

Town of Grantham

New Hampshire

Annual Report for 2015



The newly expanded Dunbar Free Library

Expansion of the Dunbar Free Library

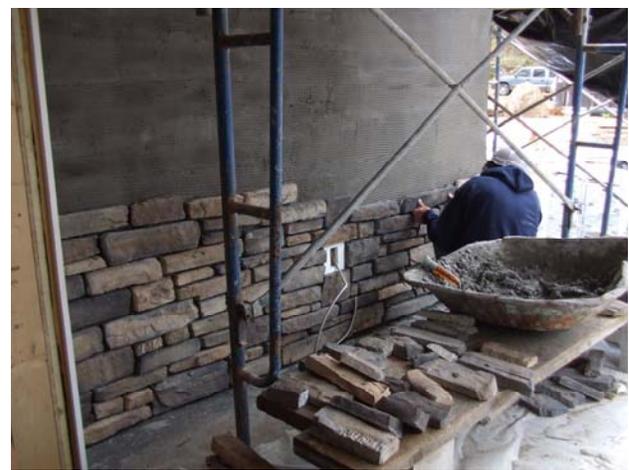


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More construction photos of the library. As you can see in the photo bottom left, Mother Nature did not wait for us to put the roof on!







A special thank you to all who helped with our book brigades!



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Town Department Information

SELECTMEN’S OFFICE; 300 Route 10 S; 603-863-6021; fax 603-863-4499

Hours:	Monday.....	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday.....	8am – 5pm
	Wednesday.....	8am – 5pm
	Thursday.....	8am – 5pm
	Friday.....	8am – 4pm

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR; PO Box 135; 300 Route 10 S; 603-863-5608; fax 603-863-4499

Hours:	Monday.....	8am – 5pm
	Tuesday.....	8am – 7pm
	Wednesday.....	8am – 7pm
	Thursday.....	8am – 5pm; Closed for lunch from 12pm – 1pm
	Friday.....	8am – 4pm; Closed for lunch from 12pm – 1pm

DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY; PO Box 1580; 401 Route 10 S; 603-863-2172

Hours:	Monday.....	9am – 7:30pm
	Tuesday.....	Closed
	Wednesday.....	9am – 7:30pm
	Thursday.....	9am – 5pm
	Friday.....	9am – 12pm
	Saturday.....	9am – 2pm

FIRE DEPARTMENT; PO Box 80; 251 Route 10 S; 603-863-5710

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT; 36 Dunbar Hill Road; 603-863-9156; fax 603-863-4499

POLICE DEPARTMENT; PO Box 704; 300 Route 10 S; 603-863-6844; fax 603-863-8152

Non-Emergency 24-Hour Dispatch 603-863-3232; EMERGENCY 911

TRANSFER STATION; 1150 Route 114; 603-863-9713; fax 603-863-4499

Hours:	Sunday.....	9am – 4pm
	Monday.....	8am – 12pm
	Tuesday.....	Closed
	Wednesday.....	Closed
	Thursday.....	8am – 4pm
	Friday.....	10am – 4pm
	Saturday.....	8am – 4pm

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

- Board of Selectmen: 2nd & 4th Wednesday; 5pm
- Conservation Commission: 3rd Monday; 7pm
- Energy Committee: 1st Monday; 5pm
- Library Trustees: 3rd Monday; 5:30pm
- Open Space Committee: 1st Thursday; 8:30am
- Planning Board: 1st Thursday; 7pm
- Trustees of the Trust Funds: 2nd Tuesday; 1pm
- Zoning Board of Adjustment: 4th Thursday; 7pm

Officials and Staff of Grantham

	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
G. Warren Kimball, Chair	2017
Sheridan T. Brown	2016
Constance A. Jones	2016
MODERATOR	
Susanna Schweizer	2016
Lorie McClory—Assistant Moderator	
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR – Melissa White	
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Ann Jasper	
RECEPTIONIST/OFFICE ASSISTANT – Martha Norris	
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	
Rita Friedman	2016
Kenneth Story, Deputy	
TOWN TREASURER	
Christopher Morris	2016
Deputies: Stephen Adamic, Ann Neu	
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE (<i>Appointed</i>)	
Peter Guillette, Chair	
Paula Bresnick	
Robert MacNeil	
Patricia MacNeil	
CEMETERY TRUSTEES	
G. Warren Kimball	2017
Christopher Paquette	2016
Russell (Pete) Bailey	2018
CEMETERY SEXTON – Warren Legacy	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION (<i>Appointed</i>)	
Richard Hocker, Chair	
David Wood	
Laura Nagy	
Susan Buchanan	
Richard Kaszeta	
<i>Alternates: Dennis Ryan</i>	
<i>Selectmen's Rep: Sheridan T. Brown</i>	

Officials and Staff of Grantham

	<u>Term Expires</u>
DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Katrina McCurley, Chair	2016
Ed Jenik, Treasurer	2018
Sara Lang, Recording Secretary	2016
Robert McCarthy	2018
Karen Walsh, Corresponding Secretary	2017
LIBRARIAN – Dawn E.S. Huston; B. Joey Holmes, Assistant	
ENERGY COMMITTEE —Paula Bresnick, Kristina Burgard, Jeannine Chenevert, Donald Fitzpatrick Andy Gelston, Peggy Martineau, Michael Salo	
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE (<i>Appointed</i>)	
Thain Allan, Chair	
Craig McArt, Secretary	
Allen Wilson, Vice Chair	
Susan Buchanan, Conservation Commission Rep	
Charlie McCarthy, Planning Board Rep	
Conrad Frey, Zoning Board Rep	
PLANNING BOARD	
Carl Hanson, Chair	2018
Charles McCarthy, Vice Chair	2017
Mary Hutchins	2016
Peter Guillette	2018
<i>Alternates:</i> Thain Allan	
<i>Selectmen's Rep & Voting member:</i> G. Warren Kimball	
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST	
Donna Stamper	2020
Sandra Noordsy	2016
Suzanne Goldman	2015
RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE (<i>Appointed</i>)	
Marsha Googins	
Jennifer Beaulieu	
Julia Hautaniemi	
Nicole Mason	
<i>Selectmen's Rep:</i> G. Warren Kimball	
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS	
Robert Fogg	2016
James Coakley	2017
Robert Lewis	2018
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (<i>Appointed</i>)	
Conrad Frey, Chair	2016
Richard Mansfield	2017
Myron Cummings	2017
Margery Bostom	2017
Tanya McIntire	2018
<i>Alternates:</i> Peter Guillette & Peter Gardiner	
<i>Selectmen's Rep:</i> Constance A. Jones	
<i>Clerk:</i> Martha Norris	

Officials and Staff of Grantham

BUILDING CUSTODIAN—Greg Stender

BUILDING INSPECTOR – Roger Woodworth

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR – David Beckley

F.A.S.T. SQUAD

Stuart Gillespie, EMT-Intermediate, Coordinator; Jane Chipman, EMT-Intermediate & Treasurer; Jill Davis, EMT-Paramedic; Bruce Chipman, Advance EMT & Asst. Coordinator; Lori Avery, EMT & Secretary; Erin Hammond, Advanced EMT; Ian Gill, Advanced EMT; Jeremy LaBombard, Advanced EMT; Gergana Alteva, EMT; Cory Howarth—in training for

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeremiah Fountain, Chief ; David Beckley, Deputy Chief; Lieutenants: Justin Hastings, Jason McMahon; Firefighters - Len Angelli; Ryan Avery; Rosie Bard; Christopher Boyes; Susan Boyes; Katherine Bushman; Robert Coburn; Hunter Coronis; Joseph Dorko; William Follensbee; Ian Gill; Matthew Guerra; Erin Hammond; Cory Howarth; Nathaniel Lang; Christopher Lopez; Brandon Mason; Joshua Merriam; Jack Tibbits; Pavel Zagadailov

FIRE WARDEN – Jeremiah Fountain

Deputies: David Beckley; Justin Hastings; Jason McMahon, Brandon Mason, Cory Howarth

GROUNDSKEEPER – Glenn Carey

HEALTH OFFICER – Susan Figley; Dr. Richard Sachs, Deputy

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey Hastings, Road Agent

Brian Hastings, Plow Truck Driver (winter)

Thomas Bircher, Truck Driver/Equipment Operator (summer)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Walter Madore, Sr., Chief; John Parsons, Sergeant & Prosecutor; Ryan Gamble, Officer; Travis Soucy, Officer; Judy DiPadova, Secretary

Specials: Tim Julian, Vince Cunningham, Robert Schwartz, Massad Ayoob

RECREATION DEPARTMENT— Activities Director, Jamielynn Garland; Athletics Director, Marsha Googins

TOWN ARCHIVIST—Rae Tober

TRANSFER STATION—Chris Scott, Supervisor; Buddy Sweeney, FT Attendant;

Ron Fowler & F. Robert Osgood, PT Attendants

WELFARE OFFICIAL – Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator

Board of Selectmen Report & Dedication

In 2015, the Town Offices saw personnel changes with the retirement of long-time Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Towle. She is succeeded by Ken Story, who stepped down from the Board of Selectmen earlier this year to serve in his new role.

As directed by State law, our two remaining selectmen chose a replacement to fill the Board vacancy until the next Town Meeting. They appointed Sheridan Brown, a local attorney who has served on our Conservation Commission and worked extensively with New Hampshire municipalities. If elected at this year's Town Meeting, Sheridan will complete the remaining two years of Ken's term.

Some may recall that our Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2014 included an auditor's recommendation for the Town to become compliant with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 45. GASB 45 specifies the method of reporting post-employment benefits other than pensions. Following a lively discussion of this topic at the end of our 2015 Town Meeting, we immediately hired an actuary with expertise in bringing small towns like Grantham into compliance.

Compliance with GASB 45 provides greater transparency by reporting the cost of post-employment benefits in the period they are earned by an employee rather than when the benefits are paid. Linda L. Bournival, FSA, EA, MAAA, of KMS Actuaries, LLC (a Manchester, N.H., firm) completed the work to bring us into compliance at a cost of \$5,000. This will be updated every three years or sooner as required by GASB.

Meanwhile, we are pleased to report that the Olde Farms Bridge replacement is finally coming to a close. We are waiting to see how it weathers the winter and spring; and any dressing, contouring, or backfilling will be taken care of by our bridge contractor before we sign off completely. We expect that this concrete pre-cast arch will certainly outlast the four culverts that have formed the "Bridge" since the early 1960's. Hopefully our resident Beavers will find a new home far away from this engineering masterpiece.

We will begin the Miller Pond Road Bridge rehabilitation project this spring and it will be completed by the end of summer. Finally there is light at the end of the tunnel!

The Conservation Commission is working on its own bridge project and trail improvements at Brookside Park off Old Route 10. A new pedestrian bridge over Skinner Brook and trails (including universally accessible portions) on the additional acreage acquired last year will improve opportunities for Grantham residents and families to enjoy this gem of a natural area.

Finally, the property revaluation completed this year was a success. The State, which sets the laws and rules for how the mandated revaluations are conducted, assigned us a representative from the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) to monitor the entire procedure. The State and the Town were very pleased with the job done by Vision Government Solutions. The Town's sole disappointment was the resulting decrease in our grand list (the aggregate value of all taxable property in Grantham).

Revaluation is not a simple process, and now we must begin budgeting for the next one in five years. That will be a statistical update. Hopefully, by then the real estate market and economy will have turned around and our property values will show a vast improvement.

We are very fortunate in Grantham to have a solid group of employees who work extremely well together as a team. They most certainly are our biggest asset, for without their loyalty and unwavering support we would not be able to enjoy the smooth operation of all the various departments. Our employees make an invaluable contribution to the Town, and we collectively thank them for their efforts. You are appreciated and that is why we dedicate this 2015 Town Report to you.

Sincerely,

Connie, Warren, Sheridan

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

It's always amazing to me how fast a year goes by and 2015 was not any different! Once again we had some staff changes - in July, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Towle retired after 19 years of service. Thank you Cindy for your service to Grantham! Ken Story was appointed as our new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Ken's appointment left a vacancy on our Board of Selectmen which was filled by Sheridan Brown, welcome Sheridan! I'm looking forward to working with both of them for many years to come!

We also welcomed Greg Stender as our building custodian. He replaced Dave Cullen who resigned earlier in the year. Greg brings with him a wealth of knowledge needed for this position. Welcome Greg!

In February, we awarded the contract for the Olde Farms Road Bridge to Northwoods Excavating of Thetford, VT. Although Mother Nature provided us with her fair share of rain the week before construction was due to start, Tim and his crew was still able to install the bridge and get the road back open to residents within a month. There were some delays with the guardrails and as of this writing the project is almost complete with some finish work to be completed in the spring of 2016.

Our Joint Loss Management Committee continues to meet on a quarterly basis to ensure the health and safety of our employees (RSA 281-A:64). At our meetings, attended by supervisors and employees in all departments, we review any workplace injury that happened and discuss ways to help prevent the injury for occurring again. We also conduct annual inspections of all our buildings to help ensure compliance with New Hampshire Department of Labor's Health and Safety rules.

If you are new to Grantham, the Selectmen's Office is where you come for many things such as assessing information (applications for current use, Veterans' credits and elderly exemptions), building permit applications, general assistance, planning and zoning board applications, Transfer Station information including hang tags (dump passes) and dump tickets for those items that require a fee to dispose of. This information is also on our website at www.granthamnh.net. We also have an email list; it's a great way to stay up-to-date on all the happenings in town!

I know I've mentioned this before but it bears mentioning again...OUR VOLUNTEERS! We are so blessed to have so many dedicated residents volunteering on all the different boards and committees as well as our coaches and referees. Volunteers are truly what make our community so great! Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered!

In closing, I would like to send a special thank you to my Assistant Ann Jasper and Receptionist Martha Norris for all their dedication and support. I also want to thank all of our other employees for their dedication, we are so very lucky to have such a dedicated group of employees. And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank our Board of Selectmen, Warren, Connie & Sheridan for their support and hard work throughout the year; it's very much appreciated!

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa M. White

Melissa M. White
Town Administrator



A view of Walker Pond (off of Split Rock Road) on October 13, 2015.

Olde Farms Road Bridge—BEFORE



Olde Farms Road Bridge Construction



Olde Farms Road Bridge Construction



Olde Farms Road Bridge Construction



Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Report

In August of 1999 I became Town Clerk/Tax Collector. It is with mixed emotions that I am retiring from this position. I thank the Town Administration, Cindy Towle, Retired Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector; and Ken Story, our new Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector for their support over the 16.5 years

We license dogs and issue hunting and fishing licenses. This is where you register to vote and register motor vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles and boats.

Property Tax bills, which are paid through this office, are sent twice a year and are payable in July and December of each year. The property tax year runs from April 1st to March 31st. Information about tax billing, payments and tax lien information can be directed to this office.

One of the more useful tools that we offer is our website, www.granthamnh.net. The home page shows the calendar with town events, meetings, revised hours and holiday closings. Under Departments, choose Town Clerk/Tax Collector. Tax payments and/or tax bill copies, registration renewals, dog licenses and certified copies of Vital Records can be researched and paid online using our website. Addresses can be updated on the Town website.

The office is open for your convenience 5 days a week, which includes 2 evenings. We close from 12pm to 1pm on Thursday and Friday since there is only one person in the office on those days.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Friedman, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
 Ken Story, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Revenues Collected from July 1, 2014—June 30, 2015	
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES (3,900 reg.)	\$653,037.00
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEE	\$13,935.00
BOAT REGISTRATION & CLERK FEE (83 reg.)	\$1,086.00
RECLAMATION TRUST FUND	8,544.50
RECLAMATION ADMINISTRATION FEES	1,825.50
DOG LICENSES & FINES (725 licenses)	3,854.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$225.00
VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFIED COPIES	\$694.00
UCC FILINGS	\$360.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$776.50
HUNTING, FISHING & OHRV AGENT FEES (165)	\$394.00
TOTAL	\$684,731.50

State of New Hampshire

JOHN J. BARTHELMES
COMMISSIONER OF SAFETY



ELIZABETH A. BIELECKI
DIRECTOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
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December 15, 2015

Rita Friedman, Town Clerk
Town of Grantham
300 Route 10 South
Grantham NH 03753

RE: Official Audit Report, Town of Grantham

On August 19, 2015, an audit was performed on the records of the Municipal Registration Agent in the Town of Grantham at the municipal office.

Attached are the following documents:

Audit Report

Digitally signed by Robert Lussier
DN: cn=Robert Lussier, o=Division of Motor Vehicles,
ou=Department of Safety, email=robert.lussier@dos.nh.gov,
c=US
Date: 2015.12.17 14:11:50 -05'00'

Robert Lussier, Administrator
Division of Motor Vehicles



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES
GRANTHAM MUNICIPAL AGENT AUDIT
AUGUST 19, 2015

To the Management of the Division of Motor Vehicles and the Grantham Municipal Agent:

We conducted an audit of the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles Grantham Municipal Agent on August 19, 2015. We conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

This report is the result of our evaluation of the information noted above and is intended solely for the information of the Department of Safety, Division of Motor Vehicles Management and the Municipal Agent.

This report details the results of this audit, including any observations and recommendations necessary to ensure compliance with applicable procedural rules set forth in New Hampshire RSA 261 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles and Part Saf-C 519 Registration by Municipal Agents in the DMV Administrative Rules.

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Abbreviations

ACH	Automated Clearing House
DMV	Division of Motor Vehicles
DOS	Department of Safety
RSA	New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated
SAF-C	DOS Administrative Rules
SOP	New Hampshire DMV Standard Operating Procedure
IDMS	Department of Safety Legacy Financial and Inventory Software
MA	Municipal Agent
MAAP	Department of Safety Registration Software

Introduction

Rita Friedman, the Grantham Town Clerk performs the duties of Municipal Agent for the DMV. Municipal Agents are governed by New Hampshire RSA 261 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles and Part Saf-C 519 Registration by Municipal Agents of the DMV Administrative Rules. Additionally, each Agent is bound by the terms of the Municipal Registration Agent Contract entered into with the DMV prior to being granted registration authority, and should also follow guidelines provided in the Procedure Manual for Municipal Agents.

Ms. Friedman was certified as a clerk to perform registrations for the DMV on March 16, 1999. She has been the Municipal Agent for the Town of Grantham since August 9, 1999. She accesses the MAAP registration system through vendor software provided by Business Management Systems, Inc. The office is setup so that all transactions are processed over a counter providing a barrier between the public and the DMV inventory and revenues. After business hours the DMV inventory and revenues are further secured in a locked vault. Grantham is a single-check town. A sampling of the Agent's transfer and reporting history revealed a general compliance with the procedures established for this location.

Purpose and Scope of Review

This internal review, on a tested sample basis, was designed to determine whether the Municipal Agent located in Grantham, New Hampshire was in compliance within a limited scope area of inventory accountability, cash accountability, compliance with Department of Safety (DOS) Administrative Rule Part Saf-C 519 Registration by Municipal Agents, RSA 261 Certificates of Title and Registration of Vehicles, and RSA 541-A Administrative Procedure Act and established Division of Motor Vehicles Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

On August 19, 2015, an audit was performed at the Grantham Municipal Agent Office, located at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, New Hampshire. This Division of Motor Vehicle review was conducted in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards applicable to performance audits and, accordingly, we included such tests of the records, on a selected sample, and such other review procedures as we considered necessary and appropriate in the circumstances.

Methodology

We reviewed and analyzed various sources of information, including the State of New Hampshire laws, administrative rules, policies and procedures for the Division of Motor Vehicles, financial reports, Municipal Agent Help Desk call logs and other documentation as needed. To focus our efforts, we interviewed the MA regarding the operation and management of the Municipal Agency. We also performed on-site file reviews and examined information uniformity provided from all sources for our tested sample.

Review and Inspection Activities

The New Hampshire Division of Motor Vehicles conducted a review at the Municipal Agent's office located in Grantham, New Hampshire. The site review consisted of an interview with the Municipal Agent responsible for the specific functions that were tested. This interview is documented within our work papers.

Test of Controls

The MA was asked to produce the following documents and inventory to ensure that they were in compliance within the limited review areas with State of New Hampshire laws, administrative rules, and policies and procedures for the DMV.

1. All inventory on hand as of August 19, 2015 to be reconciled against inventory records provided by the IDMS/MAAP system.
2. State Daily Registration Logs and Deposit Receipts from the date of the last audit (August 6, 2014) to the current audit date (August 19, 2015).
3. Inventory receipts and damaged inventory documents from the date of the last audit (August 6, 2014) to the current audit date (August 19, 2015).

Conclusion

The Agent is generally in compliance with the applicable statutes, rules and procedures. The physical setup of the Agent's office and procedures in place provide adequate security for the revenue and inventories entrusted to the Agent.

At the conclusion of the audit all inventory items entrusted to the Agent had been accounted for.

Supervisor's of the Checklist Report

We are continuing to update our Checklist of Voters. We have sent out letters to those voters who filled out a form that did not have all the information now required by the State. Thank you to all of you who have followed through and come into the Town Office to complete new forms. You may also come to one of our sessions at the Town Office. These sessions are mandated by the State and you will find them advertised in the Shopper. We are also sending out 30 day letters to those voters whose letters were returned with no forwarding address. All these steps will make our Checklist more accurate in preparation for future elections.

We have enjoyed having Suzanne working with us and are delighted that she has agreed to run for a 6 year term. There is quite a learning curve and she has picked it up quickly.

We are always looking for Poll workers and greeters for the Election. If you have an interest, please call or email the Selectman's office admin@granthamnh.net and they will pass the information on to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Stamper
Sandy Noordsy
Suzanne Goldman



Left—Donna Stamper, Center—Suzanne Goldman, Right—Sandy Noordsy

Energy Committee Report

At their November 12, 2014 meeting, the Board of Selectmen (“Selectmen”) voted to form a Grantham Energy Committee (“GEC”). The members were appointed in the first quarter of 2015, and GEC’s first meeting occurred in April 2015. Unless otherwise posted, GEC’s regular meetings are the first Monday of each month, starting at 5:00pm in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room, Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South.

GEC acts in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen and other Town boards, committees, and commissions on matters such as energy conservation, energy efficiency, ways to decrease municipal energy costs, and reduction of Grantham’s greenhouse gas emissions. In addition, GEC is a resource for Grantham residents, businesses, and other organizations on energy consumption habits and demands, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

Over the last eight months, GEC members attended numerous energy-related conferences and classes, and learned how to use ENERGY STAR software designed to track and analyze energy consumption, cost, and efficiency. GEC is now using this software to track energy consumption and costs for all the Town buildings. GEC also met with the Selectmen, the Fire Department, various town employees, and members of the public to discuss their current energy consumption, concerns, and ways to increase energy efficiency. From these meetings, GEC learned there is very strong support and demand for increasing energy efficiency in the Town’s buildings, as well as determining the feasibility of using renewable energy resources.

As an initial step, GEC took advantage of several resources to obtain free initial energy assessments of various Town buildings, both of which indicated that as a first step, significant energy consumption reduction could be achieved by switching the Town’s building and exterior lights to all LED lighting. GEC submitted a recommendation to the Selectmen with proposed cost estimates to switch to LED lighting, and potential energy and cost benefits for doing the same.

In addition, GEC submitted a recommendation to the Selectmen that they present to the voters a warrant article providing for an optional property tax exemption for the assessed value of certain qualifying renewable energy systems. If passed, the warrant article would create a tax neutral policy within Grantham that neither increases the property owner’s taxes for installing such a renewable energy system, nor decreases the Town’s municipal tax revenues.

More information about GEC can be found on our page of the Town’s website, at <http://www.granthamnh.net/energy>, and there are several subpages that contain valuable information for residents about regional energy-related events and information resources.

Co-Chairs: Jeannine Chenevert & Paula Bresnick

Members: Kristina Burgard, Donald Fitzpatrick, Michael Salo, Andy Gelston, Peggy Martineau

Planning Board

Site Plan Review

Dunbar Free Library/ Expansion – Tax Map 237 Lots 005 and 006; 401 Rt. 10 South
ECA/Club House Expansion – Tax Map 234 Lot 023; 6 Clubhouse Lane
Wendy Bircher/Tresk Interiors-Rum Brook Plaza – Tax Map 226 Lot 021; 249 Rt. 10 North
Stocker Brook Realty, LLC/ Saw Mill – Tax Map 236 Lot 010; 631 Rt. 114

Merger / Annexation

Thomas A. & Carolyn D. Simon; Tax Map 225 Lots 212 and 213
Eastman / Greensward Section 7
Mark Conner & Sharon Frank; Tax Map 213 Lots 055 and 056
Eastman / Anderson Pond Section 3
Waltraud, Dorian & Doreen Rodizza; Tax Map 222 Lots 257 and 258
Eastman / South Cove Section 2
Lynelle Reney; Tax Map 234 Lots 002; 003; 004.
Eastman / Greensward Section 12

Subdivision Application

James & Margaret LaHaye – Tax Map 207 Lot 022; Rt. 10 North

Sign Permit Application

Angela MacCreighton/ Sugar River Bank – Tax Map 233 Lot 026; 120 Rt. 10 South
Fred Tatro/ Tatro Landscaping – Tax Map 226 Lot 020; 151 Rt. 10 North
Luc Gauvin & Grantham Fire Dept – Tax Map 233 Lot 075.1; 251 Rt. 10 South

Members: Chair—Carl Hanson, Vice Chair—Charles McCarthy, Peter Guillette, Mary Hutchins

Alternates: Thain Allan

Selectmen's Representative & Voting member: G. Warren Kimball

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Despite the slow upward trend in the economy over the past several years, the number of applications received by the Board continues to remain at a rather low historic level.

There were three meetings this year to consider three applications. These involved approval for the placing of a sign on a building in the Business District; a variance to establish a home business in the Rural Residential District (not consummated); and a possible modification to an industrial building in the Business Light Industrial District.

Several inquiries were received throughout the year, mainly interpretation of the Zoning Ordinance as applied to land use.

Conrad Frey, Chair

Members: Myron Cummings; Richard Mansfield; Margery Bostrom; Tanya McIntire

Alternates: Peter Guillette and Sheridan T. Brown

Selectmen Representative: Constance Jones

Clerk: Martha Norris



A beautiful shot of Dunbar Hill Road this fall. The fall foliage was so brilliant this year! Photo courtesy of Jacqui Guillette.

Building Inspector's Report

78 building permits were issued for the calendar year 2015 as follows:

House—16

Garage—7

Shed—5

Accessory Structure—8

Barn—2

Deck/Porch—9

Addition—8

Commercial building—3

Other—19

There was a slight increase in issued permits over the same period last year (71 permits). Well over 120 inspections were conducted. Property owners are reminded that all building permits must be displayed and made available for required inspections and signatures.

Also, street numbers for homes should be prominently displayed and observable from the road, at a minimum for safety purposes as well to facilitate the required inspections.

Please contact me at the Town Office (863-6021) or at home (863-5863) with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger Woodworth
Building Inspector



Police Department Report

There is a saying in police work which I would like to paraphrase, “The size of the community does not determine the types of crimes that occur, only the frequency of them!” The author of this truism escapes me, but the context does not.

While Grantham has experienced tragic events in the past we are fortunate that they are not everyday occurrences, as in other communities within our state. This is what makes Grantham a desirable community in which to live and raise a family. By working together for the common good of the community we can keep Grantham a safe community. Thank you all for your support.

I am happy to report that the COP-Sync, School Emergency Notification Grant has been completed and the system is working flawlessly. This direct link to law enforcement significantly reduces response time in the event of an incident at the school.

Again, the Grantham Police Department is on track to handle 2,000 calls for service for 2015. Our motor vehicle activity has seen an increase, surpassing last year’s numbers by over 50%.

Sgt. Parsons conducted another successful D.A.R.E. program at Grantham Village School this year graduating 45 fifth graders. The US Drug Enforcement Agency reinstated the National Take Back Day and on Sept. 26th the department collected 47.8 pounds of unused prescription drugs.

Participating with the Grantham Fire Department and “Our Town” activities, we were able to ensure that our community events took place safely and without incident.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter A. Madore Sr.
Chief of Police



GRANTHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

Manslaughter.....	1
Simple Assault	2
Sexual Assault.....	2
Harassment.....	2
Burglary/Attempt to Commit Burglary...1	
Theft (all)	12
Fraud (all)	11
Child Custody Issues.....	4
Criminal Mischief (Vandalism)	6
Possession/Sale/Mfg. Drugs.....	12
Disorderly Conduct.....	3
Pistol Permit Application	52
Sexual Offender Registration.....	24
MV Complaints.	49
Burglary Alarms	93
House Checks Completed.....	861
House Check Requests.....	35
Unruly Juvenile	8
Suspicious Activity/Person-Vehicle	59
Assist Fire Department.....	25
Assist Other Agency/Police/NHSP.....	125
MV Accident.....	15
Suicide Attempt/Threat	2
Animal Complaints	46
Driving After Revocation/Suspension	11
Fingerprints (employment/other)	45
Medical/Ambulance Call.....	73
Assist Town Clerk Dog Licensing.....	20
Subtotal	1599
*All Other Offenses.....	511
Traffic Citations/Warnings Issued	799
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	2909

*All Other Incidents include, but are not limited to:

Simple Assault, Harassment, , Disabled Motor Vehicles, Bank Alarms, Public Assist, Welfare Checks, Police Information, Littering, Juvenile Matters, Cruelty to Animals, Record Checks, Parking Complaints, Found/Lost Property, Chimney/Structure Fire, Request for Information, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Wires Down/Tree Limbs Down, Missing Persons, Protective Custody, Civil Standby, Passing a School Bus, Repossession, Warrant Arrests, Reckless Operation/Negligent Driving, VIN Verification, 911 Hang-ups; Papers Served or Attempted to Serve, Complaints

Emergency Medical Services Report

Grantham's Emergency Medical Service is an all-volunteer, non-transport agency of state certified medical personnel who serve the Town of Grantham and exist and function as part of the Grantham Volunteer Fire Department.

Call Statistics:

The Grantham EMS responded to 72 "911" emergency calls in 2015. The following is a general break down of those calls and the comparison with the previous year.

<u>Type of call:</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
MVA	19	13
Trauma—Fall	10	8
Trauma—Other	1	3
Medical—Cardiac/Chest Pain	2	11
Medical—Stroke/CVA/Seizure	3	2
Medical—Breathing difficulty	5	2
Medical—Other	15	12
Substance Abuse & Psychological	4	0
Fire Support and CO alarm	3	0
Medical Alarms and Lift Assists	9	9
Mutual Aid to other towns	1	1

Membership and Certification Level:

Our membership and squad officers are as follows:

Stuart Gillespie EMT-Intermediate, Coordinator
Bruce Chipman—Advanced EMT, Assistant Coordinator
Lori Avery—EMT, Secretary
Jane Chipman—EMT-Intermediate, Treasurer
Jill Davis—EMT-Paramedic
Erin Hammond—Advanced EMT
Ian Gill—Advanced EMT
Jeremy Labombard—Advanced EMT
Gergana Alteva—EMT
Cory Howarth—In training for EMT

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to Jeff and Susan Figley. This past April, they decided to retire from the squad after providing over 15 years of dedicated service to the town and the squad.

Grantham EMS is an active participant in the Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee EMS Region and the New London EMS district C-5. Our Medical Resource Hospital for providing Medical Control and oversight is New London Hospital. Our primary patient transport agency was New London Ambulance Service for the first half of the year and changed to Lebanon Fire Department Emergency Medical Services starting August 1, 2015. I am pleased to announce that, after monitoring the situation over the past several months, this change has had absolutely no negative impact on either the level of patient care or the transport ambulance response times.

If you have any interest joining or learning about the squad, we are always looking for new volunteers. Please feel free to speak to one of the members, visit our new web site, which you can reach through the town's site <http://www.granthamnh.net/>, and e-mail one of us, or just stop by at one of our monthly meetings. These are held at the fire station, on the 2nd Monday, every other month, at 6:30pm. Times and dates are subject to change or cancelation so if interested, please make sure to contact a member prior to coming.

We as a squad would like to thank the people of Grantham and our town officials for their continued support and wish you all a safe and healthy year to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Stuart Gillespie,
Coordinator

Grantham Fire Department



It's hard to believe it has been almost 6 years as the Fire Chief. Like all my previous years, 2015 was filled with many changes for the department. One of the most needed changes was putting into service the self-contained breathing apparatus which brought updated technology and safety features to our equipment. The healthiest was installing a new diesel exhaust filter system in the station which filters the air and removes gases, carcinogens and particulate. The biggest change was in August when the town switched transporting ambulance services from New London Ambulance to Lebanon Fire Department, I'm delighted to state this change has had no impact on the service the town receives. Along with the change in ambulance service we switched our EMS dispatch to Hanover so now both Fire and EMS are dispatched out of the same center. On a recent call, this moved proved to be vital for communication and efficiency.

We hosted the annual Fire Department Open House and Town of Grantham Health Fair in October, and it was a great turn out for flu shots. The Fire Department Association hosted our annual Drive to help our Neighbors event, we collected three large construction bags of toys along with cash donation for Toys for Tots, in addition we also sent almost hundred pounds of food to the Newport food bank. The Fire Department Association also held our annual chicken barbeque at the Old Home Day. I think we have our secret chicken recipe down to a science! Remember if you want to get some of this wonderful chicken you need to get there early, even increasing the number of chickens we sold out again this year. We hope to see you at all of our upcoming events in 2016.

The Grantham Fire Department has responded to a total of 99 calls for service. The following is the breakdown of major incident types for the 2015 calendar year:

15	Fires
29	Vehicle Accidents
30	False Alarms, Unintentional Activation
7	Service Calls
6	Medical Assists
6	Hazardous Condition
6	Electrical/Power Line

The majority of our calls in 2015 were for false alarms, and vehicle accidents, these are a combination of different individual incident types. We did see a rise in fire calls; these are a combination of structure fires, chimney fires, brush fires, dumpster fires and cooking fires.

Along with responding to the 911 calls, our Deputy Forestry Wardens have given out hundreds of permits for brush fire and seasonal camp fires.

The department currently responds to emergencies with our 2000 Pierce Pumper, 2008 HME Pumper, 2002 Water Master Tanker and 2015 Ford F250. As in past years the total number of fire department members has changed and we've been fortunate to add two new members. We currently have a roster of 18 members who have varying experience and response levels. We are always looking for new members to join the department. If you have ever considered volunteering to help your community, the Fire Department could be what you are looking for. While our firefighters are paid on calls and some training, the largest portion of our work around the station is done on a volunteer basis. We are always looking for new members to join the department and experience is not required. Even if you don't wish to respond to emergency calls, we can always find something within your skill set to assist the department.

If you are interested in joining the Fire Department, please feel free to stop by the station and talk with a member. Our monthly meeting night is the first Tuesday of every month or you may also call the department at 863-5710 or email us at granthamfd@comcast.net.

I would personally like to thank all the members of the Fire and EMS Departments for their commitment and dedication to the Grantham Community. These members have donated many hours of their time over the last year and it is greatly appreciated.

Lastly I would like to recognize and thank Luc Gavin from Grantham for his Eagle Scout project. His hard work, dedication and leadership ultimately produced an outstanding Smokey Bear danger & public announcement sign for the Fire Department. If you have the time, you should stop by and check it out!

Respectfully Submitted,

Jay Fountain
Fire Chief



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

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

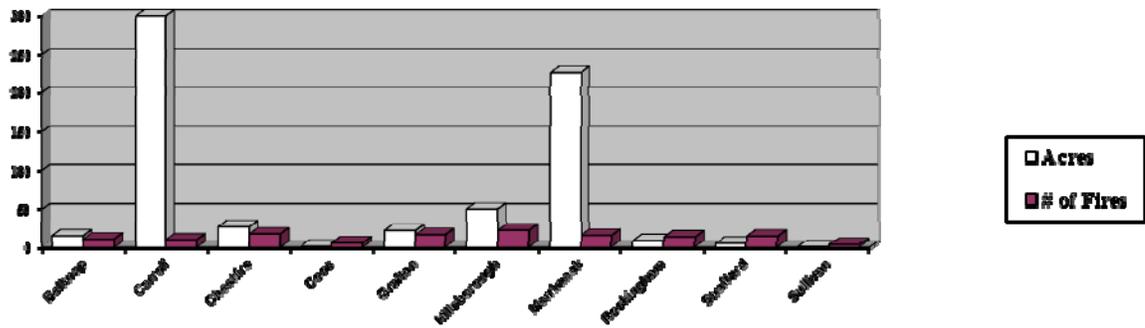
This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	22.8	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	134	661
Debris	17	112	72
Campfire	13	182	144
Children	3	318	206
Smoking	12	125	42
Railroad	0		
Equipment	6		
Lightning	5		
Misc.*	71 (*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



Midwestern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District

The Grantham Fire Department is an active member of the Midwestern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual aid District. The district is made up of fire officials from the cities and towns along the I-89 corridor from Sutton to Lebanon. District members meet and train on a monthly basis in the member towns. The district provides member towns with equipment, training and expertise to respond to an emergency involving hazardous materials.

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

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

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

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

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

Information on the district can be found on the district's website www.midwesthazmat.org.

Emergency Management Report

To summarize Emergency management for 2015, it would be best to say “monitoring the situation”. Grantham fared well through all the situations that affected other parts of the country and world this year. Working with our partners, emergencies ranging from health issues like Ebola and flu outbreaks to weather related emergencies have been monitored and prepared for this year. Even today as I write this report, the warnings and plannings of our first expected Winter storm are coming in.

Continuing to prepare the town, Grantham’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) was updated this year. The EOP provides direction on how all the town’s departments will work together during an emergency while also incorporating the available help from outside. Much appreciation goes to these agencies such as the Regional Coordination Council for health issues affecting the Upper Valley or New Hampshire Emergency Management which can bring in resources from across the state or request help from the federal level if needed. Also this year, Grantham’s Hazard Mitigation Plan was finally approved by FEMA.

To close, as individuals and families we understand that outside help may not be immediately available during an emergency. It is up to each of us to be prepared. This includes planning, emergency kits and readiness to evacuate. More information can be found at www.ready.gov or for more localized information www.readynh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

David Beckley

Emergency Management Director



Dave Morrison from Fire ProTec shows some children how to use a fire extinguisher during our annual Health and Safety Fair.

Highway Department

Road Agent Report

As I type this, it is December 22nd and there is not a speck of snow on the ground. Quite different from last winter!

The winter of 2014-2015 was one of the more challenging in recent years. We had measurable snow that started on Thanksgiving and continued to pile up into the end of March. We used over 1,900 yards of winter sand and 280 tons of salt. We were also busy repairing equipment such as broken sander chains, replacing truck springs and changing cutting edges which allowed us to keep the plows on the road. We also had to deal with a couple of those pesky frozen culverts.

Thankfully, spring brought a minor mud season with only a few gravel roads requiring stone and extra raking.

Summer proved to be a very productive one with normal routine road maintenance which included grading and raking, spreading gravel, ditch cleaning, sweeping, roadside mowing and dust control. We also maintained all of our equipment. This consisted of oil changes, routine services, plus fixing whatever else broke. Rebuilding the one ton dump body kept us busy for a day or two! The rest of the summer was spent completing some bigger projects like renting a small excavator and changing 14 culverts throughout town, prepping Stony Brook and Stocker Pond Roads for paving, laying fabric and spreading 821 yards of gravel in some much needed areas. Our last big project of the summer was the much anticipated new bridge at the north end of Olde Farms Road. This was a major improvement over the old culverts – plus a bit trickier for the beavers to dam up (we hope).

In closing, I need to thank Brian and Glenn for their long hours of playing in the snow with me and Tom and Conner for helping me complete all the summer work. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the townspeople, Selectmen and other departments for their support.

Respectfully,

Jeff Hastings, Road Agent



Transfer Station Report

Here we are with another year in the history book, and quite the year it was. As you can see, with the comparison of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 and July 1, 2014 to June 30 2015.

	<u>2013-2014</u>	<u>2014-2015</u>
MSW (Trash)	952.80 T	933.85 T
C & D	321.52 T	279 T
Total Waste T & E	1274.32 T; \$109,617.06 E	1,212.85 T; \$106,185.02 E
Aluminum	2.68 T; \$2,483.74 R	2.62 T; \$2,290.83 R
Metal	51.36 T; \$10,541.95 R	48.35 T; \$7,748.94 R
Tin Cans	6.17 T; \$854.33 R	5.68 T; \$410.49 R
Cardboard	57.58 T; \$6,274.80 R	39.38 T; \$3,312.33 R
Glass	80.41 T; \$1,849.43 E	87.42 T; \$2,119.90 E
Paper	118.02 T; \$4,128 R; \$6,600 E	114.61 T; \$2,119.90 E
Plastic	31.2 T; \$713.56 E	34.15 T; \$2,937.06 R; \$7,175 E
Electronic Waste	13.787 T; \$5,048.39 E	14.61 T; \$4,870.54 E
Tires	18.36 T; \$1,992.05 E	24.36 T; \$2,696.78 E
Total Recycling*	379.57 T; \$24,282.82 R; \$16,575.78 E	371.90 T; \$16,699.65 R; \$18,578.55 E
Tickets Collected	\$19,345	\$16,485
Recycling Percentage	23%	24%

* T = Tons; R = Revenue; E = Expense

This has been a trying year for the recycling industry, the market has taken a big downturn on all the commodities, which has made it harder to get them to market. I am glad to see that the tonnage of waste went down by 61.47 tons, and the recycling tonnage stayed the same, congratulations to all on a good job.

We made some improvements to the yard this year by adding four pads for the extra roll off bins. This will make it easier in the winter and spring to load and unload, also helping in extending their life as they will not be sitting on ice and mud.

In closing, have a great New Year and we will see you at Mount Trashmore, but remember it costs less to recycle than it does to throw it in the trash.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher C. Scott, Supervisor
Buddy Sweeney, Ron Fowler and F. Robert Osgood—Attendants



“Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions”

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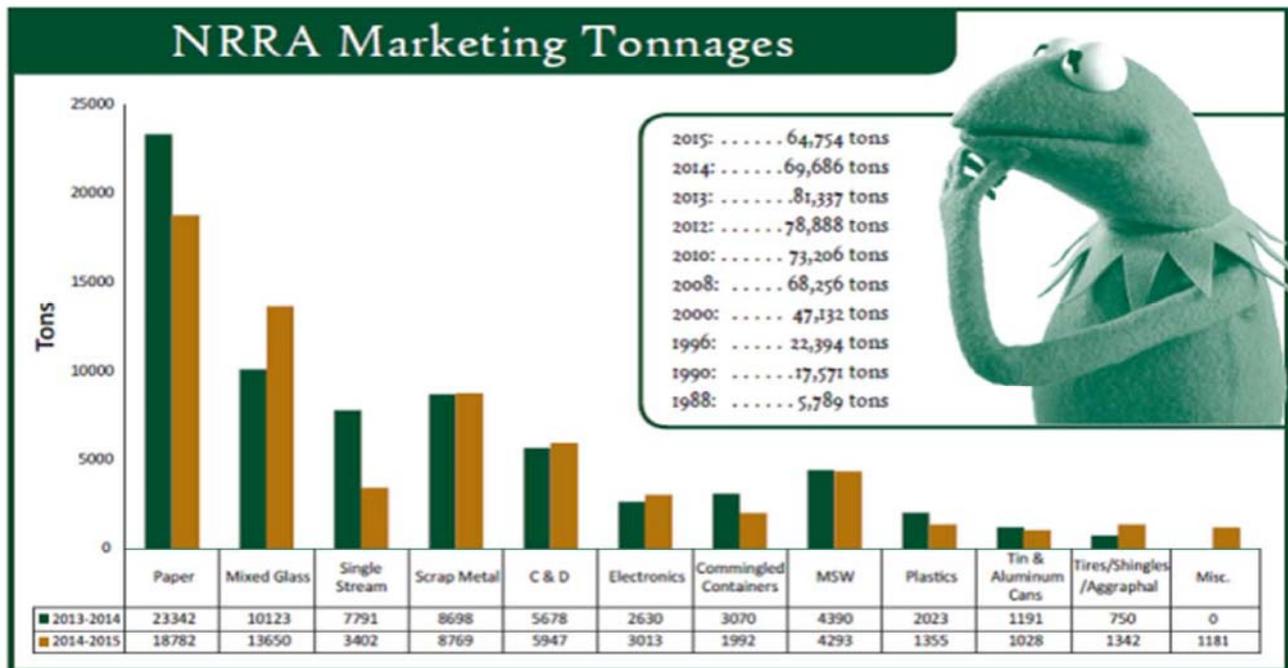
Dear NRRA Member,

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

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

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

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



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at www.nrra.net



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Town of Grantham, 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.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2015	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Electronics	23033 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 4 houses for one year!
Paper	160.3 tons	Saved 2726 trees!
Scrap Metal	55.6 gross tons	Conserved 55549.3 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	5.6 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 330,720 hours!
Tires	27.02 tons	Conserved 27.02 barrels of oil!

Grantham Athletics Report

2015 was a productive and rewarding year for the Athletic Department. With the support of great parent volunteer coaches and assistant coaches the programs offered for our town's youth had great participation from Kindergarten to Sixth grade.

Spring sports had Majors Baseball for grades 5th and 6th coached by John Eylander. Minors' baseball for 3rd and 4th grade had two separate teams coached by Carl Melendy and Dave Daignault. The softball season had a 3rd/4th grade girl's team that was coached by Michelle Belk. Rookie baseball had two teams for the 1st/2nd grade coached by Glenn Price and Dave Susco. T-ball was offered for the Kindergarten and 1st graders and was split into two teams coached by Tom Ripley and Jeremy Bachelder.

This was the first year the Majors team used a base path of 70 feet (from the previous stretch of 60 feet). This proved to support safer play and improved skills by the players. This change was successful throughout the Kearsarge Valley Cal Ripken League.

This was also the first year that Grantham and the Kearsarge Valley Cal Ripken League used an arbiter out of Concord to assign umpires for games at the Minors and Majors level and was highly successful.

Taekwondo was offered in the spring as well and was well attended with about 15 members. This sport has allowed its participants a newfound confidence that has let them move on to great success in competition play across the state and many have tested into higher levels of skill. Due to the faithful dedication from Stephen Hopkins, this program has been a favorite and is offered three times a year in the spring, fall and winter.

Summer brought Pre-K soccer and Toddler Soccer! This proved to be a successful turnout for both groups and allowed the participants from Pre-K to get ready for the soccer season in the fall and to get to know their classmates. Pre-K soccer was coached by the Athletic Director, Marsha Googins, with support from Dan and Shannon Schachtner. Toddler soccer was coached by Meredith Beasley.

Fall Soccer formed a 5/6 grade boys team, a 3/4 grade boys team, a 3/4 grade girls team and teams at the 1/2 grade level and Kindergarten. 5/6 grade boys were coached by Tom Shapard with support from Ed Miller, John Wolfe and Paul Matzkin, 3/4 girls were coached by Michelle Belk and Tom Ripley, 3/4 grade boys had two teams coached by Robert and Michelle Morrell with support from Linda Snow and Stephanie Brill and the second team was coached by Dave Susco. The 1st/2nd grade co-ed team was coached by Jeff Durell with support from Jeremy Bachelder and Jon Ames. The Kindergarten team was coached by Athletic Director, Marsha Googins.

October brought the Monster Mash where a pasta dinner was served by the Athletic Department during the "Our Town", Halloween event at the Grantham Elementary School. This was a welcomed change and was largely successful. A special thank you to Nicole Mason, Wendi Grant, Chris Spring, Katie and Rick Googins for their support during this event.

Winter sports had great participation with a 5/6 grade boys team coached by Kristin Miller and Ian Pollard, a 3/4 grade boys team coached by Randy Britton, a 3/4 grade girls team coached by Denise Durkee, a 1st/2nd grade co-ed team and Kindergarten team both coached by Jeremy Bachelder. Our Cheerleading Squad, comprised of 3-6th grade is coached by Jodi Jones-Poljacik and has a great crew this year. Season end for these groups are finalized with a tournament for the 5/6 grade level and a round robin competition for the 3/4 grade level players.

As these players get older and strengthen their skills, it is encouraging to see them move on as positive representatives of Grantham and strong players at the Lebanon Middle School and High School as well as with AAU basketball and Indoor Soccer groups. Grantham has a tremendously strong presence in the sports programs at all levels of play with these institutions.

It is rewarding to see the youth of our town work hard to build their kinetic skills in the programs offered by the Athletic Department. Without the support of parents these programs would not be as successful. Thank you for all you do to support our youth athletes, Parents!

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Googins
Athletic Director

Sprucing up the fields at the Recreation Park in preparation for baseball and softball season



A special thank you to all who helped—Dave Armstrong, Jon & Michelle Belk, Denise Durkee, Marsha Googins, Kelly & Jerry Spiller, and Dave Susco.



Photos to the left and in the center are the children who participated in our summer pre-kindergarten soccer program with Marsha Googins coaching.



Meredith Baxter coached our summer toddler soccer program.

Grantham Recreation Park Committee

The Grantham Recreation Park Committee had a busy year planning for the installment of the concession area within the pavilion at the park. We collaborated on ideas to create a progressive area in the pavilion for the concession stand. A vision was realized with the addition of four windows, a shelf unit capped with a spacious counter top, and a variety of shelves within for storage and display purposes has brought our pavilion up to a new level of use for the park. This concession is expected to fulfill fundraising needs by offering food and drink during sporting and activity events throughout the year. It will be staffed by committee members and volunteer parents during these events. It was first utilized during the soccer season with great success. A refrigerator was donated which will provide additional inspiration for our concession offerings. It is also hoped that the concession will help raise the necessary funds for future improvements of the pavilion and other spaces within the park.

Additionally, a storage garage was built near the blueberry patch to house the park's mower as well as other small equipment. A small portion of the garage will be used as a "blueberry stand" so residents can pick blueberries. Money received from the sale of our blueberries goes toward the future needs of our park; thus alleviating the need for raising the funds through property taxes.

The park was used to facilitate the youth baseball and softball season, an adult softball league and adult soccer club; summer soccer for Toddlers and a pre-Kindergarten group; Old Home Day Celebration; Scarecrow Building; a family anniversary and a family reunion as well as the fall youth soccer program.

The committee realizes the importance of making the park accessible to all residents of Grantham and is working to improve the spaces within the park for athletic program and activities use.

Members: Jennifer Beaulieu; Jamielynn Garland; Marsha Googins; Nicole Mason

Selectmen's Representative: Warren Kimball



Often times at our blueberry patch the neighbor's horse Joe, who is owned by Selectman Warren Kimball and his wife Cindy Towle, will poke his head through the trees and over the fence to say hello. Isn't he a handsome fella?

Dunbar Free Library Trustees Report

What an exciting year for the Dunbar Free Library! Our staff and volunteers have kept the library buzzing in tight quarters as a much needed addition is completed. This renovation will mean so much more than additional space for materials; there will be room for in-house programming, a dedicated area for young adults, more options for computer and wireless access, plus much needed staff work space and full ADA compliance. Of course, none of this would be possible without the kindness and generosity of the remarkable Grantham community. It is with sincerest gratitude that I offer, on behalf of the Dunbar Free Library Board of Trustees, our thanks to the taxpayers of Grantham, the Dunbar Free Library staff and volunteers, our hardworking fundraising volunteers led by Lorie McClory, the faithful support of our Friends group led by Susan Wren, our generous donors, and the support and partnership of our town government, local businesses, and other charitable organizations. Thank you!

As we look forward to the new resources this addition will allow, we also look back with amazement at the magic that makes it all worthwhile. Our busy little library consistently ranks in the top five libraries in the Upper Valley in terms of per capita circulation, and patrons of all ages enjoy the many and varied programs offered. This past fall, *Kid Stuff* magazine readers voted the Dunbar Free Library as the Parents Choice favorite library in the Upper Valley (tied with Howe Library in Hanover, NH). All of this happens thanks to our hardworking, compassionate staff and volunteers, led by director Dawn Huston, who celebrated ten years with the Dunbar Free Library this past year. It is an honor to serve as a trustee to this dedicated group of individuals who bring so much to our town in entertainment, lifelong education, and required resources.

2016 will be a time to dream and plan with new spaces and new ideas. Whether or not you have been part of our past, I encourage you to stop by the Dunbar Free Library and be part of our future. After all, as Lady Bird Johnson once said, “The only entrance requirement is interest.”

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina McCurley

Chair, Dunbar Free Library Board of Trustees



Dunbar Free Library

**401 Route 10, South
Grantham**
www.dunbarlibrary.org
info@dunbarlibrary.org



Hours: Mon & Wed 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Thurs. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-Noon, Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
Dawn Huston, Joey Holmes, Bobbi Travis, Terri Heepe, Karen Goldstein, and Andy Gelston

By the time you read this, we will (“Lord willin’ and the creek don’t rise”) be FINISHED with the addition and renovation you, the community of Grantham, were so helpful with voting a good portion of the funding for last year but we couldn’t thank you in last year’s letter because you hadn’t done it yet! But RIGHT NOW, while I’m writing this, we are still in the throes of construction, although THE END IS IN SIGHT!! So forgive me, (or say “AT LAST, for once!”) this report will be brief.

From July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Checkouts: including everything 54,307, borrowed by 1717 registered borrowers, of which 55 were non-resident.

Items borrowed from other libraries: 972

Items we lent to other libraries: 1,206

Door count for the year, not including all attendance at programs since some were off-site: 29,087

Attendance at all programs: 2,135 There were about 131 programs, in all, if you count Trick-or-Treating as a program. Many were at the library, but some were at Town Hall, some across the street at GUMC, some at Eastman in co-operation with Eastman Activities, and a few at Grantham Village School.

Items added for the year: 1,474, all items removed: 2,519, ending total 24,097

Hours open for the year: (We closed one day in June for moving, and NONE for the December move!) 1827.5

How many times our patron computers were used: 571+

How many hours our volunteers worked (not including the June Book Brigades!!!): 1623 plus (no record of garden volunteer time, either!)

What our Friends have done for us: SOOO much, including buying Museum Pass Memberships to the Boston Museums of Science and of Fine Arts, Billings Farm Museum, Strawberry Banke, Currier Museum, The Fells, Squam Lake AND funding the Summer Reading Program and Co-operative programs with Eastman Activities and others, AND donating \$40,000 to the expansion fund, as well as a lovely annual holiday “goody-fest” in December that has to be tasted to be believed. And I’ve left things out! Join the Friends: ask for an envelope the next time you’re in the library.

Do you like to read magazines? Remember NHDB (New Hampshire Downloadable Books)? On our website, third choice down on the right, you can borrow eBooks, including for Kindle, and download audios for your phone or mp3 player, and NOW, there are MAGAZINES! Using a Nook app for almost any tablet/phone device, you can read magazines in full living color. Ask us. We have Croydon school children visiting our library now, this coming year we will have a license to show movies and Grantham is SUCH A GREAT LIBRARY LOVING COMMUNITY!!!!

Last year's parking lot? 14? 17 spaces?



This year's parking lot, 28+ spaces (not all shown)



Love letters,
the BUILDING
PERMIT!!!,
Thank you,
Thank you,
Thank you



Old profile



New profile



“Our Town” Activities Department

February 28th – New Hampshire Fish and Game – Learn to Ice fish

We had 19 adults and children join for the chance at getting a bite in Eastman Pond. It was a sunny but very cold day and we all sat by our posts in hopes for a bite. Sadly it never happened but we all agreed that we are going to try again next year!

March 9 – Read Across America

Storyteller Simon Brooks shared amazing Fairy Tales and stories that had us wanting him to never stop, then we made crafts of painted toast and planted clover pots that went along with what we heard. We shared the morning with 35 children.

April 4th – Eggstravaganza

The Bunny hopped inside again this year! We set up in the GVS gym and Cafeteria as the fields were still to damp with snow. We spread out 2800 Easter eggs and Sugar River Bank helped us fill them with candy and toys we provided. The bunny had 40 children under 5 and 68 children over 6 and up.

April 11th - Rabies Clinic

This year the Sugar River Animal Hospital provided 23 rabies shots for cats and dogs. They also offered microchipping. This is a yearly community service held at the Grantham Fire Department.

May 10th - Mother and Son Magic Show and Pasta Dinner

Chris Yerling wowed us with his comedy/mime performance. We had a pasta buffet and lots of sweets for dessert. Dawn Grant Photography took mother/son photos. It was a night filled with laughs as 25 couples shared the night to celebrate Mom’s special day.

June 6 - Town Wide Yard Sale

The sun was shining and we had 21 people who had tables to sell their items in the Town Building inside and outside. On the Town map we had 27 houses around Grantham in addition to the Town Building participants. Everyone involved felt it was a very successful day for a yard sale.

June 7 - Father Daughter Dance

Father’s and Daughter arrived wearing their very best. We started off taking pictures with Dawn Grant Photography as well as cookie decorating supplied by Missy Walla. DJ Jim Hollis started the night with some classic tunes as we danced the night away. We served appetizers and refreshments. This year’s theme was hearts.

July 4 - Old Home Day

This year the theme was Hero’s. We started the day off with the pancake breakfast at the United Methodist Church followed by the Parade down Route 10. The rain stayed away just long enough for the parade to make it through town. We added new food vendors, Boisvert’s Curbside Kitchen and YaiYai’s Greek cuisine as well as a bunch of sweet station throughout the event in addition to the Grantham Fire Department chicken BBQ which is always a huge crowd pleaser. We had live animals, 4-H, Bounce houses, train rides, face painting, glitter tattoos and games. This year’s performers were Juggler Bryson Lang, Comedy magic of Andrew Pinard and Ventriloquist Sylvia Fletcher. They all had you laughing and not wanting the day to end. The rain started but didn’t stop the fun from continuing. There were approximately 800 people who join our annual Old Home Day at The Grantham Rec Park.

Picking Blueberries - Late July – August

This season was a late and short one to say this year. The bushes were picked with the help of volunteers and the berries were sold at Rum Brook Market.

July/August - Music in the Meadow

We kicked off our concert series with Steve, Marty, Joey and Noelle a family favorite, we welcomed The Shana Stack band and had Fire it up Pizza as well but the thunder cut our night short, next we had Mike Cressey with Melissa Durkee and friends. We cancelled two shows due to Thunder and lightning, mother nature seem to pick Tuesday night to have her own show.

September 26 – Scarecrows are a staple in October on Route 10. This year a total of 39 we place throughout town. New additions this year were The Yoga Connection, Salty Dog Fitness, DeeAnn Shepherd of Country Homes Realty, Dunkin Donuts and Grantham Fire Department as well as two sold to private residences. This project is a lot of fun and work but so very enjoyable to hear all the ways people enjoy seeing them.

September Cookie Classes with Missy Walla

Registration was posted and within two days all classes were filled through December. Missy has an amazing vision for cookie decorating. We were very fortunate to have her host her classes at the Town Hall.

October 24 - Monster Mash Dinner Bash

DJ Jim Hollis helped keep the party going and the children danced, played games and had a pasta dinner provided by the Grantham Athletics department. 75 goblins joined us with their parents.

Pumpkins were provided by Horton’s Farm and Daisy Hill Farm and sold at the event.

October 30 – Light up the park

For our first time holding this event we had 36 pumpkins to light up the park. “Our Town” provided the tea lights and some cocoa. I am very excited to see this event grow from year to year!

November 9 - Veteran’s Community Gathering

The Historical Society started the day with Bob Osgood and Bill Tighe sharing stories. The Dunbar Free Library had a craft at their maker space held in the United Methodist Church. In the afternoon the Grantham Scouts read names of Grantham residence at the Grantham Fire Department at their flag ceremony. The G.P.T.G held a boot camp race where the children wore names of veterans on their shirts in their honor.

December 5 - Breakfast with Santa and Friends

The door opened at 8:30, Santa was jolly and ready to greet all the children. Cinnamon dough ornaments were made for bringing home as well as a gingerbread house contest which Caroline Weber won for her House which she made at one of our cookie classes with Missy Walla. We served 300 people and collected a large amount of canned good that were donated to the Newport food pantry. This event is always the best way to start off a season of family and giving.

December 6 – Hampstead Stage a Christmas Carole with Gingerbread decorating and Town tree lighting

The Dunbar Free Library and Our Town had the Hampstead Stage come and put on an amazing two person play of the Christmas Carole. We had 68 people come to the free show. We than decorated Gingerbread cookies and had some cocoa before heading outside to the Town Tree located in front of the Town Hall. Together as a community we did some caroling then Kayleigh Trietsch lit the tree.

Thank you to all the volunteers that help out. The town events would not be as successful without you!

What a great year!

Jamielynn Garland

Town Archivist Report

To start off, I have been corrected several times this year in regard to the rooms in the Grantham Village School. The school was a three-room school building. The underground level was also a class room -- I learn new (or should I say old) information almost every week. That is the fun of immersing oneself in the discovery of the Town of Grantham's history.

Just a reminder, if you or anyone you know is cleaning out an attic, basement, storage bin, or even a house, please alert the Town Archivist. Family histories, old newspapers clippings, photos, even magazines, are treasures to our history. Dates, places and decisions by town officials plus ephemera illustrating town business are so important. Inquiries about ancestors continue to come by visitation, emails and phone messages, which requires the use of the old town selectmen records.

Did you know that the original town business was originally conducted in the home of early residents. After the church was moved from Dunbar Hill, it was raised and the first floor became the second floor now the sanctuary of the church. The new first floor became the offices of the Town of Grantham or Town Hall.

The next move was a room in the Dunbar Free Library. An old safe that was removed from the library (in the 2015 renovation) was probably used for storing documents of the Grantham government.

Later the Town hall moved to the old Village School after the new Grantham Village School was built in 1983. The 4 foot-half wall, with counter made to separate the public from the working area of the offices is still used as part of the Archive Room. There is also a safe off the Archives Room once used for storing documents of the town of Grantham's business--it is now used as a closet for archival items.

Thus the long history of the Grantham government has finally settled down. I wonder when the next move will come or where it will be?

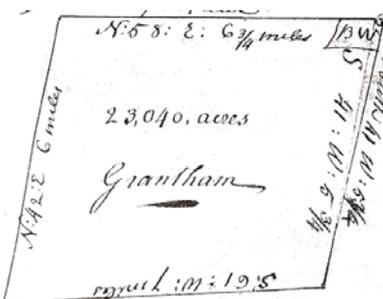
The 250th Celebration of the Town of Grantham NH 1767 to 2017 is almost here. You can help by volunteering Contact Jamielynn at fun@granthamnh.net or 443-2894. Also you can visit the Archives at the Little Old School House on Dunbar Hill Road, Fridays 1-4 pm. Phone 603-863-9701; email granthamn-harchives@gmail.com

Thank you,

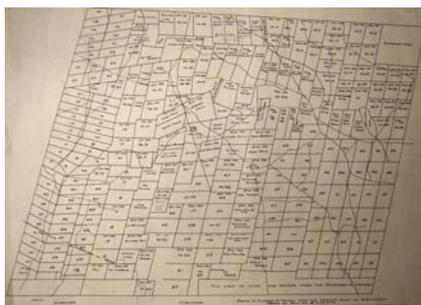
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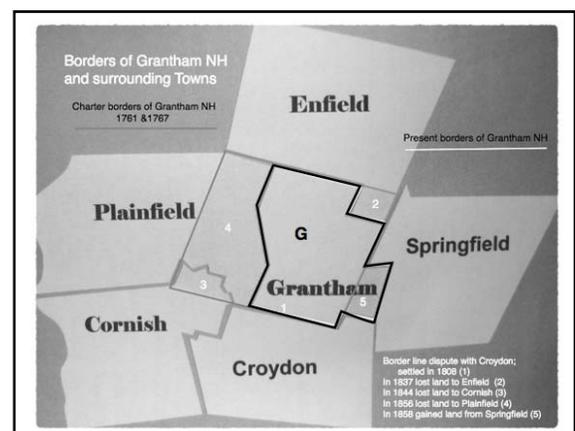
Grantham border markers



The map to the left is from the 1761 Charter of Grantham; 1767 Charter for New Grantham is similar but the Charter requirements were completed.



The map to the left is based on the original dimensions displaying the (property) lots.



Conservation Commission Report

Although the Grantham Conservation commission has been in existence for 25 plus years not many people know much about the Commissions' role in town governance. Unlike the Planning Board and Zoning board of Adjustment, the members of the Commission are usually nominated by the commission Chair and approved by the Selectmen for a 3 year term whereas the members of the other two Boards are elected by the Grantham residents. In addition the Planning and Zoning Boards have statutory authority. Since the Conservation Commission is an advisory organization for the Selectmen its recommendations usually need to be ratified by the Selectmen before they become actionable.

Inherent to the mission of the Commission is the goal of keeping Grantham's rural character. In that vane continuously review activities in Grantham that may be a furtherance of Grantham's conservation goals. Over the last 15 years funds from received by the Commission from the "Land Use Change fees" and the Land Preservation Trust Fund have been used to help in the conservation of the Reney Forest, the Howard lands, the Health Lot ultimately purchased by ECA, the Hastings Lot which was used by the town to mitigate the wet lands impact of the ball fields construction and the recent purchase of 6.5 acres for inclusion into Brookside Park.

Additionally, the Commission is the manager for the Town Forest located on Miller Pond Road, and overseer of the 845 acre conserved Sherwood Forest. The latter responsibility is State mandated but delegated to the Commission by the Selectmen. The Commission also acts as the principal advisor on matters pertaining to the town's wetland and shore lands including review of cutting permits. Additionally, every 7 years the Commission undertakes the perambulation of the town boundaries with representatives from Enfield, Croydon, Springfield and Plainfield as required by state law. At present only a short segment of the Plainfield boundary remains to be completed.

In recent years the Commission has had completed appraisals of several parcels of land, funded Forest Management Plans for the Town Forest and Smith Lot, initiated a Critical Conservation Lands evaluation and managed a Wetlands study.

For the past year considerable effort has been devoted to the development of Brookside Park. With the integration of the contiguous 6.5 acre bought with Conservation funds, the Park expanded to 20 acres. Under the leadership of the Commission, volunteers have created a beautiful trail system throughout the Park. During the trail work several geologic points of interest were found as well as a diversity of lovely settings. The trails are now flagged and ready for anyone who can cross Skinner

The next steps are the construction of a bridge spanning Skinner Brook and the installation of an ADA accessible trail from the parking lot, across the bridge and up to the "Sun Rocks". In response to a grant request drafted by Commissioner Laura Nagy, the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation provided Grantham with \$15,000 toward the construction of the ADA accessible trail. Although volunteers will help with that trail construction, the Commission intends to hire the Youth Conservation Corp to do the bulk of the construction. Under the lead Commissioner Rich Kaszeta, the engineering work needed for a 38 foot ADA compliant bridge across the Brook has been largely completed. Rich has designed, built and fitted the forms for the bridge footings. Come Spring the forms will be filled with concrete and the 38 foot I-beams put in place with the assistance of the Youth Conservation Corp. We plan to have the Park ready for visitors by the middle of 2016.

The Grantham Conservation Commission is a Volunteer organization. If you have an interest in getting involved as a commissioner or as a worker please contact the Chair at 863-7487. We can use all help offered.

Chair: Richard Hocker

Members: Sue Buchanan, Laura Nagy, Richard Kaszeta, David Wood

Alternate: Dennis Ryan



Site of the bridge for Brookside Park.

Open Space Committee Report

The Open Space Committee was established by the Board of Selectmen in 2013. The committee was charged with inventorying all Grantham's undeveloped parcels of 10 acres or more, with the goal of identifying and prioritizing land that could be considered important in preserving Grantham's rural character. The committee completed this task by developing a file of 125 such parcels. Data was collected on each parcel along with an assessment of rural character attributes such as wildlife habitat, ponds, streams, fields, woodlands, trails and views. Some of the key observations were:

65% of the town's total acreage was included in the 125 parcels.

46% of the town's total acreage was included in 20 parcels over 100 acres.

Of the 11,250 acres inventoried, 10,100 acres or 90% are wooded.

The northwest portion of town contains the greatest concentration of wooded parcels.

40 of the 125 parcels have some sort of covenant restrictions and comprise 55% of the inventoried acreage.

84 or 67% of the parcels inventoried are in Current Use designation.

The Open Space Committee is now in the process of developing an Open Space Protection Plan for inclusion in an updated Grantham Master Plan. It will address the importance of open space protection to help preserve the rural character of Grantham. The plan will also discuss alternative methods of protecting undeveloped areas within the town, as well as strategies for creating awareness and appreciation of open space among members of the community.

A special thanks is due the committee members who moved this work forward. Craig McArt and Allen Wilson and I were the Grantham citizen representatives while Charlie McCarthy represented the Planning Board, Susan Buchanan the Conservation Commission, and Conrad Frey the Zoning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thain Allan, Chairman

Historical Society Report

The historical society flourished last year. A loss or two, to be sure, but much gained, and several ongoing endeavors to which we recommitted ourselves with renewed purpose.

Long-time Grantham resident Linda Bohrer, who agreed to join the board in 2014, resigned and was replaced by another long-time resident, Nate Carey. Linda brought a great deal of energy to the board, and the extended research she put into assembling the history of her historic East Grantham residence will go a long way toward helping us better understand the history of the Stockertown neighborhood. We thank Linda sincerely for her commitment and her willingness to give of her time and herself to our organization. Nate Carey, also a long-time resident, comes from a family with long-standing connections to Grantham and whose interest in historic architecture and artifacts makes him a natural to join our board. We welcome Nate and look forward to working with him over the next few years.

The completion of our published history of the town took significant steps forward in terms of organization and publication. Always a collaborative effort using volunteer writers, decisions were made regarding streamlining the final review and editing process that should allow a smoother submission process with our publisher. Our goal is to have the final edits complete by this summer so that we can have the book in publication and available for purchase by 2017 for the town's 250th anniversary.

Our programs last year included our annual meeting in May, which featured a potluck supper and presentation by New Hampshire scholar Cristina Ashjian entitled "Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire." Dr. Ashjian reviewed the colorful history of a number of estates throughout the state, including the White Mountains and the Lakes region. In the fall we hosted Ben Kilham – also known as 'the bear man' – who spoke about his lifelong study of black bears, his unique connection to these fascinating creatures, and his experiences in rescuing them and returning them to the wild.

The Memorial Garden was the beneficiary of new life this year, in every sense of the word. Grantham resident Joanne Jordan agreed to oversee the redesign of the garden, and brought a number of fresh ideas that have resulted in the garden being more accessible and more logically organized. Another resident, Cathy Champagne, agreed to assist Joanne with the work and they accomplished a great deal over the summer. We thank them both and are grateful for their energy and vision.

The collections committee continues to receive donations of both documents and objects related to Grantham history. We are always thankful for the thoughtfulness shown by people who have a connection to our town, whether or not they live here, and the trust they have in us to preserve and interpret these items.

As always, I thank Secretary Christina McKahan, Treasurer Kathi Osgood, and board members Nate Carey, Rae Tober and Dwight Wilder. They continue to devote considerable attention to their roles as volunteers in service to our group; their time and engagement are invaluable.

As always, please remember to visit our webpage (www.granthamhistoricalsociety.org) and our Facebook page, searchable by "Grantham Historical Society." We continuously update both sites with historic information, historic photos, and notices of upcoming events, projects and volunteer opportunities.

Finally, we offer our ongoing thanks to our membership for their abiding support. We always encourage those who are interested in local history and who are not yet members to join us. Please feel free to contact any of us regarding our society and how you can get involved.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Story
President



B LUE MOUNTAIN SNOW DUSTERS OUTDOOR REC REATION CLUB

PO BOX 428, GRANTHAM, NH 03753

This year is beginning to look like the "slow snow" year we experienced in 2014, but the Blue Mountain Snow Dusters Outdoor Recreation Club (BMSD) remains confident that we will again see plenty of snow in February and March. We are also confident that our all-volunteer club will once again be recognized as having the best winter recreation trails in the region. The club continues to carry out its dual missions, suggested by the Board of Selectmen in 1974, to maintain 65+ miles of free recreational trails in Grantham and Croydon and build community in Grantham wherever it can at no cost to our taxpayers.

The BMSD has put its 501(c)(3) tax status to work to raise funds for trail maintenance equipment, and to support its Prouty team. We use our large Tucker and 3 Skandic snowmobiles to groom our trail system with the help of tax deductible donations, State snowmobile registration funds and membership fees. A project to build a permanent shelter for our trail grooming equipment is underway, and plans are beginning to take shape to replace our aging Tucker groomer in the near future. It is likely that we will start a capital fundraising campaign this year to help raise funds needed to purchase a new or reconditioned Tucker.

In February, 10 members of the BMSD traveled by snowmobile and car to Gorham, NH to carry our annual Easter Seals donation to the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association's (NHSA) annual Easter Seals Ride-In. This year's Ride-In raised \$94,000 for support of Camp Sno-Mo where disabled children and young adults can "inclusively participate alongside Boy Scouts in a wide variety of activities". (visit www.easterseals.com for more information). Former BMSD President, Don Holmes, Grantham, came home with the NHSA trophy for the longest distance traveled by snowmobile to get to the Ride-In. Congratulations Don!

Our Prouty Team runs the summer companion fundraising and community building program to BMSD's winter fundraising activities. The 62 member Grantham Mountaineers BMSD Prouty Team raised \$35,100 - a record - in 2015 to support cancer research and patient care at the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC) at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC) in Lebanon. In keeping with BMSD's historic dual mission, the Mountaineers also launched the inaugural class of the BMSD Grantham Prouty Scholar Program. The Scholars Program recognizes third through sixth graders at the Grantham Village School (GVS) for outstanding achievement in the humanities, STEM, and Athletics programs. Two trailblazers - 4th grader Miles Sturges in the STEM, and 5th grader John Bieszczad in Athletics- were named 2015 Grantham Prouty Scholars by the Mountaineers and participated with the team in the Prouty in July. Planning is now underway to significantly expand the program in 2016.

The BMSD also continues to pursue its community building mission by supporting many activities in our town. It provides on-call winter search and rescue services to the Grantham Fire Department; backs Cub Scout Troop 276; assists Our Town at Halloween; and supports the town Recreation Department where needed. When the snow comes, the club will support the Recreation Department by grooming sled and XC trails for beginners at the Town Recreation Park.

BMSD membership fluctuates every year but maintains an average of 70 members. State law requires that a person wanting to register a snowmobile must first join a local snowmobile club. He or she is then given a voucher that is presented to the registration agent as proof of membership in the local club. You can now register your snowmobile with our Town Clerk but must first join the BMSD. BMSD trail maps are also available at the Town Clerk's office.

Our trail system uses many miles of old town roads and trails to provide free recreational activities to all citizens of Grantham. The trails are literally connected by trails running through privately owned property. We are keenly aware that our trail system would not function without the support of our generous landowners. Thank you landowners, and the Grantham Board of Selectmen for your enduring support of our efforts to maintain a critical Grantham outdoor recreation asset and to build community in our great town.

For more information about the BMSD, we invite you to visit the BMSD web site at www.snowdusters.org

Bob Morgan, President; and the Officer and Directors of the BMSD

Grantham Community Crisis Fund Report

This year the Community Crisis Fund members would like to start this report a little differently than we have in the past. Yes, we are the same organization that offers help and assistance to Grantham residents who are experiencing difficulties. Yes we are donation driven, with no assistance from your tax dollar to bank our funds and that is what we would like to address in this report.

We would like to thank the benefactors that have helped us in the past 15 years. Contributions made from the goodness of people's hearts, from organizations who strive to help every year and assistance from the banking industry, our local town office administration and the Grantham Village School enable us year after year to assist people in need. Without these people we would not be able to do the work that we do, so we want to say thank you to all who represent the spirit of the Town of Grantham.

Please feel free to inquire about assistance for you or for someone you may know that is in crisis. Our goal is to be as discreet as possible whenever we are called. You may call any of our members at the following numbers:

Deborah Cheever	863-5946
Cindy Towle	863-3156
Andrew Mellow	863-1850
Terry Dorr	863-4028
Kris Widmann	863-1681
Susan Wren	863-7355

Interested in donating to the Grantham Community Crisis Fund? Please send all donations to:

Grantham Community Crisis Fund
PO Box 1192
Grantham, NH 03753



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Nathan Miller, AICP
Executive Director



2015 City / Town Report

* Direct Assistance to Residents: \$27,827.76

** Economic Impact: \$69,569.40

1.0% of Direct Assistance: \$500.00

*** Total Number of Households Served: 47

*** Total Number of Residents Served: 82

Average Benefit Per Household: \$592.08

Average Benefit per Resident: \$339.36

* Property Taxes and Administrative Payroll are NOT included in the direct assistance or economic impact totals.

** Economic Impact is calculated by multiplying the direct assistance by a factor of 2.5

*** Some Households receive benefits from more than one program and may therefore be duplicated. However, the amount shown as Direct Assistance to Residents is the actual expenditures to the residents of this town.

2015 City / Town Report - Program Summaries

Child Care / Education	\$0.00
Head Start	\$0.00
Nutrition / Health	\$8,066.76
Breast Feeding Peer Counseling	\$2,482.08
Commodity Supplemental Food	\$0.00
Emergency Food Assistance	\$0.00
Women's, Infant, Children (WIC)	\$5,584.68
Family Services	\$0.00
Adult disadvantaged	\$0.00
Work Experience	\$0.00
Workplace Success Program	\$0.00
Adult Dislocated	\$0.00
Substance Use Prevention	\$0.00
MADAC - Monadnock Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coalition	\$0.00
Energy	\$17,661.00
Case Management	\$25.00
Fuel assistance	\$11,760.00
Senior Energy Assistance	\$0.00
Electric Assistance Program	\$5,876.00
Weatherization	\$0.00
Utility Programs	\$0.00
Core	\$0.00
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	\$0.00
New Hope New Horizons	\$0.00
Day Services	\$0.00
Residential Services	\$0.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$0.00
Housing Stabilization Services	\$2,100.00
Emergency - Transitional Shelter (short term)	\$980.00
Permanent Housing Program	\$0.00
Long term Transitional Shelter	\$0.00
Shelter Plus Care	\$0.00
Homelessness Prevention	\$0.00
Housing Security Deposit Guarantee	\$0.00
HUD Homeless Outreach	\$160.00
Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$0.00
Emergency Housing Program	\$0.00
Homeless Housing Access Revolving Loan Fund	\$0.00
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)	\$0.00
Second Chance for Success	\$0.00
Foreclosure Intervention Counseling Program	\$960.00
Housing Stabilization Counseling	\$0.00
Resident Services	\$0.00

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Single Family Rehab			\$0.00
Lead Paint Abatement			\$0.00
HCBC (Medicaid)			\$0.00
Housing Preservation Grants (RD)			\$0.00
Affordable Housing			
Affordable Housing Rental Projects Owned	Assessed Value		\$0.00
Real Estate	Property Taxes Paid		\$0.00
Other Properties			
Commercial Properties	Assessed Value		\$0.00

2015 City / Town - Program Details

Child Care / Education		\$0.00
Head Start		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Children Enrolled	0	
Cost Per Child	\$13,447	
Nutrition / Health		\$8,066.76
Breast Feeding Peer Counseling		\$2,482.08
Number of Consumers Enrolled	4	
Value of Monthly Food Package	\$51.71	
Commodity Supplemental Food		\$0.00
Number of Elderly Individuals Enrolled	0	
Value of Monthly Food Package	\$22.98	
Emergency Food Assistance		\$0.00
Number of Food Pantries	0	
Number of Soup Kitchens	0	
Number of Homeless Shelters	0	
Number of Charitable Organizations	0	
Women's, Infant, Children (WIC)		\$5,584.68
Number of Households Enrolled	8	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	13	
Number of Women Enrolled	0	
Number of Children Enrolled	9	
Monthly Cost of Women's Food Package	\$51.71	
Monthly Cost of Children's Food Package	\$51.71	
Family Services		\$0.00
Adult disadvantaged		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	
Work Experience		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	
Workplace Success Program		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	
Adult Dislocated		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	
Substance Use Prevention		\$0.00
MADAC - Monadnock Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coalition		\$0.00
Number of Youth Engaged in Avoiding Risk Taking Behavior	0	
Number of Volunteer Hours	0	
Value of Community Messaging - Media - Promotions	\$0.00	

2015 City / Town - Program Details

Energy		\$17,661.00
Case Management		\$25.00
Number of Households Enrolled	1	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	1	
Number of Elderly	1	
Value of Service	\$25.00	
Fuel assistance		\$11,760.00
Number of Households Enrolled	16	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	32	
Number of Households Applied	17	
Number of Elderly Households Enrolled	6	
Number of Elderly Enrolled	6	
Average Household Benefit	\$735.00	
Senior Energy Assistance		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Annual Benefit	\$270.00	
Electric Assistance Program		\$5,876.00
Number of Households Served	13	
Number of Consumers Served	25	
Annual Benefit	5,876	
Weatherization		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Consumers Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
Utility Programs		\$0.00
Core		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Consumers Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
Neighbor Helping Neighbor		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Average Benefit	\$0.00	
New Hope New Horizons		\$0.00
Day Services		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value of Service	\$0.00	
Residential Services		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value of Service	\$0.00	
Vocational Rehabilitation		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value of Service	\$0.00	

2015 City / Town - Program Details

Housing Stabilization Services		\$2,100.00
Emergency - Transitional Shelter (short term)		\$980.00
Number of Households Enrolled	1	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	1	
Number of Bed Nights	28	
Value of Bed Nights	\$700.00	
Number of Case Management Hours	7	
Value of Case Management Hours	\$280.00	
Permanent Housing Program		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Months Households Enrolled (combined)	0	
Total Benefit to Households	\$0.00	
Long term Transitional Shelter		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Months Households Enrolled	0	
Total Benefits	\$0.00	
Shelter Plus Care		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Months Households Enrolled	0	
Monthly FMR	\$0.00	
Homelessness Prevention		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
Housing Security Deposit Guarantee		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
HUD Homeless Outreach		\$160.00
Number of Households Enrolled	1	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	1	
Number of Case Management Hours	4	
Value of Case Management Hours	\$160.00	
Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing Program		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
Emergency Housing Program		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
Homeless Housing Access Revolving Loan Fund		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	0	

2015 City / Town - Program Details

Housing Stabilization Services		
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumer	\$0.00	
Second Chance for Success		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumer	\$0.00	
Foreclosure Intervention Counseling Program		\$960.00
Number of Households Enrolled	3	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	5	
Number of Case Management Hours	24	
Value of Case Management Hours	\$960.00	
Housing Stabilization Counseling		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Case Management Hours	0	
Value of Case Management Hours	\$0.00	
Resident Services		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Case Management, Referral, Meeting Hours	0	
Value of Hours	\$0.00	
Single Family Rehab		\$0.00
Lead Paint Abatement		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Residents Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
HCBC (Medicaid)		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Residents Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
Housing Preservation Grants (RD)		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Residents Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
Affordable Housing		
Affordable Housing Rental Projects Owned		
Number of Units / Households	0	
Number of Consumers	0	
Assessed Value	\$0.00	
Real Estate		
Property Taxes Paid	\$0.00	
Other Properties		
Commercial Properties		
Assessed Value	\$0.00	



Southwestern Community Services

Since 1965, people helping people in Cheshire and Sullivan counties

Direct Assistance Rate	1.0%
Maximum Request	\$ 10,000
Minimum Request	\$ 500

Town Summary Report

2015

Town	Number of Households Served	Units of Service Provided	Amount of Direct Assistance*	1.0% of Direct Assistance	Economic Impact**	Average Savings/ Household	Percentage of the Average
Acworth	87	191	\$77,711	\$777	\$194,278	\$893	96%
Alstead	234	485	\$231,671	\$2,317	\$579,178	\$890	107%
Charlestown	803	1587	\$530,564	\$5,306	\$1,326,410	\$661	71%
Chesterfield	176	311	\$158,660	\$1,587	\$396,651	\$901	97%
Claremont	2341	4783	\$2,437,642	\$10,000	\$6,094,106	\$1,041	112%
Cornish	104	205	\$64,980	\$650	\$162,450	\$625	67%
Croydon	66	147	\$56,243	\$562	\$140,608	\$852	92%
Dublin	68	166	\$61,259	\$613	\$153,148	\$901	97%
Fitzwilliam	208	451	\$196,412	\$1,964	\$491,031	\$944	102%
Gilsom	79	239	\$48,827	\$500	\$122,067	\$618	67%
Goshen	93	220	\$84,199	\$842	\$210,497	\$905	98%
Grantham	47	82	\$27,828	\$500	\$69,569	\$592	64%
Harrisville	49	127	\$81,044	\$810	\$202,609	\$1,654	178%
Hinsdale	596	1,199	\$497,339	\$4,973	\$1,243,348	\$834	90%
Jaffrey	569	1,243	\$603,771	\$6,038	\$1,509,428	\$1,061	114%
Keene	2,576	7,056	\$2,839,841	\$10,000	\$7,099,604	\$1,102	119%
Langdon	64	153	\$52,699	\$527	\$131,748	\$823	89%
Lempster	141	299	\$159,823	\$1,598	\$399,558	\$1,133	122%
Marlborough	221	723	\$181,034	\$1,810	\$452,585	\$819	88%
Marlow	80	219	\$66,189	\$662	\$165,473	\$827	89%
Nelson	55	182	\$48,373	\$500	\$120,933	\$880	95%
Newport	1,198	2,364	\$989,468	\$9,895	\$2,473,671	\$826	89%
Plainfield	73	132	\$47,620	\$500	\$119,051	\$652	70%
Richmond	99	337	\$152,936	\$1,529	\$382,341	\$1,545	166%
Rindge	374	720	\$244,165	\$2,442	\$610,412	\$653	70%
Roxbury	20	92	\$14,519	\$500	\$36,298	\$726	78%
Springfield	79	140	\$44,742	\$500	\$111,854	\$566	61%
Stoddard	83	337	\$67,479	\$675	\$168,698	\$813	88%
Sullivan	71	214	\$95,224	\$952	\$238,060	\$1,341	145%
Sunapee	176	362	\$139,465	\$1,395	\$348,663	\$792	85%
Surry	47	169	\$55,685	\$557	\$139,214	\$1,185	128%
Swanzy	919	2,539	\$768,312	\$7,683	\$1,920,781	\$836	90%
Troy	384	1,050	\$237,049	\$2,370	\$592,622	\$617	67%
Unity	108	213	\$64,067	\$641	\$160,168	\$593	64%
Walpole	290	675	\$299,526	\$2,995	\$748,816	\$1,033	111%
Washington	107	199	\$62,212	\$622	\$155,529	\$581	63%
Westmoreland	69	247	\$87,338	\$873	\$218,346	\$1,266	136%
Winchester	1,098	2,372	\$980,662	\$9,807	\$2,451,655	\$893	96%
Grand Total:	13,852	32,230	\$12,856,582	\$96,472	\$32,141,456	\$928	

* Property Taxes and Administrative Payroll are NOT included in the direct assistance or economic impact totals.

** Economic Impact is calculated by multiplying the direct assistance by a factor of 2.5



Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

January 2016

Dear Friends:

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

- ✦ Provided 4,550 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 82 residents;
- ✦ Provided 2,184 in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to these residents. 48 visits were provided without any remuneration to LSRVNA. 65 visits were provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
- ✦ Eight residents received 206 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;
- ✦ 255 residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as parent child, bereavement and other support groups.

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

Sincerely,

Jim Culhane
President & CEO



MVHI is a nonprofit public health organization serving the Upper Valley towns of Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Grantham, Hanover, Lebanon, Lyme, Orange, Orford, Piermont, and Plainfield. Our goal is to protect and promote the health of our community.



In 2015, appropriations from Grantham and nine other towns in the Upper Valley Region supported the Public Health Council of Upper Valley (PHC), a regional collaborative working to leverage the diverse capabilities of our communities, health and human services providers, schools, and businesses to improve our regional response to public health needs. Over the course of the year, members developed a Community Health Improvement Plan for addressing substance misuse, obesity, older adult falls, and other concerns for the region. The PHC supported a number of initiatives by fostering new partnerships and investing in pilot projects. Some of these include:

- Bringing dental health care services to people in community settings;
- Bringing Crisis Intervention Team training to law enforcement partners. CIT improves law enforcement responses to people with mental illness.
- Increasing our community and individual awareness of how changes in our climate can affect our health

For more information about the PHC, please visit us at www.uvpublichealth.org.

Also in 2015, MVHI contributed to regional efforts to increase the number of residents receiving flu vaccines. We disseminated information about free flu vaccines to the public. We hosted four flu vaccine clinics in the region that provided 1,120 free flu vaccines to residents aged 10 and older. These clinics were held in Plainfield, Enfield, and Orford and were open to all.

MVHI greatly appreciates the support we receive from Grantham and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2016.



37 Pleasant Street
New London, NH 03257

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Derek D. Lick
Chairman

New London Hospital

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

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

The NLH Board of Trustees approved rebuilding our rural health center in nearby Newport to meet healthcare needs there and to strengthen our overall organization. *Building for Health*, a \$9-million project with a \$2.2-million fundraising campaign, will provide 28,600 square feet of specially designed space to replace a 16,000 square foot patchwork structure that facilitates more than 21,000 annual primary care and women's health patient visits, as well as other services. We broke ground for the new Newport Health Center in October and anticipate project completion in the fall of 2016.

We completed our triennial Community Health Needs Assessment, available to all from the homepage of our website (www.newlondonhospital.org), where you will also find the related Implementation Plan. Our thanks to community members who participated in this important collaborative process.

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

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

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

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

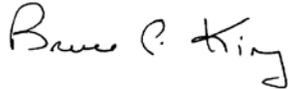
- The 91st annual Hospital Days celebration brought nearly a full week of events to New London for the enjoyment of all in our region, concluding with the 32nd annual Triathlon.
- Over \$31,000 was raised at the 12th annual NLH Golf Invitational, held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield.
- More than 220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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Bruce P. King
President and CEO, New London Hospital

March 8, 2016 Town Meeting Rules

1. The Moderator will use the following general rules of procedure, the main purpose of which are to keep the meeting moving and not get bogged down in procedural quagmires.
2. Non-voters who are not officers of the town or consultants to the town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the town votes to permit it. A simple majority is required.
3. The Moderator will consider each Article as follows:
 - A. The Moderator will announce the Article number, and the text of the Article will be displayed on the overhead screen or will be otherwise made available at the Meeting. The Moderator need not read the full text of the Article.
 - B. The Moderator will recognize a member of the Board of Selectman or the petitioner (if a petitioned Article) to move the adoption of the Article.
 - C. If the Motion is seconded, the Moderator will recognize a member of the Board of Selectmen or the petitioner to explain the Article.
 - D. The Meeting will debate and then vote on the Article.
4. ALL voters will direct their remarks to the Moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will go to the microphone, address the moderator by first identifying him or herself and providing his or her street address. The microphone is necessary for accurate recording of the meeting.
 - A. If a voter is unable to reach one of the stand-up microphones, the voter should raise his/her hand and one of the hand-held microphones will be provided.
 - B. In order for everyone to have the opportunity to speak, speakers will be limited to three minutes (with the exception of initial presentations on warrant articles.)
 - C. No one will be recognized to speak a second time until everyone who wishes to speak a first time has had the opportunity.
 - D. If you agree with someone, it is OK to say that instead of repeating something that has already been said.
 - E. The microphone will also be used by people wanting to “Call (or Move) the question.” Anyone shouting it out from his or her seat will not be recognized. This will avoid preempting people who are already in line to speak to an issue.
 - F. A motion to “Call the question” requires a 2/3 vote. If this motion is passed all voters standing at a microphone or holding a microphone and anyone seated at the head table who has previously told the Moderator that he/she wishes to speak on the Motion will be allowed to speak.
 - G. The Moderator shall have the right to refuse to recognize a Motion to Call (or Move) the question if, in the Moderator’s opinion, the voters have not yet had an adequate opportunity to discuss an issue.

5. All questions and comments should be addressed to the Moderator. The Moderator will choose who responds to the questions.
6. Unless superseded by State law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared and may only be made by a voter who voted on the prevailing side of the vote to be reconsidered.
 - A. Mandatory Restriction: A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over \$ 100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting. In accordance with RSA 33:8-a, if a motion to reconsider a ballot vote on a bond issue of over \$ 100,000 passes, the Article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened Meeting that is at least seven (7) days after the original vote. With respect to bond votes, the restrictions on reconsideration automatically applies without the need for the Meeting to vote for it.
 - B. Optional Restriction: Voters may postpone reconsideration of any Article at this Meeting by voting to restrict reconsideration of the Article in accordance with RSA 40:10. If the Meeting passes such a motion, then the Article cannot be reconsidered until a reconvened meeting held at least seven (7) days after the date of the original vote.
7. The moderator will conduct a secret “yes-no” ballot when five voters make a written request prior to a voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion. All five voters must be present and identified.
8. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret “yes-no” ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared and before any other business is conducted.
9. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the Moderator prior to discussion of the amendment.
10. Registered voters only will be seated in the center section of the meeting hall. Non-voters will be seated in the visitor’s gallery located in the area bounded by the pillars and the inside wall of the meeting hall.
11. The Moderator will not accept negative motions, that are motions which require a “no” vote to vote in the affirmative such as “I move that we not adopt the budget.”
12. If the Meeting is not finished at 11:00 pm, the Moderator may recess the Meeting to a future date.

TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN MEETING WARRANT AND BUDGET
YEAR 2016

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

To the inhabitants of the Town of Grantham, in Sullivan County, in the State of New Hampshire, *who are qualified to vote in town affairs:*

You are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Grantham to be held at the **Grantham Town Hall, Lower Level, 300 Route 10 South** on **Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.** to act on the following subjects. **Articles 1 through 4** shall be by ballot at the polls which shall be open from 10:00am until 7:00pm. The remaining articles shall be considered during the business meeting beginning at 5:00pm.

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers

To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Selectman	3 years
Selectman	2 years
Planning Board	3 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Trustee of Dunbar Free Library	3 years
Trustee of Dunbar Free Library	3 years
Supervisor of the Checklist	6 years

ARTICLE 2 – Zoning Change

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amending Article X-B. Forest Lands Conservation Districts to add the Town-owned parcel known as Brookside Park to the list of areas designated for conservation.

Rationale: Brookside Park was designated for conservation on the date the Town's Zoning Ordinance was adopted, but was unintentionally omitted. The omission, to be corrected by the proposed amendment, was realized when the Town recently acquired abutting acreage to expand the Brookside Park conservation area.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 3 – Zoning Change

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amending Article XII. General Provisions, Section C, to include as a prohibited “Obnoxious Use” the storage of junk (e.g., materials such as construction and demolition debris and household waste).

Rationale: The goal of the “Obnoxious Use” provision of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance is to protect the comfort, peace, enjoyment, aesthetics, health, and/or safety of the surrounding neighborhood and community. The amendment seeks to strengthen the ordinance’s effectiveness as a safeguard against neighborhood blight and reduction in neighborhood property values that may result from storage of junk materials.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 4 – Zoning Change

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amending Article XVIII Definitions to create a separate definition of “Junk” that includes items already listed within the definition of “Junkyard” and adds “construction and demolition materials; household waste; and all other discarded or second hand material” within the proposed new definition of “Junk.”

Rationale: The present list of items that constitute junk within the current definition of “Junkyard” in the Town zoning ordinance lacks clarity regarding items other than automobiles and their parts whose storage may also have a detrimental impact upon the comfort, peace, enjoyment, aesthetics, health, and/or safety of the surrounding neighborhood. The new definition of “junk” will improve the clarity and enforceability of the ordinance by adding additional examples of junk items.

Recommended by the Planning Board

ARTICLE 5 - Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy system equipment under these statutes.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 6 – Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:65-68 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with wind powered energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying wind-powered energy system equipment under these statutes.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7 - Shall the town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:69-72 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property’s assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with wood heating energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying wood-heating energy system equipment under these statutes.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventeen thousand, five hundred dollars (**\$17,500**) for the purchase and installation of upgrading the existing streetlights in town to LED streetlights.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty one thousand, eight-hundred forty five dollars (**\$41,845**) for the purchase and installation of LED fixtures and lights in the Municipal Town Building, Fire Station and Transfer Station.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10 – General Government

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million two hundred thirty-three thousand three hundred twenty-four dollars (**\$1,233,324.00**) to defray the cost of **General Government** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Selectmen’s Office	\$208,150	\$209,088	\$938
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$116,350	\$115,109	(\$1,241)
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$4,500	\$7,400	\$2,900
Financial Administration	\$40,200	\$40,200	\$0.00
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$42,000	\$43,000	\$1,000
Legal	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0.00
Personnel Administration	\$556,119	\$602,355	\$46,236
Planning Board	\$21,750	\$7,850	(\$13,900)
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,375	\$2,450	\$75
General Government Buildings	\$114,100	\$117,635	\$3,535
Cemeteries	\$18,200	\$19,200	\$1,000
Insurance	\$31,416	\$34,063	\$2,647
Regional Associations	\$3,935	\$3,974	\$39
Other General Government	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$1,189,095	\$1,233,324	\$44,229

ARTICLE 11 – Public Safety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred thirty-two thousand, seven hundred forty-two dollars (**\$632,742.00**) to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Police Department	\$382,418	\$404,586	\$22,168
Ambulance (FAST Squad)	\$71,026	\$80,450	\$9,424
Fire Department	\$126,670	\$127,206	\$536
Building Inspection	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$0.00
Emergency Management	\$12,600	\$12,000	(\$600)
TOTAL	\$601,214	\$632,742	\$31,528

ARTICLE 12 – Public Works

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred thirty-four thousand, two hundred thirty dollars (**\$734,230.00**) to defray the cost of **Public Works** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Highway Administration	\$221,220	\$228,430	\$7,210
Highway Maintenance	\$147,200	\$158,200	\$11,000
Street Lights	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00
Transfer Station	\$137,100	\$137,600	\$500
Waste Disposal	\$196,000	\$197,000	\$1,000
Landfill Monitoring	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$714,520	\$734,230	\$19,710

ARTICLE 13 – Highway Department Backhoe

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for the purchase of a new John Deere Backhoe for the Highway Department with \$30,000 to come from trade-in and to authorize the withdrawal of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 14 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to defray the cost of holding a household hazardous waste collection day for Grantham residents only.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 15 – Health and Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-four thousand three hundred dollars (**\$44,300.00**) to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Health Officer	\$0.00	\$1,700	\$1,700
Boarding Animals	\$700	\$700	\$0.00
Community Services	\$16,900	\$16,900	\$0.00
Town General Assistance	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$42,600	\$44,300	\$1,700

Community Agencies:	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Lake Sunapee VNA	\$8,000	\$6,500	(\$1,500)
Newport Food Pantry	\$0.00	\$500	\$500
Sullivan County Nutrition Services	\$200	\$200	\$0.00
Kearsarge Area COA	\$3,800	\$3,800	\$0.00
Southwestern Community Services	\$900	\$900	\$0.00
West Central Services	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$1,000
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
Community Alliance of Human Services	\$500	\$500	\$0.00
Total	\$16,900	\$16,900	\$0.00

ARTICLE 16 – Culture and Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred seventy-four thousand, seven hundred eighty dollars (**\$274,780.00**) for **Culture and Recreation**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Recreation	\$45,976	\$47,450	\$1,474
Dunbar Free Library	\$191,837	\$197,980	\$6,143
Activities	\$27,800	\$27,850	\$50
Archives	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$500
TOTAL	\$266,613	\$274,780	\$8,167

ARTICLE 17 – 250th Anniversary Celebration

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (**\$7,000**) to defray the cost of holding a celebration in honor of the Town’s 250th anniversary.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18 – Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred seventy two dollars (**\$234,872.00**) for **Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Conservation Commission	\$5,400	\$4,400	(\$1,000)
Town Hall Bond Payment	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$0.00
Town Hall Bond Interest	\$28,200	\$25,200	(\$3,000)
Library Bond Payment	\$0.00	\$50,000	\$50,000
Library Bond Interest	\$8,580	\$15,555	\$6,975
Highway Plow Truck Lease	\$31,603	\$31,603	\$0.00
Police Cruiser Lease	\$13,505	\$10,817	(\$2,688)
Fire Department SCBA's	\$40,386	\$37,197	(\$3,189)
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100	\$100	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$187,774	\$234,872	\$47,098

ARTICLE 19 – Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand dollars (**\$113,000.00**) to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2015/2016	Proposed 2016/2017	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Highway Equip Capital Reserve	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$20,000
Town Office Equip Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Revaluation CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Town Buildings CRF	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00
Library Expansion Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$0.00	(\$25,000)
Library Building Repair Capital Reserve	\$15,000	\$5,000	(\$10,000)
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	\$3,000	\$2,000	(\$1,000)
TOTAL	\$114,000	\$113,000	(\$1,000)

ARTICLE 20 – Public Safety Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Public Safety Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing or repairing repeater, radio and other ancillary equipment related to communications for Public Safety and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 21 – End of Meeting

To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Given under our hands and seal this 11th day of February, 2016.

Warren Kimball
G. Warren Kimball, Chairman

Constance A. Jones
Constance A. Jones

Sheridan T. Brown
Sheridan T. Brown

Board of Selectmen

We certify that on the 11th day of February, 2016, we caused a true copy of the within warrant to be posted at the Grantham Town Office at 300 Route 10 South, the Dunbar Free Library at Route 10 South and the Grantham Post Office at Willis Avenue.

Warren Kimball
G. Warren Kimball, Chairman

Constance A. Jones
Constance A. Jones

Sheridan T. Brown
Sheridan T. Brown



Budget of the Town of Grantham
Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/16/2016

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 Fax: (603) 230-5947
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

GOVERNING BODY 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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Sheridan Brown	Select man	<i>Sheridan Brown</i>
WARREN KIMBALL	SELECTMAN	<i>Warren Kimball</i>
CONSTANCE A JONES	SELECTMAN	<i>Constance A. Jones</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

**NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487**

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuig FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	10	\$208,150	\$175,858	\$209,088	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	10	\$120,850	\$115,239	\$122,509	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	10	\$40,200	\$37,900	\$40,200	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	10	\$42,000	\$83,840	\$43,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	10	\$30,000	\$16,039	\$30,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	10	\$556,119	\$446,789	\$602,355	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	10	\$24,125	\$5,620	\$10,300	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	10	\$114,100	\$93,928	\$117,635	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	10	\$18,200	\$7,294	\$19,200	\$0
4196	Insurance	10	\$31,416	\$27,492	\$34,063	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	10	\$3,935	\$3,860	\$3,974	\$0
4199	Other General Government	10	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	11	\$382,418	\$350,812	\$404,586	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	11	\$71,026	\$57,363	\$80,450	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	11	\$126,670	\$94,464	\$127,206	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	11	\$8,500	\$4,660	\$8,500	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	11	\$12,600	\$10,773	\$12,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	12	\$221,220	\$192,005	\$228,430	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	12	\$147,200	\$185,664	\$158,200	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	12	\$5,000	\$3,800	\$5,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	12	\$137,100	\$98,981	\$137,600	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	12,14	\$196,000	\$135,228	\$207,000	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	12	\$8,000	\$4,139	\$8,000	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration	15	\$0	\$0	\$1,700	\$0
4414	Pest Control	15	\$700	\$500	\$700	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	15	\$16,900	\$15,970	\$16,900	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	15	\$25,000	\$8,270	\$25,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	16	\$45,976	\$31,679	\$47,450	\$0
4550-4559	Library	16	\$191,837	\$185,172	\$197,980	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	16,17	\$27,800	\$18,894	\$34,850	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	16	\$1,000	\$254	\$1,500	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	18	\$5,400	\$1,050	\$4,400	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	18	\$91,603	\$91,603	\$189,617	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	18	\$36,780	\$28,770	\$40,755	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	18	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$138,891	\$167,106	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$973,978	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$4,460,794	\$2,702,016	\$3,171,248	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$0	\$0	\$110,000	\$0
	Purpose: Highway Department Backhoe					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$0	\$0	\$113,000	\$0
	Purpose: Capital Reserve Funds					
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	20	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Public Safety Equipment					
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$228,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	08	\$0	\$0	\$17,500	\$0
	Purpose: Streetlight Replacements					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$0	\$0	\$41,845	\$0
	Purpose: Lighting Upgrade - Buildings					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$59,345	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	10	\$500	\$6,032	\$500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$9,223	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	10	\$25,000	\$33,337	\$25,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	10	\$250	\$360	\$250
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	10	\$575,000	\$669,257	\$610,000
3230	Building Permits	10	\$5,000	\$8,445	\$60,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	10	\$17,000	\$18,751	\$17,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	10	\$143,930	\$144,150	\$143,930
3353	Highway Block Grant	10	\$64,850	\$58,638	\$64,850
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$30	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	10	\$40,000	\$46,971	\$40,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	13	\$2,000	\$0	\$30,000
3502	Interest on Investments	10	\$30,000	\$77,431	\$25,000
3503-3509	Other	10	\$6,000	\$39,756	\$17,500
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$242,478	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	13	\$301,500	\$167,106	\$80,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$495,000	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,948,508	\$1,279,487	\$1,114,030

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$2,947,625	\$3,171,248
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$1,552,978	\$228,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$73,891	\$59,345
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$4,574,494	\$3,458,593
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,374,453	\$1,114,030
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,200,041	\$2,344,563



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work forward.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Municipality:

County:

Original Date

Revision Date

ASSESSOR

Assessor's Name

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.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

Municipal Official 1

Municipal Official 3

Municipal Official 5

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

Municipal Official 2

Municipal Official 4

Municipal Official 6

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

Preparer's Name

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.

Phone Number

Email (optional)



Municipality Values		
Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?		
	Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	\$421,770
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?	
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?	
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?	
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?	
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	\$101,759,200
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	\$5,098,100
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	\$107,279,070
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	\$4,025,200
Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?		
	Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?	\$338,629,300
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?	\$760,200
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?	\$10,830,100
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?	
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?	
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?	\$350,219,600
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?	\$11,582,300
Utilities and Timber ?		
		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	\$5,096,300
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	
5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?		\$462,594,970



Exemptions				
		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation	
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?	1	\$265,700	
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?			
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?			
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?			
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?			
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?			
11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ?			\$462,329,270	
Summation of Exemptions ?				
		Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?			
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)		13	\$737,900
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?			
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?			
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?			
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?			
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?			
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?			
20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19)				\$737,900
Calculations				
21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)				\$461,591,370
22 LESS UTILITIES: (Line 3A) Do not include the value of other utilities listed in Line 3B				\$5,096,300
23 NET VALUATION WITHOUT UTILITIES TO COMPUTE STATE EDUCATION TAX (Line 21 minus Line 22)				\$456,495,070
Notes:				



Utility Summary: Electric, Hydroelectric, Renewable - Misc., Nuclear, Gas/Pipeline, Water & Sewer

Utility Value Appraiser ?

Who Appriases/Establishes the Utility Value in the Municipality? (If multiple, please list)

Michael J. Ryan

If the Municipality Uses DRA Utility Values, is it Equalized By The Ratio? Yes No

SECTION A

List Electric Companies ?

Electric Company	Assessed Valuation
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$5,096,300

A1 Total of all Electric Companies listed in this section: **\$5,096,300**

List Gas Companies ?

Gas Company	Assessed Valuation

A2 Total of all Gas Companies listed in this section:



List Water and Sewer Companies ?

Water/Sewer Company	Assessed Valuation
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A3 Total of all Water and Sewer Companies listed in this section:	
Grand Total Valuation of all Sect. A Utility Companies	
	\$5,096,300

SECTION B

List Other Utility Companies ?

Other Utility Company	Assessed Valuation
<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>
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B1 Total of All Other Companies listed in this section (must agree with line 3B):	



Tax Credits and Exemptions

Veterans' Tax Credits ?

Credit Description	Limits	Number of Individuals	Estimated Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit/Optional Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28) <small>(\$50 Standard Credit, \$51 up to \$500 upon adoption by city/town)</small>	\$500	139	\$69,500
Surviving Spouse (RSA 72:29-a) <small>"The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces of the United States..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)</small>			
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability (RSA 72:35) <small>"Any person who has been honorably discharged from the military service of the United States and who has total and permanent service-connected disability, or who is a double amputee or paraplegic because of service-connected injury..." (\$700 Standard Credit, \$701 up to \$2,000 upon adoption by city or town)</small>	\$700	8	\$5,600
Total Number and Amount		147	\$75,100

*If both husband and/or wife qualify for the credit they count as 2. If someone is living at a residence such as a brother & sister, and one qualifies count as 1, not one-half.

Disabled and Deaf Exemption Report ?

	Disabled Exemption Report (RSA 72:37-b)		Deaf Exemption Report (RSA 72:38-b)	
	Single	Married	Single	Married
Income Limits ?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Asset Limits ?	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Elderly Exemption Report - RSA 72:39-a ?

First Time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for Current Tax Year			Total Number of Individuals Granted an Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year & Total Number of Exemptions Granted			
Age	#	Amount Per Individual	Age	#	Max Allowable Exemption	Total Actual Exemption Granted
65-74	3	\$40,000	65-74	4	\$160,000	\$122,900
75-79		\$60,000	75-79	4	\$240,000	\$240,000
80+		\$75,000	80+	5	\$375,000	\$375,000
Total				13	\$775,000	\$737,900
Income Limits	Single	\$40,000	Asset Limits	Single	\$100,000	
	Married	\$60,000		Married	\$120,000	

Community Tax Relief Incentive - RSA 79-E ?

Adopted: Yes No



Property Reports

Current Use Reports - RSA 79-A ?

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Current Use	Assessed Valuation	Other Current Use Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land	158	\$31,102	Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	4,770
Forest Land	5,334	\$249,370	Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	2
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,606	\$119,308	Owners in Current Use	88
Unproductive Land	1,034	\$18,281	Parcels in Current Use	199
Wet Land	244	\$3,709		
Total	10,376	\$421,770		

Land Use Change Tax ?

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year (Jan 1 through Dec 31)

Conservation Allocation	Percentage	100	And/Or Dollar Amount	\$8,000
Monies to Conservation Fund				\$8,000
Monies to General Fund				

Conservation Restriction Assessment Report - RSA 79-B (must file PA-60) ?

	Total Number of Acres Receiving Conservation	Assessed Valuation	Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics	Total Number of Acres
Farm Land			Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	
Forest Land			Removed from Conservation During Current Tax Year	
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship				
Unproductive Land			Owners in Conservation	
Wet Land			Parcels in Conservation	
Total				Total Number

Discretionary Easements - RSA 79-C ?

Total Number of Acres	# of Owners	Assessed Valuation	Description of Discretionary Easements Granted (e.g. Golf Course, Ball Park, Race Track)

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures - RSA 79-F ?

Total Number Granted	Total Number of Structures	Total Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation Land	Assessed Valuation Structures



Tax Increment Financing Districts - RSA 162-K [?](#)

TIF District Name	Date of Adoption/ Modification	Original Assessed Value	Unretained Captured Assessed Value	Amount used on page 2	Retained Captured Assessed Value	Current Assessed Value



GRANTHAM

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Preparer's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
Melissa	White	Oct 5, 2015

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<i>Melissa White</i> Preparer's Signature	Assessor's Signature
<i>Warren White</i> Governing Body Member's Signature and Title	
<i>Constance G. Jones</i> SELECTMAN Governing Body Member's Signature and Title	
<i>Shirley Brown</i> Selectman Governing Body Member's Signature and Title	
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SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Submit to the Department of Revenue Administration by September 1

Instructions

Note: for ease of use please begin at the last section and work forward.

REPORTS REQUIRED: RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

NOTE: The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7. Please complete all applicable pages and refer to the instructions for individual items.

For Assistance Please Contact:

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

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Entity Type: Municipality Village

Village District:

Original Date

Revision Date

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

Preparer's Name

Phone Number

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Email (optional)



Village District Values		
Value Land Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A, 3B and 4) ?		
	Number of Acres	Assessed Valuation
1-A	Current Use (At current values) RSA 79-A ?	38 \$701
1-B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B ?	
1-C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C ?	
1-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?	
1-E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?	
1-F	Residential Land (Improved and Unimproved) ?	1,451 \$64,605,900
1-G	Commercial/Industrial Land (excluding Utility Land) ?	127 \$792,100
1-H	Total of Taxable Land ?	1,616 \$65,398,701
1-I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land ?	426 \$2,365,100
Value Buildings Only (Exclude amount listed in lines 3A and 3B) ?		
	Number of Structures	Assessed Valuation
2-A	Residential ?	\$240,064,300
2-B	Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31 ?	
2-C	Commercial/Industrial (excluding Utility buildings) ?	\$2,139,700
2-D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D ?	
2-E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F ?	
2-F	Total of Taxable Buildings ?	\$242,204,000
2-G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings ?	\$4,221,200
Utilities and Timber ?		
		Assessed Valuation
3-A	Utilities ?	
3-B	Other Utilities ?	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5 ?	
5) Valuation before Exemptions (Total of lines 1H, 2F, 3A, 3B and 4) ?		\$307,602,701



Exemptions			
		Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
6	Certain Disabled Veterans (RSA 72:36-a) ?	1	\$265,700
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA (72:38-b V) ?		
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities (RSA 72:37-a) ?		
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption (RSA 72:23-IV) ?		
10a	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
10b	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption (RSA 72:12-a) ?		
11) Modified Assessed Valuation of all Properties (Line 5 minus lines 6,7,8,9,10a,10b) ?			\$307,337,001
Summation of Exemptions ?			
	Amount Per Exemption	Total # Granted	Assessed Valuation
12	Blind Exemption (RSA 72:37) ?		
13	Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a & b)	2	\$115,000
14	Deaf Exemption (RSA 72:38-b) ?		
15	Disabled Exemption (RSA 72:37-b) ?		
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70) ?		
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:62) ?		
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:66) ?		
19	Add'l School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemptions (RSA 72:23 IV) ?		
20) Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions (sum of lines 12-19)			\$115,000
Calculations			
21 NET VALUATION: Used To Compute Municipal, County, and Local Education Tax Rates (Line 11 minus Line 20)			\$307,222,001
Notes:			



GRANTHAM - Eastman Village

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TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN MEETING MINUTES YEAR 2015

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Susanna Schweizer called the 239th Annual Town Meeting to order at 5:10pm. The assembly was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Grantham Cub Scout Troop 276.

The 2014 Town Report was dedicated to Merle Schotanus. Selectman Ken Story noted that Merle was not able to be at Town Meeting and read from a letter from Merle. In the letter Merle said that he was struck speechless when the Town Administrator presented him with a copy of the 2014 Town Meeting Report and told him that it was dedicated to him. Selectman Story went on to say that we thank Merle and appreciate all he has done for our town.

Moderator Schweizer stated that the meeting having been properly warned as it is certified on page 64 of the Town Report and by the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of New Hampshire I do now declare the 239th Annual Meeting of the Town of Grantham officially opened for business. Polls were officially opened at 10:00am for ballot voting and close at 7:00pm. Absentee ballots were counted at 1:00pm in the afternoon.

Moderator Schweizer introduced Selectmen Constance Jones, Kenneth Story and Warren Kimball; Town Administrator Melissa White; Town Clerk/Tax Collector Rita Friedman, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Cindy Towle; Supervisors of the Checklist: Donna Stamper, Sandra Noordsey, Suzanne Goldman; Assistant Moderator Lorie McClory; Ballot Clerks: Paula Dorr, Michael Holdowsky, Maynard Goldman and Lorie McClory.

2015 Town Meeting Rules

1. Non-voters who are officers of the Town may be allowed to address the meeting only if the voters agree to permit it; simple majority vote required.
2. All voters will direct their remarks to the moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, s/he will go the microphone, address the moderator and identify him/herself, giving a street address. There is no need to say you are from Grantham. The microphone is necessary for accurate recording of the meeting.

- a. The microphone will also be used by people wanting to “move the question.” I will not recognize anyone shouting it out from his or her seat. This will avoid preempting people who are already in line to speak to an issue.
 - b. In order for everyone to have the opportunity to speak, speakers will be limited to three minutes (with the exception of initial presentations on warrant articles).
 - c. No one will be recognized to speak a second time until everyone who wishes to speak a first time has had the opportunity.
 - d. If you agree with someone, it is OK to say that instead of repeating something that has already been said.
3. Unless superseded by State Law, reconsideration of a vote on any article should be brought up immediately after the vote has been declared. No motion to reconsider will be accepted after we move on to the next warrant article.
 - a. Only a voter on the prevailing side may ask for reconsideration.
 - b. A vote on the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000 cannot be reconsidered at the same meeting.
 - c. The town may also vote to restrict reconsideration of any other vote in the same manner.
4. The moderator will conduct a secret “yes-no” ballot when five [5] voters make a written request prior to the voice or show of hands vote on any article open for discussion. The five [5] voters requesting the secret ballot must be in the room at the time of the request.
5. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged. The moderator will conduct a secret “yes-no” ballot when seven [7] voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared and before any other business is conducted.
6. All proposed amendments to articles must be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to the discussion of the amendment. The moderator has forms available if anyone needs one to write out an amendment.
7. Registered voters only will be seated in the center section of the meeting hall bounded by the pillars. Non-voters will be seated in the visitor’s gallery in the area outside the chain links to my left.

ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers

To choose by ballot and major vote for the ensuing years as enumerated:

Kenneth Story	3 years
Peter A Gillette	3 years
Carl Hanson	3 years
Robert A Lewis	3 years
Russell Bailey Jr	1 year
Edward C Jenik Jr	3 years
Robert B McCarthy	3 years
Suzanne S Goldman	6 years

ARTICLE 2 – It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine hundred and fifty three thousand nine hundred and seventy eight dollars (\$953,978) for the purpose of renovation and addition construction, including site work, landscaping and parking lot expansion, and equipping and furnishing to the Dunbar Free Library. Two hundred sixteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$216,500) to come from library capital reserve and two hundred forty two thousand four hundred seventy eight dollars (\$242,478) to come from private funds the library has custody of. Further to authorize the issuance of not more than four hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars (\$495,000) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, sell and deliver said bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on and to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. **2/3 Ballot vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen**

The Moderator called upon Katrina McCurley, Chairperson of the Trustees of Dunbar Free Library to present information about the library expansion. She was followed by Ed Jenik who gave details of the design for the new addition. He explained the bond issue and what the financial impact would be on the townspeople.

Moderator Schweizer explained that the vote was by ballot and that the ballot box would be opened from 5:45pm until 7:15 pm.

Total Votes 226 Yes 194 No 32

Article 2 Passed by required 2/3 majority

ARTICLE 3 – It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our Governor and State Legislators: “Resolved that the State of New Hampshire provide a comprehensive meaningful system of funding for State Education needs. To see if the Town will vote to ask our Governor and our State Legislators to reform state funding for education with that reform to be directed to significant reduction of property taxes. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to the Governor and State Legislators informing them of the instructions from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.”

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Jones was recognized to comment. She stated that this article lets our legislators know that we are very concerned about our escalating property taxes.

Article 3 Passed by Majority Voice Vote

ARTICLE 4 – General Government

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million one hundred eighty nine thousand ninety five dollars (**\$1,189,095.00**) to defray the cost of **General Government** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Selectmen’s Office	\$200,700	\$208,150
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$112,706	\$116,350
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$6,200	\$4,500
Financial Administration	\$36,700	\$40,200
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$41,000	\$42,000
Legal	\$20,000	\$30,000
Personnel Administration	\$536,100	\$556,119
Planning Board	\$7,750	\$21,750
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,175	\$2,375
General Government Buildings	\$114,100	\$114,100
Cemeteries	\$18,100	\$18,200
Insurance	\$29,492	\$31,416
Regional Associations	\$3,860	\$3,935
TOTAL	\$1,128,883	\$1,189,095

Article 4 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 5 – Public Safety

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred one thousand two hundred fourteen dollars (**\$601,214.00**) to defray the cost of **Public Safety** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Police Department	\$370,680	\$382,418
Ambulance (FAST Squad)	\$69,450	\$71,026
Fire Department	\$119,879	\$126,670
Building Inspection	\$8,000	\$8,500
Emergency Management	\$13,100	\$12,600
TOTAL	\$581,109	\$601,214

Article 5 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 6 – It was moved and seconded: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five-year, \$175,000 lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing to purchase sixteen (16) new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA's) and compressor filling station and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,386 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This agreement contains an escape clause.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Article 6 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 7 – It was moved and seconded: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purchase and installation of an engine exhaust removal system for the Fire Department.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Article 7 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 8 – It was moved and seconded: It was moved and seconded: To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year, \$33,463 lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing to purchase a new 2015 AWD Dodge Charger Police Cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,505 for the first year's payment for that purpose, with an estimated \$2,000 to come from trade-in; the remainder to come from taxation. This agreement contains an escape clause.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Moderator Schweizer announced that a request was received to hold a secret ballot. The 5 people that signed the petition were present.

Article 8 Passed by Majority Yes/No Ballot Yes 104 No 63

ARTICLE 9 – Public Works

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred fourteen thousand five hundred twenty dollars (**\$714,520.00**) to defray the cost of **Public Works** operation. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Highway Administration	\$216,700	\$221,220
Highway Maintenance	\$156,200	\$147,200
Street Lights	\$5,000	\$5,000
Transfer Station	\$130,412	\$137,100
Waste Disposal	\$204,000	\$196,000
Landfill Monitoring	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL	\$720,312	\$714,520

Article 9 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 10 – Highway Department 1-Ton Truck

It was moved and seconded: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purchase of a new 1-Ton Truck for the Highway Department and to authorize withdrawal of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Article 10 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 11 – Miller Pond Road Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement

It was moved and seconded: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate four-hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) for the rehabilitation/replacement of the Miller Pond Road Bridge to come from the General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by June 30, 2019, whichever is sooner.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Article 11 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 12 – Health and Welfare

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand three hundred dollars (**\$42,300.00**) to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Boarding Animals	\$700	\$700
Community Services	\$15,970	\$16,600
Town General Assistance	\$20,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$36,670	\$42,300

Community Agencies:	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Lake Sunapee VNA	\$8,000	\$8,000
Sullivan County Nutrition Services	\$200	\$200
Kearsarge Area COA	\$3,000	\$3,500
Southwestern Community Services	\$850	\$900
West Central Services	\$2,420	\$2,500
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$1,000	\$1,000
Community Alliance of Human Services	\$500	\$500
Total	\$15,970	\$16,600

The Moderator received an amendment from Rae Tober to increase the proposed amount for Kearsarge Area COA from \$3,500 to \$3,800. Ms. Tober stated that Grantham residents benefited from the Kearsarge COA and the requested increase was less than if the Town of Grantham paid for these services for the residents. **Amendment Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

ARTICLE 12 – Health and Welfare (as amended)

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-two thousand six hundred dollars (**\$42,600.00**) to defray the cost of **Health and Welfare** operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Boarding Animals	\$700	\$700
Community Services	\$15,970	\$16,900
Town General Assistance	\$20,000	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$36,670	\$42,600

Community Agencies:	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Lake Sunapee VNA	\$8,000	\$8,000
Sullivan County Nutrition Services	\$200	\$200
Kearsarge Area COA	\$3,000	\$3,800
Southwestern Community Services	\$850	\$900
West Central Services	\$2,420	\$2,500
Mascoma Valley Health Initiative	\$1,000	\$1,000
Community Alliance of Human Services	\$500	\$500
Total	\$15,970	\$16,900

There being no further comments or discussion on article 12 as amended the vote was called.

Article 12 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 13 – Culture and Recreation

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred sixty-six thousand six hundred thirteen dollars (**\$266,613.00**) for **Culture and Recreation**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Recreation	\$43,757	\$45,976
Dunbar Free Library	\$186,769	\$191,837
Activities	\$27,000	\$27,800
Archives	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$258,526	\$266,613

The Moderator recognized Erin Ames who questioned the increase in the recreation line. Athletic Director Marsha Googins informed that the increase in the Recreation line was due to the new dedicated soccer field and the need for another set of goals. Use of the fields have increased so much that there is a need for another set of goals so that the 200 pound goals do not have to be dragged from one field to the other. This will also protect the integrity of the fields.

Article 13 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 14 – Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred eighty three dollars (**\$133,883.00**) for **Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Conservation Commission	\$2,100	\$5,400
Town Hall Bond Payment	\$60,000	\$60,000
Town Hall Bond Interest	\$34,200	\$28,200
Library Bond Interest	\$0.00	\$8,580
Highway Plow Truck Lease	\$44,031	\$31,603
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100	\$100
TOTAL	\$140,431	\$133,883

Article 14 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 15 – Capital Reserve Funds

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-nine thousand dollars (**\$89,000.00**) to be placed in previously established **Capital Reserve Funds**. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2014/2015	Proposed 2015/2016
Fire Department Capital Reserve	\$25,000	\$10,000
Highway Equip Capital Reserve	\$50,000	\$30,000
Town Office Equip Capital Reserve	\$1,000	\$1,000
Transfer Station Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$5,000
Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	\$0	\$10,000
Revaluation	\$45,000	\$10,000
Town Buildings	\$5,000	\$5,000
Bridge Replacement Capital Reserve	\$50,000	\$0
Library Building Repair Capital Reserve	\$10,000	\$15,000
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	\$2,000	\$3,000
TOTAL	\$198,000.00	\$89,000

Article 15 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 16 – Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund

It was moved and seconded: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) to be placed in previously established **Library Expansion Capital Reserve Fund**.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Article 16 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote

ARTICLE 17 – End of Meeting

It was moved and seconded: To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Kimball informed that the nominees for Hog Reeves are Andrew Benton and Andree Godmarie; for Fence Viewers, David Armstrong and Jennifer Bean. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Bob MacNeil. Mr. MacNeil addressed the Audit Report provided by Plodzik & Sanderson. He informed that this year's report states that we are not properly recording the benefits and pensions costs for employees. He referred to various paragraphs in the audit on pages 127 and 128 in the 2015 Town Report. His concern is that we are not complying with required procedures. Selectman Jones responded that she would follow up with this matter "tomorrow". Selectman Jones read the *Unmodified Opinion* paragraph and the two paragraphs under *Other Matters*. This reading ended with the last sentence: "In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole".

There being no further business or reports, Moderator Schweizer declared the 239th Town Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

A true copy attest,



Rita Friedman, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
March 17, 2015



Report of Appropriations Actually Voted: Grantham
Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Meeting

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NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
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CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS VOTED

This is to certify that the information contained in this form, appropriations actually voted by the town/city meeting, was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief. 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.

Governing Body Certifications		
Name	Position	Signature
Constance A. Jones	SELECTMAN	<i>Constance A. Jones</i>
WARREN BIRNALL	SELECTMAN	<i>Warren Birnall</i>
KENNETH STORY	SELECTMAN	<i>Kenneth Story</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:
NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
General Government			
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$208,150
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$120,850
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$40,200
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$42,000
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$30,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$556,119
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$24,125
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$114,100
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$18,200
4196	Insurance	04	\$31,416
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	04	\$3,935
4199	Other General Government		\$0
Public Safety			
4210-4214	Police	05	\$382,418
4215-4219	Ambulance	05	\$71,026
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$126,670
4240-4249	Building Inspection	05	\$8,500
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	\$12,600
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0
Airport/Aviation Center			
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0
Highways and Streets			
4311	Administration	09	\$221,220
4312	Highways and Streets	09	\$147,200
4313	Bridges		\$0
4316	Street Lighting	09	\$5,000
4319	Other		\$0
Sanitation			
4321	Administration		\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	09	\$137,100
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	09	\$196,000
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	09	\$8,000
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment			
4331	Administration		\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0
Electric			
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations As Voted
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0
Health			
4411	Administration		\$0
4414	Pest Control	12	\$700
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	12	\$16,900
Welfare			
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	12	\$25,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0
Culture and Recreation			
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	13	\$45,976
4550-4559	Library	13	\$191,837
4583	Patriotic Purposes	13	\$27,800
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	13	\$1,000
Conservation and Development			
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	14	\$5,400
4619	Other Conservation		\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0
Debt Service			
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	06,08,14	\$145,494
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	14	\$36,780
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	14	\$100
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0
Capital Outlay			
4901	Land		\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$85,000
4903	Buildings	02,07	\$973,978
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	11	\$400,000
Operating Transfers Out			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15,16	\$114,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds		\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0
Total Voted Appropriations			\$4,574,794

**NON-OFFICIAL VALUES-DRAFT APPROPRIATIONS FORM, NOT
SUBMITTED TO DRA AS FINAL**



Tax Rate Breakdown Grantham

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,241,455	\$461,591,370	\$4.86
County	\$1,287,547	\$461,591,370	\$2.79
Local Education	\$6,455,289	\$461,591,370	\$13.98
State Education	\$1,136,603	\$456,495,070	\$2.49
Total	\$11,120,894		\$24.12

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Eastman Village	\$466,977	\$307,222,001	\$1.52
Total	\$466,977		\$1.52

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$11,120,894
War Service Credits	(\$75,100)
Village District Tax Effort	\$466,977
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$11,512,771

 Stephan Hamilton Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/27/2015
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Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,574,794	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,948,508)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$400,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$100,000)
War Service Credits	\$75,100	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$40,069	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$2,241,455	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,287,547	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$1,287,547	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$7,606,725	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		(\$14,833)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,136,603)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$6,455,289	
State Education Tax	\$1,136,603	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,136,603	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$461,591,370	\$517,147,509
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$456,495,070	\$512,346,609
Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	
Eastman Village	\$307,222,001	

Grantham

Tax Commitment Verification

2015 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$11,512,771
1/2% Amount	\$57,564
Acceptable High	\$11,570,335
Acceptable Low	\$11,455,207

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
Net amount after TIF adjustment	

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2015 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:	Date:
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Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Grantham	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2015 Tax Rate	\$24.12	\$12.06
Associated Villages		
Eastman Village	\$1.52	\$0.76

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds	\$495,000
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$12,959,233
Final Overlay	\$40,069

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2015 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Grantham	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (12.72%)	\$1,648,936
17% Retained (<i>Maximum Recommended</i>)	\$2,203,070
10% Retained	\$1,295,923
8% Retained	\$1,036,739
5% Retained (<i>Minimum Recommended</i>)	\$647,962

2015 RSA 198:4-b II School Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Grantham

If a school district has adopted RSA 198:4-b II by a vote of the legislative body, the school district may retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate. This retained fund balance is not cumulative. The maximum allowed fund balance retention has been calculated as:

	Net Assessment	2.5% of Net Assessment
Local School	\$7,591,892	\$189,797



Tax Collector's Report

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

Instructions

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

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ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: County: Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name	Last Name	
<input type="text" value="Rita"/>	<input type="text" value="Friedman"/>	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
<input type="text" value="300"/>	<input type="text" value="Route 10 South"/>	<input type="text" value="(603) 863-5608"/>
Email (optional)		
<input type="text" value="rfriedman@granthamnh.net"/>		



Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: Prior
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,801,461.80		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185		\$879.87		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?			(\$5,866.12)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	3110	\$12,067,227.98		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$8,000.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$6,032.35		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189			
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	2012	Prior
Property Taxes	3110	\$32,380.13	\$8,140.64		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
-	Adjustments	\$97.68			
-	Penalty-Current Cost	\$1,648.06			
-	Land Use Change Tax Interest	\$264.97			
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$8,368.48	\$10,396.63		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$12,124,019.65	\$1,815,012.82		



Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	Prior
Property Taxes	\$9,798,013.41	\$1,763,091.02		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$8,000.00			
Yield Taxes	\$5,908.54	\$879.87		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$8,368.48	\$10,396.63		
Penalties	\$1,648.06			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)	\$70,450.46	\$39,998.96		
- Adjustments	\$97.68			
- Land Use Change Tax Interest	\$264.97			
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies 2012	Prior
Property Taxes	\$20,491.85	\$646.34		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	2013	Prior Levies	
			2012	Prior
Property Taxes	\$2,216,237.21			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$123.81			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$5,584.82)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$12,124,019.65	\$1,815,012.82		



Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$73,152.22	\$30,292.82	\$21,108.16
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$117,891.42			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$421.88	\$4,786.16	\$6,460.07	\$1,469.80
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Add Line				
Total Debits	\$118,313.30	\$77,938.38	\$36,752.89	\$22,577.96

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	Prior
Redemptions	\$11,657.85	\$37,219.01	\$17,797.30	\$1,610.74
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Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$421.88	\$4,786.16	\$6,460.07	\$1,469.80
-				
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$106,248.18	\$35,933.21	\$12,495.52	\$19,497.42
Total Credits	\$118,327.91	\$77,938.38	\$36,752.89	\$22,577.96



GRANTHAM (183)

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
Rita	Friedman	Jul 13, 2015

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

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

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- Jamie Dow: jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov
- Shelley Gerlarneau: shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov
- Stephanie Derosier: stephanie.derosier@dra.nh.gov

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

Town Treasurer Report - Fiscal Year 2015

BEGINNING BALANCE -- July 1, 2014:

LSB Municipal Treasury NOW Acct. - General Fund	\$5,852,272.83
NH PDIP-0001, General Fund	\$8,249.87
Net Transfers to (from) PDIP-0001	(\$14,779.50)

BEGINNING BALANCE TOTAL

\$5,845,743.20

YEARS RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS:

RECEIPTS:

From Tax Collector	\$11,792,690.86	
From Town Clerk	\$696,620.37	
From Town Office and State Grants	\$348,598.02	
Transfers from Grantham Cap. Res. Funds	\$175,381.66	
Interest Earned (Avg. Interest Rate: 1.76%)	\$77,431.33	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$13,090,722.24

ADJUSTMENTS:

Bank Fees and Other Charges	\$0.00	
Misc. Tax Deposits and Transfers	\$200.00	
Bad Check Deposits Returned by Bank	(\$14,655.11)	
Bad Checks Redeposited	\$13,144.30	
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS		(\$1,310.81)
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS		\$13,089,411.43

DISBURSEMENTS PER SELECT BOARD ORDERS:

Accounts Payable	\$11,903,521.40	
Payroll and Benefits	\$820,548.62	
Federal Tax 941 Electronic Transfer	\$194,248.34	
less: Void Checks (stop payment)	(\$1,512.82)	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$12,916,805.54

YEARS NET RECEIPTS OR (DISBURSEMENTS)

\$172,605.89

ENDING BALANCE -- June 30, 2015

\$6,018,349.09

ACCOUNTS BALANCE RECONCILIATION -- June 30, 2015:

LSB Municipal Treasury NOW Acct. - General Fund	\$6,018,349.09
NH PDIP-0001, General Fund (Account Closed 6/26/15)	\$0.00

YEAR END ACCOUNTS TOTAL -- June 30, 2015

\$6,018,349.09

TOWN NON-BUDGET ACCOUNTS:

	Balance 6/30/14	Balance 6/30/15
@ Conservation Fund - LSB Savings	\$31,836.70	\$39,844.68
@ Sherwood Forest - LSB Savings	\$4,626.68	\$4,627.18
Ronald Hastings - LSB Savings	\$1,109.14	\$909.62
@ Reclamation Fund - LSB Savings	\$47,015.38	\$53,924.57
@ Town Forest Mtce. - LSB Savings	\$13,895.08	\$13,776.76
@ 6/26/15 Transfer in from closed PDIP Accounts		

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher E. Morris, Treasurer

7/11/2015

TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NH

MS-9 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	%	***PRINCIPAL***		INCOME		GRAND TOTAL		Verify				
					Balance Beginning 07/01/14	New Funds	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 06/30/15	%	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 06/30/15	Principal & Income 06/30/15	
Please Note: COMMON FUND #1 is made up of the following accounts:															
1900-2001	CEMETERY FUNDS	Cemeteries	LSB CD/SV Sav			7,596.91	0.00	0.00	7,596.91		140.25	0.00	10,076.50	17,673.41	
Yr. 1900	Hannah Haywood	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00		5.21	0.00	257.12	657.12	
Yr. 1900	William Howe	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		3.15	0.00	3.58	53.58	
Yr. 1911/46	L.F. Shaw	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		211.17	3.0665%	214.06	364.06	
Yr. 1913	Jonathan Brown	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		371.02	4.4237%	375.19	525.19	
Yr. 1913	H. Stevens	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		3.15	0.4513%	3.58	53.58	
Yr. 1920	Mercy Samborn George	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.30	0.9025%	7.15	107.15	
Yr. 1929	Reverdy Smith	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		50.16	0.8504%	50.96	100.96	
3/1/1933	Irene W. Hemphill	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.30	0.9025%	7.15	107.15	
8/25/1935	Estella Hitchcock	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		281.84	3.2420%	284.89	384.89	
3/21/1941	L.A. Roach - H.J. Wiggins	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00		23.54	0.8366%	24.33	99.33	
11/3/1944	Alice M. Wilcox	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.30	0.9025%	7.15	107.15	
8/8/1952	Emma Etta Samborn	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00		609.62	8.5721%	617.70	1,017.70	
Yr. 1948	Edith M. Miller	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.31	0.9026%	7.16	107.16	
Yr. 1958	Frank E. Hastings	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		138.64	2.0262%	140.55	240.55	
8/19/1958	Alberta & George Hastings	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			121.84	0.00	0.00	121.84		239.87	3.0711%	242.76	364.60	
4/14/1960	Zena & Bernice S. Pillsbury	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		281.83	3.2419%	284.88	384.88	
3/11/1963	Harriet B. Stocker	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		51.11	1.2830%	52.32	152.32	
7/30/1964	East Grantham Cemetery	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			50.07	0.00	0.00	50.07		3.14	0.4518%	3.57	53.64	
10/28/1968	Howard & Dorothy Ashley	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.31	0.9026%	7.16	107.16	
6/4/1973	Hollis French	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		162.12	4.5544%	164.22	264.22	
2/12/1974	William H. Howard	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		200.03	6.0819%	202.83	352.83	
11/12/1975	Richard Howard	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		574.44	13.4561%	580.63	780.63	
6/7/1980	Daniel & Caffrey Arsenault	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		626.45	14.3598%	633.06	833.06	
3/9/1981	William & Henry Howard	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00		655.99	37.4610%	673.24	2,173.24	
10/8/1969	Florence/Orin Pillsbury	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00		2,442.09	25.8286%	2,466.42	3,066.42	
12/23/1963	J. Madison & Alice M. Howe	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00		2,279.64	26.9965%	2,305.07	3,205.07	
1/1/1982	Fl. & Hor. Kimball & F. Philbrick	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.31	1.8472%	7.16	107.16	
4/19/1983	Mildred Dunbar (G.W. lot)	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		6.30	0.9025%	7.15	107.15	
12/5/1990	Kathleen Preston	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		35.54	3.2238%	37.02	187.02	
10/11/1995	Helen & Myron Cummings	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00		314.16	7.7616%	321.47	921.47	
12/12/1996	Lillian F. Howard	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		56.49	4.4566%	58.54	258.54	
11/20/2001	Ruth Paynotta	Dunbar Hill	LSB CD/SAV			175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00		11.01	3.2300%	12.50	187.50	
11/20/2001	Jackson & Mathilde English	Hilldale	LSB CD/SAV			225.00	0.00	0.00	225.00		14.14	2.0304%	16.05	241.05	
TOTAL PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS						7,596.91	0.00	0.00	7,596.91		140.25	100.00%	10,076.50	17,673.41	✓

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Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	%	Balance Beginning 07/01/14	***PRINCIPAL***			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL		Verify	
						New Funds	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 06/30/15	Balance Beginning 07/01/14	%	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 06/30/15		Principal & Income 06/30/15
	GRANTHAM MEMORIAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND		LSB SAV		26,700.00	1,100.00		27,800.00	1,709.63		234.31	0.00	1,943.94	29,743.94	
	\$200 of each Family Plot sold is added to Maintenance Fund														
	GRANTHAM MEMORIAL CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT FUND		LSB CD		6,550.00	350.00	0.00	6,900.00	2,776.67		76.95	0.00	2,853.62	9,753.62	
	\$50.00 of each Family Plot Sold is added to Development Fund														
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS				40,846.91	1,450.00	0.00	42,296.91	14,422.55		451.51	0.00	14,874.06	57,170.97	
	Please Note: CEMETERY FUNDS are made up of the following accounts:														
	Lake Sunapee Bank:														
			LSB SAV		7,596.91		0.00	7,596.91	9,936.25		140.25	0.00	10,076.50	17,673.41	
			LSB SAV		26,700.00	1,100.00	0.00	27,800.00	1,709.63		234.31	0.00	1,943.94	29,743.94	
			LSB CD		6,550.00	350.00	0.00	6,900.00	2,776.67		76.95	0.00	2,853.62	9,753.62	
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUND ACCOUNTS	CEMETERIES	LSB CD/SAV		40,846.91	1,450.00	0.00	42,296.91	14,422.55		451.51	0.00	14,874.06	57,170.97	√
1900-2007	CEMETERY FUNDS	Cemeteries	LSB CD/SAV		40,846.91	1,450.00	0.00	42,296.91	14,422.55		451.51	0.00	14,874.06	57,170.97	

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Town of Grantham:															
OTHER TRUST FUNDS:															
1915	Hiram Buswell Fund	Dunbar Free Library	LSB SAV		300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	3.74		2.43	0.00	6.17	306.17	
	Sub-Total Town of Grantham				300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	3.74		2.43	0.00	6.17	306.17	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS															
9/10/2008	Dunbar Free Library	Library Addition	LSB SAV		145,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	170,000.00	1,850.16		1,361.47	0.00	3,211.63	173,211.63	
5/10/1990	Fire Department Apparatus	Fire Trucks, etc.	LSB SAV		82,100.00	25,000.00	0.00	107,100.00	40,339.19		938.96	36,033.10	5,245.05	112,345.05	
7/17/1993	Town Office Equipment	Office Equipment	LSB SAV		7,451.12	1,000.00	0.00	8,451.12	1,835.60		81.76	0.00	1,917.36	10,368.48	
12/15/1995	Mowers	New Mowers	LSB SAV		16,900.32	0.00	0.00	16,900.32	116.55		136.12	0.00	252.67	17,152.99	
2/15/2000	Highway Equipment Fund	Highway Equipment	LSB CD		81,294.00	50,000.00	64,519.29	66,774.71	15,677.02		1,023.69	16,700.71	0.00	66,774.71	
7/17/2003	Transfer Station Equipment	T.S. Equipment	LSB SAV		13,726.51	10,000.00	0.00	23,726.51	0.00		184.51	0.00	184.51	23,911.02	
7/17/2003	Police Vehicles	Police Vehicles	LSB CD		1,850.08	0.00	0.00	1,850.08	0.00		14.80	0.00	14.80	1,864.88	
2/22/2005	Athletic Fields CRF	Athletic Fields	LSB SAV		455.90	0.00	0.00	455.90	72.37		4.22	0.00	76.59	532.49	
17/8/2009	Land Preservation	Conservation Land	LSB SAV		79,122.50	0.00	9,573.57	69,548.93	1,847.04		579.39	2,426.43	0.00	69,548.93	
12/8/2009	Municipality Revaluation	Revaluation	LSB SAV		100,000.00	45,000.00	43,446.98	101,553.02	1,562.17		1,119.41	2,681.58	0.00	101,553.02	
12/9/2009	Town Bldg Repair and Maintenance	Repair & Maintain	LSB SAV		55,295.04	5,000.00	0.00	60,295.04	406.16		482.92	0.00	889.08	61,184.12	
4/28/2010	Recreation Park Project Fund	Park & Playground	LSB SAV		302.49	0.00	0.00	302.49	3.53		2.45	0.00	5.98	308.47	
8/23/2010	Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	Bridge Design, etc.	LSB SAV		97,466.48	50,000.00	0.00	147,466.48	696.61		1,158.78	0.00	1,855.39	149,321.87	
3/18/2013	Town Library Repair CRF	Library Repair	LSB SAV		10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	73.40		155.29	0.00	228.69	20,228.69	
7/25/2014	Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	Office Equipment	LSB SAV		0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00		14.23	0.00	14.23	2,014.23	
	Sub-Total Town of Grantham				690,964.44	223,000.00	117,539.84	796,424.60	64,479.80		7,258.00	57,841.82	13,895.98	810,320.58	
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS															
12/15/1995	Town Emergency Repair	Town Emer. Repairs	LSB SAV		6,231.68	0.00	0.00	6,231.68	6,882.24		104.90	0.00	6,987.14	13,218.82	
	Sub-Total Town of Grantham				6,231.68	0.00	0.00	6,231.68	6,882.24		104.90	0.00	6,987.14	13,218.82	
	TOTAL - TOWN OF GRANTHAM:				697,496.12	223,000.00	117,539.84	807,956.28	71,365.78		7,365.33	57,841.82	20,889.29	823,845.57	
SAU 75:															
OTHER TRUST FUNDS:															
1891	Grantham School Fund Sale of Leased Land	Grantham Village School	LSB SAV		623.00	0.00	0.00	623.00	7.41		5.05	0.00	12.46	635.46	
6/18/1985	Glenn Hudson Memorial Fund [1]	Scholarship Fund	LSB CD		2,274.91	0.00	281.90	1,993.01	0.00		18.10	18.10	0.00	1,993.01	
1/30/1997	Jackson P. & Mathilde M. English Educational Fund [1]	Educ. Excellence	LSB CD		10,116.05	0.00	519.35	9,596.70	0.00		80.65	80.65	0.00	9,596.70	
12/11/2013	Hunt Scholarship Fund	Scholarship Fund	LSB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.41		0.80	0.00	1.21	101.21	
	Sub-Total SAU				13,113.96	0.00	801.25	12,312.71	7.82		104.60	98.75	13.67	12,326.38	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS															
10/8/2004	Grantham School Construction Fund	School Building#552	LSB CD		72,602.64	0.00	0.00	72,602.64	19,743.03		738.69	0.00	20,481.72	93,084.36	
	Sub-Total SAU				72,602.64	0.00	0.00	72,602.64	19,743.03		738.69	0.00	20,481.72	93,084.36	

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					Balance Beginning 07/01/14	New Funds	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 06/30/15	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 06/30/15
SAU 75: [Continued]											
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS											
1/21/1997	Grantham School Expendable Trust	School Repairs	LSB SAV		44,205.78	0.00	0.00	451.69	0.00	12,712.60	56,918.38
1/31/2000	Grantham Village School Special Education	Special Education	LSB SAV		220,783.64	50,000.00	0.00	2,196.93	0.00	11,281.22	282,064.86
10/9/2003	GVS School Tuition	Secondary School Tuition	LSB SAV		85,355.00	0.00	0.00	757.85	0.00	10,143.40	95,498.40
7/1/2014	Legal Services ETF	Extraordinary Legal Expenses	LSB SAV		0.00	50,000.00	0.00	355.07	0.00	355.07	50,355.07
	Sub-Total SAU				350,344.42	100,000.00	0.00	3,761.54	0.00	34,492.29	484,836.71
	TOTAL - SAU75:				436,061.02	100,000.00	801.25	4,604.83	98.75	54,987.68	590,247.45
Village District of Eastman:											
OTHER TRUST FUNDS:											
7/28/2014	Wastewater Collection Operation & Maintenance ⁽²⁾	Associated Capital Expenses	LSB SAV		0.00	47,300.00	13,563.04	164.76	0.00	0.00	33,736.96
7/28/2014	Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation & Maintenance ⁽²⁾	Associated Capital Expenses	LSB SAV		0.00	47,300.00	8,574.82	179.97	0.00	0.00	38,725.18
7/28/2014	Wastewater Treatment Disposal Operation & Maintenance ⁽²⁾	Associated Capital Expenses	LSB SAV		0.00	37,300.00	16,286.25	149.40	0.00	0.00	21,013.75
	Sub-Total Town of Village District of Eastman				0.00	131,900.00	38,424.11	494.13	0.00	0.00	93,475.89
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS											
10/31/2002	Village District Security Improvement	Improvement Update	LSB SAV		8,959.54	2,000.00	7,416.71	39.74	122.29	0.00	3,542.83
4/27/2005	Village District Inventory Hardware	Hardware	LSB SAV		19,972.95	5,000.00	1,879.83	186.26	345.99	0.00	23,093.12
4/27/2005	Village District Filter Media	Filter Media	LSB SAV		24,138.49	4,000.00	0.00	233.43	0.00	400.93	28,539.42
4/27/2005	Village District Office Equipment	Office Equipment	LSB SAV		9,765.65	0.00	0.00	78.45	89.99	72.28	9,937.93
3/10/2006	Village District Well Renovation	Renovate Wells	LSB SAV		18,323.94	0.00	10,625.46	136.87	3,409.54	0.00	7,698.48
4/12/2007	Village District Vehicle Replacement	Vehicle Replacement	LSB SAV		61,979.70	20,000.00	0.00	644.00	0.00	1,097.21	83,076.91
9/5/2008	Village District Office Building	Office Building	LSB SAV		31,434.18	10,000.00	1,700.04	318.65	669.96	0.00	39,734.14
9/5/2008	Village District Well Exploration & Development	Well Expl. & Dev't	LSB SAV		8,000.00	0.00	0.00	65.02	0.00	192.63	8,192.63
9/17/2009	Village District Building Maintenance CRF	Building Maint.	LSB SAV		11,098.63	10,000.00	8,312.09	108.73	227.52	0.00	12,786.54
12/8/2009	Village District Allen's Drive Upgrade Study	Upgrade Study	LSB SAV		1,000.00	0.00	0.00	8.11	0.00	20.82	1,020.82
8/2/2010	VDE Alternative Energy Study/Audit CRF	Energy Audit & Study	LSB SAV		2,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	45.50	0.00	70.29	6,070.29
8/2/2010	VDE Computer Software, Upgrades & Maint	Computer Updates	LSB SAV		69.71	3,500.00	347.69	7.49	15.58	0.00	347.69
7/14/2011	Water Storage Tank Repair and Maintenance	Water Tank Repair	LSB SAV		9,025.00	10,000.00	0.00	145.25	0.00	240.64	19,265.64
	Sub-Total Town of Village District of Eastman				206,267.79	68,000.00	33,156.15	2,007.50	4,880.87	2,094.80	243,206.44

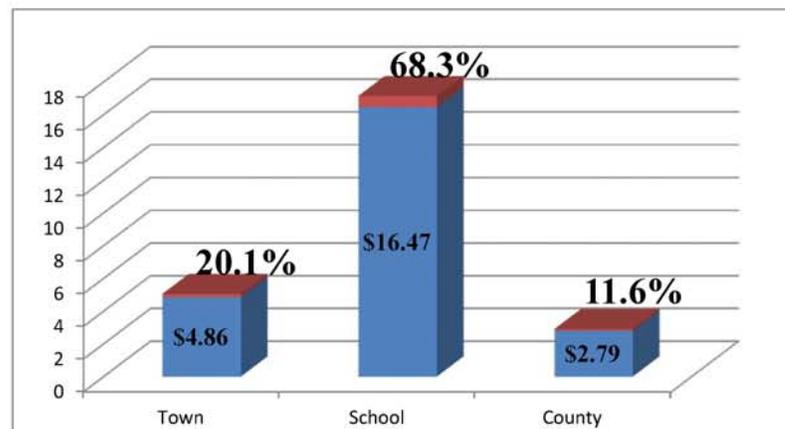
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Village District of Eastman: [Continued]												
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS												
12/27/1995	Village District Generator & Pumps Maintenance	Gen./Pump Maint.	LSB SAV	9,170.77	12,000.00	2,788.37	18,382.40	68.67	152.96	221.63	0.00	18,382.40
12/27/1995	Village District Water Main Maintenance	Water Main	LSB SAV	226,235.41	80,000.00	0.00	306,235.41	70,366.78	2,607.17	15,982.96	56,990.99	363,226.40
2003 & 2005	Village District Backflow & Meter Replacement	Backflow/Meter	LSB SAV	15,042.10	0.00	7,831.71	7,210.39	661.65	80.84	742.49	0.00	7,210.39
	Sub-Total Town of Village District of Eastman			250,448.28	92,000.00	10,620.08	331,828.20	71,097.10	2,840.97	16,947.08	56,990.99	388,819.19
	TOTAL - VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EASTMAN:			456,716.07	291,900.00	82,200.34	666,415.73	76,065.27	5,342.60	22,322.08	59,085.79	725,501.52
	[1] Withdrawal of principal pursuant to 9/30/11 Probate Court Order.											
	[2] Funds generated from Sewer revenues, not from taxes											
	6/30/2015 REPORT TOTAL			1,631,120.12	616,350.00	200,541.43	2,046,928.69	212,335.20	17,764.27	80,262.65	149,836.82	2,196,765.51

Five-Year Property Tax Rate Review

Tax Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Net Town Appropriation	1,623,781.00	1,335,057.00	2,054,135	2,134,774	2,241,455
Municipal Rate	3.18	2.61	3.99	4.13	4.86
Net School Appropriation	6,761,528.00	7,535,003.00	6,296,416	6,740,026	6,455,289
Local School Rate	10.76	12.32	12.22	13.03	13.98
State Education Taxes	1,252,997.00	1,198,739.00	1,232,228	1,158,531	1,136,603
Education Grant	11,775.00	11,775.00	12,717	13,734	14,833
State Education Rate	2.48	2.36	2.42	2.26	2.49
Combined School Rates	13.24	14.68	14.64	15.29	16.47
Net County Appropriation	1,471,085.00	1,480,179.00	1,449,314	1,471,602	1,287,547
County Rate	2.88	2.88	2.81	2.85	2.79
Village District Commitment	505,919.00	526,949.00	510,889	462,691	466,977
Village District Rate	1.47	1.53	1.48	1.34	1.52
Total Tax Rate - Grantham	19.30	20.17	21.44	22.27	24.12
Total Tax Rate - Eastman	20.77	21.70	22.92	23.61	25.64
Property Tax Commitment	10,263,338.00	10,777,013.00	11,463,882	11,888,024	11,512,771
Net Assessed Valuation	510,731,951.00	513,156,517.00	515,125,870	517,147,509	461,591,370

Full Property Revaluation

2015 Tax Rate Breakdown



In the chart above, the dollar amount is per \$1,000 of the assessed property value. The percentage reflects the percent of the 2015 tax rate.

Schedule of Town Owned Property

<u>Location</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Purpose/Use</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Al Smith Road	207-004	Vacant - Ella Smith Lot	2.70	3,870
Route 10 North	207-005	Vacant - Al Smith Rd. Corner Lot	2.10	37,600
Croydon Turnpike	209-001	Vacant	72.00	74,200
Miller Pond Road	210-003	Vacant - Kimball Land	49.00	84,000
Off Meriden Road	210-004	Vacant - Wallis Land	0.63	700
Croydon Turnpike	210-005	Vacant - Kimball Land	16.00	37,700
Croydon Turnpike	210-006	Vacant - Minister Lot	59.00	67,400
Croydon Turnpike	210-007	Vacant - Wallis Land	31.00	49,800
Croydon Turnpike	210-008	Vacant - Vette Davis Land	80.00	78,300
Croydon Turnpike	210-009	Vacant - Minister Lot	20.00	41,500
Miller Pond Road	210-010	Vacant - Town Forest (Kimball Land)	55.00	65,500
Miller Pond Road	211-012	Vacant - Lucius Smith Lot	29.00	70,800
12 Tall Timber Drive	211-069	Vacant - School Bus Turnaround	0.86	23,200
48 High Pond Road	212-090	Vacant Tax Deed	0.80	12,600
82 Anderson Pond Road	213-032	Vacant Tax Deed	0.98	5,100
38 Anderson Pond Road	213-053	Vacant Tax Deed	0.83	12,600
3 Shore Road	213-081	Vacant Tax Deed	0.69	2,400
400 Road 'Round the Lake	213-119	Vacant Tax Deed	0.85	12,500
18 Catamount Road	214-030	Vacant Tax Deed	1.80	52,200
3 Sugar Hill Road	215-137	Vacant Tax Deed	1.29	26,400
Burpee Hill Road	216-041	Hastings Cemetery	0.10	12,900
16 Bobbin Hill	216-089	Vacant Tax Deed	0.71	7,100
Croydon Turnpike	218-002	Vacant	37.00	53,600
Route 10 North	221-002	Vacant	0.74	33,500
Rawson Ridge	221-010	Vacant Tax Deed	9.41	87,300
Burpee Hill Road	221-058	Brown Cemetery	0.24	29,300
16 Deer Run	223-006	Vacant Tax Deed	1.97	8,200
17 Brookridge Drive	224-001	Vacant Tax Deed	1.14	7,900
17 Hummingbird Hill	225-044	Vacant Tax Deed	0.98	12,800
46 Troon Drive	225-101	Vacant Tax Deed	0.68	4,700
35 Walton Heath Drive	225-215	Vacant Tax Deed	0.69	97,900
41 Fairway Drive	225-273	Vacant Tax Deed	1.06	103,000
Route 10 North	226-026	Brookside Park	20.47	55,000
New Aldrich Road	227-023	Vacant	1.30	300
36 Gray Ledges	232-001	Vacant Tax Deed	90.00	334,800
300 Route 10 South	233-004	Town Buildings	9.20	1,034,200
251 Route 10 South	233-075-001	Fire Department	2.77	743,000
Learning Drive	233-075-003	Memorial Cemetery	8.07	99,400
Sugarwood Lane	233-096	Road	2.80	600
34 Greensward Drive	234-099	Vacant Tax Deed	0.91	10,400
66 Longwood Drive	234-120	Vacant Tax Deed	0.61	10,900
Route 114	234-142	Vacant	6.80	28,800
1081 Route 114	235-016	Closed Landfill Site	6.64	101,600
Airpark Drive	235-021	Vacant Tax Deed	6.66	97,400
1150 Route 114	235-030-003	Transfer Station	31.78	197,600
Route 114	236-004	Vacant	4.90	40,900
Stoney Brook Road	236-021	Hilldale Cemetery	1.80	46,700
401 Route 10 South	237-005	Dunbar Free Library	0.88	310,400
Route 10 South	237-032	Church Parking Lot	0.15	12,100
400 Route 10 South	237-033	Church Parking Lot	0.15	40,600
Dunbar Hill Road	237-061	Dunbar Cemetery	0.31	32,800
19 Shedd Road	241-006-001	Recreation Park	23.97	264,800
Stoney Brook Road	243-009	Vacant	3.50	25,500

2015-16 Town Employees Wages

Administration

Brown, Sheridan T.	Selectman	\$ 1,700.00	annual
Jones, Constance A.	Selectman	\$ 1,700.00	annual
Kimball, G. Warren	Selectman	\$ 1,700.00	annual
White, Melissa M	Town Administrator	\$ 2,313.57	bi-weekly
Jasper, Ann M	Administrative Assistant	\$ 20.10	hourly
Norris, Martha M	Receptionist/Office Assistant	\$ 15.00	hourly
Morris, Christopher	Treasurer	\$ 6,200.00	annual
Lewis, Robert A	Trustee of the Trust Funds Clerk & Bookkeeper	\$ 1,750.00	annual
Fogg, Robert E	Trustee of the Trust Funds Bookeeper	\$ 1,750.00	annual
Stender, Gregory	Building Custodian	\$ 16.00	hourly
Woodworth, Roger D	Building Inspector	\$ 28.40	hourly

Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office & Election Officials

Friedman, Rita	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 1,827.23	bi-weekly
Story, Kenneth B	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$ 16.00	hourly
Goldman, Suzanne	Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 150.00	per election
Noordsy, Sandra A	Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 150.00	per election
Stamper, Donna	Supervisor of the Checklist	\$ 150.00	per election
Schweizer, Susanna	Moderator	\$ 450.00	annual
McClory, Lorie M	Assistant Moderator	\$ 250.00	annual
Adamic, Cynthia	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Adamic, Stephan	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Brown, Leslie	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Clark, Jane Deane	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Clark Jr., Russell	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Dorr, Paula	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Eastman, Ruth Ann	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Fogg, Sara	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Gilliatt, Michele	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Goldman, Maynard	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Margolis-Cheever, Deborah	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
McCarthy, Judith A	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
McCarthy, Robert B	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Molloy, Brenda	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Noordsy, Donald	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Peterson, Norah	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Peterson, Robert	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Sachs, Jane	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Stamper, James D	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Taylor, Jane R	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Tober, Rac	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly
Wren, Susan	Ballot Clerk	\$ 7.50	hourly

Police Department

Madore Sr., Walter A	Police Chief	\$ 2,675.77	bi-weekly
Parsons, John W	Police Sergeant	\$ 25.48	hourly
Gamble, Ryan C	Police Officer	\$ 19.30	hourly
Soucy, Travis	Police Officer	\$ 18.74	hourly
DiPadova, Judith A	Police Secretary	\$ 19.11	hourly
Cunningham, Gordon V	Police Officer PT	\$ 18.83	hourly
Julian, Timothy T	Police Officer PT	\$ 19.34	hourly
Schwartz, Robert A	Police Officer PT	\$ 19.52	hourly

Emergency Services Fire/Fast Squad (Volunteer)

Gillespie, Stuart M	Fast Squad - EMT Intermediate & Coordinator	\$ 13.66	hourly (plus \$500 annual officer pay)
Avery, Lori L	Fast Squad - EMT & Secretary	\$ 13.66	hourly (plus \$250 annual officer pay)
Alteva, George	Fast Squad - EMT	\$ 13.66	hourly
Chipman, Bruce E	Fast Squad - Advanced EMT & Asst. Coordinator	\$ 13.66	hourly
Chipman, Jane	Fast Squad - EMT Intermediate & Treasurer	\$ 13.66	hourly (plus \$250 annual officer pay)

2015-16 Town Employees Wages

Davis, Jill D	Fast Squad - EMT Paramedic	\$	13.66	hourly
Labombard, Jeremy	Fast Squad - Advanced EMT	\$	13.66	hourly
Fountain, Jeremiah J	Fire Chief	\$	443.45	bi-weekly
Beckley, David B	Deputy Fire Chief	\$	13.66	hourly (plus \$1500 annual officer pay)
Hastings, Justin R	Fire Lieutenant	\$	13.66	hourly (plus \$600 annual officer pay)
McMahon, Jason T	Fire Lieutenant	\$	13.66	hourly (plus \$600 annual officer pay)
Angelli, Leonard R	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Avery, Ryan	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Boyes, Christopher R	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Boyes, Susan	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Bushman, Katherine	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Coburn, Robert	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Coronis, Hunter	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Dorko, Joseph	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Follensbee, William D	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Gill, Ian P	Firefighter & Advanced EMT	\$	13.66	hourly
Guerra, Matthew	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Hammond, Erin E	Firefighter & Advanced EMT	\$	13.66	hourly
Howarth, Cory	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Lang, Nathaniel	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Lopez, Chris	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Mason, Brandon	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Merriam, Joshua	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Tibbits, Jack P	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
Zagadailov, Pavel	Firefighter	\$	13.66	hourly
<u>Emergency Management</u>				
David Beckley	Emergency Management Director	\$	300.00	bi-weekly
<u>Public Works & Groundskeeping</u>				
Hastings, Jeffrey A	Road Agent	\$	30.93	hourly
Bircher, Thomas	Truck Driver - PT Summer	\$	25.53	hourly
Hastings, Brian	Truck Driver - PT Winter	\$	25.53	hourly
Carey, Glenn R	Groundskeeper	\$	18.74	hourly
<u>Transfer Station</u>				
Scott, Christopher C	Transfer Station Supervisor	\$	17.88	hourly
Sweeney, Buddy	Transfer Station Attendant	\$	14.00	hourly
Fowler, Ronald M	Transfer Station Attendant PT	\$	11.31	hourly
Osgood, F. Robert	Transfer Station Attendant PT	\$	10.90	hourly
<u>Recreation</u>				
Googins, Marsha G	Athletics Director	\$	750.29	bi-weekly
Garland, Jamielynn	Activities Director	\$	582.34	bi-weekly
Bitler, Justin C	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Beaulieu, Nicholas	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Chickering, Graham	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Hansen, Craig	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Hansen, Jake	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Miller, Sophia	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Elizabeth Peterson	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Walters, Austin	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
<u>Library</u>				
Huston, Dawn E	Library Director	\$	1,722.08	bi-weekly
Gelston, Andy	Library - PT	\$	11.41	hourly
Goldstein, Karen	Library - PT	\$	11.94	hourly
Heepe, Teresa R	Library - PT	\$	13.62	hourly
Holmes, B Joey	Library - PT	\$	17.25	hourly
Travis, Barbara B	Library - PT	\$	15.26	hourly
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Grantham
Grantham, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Grantham as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Grantham as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the major fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1-P to the financial statements, in 2015, the Town changed its method of accounting for pension reporting with the adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

*Town of Grantham
Independent Auditor's Report*

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3-10), Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 39), the Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (page 40), and the Schedule of Town Contributions (page 41) 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 them 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 sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information - Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Grantham's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

February 2, 2016

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Professional Association*

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,009,255	\$ 181,909	\$ 7,191,164
Investments	68,640	9,754	78,394
Taxes receivable	2,390,535	-	2,390,535
Interfund receivable	3,139	267	3,406
Tax dedeed property, subject to resale	64,032	-	64,032
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,535,601</u>	<u>\$ 191,930</u>	<u>\$ 9,727,531</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 115,597	\$ -	\$ 115,597
Due to other governments	4,902,557	-	4,902,557
Interfund payable	267	3,139	3,406
Total liabilities	<u>5,018,421</u>	<u>3,139</u>	<u>5,021,560</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	1,219,299	-	1,219,299
FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)			
Nonspendable	64,032	42,297	106,329
Restricted	257,109	14,874	271,983
Committed	1,220,121	134,759	1,354,880
Assigned	32,502	-	32,502
Unassigned (deficit)	1,724,117	(3,139)	1,720,978
Total fund balances	<u>3,297,881</u>	<u>188,791</u>	<u>3,486,672</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,535,601</u>	<u>\$ 191,930</u>	<u>\$ 9,727,531</u>

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
General Fund
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 2,056,736	\$ 2,056,736	\$ 2,043,141	\$ (13,595)
Licenses and permits	596,500	596,500	696,813	100,313
Intergovernmental	202,252	202,252	202,818	566
Charges for services	45,000	45,000	46,971	1,971
Miscellaneous	64,872	65,572	117,187	51,615
Total revenues	<u>2,965,360</u>	<u>2,966,060</u>	<u>3,106,930</u>	<u>140,870</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,129,883	1,129,883	1,014,859	115,024
Public safety	581,109	581,809	518,072	63,737
Highways and streets	377,900	377,900	328,932	48,968
Sanitation	342,412	342,412	238,348	104,064
Health	16,670	16,670	16,470	200
Welfare	20,000	20,000	8,270	11,730
Culture and recreation	258,526	258,526	235,999	22,527
Conservation	2,100	2,100	1,050	1,050
Debt service:				
Principal	104,031	104,031	90,133	13,898
Interest	34,300	34,300	30,240	4,060
Capital outlay	-	167,106	167,106	-
Total expenditures	<u>2,866,931</u>	<u>3,034,737</u>	<u>2,649,479</u>	<u>385,258</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>98,429</u>	<u>(68,677)</u>	<u>457,451</u>	<u>526,128</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	-	167,106	167,106	-
Transfers out	(223,000)	(223,000)	(223,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(223,000)</u>	<u>(55,894)</u>	<u>(55,894)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (124,571)</u>	<u>\$ (124,571)</u>	<u>401,557</u>	<u>\$ 526,128</u>
Decrease in restricted fund balance			199	
Increase in committed fund balance			(400,000)	
Unassigned fund balance, beginning			1,747,180	
Unassigned fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 1,748,936</u>	

The notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2015-12/31/2015

--GRANTHAM--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
IVANOVSKA, FROSINA	01/21/2015	LEBANON,NH		IVANOVSKA, IRENA
MORSE, LOGAN MARK	01/26/2015	LEBANON,NH	MORSE, DUSTIN	MORSE, LAUREN
COLLETTE, WESTON CHRISTOPHER	01/27/2015	LEBANON,NH	COLLETTE, RYAN	COLLETTE, ALISON
BABINSKY, GIDEON FERRIN	02/17/2015	LEBANON,NH	BABINSKY, RYAN	BABINSKY, HEATHER
NORRIS, CAROLINE ROSE	03/01/2015	LEBANON,NH	NORRIS, RICHARD	NORRIS, ERIN
KIRIT, KEON MATTHEW YOCOR	03/08/2015	LEBANON,NH	KIRIT, IAN	KIRIT, KAREN ROSE
MASON, COBY JAMES	03/21/2015	LEBANON,NH	MASON, BRANDON	MASON, NICOLE
BAILEY, MAYA KATHERINE	04/02/2015	LEBANON,NH	BAILEY, TIMOTHY	BAILEY, ELISABETH
DARLING, JACOB ELI-ROY	04/19/2015	LEBANON,NH	DARLING, THOMAS	DARLING, CRYSTAL
HEIGHT, AIVEEN MARRA	05/08/2015	LEBANON,NH	HEIGHT, JOSHUA	HEIGHT, KERI
STROBRIDGE, KAHLYN MARIE	05/16/2015	LEBANON,NH	STROBRIDGE, LEE	STROBRIDGE, ELIZABETH
BLANCHARD, LINCOLN EMERSON	05/22/2015	LEBANON,NH	BLANCHARD, ERIC	BLANCHARD, MOLLY
OSTERLOH, PIPER LUX	05/22/2015	LEBANON,NH	OSTERLOH, MARTIN	OSTERLOH, THERESA
VAN HOFF, ELENA VAIL	06/11/2015	LEBANON,NH	VAN HOFF, RYAN	VAN HOFF, SOPHIA
CAMERON, TAYA ELLIE	09/02/2015	LEBANON,NH	CAMERON, RYAN	CAMERON, STEPHANIE
DAMONE, WESLEY JAMES	11/07/2015	LEBANON,NH	DAMONE JR, PHILLIP	SCHNEIDER, SARAH
BUCKEY, HANNAH JEAN	11/17/2015	LEBANON,NH	BUCKEY, JAY	BUCKEY, JENNIFER
BICKFORD, PIPER INEZ	11/26/2015	LEBANON,NH	BICKFORD, JOHN	MCGARRY, CAITLIN

Total number of records 18

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

-- GRANTHAM --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
ASHEY, PATRICK D GRANTHAM, NH	TOMLINSON, PATIENCE T GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	SUNAPEE	08/22/2015
BARTON SR, JACK O GRANTHAM, NH	DELORIER, KAREN J GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	CONCORD	09/04/2015
HARTHAN, THOMAS W CORNISH, NH	COLLIER, JENNIFER M GRANTHAM, NH	CORNISH	GRANTHAM	09/05/2015

Total number of records 3

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

--GRANTHAM, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
KOSTUCK, JOYCE	01/11/2015	GRANTHAM	MCWETHY, ROLAND	SCHAUB, LORRAINE	N
SULLIVAN, ROBERT	01/17/2015	LEBANON	BENEDICT, RUSSELL	LARY, HENRIETTA	N
WREN, RICHARD	01/20/2015	GRANTHAM	WREN, RICHARD	KRENKE, MARIE	Y
PLACE, BEVERLY	02/24/2015	HANOVER	HAZELTON, ALBERT	HATCH, HAZEL	N
WILLIS JR, THOMAS	03/01/2015	GRANTHAM	WILLIS SR, THOMAS	SHEPARD, MADELINE	N
KRAMER, IRIS	03/11/2015	LEBANON	WOODLIFFE, STANLEY	RICHARDS, IRIS	N
MCCREDIE, ROBERT	03/18/2015	GRANTHAM	MCCREDIE, WILLIAM	LOUIS, MABLE	Y
MOULTON-PILLSBURY, MARY	04/14/2015	LEBANON	WALLACE, CLIFTON	PARTRIDGE, MARIE	N
LEWIS, RICHARD	07/11/2015	CLAREMONT	LEWIS SR, EDWARD	SMITH, DOROTHY	Y
FENNESSY, MARIE	07/12/2015	GRANTHAM	NOT KNOWN, NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN, NOT KNOWN	N
ROBERTS, HUGH	08/15/2015	LEBANON	ROBERTS, CHARLES	CARNINE, HATTIE	Y
FRANCO MEDINA, MELISSA	09/12/2015	GRANTHAM	LAHAYE, JAMES	MORSE, MARGARET	U
DAVIS, PATRICIA	09/19/2015	HANOVER	HENRY, ROBERT	ERISMAN, OLIVE	N

Total number of records 13



ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR JOSEPH KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE

January 2016

As I start my 3rd year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District 1, I am grateful and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Governor and Council called for a Special Legislative Session on November 18th to address the statewide heroin and opioid crisis. A Joint Legislative Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Epidemic was formed and will make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in the upcoming session.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I will continue to work with the various public and private partners to move this project forward. Additionally, I continue to work with the county and regional economic development councils and executive directors on present and future economic opportunities to grow businesses in the District.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congressman Frank Guinta in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions has been completed. The Executive Council approved the final draft and submitted it to the Governor on December 16th. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2016 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, Medicaid expansion, and maintaining a good business climate. Again, be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Maggie Hassan, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address if you'd like to added to the list at Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov.

Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you,

Joe

Congressional Delegation & Representatives

United States Senators

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Involuntary Lot Merger Notice

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa.

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

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

To restore your property to the pre-merger status you must make a written request to the local governing body no later than December 31, 2016.

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

**Grantham School District
Annual Report
2016**



Where the rainbow ends...

Grantham Village School Pledge:
*I am an important member of Grantham Village School.
I am the one and only person who has the power to decide what I will be and do.
I am in charge of my learning and behavior.
I am safe, respectful, and responsible.
I will accept the consequences for my decisions.
I will be a credit to myself, my family, GVS, and the Grantham community.
I am proud to be a hawk!*

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Geography Bee Winners

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Grantham Village School Winter Concert (K-3 only).

2016 School District Meeting

Report of the Chair of the Grantham School Board

January 2016

To the Town of Grantham Residents,

It is with a great sense of pleasure and achievement on the part of the Grantham Village School Board that I write this letter for the March 2016 Grantham Town Meeting. The Grantham School Board oversees the progress of education by our students and the financial management of our village school. It is the role of the School Board to maintain a diligent watch on the finances of running our school, respectful of costs to our townspeople while assuring costs necessary to see that our children are adequately prepared through education to become contributing members of our community, our country, and the world they will live in. The Board is also responsible for making and assuring implementation of policies and the hiring and supporting of the Superintendent of our SAU. The School Board meets monthly, and we encourage you to come to our meetings so that you are also familiar with the excellent work in learning that occurs at the Grantham Village School.

Each summer the Board holds a retreat to establish specific goals to help us achieve the work of supporting education in Grantham. This year our goals are the following:

1. Update and improve the Timing and Evaluation Process of the Superintendent and the Evaluation of the Board.
2. Reach a new three year Grantham Education Association (GEA) contract agreement with the Union.
3. Oversee a review of all facets of the School: academic progress, school culture and affective emphasis, parental support and interest, professional growth of faculty and staff, and leadership.

The Board is pleased to announce that all our goals have been addressed, and two will be achieved with the passing of the Budget and the GEA Contract.

After study and consideration the Board decided to change the evaluation date of the Superintendent from July to January in order to make it a step in determining the salary of that position in the budget that is to be voted on in March of that same year. The Board's evaluation will be moved to March. This extra time allows newly elected Board members to have a more meaningful role in the process. A committee of the Board also reviewed and revised the written evaluation process, maintaining the standards to be evaluated but making the basis of the standards more relevant to a Superintendent of a one school district and more relevant to the work of Grantham's Board. The review and revision was completed in the fall and began implementation in December of 2015.

In October the Superintendent, Board, and Faculty representatives began the formal process of negotiating and approving a new three-year GEA contract for the 2016 – 2019 school years. In December the entire Board was presented with the contract and the Board voted to accept it as written and to present it to the public at the Annual District meeting to be voted on by the townspeople. We are pleased with the additions and terms of the contract, and encourage the town to support this contract that addresses quality time for developing

new faculty, additional time for important growth and development of staff and faculty, and adjusted increases in faculty salaries that allows us to retain and hire the best teachers for our children.

This year the Grantham Village School applied to receive an Excellence in Education award as an EDIES school. These are limited awards from the NH Department of Education which recognizes a school that is outstanding in educational excellence. To be accepted to present and apply for this recognition is an honor. The school is able to do this because of the quality of staff and faculty we have working in our system. The School has completed a thorough review and study in preparation of submitting materials to an educational review committee comprised of educators and administrators across the state, including the Department of Education. National and state test scores, curriculum revision and development, Parent surveys, School Climate surveys completed by faculty, staff and parents, along with student activities, committees and organizations have all been submitted to a panel for review. The school has currently passed the initial review and completed the second round of the process with a written and visual presentation and an oral interview by the EDIE committee. In early February the school will be notified of an official visit if it reaches the third round of this extensive process.

The level of learning achieved at the school is evident in the success of science achievement in the past four years. Not one Grantham student in the grades tested scored “substantially below proficient”. The state average was 19% per school in that category; Partially Proficient at GVS was 18 %, the state average was 46%; Proficient at GVS- 74%, state average was 34%; Proficient with Distinction was 8% at GVS, 2% state average. GVS students outscored the state averages on the Smarter Balance Tests (Literacy and Math) in grades 3-6 by almost 30% in every grade level.

In February we presented in a public hearing a budget for the 2016-2017 school year. This budget again strives to contain costs by seeking efficient financial solutions wherever possible. The Board continued the steps taken over the past five years to limit or maintain costs increases in the areas of the budget over which it has control, while meeting necessary budget requests from the administration whenever possible.

While the Board does not interfere with the day-to-day workings of the school, we are responsible for assuring that the money spent toward education has an outcome worth the cost.

Because Grantham voters support our school, we are able to offer the “best practices” in learning to help our children succeed in school and in life. We urge you to continue this support that improves our students and our community by supporting the GEA contract and the annual school budget with your vote of approval.

Sincerely,

Carolyn D. Simon
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School Board agendas, minutes, policies, annual audit reports and meeting calendars can be found on the school board web page. Please contact bmolloy@sau75.org for more information.



Chief Madore reading to Mrs. Hutchins & Mrs. Reed's 1st grade students.

Grantham School District Personnel

Name	Department	FTE	Education	Step /Track	Yearly Salary
Ardell, Maren	Director of Special Ed., SAU	Part-time .25	MA+30	40	41,125
Arsenault, Nikki	After School Program Staff	Part-time .50	N/A	N/A	8,520
Bailey, Debra	Food Service	Full-time .65	N/A	N/A	23,284
Bechta-Piedmont, Diana	5th Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA+15	Off	72,871
Berger, Astrid	6th Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA+30	6	47,259
Brewer, Lynn	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	Off	23,349
Brewster, Stephen	After School Program Staff	Part-time .50	N/A	N/A	4,110
Britton, Randy	Technology Teacher Leader	Full-time 1.0	N/A	N/A	79,857
Brown, Arlene	Paraeducator I	Part-time .50	N/A	N/A	11,766
Brown, Leslie	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	11	23,094
Buckman, Denise	4th Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	Off	70,749
Canning, Patricia	Special Educator Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA+15	15	66,687
Cantagallo, Heather	Principal	Full-time 1.0	E.S.	N/A	91,393
Conger, Andrea	After School Program Staff	Part-time .50	N/A	N/A	8,295
Cormier, Susan	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	Off	25,086
Crutchfield, Robert	3rd Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	off	58,122
Damren, Allen	Business Administrator, SAU	Part-time .11	MBA	N/A	15,564
Duryee, Jessica	Speech Language Pathologist	Full-time 1.0	MA+30	15	68,688
Edgar-Howard, Nancy	Reading Specialist	Full-time 1.0	MA	Off	70,749
Eylander, Karen	Nurse	Full-time 1.0	BA	16	58,122
Field, Laurie	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	9	22,403
Gauvin, Sheri	Paraeducator II	Part-time .53 + .4	N/A	3	11,361 + 5730
Gilliatt, Michelle	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	7	21,724
Gioldassis, Kathryn	Special Educator Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	8	52,643
Goldstein, Karen	Librarian	Part-time .50	BA+30	2	20,995
Googins, Marsha	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	11	23,094
Grant, Deborah	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	Off	24,164
Guillette, Jacqueline	Superintendent, SAU	Part-time .50	CAGS	Off	69,782
Hoefs, Christopher	Music Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	3	40,766
Hutchins, Samantha	1st Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	4	41,989
Johnson, Kimberly	4th Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	8	52,643
Johnston, Kara	2nd Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	9	54,222
Kosiorek, Linda	Staff Accountant, SAU	Full-time 1.0	MBA	14	56,694
Larrabee, Betty	Art Teacher	Part-time .60	BA	Off	34,873
Martin, Katherine	Kindergarten Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	off	58,122
Mason, Denise	Food Service	Part-time .35	N/A	N/A	8,991
McFarland, Kimberly	4 th Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	1	27,417
Molloy, Brenda	Admin. Assistant, SAU & GVS	Full-time 1.0	BA	N/A	36,468
Moore, Leighanna	3 rd Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	1	38,425
Page, Catherine	2 nd Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	16	66,687
Palermo, Mike	Custodian	Full-time 1.0	N/A	N/A	39,374
Peirce, Deborah	Food Service	Part-time .30	N/A	N/A	7,912

Pollard, Ian	Physical Education Teacher	Full-time 1.0	BA	12	53,190
Reed, Kristen	1st Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA+15	15	66,687
Renehan, Oliver	Custodian	Full-time 1.0	N/A	N/A	47,341
Richard, Mary	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	14	24,123
Schachtner, Daniel	After School Program Director	Part-Time .60	N/A	N/A	17,040
Stender, Greg	Custodian	Part-Time .75	N/A	N/A	23,940
Stockman, Kathleen	Behavioral Interventionist	Full-time 1.0	MA	15	64,745
Sylvain, Casey	6th Grade Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	11	57,525
Taylor, Scott	Director of Facilities	Full-time 1.0	N/A	N/A	62,498
Tilton, Nora	Administrative Assistant	Full-time 1.0	N/A	AA	45,016
Volckaert, Katherine	Paraeducator II	Full-time .93	N/A	3	19,990
Wallace, Lynn	Reading Specialist	Full-time 1.0	BA+30	Off	65,417
Wallstrom, Jennifer	Kindergarten Teacher	Full-time 1.0	MA	13	61,028
Widman, Kris	School Counselor	Full-time 1.0	MA+15	15	66,687

GVS Total Full Time Equivalents (FTE's) 44.3

SAU Total Full Time Equivalents (FTE's) 2.7

Notes:

N/A refers to non-applicable or not available.

Step/Track refers to the placement on the salary list of the GEA Contract

Other Contracted Service Providers:

Mary Boyea, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant

Susan Gleason, TV 1 Teacher of Visually Impaired

Jeanne Hines, Physical Therapist

Priscilla Rennie, Occupational Therapist

Laurie Sepulveda, ESOL Teacher



Grantham Village School students and staff.

January 2016

From the Office of the Superintendent

Grantham School District

Dear Grantham Community Members:

Another busy and productive year in the Grantham School District! A few highlights are:

Our first round of new state assessment results called Smarter Balance for our Grantham students in grades 3-6 were released in November 2015. Consistently on this first baseline rounds of assessments, Grantham students scored at or above (far above) the NH state average. As we know, this is but one snapshot of how our students are progressing, but we received phone calls from other school districts asking us, "How did you get these results?" Our last year's sixth graders scored the highest in the entire state of NH in Math!

We have a new Technology Plan and a new Evaluation Plan developed through many hours of hard work by our staff and our building level leaders. These two plans have been approved by both the School Board and the NH Department of Education.

As stewards of our wonderful school facility, we have addressed a number of essential items on our Capital Improvement Plan and on our Safety Plan.

We partnered on a grant with the Grantham Police Department for an electronic safety feature called "Cop-Synch." Homeland Security awarded us this grant to install safety features through our technology at the school and at the Police Department. We had Homeland Security, along with Fire and Police Departments, do a safety assessment of our school in June 2015. Through that assessment it was recommended that we install exterior and hallway interior video cameras. This was accomplished over the winter break. Monitors at the Police Department, at the SAU, and in the school's office are available if ever needed.

This past summer 2015 we repaired and resurfaced our tennis and basketball courts. They look and play so much better!

This past summer 2015 we completed the chain link fencing all the way around the school playground in the front of the school building.

We have upgraded the fire panel at the school because the old one could no longer be supported by replacements parts or technology.

We replaced a gym door because it has been "moving" due to frost and ice conditions over the years. It had become so out of shape that it could not be opened properly in certain weather conditions.

We created a new notebook for New Board Member Orientation. Since we had three out of five Board members "new" to the Board, this was a way to assist the new Board members in getting and having the information necessary to help them each "get up to speed" as quickly as possible. And they have done that! We received our FY '15 audit and got a clean bill of financial health. We have been working to implement a number of recommendations which ALL came from the fact that our office staff consists of only one full time person and four part time people. The auditors told the Board that the District is in excellent financial shape.

The Gale Schmidt Outdoor Classroom working group continues to meet and to determine the course of action to accomplish our having an attractive, efficient, low maintenance outdoor classroom for the school and the community to use. It is the group's goal to pour a concrete slab for its foundation in the spring of 2016 and to have the outdoor classroom ready for use in the fall of 2016. The group has received a couple of grants, a

Principal's Report

January 2016

The mission of the Grantham Village School, in partnership with the people of Grantham, is to provide excellence in education. Together we mentor our students to become critical thinkers, creative learners and independent problem solvers. We aspire to nurture in each student a lifelong love of learning. As competent, responsible, and caring citizens, our students will know and apply the skills necessary to make positive contributions within a diverse global society.

It has been a fantastic year at GVS! We are delighted to have a number of new staff members this year: Catherine Page (grade 2 teacher), Leighanna Moore (grade 3 teacher), Kim McFarland (grade 4 teacher), Ian Pollard (physical education teacher), Laurie Sepulveda (ESOL teacher); Greg Stender (custodian), Arlene Brown (paraeducator), Dan Schachtner (HAWK ASP director), Nikki Arsenault (HAWK ASP staff), Andrea Conger (HAWK ASP staff), Steve Brewster (HAWK ASP staff), and Sofi Wolstenholme (HAWK ASP staff).

This year at GVS we continue to work on key areas essential to student growth:

- Curriculum development and alignment
- Increasing student achievement in reading, writing, math and science
- Increasing opportunities for authentic science instruction
- Differentiating instruction to support all learners
- Maintaining a positive and productive school culture
- Integrating technology
- Supporting and promoting unified arts
- Connecting with and giving back to our community



Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment:

Curriculum development is an ongoing process at GVS. This year the faculty has been hard at work revising and aligning the science curriculum to the Next Generation Science Standards. We have begun to implement some new units and make adjustments to those as we progress and have recently begun the cross grade level alignment. We have also implemented the new version of the Everyday Math program in the intermediate grades (primary grades implemented it last year).

In order to extend student learning over the summer, we offer an extended year program and summer reading incentives. The extended year program includes individualized and small group instruction in the areas of reading, writing and math for students who require the support. All students at GVS have the opportunity to choose several books, a notebook and a book bag for their summer reading. Last summer staff, students and community members read books on camera and new videos were posted throughout the summer on the website. Special thanks to Sergeant Parsons for being our star reader!

In order to promote social emotional learning, we have implemented the Open Circle curriculum school wide. Open Circle is an evidence-based social and emotional learning program which proactively develops skills such as problem solving, managing emotions and developing positive relationships. Our goal is to continue to build a community where students feel safe, cared for and engaged in learning.

Our music program has continued to grow. Chris Hoefs, GVS music teacher, has added several more classes this year, and the student response has been very positive! We currently have 44 students in band, 20 in chorus, 13 in bells, 21 in guitar and 18 in strings. Mr. Hoefs is working on increasing the number of opportunities students have to perform. This fall, for example, a number of students sang "God Bless America" prior to the start of a Manchester Monarchs game.

At GVS we strive to enrich and extend learning opportunities. This year we added an after school program that includes a variety of enrichment opportunities. Hosting After School Whiz Kids After School Program (HAWK ASP) is a program that is self-funded and relies on a number of volunteers (including community members, parents, and GVS staff members) to add to the programming. Families are able to choose from a variety of offerings such as Spanish, technology, art and theater classes. We have also had classes about banking hosted by Lake Sunapee Bank. We are in the process of working on a

program in conjunction with the NH Association of Architects. We would welcome any community member who has an expertise to share to contact us!

As a faculty, we continue to regularly examine assessment data to ensure that each of these programs and curriculum changes support the growth of our students.

Assessment Results: Last spring our students in grades 3 - 6 took part in the new statewide Smarter Balanced Assessment. Our students performed quite well as you will notice based on the results below. One of the less obvious factors that helped to make a difference was our technology. Our technology supported the testing platform and functioned well.

Number of Students Tested and Percent of Students at Level 3 or Above for Students in Grantham Village School With State Result Comparison, 2014-2015.

ELA Literacy

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent at Level 3 or Above	State Results
Grade 3	37	78%	55%
Grade 4	39	82%	56%
Grade 5	42	86%	63%
Grade 6	25	84%	57%

Mathematics

Grade	Number of Students Tested	Percent at Level 3 or Above	State Results
Grade 3	37	57%	53%
Grade 4	39	79%	49%
Grade 5	42	81%	44%
Grade 6	25	92%	45%

If you are interested in looking at more specific breakdowns of the scores, you are welcome to visit the NH Department of Education website: http://my.doe.nh.gov/profiles/profile.aspx?s=21330&year=2015&tab=test_results.

Last May, our fourth grade students completed the Science NECAP exam. The following chart summarizes the results. As you can see 81% of our students scored at the proficient or proficient with distinction level. This is significantly above the state average. *Percentages may not total exactly 100% due to applied rounding.

Achievement Level	Count	GVS Percentage %*	State of NH Percentage%
Proficient with Distinction	3	8	1
Proficient	29	73	48
Partially Proficient	8	20	40
Substantially Below Proficient	0	0	11

Professional Growth: At GVS we promote continuous professional development to improve our knowledge and skills as educators. This year we are partnering with Dartmouth College on a pilot program integrating the Next Generation Science Standards. We have learned about microscopy, cell biology, inheritance and heredity of traits, and evolution. Also new this year, the paraeducators have an additional hour each week to attend professional development workshops. They have learned strategies for supporting students in all areas of their academic and social growth. The entire staff regularly takes part in Collegial Wednesday offerings; book discussion groups; study groups and “think tanks” in order to grow professionally. The staff at GVS is always working to refine skills and increase knowledge.

Technology: Randy Britton, our technology education teacher leader (TETL), has been working to expand technology use at GVS. He was able to reallocate our resources to maximize effectiveness and has also ensured that all of our equipment is in good working order. The GVS Technology Committee has recently created a new technology plan and updated the technology curriculum. Mr. Britton has started a “Tech Team” of students interested in learning more about technology. This group meets weekly, and students work on a variety of projects including creating their own Rube Goldberg inventions. Mr. Britton has also hosted the “Hour of Code” week to introduce all students to coding.

Building and Grounds: Over the past year Scott Taylor, GVS Facilities Director, and his crew have made a number of improvements to our building and grounds. Readily visible is the new fencing around the rest of the playground. Not as visible, but very important was the repair and resealing of the tennis courts. Over the past year we have also upgraded our fire panel; replaced the gym doors; and added hallway and exterior security cameras.

Community Connections: GVS is so fortunate to be part of such a supportive and involved community. At GVS we have a large volunteer group - this year we have 35 active volunteers! Over the past year we have worked with the Dunbar Free Library to get children excited about reading. We also co-sponsored a summer reading kickoff event and provided a space for the DFL Summer Reading Program while they were undergoing renovation. The Garden Club has been a wonderful connection for our wellness initiative,s and we are working on a pollination program. We continue to work with the Eastman Recreation Department to provide students a variety of opportunities such as tennis and cross country skiing. Thanks to the generous support of our community, we were able to send a Destination Imagination team of fifth graders to the Destination Imagination Globals in Tennessee in May. Thank you also to those who helped us with our Pennies for Patients fundraiser last spring. We were able to raise over \$2800 for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Gale Schmidt Outdoor Classroom: A community group continues to work towards the creation of the Gale Schmidt Outdoor Classroom. Our goal is to create an environment for the observation, investigation, and hands-on learning of the natural world for GVS students. Time spent in the Outdoor Classroom will foster curiosity and imagination, and create a passion for and awareness of the natural world, ecology, and the interplay of the various aspects of natural communities. The group has been raising funds and intends to break ground on the project this summer. You can learn more about this project by visiting: <http://www.gvsoutdoor.org/>

School Spirit: At GVS we are PROUD to be HAWKS! We want all students and staff members to be connected and empowered. This year we have formed a Student Council focused on three areas: school spirit, leadership, and service to others. The group has already hosted a number of school wide events and collected hats and mittens to donate to the Listen Center. Mr. Pollard, our new physical education teacher, has recently formed a Sportsmanship Council which focuses on promoting fair play and good sportsmanship. We continue to recite our GVS Pledge each day as a school, only now we have a school flag designed by student Nick Engert and paraeducator Marsha Googins.



There is so much more that I would really like to share about this wonderful school! Please be sure to check out the GVS website www.gvshawks.org to stay up to date on all of the wonderful learning that takes place each day. Thank you for all that you do to help us to provide the best education possible for the children of Grantham!

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Cantagallo

Principal



Staff at the Dartmouth College Next Generation Science Standards workshop.



Grantham Student Enrollments
 Grantham Village School, Lebanon Middle School and Lebanon High School
 as of January 22, 2016

Grantham Village School

Kindergarten	33
1 st Grade	24
2 nd Grade	24
3 rd Grade	36
4 th Grade	37
5 th Grade	40
6 th Grade	<u>42</u>
Total	236

Lebanon Middle School

7 th Grade	24
8 th Grade	<u>41</u>
Total	65

Lebanon High School

9 th Grade	31
10 th Grade	36
11 th Grade	36
12 th Grade	<u>27</u>
Total	129

Note that individual names of students have intentionally been excluded in this Annual Report due to the awareness that providing student names may be a safety concern for some. This has become best practice in education and Grantham’s SAU has adopted this approach in the current year.

Approved Rules for 2016
Grantham School District Meeting

No article may be brought up for reconsideration unless it is brought up immediately after the vote has been determined and announced.

Passing over an article is not in the spirit of the meeting and will be ruled out of order.

Registered voters will be seated on the main floor and in the center of the bleachers. Non-voters will be seated in the side sections of the bleachers. Non-voters who are not officers of the school district may be allowed to address the meeting only if the meeting votes to permit it.

Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will address the moderator and identify herself or himself.

The moderator will conduct a secret “yes-no” ballot when seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately, after the vote is declared, and before any business is conducted. (RSA 40:40b)

All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the moderator prior to the vote of the amendment.



Proud students showing their work.

**Town of Grantham, New Hampshire
Grantham School District Warrant 2016**

March 1, 2016

Sullivan County, S.S.

To the inhabitants of the School District of Grantham, (School District) in the County of Sullivan and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Grantham Village School gymnasium located at 75 Learning Drive in Grantham, New Hampshire on Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30 pm to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To Hear Reports of Agents, Committees, or Other Officers

To hear the reports of the agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto. Yes ___ No ___

Article 2: To Approve a New Three Year Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Grantham School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Grantham School Board and the Grantham Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2016-2017	\$90,866
2017-2018	\$97,894
2018-2019	\$103,987

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,866 for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. Yes ___ No ___

Article 3: Proposed District Operating Budget

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$EIGHT MILLION SIX HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS (\$8,675,531) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Grantham School Board). Yes ___ No ___

Article 4: To Transact Any Other Business

To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting. Yes ___ No ___

Given under our hands and seals at said Grantham, this 2nd day of February, 2016.

A True Copy Attest:

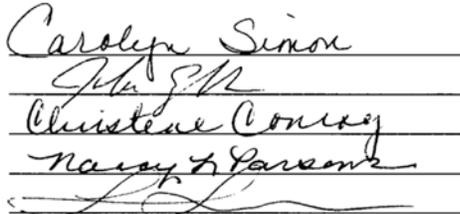
Carolyn Simon, Chair

John Eylander, Vice Chair

Christine Conroy

Nan Parsons

Jodie Jones-Poljacik



**Town of Grantham, New Hampshire
Grantham School District Warrant 2016**

March 8, 2016

Sullivan County, S.S.

To the inhabitants of the School District of Grantham, (School District) in the County of Sullivan and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, Grantham Municipal Building located at 300 Route 10S, Grantham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at 10:00 am to act upon the following subjects:

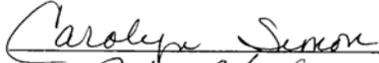
Article 1: To choose by ballot a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, each to serve one year, and two School Board Members, each to serve a three year term.

Note: **Polls will be open from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm.** All other School District business will be considered at the **School District Meeting** to be held at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 1, 2016** at the Grantham Village School Gymnasium, 75 Learning Drive, Grantham, New Hampshire.

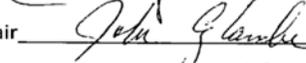
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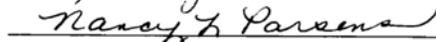
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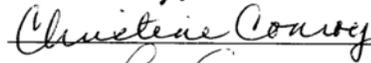
John Eylander, Vice Chair

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Nan Parsons, Secretary

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Christine Conroy

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Jodie Jones-Poljacik

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Grantham School Board



School Budget Form: Grantham School District

(RSA 21-J:34)

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:

July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

Form Due Date: **20 days after meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 3, 2016

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/>

SCHOOL BOARD 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.

School Board Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Carolyn Simon, Chair	<i>Carolyn Simon</i>
John Eylander, Vice Chair	<i>John Eylander</i>
Christine Conroy	<i>Christine Conroy</i>
Jodie Jones-Poljacik	<i>Jodie Jones-Poljacik</i>
Nan Parsons, Secretary	<i>Nancy L. Parsons</i>

A hard-copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

**NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487**

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Appropriations						
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
Instruction						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	\$4,821,484	\$4,922,739	\$5,021,077	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	\$750,922	\$848,506	\$1,011,303	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	3	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Services						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	3	\$327,622	\$346,307	\$356,065	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	3	\$204,029	\$220,301	\$226,275	\$0
General Administration						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	3	\$33,499	\$47,543	\$47,943	\$0
Executive Administration						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	3	\$266,853	\$244,322	\$256,863	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	3	\$257,707	\$268,325	\$283,087	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	3	\$456,270	\$421,406	\$439,546	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	3	\$162,110	\$215,029	\$218,677	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Non-Instructional Services						
3100	Food Service Operations	3	\$93,521	\$106,469	\$107,627	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction						
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Outlays						
5110	Debt Service - Principal	3	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	3	\$275,718	\$259,744	\$243,768	\$0
Fund Transfers						
5220-5221	To Food Service	3	\$7,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	3	\$78,719	\$65,000	\$104,800	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$8,090,454	\$8,324,191	\$8,675,531	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Articles Recommended						

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$53,168	\$0
	Purpose: To Approve a New Three Year Collective Bargaining					
1200-1299	Special Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$19,567	\$0
	Purpose: To Approve a New Three Year Collective Bargaining					
2000-2199	Student Support Services	2	\$0	\$0	\$11,148	\$0
	Purpose: To Approve a New Three Year Collective Bargaining					
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	2	\$0	\$0	\$1,449	\$0
	Purpose: To Approve a New Three Year Collective Bargaining					
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	2	\$0	\$0	\$5,534	\$0
	Purpose: To Approve a New Three Year Collective Bargaining					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$90,866	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	3	\$5,018	\$1,500	\$1,500
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	3	\$64,660	\$82,500	\$82,500
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	3	\$0	\$0	\$33,800
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	3	\$107,513	\$107,513	\$107,513
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	3	\$32,055	\$28,164	\$36,586
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	3	\$979	\$1,500	\$1,500
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	3	\$22,716	\$22,469	\$23,627
4570	Disabilities Programs	3	\$40,917	\$45,000	\$45,000
4580	Medicaid Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)	3	\$23,683	\$20,000	\$26,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfers from Food Service Special Revenues Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$35,000	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	3	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$297,541	\$343,646	\$508,026

Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$8,324,191	\$8,675,531
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$0
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$90,866
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$8,324,191	\$8,766,397
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$330,482	\$508,026
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$1,151,436	\$1,084,611
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$6,842,273	\$7,173,760

GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
March 3, 2015

Moderator: Carl Hanson

District Officers: Robert McCarthy, School Board Chair
Carolyn Simon, School Board
Vice Chair John Eylander, School Board
Laurie Hanks, School Board
Dwight Wilder, School District Clerk

Resident Officials: Jacqueline Guillette, Superintendent of Schools, SAU #75
Maren Ardell, Special Education Director

Non-Residential Officials:
Heather Cantagallo, Principal, Grantham Village School
Allen Damren, School District Business Manager
Erin Feltes, District Legal Counsel

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM, and introduced himself, the meeting having been duly warranted. He directed the attention of those in attendance to the approved rules of the meeting on page 14 of the Annual Report. He called for a motion to allow non-resident officials and agents to address the meeting as appropriate or necessary. The motion was made, seconded, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. McCarthy, Board Chair, was recognized, and introduced his fellow Board members, school administrator, and the District Clerk.

The Moderator read Article 1: **“To hear the reports of the agents, committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.”** R. McCarthy moved, with a second by Mr. Eylander, the adoption of the article. The article was then adopted by unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator read, and Mr. McCarthy moved Article 2: **“To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of EIGHT MILLION, THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED NINETY ONE DOLLARS (\$8,324,191) operating budget plus food service and IDEA and other federal grant funds for the support of schools, payment of salaries of School District official and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of said School District and to authorize the application against appropriations of such sums as are estimated to be received from state and federal governments, together with other income, the balance to be raised by taxation by the School District. This article does not include funds requested in any other article. (Majority vote required.) (Recommended by the Grantham School Board.)”** Mrs. Simon seconded.

Mr. McCarthy outlined the budgetary process, noting its relationship to goals set and tracked by the Board. Ms. Hanlcs noted a number of positive changes in the District, such as more in-school volunteers, stronger collaboration between school and town officials, the presence of a “culture of reading,” the more efficient use of technology including grant-funded equipment an excellent staff at the Grantham Village School, and meaningful curriculum development.

Mr. McCarthy noted that the prior school year had ended with a surplus, due to lower enrollment of students from the District at Lebanon Junior High and Lebanon High Schools. As a result, the 2013-2014 tax rate had been lowered. Because of that lowering, and despite the upcoming budget’s being lower by \$229,989, there will be an increase in the upcoming year’s tax rate.

Ms. Simon reviewed enrollment, noting the positive cost-containment effects of our AREA agreement with Lebanon. Mr. Eylander noted that the District is now in the third year of the collective bargaining agreement with the Grantham Education Association, and explained increases in salaries and benefits. He also called attention to the fact that 84.92% of the total budget consists of non-discretionary obligations.

Mr. McCarthy concluded the presentation with a reminder that Town and District elections and Town Meeting would be held on March 10th.

Questions/Comments pertaining to Article 2:

Peter James expressed his thanks for an itemized budget. He asked if the increased expenditures for textbooks and related materials were related to adoption of Common Core curriculum. Ms. Cantagallo confirmed this was so, and that updating of materials was in progress. Mr. James also commented on the impact of revaluation on taxpayers. Lori McClory commented on the decline in the District's share of the costs of fringe benefits.

There being no other questions or discussion, the article was voted on, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 3: "To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting." Mr. Wilder moved, and Mrs. Guillette seconded, the adoption of the article. It was adopted by unanimous voice vote, at which point two individuals were recognized. Mr. Eylander paid tribute to Ms. Hanks' having stepped in to fill an unanticipated Board vacancy last year, and voiced appreciation for her contributions to the Board. Those present responded with a standing ovation. Ms. Simon reviewed Mr. McCarthy's six years on the Board, bringing considerable prior experience as an educator, she offered an Irish blessing. Mr. McCarthy, in replying, noted that this year's sixth graders were in first grade when he came on the Board, and thanked all for their support of the District during his tenure. He was also given a standing ovation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Dwight Wider
School District Clerk

Other Community Events in 2015



GVS students who participated in the afterschool cross country ski program



This was the Color Trek fundraising event for David's House



The 2015 Tennis program run by ECA's tennis professional Gary Conklin. This program was run on the town's courts located at GVS.

Grantham Town Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5pm

Grantham Town Building, Lower Level

300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH

Election of Town Officials and Zoning Amendments by ballot; polls open 10am—7pm

Grantham School District Meeting

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 6:30m

Grantham Village School Gymnasium

75 Learning Drive, Grantham, NH

Election of School Officials

By ballot on Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Grantham Town Building, Lower Level

300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH

Polls open from 10am—7pm