high levels of health and well-being for its senior neighbors.

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

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Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. 1,090 acres burned during the 2016 season. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest, burning 330 acres in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2016 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](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!

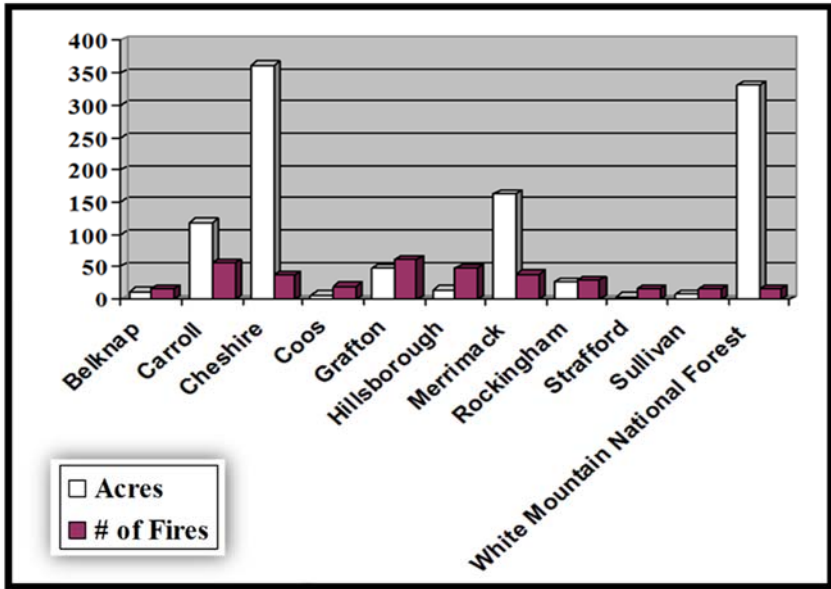
As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).



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## 2016 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED (These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	15
Debris Burning	85
Campfire	35
Children	10
Smoking	12
Railroad	2
Equipment	18
Lightning	9
Misc. *	148

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

### HISTORICAL DATA

YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!**

## ***KLS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY***

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The Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry (KLS Community Food Pantry or The Food Pantry) is a totally voluntary 501(c) (3) non-profit supported by local area individuals, businesses and organizations with the mission to help meet the emergency and on-going food and household needs of people in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee region who are experiencing financial hardship. The towns included in this outreach effort are: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee (including Georges Mills), Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Families from all these towns use the Pantry's services. The Food Pantry relies solely on donations and volunteers to provide this community service. It does not receive any federal, state or local government financing and has no paid staff.

The Food Pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London in a clean, accessible area provided at no expense by the church and is open Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm and Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:30am.

More than 125 volunteers from the area towns are involved in assisting families, shopping or picking up donations from local and regional supermarkets or the New Hampshire Food Bank and some warehouse clubs. They also inspect donations for safe food conditions, stock shelves, clean up, and coordinate volunteer times. A volunteer Board includes at-large members and representatives of area churches and prepares financial reports, creates policies and partnerships and seeks input from those served.

### **PROGRAMS**

The Food Pantry provides many different non-perishable foods, dairy, meat, some fresh fruit and vegetables when available, paper goods and toiletries, laundry and dish detergents, and diapers/wipes, available approximately every two weeks to each family.

### **Crucial Food Partnerships:**

- **Hannafords:** Twice a week the Food Pantry is able to get fresh produce, meat, fresh fruit, breads, pastry and dairy products from Hannaford Supermarket as part of the Feed America Fresh Rescue Program. This provides wonderful and healthful options for our pantry families. In addition, each year Hannafords and the New London Police Department partner for a very successful “**Stuff-the-Cruiser**” food donation event. This event brings in thousands of pounds of food and monetary donations to help keep our pantry stocked.
- **New Hampshire Food Bank:** The New Hampshire Food Bank distributes food to local authorized pantries at deeply discounted prices and sometimes for free. This partnership has helped us keep our pantry well stocked on a regular basis.
- **Colby-Sawyer College (CSC):** Since 2014, we have been a beneficiary of the Colby-Sawyer College Feed the Freezer Program. Volunteers package up meals of various sizes provided by the college's food service, Sodexo, and distribute them to area food pantries for the families using those pantries. The meals are all prepared in the college's commercial kitchen and include heating instructions. Our pantry families are very happy to have the additional meal option. We are very grateful for the support from the College and the students in the Feed the Freezer Club.
- **Benjamin F. Edwards Annual Shredding Event:** Benjamin Edwards shreds documents for the public once a year for free asking only for a donation of food to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry receives hundreds of pounds of food as well as monetary donations from this event to help keep our pantry stocked.
- We have also benefitted from substantial food drives from the **Boy Scouts, Kearsarge Regional Schools (Middle School and New London Elementary), Windy Hill School, Clarke's Hardware, Lake Sunapee Bank, CSC Feed the Freezer Program, Auto Advisors in Springfield and local congregations.**

**Outreach Programs:** One of our most important outreach efforts is our school nurse program. Each semester the Food Pantry provides area school nurses with snack foods and beverages such as crackers, fruit, string cheese, soups, granola bars, and ginger ale for children in need of extra nourishment during the school day. We also provide families with additional breakfast and lunch food items while the children are on vacation from school under our summer meal program.

In addition, children's books are available for free on a year-round basis in the food pantry. Families are encouraged to take books for their children and the children are thrilled that they can keep the books. During the winter, we regularly provide warm mittens, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, coats and winter apparel for families. Before the school year begins, in coordination with The First Baptist Church, we make available backpacks for children so they have supplies for the upcoming school year.

We are extremely grateful to all the individual and organization donations, volunteer time and the free use of space for The Pantry from the First Baptist Church of New London. We could not provide these needed programs without such support.

Since we began operation in 2009, the KLS Community Food Pantry has served a total of 31,602 people in 9568 household visits to the pantry. In 2016 we saw the largest increase in 1-2 person families and these totaled 54% of those families coming to the pantry. Many of these are senior citizens. Large 5-9 person families who need help stretching their budgets represented almost 25% of those served, and leave the pantry with many bags full of healthy food and items of daily living. There is no question that we continue to serve a significant need in the region.

#### **2016 KLS Community Food Pantry – Households Served**

<b>Town</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Total</b>
Andover	24	118	76	118	144	107	60	63	710
Bradford	99	192	149	82	105	162	106	91	986
Danbury		5	20	118	113	73	105	116	550
New London	227	392	269	141	136	217	180	266	1828
Newbury	67	146	162	173	189	137	109	82	1065
Salisbury					16	32	11	12	71
Springfield	83	41	64	130	95	84	159	161	817
Sunapee	85	120	243	202	102	108	132	100	1092
Sutton	62	70	108	60	62	83	90	52	587
Warner	99	126	204	189	161	171	208	217	1375
Wilmot	17	38	82	43	41	76	57	28	382
Other	28	14	19	7	4	20	7	6	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1263</b>	<b>1168</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1194</b>	<b>9568</b>

#### **KLS Community Food Pantry – Number of People Served**

<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>Total</u>
2546	4097	4666	4240	4127	4292	4011	3623	31602

How to donate: 1) Drop off non-perishable food such as canned fruit, soup, peanut butter and cereal at the First Baptist Church during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 3:30 pm, and Fridays from 8:00 am until noon; 2) The food pantry is a 501(c) (3) public charity. Make a tax-deductible donation to "KLS Community Food Pantry," PO Box 536, New London, NH 03257.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the KLS Community Food Pantry Board,  
Terri Bingham  
Chair



## LAKE SUNAPEE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

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2016 was another busy year for LSPA, focusing on water quality, watershed, environmental education and science. LSPA continues to be the local "go-to" place for natural resource inquiries. Below are a few highlights:

LSPA's free environmental educational programs continue to serve the three local school districts (Kearsarge, Sunapee and Newport) as well as Mt. Royal Academy, Montessori, homeschoolers, and a growing number of pre-schools in the area. In 2016, LSPA hosted nearly 270 5th graders for the 2nd annual *Watershed Discovery Day*, held at and partially sponsored by Mt. Sunapee Resort for a full day of water and watershed educational experience!



Trout in the Classroom also continues to be a popular program. LSPA prepares the aquarium tanks and the chiller equipment, and supplies the trout eggs to the participating classrooms. The students experience the transformation from eggs to young fish and then release them into the local streams. LSPA's Floating Classroom, a new educational experience on the lake, and *Out and About Program* were great successes.

Once again, LSPA's aquatic invasive species efforts have paid off, spotting an invasive plant on an incoming boat at one of the Lake Sunapee boat ramps. LSPA continues to inspect over 5,000 boats each summer with its Lake Hosts. LSPA also has volunteers and staff who check the near shore areas of the lake to make sure there is no evidence of invasives.

LSPA's Watershed Committee continued to collaborate with the watershed towns, UVLSRPC and the state on the best ways to protect watershed resources. Compliance efforts are one of the best ways to insure that Lake Sunapee and other lakes and ponds are pollution-free for the future.

2016 was a fun year, too! Love Your Lake Day and the Antique Boat Parade had many exhibits and attendees; the Summer Speaker series included invasive terrestrial plants, "Animals with Bar Reputations", loons (Thank you to Kittie Wilson), pollinators, how to protect shoreland and underwater "avalanches". LSPA's Loon Committee, with advice from NH Loon Preservation Committee, kept a close eye on "Penny" the loon chick of 2016. The committee also maintains the loon nests, the markers, and buoys.

On the science front, LSPA's buoy and instrumentation continues to monitor the lake; and the water quality monitors and LSPA's Limnology Lab at Colby-Sawyer College continue to provide necessary data for long-term trends.

Dr. Kathy Weathers, a long time Sunapee family member and noted scientist, began a partial sabbatical year with LSPA, to summarize the past 10 years to scientific inquiry, and to advise LSPA on scientific directions for the future. LSPA was also selected to be a part of a National Science Foundation study on the relationship between humans and natural systems, such as lakes.

LSPA is a member-supported non-profit and we wish appreciate all our members, volunteers, and the town for their support!



Respectfully submitted,  
June Fichter, Executive Director



It's all about the water!



January 2017

Dear Friends:

On behalf of 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 programs 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 and stronger than ever: in 2016 we acquired the staff and services of Connecticut Valley Home Care (formerly a division of Valley Regional Health Care), further expanding our service area and the number of residents needing our services. Even with this growth our Board of Directors remains committed, to the best of our ability, to serve those in need regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2016, LSRVNA served Sunapee in the following ways:

- Provided 9,200 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 152 residents;
- Provided free or reduced fee in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
- Residents receive 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;
- Over 160 residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

Our talented staff are dedicated 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 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.

Sincerely,  
Jim Culhane  
President & CEO

## ***NEW LONDON HOSPITAL***

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In 2016, New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services, serving 15 towns, including Sunapee.

We were pleased to welcome the following new providers to our medical staff: Glen Anderson, CRNA; Megan Cassotto, CRNA; Jan Idzikowski, PA-C, Orthopaedics; Christopher Mazur, MD—Emergency Department; Sherri Mongeon, APRN—Geriatric Care; Shannon Schachtner, APRN—Family Medicine; Elaine Silverman, MD—Family Medicine; John Robb, MD—Cardiology; Benita Walton, MD—Psychiatry. Services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers were added as needed to supplement the work of our NLH-employed providers. We also established a new partnership with University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine that designates NLH as a clinical campus for UNE medical students to complete their third-year clinical training.

The year-long construction of our new Newport Health Center—to replace the inadequate building that had housed this important service for 25 years—culminated in its opening to patients on October 17. The new facility offers twice as much space as in the past, in a modern building designed for delivery of high quality primary and secondary care. A public ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29 was attended by nearly 200 guests. We offer ongoing thanks to 300 donors who contributed to our \$2.2 million capital campaign in support of this successful \$9 million project.

In June, we completed two years of intensive study of our William P. Clough Extended Care Center, with Board and management agreeing, regrettably, to close this 45-year service in response to ongoing annual losses of about \$1 million. All 31 residents with us at the time of the decision had relocated by early September. We were honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to care for hundreds in our community over the years in the Clough Center. And we remain grateful to Clough staff who served our residents so well, many of whom transferred to other NLH positions.

These appointments and recognitions were received by our organization and its leaders in 2016:

- Judy Cote, clinical coordinator for the Sports Medicine and Therapy Service department, was appointed by the Governor to the NH Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.
- Vice President for Corporate Compliance and Risk Management, Kieran Kays of Sunapee, joined the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice Board of Directors.
- Board of Trustees Chair Susan Reeves, EdD, RN was appointed by the Governor to a newly created commission on Health Care Workforce to address that employee shortage in our state.
- Volunteer Services Manager Nancy Collins was honored with the Team of Stars
- Award by the New England Association of Directors of Healthcare Volunteer Services.
- The New Hampshire Hospital Association honored Jack Kirk, MD with the 2016 Medical Staff of the Year Award.
- Catherine Bardier, Director of Wellness and Community Health, was elected to the Executive Committee of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Partners for Community Wellness.
- For the fifth year in a row, NLH was awarded the "Most Wired" designation by Health & Hospitals Networks.
- NLH was recognized as a Fit-Friendly Worksite at the GOLD achievement level by the American Heart Association for making the health and wellness of employees a priority.

We again hosted many community and fundraising events, most notably:

- The 92nd 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 33rd annual Triathlon.
- Our 13th Annual Golf Invitational was held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield. Over its history, the tournament has raised about \$500,000 to directly support our mission.
- We held our 11th Annual Benefit fundraiser at the new Newport Health Center and the Newport Opera House (with A Night at the Opera theme), raising over \$34,000 in support of the Wellness Connection and \$15,000 for our Annual Fund.
- The third annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by Dr. Elizabeth A. Talbot, Infectious Disease Specialist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, who spoke on Infectious Disease Outbreaks, Epidemics and Pandemics.

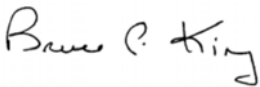
Other significant happenings throughout the year included:

- A “live shooter” emergency preparedness drill with Colby-Sawyer College and the Town of New London’s Emergency Services.
- A new ambulance, for continued provision of high quality service to Sunapee and other area communities by our NLH Ambulance Service.
- 30th anniversary of our ABC’s Childcare Center, providing services for both NLH employees and other community families.
- New leadership of The Wellness Connection: For a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region under Catherine Bardier, who rejoined NLH as Director of Wellness and Community Health and is actively engaging businesses and organizations in New London and environs in a Wellness Coalition and an Employer Network.
- Chris Cundey, who joined the Board of Trustees in 2006, completing the maximum three-term tenure, for which service we are very grateful; and Board election of Mark Pitkin, President and CEO of Sugar River Bank, to a three-year term as a new Trustee.

We concluded fiscal year 2016 with an operating loss, partially offset by charitable gifts and investment income, for a small overall loss.

We are grateful to all Sunapee patients, families and guests who chose to receive care from us in 2016, as well as community volunteers who gave their precious time, donors who generously provided funding, our dedicated staff who always put patients first and all others who supported our mission.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce P. King  
President and CEO, New London Hospital

## STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, SUE GOTTLING

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The 2016 session was busy. The budget impasse was settled and legislators could focus on other issues. Most bills with my name dealt with natural resources such as water and lakes or state parks. One bill tried to solve the Croydon School Board dispute with the NH Board of Education.

The bill enforcing the “clean, drain, dry” method to prevent infestation of our waters by invasive plant (and animal) species passed easily. The bill to restore funding to some of the communities who had invested in expensive water projects anticipating financial support from the state also passed, but many projects continue to await reimbursement.

An interesting bill (prime sponsor, Sen. Little; Rep. Gottling, cosponsor) involved the trade of land between the state and a landowner. Bradford Pines had been in jeopardy the previous year when the fire department of Bradford asked for a parcel comprising nearly 20% of the small preserve. After leading the effort to prevent this taking, I was sensitive to the implications of another land deal. A private land owner had encroached on the Bradford Pines property, an encroachment critical to use of a building on his land. When the owner offered to give the state a large valuable parcel connected to Bradford Pines in exchange for retaining the small piece of encroachment, an agreement was reached. This bill authorized the agreement. While no one wants to encourage or condone helping yourself to state land, this settlement was a win for the state and a relief for the landowner.

The Croydon school bill to allow tax monies to be used for private schools passed the House and Senate but was vetoed by the Governor, a veto upheld by the House. Proponents of school choice are back trying to expand where tax monies for education may go. Many private schools in NH are recognized alternatives for students in towns that have no public school past a certain grade. These schools agree to provide an adequate curriculum and show accountability through testing, not just conform to attendance requirements. The dispute is presently in the courts as well as in the legislature.

Reauthorization of Expanded Medicaid was fought hard by both sides and a tie vote was broken by the Speaker’s “aye”. Our local hospitals have found expansion reduces use of the emergency room and improves health of citizens. Present uncertainty over the future of health insurance is complicating financial planning for citizens, hospitals, and other health care entities. Expanded Medicaid also helps in the fight against addiction, a battle that is ongoing.

Finally, the County again built a budget with no increase in taxes. The budget process was positive with excellent discussions between the County Manager, department heads, the Commissioners and the Executive Finance Committee (EFC). At our organization meetings following the 2016 elections, I was again asked to chair the EFC. I appreciate the support of voters who allowed me to return to the State House to work on issues of importance to all of us.

## *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. We had many positive and thanks from the spectators along the way. 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. Several of the meetings were at the Abbott Library where we enjoyed a guest speaker. The gardeners also took some field trips. Thanks to all who supported our efforts and the Town of Sunapee.

Head gardener; Stephanie DeAugustinis

Chairperson; Betsy Lyons

Secretary/Treasurer; Muriel Bergeron

Respectfully submitted.

Stephanie DeAugustinis and Betsy Lyons



Photo Courtesy of Dick Katz

The Sunapee Historical Society had a particularly rewarding 2016. We made some major changes at the museum, successfully stepped up our fundraising activities, increased our collaboration with other groups, and staged a full array of programs on Sunapee history, all while continuing to press our case for use of the Old Abbott Library to house an archive that will be accessible year-round for education and research.

**Changes at the museum.** We built a small cottage in one corner of the museum to show folks what a lakeside cottage looked like in yesteryear. Materials were donated by Trow's Mill, Durgin & Crowell, Dick Gassett, Greg Young, and Sandy Alexander. Furnishings came from Prospect Hill Antiques, Lois Gould, Barbara Chalmers, and from our collection. The screen door, donated by the Gazelles, squeaks just right! We created new Regatta and lake maps exhibits, new informational signage for all exhibits, and revamped existing water ski school, fishing, and Burkehaven Post Office exhibits. Our shop area was dressed up and expanded, too. As the year ended, we were in the midst of improving our lighting thanks to the talents of Vic Reno. The volunteers who helped with all these projects are too numerous to mention here, but we are grateful to all of them.



**Old Abbott Library project.** We have long known that life in our controlled-by-the-climate museum is not good for many of our holdings, but more mildew, mold, and general deterioration came to light over the summer making acquisition of the old library building all the more crucial. We are excited by the prospect of both being able to take better care of our “fragile” things (documents, photos, clothing, art work, etc) and to welcoming students and researchers to using our materials year-round. At year's end, the Select Board approved our proposal subject to several hearings in January.

**Educational Fundraising.** Our major fundraisers this year were two history cruises—an exploration of the development of Sunapee's shoreline from catbird seats on the MV Mt. Sunapee. We plan to cover a different part of the shoreline this coming summer. In addition, we joined forces with the Sunapee Heritage Alliance for two benefit sales events and participated in several Newport Farmers' Markets as well as the Apple Pie Festival.

**Programs.** Our programs covered a variety of topics: the work of the Riverway and Sunapee Heritage Alliance to save the Harbor House Livery (Barbara Sullivan and Mike Durfor); a slide-show review of the railroad, steamboats, and hotels that served our early visitors and what they did for entertainment (Becky Rylander); a quick overview of Sunapee's history (done jointly with LSPA) (Becky Rylander); Georges Mills history (Ron Garceau); the Builders of Sunapee (Brent Stocker and others); how we celebrated our bicentennial nearly 50 years ago (Ron Garceau); and the lives of the Woodsum Brothers, owner/operators of our noted steamship company, with Greg Weiss and Greg Young impersonating Frank and Dan (script written by Barbara Chalmers). We were pleased to collaborate with the Newport Historical Society in their terrific presentation on Billy B. Van, noted larger-than-life resident of both Georges Mills and Newport in the first half of the 20th century. Thank you, all.

**Other Activities.** Early in 2016, we launched our new website with photos, local history and historical video links. As usual, we marched with our 1928 Buffalo-Springfield Road Roller in the 4th of July parade. This year we were proud to include Sunapee Middle School's Destination Imagination Team fresh from their second place finish at the international global competition. These outstanding children truly represented “history in the making.”

The Board of Directors met monthly to take care of everyday business of the organization. The museum was open free of charge six days a week in July and August as well as weekends in June and September. Special thanks go to Lois Gallup who contributed her talents as our treasurer for many years and willingly shared her extensive knowledge of Sunapee history. Thanks, as always, goes to our cadre of docents without whom we couldn't operate. Thanks also to several young interns who helped at the museum and created some new posters for our use. Thanks go, too, to all those who donated artifacts from their personal collections and to those whose generous financial donations help us meet our operating expenses.

All are welcome to join us. Together we can...

Preserve the Past to Enrich the Future!

Respectfully submitted,  
Becky Fitts Rylander, President

Current Officers:

President: Becky Rylander  
Treasurer: Lela Emery

Vice President: Barbara Chalmers  
Secretary: Lois Gould

Directors:

Sandy Alexander, Bob Blakley, Ron Garceau, Ron Hand, Lucy Young  
Programs: Ron Garceau and Barbara Chalmers  
Docent Coordinator: Lucy Young





## **SUNAPEE-RAGGED-KEARSARGE GREENWAY**

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The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition was founded in 1993 to promote hiking and land conservation in our area. The coalition has pieced together a 75 mile hiking trail, known as the SRK Greenway, which forms a loop that links the regions three most prominent peaks: Mt Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mt Kearsarge. Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist without the generosity of many landowners, including several in the town of Sunapee. Thank you to all of these landowners.

The SRKG Coalition is a community based, all-volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors. The Board oversees trail maintenance work, publishes a newsletter, and maintains a website ([www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org)).

The website has maps of the entire 75 mile SRK Greenway. Also on the website are a schedule of hikes sponsored by the organization, a calendar of events, landowner information, membership information, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire. There is a map of the entire trail and a guide book. Both are available for purchase on our website and at selected locations around the area.

In Sunapee, from the south, the trail goes from the Webb Forest on Harding Hill Road, north to Hells Corner, then North to Tilton Park and the town offices. The next section winds up past the elementary school, to Sargent Road, North Road, Hilltop Road and finally North Road to its end in a class VI road that continues on to the Springfield section of the trail.

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourist 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. SRK Greenway representatives meet regularly with town boards, local land preservation groups (conservation commissions, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests) the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee and Mount Sunapee Resort, the New Hampshire Trails Bureau and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

Tim Eliassen  
Sunapee representative, SRKG Board of Directors

## *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 or older. Meetings are held at the Lake Sunapee Methodist Church on the second and fourth Monday of every month from September through June, unless the Monday falls on a holiday. All meetings are held beginning with lunch at noon. Dues are \$10 per year. Interested people are always welcome to visit.

The group always takes two bus trips a year. This year's Spring trip was to TV station WMUR and the Amoskeag Fishway in Manchester. The Fall trip was to Ben & Jerry's, Cabot Creamery, and Cold Hollow Cider Mill in Vermont.

In January, the group held an auction and heard from Cheryl Dean, Chaplain at the New London Hospital. February was celebrated with a Valentine's Day luncheon, and we held a Candidates Day for Sunapee residents running for office. March was music month with the kindergarten and first grade students, as well as the Middle and High School Chorus singing for us. In April, we had two presentations: The American Civil War Through Folk Songs (a NH Humanities program) and Rescue Dogs from the New England Search and Rescue. There was a presentation on bee keeping in May, and in June we held a Yard Sale and our annual picnic. September was the flu shot clinic given by the Lake Sunapee Visiting Nurse Assoc. In November, Karen Lester from COA spoke on their health and wellness programs, and George Montgomery did a slide presentation and talk on Diving to the Weetamoo. The year concluded in December with our annual Christmas luncheon at The Old Courthouse.

The Thrift Shop continues to thrive, giving annual scholarships and donations to several organizations. It is located in the Harbor Livery Stable building and is staffed by volunteers. It is open Tuesday 2:00--4:00, Thursday 5:00--7:00, and Saturday 10:00-12:00. We are always looking for volunteers from the community to help with sorting clothing donations or staffing the shop.

If you wish to learn more about the Sunapee Seniors, or visit for lunch and a program, please contact Bryan Trainor at 763-4710.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan Trainor, President





## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

### ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER COMMUNITIES 2016

Serving 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack Counties since 1963, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards, along with inter-municipal planning, liaison between local and state/federal agencies, and assistance on development, public health, and environmental issues.

In 2016 Executive Director Nate Miller became the Transportation Planner at Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, and Senior Planner Mike McCrory joined the City of Claremont as their new City Planner. We appreciate their contributions, and we do miss them.

Highlights of our work and accomplishments in 2016 include:

- Responded to more than 150 requests from our towns and cities for technical assistance.
- Provided five Household Hazardous Waste Collections that served approximately 1,000 households.
- Performed Community Readiness health assessments with Enfield, Lebanon, and Newbury.
- Initiated a regional Brownfields identification, assessment, and remediation planning program.
- Trained local staff about environmentally responsible transfer station practices.
- Conducted eleven school chemical site evaluations.
- Updated local Hazard Mitigation Plans with Claremont, Cornish, and Lebanon.
- Helped Unity, Washington, and Claremont update their Local Emergency Operations Plans.
- Assisted efforts toward a Sullivan County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- Began the 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan to identify and prioritize regional infrastructure improvements to be funded and constructed by NHDOT.
- Helped to identify transit and paratransit issues in Sullivan County, to restore needed mobility services, and to coordinate planning for improved public and human services transportation.
- Conducted more than 110 traffic counts across the region.
- Developed Acworth's Road Surface Management System.
- Led transit feasibility study along the I-89 corridor linking New London, Lebanon, and Hanover.
- Assisted Lebanon, Hanover, and Advance Transit with public transit signal prioritization analysis.
- Helped Lebanon with funding requests for Route 120 pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

- Provided assistance to Enfield Shaker Village and Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway committees.
- Provided Circuit Rider planning staff assistance to Orford, Springfield, Claremont, and Wilmot.
- Helped Unity, Springfield, Newport, and Claremont to comply with new Accessory Dwelling law.
- Began the Wilmot Master Plan with completion of the Community Survey.
- Began the Transportation Chapter of Claremont's Master Plan; resumed the city's Rail Trail study.
- Helped Planning Boards to evaluate Projects of Regional Impact.
- Provided administrative and staffing assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or [jedwards@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:jedwards@uvlsrpc.org), to share your thoughts and suggestions.

It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region. Thank you for your support over the decades.



Jonathan Edwards, Interim Director



Photo Courtesy of Katie Flint

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE  
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CHILD</b>	<b>FATHER/PARTNER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>	<b>PLACE</b>
Jan 2	Liam Thomas White	Christopher White	Jessica White	Lebanon
Jan 26	MacKenzie Rose Hurd	Matthew Hurd	Kathryn Hurd	Lebanon
Feb 6	Ella Harper Dolan	Anthony Dolan	Jessica Giberson	Lebanon
Feb 13	Ada Vernon Justice	Tyler Justice	Arrolyn Vernon	Lebanon
Feb 22	Jack Kekoa Gorman	Luke Gorman	Christine Gorman	Lebanon
March 26	Annabelle Grace Vandenberg	Mark Vandenberg	Olivia Vandenberg	Concord
March 28	Samuel James Voelk	Brian Voelk	Melanie Voelk	Lebanon
March 29	Rowan Dawn-Marie Bly		Carissa Bly	Lebanon
June 5	Ava Rose Stuer	Kevin Stuer	Molly Puchtler	Lebanon
June 19	MacKenzie Jane Hutchens	Johnathan Hutchens	Michelle Archambault	Concord
July 2	Lilliana Nicolle Cahill	Michael Cahill	Jade Cahill	Lebanon
Sept 23	Natalya June Nekoroski		Marina Nekoroski	Lebanon
Dec 23	Emerald Lincoln Mitchell	Daniel Mitchell	Kristin Burgess	Lebanon
Dec 29	Jaxson Thomas Ayotte	Jahn Ayotte	Courtney Boel	Concord

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, 2016**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>FATHER</b>	<b>MOTHER</b>
Jan 5	Jane Gamble	New London	Charles Yderstad	Nancy Dunlope
Feb 1	Ronald Stanford	Lebanon	Benjamin Stanford	Agnes Wheeler
Feb 5	David Miller	Sunapee	Arthur Miller	Dorothy Fredette
Feb 16	Richard Gregory	Sunapee	Dan Gregory	Doris Manosh
March 8	Guy Alexander Sr	Georges Mills	Ralph Alexander	Ella Graves
March 22	Norman Smith Sr	Sunapee	Forest Smith	Alice Unknown
April 7	Cynthia Dearden	Georges Mills	John Hall	Wilda O'Donnell
April 18	Alma Murphy	Sunapee	Dalton Garner	Mary MacNeil
April 27	Robert Wherland	Lebanon	Harry Wherland	Doris Wilkins
May 25	Dennis Ness	Sunapee	Christian Ness	Suzanne Brown
May 29	Paula Tilson Conrad	Lebanon	Win Tilson	Jane Thomas
June 19	Jean Deavers	New London	Edward Cousins	Alma Leek
June 22	Bernard Wilkes Jr	Newport	Bernard Wilkes Sr	Clara Kielbasa
June 28	Karl Winters	Lebanon	Frederick Winters	Marion Solberg
July 6	Richard Webb	Lebanon	Vanderbilt Webb	Aileen Osborn
July 10	Maurice Austin Jr	Sunapee	Maurice Austin Sr	Mabel Dodge
Aug 15	Everett Pollard	Lebanon	Earle Pollard	Esther Rickard
Aug 24	Ruth Hastings	Claremont	Roy Fowler	Zelda Aiken
Aug 27	Margaret Kilcoyne	Georges Mills	John Jennings	Mary Morahan
Aug 31	James Lyons	Sunapee	Henry Lyons	Katharine Phelan
Sept 10	Gary Johnson	Merrimack	Roland Johnson	Delia Sylvester
Sept 12	Leicester Sherrill Jr	Sunapee	Leicester Sherrill Sr	Kathryn Keeler
Nov 1	Billie Hill	Lebanon	William Perra	Melvina Butler
Nov 28	Thelma Hause	Sunapee	George Shallow	Anna Haynes

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Respectfully submitted,  
Betty H. Ramspond, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE**  
**JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016**

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<b>DATE</b>	<b>GROOM/BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>	<b>GROOM/BRIDE</b>	<b>RESIDENCE</b>
Feb 22	Ryan W Berthiaume	Waterbury, CT	Laura A Bowers	Waterbury, CT
March 5	Robert J Riessle	Sunapee	Elizabeth A Sweeney	Sunapee
May 1	Jonathan C Flanders	Sunapee	Hanna E Koby	Sunapee
May 14	Benjamin D Bailey	Sunapee	Faith A Zitta	Sunapee
May 20	Anthony J Orr	Newport, NH	Annette C Orr	Newport, NH
June 11	Andrew B Bigelow	Spencer, MA	Colleen T Bottcher	Spencer, MA
July 16	Michael G Whitaker	Sunapee	Mary E Stevens	Sunapee
July 16	Josiah T Vendt	Sunapee	Rebecca F Lance	Sunapee
July 23	Derek M Olsen-Waggoner	Burlington, VT	Jaimie A Sevene	Burlington, VT
July 30	Francis A Rowella	Ridgefield, CT	Amanda R Surbey	Ridgefield, CT
Aug 21	Elliot P Katz	New York, NY	Michaela R Shapiro	New York, NY
Aug 27	Dustin J Hargbol	Sunapee	Keri M Spiwak	Sunapee
Sept 10	John B Nichol	Houston, TX	Lindsey A MacFarlane	Brookline, MA
Sept 17	Michael A Price	Scarborough, ME	Sarah E Larsen	Scarborough, ME
Sept 19	Douglas J Shorten	Ipswich, MA	Amy E Coletti	Arlington, MA
Sept 24	Ryan C Delaney	Boston, MA	Susan E Stockwell	Boston, MA
Oct 15	Kevin L Sullivan	Framingham, MA	Crystal L Bissett	Framingham, MA
Oct 23	Jeremy P Dube	Sebastian, FL	Elizabeth S Walsh	Sebastian, FL

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Respectfully submitted,  
Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk & Tax Collector

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## ***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: 8:00—1:00; Thurs: 8:00—12:00		

**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 14, 2017  
AT THE  
SHERBURNE GYMNASIUM ON ROUTE 11

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