

# **Town of Grantham, NH**

## **2019 Annual Town Report**



### **Sawyer Brook Headwaters**

**385-Acre Conservation Project**

# SAWYER BROOK HEADWATERS CONSERVATION PROJECT – PROMISES KEPT!

*By Sheridan Brown*

Thanks to the generosity of Grantham residents, private donors, and funding from two state grant programs, the 385-acre Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property will be permanently protected. While Grantham is keeping its promise to preserve the Town's natural and recreational resources, this project's partners are also keeping their promise to Grantham's taxpayers.

When Town Meeting voters voted overwhelmingly to appropriate three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) toward the purchase of the Property last March, the Selectmen and project partners promised to leverage Town funds to the greatest extent possible. As promised, we are not returning to ask for more money. In fact, we are returning at least fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) of the funds appropriated at last year's Town Meeting to taxpayers due to our successful fundraising efforts.

Our Town's commitment to conservation impressed agencies, organizations, foundations and individuals. It enabled us to secure the help of The Conservation Fund – a national nonprofit – who quickly acquired the Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property with the Town while additional funds were raised. This prevented a large-scale timber harvest and possible development planned by the Property's prior owner.

The Town's amazing contribution, along with tireless fundraising efforts by Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust ("ASLPT"), resulted in large grants including: two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) from the State's Land and Community Heritage Investment Program ("LCHIP"), twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000) from the State's conservation license plate ("Moose Plate") grant program, twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, and seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) from the Eastman Charitable Foundation (the largest grant in their history).

Meanwhile, the list of generous donors from Grantham and beyond is too long to fit here but can be found in the Winter 2020 "Chatter" newsletter from ASLPT. If you didn't get it in your mailbox, you can read it at:

<https://ausbonsargent.org/newsletters/winter-2020>

In the coming weeks, partners will execute the last of the documents to transfer ownership of the entire Property to Grantham and a conservation easement to ASLPT that permanently protects it from development. Thank you, Grantham! This project was a tremendous partnership from start to finish, and we should all be proud of our community. Please get out to enjoy this special place, and join us for a celebratory event this spring (to be announced soon).



L to R: Ausbon Sargent and Town of Grantham representatives at the Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) Awards Ceremony, where Grantham received a \$215,000 grant for the purchase of the Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property.

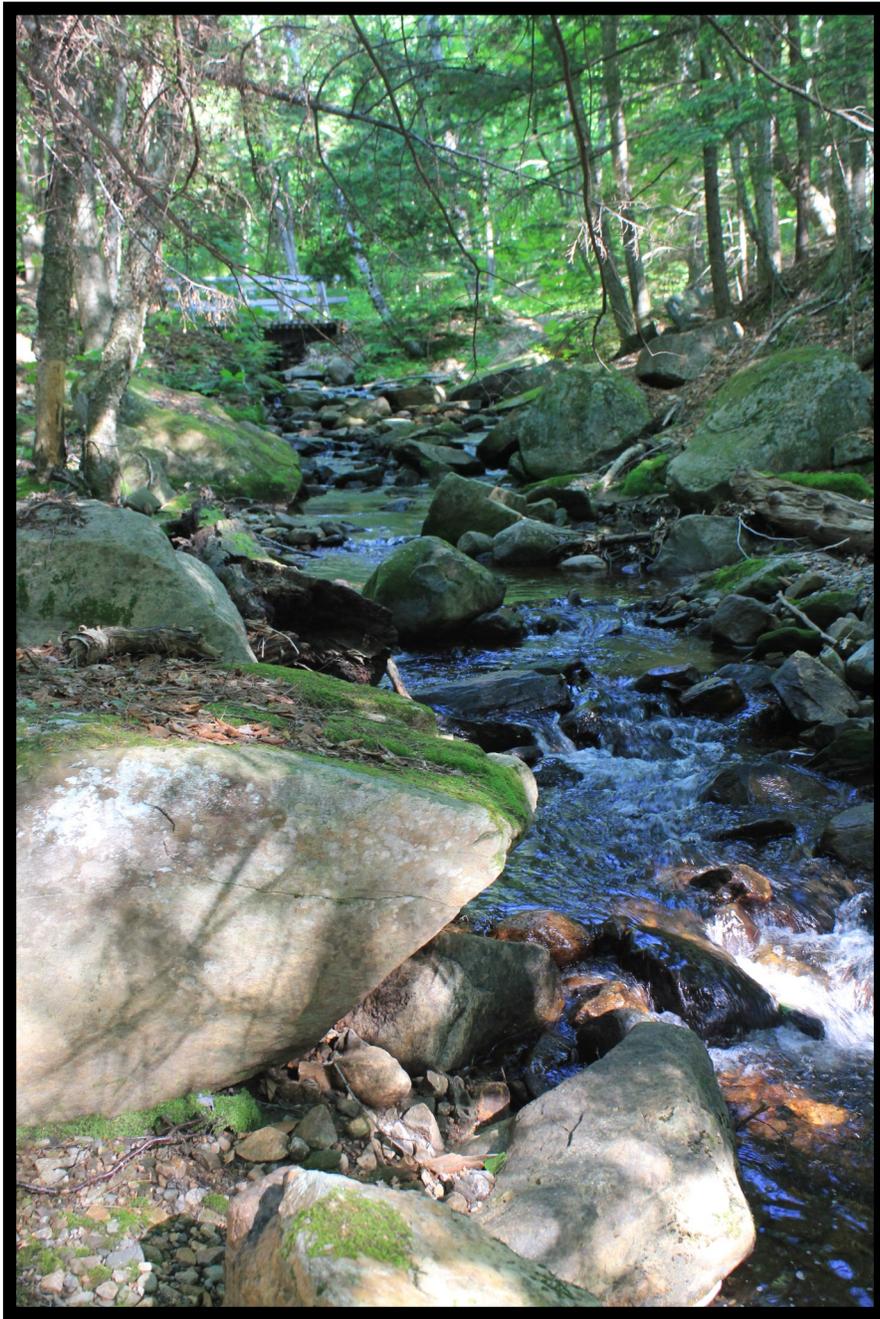
- Deborah Stanley, Executive Director, Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust;
- Connie Jones, Grantham Board of Selectmen;
- Governor Chris Sununu;
- Amanda Merrill, LCHIP Board Chair;
- Andrew Deegan, ASLPT;
- Dijit Taylor, LCHIP Executive Director;
- Warren Kimball, Grantham Board of Selectmen;
- Melissa White, Grantham Town Administrator;
- Sheridan Brown, Grantham;
- Peter Garland, Grantham Board of Selectmen.



Top photo: A panoramic view of the newly-protected 385-acre Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property. Peter Bloch Photo, <https://earthaerialproductions.com>

Bottom photo: L to R: Selectmen Peter Garland, Connie Jones, and Warren Kimball; Town Administrator Melissa White; Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust Executive Director Debbie Stanley and Land Protection Specialist Andy Deegan, and Attorney Sheridan Brown at the Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property. Sheridan Brown Photo.





Sawyer Brook Headwaters upstream from the mill site. Sheridan Brown Photo.

~ Publication Notes ~

**Cover Photo:** Aerial View of Wetlands at Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property. Peter Bloch Photo, <https://earthaerialproductions.com>

**Back Cover Photos:** Top left—Junco; Top right—White-breasted Nuthatch; Center—Green Frog. Sheridan Brown Photos.

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## 2019 TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

The badge that a police officer wears is one of the most recognizable symbols of authority, sacrifice, and public service. It represents integrity, commitment, responsibility, and a deep-rooted desire to help others. It demands of the bearer to be at their best, no matter the circumstances. To be the illumination that helps to lead another out of the darkness. Robert Schwartz was just such a beacon of light.

Bob had done and accomplished quite a bit in his life. US Air Force veteran, commercial airline pilot, and an accomplished businessman were just a few of the feathers in his cap. These ventures had led him all over the country, but in 1992, Bob settled into his new home in Grantham. A desire to give back to his new community led him to take the oath of a police officer. In 1994, Robert Schwartz chose to put on the uniform of the Grantham Police Department. For the next 25 years, Bob patrolled the main streets and back roads of Grantham. He was a phenomenal source of knowledge and brought a tremendous amount of life experience that he often used to the benefit of others. He was constantly striving to keep up with the ever-changing facets of police work so that he could answer the call to the absolute best of his ability. Bob was able to balance the demands of the job, with a very loving and cherished family life.

While Bob's patrol may have ended in November of 2019, his presence will be forever felt throughout the town and department. He left a lasting impression on every member of the Grantham Police Department, both past and present. He will always be our neighbor, friend, and colleague. A no better tribute could be offered, then to dedicate the 2019 Town Report to Robert Schwartz.



## **TOWN DEPARTMENT HOURS AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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

Hours: Monday..... 8 AM – 4 PM  
Tuesday..... 8 AM – 4 PM  
Wednesday..... 8 AM – 4 PM  
Thursday..... 8 AM – 4 PM  
Friday..... 8 AM – 4 PM

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

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

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

Hours: Monday..... 9 AM – 7:30 PM  
Tuesday..... Closed  
Wednesday..... 9 AM – 7:30 PM  
Thursday..... 9 AM – 5 PM  
Friday..... 8:30 AM – 12 PM  
Saturday..... 9 AM – 2 PM

**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 603-643-2222; EMERGENCY 911

**TOWN ARCHIVES; 34 Dunbar Hill Road; 603-863-9701**

Hours: By Appointment

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

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

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

G. Warren Kimball, Chair	2020
Peter H. Garland	2021
Constance A. Jones	2022

### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Kenneth B. Story	2022
Penelope Palmer, Deputy (Appointed)	2022

### TREASURER

Maynard Goldman	2020
Donald Noordsy, Deputy (Appointed)	2020

### MODERATOR

Lorie McClory	2020
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### CEMETERY TRUSTEES

G. Warren Kimball	2020
C. Peter James	2021
Ralph Beasley	2022

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Beverly Marshall, Chair	2022
Nicole Mason	2020
Patricia Beasley	2021
Mark Kendall	2022
Megan Alexander	2021

### PLANNING BOARD

Carl Hanson, Chair	2022
Peter Guillette, Vice Chair	2021
Mary Hutchins	2022
C. Peter James	2021
Warren Kimball, Selectmen's Representative & Voting Member	2020

### SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Donna Stamper	2020
Suzanne Goldman	2021
Sandra Noordsy	2022

### TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Evan Weaver	2020
Robert Fogg	2022
Maria Dahlman	2021

## TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

C. Peter James, Planning Board Representative	2021
Ralph Beasley	2023
Raymond Miner	2020

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David Wood, Chair	2020
Susan Buchanan	2020
Richard Hocker	2021
Richard Kaszeta	2021
Dennis Ryan	2021
John Eylander, Alternate	2021
Craig McArt, Alternate	2021
Peter H. Garland – Selectmen’s Representative	2021

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

Paula Bresnick, Co-Chair	2021
Jeannine Chenevert, Co-Chair	2021
Donald Fitzpatrick	2021
Andy Gelston	2023
Susan Goodwin	2021
Peggy Martineau	2021
Michael Salo	2021

### FRIENDS OF THE DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY

Susan Wren, President
Deborah Chambers, Treasurer
Linda Martin, Secretary
Marsha Ash
Susan Damon
Amy Davis
Laurie Hanks

### RECREATION PARK COMMITTEE

Emily Rinde-Thorsen, Recreation Representative & Chair	
Warren Kimball, Selectman’s Representative	2020
Jeremy Bachelder	2020
Mary Ann Sears	2020
Shawn Hayward	2020
Thomas Ripley	2021
Laurie Hendricks	2022

## **TOWN BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

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

Peter Guillette	2020
Vacant, Alternate	
Donald Nicholas, TAC Representative	
Jay Buckey, TAC Alternate Representative	

### **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Peter Guillette, Chair	2020
Andy Gelston	2022
Tod Lloyd	2020
Tanya McIntire	2021
Peter Gardiner	2020
Constance Jones, Selectmen's Representative	

## **BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE**

The following is a list of regularly scheduled Board and Committee meetings. Meeting notices are posted on our website calendar at [www.granthamnh.net](http://www.granthamnh.net), as well as on the bulletin boards at Grantham Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South, and the Grantham Post Office at 21 Willis Avenue. Boards and Committees that meet on an irregular schedule are not included in this list. Changes to the regular meeting schedule are posted on our website calendar.

Board of Selectmen: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month; 5 PM

Cemetery Trustees: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month; 6:30 PM

Conservation Commission: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month; 7 PM

Energy Committee: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month; 5 PM

Library Trustees: Visit their website at [www.dunbarlibrary.org](http://www.dunbarlibrary.org)

Planning Board: 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month; 7 PM

Trustees of the Trust Funds: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month; 1 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment: 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month; 7 PM

If you are interested in serving on an appointed board or committee, please send a letter of interest and qualifications to the Grantham Board of Selectmen, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH 03753, or email to [admin@granthamnh.net](mailto:admin@granthamnh.net).

## TOWN STAFF

### ADMINISTRATION

Melissa White, Town Administrator/Welfare Official  
Ann Jasper, Administrative Assistant  
Marianne Roberts, Office Assistant  
Cathy Hock, Receptionist (PT)

### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Greg Stender, Facilities Maintenance Manager  
Glenn Carey, Groundskeeper

### BUILDING INSPECTOR

Greg Stender

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

David Beckley, Director  
Ken Ryder, Deputy

### FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT (Paid On-Call)

Justin Hastings, Chief (FF2)  
Jeremiah (Jay) Fountain, Assistant Chief (FF2)  
Jeremy LaBombard, Lieutenant (FF2, AEMT)  
David Beckley, Lieutenant (FF1)  
Ryan Avery, Lieutenant (EMR)  
Lori Avery, Lieutenant (EMT)  
Zach Balfour, Firefighter/EMT  
Rosie Bard, Firefighter  
Hunter Coronis, Firefighter  
Kelly Coronis, EMR  
Ryan Gallian, Firefighter/EMT  
Stuart Gillespie, AEMT  
Cory Howarth, Firefighter  
Sean Lyon, EMT  
Brandon Mason, Firefighter  
Keith Medeiros, Firefighter  
Ryan Medeiros, Firefighter/EMT  
Lewis Meier, Firefighter  
Trevor Messineo, Firefighter/EMT  
Stephen Ripley, Firefighter  
Jack Tibbits, Firefighter  
Janice Vien, EMT

### FOREST WARDEN

Justin Hastings  
Lori Avery, Deputy  
David Beckley, Deputy

### FOREST WARDEN CONT'D

Jeremiah (Jay) Fountain, Deputy  
Cory Howarth, Deputy  
Jeremy LaBombard, Deputy  
Brandon Mason, Deputy

### HEALTH OFFICER

Susan Figley

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Jeffrey Hastings, Road Agent  
Brian Hastings, Assistant Road Agent  
Donald Cote, Part-time (summer)

### LIBRARY

Dawn Huston, Director  
Joey Holmes, Assistant Director  
Theresa Heepe, Library Assistant  
Sandy Stephan-Strombom, Library Assistant  
Julie Benson, Children's & Programming Assistant  
Barbara Travis, Library Assistant  
Andy Gelston, Substitute

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

John Parsons, Chief  
Gordon Cunningham, Sergeant  
Ryan Gamble, Sr. Patrolman  
Ryan Cameron, Patrolman  
Kevin Bronson, Patrolman (PT)  
Timothy Julian, Patrolman (PT)  
Judith DiPadova, Secretary

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Emily Rinde-Thorsen, Director

### TRANSFER STATION

Christopher Scott, Supervisor  
Buddy Sweeney, Attendant  
William Bullock, Attendant (PT)  
Stuart Thomson, Attendant (PT)  
Christopher Martin, Attendant (PT)

## March 10, 2020 Town Meeting Rules

1. The Moderator will use the following general rules of procedure, the main purpose of which is to keep the meeting moving and not get bogged down in procedural quagmires.
2. Even though the Moderator runs the meeting, this is your meeting. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. ALL voters will direct their remarks to the Moderator. Whenever a voter wishes to speak, he or she will go 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.
7. All questions and comments should be addressed to the Moderator. The Moderator will choose who responds to the questions.
  8. 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.
  9. The moderator will conduct a secret "yes-no" ballot when:
    - a. 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.
    - b. seven or more voters question any non-ballot vote immediately after the vote is declared and before any other business is conducted.
  10. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the Moderator prior to discussion of the amendment. Amendment forms can be found on the last page of your town report.
  11. The Moderator will not accept a negative motion; that is a motion which requires 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 2020**

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 10, 2020, at 6:30 PM.** to act on the following subjects. **Articles 1 through 8** shall be by ballot at the polls, which shall be open from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The remaining articles shall be considered during the business meeting beginning at 6:30 PM.

**ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers**

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

Selectman	3 years
Treasurer	3 years
Trustee of Trust Funds	3 years
Trustee of Dunbar Free Library	3 years
Cemetery Trustee	3 years
Moderator	2 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: (1) Amending Articles IV-A (Business District) and IV-B (Business Light Industrial Districts) to add solar energy and outdoor wood heating systems as permitted uses by special exception; and, (2) Amending Articles V-A (Rural Residential District One), V-B (Rural Residential District Two), V-C (Rural Residential District Three), and V-D (Central Village District) to add residential solar energy as a permitted use by special exception.

*[Rationale: There are currently no districts in Town where these renewable energy systems are a permitted use, meaning that any resident seeking to construct such a system must go through the difficult process of obtaining a variance. A special exception maintains abutter input into the approval process but makes it easier to obtain approval for renewable energy systems. The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

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: (1) Amending Articles IV-A (Business District), IV-B (Business Light Industrial Districts), V-A (Rural Residential District One), V-B (Rural Residential District Two), and V-C (Rural Residential District Three) to require that forestry must be in accordance with Best Management Practices for Forestry published by the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands.

*[Rationale: Although State environmental laws apply to forestry in limited ways (e.g., wetlands protection, etc.), an Ordinance provision requiring forestry to be done in accordance with Best Management Practices provides an additional local safeguard against practices such as clear-cutting that have a negative impact on our Town’s landscape and natural resources. Prior to the Town’s acquisition of the Sawyer Brook Headwaters Parcel, when it was under threat, many residents expressed a desire for greater local protections against clear-cutting of parcels. The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

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 XIII, A (General Provisions – Sanitary Facilities) and Article VIII (Accessory Dwelling Units) by clarifying the requirement that any structure intended for occupancy must have sanitary facilities and a sewage disposal system.

*[Rationale: The current Zoning Ordinance incorporates a variety of other laws and codes by reference. While it will continue to do so, the amendment will make the requirements of those codes clearer on the face of the Ordinance for the purposes of improving readability and compliance. The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

Recommended by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 5 – ZONING CHANGE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amending Article XIII, F (General Provisions – Removal of Natural Material) to strengthen the Town’s excavation regulations governing the clearing, excavation, removal, and filling of lands.

*[Rationale: The Town’s excavation regulations were last updated on Oct. 12, 1983. The amendment contains exceptions to allow for ordinary activities and is concerned principally with large scale removal or placement of fill to safeguard against erosion, abutter impacts, and negative visual impacts. The amendment requires that clearing, excavation, removal, and filling of lands occur according to a plan approved by the Planning Board. The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

Recommended by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 6 – ZONING CHANGE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amending Article XIV (Signs) to allow for certain temporary signs of limited duration and adding a revised definition of “Sign” to Article XIX (Definitions).

*[Rationale: These changes will provide a more precise definition of “sign” to increase the clarity of the Ordinance. The Town is attempting to strike a balance between an Ordinance that provides for traffic safety and reduction of visual clutter in Town. To that end, the amendment more clearly defines the kinds of temporary signs that may be displayed without a permit and for what duration. The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

Recommended by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 7 – ZONING CHANGE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: (1) Amending Articles XIX (Definitions) to revise the Ordinance definitions of “junk” and “junk yard” by incorporating definitions provided in New Hampshire State Law. This would add “two (2) or more unregistered recreation vehicles... or trailers... that are no longer intended or in condition for legal use on the public highways” to items currently defined as junk.

*[Rationale: Many residents have expressed their support for the Town’s code enforcement efforts to get property owners to clean up large accumulations of junk on several properties. Based upon feedback the Town received from code enforcement subjects, the definitions above seek to more clearly explain what is prohibited. The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

Recommended by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 8 – ZONING CHANGE**

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Making technical and grammatical updates to reflect changes in state laws, agency names, etc.

*[The complete text of the amendment is on file for public viewing at the Town Offices and on the Town website.]*

Recommended by the Planning Board

**ARTICLE 9 – General Government**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, three hundred seventy-six thousand, seven hundred ten dollars (**\$1,376,710**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Selectmen’s Office	\$257,195	\$266,835	\$9,640
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$125,538	\$136,648	\$11,110
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$9,000	\$14,258	\$5,258
Financial Administration	\$45,200	\$46,200	\$1,000
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$0.00
Legal	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$5,000
Personnel Administration	\$633,000	\$620,496	(\$12,504)
Planning Board	\$5,050	\$5,600	\$550
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,550	\$2,550	\$0
General Government Buildings	\$129,690	\$136,741	\$7,051
Cemeteries	\$19,800	\$19,600	(\$200)
Insurance (Property & Liability)	\$33,781	\$36,641	\$2,860
Regional Associations	\$4,100	\$4,141	\$41
Other General Government	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,346,904</b>	<b>\$1,376,710</b>	<b>\$29,806</b>

**ARTICLE 10 – Public Safety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred fifty-four thousand, three hundred twenty-three dollars (**\$854,323**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Police Department	\$543,131	\$530,479	(\$12,652)
EMS Department	\$136,646	\$141,504	\$4,858
Fire Department	\$141,474	\$150,280	\$8,806
Building Inspection	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$6,000
Emergency Management	\$10,000	\$14,060	\$4,060
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$843,251</b>	<b>\$854,323</b>	<b>\$11,072</b>

**ARTICLE 11 – Reinstatement of 5<sup>th</sup> Full-time Police Officer**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred two thousand, three hundred forty-two dollars (**\$102,342**) for the costs associated with the reinstatement of the 5<sup>th</sup> Full-time Police Officer. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 12 – Police Cruiser**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, and to convert the existing 2015 Dodge Charger to an alternate police duty use vehicle and to permit the Selectmen to dispose of the existing 2014 Dodge Charger by “trade in” allowance, by sale or as deemed in the best interest of the Town of Grantham. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 13 – Utility Task Vehicle**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of purchasing and upfitting of a Utility Task Vehicle. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 14 – Fire Department Washer/Extractor Machine**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of a washer/extractor machine for the Fire Department. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 15 – Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred forty-seven thousand, nine hundred dollars (**\$847,900**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Highway Administration	\$252,345	\$264,010	\$11,665
Highway Maintenance	\$178,700	\$205,700	\$27,000
Street Lights	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0.00
Transfer Station	\$153,798	\$168,690	\$14,892
Waste Disposal	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0.00
Landfill Monitoring	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$794,343</b>	<b>\$847,900</b>	<b>\$53,557</b>

**ARTICLE 16 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to defray the cost of holding a household hazardous waste collection day for Grantham residents only. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 17 – Health and Welfare**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand, five hundred dollars (**\$45,500**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Health	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
Boarding Animals	\$700	\$700	\$0.00
Community Services	\$18,800	\$18,800	\$0.00
Town General Assistance	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,500</b>	<b>\$45,500</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

<b>Community Agencies:</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Lake Sunapee VNA	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
Newport Food Pantry	\$500	\$500	\$0
Sullivan County Nutrition Services	\$300	\$300	\$0
Kearsarge Area COA	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0
Southwestern Community Services	\$900	\$900	\$0
West Central Services	\$3,700	\$3,700	\$0
Public Health Council of the Upper Valley	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT/NH	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,800</b>	<b>\$18,800</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**ARTICLE 18 – Culture and Recreation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred eight thousand, eight-hundred ninety dollars (**\$308,890**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Recreation	\$85,300	\$87,696	\$2,396
Dunbar Free Library	\$215,352	\$220,444	\$5,092
Archives	\$1,500	\$750	(\$750)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$302,152</b>	<b>\$308,890</b>	<b>\$6,738</b>

**ARTICLE 19 – Conservation, Debt Principal, Debt Interest, and Tax Anticipation Note Interest**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-seven thousand, six hundred two dollars (**\$157,602**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Conservation Commission	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$750
Town Hall Bond/Interest	\$74,808	\$73,425	(\$1,383)
Library Bond/Interest	\$59,406	\$57,356	(\$2,050)
Fire Department SCBA Lease	\$37,197	\$0.00	(\$37,197)
Police Cruiser Lease (2018)	\$22,971	\$22,971	\$0.00
Highway 1-Ton Lease	\$20,955	\$0.00	(\$20,955)
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100	\$100	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$218,437</b>	<b>\$157,602</b>	<b>(\$60,835)</b>

**ARTICLE 20 – Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred ninety-three thousand dollars (\$393,000) to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds, as listed below with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2019/2020</b>	<b>Proposed 2020/2021</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Highway Equipment CRF	\$100,000	\$250,000	\$150,000
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00
Library Building Repair CRF	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0.00
Town Building Maintenance CRF	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$3,000
Fire Department Apparatus CRF	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0.00
Police Vehicles CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Road Improvement ETF	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
Town Office Equipment CRF	\$3,000	\$2,000	(\$1,000)
Municipality Revaluation CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	\$0.00	\$1,000	\$1,000
Town Emergency Repair ETF	\$5,000	\$0.00	(\$5,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$393,000</b>	<b>\$163,000</b>

**ARTICLE 21 – Establish Library Technology and Office Equipment Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Library Technology and Office Equipment Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintaining, upgrading, and purchasing new technology and office equipment for the library and its patrons, as well as the associated costs for technology consultations and support, and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund to come from Unassigned Fund Balance; further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 22 – Establish Public Safety Technology Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Public Safety Technology Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing or repairing the Records Management System (RMS), and the Computer Aided Dispatch system (CAD) and other ancillary equipment, software, or cloud-based subscription services related to these systems for the Police, Fire, and EMS Departments and to raise and appropriate \$15,000 to put in the fund to come from Unassigned Fund Balance; further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 23 – Establish Fire-EMS Department Equipment/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Fire-EMS Department Equipment/Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund per RSA 35-1, for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining safety equipment for the Fire and EMS Departments, and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund to come from Unassigned Fund Balance; further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

**ARTICLE 24: Inserted by Petition A TOWN RESOLUTION To PROMOTE LEGISLATION To CREATE UNIVERSAL, HIGH QUALITY, READILY ACCESSIBLE and AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE For AMERICANS**

WHEREAS, there is legislation in the US Congress which would work towards UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE to assure AFFORDABLE, HIGH QUALITY, READILY ACCESSIBLE medical care and

WHEREAS current costs of prescription drugs, equipment and hospital services are UNAFFORDABLE and UNSUSTAINABLE in our country, and such services, including primary and preventative care; emergency services; dental and vision care; and long-term care are essential for the HEALTH of our CITIZENRY and

WHEREAS fellow Grantham residents have experienced BANKRUPTCY due to medical bills, unheard of in any other developed nation, and many do not fill prescriptions or defer needed medical care due to unjustifiable costs and unaffordable deductions and

WHEREAS ABSENCE of UNIVERSAL, READILY ACCESSIBLE and AFFORDABLE INSURANCE contributes to inability to intervene early with and obtain medical care for opioid addiction, depression and other medical conditions which have reduced US life expectancy in recent years, and

WHEREAS the duration and quality of life for the residents of Grantham will improve since all can access ongoing care, instead of waiting until there is a medical emergency that could disrupt their lives and further burden local resources;

WHEREAS the Town of Grantham and its associated School Districts currently spend 25,944\$/year for private health insurance premiums for a teacher’s family, and Health Insurance just for town employees represents 8% of total budget, our taxpayer costs would potentially be reduced via alternative lower cost, comprehensive national health insurance programs.

BE IT RESOLVED that the voters of Grantham New Hampshire enthusiastically support legislation that furthers UNIVERSAL, HIGH QUALITY, READILY ACCESSIBLE and AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE For AMERICANS, and instruct Grantham's congressional representatives to work towards immediate enactment of legislation that assures appropriate and efficient health care for all residents of the United States.

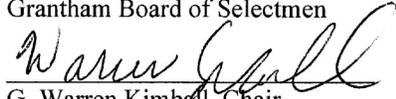
IF A MAJORITY of voters support the question, the Select Board shall immediately send a written notice to Grantham's US congressional delegation informing them of the instructions of their constituents within 30 days of the vote.

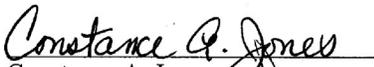
**ARTICLE 25 – End of Meeting**

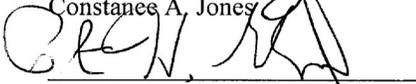
To hear the reports of agents, officers, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Given under our hands and seal this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020.

Grantham Board of Selectmen

  
G. Warren Kimball, Chair

  
Constance A. Jones

  
Peter H. Garland

## CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

I hereby certify that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020, a true attested copy of the within warrant was posted at the place of the meeting within named Grantham Town Hall, and posted a like copy at the Grantham Town Office, and the Dunbar Free Library, all being a public place in said town. In addition, the warrant was posted on the Town's website at [www.granthamnh.net](http://www.granthamnh.net).

Melissa M. White  
Melissa M. White, Town Administrator



Proposed Budget

Grantham

For the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2/19/2020

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.

Name	Position	Signature
WARREN KIMBALL	SELECTMAN	<i>Warren Kimball</i>
CONSTANCE A. JONES	SELECTMAN	<i>Constance A. Jones</i>
PETER H. GARLAND	SELECTMAN	<i>Peter H. Garland</i>

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**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 6/30/2021	
			6/30/2019	6/30/2020	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	09	\$226,618	\$257,195	\$266,835	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	09	\$118,220	\$134,538	\$150,906	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	09	\$35,125	\$45,200	\$46,200	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	09	\$18,950	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	09	\$38,353	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	09	\$716,637	\$633,000	\$620,496	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	09	\$2,851	\$7,600	\$8,150	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	09	\$129,657	\$129,690	\$136,741	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	09	\$9,491	\$19,800	\$19,600	\$0
4196	Insurance	09	\$33,733	\$33,781	\$36,641	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	09	\$4,057	\$4,100	\$4,141	\$0
4199	Other General Government	09	\$100	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,333,792</b>	<b>\$1,346,904</b>	<b>\$1,376,710</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210-4214	Police	10	\$468,162	\$543,131	\$530,479	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	10	\$89,314	\$136,646	\$141,504	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	10	\$99,465	\$141,474	\$150,280	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection	10	\$5,657	\$12,000	\$18,000	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	10	\$3,910	\$10,000	\$14,060	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$666,508</b>	<b>\$843,251</b>	<b>\$854,323</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Administration	15	\$230,497	\$252,345	\$264,010	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	15	\$161,689	\$178,700	\$205,700	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	15	\$2,607	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$394,793</b>	<b>\$434,045</b>	<b>\$472,710</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 6/30/2021	
			6/30/2019	6/30/2020	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	15	\$130,663	\$153,798	\$168,690	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	15	\$163,050	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	15	\$4,916	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$298,629</b>	<b>\$360,298</b>	<b>\$375,190</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
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
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Administration	17	\$61	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4414	Pest Control	17	\$500	\$700	\$700	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	17	\$18,500	\$18,800	\$18,800	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$19,061</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	17	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	18	\$45,792	\$49,400	\$69,796	\$0
4550-4559	Library	18	\$217,718	\$215,352	\$220,444	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	18	\$29,862	\$35,900	\$17,900	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	18	\$0	\$1,500	\$750	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$293,372</b>	<b>\$302,152</b>	<b>\$308,890</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2019	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2020	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	19	\$2,804	\$3,000	\$3,750	\$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
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$2,804</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	19	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$110,000	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	19	\$29,188	\$24,214	\$20,781	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	19	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$139,188</b>	<b>\$134,314</b>	<b>\$130,881</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$65,000	\$515,000	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	19	\$224,530	\$321,363	\$22,971	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$86,698	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$376,228</b>	<b>\$856,363</b>	<b>\$22,971</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
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
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$3,590,925</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Special Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	17	\$373,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	23	\$5,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Establish Fire-EMS Department Equipment/Maintenanc</i>				
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	17	\$20,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds</i>				
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	18	\$5,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Establish Library Technology and Office Equipment</i>				
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	22	\$15,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Establish Public Safety Technology Infrastructure</i>				
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$418,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	11	\$44,599	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Reinstatement of 5th Full-time Police Officer</i>		
4210-4214	Police	11	\$57,743	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Reinstatement of 5th Full-time Police Officer</i>		
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	16	\$15,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	14	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Washer/Extractor Machine</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$50,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Utility Task Vehicle</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$35,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Police Cruiser</i>		
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$212,342</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 6/30/2019	Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2021
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax		\$515	\$500	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	09	\$42,044	\$30,000	\$20,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$42,559</b>	<b>\$30,500</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	09	\$675	\$0	\$200
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	09	\$862,443	\$700,000	\$750,000
3230	Building Permits	09	\$12,676	\$9,000	\$9,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	09	\$19,767	\$18,000	\$15,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$895,561</b>	<b>\$727,000</b>	<b>\$774,200</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	09	\$0	\$0	\$23,343
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	09	\$155,002	\$155,002	\$154,505
3353	Highway Block Grant	09	\$69,054	\$69,159	\$70,097
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)		\$34,269	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$6,444	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$258,325</b>	<b>\$230,605</b>	<b>\$247,945</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	09	\$60,781	\$40,000	\$40,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$60,781</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	12	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
3502	Interest on Investments	09	\$98,247	\$50,000	\$40,000
3503-3509	Other	09	\$6,906	\$1,000	\$500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$105,153</b>	<b>\$51,000</b>	<b>\$41,500</b>



**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 6/30/2019	Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2020	Estimated Revenues for period ending 6/30/2021
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$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		\$43,754	\$31,603	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$43,754</b>	<b>\$31,603</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	17, 18, 22, 23	\$0	\$0	\$418,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$418,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$1,406,133</b>	<b>\$1,110,708</b>	<b>\$1,541,645</b>



**Budget Summary**

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<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 6/30/2021</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$3,590,925
Special Warrant Articles	\$418,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$212,342
Total Appropriations	\$4,221,267
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,541,645
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$2,679,622</b>



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### ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

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

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, 2019, 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an 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, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and, the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Other Matters***

**Required Supplementary Information** - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

***Town of Grantham  
Independent Auditor's Report***

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

The combining and individual fund 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 schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 7, 2020

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

**EXHIBIT C-1**  
**TOWN OF GRANTHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**June 30, 2019**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 6,487,889	\$ 207,272	\$ 6,695,161
Taxes receivable	4,177,784	-	4,177,784
Interfund receivable	61	16,861	16,922
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	32,734	-	32,734
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,698,468</b>	<b>\$ 224,133</b>	<b>\$ 10,922,601</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 37,223	\$ -	\$ 37,223
Intergovernmental payable	5,118,717	-	5,118,717
Interfund payable	16,861	61	16,922
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>5,172,801</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>5,172,862</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	1,246,903	-	1,246,903
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	32,734	46,847	79,581
Restricted	62,689	17,853	80,542
Committed	1,787,384	159,372	1,946,756
Assigned	63,091	-	63,091
Unassigned	2,332,866	-	2,332,866
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>4,278,764</b>	<b>224,072</b>	<b>4,502,836</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 10,698,468</b>	<b>\$ 224,133</b>	<b>\$ 10,922,601</b>

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, 2019**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Taxes	\$ 2,324,832	\$ 2,324,832	\$ 2,337,308	\$ 12,476
Licenses and permits	727,000	727,000	895,561	168,561
Intergovernmental receivable	230,605	230,605	258,325	27,720
Charges for services	40,000	40,000	60,781	20,781
Miscellaneous	51,000	51,000	105,153	54,153
Total revenues	<u>3,373,437</u>	<u>3,373,437</u>	<u>3,657,128</u>	<u>283,691</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	1,479,008	1,479,008	1,337,392	141,616
Public safety	785,824	785,824	689,042	96,782
Highways and streets	421,295	421,295	396,243	25,052
Sanitation	368,015	368,015	298,629	69,386
Health	20,900	20,900	19,061	1,839
Welfare	25,000	25,000	-	25,000
Culture and recreation	316,810	263,020	236,759	26,261
Conservation	2,500	2,500	2,804	(304)
Debt service:				
Principal	110,000	110,000	110,000	-
Interest	29,328	29,328	29,188	140
Capital outlay	356,360	356,360	363,523	(7,163)
Total expenditures	<u>3,915,040</u>	<u>3,861,250</u>	<u>3,482,641</u>	<u>378,609</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(541,603)</u>	<u>(487,813)</u>	<u>174,487</u>	<u>662,300</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	31,603	31,603	43,754	12,151
Transfers out	(189,000)	(242,790)	(242,790)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(157,397)</u>	<u>(211,187)</u>	<u>(199,036)</u>	<u>12,151</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>\$ (699,000)</u>	<u>\$ (699,000)</u>	(24,549)	<u>\$ 674,451</u>
Increase in nonspendable fund balance			(510)	
Increase in committed fund balance (non-encumbrances)			(131,000)	
Increase in assigned fund balance (non-encumbrances)			(6)	
Unassigned fund balance, beginning			2,387,122	
Unassigned fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 2,231,057</u>	

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



### Tax Collector's Report

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

<b>Instructions</b>	
<b>Cover Page</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)</li> <li>Enter the year of the report</li> <li>Enter the preparer's information</li> </ul>	
<b>For Assistance Please Contact:</b>	
<b>NH DRA Municipal and Property Division</b> Phone: (603) 230-5090 Fax: (603) 230-5947 <a href="http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/">http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/</a>	

<b>ENTITY'S INFORMATION</b> ?		
Municipality: <input style="width: 200px;" type="text" value="GRANTHAM"/>	County: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="SULLIVAN"/>	Report Year: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="2019"/>

<b>PREPARER'S INFORMATION</b> ?			
First Name	Last Name		
<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="KENNETH"/>	<input style="width: 250px;" type="text" value="STORY"/>		
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number	
<input style="width: 50px;" type="text" value="300"/>	<input style="width: 150px;" type="text" value="ROUTE 10 SOUTH"/>	<input style="width: 100px;" type="text" value="(603) 863-5608"/>	
Email (optional)			
<input style="width: 350px;" type="text" value="TCTC@GRANTHAMNH.NET"/>			



Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2018	Year: 2017	Year: Prior
Property Taxes	3110		\$2,040,494.74	\$2,589.73	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance			(\$198,896.37)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies	
Property Taxes	3110	\$6,303,032.00	\$6,897,402.51		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$17,670.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$46.12	\$469.26		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
<input type="text"/>					
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	2017	Prior
Property Taxes	3110		\$19,819.22		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
<input type="text"/> Interest and Penalties			\$44.29		
<input type="text"/>					
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190		\$20,304.70	\$79.18	
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$6,303,078.12</b>	<b>\$8,797,308.35</b>	<b>\$2,668.91</b>	
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies 2017	Prior
Property Taxes	\$2,348,498.53	\$8,599,621.80	\$2,589.73	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$17,670.00		
Yield Taxes	\$46.12	\$469.26		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)		\$20,291.74	\$79.18	
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$121,941.45		
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2018	Prior Levies 2017	Prior
Property Taxes		\$36,998.66		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="text"/> Interest Abated		\$57.25		
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded		\$208.98		



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2018	2017	Prior
Property Taxes	\$3,978,192.18	\$49.21		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$23,658.71)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$6,303,078.12</b>	<b>\$8,797,308.35</b>	<b>\$2,668.91</b>	



Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2017	Year: 2016	Year: Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$64,750.78	\$33,421.46	\$77,059.88
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$129,914.17			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$1,920.75	\$3,950.37	\$4,347.65	\$11,498.55
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$131,834.92</b>	<b>\$68,701.15</b>	<b>\$37,769.11</b>	<b>\$88,558.43</b>

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2017	2016	Prior
Redemptions	\$44,239.55	\$31,310.26	\$12,267.38	\$15,481.10
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$1,920.75	\$3,950.37	\$4,347.65	\$11,369.80
<input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$53.23	\$1,626.68
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$518.53		\$235.67
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$85,674.62	\$32,921.99	\$21,100.85	\$59,845.18
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$131,834.92</b>	<b>\$68,701.15</b>	<b>\$37,769.11</b>	<b>\$88,558.43</b>



**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

KENNETH

Preparer's Last Name

STORY

Date

08/19/2019

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**

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

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

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

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**

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

Preparer's Signature and Title

**TOWN OF GRANTHAM  
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 06/30/2019**

**BEGINNING OF YEAR BALANCE:**

General Checking - Bar Harbor		\$ 6,927,203.49
From Tax Collector	11,106,180.50	
From Town Clerk	891,308.09	
From Town Office, State Grants, Transfers	484,167.40	
Transfers from other accounts	9,558.54	
Interest Earned	97,608.29	

**TOTAL YEARLY RECEIPTS** 12,588,822.82

Bank Fees and Misc Credits & Debits	(65,622.39)	
Bad Check Deposits Returned by Bank	(2,033.40)	
Bad Checks Redeposited	2,108.74	
<b>TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS</b>		(65,547.05)

Accounts Payable	13,617,572.97	
Payroll and payroll related disbursements	971,152.21	
less: Void Checks (stop payment)	(52,112.49)	
Transfers to other accounts	-	

**TOTAL YEARLY DISBURSEMENTS** 14,536,612.69

**END OF YEAR BALANCE GENERAL CHECKING** \$ 4,913,866.57

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			
					Balance Beginning 07/01/18	New Funds	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 06/30/19	%	Income During Year		Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 06/30/19	Principal & Income 06/30/19
Please Note: TOWN OF GRANTHAM COMMON FUND #1 [Perpetual Care] is made up of the following accounts:														
1900-2001	CEMETERY FUNDS	Cemeteries	SRB SAV		7,596.91	0.00	0.00	7,596.91	10,701.07		276.87	0.00	10,977.94	18,574.85
Yr. 1900	Hannah Haywood	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	280.35	3.7182%	10.29	0.00	290.65	690.65
Yr. 1900	William Howe	Hilldale	SRB SAV		50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	5.47	0.3031%	0.84	0.00	6.31	56.31
Yr. 1911/46	L.F. Shaw	Hilldale	SRB SAV		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	226.92	2.0599%	5.70	0.00	232.62	382.62
Yr. 1913	Jonathan Brown	Hilldale	SRB SAV		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	393.74	2.9716%	8.23	0.00	401.97	551.97
Yr. 1913	H. Stevens	Hilldale	SRB SAV		50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	5.47	0.3031%	0.84	0.00	6.31	56.31
Yr. 1920	Mercy Samborn George	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.94	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.61	112.61
Yr. 1929	Reverdy Smith	Hilldale	SRB SAV		50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	54.53	0.5713%	1.58	0.00	56.11	106.11
3/1/1933	Irene W. Hemphill	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.94	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.61	112.61
8/25/1935	Estella Hitchcock	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	298.49	2.1778%	6.03	0.00	304.52	404.52
3/21/1941	L.A. Roach - H.J. Wiggins	Hilldale	SRB SAV		75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	27.84	0.5620%	1.56	0.00	29.39	104.39
11/3/1944	Alice M. Wilcox	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.94	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.61	112.61
8/8/1952	Emma Etta Samborn	Hilldale	SRB SAV		400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	653.65	5.7583%	15.94	0.00	669.59	1,069.59
Yr. 1948	Edith M. Miller	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.95	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.62	112.62
Yr. 1958	Frank E. Hastings	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	149.05	1.3611%	3.77	0.00	152.81	252.81
8/19/1958	Alberta & George Hastings	Hilldale	SRB SAV		121.84	0.00	0.00	121.84	255.64	2.0630%	5.71	0.00	261.35	383.19
4/14/1960	Zena & Bernice S. Pillsbury	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	298.48	2.1777%	6.03	0.00	304.51	404.51
3/11/1963	Harriet B. Stocker	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	57.70	0.8618%	2.39	0.00	60.09	160.09
7/30/1964	East Grantham Cemetery	Hilldale	SRB SAV		50.07	0.00	0.00	50.07	5.46	0.3035%	0.84	0.00	6.30	56.37
10/28/1968	Howard & Dorothy Ashley	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.95	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.62	112.62
6/4/1973	Hollis French	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	173.56	1.4950%	4.14	0.00	177.70	277.70
2/12/1974	William H. Howard	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	215.30	1.9964%	5.53	0.00	220.83	370.83
11/12/1975	Richard Howard	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	608.23	4.4170%	12.23	0.00	620.46	820.46
6/7/1980	Daniel & Caffrey Arsenault	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	662.51	4.7137%	13.05	0.00	675.56	875.56
3/9/1981	William & Henry Howard	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	750.05	12.2967%	34.05	0.00	784.10	2,284.10
10/8/1969	Florence/Orin Pillsbury	Hilldale	SRB SAV		600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	2,574.74	17.3502%	48.04	0.00	2,622.78	3,222.78
12/23/1963	J. Madison & Alice M. Howe	Hilldale	SRB SAV		900.00	0.00	0.00	900.00	2,418.29	18.1347%	50.21	0.00	2,468.50	3,368.50
1/1/1982	Fl. & Hor. Kimball & F. Philbrick	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.94	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.61	112.61
4/19/1983	Mildred Dunbar (G.W. lot)	Hilldale	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	10.95	0.6063%	1.68	0.00	12.63	112.63
12/5/1990	Kathleen Preston	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	43.63	1.0582%	2.93	0.00	46.56	196.56
10/11/1995	Helen & Myron Cummings	Hilldale	SRB SAV		600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	354.02	5.2138%	14.44	0.00	368.46	968.46
12/12/1996	Lillian F. Howard	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	67.68	1.4629%	4.05	0.00	71.73	271.73
11/20/2001	Ruth Paynotta	Dunbar Hill	SRB SAV		175.00	0.00	0.00	175.00	19.13	1.0609%	2.94	0.00	22.06	197.06
11/20/2001	Jackson & Mathilde English	Hilldale	SRB SAV		225.00	0.00	0.00	225.00	24.57	1.3639%	3.78	0.00	28.34	253.34
<b>TOTAL PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS</b>					<b>7,596.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,596.91</b>	<b>10,701.07</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>276.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10,977.94</b>	<b>18,574.85</b>
double-check from Perpetual Care Savings Acct. Ledger Sheet					7,596.91	0.00	0.00	7,596.91	10,701.07		276.87	0.00	10,977.94	18,574.85

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Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	%	***PRINCIPAL***			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL	
					Balance Beginning 07/01/18	New Funds	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 06/30/19	Income During Year	Expended During Year		Balance End of Year 06/30/19
	GRANTHAM MEMORIAL CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUND		SRB SAV		30,550.00	1,000.00	0.00	31,550.00	515.41	0.00	3,549.11	35,099.11
	\$200 or \$250 (depending on lot location) of each Family Plot sold is added to Maintenance Fund											
	GRANTHAM MEMORIAL CEMETERY DEVELOPMENT FUND		SRB SAV		7,500.00	200.00	0.00	7,700.00	162.80	0.00	3,326.31	11,026.31
	\$50.00 of each Family Plot Sold is added to Development Fund											
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS				45,646.91	1,200.00	0.00	46,846.91	955.08	0.00	17,853.37	64,700.27
	CEMETERY FUNDS are made up of the following accounts:											
	Sugar River Bank:											
	Perpetual Care - Savings Account # 306184060		SRB SAV		7,596.91	0.00	0.00	7,596.91	276.87	0.00	10,977.94	18,574.85
	Cemetery Maintenance - Savings Account # 306184078		SRB SAV		30,550.00	1,000.00	0.00	31,550.00	515.41	0.00	3,549.11	35,099.11
	Cemetery Development - Savings Account # 306184227		SRB SAV		7,500.00	200.00	0.00	7,700.00	162.80	0.00	3,326.31	11,026.31
	TOTAL CEMETERY FUND ACCOUNTS		SRB SAV		45,646.91	1,200.00	0.00	46,846.91	955.08	0.00	17,853.37	64,700.27
1900-2007	CEMETERY FUNDS		SRB SAV		45,646.91	1,200.00	0.00	46,846.91	955.08	0.00	17,853.37	64,700.27

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Page 3 of 5	Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	%	*** PRINCIPAL ***			Balance Beginning 07/01/18	Balance End of Year 06/30/19	Withdrawals	INCOME			Balance End of Year 06/30/19	Principal & Income 06/30/19	GRAND TOTAL
						Balance Beginning 07/01/18	New Funds	Withdrawals				Income During Year	Expended During Year	%			
<b>Town of Grantham:</b>																	
<b>OTHER TRUST FUNDS:</b>																	
1915		Hiram Buswell Fund	Dunbar Free Library	SRB SAV		300.00	0.00	0.00	16.97	300.00		4.79	0.00	21.76	321.76		
		<b>Sub-Total Town of Grantham</b>				<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>16.97</b>	<b>300.00</b>		<b>4.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>21.76</b>	<b>321.76</b>		
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>																	
12/15/1994		Fire Department Apparatus	Fire Trucks, etc.	SRB SAV		212,100.00	50,000.00	0.00	10,722.49	262,100.00		4,124.00	0.00	14,846.49	276,946.49		
7/1/2006		Town Office Equipment	Office Equipment	SRB SAV		11,451.12	2,000.00	0.00	2,350.29	13,451.12		238.93	0.00	2,589.22	16,040.34		
12/15/1995		Mowers	New Mowers	SRB SAV		16,900.32	0.00	0.00	858.56	16,900.32		268.71	0.00	1,127.27	18,027.59		
7/15/2000		Highway Equipment Fund	Highway Equipment	SRB SAV		168,239.27	60,000.00	26,391.18	201,848.09	201,848.09		3,133.62	4,770.45	0.00	201,848.09		
7/17/2003		Transfer Station Equipment	T.S. Equipment	SRB SAV		68,726.51	25,000.00	0.00	93,726.51	93,726.51		1,442.02	0.00	3,153.64	96,880.15		
7/17/2003		Police Vehicles	Police Vehicles	SRB SAV		24,069.35	10,000.00	0.00	34,069.35	34,069.35		514.68	0.00	514.68	34,584.03		
2/22/2005		Athletic Fields CRF	Athletic Fields	SRB SAV		455.90	0.00	0.00	95.40	455.90		8.34	0.00	103.74	559.64		
12/8/2009		Land Preservation	Conservation Land	SRB SAV		69,548.93	0.00	0.00	2,456.68	69,548.93		1,089.54	0.00	3,546.22	73,095.15		
12/8/2009		Municipality Revaluation	Revaluation	SRB SAV		131,553.02	10,000.00	0.00	4,254.10	141,553.02		2,205.42	0.00	6,459.52	148,012.54		
12/9/2009		Town Bldg Repair and Maintenance	Repair & Maintain	SRB SAV		80,936.73	10,000.00	9,797.01	1,406.02	81,139.72		1,389.71	2,795.73	0.00	81,139.72		
4/28/2010		Recreation Park Project Fund	Park & Playground	SRB SAV		302.49	0.00	0.00	16.87	302.49		4.82	0.00	21.69	324.18		
8/17/2010		Bridge Capital Reserve Fund	Bridge Design, etc.	SRB SAV		145,680.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	145,680.70		2,204.34	0.00	2,204.34	147,885.04		
3/18/2013		Town Library Repair CRF	Library Repair	SRB SAV		34,248.38	15,000.00	43,147.43	565.95	6,100.95		272.97	838.92	0.00	6,100.95		
7/25/2014		Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	Office Equipment	SRB SAV		9,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	253.99	11,000.00		170.11	0.00	424.10	11,424.10		
		<b>Sub-Total Town of Grantham</b>				<b>973,212.72</b>	<b>184,000.00</b>	<b>79,335.62</b>	<b>26,328.80</b>	<b>1,077,877.10</b>		<b>17,067.21</b>	<b>8,405.10</b>	<b>34,990.91</b>	<b>1,112,868.01</b>		
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>																	
12/15/1995		Town Emergency Repair	Town Emer. Repairs	SRB SAV		16,231.68	5,000.00	0.00	7,550.08	21,231.68		435.08	0.00	7,985.16	29,216.84		
7/6/2016		Public Safety Expendable Trust Fund	Comm. Equip. Repair	SRB SAV		25,000.00	0.00	0.00	300.09	25,000.00		382.83	0.00	682.92	25,682.92		
		<b>Sub-Total Town of Grantham</b>				<b>41,231.68</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>7,850.17</b>	<b>46,231.68</b>		<b>817.91</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,668.08</b>	<b>54,899.76</b>		
		<b>TOTAL - TOWN OF GRANTHAM:</b>				<b>1,060,391.31</b>	<b>190,200.00</b>	<b>79,335.62</b>	<b>51,094.22</b>	<b>1,171,255.69</b>		<b>18,844.99</b>	<b>8,405.10</b>	<b>61,534.12</b>	<b>1,168,089.53</b>		
<b>SAU 75:</b>																	
<b>OTHER TRUST FUNDS:</b>																	
6/18/1985		Glenn Hudson Memorial Fund [1]	Scholarship Fund	SRB SAV		1,143.12	0.00	283.18	859.94	859.94		16.82	16.82	0.00	859.94		
1/30/1997		Jackson P. & Mathilde M. English Educational Fund [1]	Educ. Excellence	SRB SAV		8,038.82	0.00	479.30	7,559.52	7,559.52		120.70	120.70	0.00	7,559.52		
12/11/2013		Hunt Scholarship Fund	Scholarship Fund	SRB SAV		100.00	0.00	0.00	4.77	100.00		1.59	0.00	6.36	106.36		
		<b>Sub-Total SAU 75</b>				<b>9,281.94</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>762.48</b>	<b>4.77</b>	<b>8,519.46</b>		<b>139.11</b>	<b>137.52</b>	<b>6.36</b>	<b>8,525.82</b>		

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Page 4 of 5	Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND	Purpose of Trust	How Invested	%	***PRINCIPAL***			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL			
						Balance Beginning 07/01/18	New Funds	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year 06/30/19	Balance Beginning 07/01/18	%	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year 06/30/19	Principal & Income 06/30/19
<b>SAU 75: [Continued]</b>															
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>															
10/8/2004	Grantham School Construction Fund	School Building#552	SRB SAV			72,602.64	0.00	0.00	72,602.64	3,915.00		1,157.81	0.00	5,072.81	77,675.45
	<b>Sub-Total SAU 75</b>					<b>72,602.64</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>72,602.64</b>	<b>3,915.00</b>		<b>1,157.81</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,072.81</b>	<b>77,675.45</b>
<b>EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS</b>															
1/21/1997	Grantham School Expendable Trust	School Repairs	SRB SAV			32,146.53	0.00	0.00	32,146.53	0.00		486.42	0.00	486.42	32,632.95
1/31/2000	Grantham Village School Special Education	Special Education	SRB SAV			370,783.64	0.00	0.00	370,783.64	22,116.55		5,945.10	0.00	28,061.65	398,845.29
10/9/2003	GVS School Tuition	Secondary School Tuition	SRB SAV			85,355.00	50,000.00	0.00	135,355.00	13,516.59		1,763.73	0.00	15,280.32	150,635.32
12/11/2013	Legal Services ETF	Extraordinary Legal Expenses	SRB SAV			50,000.00	0.00	0.00	50,000.00	2,133.71		788.86	0.00	2,922.57	52,922.57
	<b>Sub-Total SAU 75</b>					<b>538,285.17</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>588,285.17</b>	<b>37,766.85</b>		<b>8,984.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>46,750.96</b>	<b>635,036.13</b>
	<b>TOTAL - SAU75:</b>					<b>620,169.75</b>	<b>50,000.00</b>	<b>762.48</b>	<b>669,407.27</b>	<b>41,686.62</b>		<b>10,281.03</b>	<b>137.52</b>	<b>51,830.13</b>	<b>721,237.40</b>
<b>Village District of Eastman:</b>															
<b>OTHER TRUST FUNDS:</b>															
3/21/2013	Wastewater Collection Operation & Maint. [2]	Associated Capital Expenses	SRB SAV			8,465.36	0.00	6,144.19	2,321.17	0.00		60.45	60.45	0.00	2,321.17
3/21/2013	Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation & Maintenance [2]	Associated Capital Expenses	SRB SAV			38,201.24	0.00	0.00	38,201.24	0.00		578.03	0.00	578.03	38,779.27
3/31/2013	Wastewater Treatment Disposal Operation & Maintenance [2]	Associated Capital Expenses	SRB SAV			102,999.59	0.00	0.00	102,999.59	1,021.05		1,573.97	0.00	2,595.02	105,594.61
5/27/2016	General Waste Water System Repair and Upgrades [2]	Associated Capital Expenses	SRB SAV			392,776.44	204,286.00	74,523.36	522,539.08	0.00		6,875.33	6,875.33	0.00	522,539.08
	<b>Sub-Total Town of Village District of Eastman</b>					<b>542,442.63</b>	<b>204,286.00</b>	<b>80,667.55</b>	<b>666,061.08</b>	<b>1,021.05</b>		<b>9,087.78</b>	<b>6,935.78</b>	<b>3,173.05</b>	<b>669,234.13</b>
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>															
10/31/2002	Village District Security Improvement	Improvement Update	SRB SAV			7,783.87	0.00	0.00	7,783.87	87.19		119.10	0.00	206.29	7,990.16
4/27/2005	Village District Water Treatment [repurposed Filter Media at VDE Annual Meeting 4/6/17]	Water Treatment	SRB SAV			433.32	12,500.00	10,711.68	2,221.64	0.00		97.14	97.14	0.00	2,221.64
4/27/2005	Village District Office Equipment	Office Equipment	SRB SAV			300.44	0.00	0.00	300.44	2.97		4.59	0.00	7.56	308.00
3/10/2006	Village District Well Renovation	Renovate Wells	SRB SAV			25,656.02	10,000.00	27,569.04	8,086.98	250.40		258.56	508.96	0.00	8,086.98
4/12/2007	Village District Vehicle Replacement	Vehicle Replacement	SRB SAV			29,062.34	20,000.00	0.00	49,062.34	286.13		575.95	0.00	862.08	49,924.42
9/5/2008	Village District Office Building	Office Building	SRB SAV			608.84	0.00	0.00	608.84	6.03		9.31	0.00	15.34	624.18
9/5/2008	Village District Well Exploration & Development	Well Expl. & Dev't	SRB SAV		[3]	13,000.00	8,428.00	8,428.00	13,000.00	486.51		196.77	0.00	683.28	13,683.28
9/17/2009	Village District Building Maintenance CRF	Building Maint.	SRB SAV			1,947.53	0.00	0.00	1,947.53	19.30		29.77	0.00	49.07	1,996.60





**2019**  
**\$25.86**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Grantham

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,423,303	\$468,525,433	<b>\$5.17</b>
County	\$1,439,308	\$468,525,433	<b>\$3.07</b>
Local Education	\$7,243,092	\$468,525,433	<b>\$15.46</b>
State Education	\$999,356	\$463,429,133	<b>\$2.16</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,105,059</b>		<b>\$25.86</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Eastman Village	\$531,045	\$310,552,487	<b>\$1.71</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$531,045</b>		<b>\$1.71</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$12,105,059
War Service Credits	(\$72,900)
Village District Tax Effort	\$531,045
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$12,563,204</b>

 James P. Gerry Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	10/29/2019
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## Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,555,827	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,528,885)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$530,000)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$200,000)
War Service Credits	\$72,900	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$53,461	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,423,303</b>	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,439,308	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,439,308</b>	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$9,008,763	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		(\$766,315)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$999,356)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$7,243,092</b>	
State Education Tax	\$999,356	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$999,356</b>	

## Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$468,525,433	\$467,648,406
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$463,429,133	\$462,552,106
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$468,525,433	\$467,648,406

Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	
Eastman Village	\$310,552,487	

## Grantham

### Tax Commitment Verification

#### 2019 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$12,563,204
1/2% Amount	\$62,816
Acceptable High	\$12,626,020
Acceptable Low	\$12,500,388

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

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

**Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2019 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.**

<b>Tax Collector/Deputy Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
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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 2019 Tax Rate	\$25.86	\$12.93
Associated Villages		
Eastman Village	\$1.71	\$0.86

## Fund Balance Retention

<b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,237,583</b>
<b>Final Overlay</b>	<b>\$53,461</b>

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*.

2019 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Grantham	
Description	Amount
<b>Current Amount Retained (14.27%)</b>	<b>\$2,031,057</b>
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$2,420,389
10% Retained	\$1,423,758
8% Retained	\$1,139,007
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$711,879



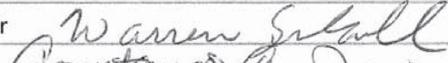
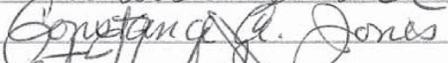
**Grantham**  
**Summary Inventory of Valuation**

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Assessor
Ken Rodgers (KRT Appraisal, LLC)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
G. Warren Kimball	Selectman, Chair	
Constance A. Jones	Selectman	
Peter H. Garland	Selectman	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Melissa White	863-6021	mwhite@granthamnh.net

Preparer's Signature



<b>Land Value Only</b>		<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	10,178.00	\$473,863	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	0.00	\$0	
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
1F	Residential Land	4,233.00	\$101,813,900	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	348.00	\$5,096,400	
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>14,759.00</b>	<b>\$107,384,163</b>	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	1,754.00	\$6,653,824	
<b>Buildings Value Only</b>		<b>Structures</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	
2A	Residential		\$345,999,300	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31		\$793,900	
2C	Commercial/Industrial		\$10,587,570	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>		<b>\$357,380,770</b>	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$12,299,000	
<b>Utilities &amp; Timber</b>			<b>Valuation</b>	
3A	Utilities		\$5,096,300	
3B	Other Utilities		\$0	
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5			
<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>		<b>\$469,861,233</b>	
<b>Exemptions</b>		<b>Total Granted</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	
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			
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$469,595,533</b>	
<b>Optional Exemptions</b>		<b>Amount Per</b>	<b>Total Grant</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37			
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		15	\$946,000
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		5	\$124,100
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66			
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23			
<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$1,070,100</b>
<b>21A</b>	<b>Net Valuation</b>			<b>\$468,525,433</b>
<b>21B</b>	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21C</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$468,525,433</b>
<b>21D</b>	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>			
<b>21E</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction Exem</b>			<b>\$468,525,433</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Less Utilities</b>			<b>\$5,096,300</b>
<b>23A</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>			<b>\$463,429,133</b>
<b>23B</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$463,429,133</b>



**Utility Value Appraiser**

Michael Ryan, as of 2016

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

<b>Electric Company Name</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$5,096,300
	<b>\$5,096,300</b>



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$500	129	
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a			
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$700	7	
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$500	7	
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c			
			<b>143</b>

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
<b>Deaf Income Limits</b>		<b>Deaf Asset Limits</b>	
Single		Single	
Married		Married	
<b>Disabled Income Limits</b>		<b>Disabled Asset Limits</b>	
Single		Single	
Married		Married	

Elderly Exemption Report						
First-time Filers Granted Elderly Exemption for the Current Tax Year		Total Number of Individuals Granted Elderly Exemptions for the Current Tax Year and Total Number of Exemptions Granted				
<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>65-74</b>	3	<b>65-74</b>	5	\$44,000	\$220,000	\$220,000
<b>75-79</b>	1	<b>75-79</b>	6	\$66,000	\$396,000	\$396,000
<b>80+</b>	2	<b>80+</b>	4	\$82,500	\$330,000	\$330,000
		<b>15</b>			<b>\$946,000</b>	<b>\$946,000</b>
<b>Income Limits</b>		<b>Asset Limits</b>				
<b>Single</b>	\$40,000	<b>Single</b>	\$100,000			
<b>Married</b>	\$80,000	<b>Married</b>	\$200,000			

**Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)**  
 Granted/Adopted? No Structures:

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**Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)**  
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

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**Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)**  
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:

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**Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)**  
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:  
 Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:  
 Total Exemption Granted:

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**Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)**  
 Granted/Adopted? No Properties:  
 Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:  
 Current Assessed Value:



<b>Current Use RSA 79-A</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land	156.00	\$27,928
Forest Land	5,142.00	\$280,860
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,606.00	\$138,276
Unproductive Land	1,030.00	\$22,147
Wet Land	244.00	\$4,652
	<b>10,178.00</b>	<b>\$473,863</b>

**Other Current Use Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	4,061.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	24.74
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	<b>Owners:</b>	83
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	<b>Parcels:</b>	137

**Land Use Change Tax**

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year		\$12,031
Conservation Allocation	<b>Percentage:</b> 100.00%	<b>Dollar Amount:</b>
Monies to Conservation Fund		\$12,031
Monies to General Fund		

**Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B**

	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land		
Forest Land		
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship		
Unproductive Land		
Wet Land		

**Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	
Owners in Conservation Restriction	<b>Owners:</b>	
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	<b>Parcels:</b>	



<b>Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Owners</b>	<b>Assessed Valuation</b>
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<b>Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F</b>				
<b>Number Granted</b>	<b>Structures</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Land Valuation</b>	<b>Structure Valuation</b>

<b>Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D</b>				
<b>Owners</b>	<b>Structures</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Land Valuation</b>	<b>Structure Valuation</b>

<b>Map</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>This municipality has no Discretionary Preservation Easements.</i>				

<b>Tax Increment Financing District</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Original</b>	<b>Unretained</b>	<b>Retained</b>	<b>Current</b>
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

<b>Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Acres</b>
<i>State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357</i>		
<i>White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186</i>		

<b>Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

<b>Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

**Notes**



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Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
Melissa White	863-6021	mwhite@granthamnh.net

Preparer's Signature



Land Value Only		Acres	Valuation	
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	38.00	\$817	
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B			
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C			
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
1F	Residential Land	1,451.00	\$64,549,100	
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	127.00	\$792,100	
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>1,616.00</b>	<b>\$65,342,017</b>	
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	500.00	\$2,485,800	
Buildings Value Only		Structures	Valuation	
2A	Residential		\$243,870,900	
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31			
2C	Commercial/Industrial		\$1,969,570	
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D			
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F			
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>		<b>\$245,840,470</b>	
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings		\$4,356,600	
Utilities & Timber			Valuation	
3A	Utilities			
3B	Other Utilities			
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5			
<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>		<b>\$311,182,487</b>	
Exemptions		Total Granted	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			
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a			
<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>		<b>\$310,916,787</b>	
Optional Exemptions		Amount Per	Total Grant	Valuation
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37			
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b		4	\$275,000
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		3	\$89,300
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66			
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23			
<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b>\$364,300</b>
<b>21A</b>	<b>Net Valuation</b>			<b>\$310,552,487</b>
<b>21B</b>	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>21C</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$310,552,487</b>
<b>21D</b>	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>			
<b>21E</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction Exem</b>			<b>\$310,552,487</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>Less Utilities</b>			<b>\$0</b>
<b>23A</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>			<b>\$310,552,487</b>
<b>23B</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>			<b>\$310,552,487</b>

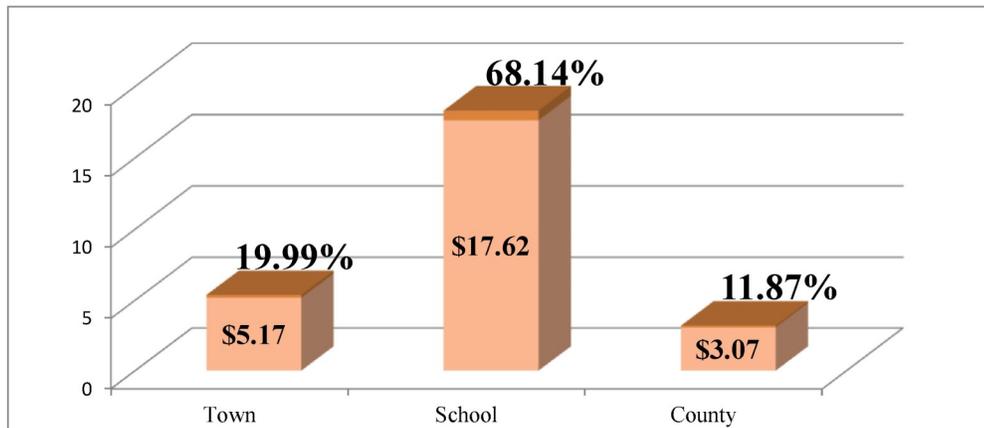


**Notes**

## Five-Year Property Tax Rate Review

Tax Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Net Town Appropriation	2,241,455	2,202,816	2,172,861	2,393,344	2,423,303
Municipal Rate	4.86	4.73	4.66	5.12	5.17
Net School Appropriation	6,455,289	6,462,728	6,375,166	7,360,359	7,243,092
Local School Rate	13.98	13.88	13.69	15.74	15.46
State Education Taxes	1,136,603	1,060,878	1,075,244	1,045,030	999,356
Education Grant	14,833	546,714	520,401	532,135	766,315
State Education Rate	2.49	2.30	2.33	2.26	2.16
Combined School Rates	16.47	16.18	16.02	18.00	17.62
Net County Appropriation	1,287,547	1,363,125	1,414,722	1,390,697	1,439,308
County Rate	2.79	2.93	3.04	2.97	3.07
Village District Commitment	466,977	476,499	498,509	527,430	531,045
Village District Rate	1.52	1.54	1.61	1.70	1.71
<b>Total Tax Rate - Grantham</b>	<b>24.12</b>	<b>23.84</b>	<b>23.72</b>	<b>26.09</b>	<b>25.86</b>
<b>Total Tax Rate - Eastman</b>	<b>25.64</b>	<b>25.38</b>	<b>25.33</b>	<b>27.79</b>	<b>27.57</b>
Property Tax Commitment	11,512,771	11,492,146	11,461,802	12,646,860	12,563,204
Net Assessed Valuation	461,591,370	465,657,232	465,846,013	467,648,406	468,525,433
	Full Property Revaluation				

### 2019 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 2019 tax rate.

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN-OWNED PROPERTY

<u>Location</u>	<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Purpose/Use</u>	<u>Acres</u> <u>(Approximate)</u>	<u>Assessed</u> <u>Valuation</u>
Route 10 North	221-002	Brookside Park	0.74	33,500
Route 10 North	226-026	Brookside Park	20.47	55,000
Burpee Hill Road	221-058	Cemetery (Brown)	0.24	29,300
Dunbar Hill Road	237-061	Cemetery (Dunbar)	0.31	32,800
Burpee Hill Road	216-041	Cemetery (Hastings)	0.10	12,900
Stoney Brook Road	236-021	Cemetery (Hilldale)	1.80	46,700
Learning Drive	233-075-003	Cemetery (Memorial)	8.07	99,400
Route 114	234-142	Conservation Land/Wetlands	6.80	28,800
Stoney Brook Road	243-009	Conservation Land/Wetlands/Aquifer	3.50	25,500
401 Route 10 South	237-005	Dunbar Free Library	0.88	1,004,600
251 Route 10 South	233-075-001	Fire Department	2.77	743,000
Route 114	236-004	Historical; Old Reney Mill Site	4.90	40,900
Route 10 South	237-032	Parking Lot	0.15	12,100
400 Route 10 South	237-033	Parking Lot	0.15	40,600
19 Shedd Road	241-006-001	Recreation Park	23.97	264,800
Dunbar Hill Road	220-027*	Sawyer Brook Headwaters	28.00	55,400
Dunbar Hill Road	220-028*	Sawyer Brook Headwaters	345.00	349,400
Walker Road	220-031*	Sawyer Brook Headwaters	10.18	26,600
12 Tall Timber Drive	211-069	School Bus Turnaround	0.86	23,200
275 Route 10 South	233-076	TBD	1.10	46,700
Croydon Turnpike	209-001	Town Forest	72.00	74,200
Croydon Turnpike	218-002	Town Forest	37.00	53,600
Miller Pond Road	210-003	Town Forest - Kimball Land	49.00	84,000
Croydon Turnpike	210-005	Town Forest - Kimball Land	16.00	37,700
1208 Miller Pond Road	210-010	Town Forest - Kimball Land	55.00	65,500
Miller Pond Road	211-012	Town Forest - Lucius Smith Lot	29.00	70,800
Croydon Turnpike	210-006	Town Forest - Minister Lot	59.00	67,400
Croydon Turnpike	210-009	Town Forest - Minister Lot	20.00	41,500
Croydon Turnpike	210-008	Town Forest - Vette Davis Land	80.00	78,300
Off Meriden Road	210-004	Town Forest - Wallis Land	0.63	700
Croydon Turnpike	210-007	Town Forest - Wallis Land	31.00	49,800
300 Route 10 South	233-004	Town Offices & Police Department	9.20	1,034,200
1150 Route 114	235-030-003	Transfer Station & Recycling Center	31.78	197,600
1081 Route 114	235-016	Transfer Station (Closed Landfill Site)	6.64	101,600
Smith Hastings Road	207-004	Vacant Tax Deed	2.70	38,700
Route 10 North	207-005	Vacant Tax Deed	2.10	37,600
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
400 Road 'Round the Lake	213-119	Vacant Tax Deed	0.85	12,500
18 Catamount Road	214-030	Vacant Tax Deed	1.60	52,200
3 Sugar Hill Road	215-137	Vacant Tax Deed	1.29	26,400
32 Bright Slope Way	215-172	Vacant Tax Deed	1.45	8,000
16 Bobbin Hill	216-089	Vacant Tax Deed	0.71	7,100
Rawson Ridge	221-010	Vacant Tax Deed	9.41	87,300
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
36 Gray Ledges	232-001	Vacant Tax Deed	90.00	334,800
34 Greensward Drive	234-099	Vacant Tax Deed	0.91	10,400
66 Longwood Drive	234-120	Vacant Tax Deed	0.61	10,900
Airpark Drive	235-021	Vacant Tax Deed	6.66	97,400
Stoney Brook Road	243-011	Vacant Tax Deed	4.8	5,300

\*These parcels are owned jointly with The Conservation Fund. The Town has 60.2% ownership of these parcels.

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORT

Before discussing the highlights of the year 2019, the Board wishes to note the passing of our friends and colleagues who selflessly served the Town of Grantham in various capacities:

**Richard “Dick” Mansfield**  
Zoning Board

**Alden “Chick” Pillsbury**  
Selectman, Planning Board, and Zoning  
Board

**Myron Cummings**  
Selectman, Zoning Board

**Robert “Bob” Schwartz**  
Police Officer

They will be missed.

The year 2019 was a very active one for your Board of Selectmen. We welcomed several new associates to the Town Hall. They are Catherine Hock, our new Receptionist, Emily Owens, Secretary to various town boards and committees, and Emily Rinde-Thorsen, our Recreation/Activities Director.

Our major accomplishment was the acquisition of the Sawyer Brook Headwaters parcel of nearly 400 acres, which is now preserved for conservation purposes. We are grateful for the guidance, diligence, and creativity of Sheridan Brown, who spearheaded this project for the Town. He put together the partnership and alliance with Ausbon Sargent and The Conservation Fund to make this all come together and then greatly assisted in obtaining sizeable grants to complete the project.

The Board has also been working for many months on the Miller Pond Road reconstruction project, which we hope will be completed in 2021 following necessary permitting and bidding. Speaking of capital improvement projects and new roof, heating, and a generator were necessary updates that were made to the Highway Garage. And a generator has been purchased for the Transfer Station. We have also have scheduled culvert improvements for Stocker Pond Road.

In addition, computer and software updates have been completed in the Town Hall as well as new security cameras and outside safety lighting.

The Board would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Planning and Zoning Boards and the Conservation Commission, where we individually serve as ad hoc members. At this time, we would like to recognize the loss of a long time member of the Zoning Board, Conrad Frey, who, along with his wife, Lea, former Town Archivist, have moved to southern New Hampshire. Conrad was “Mr. Zoning.”

We would like to thank all of the citizens of Grantham who so generously give of their time and expertise to serve on our various boards and committees. You are what keeps things moving in the right direction, so please know that your efforts are truly appreciated.

Finally, the Board would like to recognize Girl Scout Cadettes in Troop #22368, Mikka Scholtz and Olivia Britton, for providing the flag pole at the Recreation Field, where the American flag now proudly flies.

Respectfully,

Peter, Connie & Warren





The newly installed flag at our recreation park thanks to Grantham Girl Scout Cadettes, Olivia Britton and Mikka Scholtz. THANK YOU!

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The goal of the CIP Committee remains to provide a plan to ensure that capital equipment required by Grantham departments is purchased and replaced on a timely basis and in a manner that has stability in the funding from year to year. After last years planning, there are only a couple of new items that were requested for the 2020-2021 budget year.

## **Police Department**

The Police Department requested a UTV for all emergency services to utilize to cover emergencies in various off-road conditions, such as snow-mobile & ATV injuries, Brush fires, etc. This would be a specially outfitted Polaris Ranger Crew XP 1000 eps North Star (VHAC edition) for use by the Police, Fire, and EMS departments to access the multiple acres of trails and woodlands in Grantham. The UTV would be equipped with a 6 HP water pump for brush fires, a wrench and a collapsible sled/stretchers to carry injured persons as well as appropriate first aid supplies and oxygen. The UTV would be capable of transporting five emergency crew members to the scene of an incident. There have been some 6-8 incidents over recent years that required emergency personnel to walk- in and carry-out injured persons. This UTV would allow faster and more efficient responses to and from the scene. Since the anticipated utilization will be low, it is expected that the vehicle will have a 20 -year life span. The estimated cost would be \$44,078.99 plus approximately \$3000.00 for outfitting with emergency first aid kit, oxygen bottles etc. The town Fire Department and EMS personnel are in agreement with this purchase.

This vehicle qualifies as a fire vehicle, and if the NH Department of Revenue approves, some of the purchase price may come from the Fire Department CRF. There is possible grant money in the State Homeland Security Funds for a trailer to transport the UTV to the nearest access trail.

The police dodge charger replacement came in under budget and will result in extra money in the CRF. Additionally, all of the cruisers are now 4-wheel drive and can utilize all-weather tires. This will save the town the costs of 2 sets of tires and of changing the tires twice a year per vehicle.

The CIP committee recommends this request.

## **Town Building Inspector:** (no formal CIP request)

Additionally, apparently the town needs to provide the Town's Building Inspector with a vehicle. The old police charger has about 65,000 miles on it. The old charger could be modified to meet the needs of the building inspector, rather than selling it or trading it in.

The CIP committee agrees with this idea.

**Highway Department:**

The Highway Department ordered the 2019 basic International Dump Truck, but it has taken almost one year to add on the individual items per our requests. It is recommended that in the future, the order for International Dump trucks be placed one year before the budgeted date of replacement so that the truck will be ready the year it is needed.

The CIP committee agrees with this idea.

The Highway Department requests a used Excavator. Currently, the town rents an excavator for road and ditch work at the cost of \$8000. A new excavator runs about \$80,000 to 110,000. The average life span is about 20 years. If the town owned an excavator, it could be used four months a year to complete more road and ditch work. Plus, it would be immediately available when needed.

The CIP committee recommends that funds for the purchase of a new/used excavator be placed in the CRF.

This is all of the capital requests we received this year.

Last year, we had the following requests planned for the 2020-2021 budget year:

Highway Department

F550 1ton Dump truck plow \$90,000

Transfer Station

45-yard Glass Container. \$9,000

The CIP committee had recommended those requests last year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Beasley  
Raymond Miner  
C. Peter James

# CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Cemetery Trustees, working with the Cemetery Sexton, are responsible for the administration of the nine cemeteries in Grantham. The only cemetery in which we are still selling burial lots is the Memorial Cemetery on Learning Drive by the Grantham Village School. Two other cemeteries still have lots which have been sold but are yet to be used. There is one burial site in the Dunbar Cemetery and several to still be used in the Hilldale Cemetery on Stoney Brook Road. The remaining six are closed to any future burials.

This past August, Trustee Chairman Warren Kimball, Trustee Peter James, and Trustee Clerk Emily Owens took a day and visited all nine of the cemeteries. In addition to Memorial, Hilldale and Dunbar, three are in remote locations on the west side of Grantham. Two more are on Burpee Hill Road and the last one is located on private property off Cote Road.

In November, the Trustees and Selectmen held a joint meeting with Holly Haas from the Candia, NH, Cemetery Trustees to investigate cemetery software that could be used to collect and store data on gravesites and burials. Presently, the only records are on paper and in some cases not as thorough as they could be. The use of computer software will allow much more information about each gravesite and burial to be kept in a manner that can be easily searched by people doing genealogical investigations. The big advantage though, is the security of the data and information as it would be not only kept locally in multiple locations but also offsite on a secure “cloud” server.



*Trustee Chairman Warren Kimball and Clerk Emily Owens at the Fisher grave site off Miller Pond Road.*



*L-R: Trustees Ralph Beasley, Peter James, Chairman Warren Kimball, and Clerk Emily Owens placed a wreath on the Howe gravestone in Hilldale Cemetery. The wreath was donated by Emily Owens.*

In December, the Trustees, the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and the Trustees Clerk visited the Hilldale Cemetery to place a wreath on the Howe headstone as is provided for in the perpetual care agreement for this burial plot. Emily Owens, the Trustee Clerk, made and donated the wreath.

The Trustees have been working this year on revising and updating the cemetery rules and regulations to make them easier to understand.

The Trustees normally meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room. Meetings are open to the public.

Cemetery Trustees

Warren Kimball, Chairman

Ralph Beasley

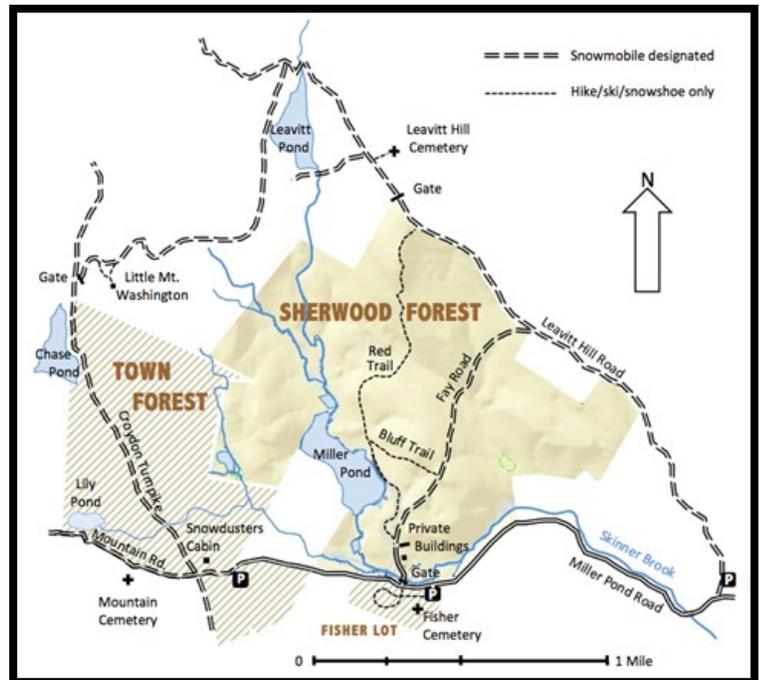
C. Peter James

# CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

The Grantham Conservation Commission (GCC) is charged with encouraging the public and governing bodies to advance “the proper utilization and protection of the natural resources” of Grantham. It serves as an advisory board to the Grantham Selectmen, and as such, its recommendations usually need to be ratified by the Selectmen before they become actionable.

This year the GCC continued a multi-year effort to improve the recreational value of the 2,500 acres of contiguous open space in Grantham’s northeastern corner. Just as in 2018, much of our effort in 2019 concentrated on the 29-acre Fisher lot (aka Smith lot) near the upper end of Miller Pond Road. During the winter of 2018/19, four acres of mature white pine forest were harvested, uncovering the historic Fisher Cemetery and creating a parking area to serve both the Fisher Lot and Sherwood Forest. Roughly two acres of the open meadow have now been seeded with grasses, wildflowers and Dutch white clover while the lower portion of the clear-cut was planted with 4 apples, 3 crabapples and 13 American chestnuts.

The latter are now protected by a solar-powered electric fence to keep away the deer and moose until the young trees are mature enough to tolerate browse. PLEASE DON’T TOUCH THE FENCE - IT WORKS. The historic Fisher cemetery at the upper end of the meadow has also been repaired, while a kiosk at the parking area and signage at strategic locations have been added to guide visitors.



The effort to increase the utilization of the public space also included clearing several trails in Sherwood Forest and improving the signage there. Finally, free interactive maps for both Sherwood Forest (<https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/granthams-sherwood-forest>) and the Town Forest (<https://www.trailfinder.info/trails/trail/grantham-town-forest>) were made available on the Trail Finder website, and a brochure was published showing the Grantham trails. The brochure, entitled *Grantham’s Northwestern Trails*, is available at Town Hall, in the kiosk at the Fisher lot, and on the GCC website.

During the winter of 2019-2020, we had hoped to initiate a major logging operation in the Town Forest while completing the selective logging on the Fisher lot. Our goal is to improve the wildlife habitat and timber stocking on both properties, improve emergency access to the Croydon Turnpike and bring some much needed profits into the Commission’s funds. Because of complications with the routing of the revised roadway, that work has been delayed for at least another season.

Finally, the Commission cooperated with Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust to encourage the acquisition of the Sawyer Brook Headwaters and is now monitoring the property for the Trust. We extend our thanks to the voters of Grantham for their support of this important acquisition.

Other routine activities of the Commission this year included the review of numerous cutting and “dredge and fill” applications, the land stewardship monitoring of the Sherwood Forest and the Fisher lot, and participation in Old Home Day.

If you are interested in volunteering for Commission projects, please contact David Wood, Commission Chair, at 603-865-7473. The current members are: David Wood, Susan Buchanan, John Eylander, Richard Hocker, Richard Kaszeta, Craig McArt and Dennis Ryan.

# DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

The members of the Dunbar Free Library Board continue their work to remain responsive to the needs and interests of our community. Megan Alexander (Treasurer), Nicole Mason (Secretary), Pat Beasley, Mark Kendall and me (Chair) are honored by your support and we are dedicated to ensuring your quest for learning and knowledge.

**Board Projects and Top Agenda Issues:** Many projects kept us busy over the year and included:

- Exploration of ways to further secure library data and information to ensure your privacy and enhance the library's operating systems. We expect to conclude our research in the spring.
- Moving the newsletter to the MailChimp platform to improve communication with you, our patrons.
- Conducting two trials with Kanopy, an on-line streaming service that provides access to entertainment and learning programs for adults, teens and children.
- Improving the front entrance with more plantings and providing a peaceful place to sit.

**Board Transitions:** As a result of the March 2019 election, Mark Kendall joined our team. Mark brings 30 years of library service experience, most recently as an executive with a global library service provider. We thank past Trustee, Tod Lloyd, who contributed his thoughtful and steady wisdom for many years and continues to serve the library as a volunteer.

**Dunbar Little Free Library:** The Little Free Library at Rum Brook Plaza had many visitors this year. Summer is our most robust "season," when many books, especially children's materials, are taken daily. Thank you for dropping off your gently used books and participating in this joyful project.

**Volunteer Appreciation:** Thank you, volunteers, for your contribution and loyalty to the library and to Grantham. We had so much fun at our annual volunteer appreciation party. You are all so special.



The 2019-20 DFL Board, from left: Mark Kendall, Beverly Marshall, Nicole Mason, Pat Beasley, Megan Alexander

**It Takes a Village:** To the DFL staff, the Trustees thank you for your dedication, savvy and (often) magical work. To Dawn Huston, Joey Holmes, Terri Heepe, Andy Gelston, Sandy Stephan-Strombom and Julie Benson – we appreciate you and the place you occupy in the community's heart and soul. And thank you, Friends of the Dunbar Free Library Board, for the extra benefits your efforts bring to the vibrancy of our town. Melissa White and the Town of Grantham: thank you for your guidance, support and partnership.

Beverly Marshall, Chair

Dunbar Free Library Board of Trustees

# DUNBAR FREE LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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Grantham  
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[info@dunbarlibrary.org](mailto:info@dunbarlibrary.org)



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Sat. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Staff: Joey Holmes, Terri Heepe, Sandy  
Stephan-Strombom, Julie Benson, and Andy  
Gelston (saying goodbye to Bobbi Travis, Karen  
Goldstein and Rhiannon DeRemer)  
Director Dawn Huston

## ***Statement of the use of the property of the library in furthering the educational requirements of the municipality and such other information and suggestions as may seem desirable...(RSA 202-A:12)***

Talk about furthering education: one of the most important efforts we make in that area is Story Time. It's not really glamorous so they don't often get headlined, but this year, that's what I'm going to do. Over the recent past ALL staff have participated in the production of story times, either planning, implementing, (goading), or obtaining books for story times, and they've all been great! (The story times AND the staff) You haven't really experienced a story time craft until you've seen Andy Gelston's Stick Man. For the official fiscal year 7/1/18-6/30/19 we



had 108 INHOUSE story times with 1586 participants: babies and toddlers, preschoolers, Kindergarteners, neighboring Croydon Village School students and even small fry holding their OWN story time reading to Maggie the Therapy dog. And there's another program that DFL is a part of sharing called **1000 before Kindergarten** or **1KB4K**. "The single most important thing you can do to prepare your children to read is to read to them



every day." Now, that's fun already, but just to raise the "fun-level bar(!)" we have cute NH deer logo tracking sheets that your pre-school (0-5) child can help fill out, stamp them, sticker them, decorate the whole page, but however you do it, upon submitting the first sheet saying "100 items read" your child will receive a book bag in recognition. Just come in and sign up and get your first tracking sheet. In other happenings, 5 authors visited DFL, all local (if you stretch the definition for Michael): Suzanne Bottomley, artist for the locally produced "Grantham's Historical Places" (Thank you Missy!), Michael Bruno, "Cruising NH History" on NH's historical markers, Emma Wunsch from Hanover who has written several children's books, Etna's Carrie Brown who told us about "Rosie's Mom" and other women who worked during WWI and Jen Daly's "Stitching for the seasons". An art show of Alice in Wonderland theme was on display for 2 months, so we showed the movie AND later had a Mad Hatter Tea Party. Animals are educational Steve Hale told us about "Bizarre Birds of the World" and we went "Wild about Turtles" with Mary Doane. Rebecca Rule reminded us of stories (old New Hampshire stories), the

Hampstead Stage crew told us American folk stories, and Rich Araldi told us, at Eastman, about Songs and their Stories. (More Story Times!!) What do all the underlined events have in common? They were all funded by the Friends of Dunbar Free Library, and there were quite a few more. Mindblowing Matter, Judy Pancoast, Lindsay and her puppets, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Center’s presentation on “Living and working in space: all FODFL sponsored programs. We showed quite a few movies, and mostly, FODFL buy those. The nifty logo for the New Hampshire State Parks up at the beginning? FODFL buy most of our passes.



Weiss Financial Ratings aren’t new, but we HAD to remind you about them. However, **Mometrix** IS new! Password protected, Mometrix is a collection of study guides for many academic, career, training etc. test guides. Call or email and we’ll give you the password. We have chosen 50 titles out of over 1000 that this company offers. If you have a test prep need you don’t see, we can change titles very quickly.

**From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:**

Items owned: Format	Amount added	Amount removed*	End of year total	# of Circulations
Print books	1699	158	25,758	25,798
e-books (“in-house”, not NHDB consortium)	6		167 +	
Audios	177	224	2480	2,615
Videos	275	37	3587	6,387
Games and Puzzles	25	2	215	246
Magazines	5	9	70	1,273
Etc., etc. (e.g. Kindle, passes)	3		15	230
<b>Borrowers and readers</b>	145	344	1936	
<b>Volunteer hours</b>			2118	
<b>Downloadable circulation: ebooks and audios borrowed</b>	<b>Audio:</b> 3,916	<b>Ebooks:</b> 2,414 plus 356 magazines	<b>Total:</b> 6,686	
<b>Inter-library loan</b>	<b>We lent:</b> 1,268	<b>We borrowed:</b> 853	Net 415	
<b>Visits to the library</b>	27,502			
<b>Attendance at programs</b>	165 programs	2538 people		

**We couldn’t do nearly so many programs without the help of our volunteers, our Friends, our Trustees or (and it goes without saying but I’ll say it anyway) the staff. And it would be meaningless without you the community—so thank YOU, all. It takes a village to be a library!**

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

For Grantham Emergency Management, the past year can best be described as monitor the situation and staying prepared. That is not to say that the town was without incident as we had our usual collection of weather-related events; excessive heat and cold, snow, ice and wind storms. However, it is the preparedness of ALL our response partners that helps us get past each situation. The partners include you, the citizen of the town who is prepared to get through power outages, road closures, or evacuations. Our town departments that plan and train to respond to emergencies in town, or to support other departments. Our regional utilities, Ever-source and the many gas and oil companies that serve our community; all that will respond when there is a problem in town. Finally, our state and federal partners that provide assistance with planning, but also are available should an emergency be beyond the capability of the resources in town.

For the coming year, it is time for the town to review and update our Emergency Operations Plans (EOP). The EOP provides guidance to the town departments for response to various emergencies that may affect the town. Regular reviews of the plan keep us current with the changing environment and growth of the town. The update involves all town departments. A public version is available for review on the town's web page. If you have any questions about the EOP or any other aspects of Emergency Management in Grantham, please feel free to contact me at [Grantham\\_EMD@comcast.net](mailto:Grantham_EMD@comcast.net)

Finally, if you See something - Say something. Although the statement was originally used with respect to terrorism, it applies to all incidents that could eventually be an emergency. And the sooner a response is started, the more likely the situation can be remedied with the least amount of damage. So whether it is smoke from a neighbor's when they are away, a suspicious car going back and forth in your neighborhood or anything that is out of place, call 911 to activate a response.

Respectively submitted,

David Beckley

Emergency Management Director

## ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Grantham Energy Committee was established in 2014. The committee currently has seven members that act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Selectmen and other town interests regarding energy conservation, efficiency, cost reduction, innovation and our climate change concerns. The Energy Committee meets the first Monday of every month at 5pm in the Jerry Whitney Conference Room of the Grantham Town Office.

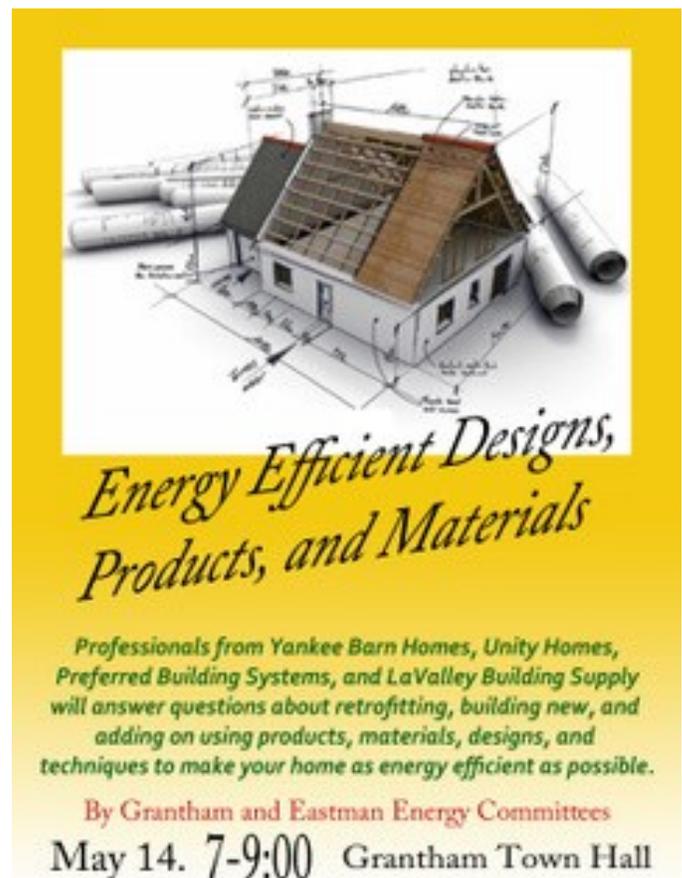
As a committee we reach out to area towns to keep us up to date with programs that would benefit the residents of Grantham. We work with Vital Communities of the Upper Valley that help us bring educational programs to help homeowners learn from area contractors how to weatherize their homes and save money. NHSaves offers numerous rebates and incentives with information available online [vitalcommunities.org/weatherizekearzarge](http://vitalcommunities.org/weatherizekearzarge).

Members of the Committee keep current by attending conferences and workshops such as the LES Conference held each year in Concord and meeting with other local Energy Committees at the Upper Valley Round Table. We organize informational events such as last years “Energy Efficient Building Materials” for retrofitting an existing home, building new or adding an addition using products, materials, designs, and techniques that would make your home as energy efficient as possible, working towards a Net Zero building. We recently held Weatherize Grantham in which Grantham was one of nine towns participating to bring savings to residents. We invite speakers to our meetings to share the latest progress on state funding for EV Chargers, Wall Mount Batteries and other energy related topics.

We hope to bring you more programs in the future and welcome your suggestions.

Respectfully,

Paula Bresnick  
Jenna Chenevert  
Don Fitzpatrick  
Andy Gelston  
Susan Goodwin  
Peggy Martineau  
Mike Salo



The poster above was used last year to advertise the Energy Efficient Building Materials, which was well attended.

# FIRE-EMS DEPARTMENT REPORT

2019 has come to an end, with it my 2<sup>nd</sup> year as the Chief! Like many organizations, the Fire service faces growing challenges. Recruitment of new personnel continues to be a major concern for small volunteer organizations. Ongoing training and education is a significant focus in the fire-ems service based on the need to keep up with changing technologies and hazards encountered by our personal. Training is a critical component of safety. The safety of all our personnel and mutual aid partners has always been a primary focus of our mission. We had over 1100 hours of Fire and EMS training this year. One of our favorite training days was a controlled house burn on Howe Hill in March, which we spent three months preparing for it and it was an excellent training! We had many who made this day possible: NH & VT State Fire Instructors from Lebanon Fire, Deputy Chief Libbey, Captain Wheatley, LT. Rainey, FF. Copeland, From Hartford Fire: LT. Jack Hedges. A special thank you to the Eastman Community Association for the donation of the building to train and burn!

In June, many folks wondered what we were doing with a pole and car on its side, just training! Car accidents account for a high percentage of our call volume. We can't always predict it will go exactly as we trained, but with repetitive training of the basic skills, we are continually improving our response times on scene. Our knowledge with the ever-changing environment of how cars are constructed, the materials that are being used, and how do we take them apart, prepares us for a time when we need to do it! The more we train the more fluid and quicker we are in the process.

The Grantham Fire-EMS Department had a very busy year! We had over **113** fire calls ranging from building and chimney fires, motor vehicle accidents, and alarm activations. Lebanon Fire Department's Ambulance and Grantham EMS responded to **176** calls for medical service. We are fortunate to have both responding to calls.

In April, many folks in Eastman stopped to see if we needed help at the Lake. Again, we were training for a water rescue! How fortunate are we that we live in a community where folks stop to ask how they can help? We would like to thank the Grantham community for their support at Old Home Day in July, as we had another stellar year!

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors event in December helped gather jackets, food for the Newport Food Pantry, and over 100+ toys donated for Toys for Tots, we even got to deliver Santa for Breakfast! We did this in conjunction with our new Town Recreation Director, Emily Rinde-Thorsen. What a fun day we all had, and we hope to see you there next year! Thank you for your continued support to make this possible, we couldn't do it without you!

Finally, I'd like to recognize the members of our Fire-EMS department that have set aside their time and energy not only to respond to emergencies but have committed their valuable time to train at a higher level to be able to respond to these incidents safely. It is humbling to see the commitment the department members give on a yearly basis-it makes me grateful to not only a member but the chief of this department.



Thank you to the dedicated men and women of the Grantham Fire-EMS Department.

Respectfully,

Justin Ronald Hastings  
Fire Chief

## 2019 GRANTHAM FIRE-EMS MEMBERS

Justin Hastings—Chief (FF2)	
Jay Fountain –Assistant Chief (FF2)	
Jeremy Labombard—Captain (FF2, AEMT)	
David Beckley—Lieutenant (FF1)	
Ryan Avery—Lieutenant (EMR)	
Lori Avery—Lieutenant (EMT)	
Balfour, Zach	FF/EMT
Bard, Rosie	FF
Coronis, Hunter	FF
Coronis, Kelly	EMR
Gallien, Ryan	FF2/EMT
Gillespie, Stuart	AEMT
Howarth, Cory	FF
Tibbits, Jack	FF1
Lyon, Sean	EMT
Mason, Brandon	FF
Medeiros, Keith	FF
Medeiros, Ryan	FF2/EMT
Meier, Lewis	FF
Messineo, Trevor	FF/EMT
Ripley, Stephen	FF
Vien, Janice	EMT

### **Justin Hastings—Fire Warden**

#### **Deputy Wardens:**

Jay Fountain	Lori Avery
Jeremy LaBombard	Cory Howarth
David Beckley	Brandon Mason
Ryan Avery	

## LIVE BURN TRAINING, HOWE HILL ROAD



On March 10<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Grantham Fire – EMS Department along with the Springfield Fire Department participated in a combined live fire training using a house donated by the Eastman Community Association. During the day, instructors from the Lebanon, Hanover and Hartford Fire Departments started multiple room and contents fire. Naomi Hastings Photos.



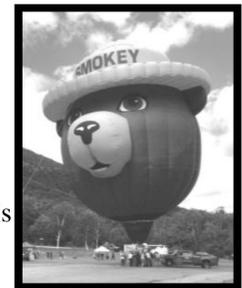
Members of the Grantham, Springfield, Lebanon, Hanover, and Hartford Fire Departments during the live fire training on Howe Hill Road. Naomi Hastings Photos.

# FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout the state. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is 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. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

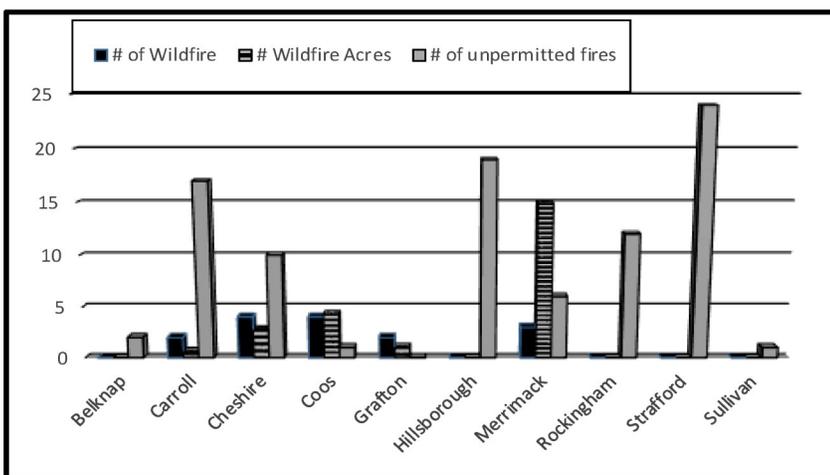
The Forest Protection Bureau and local fire departments were very busy this year celebrating Smokey Bear's 75<sup>th</sup> year preventing wildfires. Many events were held at local libraries, in fact, this program was so successful we will be offering it again in 2020. We were fortunate enough to partner with the Northeast Forest Fire Protection Compact and bring the Smokey Hot Air Balloon to Franconia Notch in August. The weather was fantastic and hundreds of people got the chance to ride in the balloon! Smokey's message has always been about personal responsibility – remember his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **“Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!”**



As we prepare for the 2020 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdfl/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/).

## 2019 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2019)



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

\* Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

## CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

(These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

The winter of 2019 was a busy one with an abundance of snow and ice. We used 3072 tons of sand and 263 tons of salt. This was a significant increase over the year prior when we used 2850 tons of sand and 170 tons of salt.

As usual, there was no shortage of overtime. Not only were we busy plowing, but we also spent a good share of time turning wrenches to keep the equipment on the road. Plowing dirt roads that softened up from warming conditions proved to be damaging to our trucks and plows.

We also performed regular winter duties such as winging back roads, pushing up winter sand and salt, and steaming culverts. Winter finally passed and the spring fun begins [AKA Mud Season]. We used 80 tons of stone - mostly on Miller Pond Road, Walker Road, and Rawson Ridge Road. As it warmed up, we performed our annual road sweeping and sand cleanup from the winter, and there was a lot of it.

We transitioned into our regular summer maintenance schedule of road grading, raking, spreading gravel, and spreading chloride. We also completed roadside mowing. Most of the dirt roads received gravel, but Miller Pond Road, Top of the World Road, Silo Lane, Walker Road, Smith Hastings, and Meadow Brook received a more substantial layer of material. The total output was 2106 tons.

One of our larger projects included Dunbar Hill Road. We prepped the road with a shim and overlay, ditching, the addition of four culverts, and a catch basin that needed replacing. Paving and shouldering completed the project.

With a two-month excavator rental, we took on some larger ditching projects. A total of 6,000 feet of ditching took place on Miller Pond Road, all of Haystack, and Silo Lane. I am sure most of the Town witnessed us tearing down the old garage on the newly purchased town property across from the post office. Using the Town's equipment, we dismantled and hauled away the old building with the help of Chris and the roll-off truck from the transfer station. We filled the cellar hole, and topsoil, seed and mulch finished the job.

In closing, I would once again like to thank Brian, Glen, and Donnie for their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to thank the residents, selectmen, and staff in other departments for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hastings  
Road Agent

# PLANNING BOARD REPORT

2019 was an active year for the Planning Board. Members of the Board included Chair Carl Hanson, Vice Chair Peter Guillette, Mary Hutchins, C. Peter James, Selectmen's Representative Warren Kimball, and Alternate Ralph Beasley. The Board heard requests for five Annexations, four Site Plan Reviews, three Conceptual/Preliminary Site Plan Reviews, four Sign Permits, one DES Wetlands Permit Application, one Scenic Tree Cutting Application and made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, the Planning Board formed a Subcommittee to review their fees, procedures, applications, and regulations and revised the Town of Grantham Zoning Ordinance.

The later part of 2019 was spent revising Planning Board documents to keep current with changing legislation and technology. The Board revised the Planning Board Rules of Procedure, Site Plan Regulation, Annexation Application, Sign Permit Application, and Site Plan Application. Updated forms are available on the Grantham website under Planning and Zoning.

The Planning Board reviewed a revised copy of the Grantham Zoning Ordinance and suggested changes. In early 2020, the Planning Board looks forward to approving the changes to the Grantham Zoning Ordinance and sending them in Warrant Articles for the Town to vote on in March.

Anyone interested in becoming an alternate for the Planning Board is welcome to attend a meeting the first Thursday of every month, at 7 PM, in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room of the Grantham Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl Hanson, Planning Board Chair

## Annexation

Bryan and Mary Jo Weber; Eastman/West Cove; Map 216 Lot 129 and 128  
Thomas McNamara; 2 Finch Place; Map 213 Lot 95 and 96  
Charles and Nancy Cameron; 93 Greensward Drive; Map 225 Lot 230 and 231  
Dean and Elizabeth Joyce, 25 Forrest Road; Map 212 Lot 104 and 105  
Sheldon Stokes; 7 Granite Way; Lot 104, 103, 102, and 101

## Sign Permit

Kennebec Lumber Company; Route 114, Map 236 Lot 10  
J. S. Automotive; 84 Route 10 South; Map 233 Lot 27  
Barton Insurance Agency; 120 Route 10 South; Map 233 Lot 26  
Irving Station; 300 Route 10 South; Map 233 Lot 27

## Site Plan Review

ECA Maintenance Facility Upgrade; 26 Greensward Drive; Map 234 Lot 100  
Yankee Barn Road Realty Trust; 165 Yankee Barn Road; Map 226 Lot 18.1  
Kennebec Lumber Company; Route 114, Map 236 Lot 10  
J. S. Automotive; 84 Route 10 South; Map 233 Lot 27

## Other

Grantham Conservation Commission Purchasing 24-acre parcel abutting Leavitt Hill Road; Map 208 Lot 001  
Eversource Energy Miller Pond and Burpee Scenic Road Tree Cutting  
Wetlands Permit Application; Cameron Shepherd; 23 Wedgewood Drive; Map 225 Lot 70  
Sale of Tax Deeded Property

# POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT



“Team Grantham” again celebrated another year of success for the safety of our town’s residents and visitors alike. Our collaborative efforts have continued to keep serious incidents on our roadways to a minimum. The members of the Grantham Police Department were able to meet all the challenges we faced throughout the year, with the help and support of our outstanding community. We look forward to continuing to serve our citizens in a manner befitting of your support.

As in 2018, the Department was able to again successfully secure grant monies to improve services throughout the town. These included the enhancement of Town hall’s CCTV systems and our Emergency Operation Center (EOC) communications capabilities.

Unfortunately, 2019 also brought two profound moments of pause to not only the Department, but the community as a whole. NHSP TFC Drew Keith passed away in the early part of the year. Drew was an outstanding Trooper, colleague, and mentor. He carried out his professional responsibilities with pride and professionalism.

In November, the Department was profoundly saddened by the passing of Senior Patrolman Robert Schwartz. Bob had spent 25 years serving the town as a Grantham Police Officer. He was a stalwart of the Department, always ready to lend a hand or dive into a task for the betterment of not only the agency, but of the town as well. His life experiences and knowledge left lasting impressions on anyone he interacted with.

As evidenced by the picture below, Drew and Bob were very good friends, who shared a variety of interests. One of which was a love of automobiles. I can only imagine the groans that car emitted, upon having to carry both Drew and Bob about town. Both are quite sorely missed. Rest easy Trooper Keith and Senior Patrolman Schwartz, we will take it from here!

Respectfully,

Grantham Police Department



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

My first few months as the Recreation Director have been great fun. I have enjoyed getting to know so many families at events and watching our young athletes work hard on the field. So many have shared new ideas with me and helped me navigate my new position. We have a vibrant community here in Grantham, and I look forward to continuing the family-favorite events, the tradition of first-rate athletic opportunities, and growing both programs in the future for residents of all ages.

The baseball season was highlighted by the 2019 Minors Gold team, who won the Kearsarge Valley Cal Ripken League Championship. The players on the championship team were: Cole Ripley, Landon Barton, Charlie Ferland, Gavin Gilson, Catie Bachelder, Tess Nyman, Matt Thompson, Conner Dain and Axel Ericson. The team was coached to victory by Tom Ripley. The Recreation Park and the GVS ball field were busy from the moment the snow melted until the end of the season in June. There were two T-Ball teams with players in pre-k and kindergarten, two Minors team for players in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Coaches -John Searle, Jeremy Bachelder and Bob Mills), two Minors teams for players in 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (Coaches - Tom Ripley and Dan Schachtner) and one Majors team for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders (Coaches – John Murphy, Randy Britton, Kirk Ferland, Doug Brousseau and Paige Leonard). Congrats to all players and coaches for a great baseball season.



Fall 2019 was a record-breaking season for Grantham Soccer. There were six teams for players in kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, with a total of 119 registered players. The kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade co-ed teams focused on building a strong soccer foundation. The emphasis for these non-competitive groups was individual skill development, the introduction of teamwork, and, most importantly, fun! The current kindergarten and first-grade classes are two of the largest classes to matriculate at GVS. The mission of the athletics program at this level is to foster a love for sports and to create a pipeline for viable and successful teams at the competitive level. That mission was accomplished with the soccer program this fall.

The 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade competitive soccer teams competed in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. There were three 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams; two boys and one girls, and one 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls team. Due to low numbers, there was not a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys team this season. The emphasis for this age group is to build on individual skill while incorporating the basics of team play, field awareness, and good sportsmanship. All of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams improved throughout the fall and were complimented on their sportsmanship many times throughout the season.

The Grantham Recreation Park hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls MVSL “A” Division Tournament at the end of the season. Both fields were in use, thanks to the purchase of a second set of U12 size soccer goals, and the pavilion was bustling during the tournament thanks to a well-stocked concession stand. A big thank you to everyone who donated food and beverages to the concession stand, especially Shawn Hayward and Little Brothers Burgers who donated delicious hamburgers and buns to sell during the tournament. They were a crowd favorite.

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls team entered the tournament undefeated with a 10-0-1 record. The team continued its winning ways and again went undefeated, winning the MVSL Division “A” Tournament. Congrats to team members: Eden Ames, Abby Auch, Catie Bachelder, Leighlynn Backlund, Payton Breedlove, Bella Davis, Addison Durrell, Charlotte Edmund, Jade Frame, Veronica Getchell, Anna Mae Hayward, Taylor Lau, Mariana Utell and coaches: Jeremy Bachelder, Jeff Durrell, Erin Ames, and Mitch Utell.

Front Row (kneeling): Head Coach Jeremy Bachelder, Mariana Utel, Addison Durrell, Anna Mae Hayward, Abby Auch, Jade Frame, Bella Davis

Back Row: Asst. Coach Mitch Utell, Catie Bachelder, Leighlynn Backlund , Eden Ames, Taylor Lau, Veronica Getchell, Asst. Coach Erin Ames, Charlotte Edmunds, Asst. Coach Jeff Durrell

Not Pictured: Payton Breedlove

I would like to extend my thanks to all soccer coaches for volunteering their time to make the program a success – Sarah Parish, Emily Rinde-Thorsen (Kindergarten), Jen Ferland, Jeff Durell (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade), Bailey Starr (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls), Sarah Parish, Justin Alexander and Matt Schiller (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys), Jeremy Bachelder, Jeff Durell, Erin Ames and Mitch Utell (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls). I would also like to thank the soccer referees who worked diligently this soccer season to create a balanced and impartial atmosphere on the field and on the sidelines. – Bailey Starr, Matt Schiller, Mark Curtis, Justin Alexander, Jen Ferland, and Sarah Parish.

Blue Wave Taekwondo has again partnered with Grantham Recreation to offer three sessions of Taekwondo throughout the school year. Master Stephen Hopkins volunteers his time to run twice-weekly classes at GVS. Each session has a capacity of 15 students, and at the time of this writing, there have been wait lists for both sessions.

The basketball season is underway and off to a strong start. There are 65 registered basketball players on 5 teams. The kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teams are non-competitive, and like soccer, introduce the basics of the sports to create a strong basketball foundation. There are also competitive teams for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys and for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls. Due to low numbers, there is not a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls team this winter. Competitive teams compete in the Quad Valley League and will play a minimum of eight games throughout the season.

Thanks to all the coaches for their time and effort to create an excellent basketball experience for the players – Amy Fowler and Stan Henkin (Kindergarten); Brian Peck, Tyler Brock and Matt Pollock (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade); Jeremy Bachelder and James Waschman (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys); Tom Ripley (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys); Jeremy Bachelder, Amy Fowler and Mary Jo Weber (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls). Due to lack of interest, cheerleading was not offered for the 2019-2020 season.

At the end of each athletic season, participating families will receive an electronic survey via email. The survey looks for feedback on the value of the program, the effectiveness of coaches and the athletic director, as well as a place for written comments on ways to improve the program. I hope, through the consistent distribution of the survey, to learn how the athletics program can better serve the community.

My first official duties began at Old Home Day. The parade was a success this year and one of the longest yet. I would like to thank the Grantham and Springfield Fire-EMS and police departments as well as the girl scouts and boy scouts and the KVCRL Championship Baseball team from Grantham for joining the ranks of the parade. The decorated cars, floats and antique vehicles were so fun to see. The parade was full of horns and sirens and those who threw out candy or passed out popsicles kept spectators on their toes. Spectators who do not like the loud noise of the parade were encouraged to watch past the Town Hall, which was a designated quiet zone. We strive to make the parade enjoyable for all!

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July was another steamy day at the Recreation Park. Participants at Old Home Days enjoyed live music, delicious food, unique vendors, fun and games and ice cream floats. I was excited to be a part of the behind the scenes set up and look forward to enhancing this flagship event for the town.



The Blueberry patch once again was a favorite destination for residents and visitors alike. The cold and snowy spring had a minor effect on the crop, but the blueberries that did grow were delicious. I enjoyed seeing the parking area full of cars and families perusing the rows of bushes looking for the best and bluest berries.

The end of the summer saw beautiful weather on each and every Tuesday for Music in the Meadow. The line-up this year was an eclectic offering starting with Peabody Coal Train (7/23), followed by, James Graham (7/30), Steve Blunt & Friends (8/6), Loose Cannons Band (8/13), Jim Hollis (8/20), and The Shana Stack Band closing out the series on 8/27. Skinny Pancake, Lebanon Kettle Corn & Lemonade, Tacos Tacos, and Wicked Awesome BBQ joined concert-goers on select nights to provide dinner options to concert-goers. Dinner options were a welcome addition and I hope to expand the selection of food and sweet treat options at Future Music in the Meadows.

The return of autumn was once again ushered in by Grantham's Scarecrows. Grantham's Stuffed Fall Friends made their triumphant return to Route 10 on October 1<sup>st</sup> and weathered a few storms and early season nor'easters for the entire month. It is always fun to see their friendly faces throughout October.



A new addition to the activities line up in 2019 was Trunk or Treat in the GVS parking lot to kick off the Spooky Spectacular Family Dance. There were 25 participants who decorated their vehicles. As trunk or treaters made their rounds, they were able to vote on the best-decorated cars in three categories: Spookiest, Best Theme and Crowd Favorite. The winners of the inaugural trunk or treat contest were: The Metzler Family – Best Theme (Scooby-Doo), The Dixon Family - Crowd Favorite (Star Wars) and The Weber Family - Spookiest. Thank you to all who participated by decorating and handing out candy to the eager trunk or treaters.

The Spooky Spectacular was a night of family fun. There was food, dancing, games, crafts, and pumpkins. DJ Mike Porter kept everyone out on the dance floor playing Halloween favorites and top tunes and GVS 6<sup>th</sup> graders did an amazing job organizing the games and prizes. An event of this magnitude does not happen in a vacuum and I must thank everyone who made the event a success. Laurie Hendricks, The Ripley Family and Connie Horton spent the day decorating and transformed GVS into a Halloween wonderland. I would also like to thank the following people who helped in many ways, big and small throughout the day – Tom and Karen Hermanson, Dawn Cote, Amy Fowler, Mary Jo Weber and Shawn and Amy Hayward.

The Tree Lighting took place on Sunday 11/24, and even though snow was gently falling throughout the day, those who braved the evening got a little damp as we lit the tree in the rain. The North Country Chordsmen led the group in song and then we caroled as the tree was lit. The event also featured gingerbread house decorating and everyone went home with their beautifully festooned creations.

The Holiday season festivities continued on Saturday 12/7 with Breakfast with Santa. This year the Recreation Department joined forces with Grantham Fire-EMS, and Santa arrived in style on a firetruck. Several Fire-EMS volunteers cooked and served pancakes and sausages donated by The Garland Family. After enjoying a delicious breakfast, all in attendance had the opportunity to meet Santa, take a picture and receive a small gift and a candy cane from the big guy himself. The event was a huge success and I would again like to thank all of the volunteers who helped it run seamlessly – Laurie Hendricks, Connie Horton, The Strobridge Family, The Ripley Family, The Hastings Family, Chris Scott and all of the Fire-EMS volunteers. Breakfast with Santa also served as a fundraiser for the Grantham Fire-EMS “Helping our Neighbors” Drive. Donations were accepted for the Newport Food Pantry, Shepherd Realty Coat Drive and Toys for Tots. Thank you to all for the generous donations to all three causes.



The “Crew” at the Breakfast With Santa event held on December 7th. Jennifer Wallstrom Photo.

Lastly, in 2019, the Recreation Department has taken over the mailbox to the North Pole previously located at the post office. Letters to Santa can be mailed from this mailbox in the town hall and every letter writer who encloses a self-addressed stamped envelope will receive a response from Santa! We are so excited to be able to provide this fun opportunity for the kids.

Thank you again to all coaches, officials, and volunteers who make our programs a success!

Respectfully,  
 Emily Rinde-Thorsen  
 Recreation Director



Children waiting for Santa to arrive. Emily Rinde-Thorsen Photo.

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST REPORT

As we write this, the 2020 Primary has not been scheduled, but we expect that it will be busy as we register new voters and turnout will be high. Our election workers, consisting of ballot clerks, greeters, and workers at the undeclared table help to make the day run smoothly. We thank all election workers for their dedication and voters for their patience. We can always use more workers so if you have an interest in participating you can email us at [3supervisors@gmail.com](mailto:3supervisors@gmail.com).

What have we been working on?

To make our checklist as accurate as possible, we are continually working on 30 day letters, a legal process to remove voters. When we receive notice that a voter has moved, sold their property, or by word of mouth we send that voter a letter at their last known address giving them 30 days to respond. If the letter is returned to us by the Post office confirming that they no longer live at that address, we will remove that voter in our next Session. If you receive one of these letters and it is not meant for you, do not throw it away. Return it to the Postmaster so it can be returned to us. As voters move out new voters take their place so we are continually adding new voters. In our world of spams, hacks, and threats of interference from outside forces, we have been trained on Cyber Security making sure that our systems and programs will not be compromised. The State no longer does training of new ballot clerks so we have taken on that responsibility.

We expect that the September 8, 2020 State Primary and November 3, 2020 General Election will be very busy. If you are a new to Grantham, please try to register before Election day by going to the Town Office and registering with the Town Clerk Tax Collector. We sometimes have evening Sessions that we will post so come to one of those to register. Registering on Election day can be very busy and there can be a wait.

What is needed to register to Vote in NH?

- Must be 18 years old the day of the election
- A picture ID
- Proof of Domicile: lease or utility bill
- Proof of Citizenship: birth certificate or passport
- A Real ID is not proof of citizenship

Donna Stamper

Sandy Noordsy

Suzanne Goldman

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

2019 was another busy year in the Selectmen's Office, not only with staff changes, but also with the general activities that are processed through this office. Staff changes included the hiring of Cathy Hock as our Receptionist, Emily Owens as the Clerk to various boards, and Emily Rinde-Thorsen as our Activities & Athletics Director. We processed 18 Property Tax Abatements, 103 Building Permit Applications (a 4% increase from last year), six Elderly Exemption application, one Intent to Excavate, two Intents to Cut Wood or Timber, 14 Planning Board applications, 220 property transfers, two raffle permits, 17 Shoreland Cutting applications, 37 town hall use applications, nine Veteran's Tax Credit applications, and six Zoning Board applications. We also accepted donations for the Newport Food Pantry which yielded approximately 30 grocery carts of food!

Building maintenance and improvements included:

- Town Hall: An automatic door opener was installed for the main entrance, carbon monoxide detectors were replaced, and an LED light was installed for the lower-level parking lot.
- Highway Garage: The roof and furnace were replaced, and the generator was installed.

Also, after receiving a concern about mold in the Town Archives Building, the Town hired RFP Environmental to conduct an air-quality test. I am happy to report that there was no evidence of mold.

A very noticeable project was the removal of the old garage at 275 Route 10 South (across from the Post Office). The Town's "out-of-pocket" costs were \$8,727, which was for the engineering, surveying, disposal of the debris, loam and grass seed. We are fortunate that Road Agent Jeff Hastings, and Assistant Road Agent Brian Hastings were able to fit this project into their already full summer schedule, THANK YOU! The removal took 87 highway department employee-hours, of which, 58 hours were using the large dump truck, 26 hours using the excavator, and three hours for the roll-off truck.

We completed our email migration during the months of May and June. This was a very complex project, and thankfully, resident and former Selectman, Sheridan Brown, volunteered his time and expertise to help us persevere, which I very much appreciated!

I would like remind everyone that the US Census Bureau will be taking place in 2020. Hopefully, all residents actively participate this year, as the results will determine how more than 675 billion dollars annually are distributed to states and their cities and towns for key programs for the next decade. The Census is short, easy to complete, and important for our town.

In closing, I want to thank all of the town's employees for all of their support throughout the year. We are so very lucky to have such a dedicated group of employees. And to Pat Beasley for volunteering her time to compile the weekly e-news!

I also want to thank our Board of Selectmen, Warren, Connie & Peter for their support and hard work throughout the year!

Respectfully,

*Melissa M. White*

Melissa M. White  
Town Administrator



Halloween fun at the Town Hall! L-R: Town Administrator Melissa White, Receptionist Cathy Hock, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Penny Palmer, and Selectmen Warren Kimball, Peter Garland, and Connie Jones. A special thank you to Olivia Parsons for taking our photo!



Before, during and after photos of the removal of the garage at 275 Route 10 South. C. Peter James Photos.

# TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The year witnessed a significant enhancement in services with the addition of the credit/debit card option in the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office (we accept MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover). While this payment option includes a 2.79% convenience fee, we have seen the popularity of its use grow steadily, especially for motor vehicle renewals. We are pleased that we can now offer our residents this additional service.

In addition to motor vehicle and boat registrations, we continue to license dogs and issue hunting and fishing licenses, as well as registrations for off-road (OHRV) vehicles, which include ATVs and snowmobiles. Please remember that motor vehicle registrations renew by the last day of the primary registrant's birth month, unless it is a lease, in which case the renewal month is assigned to the leasing company. We send renewal reminders via USPS or email, depending on the owner's preference. However, these are provided as a courtesy; in the event of a plate change initiated with DMV by the owner since the last registration, they may not be accurate. Please check your current registration to confirm your renewal month. All boats are registered for the calendar year. Dog licenses are also issued for the calendar year. Please remember that they can be paid any time after the first of the year and are due by April 30. This deadline does not change year to year and remains in force regardless of what day of the week it falls on.

Property tax bills are issued from this office and payments are processed here. Bills are sent out twice a year and due in early July and early December (the property tax year runs from April 1 to March 31 of the following year). Any questions regarding property tax billing, payments and tax liens should be directed to our office.

Residents and property owners should feel free to consult the town website, [www.granthamnh.net](http://www.granthamnh.net), for a variety of useful information regarding the town in general, and our office in particular. To navigate to our office's webpage, click on Departments and select Town Clerk/Tax Collector from the drop-down menu. Tax payments and/or tax bill copies, motor vehicle registration renewals, dog licenses and certified copies of Vital Records can be researched and paid online using the town website. We strongly encourage residents to sign up for the weekly town email newsletter by clicking on the "Contact Us" link, then clicking on the "Grantham News & Events" link. This will bring you to the "Subscribe to Grantham News" page, where you will enter your email address and then click on the "Submit" button. This newsletter includes valuable information about upcoming events, employment opportunities, and town office closures.

The office is open for your convenience 5 days a week, including Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 7:00 pm. Please note that we close from 12:00 (noon) until 1:00 pm on Thursdays and Fridays. We do not have weekend hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Story, Town Clerk/Tax Collector  
 Penny Palmer, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

<b>Revenues Collected from July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019</b>	
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES (4,225 reg.)	\$829,597.00
MUNICIPAL AGENT FEE	\$13,428.00
BOAT REGISTRATION & CLERK FEE (109 reg.)	\$1,368.32
RECLAMATION TRUST FUND	\$8,337.50
RECLAMATION ADMINISTRATION FEES	\$1,965.50
DOG LICENSES & FINES (796 licenses)	\$5,686.00
MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$600.00
VITAL STATISTICS CERTIFIED COPIES	\$1,205.00
UCC FILINGS	\$675.00
OTHER REVENUES	\$683.30
HUNTING, FISHING & OHRV AGENT FEES (156)	\$407.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$863,952.62</b>



Robert L. Quinn  
Commissioner of Safety

# State of New Hampshire

## DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

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Elizabeth A. Bielecki  
Director of Motor Vehicles

November 8, 2019

Kenneth B. Story, Town Clerk  
Town of Grantham  
300 Route 10 South  
Grantham, NH 03753

**RE:** Official Audit Report, Town of Grantham

On June 11, 2019, 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**

**Invoice**

**Lisa Lienhart**

Digitally signed by Lisa Lienhart  
DN: cn=Lisa Lienhart, o=Division of  
Motor Vehicles, ou=Department of  
Safety, email=Lisa.Lienhart@dos.nh.gov,  
c=US  
Date: 2019.11.08 12:52:31 -05'00'

Lisa Lienhart, Administrator  
Division of Motor Vehicles



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY  
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
GRANTHAM MUNICIPAL AGENT AUDIT  
JUNE 11, 2019

*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 June 11, 2019. 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
VPN	Virtual Private Network

## **Introduction**

Kenneth B Story, 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.

Kenneth Story was certified to process registration/title transactions in September of 2015; he became the Municipal Agent for the Town of Grantham in March of 2016. The Town of Grantham accesses the MAAP system through certified software provided by Interware Development Co.

The Grantham Municipal Agent office is located inside a municipal building. Customers are assisted at two open window counters in an enclosed office. Decals and plates are kept in a metal cabinet and the rest of the plate inventory is kept in a vault. The counter and office set up provides accurate security and privacy for documents, inventory and revenue entrusted to the Agent.

The Town of Grantham makes daily deposits into a Bar Harbor Bank account according to the standard deposit requirements. A sampling of the Agent's deposit 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).

## **Purpose and Scope of Review cont....**

On June 11, 2019, 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 June 11, 2019 to be reconciled against inventory records provided by the VISION/MAAP system.
2. State Daily Registration Logs and Deposit Receipts from the date of the last audit (July 24, 2018) to the current audit date (June 11, 2019).
3. Inventory receipts and damaged inventory documents from the date of the last audit (July 24, 2018) to the current audit date (June 11, 2019).

## **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 a missing inventory report listing seven inventory units was provided to the Agent. The Agent was unable to provide any further documentation of the disposition of one inventory unit.

# TRANSFER STATION REPORT

Another fiscal year is in the history book. As you can see in the chart below, with the comparison of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, and July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, we saw a 43.03 ton increase in waste, and only an 11 ton increase in recycling. There was a decrease of 23 tons in MSW, while there was a 65.61 ton increase in C&D. Most of the increase in recyclables was in cardboard. Unfortunately, the revenue from recycling has dropped a lot and it appears it will take some time to recover.

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
MSW (Trash)	986.53 T	963.95 T
C & D	372.41 T	438.02 T
Total Waste T & E	1,358.94 T; \$118,975.19 E	1,401.97 T; \$119,167.45 E
Aluminum	4.9325 T; \$3,544.28 R	4.21 T; \$2,236.85 R
Metal	61.9416 T; \$8,077.34 R	61.3995 T; \$7,252.82 R
Tin Cans	4.3035 T; \$374.51 R	6.3457 T; \$362.28 R
Cardboard	66.63 T; \$6,159.52 R	85.26 T; \$5,259.83 R
Glass	80.41 T; \$2,412.30 E	65.79 T; \$2,193 E
Paper	102.98 T; \$446.68 R; \$13,792.27 E	103.22 T; \$0 R; \$17,712.52 E
Plastic	36.58 T; \$2,577.52 E	34.32 T; \$3,333.47 E
Electronic Waste	8.54 T; \$65.78 R, \$3,408.59 E	11.46 T; \$84.06 R, \$4,000.89 E
Tires	20.53 T; \$2,891.25 E	23.61 T; \$3,953.50 E
Brush	70.13 T	72 T
Total Recycling*	456.98 T; \$18,602.33 R; \$25,081.93 E	467.62 T; \$15,195.84 R; \$31,193.38 E
Tickets Collected	\$22,310	\$28,635
Recycling Percentage	26%	25%

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

On the subject of cardboard and paper, I would like to explain the situation with beer boxes. Whether the box is box-board (paper) or corrugated cardboard, unfortunately they are now considered trash. What I have been told is that the manufacturers put something in these that strengthens them, this therefore makes it a problem because when they go to get recycled they don't breakdown like regular cardboard or paper. So, if we have too much in our bails or in our paper container, our loads will be rejected and we will end up having to landfill the entire load at a high cost financially and environmentally. So, until further notice these containers are to be thrown in the trash hopper.

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of Grantham and my staff for making this a great transfer station. Please remember to drive slowly, and have your hangtags visible so we can verify that you belong in our facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher C. Scott, Supervisor  
 Buddy Sweeney, William Bullock, Stuart Thomson, and Chris Martin—Attendants



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

## **Grantham, NH**

### Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

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

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

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled In 2019</b>	<b>Environmental Impact!</b>
		Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Electronics	23,717 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 3. houses for one year!
Fibers/Paper	169.25 tons	Saved 2,877 trees!
Scrap Metal	69.8 gross tons	Conserved 195,525 pounds of iron ore!
Steel Cans	6.4 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 373880 hours!
Tires	26.8 tons	Conserved 17.6 barrels of oil!

#### **Avoided Emissions:**

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

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **956 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions  
 This is the equivalent of removing **203 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment held five meetings during the 2019 calendar year. The meetings included requests for variances, special exceptions, and discussions of conceptual projects that may require future approval by the board.

The Board is reviewing and updating fees associated with Zoning Board applications, which have not been adjusted for twenty years. The Board is also reviewing and updating application forms, as well as adopting Rules of Procedure.

The Board would like to welcome new members, Andy Gelston and Tod Lloyd, to the Zoning Board.

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of long time Board Member, Conrad Frey, since he relocated from Grantham. Conrad served on the Zoning Board for 24 years; his dedication to the Grantham community will be missed.

The Board also lost Myron Cummings, who passed away in October. We posthumously thank Mr. Cummings for his many years of service to the Town of Grantham.

The Zoning Board is seeking more members, as well as alternate members. We encourage anyone who might have an interest in zoning to step forward and contact Melissa White, Town Administrator. The Zoning Board meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Jerry Whitney Memorial Conference Room, located in the Town Hall. The Zoning Board only meets when there is business to discuss, on average five to six times per year, and thus does not require a large commitment of time.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Guillette

## AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

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The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. This area comprises the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 151 projects and protected 11,859 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands must provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

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

During 2019 Ausbon Sargent completed 3 projects representing just over 381 acres in the towns of Sunapee and Sutton. In early 2020, additional projects in the towns of Grantham, Wilmot, Bradford, Andover, Warner, Sunapee and New London will close and/or progress towards closure. Our website ([www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org)) indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, and includes both trail maps and driving directions. For information on all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties, please visit our website, and join our email list. Find us on Instagram, and be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

Ausbon Sargent started off 2019 with a snowshoe hike in Grantham on the Sawyer Brook Headwaters property, which is the property your town has worked to protect using a conservation easement. We returned to the same property in August for one of our popular Dragonfly Walks. This property is 386 acres in size and is valuable for recreation, habitat, and protection of the area watershed. Along with generous private donations from Grantham residents and other area supporters, the Town of Grantham, The Conservation Fund, Eastman Charitable Foundation, New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), NH State Conservation Committee License Plate Grant Program, and The Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation, this property will forever be preserved. We are thrilled to have been able to assist the Town of Grantham in the protection of this amazing piece of land!

A second Dragonfly Walk was held at the Esther Currier Low Plain Natural Area in New London. Also in New London, a full moon snowshoe hike was held on the popular Clark Lookout Trail, yielding an amazing view from the top. Other traditional hikes were held in Bradford at the Bradford Bog, in Goshen on the "Wayne's Woods" property, and from "Coco's Path" to the "Spofford" property in New London. We collaborated with the Abbott Library in Sunapee for a birding presentation and hike on the Frank Simpson Reserve. In addition to our ever-popular fundraising events such as the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December, we held workshops on conservation options for landowners, and on becoming an easement monitor. A presentation on Black Bear behavior, featuring world-renowned speaker and expert, Ben Killham, was a popular event, drawing over 180 people. As you can see, we offer many opportunities to get out to learn, hike, and get involved in our mission to protect the rural landscape of our region. We hope you will all come out at some point to take advantage of our workshops, or to experience the beauty of some of these special places for yourselves.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments and clerical work. This June, we hosted a Volunteer Recognition Party as a thank you to these loyal and talented volunteers. We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support and the countless hours which have assured our success. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, there are many ways to get involved: you could become a conservation easement donor, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our twelve town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation, and if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

It has been a pleasure to work with the Town of Grantham, the Grantham Conservation Commission, and the many individuals who have promoted the preservation of the Sawyer Brook Headwaters property. It is our hope that by the time this report is printed, the property will be officially conserved. We look forward to future events and land projects with the Town of Grantham!

Respectfully submitted,

**Deborah L. Stanley**

Executive Director



**BLUE MOUNTAIN SNOWDUSTERS OUTDOOR RECREATION CLUB**  
**PO BOX 428, GRANTHAM, NH 03753**

We begin our 46<sup>th</sup> year eager to continue carrying out the suggestion of the 1974 Town Select Board to “develop and maintain a recreation trail network in Grantham for the enjoyment of all at no cost to the taxpayer, and build community wherever possible.” We have had a slow start to our riding season this year. Warm temperatures and January rains have melted away the snow we have received so far. However, February and March are capable of producing some big winter storms that hopefully will allow our all-volunteer club work to maintain our approximately 50-mile trail network located here in Grantham. Supported by tax deductible donations, NH State Snowmobile registration funds, and membership fees, we use our large Tucker groomer and two Skandic snowmobiles to groom Grantham’s regionally recognized trail system.

Landowners are a key part of our endeavors. The NH Snowmobile Association (NHSA) of which the Blue Mountain Snow Dusters (BMSD) is a part of, helps oversee the 7,000 miles of interconnected snowmobile trails across the state of New Hampshire. While most of our trails use old town roads and trails, we are keenly aware that the interconnected trail network would not function without the support of private landowners. The support of Grantham landowners to use their land not only benefits the local citizens of the Grantham area, but it also contributes to winter activities across the state of New Hampshire.

BMSD welcomes all folks who enjoy the many recreational opportunities our trail system provides. 2019 marked the second year for our co-hosted sled dog race with the Town of Grantham and North Country Mushers. This event continued in its popularity within the town and featured mushers from as far away as Canada. This past year we had approximately twenty mushers compete on either a fifteen or thirty mile course that wound its way through the Grantham country side. Spectators were able to view the start and finish of the race at the Grantham Recreation Fields on Shed road as well as view the race in progress at the end of Walker Road. We thank all of the local volunteers, businesses and town for their support in making this a great town wide event.

The BMSD wishes to thank our Board of Selectmen and landowners for your continuing support of our efforts to develop and maintain a critical Grantham outdoor recreational asset and to build community in our great town. For more information about BMSD, and the latest trail map, please visit the BMSD web site at [www.snowdusters.org](http://www.snowdusters.org).

Keith Grohbrugge, President; and the Officers and Directors of the Blue Mountain Snow Dusters, ORC.

## KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

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Established in 1992, the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) has become an important social service organization dedicated to meeting the needs of our communities' seniors, and their families, friends, and neighbors. The mission of COA is to promote, develop, and reinforce programs that support and enhance the health, well-being, dignity, and independence of older people in the nine towns we serve in the greater Kearsarge area.

COA is a focal point for many area adults who depend on us to help support their independence, help them find their sense of purpose, and provide the opportunity for seniors to help seniors through our many volunteer opportunities.

2019 was another transformational year for COA, as we made major progress in completing our strategic plan. This was our third year of our current plan and we are nearing completion. April 2019, we relocated our staff to the upstairs of our building to optimize the space for programming and services. This was the most cost-effective way to enhance our space. We have begun addressing our HVAC needs. We painted our building and paved our driveway. Our goal is to meet the emerging needs of our seniors.

Perhaps the most critical service we provide is our transportation program. We provide safe transportation, door to door, as far north as Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center and as far south as Concord Medical Center. We currently have 61 volunteer drivers and 143 transportation clients. Last year, we provided 753 rides, covering more than 27,000 miles, with our drivers logging 1,604 hours. We service seniors, without regard to race, gender, disability\*, religion, or financial capacity to obtain needed services. (\* in cases where riders require substantial assistance, such as wheelchair bound clients, where we cannot properly transport them, so we do our best to refer those riders to pay-for-service providers.)

COA's program numbers continued to be impressive in 2018(2019 data not yet available). We provided more than 60 exciting and vibrant programs, services, and activities for our more than 2,300 members, evidenced by more than 15,000 participation units. (Participation units are defined as the number of times a person engages with COA's programs, services, and/or activities.)

We continue to run the second largest free mobility lending program in the state. We are proud to be able to help our friends and neighbors with durable medical equipment.

We remain grateful for our town partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, and staff for their help and support what continues to lead to high levels of health and well-being for its senior neighbors.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelley F. Keith, BA, MS  
Executive Director

# Grantham Community Crisis Fund Report

25 years, sounds like a long time but as we all know time flies. The Grantham Community Crisis Fund has for 25 years been, without fanfare or public acclaim, assisting families or individuals who have been confronted with seemingly insurmountable problems. Our assistance is done with the greatest of discretion and compassion. Our goal is a one-time assistance for Grantham residents. We obtain funds thorough gifts from generous townspeople whose only wish is to help their neighbor.

We thank all the people who have assisted us in our endeavors throughout the years, either by financial, social, organizational, or volunteerism aid and acknowledge we could not have done such beneficial work without you all.

Please contact any of our members with questions or requests for assistance.

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Cindy Towle 863-3156

Andrew Mellow 863-1850

Terry Dorr 863-4028

Kris Widmann 863-1681

Grantham Community Crisis Fund  
PO Box 1192  
Grantham, NH 03753

# Grantham Historical Society Report

The historical society experienced a bit of a downturn last year in terms of our Executive Committee (EC) membership – seeing it shrink to the minimum of four members required for a quorum – but fortunately, it rebounded nicely before the end of the year. After having lost Rae Tober as our Vice-President the previous year, Kelly Spiller agreed to step into the position in 2019, then agreed to move over into the much-needed position of Secretary while we searched for new EC members. Fortunately, in the fall Owen Garland, his wife Jamielynn, and Owen’s father Peter agreed to join the board in the capacities of Vice-President and Directors, respectively, returning the EC to its full complement of seven members. We welcome Owen, Jamielynn and Peter, and look forward to their contributions. While the loss of manpower reduced our ability to undertake new projects and put the society into a bit of a ‘holding pattern,’ our new members should help us right the ship and move forward.

Our programs included our annual meeting in May, which featured a presentation by local Dartmouth professor and scholar Dr. Allen Koop on the legend of Darby Field and his storied ascent of Mt. Washington. Dr. Koop’s talk focused upon providing valuable context on the history of recreational ‘summiting’ in Europe and the United States, and his research helped correct a few errors in the record, specifically the year it actually happened. Those in attendance learned a great deal from Dr. Koop, as we always do when he addresses our membership. In November, independent scholar and photographer Paul Wainwright delivered his review of colonial-era New England meetinghouses, providing photographic and historical information about a number of these structures around the state. He also talked about his photography and the desire to understand more fully the design of these significant historic buildings.

The work of the collections committee slowed with fewer donations overall, but as always, the items given to the society for our care and preservation were accepted and cataloged. We remain deeply grateful for all the kind and generous individuals who entrust us with these treasures.

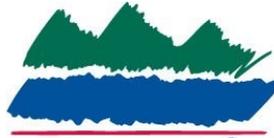
Allow me to thank Treasurer Kathi Osgood, Secretary Kelly Spiller and board member Nate Carey for their continued commitment and service.

Please remember to visit our webpage ([www.granthamhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.granthamhistoricalsociety.org)) and our Facebook page, searchable by “Grantham Historical Society.” We update both sites with historic information, historic photos, and notices of upcoming events, projects and volunteer opportunities.

Finally, we would be remiss if we did not thank our membership for their support. We invite everyone, including current and future members, to stop by on Friday afternoons during our usual office hours (1:00-4:00pm) or by appointment. We are always happy to talk history, to offer research assistance, and to take any opportunity to celebrate the history of Grantham.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Story  
President



## Lake Sunapee Region VNA & HOSPICE

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice, personal care and community health programs in Grantham. Our core mission to provide care in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible has not wavered even as health care continues to change and become more complex. In 2019 LSRVNA continued to provide comprehensive services, regardless of individual insurance coverage or ability to pay, in Grantham and in more than thirty other local towns. Because our population continues to age rapidly the demand for our vital care is only increasing. At the same time the available workforce is shrinking. This “perfect storm” requires us to dedicate significant resources to recruit and retain quality staff in order to meet the growing need in this highly competitive environment. Put simply, our most precious resource is our people - the dedicated caregivers who strive to improve lives 365 days a year. I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2019, LSRVNA served residents of Grantham in the following ways:

- Provided nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 120 residents;
- Provided free or reduced fee in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs);
- Residents received visits through our hospice program and were able to live their life as they wished at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved one, at no cost;
- Residents benefited from our Palliative Care program, overseen by a physician and dedicated to specialized care that focuses on the navigation of chronic or serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals;
- Residents utilized our foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics as well as bereavement and other support groups;
- Residents attended our *Good Day Respite* program, offering socialization for individuals with mild to moderate Alzheimer’s and other forms of dementia or memory loss.
- Residents benefitted from our “Ounce of Prevention” program, which offers free home visits to begin a conversation about how to keep people safe and independent in their home.

Our competent and compassionate staff remains dedicated to quality of life for each patient and to the overall wellness of our community. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you, your loved ones or your Town’s residents. Our vision to be the leading provider of home care and hospice in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an enduring presence is only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Jim Culhane*

President & CEO



Thank you to the residents of Grantham for supporting the Public Health Council of the Upper Valley (PHC) in 2019.

The PHC has quickly become the largest and broadest coalition of advocates on public health issues in the greater Upper Valley region. The PHC is a dynamic organization with the flexibility to forge solutions that respond to the needs of its grassroots members with backing from governmental, philanthropic, and health care institutions. Through regular meetings and ongoing initiatives, the PHC empowers organizations, professionals, and citizens, who together make our communities healthier and better places to live, work, and play.

In 2019, PHC staff and partners worked together to address increase collaboration, promote greater health equity, and address the priority public health issues for the region. The PHC supported a number of initiatives such as:

- Hosted five flu clinics in rural communities across our region, providing over 1,250 free vaccines, with support from Dartmouth Hitchcock, Geisel School of Medicine, and various local partners.
- Hosted an educational event for Upper Valley legislators from Vermont and New Hampshire to increase cross-border understanding and communication.
- Hosted a Racism of the Well-Intended training with 100 participants from across the region, with major support from Hypertherm.
- Hosted regular meetings for Aging in Community Volunteer groups and community nurses and for Town Welfare/Service Officers.
- Expanded availability of summer meal programs for children in the region.

PHC greatly appreciates the support we receive from Grantham and will continue to work hard to meet your needs in 2020. For more information about PHC, visit us at [www.uvpublichealth.org](http://www.uvpublichealth.org).

# New London Hospital

As we began our next century of service to the community, we continued to take steps to ensure we are providing high-quality, safe and compassionate care for our patients and their families. Some measures were clearly visible with the incorporation of new services, while others were more behind-the-scenes such as facility and system upgrades. All these efforts required a tremendous amount of hours from a dedicated staff committed to the future of New London Hospital and the communities we serve. Below are just some of our 2019 accomplishments which emphasize our commitment to deliver the best care available.

## Specialty Services and Providers

The launch of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Orthopaedics at New London Hospital in October is an example of the continued strength of our strategic relationship with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Health (D-HH) which enables us to provide academic-level care locally from providers credentialed at both NLH and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). This service provides access to appointments and many surgical procedures at NLH.

In the summer, we introduced NLH Ophthalmology, as we joined forces with one of the leaders in the region for ophthalmology care, Dr. Greg Barban. We were also thrilled to add Ophthalmologist Dr. Patrick Morhun to the team as he was just named as one of NH Magazine's Top Doctors for the third year in a row and continues to perform cataract surgeries here at NLH.

We are pleased to welcome back Dr. Lori Richer along with the addition of palliative care services. Dr. Richer, formerly a primary care physician now serves as the Director of Palliative Care and recently completed her fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Care at DHMC. Along with providing inpatient services at NLH, Dr. Richer will be working with the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice providing home service.

We were also pleased to welcome Nicole Poudrette, APRN to our Newport Health Center. Nicole joins a team devoted to meeting the needs of the greater Newport community.

## Recognition

We are grateful for the efforts of our wellness and employee activity committees for our employees and the community. It comes as no surprise, that our Vice President of Wellness and Population Health, Catherine Bardier was recently elected Chair of the Governor's Council on Physical Activity and Health. Her commitment to provide the resources and programs which make a difference was recently acknowledged again. For the fourth year in a row, NLH achieved the American Heart Association's Workplace Health Index Gold Level Award for taking significant steps to build a culture of health in the workplace.

It was also another big year for us at the New Hampshire Hospital Association Annual Meeting as Dr. Andrew Torkelson, Cardiologist, received the New Hampshire Hospital Association Outstanding Medical Staff of the Year Award. Chris Cundy was recognized

for excellence in hospital governance with the outstanding Trustee of the Year Award and Bruce King received their Lifetime Achievement Award.

In July, NLH Emergency Medical Services received the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline EMS Silver Award for implementing quality improvement measures for the treatment of patients who experience severe heart attacks. A couple months later during our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit, close to 200 attendees helped raise enough funds for the hospital to purchase four Lucas Chest Compression Devices for each of our ambulances. These automated CPR units improve the quality of chest compressions during critical live-saving situations and allow first responders to attend to the patients other needs during an emergency.

### **Financial Performance**

The New London Hospital was able to produce a small positive financial gain from our operational results for the year. Thanks to our on-going community support we also experienced positive results from our non-operating revenue. These overall results have yielded a stronger balance sheet and improved positive cash position at year end.

### **Community**

Our community is at the foundation of why we strive to be better every day. Thanks to the support our community members we were able to enjoy our community celebrations such as 95th Annual Hospital Days, the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Triathlon, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture and other various community activities. We are truly appreciative of people's engagement and participation.

As we look ahead to 2020, we are excited about the many opportunities we have in front of us. We expect to name a new CEO and President, transition to an integrated patient medical health record with D-HH in May and continue to provide our community with quality choices for your health care needs.

Warm wishes for the new year ahead.

Bruce P. King  
President and CEO

Douglas W. Lyon  
Chair, Board of Trustees



Southwestern Community Services  
 People helping people in Cheshire and Sullivan Counties since 1965

**TOWN OF GRANTHAM**  
 Outside Agency Request for Funding 2019-2020

Southwestern Community Services (SCS) provides assistance to local communities and its citizens through its' LIHEAP Fuel Assistance program, Housing Stabilization programs, Senior & Workforce rental housing developments, Head Start education & childcare, WIC nutrition & health, the Electricity Assistance Program (EAP), DOE Weatherization programs, Employment and Day Services for developmentally disabled adults as well as several Workforce Development & Training programs.

Southwestern Community Services (SCS) is requesting \$500.00 in Town Funding from the Town of Grantham. In Fiscal Year 2019, SCS provided **69** units of service to the citizens of Grantham totaling **\$25,174.82** in direct assistance. SCS is requesting 1% of the amount of that direct support.

SCS requests support from each city and town in our two-county service area. SCS requests 1% of the amount of direct support that SCS invested into that community during the previous program year. This means that from year-to-year the amount of the town funding requests will change. For example, if Grantham sees an increase or decrease in the amount of direct support that SCS provides next year, Grantham will also see a corresponding increase or decrease in the amount of town funding that SCS requests from the community.

There are two supporting documents that are included with this request. The first is SCS' Economic Impact Report (EIR) for Grantham. The EIR breaks down the amount of direct assistance, by program, provided to the citizens of Grantham. The second document is an overview of SCS' Town Funding request by town. This includes all communities in Cheshire and Sullivan counties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (603)719-4208 or by e-mail at [kthibault@scshelps.org](mailto:kthibault@scshelps.org) if you would like additional information regarding the agency in general or if there are additional questions about SCS' town funding request. SCS encourages open communication between the agency and the communities that it serves. We would be happy to conduct office tours in Keene or Claremont. Agency staff is also available to present information to town officials focusing on the agency as a whole or on specific programs.

SCS is grateful to have the Town of Grantham's support and we look forward to working with you in the future. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Keith F. Thibault, chief development officer  
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2019 City / Town Report

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\* Direct Assistance to Residents: \$25,174.82

\*\* Economic Impact: \$62,937.05

1.0% of Direct Assistance: \$500.00

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\*\*\* Total Number of Households Served: 35

\*\*\* Total Number of Residents Served: 69

Average Benefit Per Household: \$719.28

Average Benefit per Resident: \$362.96

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\* 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.

2019 City / Town Report - Program Summaries

<b>Child Care / Education</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Head Start		\$0.00
<b>Nutrition / Health</b>		<b>\$2,444.64</b>
Breast Feeding Peer Counseling		\$0.00
Commodity Supplemental Food (WIC)		\$0.00
Emergency Food Assistance (HSS)		\$0.00
Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)		\$1,222.32
WIC Dental Project		\$1,222.32
<b>Family Services</b>		<b>\$3,460.00</b>
Adult disadvantaged		\$0.00
Work Experience		\$260.00
Workplace Success Program		\$3,200.00
Adult Dislocated		\$0.00
<b>Substance Use Prevention</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
MADAC - Monadnock Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coalition		\$0.00
<b>Energy</b>		<b>\$20,492.50</b>
Case Management—Emergency Households		\$0.00
Fuel Assistance		\$14,798.50
Senior Energy Assistance		\$270.00
Electric Assistance Program		\$5,424.00
Weatherization		\$0.00
<b>Utility Programs</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Core		\$0.00
Neighbor Helping Neighbor		\$0.00
<b>Transportation</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Transit/Bus Program		\$0.00
Volunteer Driver Program		\$0.00
<b>New Hope New Horizons</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Day Services		\$0.00
Residential Services		\$0.00
Vocational Rehabilitation		\$0.00
<b>Single Family Rehab</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Lead Paint Abatement		\$0.00
Choices for Independence (CFI) (Medicaid)		\$0.00
Housing Preservation Grants (RD)		\$0.00
<b>Affordable Housing</b>		
Affordable Housing Rental Projects Owned	Assessed Value	\$0.00
Real Estate	Property Taxes Paid	\$0.00
<b>Other Properties</b>		
Commercial Properties	Assessed Value	\$0.00

2019 City / Town Report - Program Summaries

<b>Housing Stabilization Services</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Emergency - Transitional Shelter (Short Term)	\$0.00
Permanent Housing Program	\$0.00
Shelter Plus Care	\$0.00
Homelessness Prevention	\$0.00
Housing Security Deposit Guarantee	\$0.00
HUD Homeless Outreach	\$0.00
Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$0.00
Emergency Housing Program	\$0.00
Homeless Housing Access Revolving Loan Fund	\$0.00
Housing Stabilization Counseling	\$0.00
Resident Services	\$0.00
ESG - Cheshire County	\$0.00
ESG - Sullivan County	\$0.00

2019 City / Town - Program Details

<b>Child Care / Education</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Head Start		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Children Enrolled	0	
Cost Per Child	\$13,997	
<b>Nutrition / Health</b>		<b>\$1,222.32</b>
Breast Feeding Peer Counseling		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value of Monthly Food Package	\$50.93	
Commodity Supplemental Food (WIC)		\$0.00
Number of Elderly Individuals Enrolled	0	
Value of Monthly Food Package	\$19.22	
Emergency Food Assistance (HSS)		\$0.00
Number of Food Pantries	0	
Number of Soup Kitchens	0	
Number of Homeless Shelters	0	
Number of Charitable Organizations	0	
Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)		\$1,222.32
Number of Households Enrolled	2	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	2	
Number of Women Enrolled	0	
Number of Children Enrolled	2	
Monthly Cost of Women's Food Package	\$50.93	
Monthly Cost of Children's Food Package	\$50.93	
WIC Dental Project		\$0.00
Number of Consumers Served	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	
<b>Family Services</b>		<b>\$3,460.00</b>
Adult disadvantaged		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	
Work Experience		\$260.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	1	
Direct Service Amount	\$260.00	
Workplace Success Program		\$3,200.00
Number of Consumers Enrolled	2	
Direct Service Amount	\$3,200.00	
Adult Dislocated		\$0.00
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Direct Service Amount	\$0.00	

2019 City / Town - Program Details

<b>Substance Use Prevention</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
MADAC - Monadnock Alcohol & Drug Abuse Coalition		
Value of Community Messaging - Media - Promotions	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Energy</b>		<b>\$20,492.50</b>
Case Management—Emergency Households		
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Elderly	0	
Value of Service	\$25.00	
Fuel Assistance		\$14,798.50
Number of Households Enrolled	17	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	32	
Number of Households Applied	20	
Number of Elderly Households Enrolled	8	
Number of Elderly Enrolled	9	
Average Household Benefit	\$870.50	
Senior Energy Assistance		\$270.00
Number of Households Enrolled	1	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	2	
Annual Benefit	\$270.00	
Electric Assistance Program		\$5,424.00
Number of Households Served	12	
Number of Consumers Served	30	
Annual Benefit	5,424	
Weatherization		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Consumers Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
<b>Utility Programs</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Core		
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	

2019 City / Town - Program Details

<b>Transportation</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Transit/Bus Program		\$0.00
Number of Vulnerable Passengers	0	
Number of One-Way Rides for Vulnerable Passengers	0	
Value of Each One-Way Ride for Vulnerable Passengers	\$0.00	
Volunteer Driver Program		\$0.00
Number of Vulnerable Passengers	0	
Number of One-Way Rides for Vulnerable Passengers	0	
Value of Each One-Way Ride for Vulnerable Passengers	\$0.00	
<b>New Hope New Horizons</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
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	
<b>Single Family Rehab</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Lead Paint Abatement		\$0.00
Number of Households Served	0	
Number of Residents Served	0	
Rehabilitation Value	\$0.00	
Choices for Independence (CFI) (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	
<b>Affordable Housing</b>		
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	
<b>Other Properties</b>		
Commercial Properties		
Assessed Value	\$0.00	

2019 City / Town - Program Details

<b>Housing Stabilization Services</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Emergency - Transitional Shelter (Short Term)</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Bed Nights	0	
Value of Bed Nights	\$0.00	
Number of Case Management Hours	0	
Value of Case Management Hours	\$0.00	
<b>Permanent Housing Program</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Months Households Enrolled (combined)	0	
Total Benefit to Households	\$0.00	
<b>Shelter Plus Care</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Months Households Enrolled	0	
Monthly FMR	\$0.00	
<b>Homelessness Prevention</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
<b>Housing Security Deposit Guarantee</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
<b>HUD Homeless Outreach</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Number of Case Management Hours	0	
Value of Case Management Hours	\$0.00	
<b>Continuum of Care Rapid Re-Housing Program</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
<b>Emergency Housing Program</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	
<b>Homeless Housing Access Revolving Loan Fund</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled	0	
Value to Consumers	\$0.00	

2019 City / Town - Program Details

<b>Housing Stabilization Services</b>		
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	
<b>Resident Services</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households Enrolled .....	0	
Number of Consumers Enrolled .....	0	
Number of Case Management, Referral, Meeting Hours .....	0	
Value of Hours .....	\$0.00	
<b>ESG - Cheshire County</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households .....	0	
Number of Participants .....	0	
Value to Consumers .....	\$0.00	
<b>ESG - Sullivan County</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
Number of Households .....	0	
Number of Participants .....	0	
Value to Consumers .....	\$0.00	



# Southwestern Community Services

People helping people in Cheshire and Sullivan Counties since 1965

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

## Town Summary Report 2019

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	72	217	\$69,245	\$692	\$173,112	\$962	86%
Alstead	198	406	\$227,126	\$2,271	\$567,815	\$1,147	103%
Charlestown	761	2,158	\$743,667	\$7,437	\$1,859,168	\$977	88%
Chesterfield	167	366	\$153,391	\$1,534	\$383,477	\$919	82%
Claremont	2262	7,766	\$2,545,086	\$10,000	\$6,362,714	\$1,125	101%
Cornish	52	94	\$38,676	\$500	\$96,691	\$744	67%
Croydon	60	151	\$44,796	\$500	\$111,990	\$747	67%
Dublin	81	207	\$68,608	\$686	\$171,520	\$847	76%
Fitzwilliam	193	423	\$183,912	\$1,839	\$459,779	\$953	85%
Gilsum	62	145	\$69,096	\$691	\$172,740	\$1,114	100%
Goshen	88	215	\$83,871	\$839	\$209,678	\$953	85%
Grantham	35	69	\$25,175	\$500	\$62,937	\$719	64%
Harrisville	39	77	\$28,031	\$500	\$70,077	\$719	64%
Hinsdale	550	1,187	\$676,139	\$6,761	\$1,690,346	\$1,229	110%
Jaffrey	421	912	\$519,568	\$5,196	\$1,298,920	\$1,234	111%
Keene	2,266	4,798	\$3,211,004	\$10,000	\$8,027,509	\$1,417	127%
Langdon	51	109	\$37,599	\$500	\$93,998	\$737	66%
Lempster	104	218	\$119,977	\$1,200	\$299,944	\$1,154	103%
Marlborough	238	484	\$172,853	\$1,729	\$432,133	\$726	65%
Marlow	63	133	\$70,992	\$710	\$177,479	\$1,127	101%
Nelson	38	93	\$40,504	\$500	\$101,259	\$1,066	95%
Newport	1,070	3,249	\$1,032,241	\$10,000	\$2,580,604	\$965	86%
Plainfield	55	116	\$37,829	\$500	\$94,573	\$688	62%
Richmond	88	205	\$179,487	\$1,795	\$448,717	\$2,040	183%
Rindge	324	672	\$317,386	\$3,174	\$793,465	\$980	88%
Roxbury	14	31	\$9,820	\$500	\$24,549	\$701	63%
Springfield	65	115	\$84,251	\$843	\$210,628	\$1,296	116%
Stoddard	77	188	\$85,024	\$850	\$212,560	\$1,104	99%
Sullivan	53	124	\$65,173	\$652	\$162,931	\$1,230	110%
Sunapee	104	226	\$102,860	\$1,029	\$257,150	\$989	89%
Surry	56	128	\$54,448	\$544	\$136,120	\$972	87%
Swanzey	749	1,469	\$824,855	\$8,249	\$2,062,138	\$1,101	99%
Troy	324	713	\$336,629	\$3,366	\$841,574	\$1,039	93%
Unity	100	226	\$100,072	\$1,001	\$250,180	\$1,001	90%
Walpole	207	440	\$218,027	\$2,180	\$545,066	\$1,053	94%
Washington	84	193	\$60,909	\$609	\$152,273	\$725	65%
Westmoreland	52	107	\$46,826	\$500	\$117,065	\$901	81%
Winchester	1,043	2,210	\$1,013,117	\$10,000	\$2,532,791	\$971	87%
<b>Grand Total:</b>	12,266	30,641	\$13,698,268	\$100,376	\$34,245,671	\$1,117	

\* 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

# Turning Points Network

Preventing Violence | Promoting Respect | Strengthening Lives

## FY19 Annual Report

### Our Mission

Our mission is to enhance the safety and well-being of victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse and stalking through empowerment and advocacy; to create a community responsive to all victims and survivors through education, outreach and accountability; and to empower the community to establish a safer culture.



### Direct Services

Our expertly trained staff support survivors in rebuilding their lives. Services include a 24/7 crisis and support line, safety planning, supportive counseling and support groups, emergency shelter, permanent housing assistance, court advocacy, systems advocacy, medical advocacy, help with basic needs and achieving economic independence.



### Emergency Shelter

The only one of its kind in Sullivan County, our 16-bed emergency shelter is available to survivors and their children. Survivors receive 24-hour comprehensive care ranging from basic needs, transportation, counseling, court advocacy, case management and more.



### School-Based Prevention Education

It's never too early to talk about healthy relationships. In order to prevent future domestic violence, sexual abuse or assault and other incidents of violence, TPN provides evidence based, multi-session programming to Sullivan County students from preschool to high school about respect, consent, staying safe and the building blocks of healthy relationships.



### Community Violence Prevention

Our mission is simple; we want fewer people hurt by power based personal violence. TPN has partnered with SAU6 and several community agencies to deliver Green Dot. Green Dot is an initiative built on the premise that we can measurably reduce violence in our community by equipping people with the necessary skills to be effective bystanders and prevent violence before it occurs.

# THE YEAR IN REVIEW: *Transformation by the numbers*

Survivors and their families kept safe in the last year through TPN's Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Programs.

102

SHELTERED

1,033

SERVED

The number of survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, harassment, stalking and sex trafficking who received life changing supports and services this last year.

Respect. Consent. Boundaries. Keeping Safe. Looking out for one another. These are just some of the subjects youth and teens in Sullivan County learned in class by participating in programming designed to reduce dating violence and sexual assault.

2,055

TAUGHT

5,173

CALLS TAKEN

Available 24/7, our trained volunteers and staff responded to requests for help throughout Sullivan County.

Making a police report. Petitioning for a protection order. Attending court hearings. These are all activities that can be stressful and confusing. TPN advocates provide education, guidance and support to those navigating legal waters.

1,588

HOURS OF LEGAL ADVOCACY

*We served 14% more survivors in FY19*

## Prevention in Action!

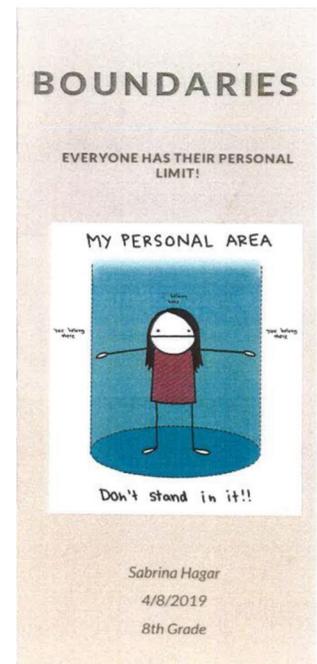
20 Schools. 2,055 Students.  
Exponential Impact.

### *FY19 was a busy year for TPN's educators!*

"TPN Thursdays" were a success! We worked with every 6<sup>th</sup> grader in Claremont & Newport schools, learning about empathy, coping, boundaries, body language, joking, flirting and sexual harassment.

Educators launched the SAFE-T program for grades 7 & 8, educating students on facts about sexual abuse and how to support someone who has been abused or assaulted.

We had the opportunity to work with the Newport and Claremont Head Start programs, teaching the comprehensive Prevent Child Abuse Vermont curriculum, including staff and parent training, widening the circle of awareness and support for children.



8<sup>th</sup> grade students in Unity Elementary School created their own awareness brochures after participating in TPN's SAFE-T program.

# Survivor Story

Once upon a time, in a town not that far away, I was young, wild and carefree...until I wasn't.

What happened to me came in bits in pieces over a series of quiet, confused days as I tried to recollect the moments suddenly keeping me awake at night...

It was a Friday night. My roommate and I, in celebration of our excitement over having a new place, decided to have a house warming party. Our circle of friends joined us that night. It was a muggy summer evening and I remember clearly our antics; racing up and down the road on 4 wheelers, shot after shot of alcohol, the loud music, the laughter.

At some point I remember it registering that I was not okay. Between the heat, lack of food and the alcohol, I knew I had overdone it. My roommate stayed outside with our friends as I went in and crawled into bed, letting sleep claim me.

It came to me in flashes those next few days...

The startled jerk as I realized I was not alone. The sense of confused, but not yet frightened, curiosity as I recognized the voices. I remember asking what they were doing as I heard whispered compliments about my body. I remember the weight as it came against me and weakly pushing against it, feeling overwhelmed and hot, wanting it off me. I remember their names as I focused on the face above me, the younger brother a friend, a friend who stood idle, watching. I remember the stunned, humiliated confusion swamping me as I struggled to make him stop. I remember the motion making me sick as they laughed and continued until he was done. Then they left me there. Soiled. Used. Alone.

It came to me in flashes. Shame. Shock. Terror. The overwhelming sickness of realizing what had happened and the paralyzing fear. No one would believe me. I had been drinking. I put myself in that situation. I asked for it. I could not speak a word.

But speak I did.

I found my way to Turning Points Network through a radio ad.

I remember staring at their iconic purple door for a very long time before ringing the bell, completely unsure of what I would find.

Their advocates treated me with gentleness and compassion, listening as I brokenly talked, detailing my sexual assault. They gave me guidance, educating me as to what my rights were and providing clarity, so I was able to understand and navigate the physical examination and prosecution.

The damage from my sexual assault was barely realized that night. Long after my body healed, the invisible wounds continued to bleed. The memories, the pain, it came to me in waves that would bring me to my knees when I least expected it. In the grocery store. At work. In the car. With my family and friends. I was wary. Quiet. Withdrawn.

My advocate supported me through a rollercoaster of emotions; fear, shame, guilt, doubt, anger, pain...always there to work with me, reassure me, and help me to realize I did not deserve, and I was not to blame, for what had happened to me. Without question, their unwavering faith and belief were instrumental in my healing.



More than 800 walkers and runners, children and family pets and over 100 community sponsors came out to support TPN's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Steppin' Up to End Violence 5K Walk & Fun Run, raising more than \$80,000 in support of programs and services for survivors.



The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual TPN Fundraising Golf Tournament & Luncheon, hosted by The Eastman Women's Golf Association was another huge success, raising over \$11,000 for prevention and services.



We were so honored, so thankful and so appreciative when Carolyn and John Pierzchala connected with TPN and offered us the gift of their office building at 231 Broad Street. Their support for the work of the agency and survivors will serve as a catalyst for growth in the coming years as TPN finalizes plans for this generous gift.

More to come!



Claremont Green Dot continued to make strides in Community Violence Prevention, forming new partnerships with Claremont Police, CSB Community Center and other local businesses & groups for training and events. More than 125 community members received Bystander Training in the last year.



## UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Highlights of our work and accomplishments in 2019 include:

2019 was a successful year for UVLSRPC. We were awarded a \$300,000 Brownfields Assessment Grant from US EPA. We will spend the next three years identifying properties in our region, and then performing environmental assessments. The end goal is that these properties will be cleaned up and become economic development drivers in their communities. This is the second Brownfields grant UVLSRPC has been awarded. We are always looking for more sites to evaluate – please feel free to contact our office with any questions.

We were also awarded \$174,528 from USDA to complete a variety of tasks. The most visible and popular of these tasks is our household hazardous waste collections. Perhaps a first for this organization will be the creation of a cartoon. We will be animating Toxic Showdown, our comic book that educates about what goes into personal home care products. One final highlight of our USDA funding is a continuation of our bicycle reuse program. We partner with local transfer stations and community listservs to collect unwanted quality bicycles. Those bikes are then refurbished and offered to 30 nonprofits in the Upper Valley.

We continue to be active and productive with our transportation work as well. The contract we have with the NH Department of Transportation allows us to perform very specific work for our communities. In 2019 we completed Road Surface Management Systems analysis for the Town of Hanover and Grantham. We performed culvert and stream crossing assessments for Hanover and the Baker River Watershed in the northern part of our region. Our NHDOT contract funds our traffic counts. In 2019 we conducted over 120 counts throughout our region. NHDOT also supports much of our traffic engineering time. We are developing Regional Transportation Corridor Plans for eight distinct corridors in our particular. This corridor-based approach will allow our staff to work closely with local officials to conduct public outreach and to develop a comprehensive list of needed improvements and implementation strategies. Finally, NHDOT funds our Transit Assistance programming. We work with Advance Transit and Southwestern Community Services to survey passengers and to help evaluate service and route options.

We were very busy last year providing circuit rider services. Springfield, New London, Orford, Wilmot, and New London all contracted for either weekly or monthly services. Charlestown, Claremont and Enfield hired us to fill in as they searched for a new planner. Claremont also hires UVLSRPC to assist in GIS work for both Public Works and Planning and Development departments.

We successfully formed our new non-profit, the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Foundation. The non-profit's sole focus is to support the work of UVLSRPC. We expect the non-profit to provide another source of revenue, one that is not solely dependent on government funding.

In conclusion, we launched Keys To The Valley, and our bi-state multi-region housing needs assessment campaign. We are working with Two Rivers Ottauquechee and Southern Windsor County in Vermont to gain a better understanding of why it is so challenging to develop housing in our region and prepare workable solutions that make sense for communities of every size and make-up. This work will require a lot of community engagement and participation. I encourage you to visit [www.keystothevalley.com](http://www.keystothevalley.com) for frequent updates or if you would like to participate in some manner.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or [sschneider@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:sschneider@uvlsrpc.org), to share your thoughts and suggestions about how we can better serve our community. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region. Thank you for your support over the decades.

Steven Schneider



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**White River Junction VA Medical Center**  
215 North Main Street  
White River Junction, VT 05009  
866-687-8387 (Toll Free)  
802-295-9363 (Commercial)

In Reply Refer to: 405/00

December 23rd, 2019

Dear Veteran,

The White River Junction VA Medical Center is attempting to contact all Veterans in our catchment area of Vermont and New Hampshire who are not enrolled or are enrolled and no longer utilizing our services. If you currently receive our services, please pass this note on to a Veteran who may benefit.

We offer a wide variety of services including assistance to Veterans who are homeless or unemployed to providing primary and specialty care. We have a robust mental health department offering one-on-one counseling, peer support, group sessions, and more. There is a designated treatment area for our women Veterans at the Women’s Comprehensive Care Clinic; a safe space.

The White River Junction VA Medical Center has seven community-based outpatient clinics. They are located in Bennington, Rutland, Brattleboro, Newport and Burlington, Vermont; in New Hampshire we offer services in Keene and Littleton. We are here to serve all Veterans, please do not hesitate to contact us, if for no other reason than to register/enroll with us in case of future need.

Our eligibility office in White River Junction can be reached at 802-295-9363 extension 5118. A single form - VA form 10-10EZ – and a copy of the DD214 is all that is needed.

The American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars have full time service officers that are knowledgeable about our programs. These independent organizations serve all Veterans including nonmembers in processing disability and pension claims. They can be reached in White River Junction at:

American Legion	802-296-5166
Disabled American Veterans	802-296-5167
Veterans of Foreign Wars	802-296-5168

Thank you for your service to our nation. On behalf of the White River Junction VA Medical Center team, we look forward to serving you.

Respectfully;

Becky Rhoads, Au.D.  
Associate Medical Center Director

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Grantham, NH***

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 672 homecare visits to 26 Grantham residents. This included approximately \$16,744 in unreimbursed care to Grantham residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 383 home visits to 25 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.
- **Hospice Services:** 289 home visits to 1 resident who was in the final stages of their life.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, and flu shots.

Grantham's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)*



**Annual Report to the Town of Grantham  
Fiscal Year 2019 (7/1/18-6/30/19)  
February 10, 2020**

In fiscal year 2019 (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019), WCBH served more than 2,200 adults, children, youth and elders, providing behavioral health services at outpatient clinics across the area, residential care for adults, community-based programs, substance use treatment, and emergency services - including a 24-hour crisis hotline. Over 55,000 client visits took place, 15,000 of which were with children ages 2-17. Additionally, more than 5,000 calls to WCBH Emergency Services were logged in FY19. Throughout the region, we provided over \$600,000 in charitable care annually.

As the only provider of comprehensive, community-based mental health treatment and support services in the area, West Central Behavioral Health (WCBH) was pleased to provide mental and behavioral health services for those in Grantham during the last fiscal year. With your support, a total of 40 Grantham residents received services, including 32 adults, 15 children, and 3 elders, representing a value of \$10,900 in charitable care. We were grateful to receive \$3,700 in funding from the Grantham, which was crucial in providing services for adults, families, and children in need.

By supporting access to mental health care for all, the Town of Grantham is investing in the health and safety of the community. Mental health affects every facet of a community's welfare, from employment and education to health and housing. Mental health care enables individuals to reach and maintain the best possible quality of life, and to contribute to their fullest at home, in the workforce, and in the community.

Services delivered at WCBH's Outpatient Clinics in Lebanon, Newport and Claremont and in the community included:

- Adult Outpatient Programs, providing mental health services for individuals coping with anxiety, adjustment during times of crisis (such as bereavement, divorce, or job loss), trauma, and other challenges.
- Substance use disorder (SUD) services, providing therapy, support groups, and psychiatric medication management for those with SUD and those with SUD and co-occurring mental illness.
- Child and Family Programs, providing counseling, therapy, and case management for children and families.
- Emergency Services, through a 24-hour crisis hotline, emergency response, and in collaboration with the area's network of first responders (police, fire, hospitals).
- Enhanced Care and Community Support Programs, serving those with chronic, severe, and severe and persistent mental illness.
- Additional programs including: Mental Health First Aid; Assertive Community Treatment; Supported Employment; and Halls of Hope, an alternative to incarceration program at the Grafton County Courts.

Our sincere thanks to the residents of Grantham for your generous and long-standing support.

# TOWN OF GRANTHAM NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2019

SS. STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Moderator Lorie McClory introduced herself and called the 243<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Meeting to order at 5:01 pm. She asked those present to turn off their cell phones or set them to ‘vibrate.’ The assembly was lead in the Pledge of Allegiance by Cub Scout Troop #276. After the pledge was recited, the Moderator thanked them.

The Moderator reminded those residents in attendance to sit within the posts in the room so that they will be allowed to vote on all articles. Non-voters were instructed to sit behind the barrier on the east side of the room. She also reminded residents to be sure to pick up their yes/no paper ballots if they have not already, as those will be necessary for any secret ballot votes. Emergency exits and rest rooms were identified. The Moderator asked if there were any residents who were new to town meeting. She welcomed those who raised their hands and thanked them for coming. She told them to participate and have fun. She also advised residents to pick up a copy of the Town Report at the rear of the room, as a copy of the warrant is included within, and noted she will be referring to the warrant throughout the meeting.

The Moderator then asked those present to turn to page 4 of the town report for the dedication. This year’s town report is dedicated to Maurice “Hap” Renny; she then recognized Town Clerk Ken Story for remarks regarding the dedication. The town clerk then noted that it was a privilege to write the dedication and recalled what an institution Renny’s General Store was for those who grew up in the village while the store was operating. He congratulated Hap and thanked him for everything.

The Moderator then stated “...that the meeting having been properly warned as certified on page 14 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 243<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Town of Grantham officially opened for business.” She added that the polls opened at 10:00 am and will remain open until 7:00 pm for the election of both town and school officers.

The Moderator introduced Selectmen Connie Jones, G. Warren Kimball, and Peter Garland; Town Administrator Melissa White; Town Clerk/Tax Collector Ken Story; Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector Penny Palmer; and the Supervisors of the Checklist Donna Stamper, Sandy Noordsy and Suzanne Goldman. The complete list of town officers is on pages 7-9 of the Town Report. She also recognized the retirement since the last town meeting of Martha Norris, who had served as the administrative assistant in the Selectmen’s Office for several years. She also identified the four ballot clerks who will assist if it is necessary to count a show of hands or a secret ballot: Susan and Robert Meyer, and Paul and Sue Etkind.

The Moderator then noted that state law vests the Moderator with the authority to establish rules of procedure, and also vests the meeting with the power to overrule the Moderator’s rules or rulings; in other words, if the Moderator makes a ruling and anyone present is unhappy with that decision, that decision can be challenged. The Moderator announced that she would not read the rules unless this was requested. She added that Rules #4, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are prescribed by state law. Rule 3 was specifically put in place to accommodate our meeting hall. She added that the rules will be found on pages 12-13 of the town report. The Moderator then stated she could either read the rules or accept a motion to dispense with the reading of the rules. Jeff Walla of 201 Walker Road made the motion and Dave Wood of 103 Road Round The Lake seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Finally, the Moderator then asked for a motion to allow non-resident town officers and consultants to address the meeting as needed. Ralph Beasley of 37 Old Beach Circle moved and Brian Sullivan of 642 Olde Farms Road seconded. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

2019 Town Meeting Rules (listed on pages 12-13 of the Town Report)

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. Even though the Moderator runs the meeting, this is your meeting. Any ruling by the moderator can be challenged.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. All questions and comments should be addressed to the Moderator. The Moderator will choose who responds to the questions.
  8. 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.
  9. 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.
  10. 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.
  11. All proposed amendments to articles will be submitted in writing to the Moderator prior to discussion of the amendment. Amendment forms can be found on the last page of your town report.
  12. The Moderator will not accept negative motions which require a “no” vote to vote in the affirmative, such as “I move that we not adopt the budget.”
  13. If the Meeting is not finished at 11:00PM, the Moderator may recess the Meeting to a future date.

**ARTICLE 1 – Election of Officers**

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

Selectman	3 years
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 years
Planning Board	3 years
Planning Board	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

**ARTICLE 2 – Land Purchase (Sawyer Brook Headwaters)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$515,000) for the purchase of an approximately 386 acre parcel of land located on Upper Dunbar Hill Road (Tax Map lots 220-027, 028, and 031), said parcel being the same premises as were conveyed to Dillon Investments, LLC by William B. Ruger, Jr. by warranty deed dated March 28, 2018, and recorded in Book 2035, Page 044 of the Sullivan County Registry of Deeds. Two hundred fifteen thousand dollars (\$215,000) to be raised from state, federal, and private funding sources. The balance of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Jones seconded. The Moderator then opened up the floor for discussion and recognized Grantham resident Sheridan Brown to make a presentation on this article. Brown introduced himself as an attorney specializing in environmental law and reviewed his qualifications as a credible source of information on this project. He noted he’s worked with the town in a volunteer capacity along with the two non-profits who are partnering with us in this endeavor. Brown clarified the reason the article lists the \$515,000 amount while the actual amount being requested from taxpayers is actually \$300,000 and defined ‘gross budget appropriation.’ Brown then briefly reviewed the dimensions of the lot and its boundaries and noted the display boards in the back of the room, which also show the two lots recently closed on by New Hampshire Fish & Game (NHFG). Brown then listed the public uses of the land to be protected and that are currently going on there now; they include bird and wildlife watching, hiking, hunting, mountain biking, running, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and cross-country skiing, among others. There is tremendous access to this lot and it is already getting plenty of use. It also has terrific natural resources. Water resources include Sawyer Brook, which runs through the parcel and down into Grantham; it also has the second-highest ranked wetlands valuation unit out of 54 units surveyed in 2012; it’s called the Upper Dunbar Hill Beaver Dam, about a 20-acre wetland that includes a lot of wildlife habitat. Brown then discussed the maps shown on-screen and highlighted the wildlife habitat aspects. Brown then reviewed immediate threats to the parcel that included the possibility of clear-cutting. This threat was discussed in meetings about a year ago and Brown thanked the Selectboard for allowing him to become involved in attempting to find a means to acquire the property and pull together the partners required to make this happen. He noted that the partner non-profits with whom he has been working have remarked on the how impressed they’ve been with the town’s interest and professionalism. Brown then noted in July the town learned that the current owner had offered the parcel to NHFG for \$450,000; NHFG was not interested as they had already spent their money on other projects but thought the town might be interested. The property was not publicly listed, so the town had to tread lightly so as not to alert other prospective buyers who could purchase the land out from under the town. Brown noted that the town master plan includes the goals of acquiring, conserving, protecting and managing open space areas and natural resources, and to work cooperatively with other groups rather than putting together a proposal to do this alone. The town has reached out to groups with expertise in combining private funding with public funding, possibly including state and federal grants. The three partners in this endeavor are the town, the Conservation Fund, which is a national organization with great expertise in this type of project, and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), based out of New London. Brown

clarified for those present that the funding does not pay for a lot of administrative overhead; he reviewed the charitable qualifications of the Conservation Fund and the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust, including the work done locally by the latter organization. Brown then reviewed the roles of the partners. The town, pending taxpayer approval, would provide the maximum of \$300,000 toward the purchase price, and the town would hold the eventual title to the parcel. The town would then grant a conservation easement to ASLPT which would insure the permanent protection of the parcel. The Conservation Fund has a purchase and sale agreement in place with the current owner for the appraised value of the lot; however, this agreement is contingent upon the passage of this article. They have already done a bit of the legwork necessary, with a closing planned for July. They would hold the title to the parcel until the full funding for the acquisition is obtained. They would also provide the technical assistance for the grant writing needed to complete the purchase. ASLPT will coordinate private and public fundraising efforts here in New Hampshire and will perform the legal work to draft the conservation easement required under this agreement. They would also monitor the parcel as part of their permanent stewardship, using their considerable volunteer base to do so. Brown then reviewed the total budget and the various pieces, including the possibility of LCHIP funding reducing the town funding portion even further. He then also reviewed the schedule of how the various parts of the project would proceed over time. Brown then addressed a few ‘frequently asked questions,’ including LCHIP as an organization and where its funding comes from. He also reviewed questions about protections and pointed out there are currently no protections for Sawyer Brook; private ownership is not restricted in any way currently. Finally, he addressed the question of whether or not a conservation easement will restrict uses of the land. He said that the only restriction will be to prevent development of the property; forestry and agricultural uses will be permitted, as will all the recreational uses noted earlier. In fact, LCHIP funding requires pedestrian access across the property as well as hunting, fishing, etc. In other words, the easement will protect the public uses of the property and will not limit the way in which the public is already using the land. Brown then reviewed how little land in Grantham is actually protected open space, whether that protection is in the form of ownership or conservation easements. He noted that most of the land in town to which people have recreational access is a function of ‘current use’ taxation. He then reviewed the multiple advantages of this project vis-à-vis the master plan and its stated goals. Finally, he addressed the concern about whether or not the passage of this article will prevent clear-cutting; he responded in the affirmative, though he emphasized that this is not certain without the passage of this article. He closed by emphasizing that time is of the essence as this owner will not wait around for us to try again if this article does not pass. This is our shot at this and could be our only opportunity. The Moderator then quickly reviewed the rules regarding addressing the crowd and the time limit. Marsha Googins of 14 Robin Lane asked about how this project will affect our tax rate. Brown replied that the town’s portion of this project will be coming from the unexpended fund balance, so no new taxes to be raised. He added that under current ownership the property is in current use and thus the town is not benefitting significantly from tax income. Development of the property would certainly bring in more tax income but that would also bring with it an increase in the cost of services. He then cited studies supporting the benefits of open space versus development. F. Robert Osgood of 77 Pillsbury Road spoke to his time living here in Grantham and the roles he’s played here in town. He noted that the Selectboard supports this article and thanked Sheridan for his presentation. He made the point that the taxes we’ll be paying will be significantly higher if we allow this parcel to be developed. He encouraged voters to support the article. Raymond Miner of 244 Walker Road asked for clarification regarding the amount the town will be asked to pay; specifically, could the town actually end up paying less if we get the grants we’re seeking. Brown responded that if the grant funding is substantial, any funds the town would not be required to expend would go back to the general fund. Bob McNeil of Howe Hill Road asked three questions: 1) will motorized vehicles be allowed? Brown answered in the affirmative. 2) McNeil noted the breaking of the beaver dam there years ago and the damage it caused, and asked if owning this property would allow the town to prevent this from happening again. Brown again responded in the affirmative, subject to meeting all the requirements of the environmental regulatory agencies involved. 3) If the property is logged, where would the resulting revenue go? Brown responded that the revenue would go back to the town, though he wasn’t certain if it would go directly to the general fund or to one of the funds set up for specific purposes. McNeil reiterated that he hoped any logging revenue from the property would go back to the general fund. Selectman Jones then spoke to the last question and Brown added that the logging income would definitely come back to the town, as it would to any other owner. Rich Hoffman of 784 Olde Farms Road noted that the 20-acre corridor mentioned previously abuts directly on his land. He gave the feedback that it would have been great if the abutters had been contacted individually and consulted about this endeavor; he noted that perhaps

that was attempted but said that's water under the bridge. He asked about the logging done in 2013 and 2014, and noted that when that was done, he spoke with the crew doing the logging and was told that the plan was to do selective cutting. He added that what resulted was much closer to clear-cutting. He then expressed his long-term concern about this property and the possibility of development and the impacts that would have, and not just because the parcel abuts his property. He added that he's also concerned about tax rates. Ultimately he supports the article in spite of what it may cost the town in tax revenue, largely due to his interest in seeing the property conserved. Don Roberts of 6 Draper Mill Road expressed his concern not about the use of the land but about the expenditure of tax money on this project. He noted that property taxes have gone up 62% in the past eleven years. This is a concern to both younger people and those on a fixed income. He noted that we already have acreage here in town recently purchased by the state for recreational purposes. He asked that voters use discretion in voting for further spending. Ted Fantl of 378 Walker Road thanked everyone involved in this project and expressed his support for the passage of this article. Peter Lapre of 244 Walker Road asked if this land is not purchased and is then clear-cut, should the resulting logging trucks cause damage to the town roads, who is responsible for the repair of that damage. Brown spoke to the legal requirement that loggers be bonded in the conduct of timber harvesting. He added that this may be another reason to pass the article so to avoid getting into yet another legal battle. Peter James of 28 Split Rock Road said that this is another example of 'pay me now or pay me later, and then pay me again and again.' He pointed out that if this property is turned into house lots with a couple of children per house then we're going to spend \$300,000 today or spend thousands and thousands later. He added that he's one of those on a fixed income and admitted that while it will hurt, we should preserve this land and preserve our tax dollars down the road. F. Robert Osgood spoke about how taxes have indeed gone up but the impact of the development of this project will make what we're spending now look like a drop in the bucket. The Moderator then asked if there were any other comments or questions; hearing none, she called for a vote.

#### **Article 2 Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

(Peter James then thanked all involved in pulling this together)

#### **ARTICLE 3 – Adopt Provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I (a)**

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I (a) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds to purchase interests in land outside the boundaries of our municipality, subject to the approval of the local governing body? If adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Garland moved the article and Selectman Kimball seconded. The Moderator then opened up the floor for discussion and recognized Grantham resident Sheridan Brown to make a presentation on this article. Brown explained that this article and the next are optional conservation commission powers that could help facilitate land deals such as the one just approved. This article would allow the town's conservation commission to purchase land outside of the town's boundaries should they want to do that. While such a purchase would be rare, in the event of shared water resources or similar situations this would allow the conservation commission to move quickly should open space become available. The process for such a purchase would be identical to the process for purchasing something in town. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions. Hearing none, she called for a vote.

#### **Article 3 Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

#### **ARTICLE 4 – Adopt Provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I (b)**

Shall the town vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A:4-a, I (b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to "qualified organizations" for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization, and the town will retain no interest in the property? If adopted, this authority shall remain in effect until rescinded by majority vote. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Garland moved the article and Selectman Kimball seconded. The Moderator then opened up the floor for discussion and recognized Grantham resident Sheridan Brown to make a presentation on this article. Brown explained that this article would allow the conservation commission to give money to a qualified organization to purchase property within Grantham. This would effectively allow the town to give money to an organization to purchase and protect land in town but in which the town would not hold an interest. He used ASLPT as an example; it might want come into town and purchase a property and the town may well have an interest in supporting this purchase while not having to manage and monitor the property as an owner. He added that the town may also use this to work with partners to assure them that the town will contribute toward this endeavor without having to be concerned whether or not the project will receive town meeting approval, including the additional time frame involved. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions. Mark Hill of 32 Highwood Way noted that he did not see anywhere within the article that it specified such a contribution had to be for a property purchase within the boundaries of Grantham. Brown agreed that this is correct but that this has been interpreted traditionally as being for properties only within town boundaries. Hearing no further comments or questions, she called for a vote.

**Article 4 Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 5 – General Government**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one million, three hundred forty-six thousand, nine hundred four dollars (**\$1,346,904**) 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 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Selectmen’s Office	\$249,150	\$257,195	\$8,045
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$121,559	\$125,538	\$3,979
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$11,150	\$9,000	(\$2,150)
Financial Administration	\$41,200	\$45,200	\$4,000
Tax Maps/Assessing	\$41,000	\$41,000	\$0.00
Legal	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$5,000
Personnel Administration	\$784,192	\$633,000	(\$151,192)
Planning Board	\$4,250	\$5,050	\$800
Zoning Board of Adjustment	\$2,400	\$2,550	\$150
General Government Buildings	\$126,200	\$129,690	\$3,490
Cemeteries	\$19,800	\$19,800	\$0.00
Insurance (Property & Liability)	\$38,050	\$33,781	(\$4,269)
Regional Associations	\$4,057	\$4,100	\$43
Other General Government	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,479,008</b>	<b>\$1,346,904</b>	<b>(\$132,104)</b>

Selectman Jones moved the article and Selectman Garland seconded. Town Administrator White reviewed the increases and decreases in this article from the previous year. The Moderator then asked if there were any questions regarding the remainder of the article. Robert Meyer of 11 Turnbuckle Lane asked about a trend he noticed in this article and in several of the budget articles; specifically, in the past year, the amount we spent was significantly less than what was budgeted. He estimated that the difference is roughly 28%. He asked the question of why are we budgeting so much more than we actually spend. White responded that in the case of health care, we need to allow flexibility for employees to add family members, or to change plans. The Moderator then asked if there were any other comments or questions. Hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 5 Passed unanimously by voice vote**

**ARTICLE 6 – Public Safety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred forty-three thousand, two hundred fifty-one dollars (**\$843,251**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2018/2019</b>	<b>Proposed 2019/2020</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Police Department	\$535,910	\$543,131	\$7,221
Ambulance (FAST Squad)	\$98,630	\$136,646	\$38,016
Fire Department	\$131,784	\$141,474	\$9,690
Building Inspection	\$10,000	\$12,000	\$2,000
Emergency Management	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$785,824</b>	<b>\$843,251</b>	<b>\$57,427</b>

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Jones seconded. The Moderator then asked Town Administrator White to review the increases and decreases in this article from the previous year, and she deferred to Chief Parsons to present the police budget. Parsons reviewed the line items in the police budget and the reasons for the increases and decreases. Parsons talked about the on-call program approved last year and the results over the past year. White then addressed the remainder of this article, reviewing the increases and decreases. The Moderator then asked if there were any questions regarding the remainder of the article. Hearing none, she called for the vote.

**Article 6 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 7 – Police Cruiser Lease Final Payment**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,740 for the final payment of the 2017 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser, with said funds to come from the Police Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Garland moved the article and Selectman Kimball seconded. The Moderator then asked if there were any other comments or questions; hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 7 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 8 – Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven hundred ninety-four thousand, three hundred forty-three dollars (**\$794,343**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2018/2019</b>	<b>Proposed 2019/2020</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Highway Administration	\$242,595	\$252,345	\$9,750
Highway Maintenance	\$175,700	\$178,700	\$3,000
Street Lights	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0.00

Transfer Station	\$151,515	\$153,798	\$2,283
Waste Disposal	\$210,000	\$200,000	(\$10,000)
Landfill Monitoring	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$789,310</b>	<b>\$794,343</b>	<b>\$5,033</b>

Selectman Jones moved the article and Selectman Garland seconded. Town Administrator White reviewed the increases and decreases in this article. The Moderator then asked if there were any other questions; hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 8 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 9 – Highway Dump/Plow Truck**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purchase of a new highway dump truck complete with plow and sander, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$200,000 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Jones seconded. Town Administrator White explained the article, referencing the age and mileage of the current vehicle, and the increased cost of keeping it on the road. The Moderator then asked for any questions or comments; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

**Article 9 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 10 – Replacement of Highway Garage Roof**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for costs associated with the replacement of the roof on the Highway Garage to come from the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Garland seconded. Town Administrator White noted that the roof needs to be replaced. She added that the current roof is over twenty-years old. The Moderator then asked if there were any questions or comments on this article; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

**Article 10 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 11 – Highway Department Generator**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purchase and installation of a generator for the Highway Garage. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Jones seconded. Town Administrator White explained the need for the generator to help keep the building lit, warm and dry during inclement weather. The Moderator then asked if there were any questions or comments; hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 11 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 12 – Transfer Station Generator**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator at the Transfer Station. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Garland moved the article and Selectman Kimball seconded. Town Administrator White reviewed the need to protect the building and equipment at the Transfer Station in the event of a power outage. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions. Mark Hill of 12 Highwood Way asked how the generator will be powered. White responded that it would be powered by propane from tanks. Hill asked whether or not the generator could be powered by the methane generated at the dump itself. The Moderator then asked if there were any other questions or comments; hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 12 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 13 – Health and Welfare**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand, five hundred dollars (**\$45,500**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2018/2019</b>	<b>Proposed 2019/2020</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Health	\$1,700	\$1,000	(\$700)
Boarding Animals	\$700	\$700	\$0.00
Community Services	\$18,500	\$18,800	\$300
Town General Assistance	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$45,900</b>	<b>\$45,500</b>	<b>(\$400)</b>

<b>Community Agencies:</b>	<b>Budget 2018/2019</b>	<b>Proposed 2019/2020</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Lake Sunapee VNA	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
Newport Food Pantry	\$500	\$500	\$0
Sullivan County Nutrition Services	\$200	\$300	\$100
Kearsarge Area COA	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0
Southwestern Community Services	\$900	\$900	\$0
West Central Services	\$3,500	\$3,700	\$200
Public Health Council of the Upper Valley	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Visiting Nurse & Hospice of VT/NH	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,500</b>	<b>\$18,800</b>	<b>\$300</b>

Selectman Jones moved the article and Selectman Kimball seconded. Town Administrator White said she had nothing to add to what is included in the article. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions; hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 13 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 14 – Culture and Recreation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred two thousand, one hundred fifty-two dollars (**\$302,152**) 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)

<b>Account Title</b>	<b>Budget 2018/2019</b>	<b>Proposed 2019/2020</b>	<b>Change Increase or (Decrease)</b>
Recreation	\$49,200	\$49,400	\$200
Dunbar Free Library	\$232,600	\$215,352	(\$17,248)

Activities	\$33,510	\$35,900	\$2,390
Archives	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$316,810</b>	<b>\$302,152</b>	<b>(\$14,658)</b>

Selectman Garland moved the article and Selectman Jones seconded. Town Administrator White reviewed the increases and decreases. The Moderator asked if there were any comments or questions; hearing none, she called for a vote.

**Article 14 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 15 – 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 eighteen thousand, four hundred thirty-seven dollars (**\$218,437**) 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 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Conservation Commission	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500
Town Hall Bond/Interest	\$77,773	\$74,808	(\$2,965)
Library Bond/Interest	\$61,455	\$59,406	(\$2,049)
Fire Department SCBA Lease	\$37,197	\$37,197	\$0.00
Police Cruiser Lease (2018)	\$22,971	\$22,971	\$0.00
Highway 1-Ton Lease	\$20,955	\$20,955	\$0.00
Tax Anticipation Notes Interest	\$100	\$100	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$222,951</b>	<b>\$218,437</b>	<b>(\$4,514)</b>

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Garland seconded. Town Administrator White reviewed where we stand in terms of these bonds and notes. The Moderator then called for further discussion; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

**Article 15 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 16 – Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000) to be placed in previously established Capital Reserve and Expendable Trust Funds, as listed below with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Account Title	Budget 2018/2019	Proposed 2019/2020	Change Increase or (Decrease)
Highway Equipment CRF	\$60,000	\$100,000	\$40,000
Transfer Station Equipment CRF	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0.00
Library Building Repair CRF	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0.00
Town Building Maintenance CRF	\$10,000	\$7,000	(\$3,000)
Fire Department Apparatus CRF	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0.00
Police Vehicles CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Town Office Equipment CRF	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,000

Municipality Revaluation CRF	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0.00
Town Clerk/Tax Collector Equipment CRF	\$2,000	\$0.00	(\$2,000)
Town Emergency Repair ETF	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$189,000</b>	<b>\$225,000</b>	<b>\$36,000</b>

Selectman Jones moved the article and Selectman Garland seconded. The Moderator then called for further discussion. Robert Meyer of 11 Turnbuckle Lane asked about capital reserve funds and what happened to the money set aside for these funds; specifically, why was there no expenditures from these funds. He wanted to understand what it means to transfer money to these funds; are we just banking that money for future use? Town Administrator White answered in the affirmative and explained how the Trustees of the Trust Funds manage these funds. Meyer then asked further questions about specifics of where this money is going and chatted privately with White about his questions. Finally Meyer asked what happens to money that is budgeted but unspent. White responded that it is returned to the undesignated fund balance. Meyer then asked how big that fund balance is. White responded that if all the articles are approved this evening, the balance will be \$1.569 million, which is around 11% of the total budget. She added that the Board’s fund balance policy states that the goal is to keep the undesignated fund balance at between 10 and 15 percent. Meyer then asked to confirm that this balance is carried over from year to year. White added that this percentage is determined by a Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) formula, but that as it stands the current percentage is roughly 11%. Meyer added that this seems like a substantial surplus but agreed to sit down. The Moderator then asked if there were any other comments or questions; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

**Article 16 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 17 – Establish Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Road Improvement Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of design, engineering, surveying, permitting and construction costs associated with improving town-owned road infrastructure, and to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to put in the fund, with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance; further to name the selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Recommended by the Selectmen (Majority vote required)

Selectman Kimball moved the article and Selectman Garland seconded. Town Administrator White explained that the article will allow town to get a head start on imminent road projects as they arise. The Moderator asked for any comments or questions; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

**Article 17 Passed by Majority Voice Vote**

**ARTICLE 18 – 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)

Selectman Garland moved the article and Selectman Jones. The Moderator noted that the Selectmen have nominated residents for the positions of Hog Reeves and Fence Viewers.

For Hog Reeves, the Selectmen have nominated Travis Hastings and Jennifer Laramie. The Moderator then asked for nominations from the floor; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

For Fence Viewers, the Selectmen have nominated Eva Duff and Bruce Hosmer.

The Moderator then asked for nominations from the floor. The question was asked regarding hearing job descriptions for these positions. Selectman Kimball explained that hog reeves are hired by the town to corral

errant livestock; fence viewers go out the following day to evaluate whether or not the livestock escaped through owner negligence, and if so, advise the town that a fine be assessed. The Moderator added that it was her understanding that one of the underlying purposes of appointing young married couples to these positions was to call them out in the middle of the night, thereby helping to reduce the student population in town. The Moderator asked for any further comments or questions; hearing none, the Moderator called for a vote.

**Elected by Unanimous Voice Vote**

The Moderator then asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. Robert Meyer of 11 Turnbuckle Lane asked about the status of the property the town purchased last year across from the post office and wondered why that building is still standing. Town Administrator White responded that the town is pursuing a permit from the state Department of Environmental Services to proceed with this work and is awaiting notification before it can commence. Michael Holdowsky of 50 Anderson Pond Road asked whether or not the minutes of the 2018 meeting need to be approved at this meeting. The Moderator responded that they do not need to be approved but that we are always open to any corrections, clarifications, etc. The Moderator then asked if there was any other business to discuss. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to dissolve the meeting. Justin Hastings of moved and Mark Hill of seconded. The Moderator then called for a vote.

**Article 18 Passed by Unanimous Voice Vote**

The Moderator declared the 243<sup>rd</sup> Town Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

A true copy attest,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Story". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Kenneth Story, Town Clerk/Tax Collector



DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations

Grantham

For the period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020

In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the appropriations used in computing the tax rate.

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
<b>General Government</b>					
4130-4139	Executive	05	\$257,195	\$0	\$257,195
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$134,538	\$0	\$134,538
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	\$45,200	\$0	\$45,200
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	\$41,000	\$0	\$41,000
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	05	\$633,000	\$0	\$633,000
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	\$7,600	\$0	\$7,600
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$129,690	\$0	\$129,690
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$19,800	\$0	\$19,800
4196	Insurance	05	\$33,781	\$0	\$33,781
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	05	\$4,100	\$0	\$4,100
4199	Other General Government	05	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,346,904</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,346,904</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
4210-4214	Police	06	\$543,131	\$0	\$543,131
4215-4219	Ambulance	06	\$136,646	\$0	\$136,646
4220-4229	Fire	06	\$141,474	\$0	\$141,474
4240-4249	Building Inspection	06	\$12,000	\$0	\$12,000
4290-4298	Emergency Management	06	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$843,251</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$843,251</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>					
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
4311	Administration	08	\$252,345	\$0	\$252,345
4312	Highways and Streets	08	\$178,700	\$0	\$178,700
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	08	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$434,045</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$434,045</b>



**DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
<b>Sanitation</b>					
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection	08	\$153,798	\$0	\$153,798
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	08	\$200,000	\$0	\$200,000
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	08	\$6,500	\$0	\$6,500
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$360,298</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$360,298</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>					
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>					
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>					
4411	Administration	13	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
4414	Pest Control	13	\$700	\$0	\$700
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	13	\$18,800	\$0	\$18,800
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$20,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$20,500</b>
<b>Welfare</b>					
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	13	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	14	\$49,400	\$0	\$49,400
4550-4559	Library	14	\$215,352	\$0	\$215,352
4583	Patriotic Purposes	14	\$35,900	\$0	\$35,900
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	14	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$302,152</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$302,152</b>



**DRA Revised/Reviewed Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations As Voted	Change Amount	DRA Revised Appropriations
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	15	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	15	\$110,000	\$0	\$110,000
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	15	\$24,214	\$0	\$24,214
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	15	\$100	\$0	\$100
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$134,314</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$134,314</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
4901	Land	02	\$515,000	\$0	\$515,000
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	07,09,11,12,15	\$321,363	\$0	\$321,363
4903	Buildings	10	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$856,363</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$856,363</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	16	\$220,000	\$0	\$220,000
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	16,17	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>
<b>Total Voted Appropriations</b>			<b>\$4,555,827</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,555,827</b>

**Explanation for Adjustments**

Warrant	Reason for Adjustment
	<i>No DRA adjustments made or no adjustment notes available.</i>

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**Legislative Report**  
**Representative Brian Sullivan**  
**Sullivan County District 1**  
**Cornish, Grantham, Plainfield and Springfield**

The 2019 legislative session turned out to be quite a roller coaster ride. The House and Senate passed some very important legislation on a variety of topics. For example, Paid family medical leave passed both chambers. It would have provided 12 weeks of paid leave for the care of one's self or a family member, paid for by a small premium deducted from each employee's pay. Unfortunately, the Governor Sununu vetoed it.

The House and Senate also passed a minimum wage that would have increased the abysmal \$7.25 federal minimum wage to \$12 per hour over several years. But the governor vetoed that too. We also passed a bill that would have increased the maximum size of net metering renewable energy projects from 1 megawatt to 5 megawatts. This bill was also vetoed and came only a few votes short of an override. The governor also vetoed the repeal of the death penalty. It passed the House and Senate with strong bipartisan support. This veto was overridden, and New Hampshire has joined a growing number of states that have turned our backs on this barbaric practice.

In all the governor vetoed 57 bills in 2019. Half of these bills (51%) received bipartisan support in both the House and Senate. 32% had bipartisan sponsors and 39% were sponsored by Republicans. It was incredibly disappointing to see so much progress eliminated by the veto pen.

In the 2020 session issues like paid family leave, minimum wage and raising the net metering cap are returning for another attempt. My hope is that the governor will hear just how popular these ideas are and allow them to become law. If he chooses to wield the veto pen yet again, he may be facing some disgruntled voters come November.

I continue to serve as chair of the House Labor Committee. As we move into the second year together as a committee, I sense a greater degree of camaraderie and cooperation. A few weeks ago, the committee voted on a series of six bills. I was pleased to find that we had unanimous votes on all six bills. Some we voted to kill, some we voted in support of, and one we sent to interim study, but the committee with 12 Democrats and 8 Republicans were in full agreement in each instance. It will not always be that way, but it was nice to have a day of cooperation.

A bill that I am prime sponsor of is HB 1171. It will initiate the process of developing a State OSHA plan that will for the first time have public sector employees covered by the same OSHA safety standards that private sector employees have. It will be a very substantial process to develop the State Plan, but I feel strongly that state, county, municipal and school employees should have safety standards at least as robust as other workers in New Hampshire. The process will take two to three years to complete and further legislation will be needed to complete the State Plan. I intend to continue working on this next year if the voters of Sullivan District 1 decide to send me back to Concord in 2021.

If constituents have questions or suggestions about what we are doing at the State House, I hope you will get in touch. [briansullivannh@gmail.com](mailto:briansullivannh@gmail.com)



I am honored to represent the communities of Cornish, Croydon, Grantham, Newport, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, and Unity in my third term as State Representative, Sullivan District 9. I serve as the Clerk for the Education Committee, Assistant Majority Floor Leader and Commissioner for the Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission.

This year the House was largely focused on developing a budget for 2020-21. The House priorities were to address the issues surrounding school funding and examine ways to help reduce the burden on local property taxes. The Education Committee heard from many school districts in our state that were in dire financial situations. Bills were passed to help these schools and review school adequacy funding. After many months of negotiations, a compromise to the Governor's veto resulted in the final budget. That budget included targeted revenue sharing for towns, municipalities, and schools who have a higher percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-priced meals. Keno revenues did not meet the funding level for full day kindergarten. As a result, kindergarten costs will now be fully funded from the general fund. Most importantly, an independent commission has been established to study school funding and will deliver a report to the legislature in the 2021 session.

This year laws were enacted for sports betting, hemp farming, establishing municipal energy districts, a much needed expansion of mental health care services and opening coordinated substance abuses services. Towns will now be allowed to make the decision to postpone town meetings in the event of severe weather or other emergencies. From the education committee came two laws that will help students. One that deals with training and policies for all staff for suicide prevention. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in people under the age of 24. The second was inspired by a teenager from Rochester, the Period Poverty Bill became law. This law mandates that all middle and high schools provide essential menstrual products in the female and gender neutral bathrooms. Testimony to our committee revealed that many girls whose families can not afford to buy pads or tampons miss substantial learning time, suffer embarrassment, and low self esteem.

Privatization, accountability, funding and the role of local control of our public school system remain issues of debate in our committee for this next year. In 2021 the legislature will be performing a redistricting of House, Senate, and Executive Council districts. A bill that established an independent commission to give a proposal for new districts based on the recent census passed both the House and Senate but was vetoed by the Governor. I expect to see another bill addressing this issue in this term. Voting rights, marijuana, family leave insurance, and bills addressing gun violence will be a focus in this year of the biennium. We will also will see legislation addressing issues around climate change and energy.

Recently, I was honored to receive the Barbara French Advocacy Award from the School Nurses' Association for my work on legislation that reinstates a much needed position of school nurse coordinator at the Department of Education. School nurses play a vital role in the health and well being of our schools, its staff and students.

Thank you for the opportunity to represent you in our state government. Please do not hesitate to call or email with your concerns, comments, and advice.

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Executive Council

**MICHAEL J. CRYANS**  
Executive Councilor  
District One



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### 2019 Year End Report from Councilor Michael Cryans

On January 3, 2019, I passed my one-year anniversary serving on the Executive Council for District One.

This District is made up of over 100 towns and four cities (Berlin, Claremont, Laconia and Lebanon). It covers up to ½ of the land area from Tilton to Pittsburg.

The Council, which has 5 members, each represent approximately 275,000 constituents. The Council meets approximately every 2 weeks and most of the meetings are held in Concord, except for the 6 meetings during the summer. These summer meetings are held in the five Council Districts along with one hosted by the Governor. I chose Littleton and will be looking for a community to host the meeting next summer.

The Executive Council votes on all contracts with the state over \$10,000 as well as appointments to Boards and Commissions. Fifty-four persons from District One were confirmed to various positions on State Boards and Commissions this year. The Council also votes on Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners of State Agencies as well as confirms the appointment of judges to serve in New Hampshire District, Supreme and Superior Courts.

I have traveled to all the towns and cities as well as the seven counties in this District. The function that I enjoy the most is constituent service. I like to assist, if I can, with the issues that arise from individual concerns to general issues in towns and cities in the District. You can always reach out to me with issues of concern.

This year I hosted the Department of Transportation GACIT Meetings in Lebanon, Claremont, Berlin and North Conway. GACIT stands for The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation. This Commission is required to propose a plan for improvements to our state transportation system every two years, ultimately creating what is known as the Ten Year Highway Plan.

If you wish to serve on any Boards or Commissions, please submit your resume to me and Jonathan Melanson of the Governor's office. The Boards and Commissions, along with the qualifications needed, can be reviewed at <http://sos.nh.gov/GC2.aspx>.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel I can be helpful. My contact information is [Michael.Cryans@NH.gov](mailto:Michael.Cryans@NH.gov) or 603-443-1901 or PO Box 999, Hanover, NH 03755.

Remember, I am here to serve you.

Sincerely,  
Michael Cryans  
Executive Councilor, District One

Entire Counties of Coos and Grafton, the incorporated place of Hale's Location, the towns of Albany, Alton, Andover, Bartlett, Brookfield, Center Harbor, Chatham, Conway, Cornish, Croydon, Danbury, Eaton, Effingham, Freedom, Gilford, Grantham, Hart's Location, Hill, Jackson, Madison, Meredith, Middleton, Milton, Moultonborough, New Durham, New Hampton, New London, Newport, Ossipee, Plainfield, Sanbornton, Sandwich, Springfield, Sunapee, Tamworth, Tilton, Tuftonboro, Wakefield, Wilmot and Wolfeboro, and the cities of Claremont and Laconia

## TAX RELIEF OPTIONS

For the following programs, applications are available at the Selectmen's Office in Grantham Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH:

**Abatements:** Application deadline: March 1 after final tax bill of the year. Per RSA 76:16, property owners who believe there is an error in their property assessment, or their assessment is disproportionate, may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an abatement. Applications are also online at <https://www.nh.gov/btla/forms/documents/abatement.pdf>

**Elderly Exemption (RSA 72:39-a):** Application deadline: April 15. Residents 65 years of age and up who meet income and asset limits may apply to the Board of Selectmen for an exemption of the assessment of their property.

This Exemption reduces the taxable value of the real estate for qualified taxpayers as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, a reduction of \$44,000 from the assessed value;

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, a reduction of \$66,000 from the assessed value; and

For a person 80 years of age or older, a reduction of \$82,500 from the assessed value.

To qualify, the applicant must be 65 years of age by April 1 and have been a New Hampshire resident for at least the last 3 years. In addition, your real estate must be your permanent place of residence, and if the real estate is owned by a person's spouse, you must have been married for at least 5 years.

Income and Asset limits:

**Income:** For a single person, your net income may not exceed \$40,000. If married, a combined net income may not be more than \$80,000.

**Assets:** Excluding your home, if you are single, your assets may not exceed \$100,000. If married, your combined assets may not exceed \$200,000. Please note that assets include everything that is tangible and intangible.

**Low & Moderate Income Homeowners' Property Tax Relief:** You may be eligible for this program if you are: Single with Adjusted Gross Income equal to or less than \$20,000; Married or filing Head of a NH Household with Adjusted Gross Income equal to or less than \$40,000; and own a home subject to the State Education Property Tax; and resided in that home on April 1. The Town has no authority in regard to this program but you can contact the Selectmen's Office for an application which the State has typically made available sometime in April. Applications must be filed to the State of New Hampshire between May 1 and June 30.

## TAX RELIEF OPTIONS

**Veterans Tax Credit:** Application deadline: April 15. If you are a Veteran and served during a qualifying war or armed conflict, described below, you may be eligible for a tax credit if:

- You were honorably discharged, or are you the spouse of a veteran who was honorably discharged;
- You have been a resident of New Hampshire for at least one year preceding April 1<sup>st</sup> of this year; and
- You live in the home, as your primary residence, for which the tax credit is claimed

Basic eligibility requirements (see RSA 72:28 for complete eligibility requirements):

- Every resident of this state who served not less than 90 days in the armed forces of the United States in any qualifying war or armed conflict AND was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service, or the spouse of such resident.
- Every resident of this state who was terminated from the armed forces because of a service-connected disability; or the surviving spouse of such resident.
- The surviving spouse of any resident who suffered a service-connected death.

**Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28):** If you are a veteran or a veteran's spouse or surviving spouse, you may be eligible for a \$500 tax credit. You will need to submit a copy of your DD-214 along with your permanent application form PA-29. If you served in a war or conflict since May 8, 1975, please be sure the DD-214 you provide has your character of service (sometimes labeled Member 4 copy in the lower right-hand corner).

**All Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b):** If you are a veteran and a resident of this state who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, provided that Title 10 training for active duty by a member of a national guard or reserve, you may be eligible for a \$500 tax credit.

**Credit for Surviving Spouse of a Veteran Who Was Killed or Died on Active Duty (RSA 72:29- a):** If you are the surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty in the armed forces, you may be eligible for a tax credit. You will need to submit documentation from the Veterans Administration to support your status.

**Credit for Service-Connected Total & Permanent Disability (RSA 72:35):** If you are a qualified veteran with a total and permanent service-connected disability or are a double amputee or paraplegic, or you are the surviving spouse of such a veteran, you may be eligible for a tax credit. You will need to submit documentation from the Veterans Administration to support your status.

**Total Exemption (RSA 72:36-a):** If your homestead has been specially adapted because of your service-related disability, you may be eligible for a total exemption from property taxes. You will need to submit documentation from the Veterans Administration to support your status, as well as documentation of the specially adapted homestead, and financing with the assistance of the Veterans Administration.

## TAX RELIEF OPTIONS

**Solar Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:61-64):** Application deadline: April 15. This is an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value for property that is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. This exemption would be equal to 100% of the assessed value of a qualifying solar energy system under these statutes.

**Tax Deferral Lien:** Per RSA 72:38-a, disabled residents or residents over 65 may apply for a tax deferral lien. This program allows a resident to defer payment of their residential property taxes, plus annual interest of 5%, until the transfer of their property or up to 85% of the property equity value.

**Wind-Powered Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:65-68):** Application deadline: April 15. This is an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value for property that is equipped with wind powered energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. This exemption would be equal to 100% of the assessed value of a qualifying wind-powered energy system under these statutes.

**Wood-heating Energy Systems Exemption (RSA 72:70):** Application deadline: April 15. This is an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value for property that is equipped with wood-heating energy system (as defined in RSA 72:69) intended for use at the immediate site. This exemption would be equal to 100% of the assessed value of a qualifying wood-heating energy system under these statutes.

## Wages For Employees And Elected Officials

### Administration

Kimball, G. Warren	Selectman	\$	450.00	quarterly
Jones, Constance A.	Selectman	\$	450.00	quarterly
Peter H. Garland	Selectman	\$	450.00	quarterly
White, Melissa M	Town Administrator	\$	2,931.53	bi-weekly
Jasper, Ann M	Administrative Assistant	\$	22.61	hourly
Roberts, Marianne	Office Assistant	\$	17.51	hourly
Catherine Hock	Receptionist	\$	15.00	hourly
Emily Owens	Board Clerk	\$	15.45	hourly
Maynard Goldman	Treasurer	\$	6,200.00	annual
James Coakley	Trustee of the Trust Funds Clerk & Bookkeeper	\$	1,750.00	annual
Fogg, Robert E	Trustee of the Trust Funds Bookkeeper	\$	1,750.00	annual
Stender, Gregory	Facilities Maintenance Manager	\$	21.21	hourly
Stender, Gregory	Building Inspector	\$	21.21	hourly

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector's Office & Election Officials

Story, Kenneth B	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$	1,807.23	bi-weekly
Palmer, Penelope	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$	18.54	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
McClory, Lorie M	Moderator	\$	300.00	annual
Bresnick, Paula	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Clark, Jane Deane	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Clark Jr., Russell	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Eastman, Ruth Ann	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Fitts, Richard	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Fitts, Sharon	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Fogg, Sara	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Friedman, Rita	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Guillette, Jacqueline	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
Niles, Mary	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Peterson, Norah	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Peterson, Robert	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Taylor, Jane R	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Tober, Rae	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Towle, Cynthia	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly
Vien, Janice	Ballot Clerk	\$	7.50	hourly

### Police Department

Parsons, John W	Police Chief	\$	2,872.91	bi-weekly
Cunningham, Gordon	Police Sergeant	\$	29.77	hourly
Cameron, Ryan J	Patrolman	\$	24.03	hourly
Gamble, Ryan C	Sr. Patrolman	\$	26.11	hourly
DiPadova, Judith A	Police Secretary	\$	21.48	hourly
Kevin Bronson	Police Officer PT	\$	20.18	hourly
Julian, Timothy T	Police Officer PT	\$	21.77	hourly

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### Fire-Ems Department

Hastings, Justin R	Fire Chief	\$	19.57	hourly
Fountain, Jeremiah J	Assistant Fire Chief	\$	19.57	hourly
Labombard, Jeremy	Captain	\$	15.35	hourly
Beckley, David B	Lieutenant	\$	15.35	hourly
Avery, Ryan	Lieutenant	\$	15.35	hourly
Avery, Lori	Lieutenant	\$	15.35	hourly
Balfour, Zackary	Firefighter/EMT	\$	15.35	hourly
Bard, Rosie	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Coronis, Hunter	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Coronis, Kelly	EMT	\$	15.35	hourly
Gallien, Ryan	Firefighter/EMT	\$	15.35	hourly
Gillespie, Stuart	AEMT	\$	15.35	hourly
Howarth, Cory	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Mason, Brandon	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Medeiros, Keith	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Medeiros, Ryan	Firefighter/EMT	\$	15.35	hourly
Meier, Lewis	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Messineo, Trevor	Firefighter/EMT	\$	15.35	hourly
Ripley, Stephen Jr.	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly
Tibbits, Jack	Firefighter	\$	15.35	hourly

### Emergency Management

Beckley, David B	Emergency Management Director	\$	21.63	hourly
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### Health

Susan Figley	Health Officer	\$	19.00	hourly
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### Highway Department & Groundskeeping

Hastings, Jeffrey A	Road Agent	\$	34.81	hourly
Hastings, Brian	Assistant Road Agent	\$	26.22	hourly
Donald Cote	Summer helper PT	\$	19.50	hourly
Carey, Glenn R	Groundskeeper	\$	21.09	hourly

### Transfer Station

Scott, Christopher C	Transfer Station Supervisor	\$	21.63	hourly
Sweeney, Buddy	Transfer Station Attendant	\$	17.60	hourly
Bullock, William	Transfer Station Attendant PT	\$	14.50	hourly
Martin, Christopher	Transfer Station Attendant PT	\$	13.00	hourly
Thomson, Stuart	Transfer Station Attendant PT	\$	12.00	hourly

### Recreation

Emily Rinde-Thorsen	Activities & Athletics Director	\$	1,490.38	bi-weekly
Bachelor, Jeremy	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Britton, Steven R	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Curtis, Mark	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Decosta, Christian	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Hansen, Karsten	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Mondragon, Joshua	Referee	\$	10.00	hourly
Sanchez, Logan	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Schiller, Logan	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly
Starr, Bailey	Referee	\$	25.00	hourly

### Library

Huston, Dawn E	Library Director	\$	1,995.35	bi-weekly
Benson, Julie	Library - PT	\$	12.50	hourly
Gelston, Andy	Library - PT	\$	13.00	hourly
Heepe, Teresa R	Library - PT	\$	15.29	hourly
Holmes, B Joey	Library - PT	\$	19.33	hourly
Stephan-Strombom, Sandra	Library - PT	\$	12.62	hourly

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2019-12/31/2019

--GRANTHAM--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
PEPIN, SLOAN ROSE	01/06/2019	LEBANON,NH	PEPIN, JASON	PEPIN, MOLLY
SANVILLE, EVAN JOSEPH	02/20/2019	LEBANON,NH	SANVILLE, EDWARD	SANVILLE, MARICAR
MASON, HENRY GLENN	02/20/2019	LEBANON,NH	MASON, BRET	MASON, LAUREN
LEARY, GEORGE THOMAS	03/07/2019	LEBANON,NH	LEARY, BRIAN	LEARY, WHITNEY
MATHEWS, OLIVER LANDEN	03/07/2019	LEBANON,NH	MATHEWS, DAARON	MATHEWS, ASHLEY
O'HARA, EMMA HAZEL	04/02/2019	LEBANON,NH	O'HARA II, THOMAS	O'HARA, JESSICA
FAGAN, HUGH VINCENT	04/25/2019	LEBANON,NH	FAGAN, DARREN	FAGAN, LIESEL
CRAIG, LEO KENNETH	04/28/2019	LEBANON,NH	CRAIG, JAMES	CRAIG, SARAH
LAMONT, EMILIE LAMARCHE	05/23/2019	LEBANON,NH	LAMONT, RYAN	LAMARCHE, JULIE
HASTINGS, BRADY STEPHEN	05/26/2019	LEBANON,NH	HASTINGS, TRAVIS	LARAMIE, JENNIFER
BUCKEY, JAY WILLOUGHBY	07/06/2019	LEBANON,NH	BUCKEY, JAY	BUCKEY, JENNIFER
ELLIS, EVERETT DEAN	08/19/2019	LEBANON,NH	ELLIS, DOUGLAS	ELLIS, APRIL
MOYNIHAN, BERNADETTE ROSE	08/22/2019	LEBANON,NH	MOYNIHAN, DAVID	MOYNIHAN, EMILY
TRUELL, JAXSON RYAN	08/23/2019	LEBANON,NH	TRUELL, VALERIE	TRUELL, CASSIE
MEYER, CROW JAMES LOUIS	09/21/2019	LEBANON,NH		MEYER, JODIE
MILLS, EZEKIEL ALAN	10/15/2019	LEBANON,NH	MILLS III, JAMES	MILLS, ASHLEY
MYERS, ETHAN GAGE	11/25/2019	LEBANON,NH	MYERS JR, CURTIS	MYERS, VASILISA
WILSON, PAIGE ELIZABETH	12/31/2019	LEBANON,NH	WILSON, MATTHEW	WILSON, LAUREN

Total number of records 18

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

-- GRANTHAM --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
PARSONS, JOHN W GRANTHAM, NH	SIMONS, COLETTE M GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	GRANTHAM	07/06/2019
LAWSON, RICHARD B GRANTHAM, NH	FERGUSON, NANCY J GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	LEBANON	08/15/2019
QU, SUSAN TORONTO, CANADA	VAN ERP, JOHANNES H GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	GRANTHAM	08/22/2019
GILSON, JANET M GRANTHAM, NH	HOWARD, ADAM P GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	GRANTHAM	08/31/2019
PIRRO, LARA GRANTHAM, NH	JANCETIC, ANTHONY M GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	GRANTHAM	10/06/2019
RHOADES, CRYSTAL L GRANTHAM, NH	BAJKO, ROBERT T GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	EPPING	10/18/2019
MONCRIEF, GRANT G GRANTHAM, NH	ATTEBERRY, YUMI B GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	PORTSMOUTH	10/31/2019
HUDON, EMMANUEL P GRANTHAM, NH	GLEICH, KATRINA L GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	GRANTHAM	12/27/2019
BOYKA, RENEE S GRANTHAM, NH	CARR, REX G GRANTHAM, NH	GRANTHAM	NEW LONDON	12/29/2019

Total number of records 9

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

--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
PALERMO, MICHAEL	02/12/2019	GRANTHAM	PALERMO, JAMES	HAVENS, SANDRA	N
RODIZZA, WALTRAUD	02/16/2019	LEBANON	NEHREN, WILHELM	SCHWARZ, MARGARETE	N
KEITH, DREW	02/16/2019	LEBANON	KEITH, ROLLIN	EMMETT, JULIA	Y
GARDNER, JOSEPH	02/20/2019	WARNER	GARDNER, JOHN	MULLIGAN, MARY	Y
BOWERS, MARYLYNNE	02/24/2019	LEBANON	BOWERS, HOWARD	SLOWIK, KATHERINE	N
BUKER III, HAROLD	03/07/2019	GRANTHAM	BUKER JR, HAROLD	CHAPIN, HARRIET	N
PARRA, ANTHONY	03/07/2019	GRANTHAM	PARRA, ANTHONY	STROLLO, GRACE	Y
VALENTE JR, FRANCIS	03/23/2019	NEWPORT	VALENTE, FRANCIS	SELLA, AURELIA	Y
OSGOOD, HAROLD	03/27/2019	LEBANON	OSGOOD, ROBERT	FITCH, EDITH	Y
MELLON, MARK	04/18/2019	GRANTHAM	MELLON, GERARD	O'RILEY, MARY	N
GAUVIN, JOHN	04/25/2019	CLAREMONT	GAUVIN, SAM	VALCOURT, ANNA	Y
CASHMAN, JUDITH	05/08/2019	GRANTHAM	JACKSON, HAROLD	BROUGHTON, HARRIETT	N
MANSFIELD, RICHARD	05/14/2019	GRANTHAM	MANSFIELD, WILLIAM	COREY, BEULAH	Y
PILLSBURY, ALDEN	05/17/2019	LEBANON	PILLSBURY, MERTON	HOWARD, DOROTHY	Y
CHAMPNEY, BARBARA	07/12/2019	GRANTHAM	MACKEY, JAMES	CROSIER, RUTH	N
ROGERS, CHARLES	08/12/2019	GRANTHAM	ROGERS, WILLIAM	HART, HELEN	Y
BURTT, MARION	09/28/2019	CONCORD	WEBBER, CHARLES	DERBY, VERETTA	N
WISE, DOUGLAS	10/29/2019	LEBANON	WISE, LEO	WYKOFF, CELIA	Y

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

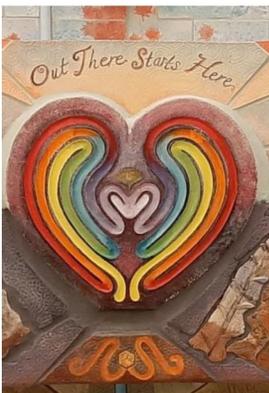
01/01/2019 - 12/31/2019

--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
CUMMINGS, MYRON	10/31/2019	GRANTHAM	CUMMINGS, LLOYD	SMITH, DOROTHY	N
SMITH, EDWARD	10/31/2019	HANOVER	SMITH, SEYMOUR	ATWOOD, MARILLA	Y
SCHWARTZ, ROBERT	11/07/2019	GRANTHAM	SCHWARTZ, DAVID	GEDULDIG, DOROTHY	Y

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# GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT



“Out There Starts Here”



“Agile Mind, Open Heart”



Interactive labyrinth.



Inspirational messages from students.



Nature inspired tiles.

## ANNUAL REPORT 2020

## About the Cover...

Artist in residence, Elisabeth Cadle, in collaboration with the Grantham Village School community created an interactive ceramic mural installation which enabled experiential learning, demonstrated transformational processes and helped to align the participants with a deeper sense of place within themselves and each other introducing the concept of an inner landscape.

The key concept of the mural is 'Out There Starts Here'. The bird's eye view symbolizes seeing oneself in relation to the whole. The labyrinth symbolizes one's individual path, growth and inner stillness. As a tool, the labyrinth can be used alone or with another to set intention, interpret a situation, slow down to focus and access deeper honesty and imagination.

Each grade focused on a different piece of the landscape and contributed to a rich and layered story about collective contribution. Pre-K and Kindergarten made tiles for the sky. First graders made the understory and the soil of the forest floor. Second and third graders worked the upper canopy and hawk's habitat. Fourth graders made tiles for the crossbar while keeping our Hawk's Habits in mind and our fifth and sixth graders made the feathers for the wings.

The installation is complete and all are invited to look more closely and touch the textural details and travel the paths of the finger labyrinths. The individual creativity of each student's tile tessellated into a one of a kind composition lends a viewing experience that will likely reveal something new for years to come.



The photos above are steps along the way to the finished project. The cover photos are pieces of the "Out There Starts Here" project created by the students at Grantham Village School working with Elisabeth Cadle.

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Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade completed the STEM challenge to make a ring of Pringles Potato Chips using only a steady hand and a lot of patience.

### Contact Information for Grantham School District

Grantham Village School  
75 Learning Drive  
Grantham, NH 03753  
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F: 603-863-8377

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Office of the Superintendent  
300 Route 10 South  
Grantham, NH 03753  
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### Grantham School District Personnel

Website: [www.gvshawks.org](http://www.gvshawks.org)

Sydney Leggett	Superintendent	<a href="mailto:sleggett@sau75.org">sleggett@sau75.org</a>
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Karen Lessard	Business Administrator	<a href="mailto:klessard@sau75.org">klessard@sau75.org</a>
Brenda Molloy	Assistant to the SAU Administration	<a href="mailto:bmolloy@sau75.org">bmolloy@sau75.org</a>
Heather Cantagallo	GVS Principal	<a href="mailto:hcantagallo@gvshawks.org">hcantagallo@gvshawks.org</a>
Scott Taylor	GVS Facilities Director	<a href="mailto:staylor@gvshawks.org">staylor@gvshawks.org</a>
Randy Britton	GVS Technology Teacher Leader	<a href="mailto:rbritton@gvshawks.org">rbritton@gvshawks.org</a>
Nora Tilton	GVS Administrative Assistant	<a href="mailto:ntilton@gvshawks.org">ntilton@gvshawks.org</a>

Carl Hanson	District Moderator	To leave a message for the Moderator or
Maryann Sears	District Treasurer	Treasurer, please call the SAU 603-863-9689

### Contact Information for Lebanon School District

Website: [www.sau88.net](http://www.sau88.net)

Lebanon Middle School	Lebanon High School	Lebanon School District SAU #88
John D'Entremont, Principal	Ian Smith, Principal	Joanne Roberts, Superintendent
3 Moulton Avenue	195 Hanover Street	20 Seminary Hill
Lebanon, NH 03766	Lebanon, NH 03766	West Lebanon, NH 03784
P: 603-448-3056	P: 603-448-2055	P: 603-790-8500
F: 603-448-1356	F: 603-448-3899	F: 603-790-8310

### New Resident Student Registration and Transportation to Lebanon Middle and High Schools:

**Registration:** New Hampshire law requires that your child be a legal resident of Grantham in order to attend its schools. The "legal residency of a minor child" is defined in RSA 193:12. Providing misleading or false information about a student's residency is a criminal offense under RSA 641:3 and RSA 641:7. Please contact the Grantham SAU #75 for the Proof of Residency form required to begin the registration process for Lebanon Middle and High Schools. This form is also available at <http://www.gvshawks.org/sau-75>. **The form must be approved by the Grantham SAU office before beginning registration at Lebanon School Districts.**

**Transportation:** Please refer to the GVS website at <http://www.gvshawks.org/family-resources/transportation> for bus schedules. Posted on the transportation page are bus safety rules and procedures for loading and unloading of students. Transportation policies are located under section E at <https://www.gvshawks.org/sau-75/policies>. District policies are subject to change due to local, state and federal rules. If you have any questions regarding student residency or bus transportation schedules, please contact the SAU Office at 603-863-9689 or email [bmolloy@sau75.org](mailto:bmolloy@sau75.org).

## Report of the Chair of the Grantham School Board 2020 School District Meeting

February 2020

To the Residents of the Town of Grantham,

It is with great pleasure that I submit to you my report as Chairperson of the Grantham School Board. As I near the end of my second year as Chair, I continue to be both inspired and informed by the commitment of the Grantham community to the important work of ensuring the best outcomes for our students. Grantham is a town that clearly understands how important a thriving educational system is to our continued growth and success as a community. I will use this report to summarize and reflect back on the work the Board has undertaken in the last year, as well as extend my thanks to all who made it possible.

In keeping with our commitment to engaging the community in our work, the Board held several forums with community members to solicit feedback on topics relevant to the work of highest priority to the Board. These forums included budgeting, energy and sustainability, and updating our AREA agreement with Lebanon and Plainfield. The Board was thrilled with the community response at all of our forums and the feedback we received during those events has shaped and informed our work as we move forward with those efforts. I recently attended the New Hampshire School Boards Association Delegate Assembly where we heard over and over again from districts who struggle to engage their communities. I left feeling so grateful to have a community where 50 people will come out on a January night to express their thoughts to the School Board. We truly benefit from your willingness to be our partners in our work.

Tonight we will present the 2020-2021 budget; a document we feel reflects both the educational commitment necessary to sustain a high performing educational system and our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers. The Board intentionally holds these two factors in balance at all times during our work. This budget is both fair and intentional, funding both required and high priority areas while making appropriate reductions where possible.

The Board continues to use the Strategic Plan as a guiding document for our work. As indicated by that plan, we began the process of assessing areas where we can take steps to improve the district's energy efficiency and commitment to sustainability. This work is ongoing and will involve stakeholders from around the community. We also moved forward with the fundraising and initial planning stages of the playground project; thank you to the voters for approving the establishment of the playground trust fund last year which allowed us to approve moving forward with this much needed project. The Board was thrilled to receive positive reports from Principal Cantagallo and Superintendent Leggett about the new preschool program. This program has allowed us to not only provide services and support to more Grantham students and families, it has also already seen a positive impact on our budget. In the upcoming year, the Board will again focus its work through the areas outlined by the Strategic Plan.

A large portion of the work of the Board has been reviewing and planning for the 10 year update of the AREA agreement. The Board is committed to do our due diligence and take this window as our chance to review what is working, what may not be working, what the residents of Grantham want, and how to best serve our 7-12 grade students moving forward. The Board is grateful to everyone who completed the AREA agreement survey, attended the AREA Forum, and shared their opinions and questions with the Board. Your input helps the Board to make informed choices as we move forward. The Board is in active negotiations with both Lebanon and Plainfield; should the Board decide to move forward with the AREA agreement, we will have a framework and structure in place to complete that work.

A full review of all district policies continues. The timeline for this work has been reshaped and altered to reflect legislative changes at the State and National level that required our attention. I am pleased that our Board is flexible

enough to be able to respond to necessary mandated changes as they come up while also moving our work forward. We will continue to review and update district policies so that they accurately reflect the needs of the district.

I want to take a moment at the close of my report to publicly thank all of the folks who make this work possible. Superintendent Sydney Leggett continues to provide profound educational and administrative leadership to the District. Her commitment to the community and to our students is unwavering. I am consistently amazed at the work of GVS Principal Heather Cantagallo as she navigates between the worlds of a Board full of adults and a room full of energetic 6 year olds. She approaches her work with both of these groups, and anyone in between, with passion, professionalism, and a clear love of learning. The Board would not be able to accomplish its work without the support of the SAU staff. To Brenda Molloy, Madelyn Crudo Burke, and Karen Lessard, thank you for keeping us up to date and moving forward. To my fellow Board Members, Jodie Poljacik, Christine Conroy, Lesley Nesbitt, and Denise Sullivan, thank you all for your time, commitment, passion, humor, patience, and for your tireless work. And finally, to the Grantham community, thank you for your continued partnership with the Board as we strive to make our district the best it can be for our students. Our children benefit every day from your support, their continued success is a testament to your commitment.

It is both my privilege and my honor to serve as Chair of the Grantham School Board and I thank you all for giving me this chance to serve the people of Grantham.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brittany Pye  
Chair, Grantham School Board



The Strobridge family shared their knowledge of dog sledding during the first grade Saturday Book Breakfast. Students learned the basics of dog sledding while enjoying time with the dog team.

## 2019-2020 School Board for the District of Grantham

### Chair

**Term 2017-2020**

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**Denise Sullivan**

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**Term 2018-2021**

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The School Board web page can be found at <http://www.gvshawks.org/sau-75/grantham-school-board-2> which contains agendas, minutes, policies, annual audit reports and meeting calendars. Please contact [bmolloy@sau75.org](mailto:bmolloy@sau75.org) if you need more information.



Student's enjoying all that Mother Nature has to offer this winter.

### 2019-2020 School District Personnel List

<b>Administration</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>FTE</b>	
Britton, Steven R	Technology Leader	BA	\$92,309.00	YR-FT	
Cantagallo, Heather	Principal	CAGS	\$105,645.00	ESY-FT	
Crudo-Burke, Madelyn	Special Education Director	M Ed	\$61,380.00	SY-PT	
Leggett, Sydney Donnelly	Superintendent	CAGS	\$72,100.00	YR-PT	
Lessard, Karen F	Business Administrator	BS	\$95,000.00	YR-FT	
Taylor, Scott H	Facilities Director	C.I.P.E.	\$72,244.00	YR-FT	
<b>Teachers, Specialists, Speech, COTA, Nurse, Counselor, BCBA</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Step/Track</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Behta, Dianne	Teacher Grade 5	MA+15	Off	\$79,651.00	SY-FT
Berger, Astrid L W	Teacher Grade 6	MA	10	\$61,046.00	SY-FT
Boyea, Mary	COTA	AA	N/A	\$40,088.00	SY-FT
Brown, Leslie Ann	Behavioral	MA+15	15	\$72,892.00	SY-FT
Buckley, Kathleen M	Teacher Reading	MA	18	\$77,331.00	SY-FT
Buckman, Denise A	Teacher Grade 4	MA	Off	\$77,331.00	SY-FT
Canning, Patricia	Teacher Special Education	MA+15	Off	\$79,651.00	SY-FT
Cota, Jennifer R	Teacher Preschool	MA	5	\$52,659.00	SY-FT
Crutchfield, Robert F	Teacher Grade 3	BA	Off	\$63,530.00	SY-FT
Dumais, Leighanna	Teacher Grade 3	BA+15	5	\$48,690.00	SY-FT
Eylander, Karen E	Nurse	BA	Off	\$63,530.00	SY-FT
Gioldassis, Kathryn	Teacher Special Education	MA+15	12	\$66,706.00	SY-FT
Hinck, Tracy L	Speech	MA+15	18	\$79,651.00	SY-FT
Hoefs, Christopher	Teacher Music	BA	7	\$50,151.00	SY-FT
Hutchins, Samantha A	Teacher Grade 1	MA	8	\$57,541.00	SY-FT
Johnson, Kim	Teacher Grade 5	MA	12	\$64,763.00	SY-FT
Johnston, Kara	Teacher Grade 2	MA	13	\$66,706.00	SY-FT
Klein, Heather P	Library	MA	17	\$39,366.00	SY-PT
Larrabee, Elizabeth	Teacher Art	BA	Off	\$39,217.00	SY-PT
Martin, Katherine	Teacher Grade K	BA	Off	\$63,530.00	SY-FT
McFarland, Kimberly J	Teacher Grade 4	BA+15	5	\$48,690.00	SY-FT
Page, Catherine E	Teacher Grade 2	MA	Off	\$77,331.00	SY-FT
Pollard, Ian R	Teacher Physical Education	BA	Off	\$63,530.00	SY-FT
Reed, Kristen	Teacher Grade 1	MA+30	Off	\$82,040.00	SY-FT
Sylvain, Casey E	Teacher Grade 6	MA	15	\$70,769.00	SY-FT
Wallace, Lynn	Teacher Reading	BA+30	Off	\$71,503.00	SY-FT
Wallstrom, Jennifer	Teacher Grade K	MA	17	\$75,079.00	SY-FT
Widmann, Kris R	Guidance	MA+15	Off	\$79,651.00	SY-FT
<b>Paraeducators</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Step/Track</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Ames, Erin E	Paraeducator II	BS	10	\$18.53	SY-PT
Brown, Arlene M	Paraeducator II	AA	4	\$16.85	SY-FT
Brown, Jennifer M	Paraeducator II	BS	6	\$17.39	SY-FT
Cota, Joshua	Paraeducator II	AS	0	\$15.73	SY-FT

Gilliatt, Michele D	Paraeducator II	BA	11	\$18.82	SY-FT
Googins, Marsha	Paraeducator II	AA	14	\$19.66	SY-FT
Ledbetter, Steven P	Paraeducator II	PhD	14	\$19.66	SY-FT
Luce, Lauren GS	Paraeducator II	BA	10	\$18.53	SY-FT
Nelson, Deborah P	Paraeducator II	BS	11	\$18.82	SY-FT
Quinn, Theresa M	Paraeducator II	MS	14	\$19.66	SY-FT
Rock Dietel, Patricia A	Paraeducator II	BA	14	\$19.66	SY-FT
Volckaert, Katherine J	Paraeducator II	BS	6	\$17.39	SY-FT
Wolstenholme, Sofi	Paraeducator II	BA	3	\$16.56	SY-FT

<b>Administrative Assistants, Secretary, Child Care, Custodians, Food Service, LNA</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Hourly Rate</b>	<b>FTE</b>
Molloy, Brenda	Assistant to the SAU Administration	\$26.78	YR-FT
Roux, Lianne M	Secretary - GVS	\$18.00	SY-PT
Tilton, Nora J	Administrative Assistant - GVS	\$28.56	ESY-FT
Bailey, Debra	Child Care - Before School	\$17.35	SY-PT
Breedlove, Felicity M	Child Care - After School	\$15.00	SY-PT
Googins, Marsha	Child Care - Before School	\$17.35	SY-PT
Liebold, Cynthia K	Child Care - After School	\$15.00	SY-PT
Page, Catherine E	Child Care - Assistant Director, After School	\$20.00	SY-PT
Peirce, Donna M	Child Care - After School	\$15.45	SY-PT
Rock Dietel, Patricia A	Child Care - After School	\$15.45	SY-PT
Roux, Lianne M	Child Care - Director, After School	\$25.00	SY-PT
Benoit, James A	Custodian	\$19.27	YR-PT
Stokes, William O	Custodian	\$17.00	YR-FT
Szelangowski, Joseph W	Custodian	\$18.00	YR-FT
Bailey, Debra	Food Service	\$21.24	SY-FT
Mason, Denise A	Food Service	\$15.63	SY-PT
Peirce, Deborah R	Food Service	\$16.06	SY-PT
Cota, Michaela R	LNA	\$16.50	SY-PT

**Notes:** Listed salaries and staff are reported for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Step/Track refers to the placement on the salary list of the GEA Contract and/or year of degree placement.

**Full Time Equivalent – FTE:**

<b>YR-FT:</b> Year Round Full Time	<b>YR-PT:</b> Year Round Part Time	<b>ESY-FT:</b> Extended School Year Full Time	<b>SY-FT:</b> School Year Full Time	<b>SY-PT:</b> School Year Part Time
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**Other Contracted Service Providers:**

Susan Gleason, Teacher of Visually Impaired; Jeanne Hines, Physical Therapist ; Nicole Torres, Occupational Therapist



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**From the Office of the Superintendent  
Grantham School District**

Dear Grantham Community Members:

As I continue through my third year with Grantham, I am thankful each day for the dedication and care that this entire community brings to its children. According to a recent study at Johns Hopkins University, the most successful schools for students have a “triad of engagement.” This triad is comprised of 1. interpersonal connectedness with school staff and peers; 2. an engaging environment that is physically and emotionally safe; and 3. academic engagement, with support to reach their personal best with flexible, relevant instruction. This triad is seen each day in the Grantham School District, creating a truly dynamic and meaningful experience for our community’s children.

The 2019-20 school year has brought forth a great combination of opportunities for Grantham learners. Here are a few updates about the major work of SAU 75 this year so far:

- **Strategic Planning:** We are now in the middle of year two of the Grantham School District five-year strategic plan. This year’s work is focusing on several key areas:

**Focus on 7-12 Students:** We have been in the process of getting community input and reviewing the AREA agreement in order to ensure that all Grantham students have access to the best opportunities available to them.

**Playground Project:** We have started fundraising efforts for the playground project and will be approving and opening up the bid process for a landscape architect/playground designer to work with us on design and costs. Stay tuned for a variety of upcoming fundraising efforts!

**Demographic study:** This study was recently completed and accepted by the Board -- it’s available in full on our website for your review.

**Arts Integration:** We recently completed our Artist-in-Residence project with Elisabeth Cadle, which was a school-wide installation focusing on connections between the arts and the development of social/emotional skills. Please visit the GVS cafeteria sometime to see it for yourself!

- **Curriculum and Instruction:** It’s always a pleasure to report on the achievement of Grantham students; they do well throughout their years at GVS and go on to do well all the way through middle and high school. Our motto is certainly very true -- “Out There Starts Here!” We’re able to provide a strong foundation for our children that is proven to help them succeed later in life.

Part of providing this foundation is our new preschool at GVS. This program has already been a clear success for our 3 and 4 year old students, and I’m sure we’ll see even more positive short- and long-term results when this first group enters Kindergarten next year with a strong learning base of social, emotional, and academic skills. This program is yet another indication of the community support and commitment we have for the children and families of Grantham.

- **Finance:** As we do each year, the SAU office and School Board carefully reviews District needs and makes decisions on how to responsibly allocate funds to ensure we provide a comprehensive education for all learners. As we go through this process, we take into consideration all federal and state requirements, the goals of the District’s strategic plan, and ensuring the faculty and staff has the resources they need to be successful in their work. We regularly seek any and all grant opportunities and other revenues we can utilize to help offset costs, and we add in state adequacy funds and related reimbursements. All of this is done in an effort to continue the already strong education Grantham provides while being cognizant of taxes and community member investment.

This year, our budget is slightly lower than last year, mainly due to a decrease in tuition for our 7-12 students who attend Lebanon Middle and High Schools. In addition, our District will receive an increase in state adequacy funds, which will help to offset the amount needed to be raised from taxpayers.

We have one additional warrant article this year, to add \$50,000 to the Grantham Village School maintenance and Repair Expendable Trust. This money would come from unexpended funds (if available) at the end of this year. The GVS Building is now 10 years old, and these funds will go towards projects that will keep up the regular maintenance on the building to ensure it's in the best condition possible for as long as possible.

- **Policy Work:** Our regularly scheduled policy work has been pushed back a bit this year in order to prioritize policy changes based on new laws. This year, new policies and/or revisions to current policies have focused on information security (technology/data governance), student mental health, non-discrimination planning, and school safety. Upon finalizing these revisions, the policy work will return to its next two sections: employees and instruction.
- **Legislative work this year with the DOE:** The state-wide discussions about public education opportunities and funding continue in Concord, with many newly proposed bills to follow. New Hampshire is weighing many different options on how to move forward with providing an excellent public education for all. Many thanks to so many of you who help make Grantham's voice heard in this arena through your advocacy.

My door is always open to hear from you about how we can continue what's going well and think about what we can make better. Please stop by the SAU office, call, or send an email with your thoughts – I always look forward to hearing new ideas.

Many thanks to the whole Grantham "village" who make all of this possible, including our dedicated School Board, community and parent volunteers, administrative team, faculty and staff, our wonderful children, and all of our community members who play their own parts in making this a phenomenal place to grow and learn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney D. Leggett, Superintendent  
Grantham School District, SAU 75



Kindergarteners singing and playing the instruments they made.

## Principal's Report January 2020

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 is with tremendous pride that I share some highlights of the past year at Grantham Village School. This year at GVS we welcomed a number of new families. We have enrolled 16 new students in addition to our 41 kindergarten students. We have also welcomed 20 preschoolers in our new preschool program! This brings our total school population (pre K - 6) to 250!

We are delighted to have a number of fantastic new staff members this year: Erin Ames (preschool paraeducator), Felicity Breedlove (ASP staff), Kathleen Buckley (reading specialist and ESOL teacher), Jennifer Cota (preschool teacher), Josh Cota (paraeducator), Micheala Cota (LNA), Tracy Hinck (speech language pathologist), Steve Ledbetter (paraeducator), Cynthia Liebold (ASP Staff), Lauren Luce (paraeducator), Deb Nelson (paraeducator), Lianne Roux (secretary and ASP director), Will Stokes (custodian) and Joe Szelangowski (custodian).

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

- Competency based curriculum, instruction and assessment
- Increasing student achievement in reading, writing, math and science
- Increasing opportunities for authentic science instruction
- Increasing opportunities for environmental science instruction utilizing the Gale Schmidt Outdoor Classroom
- Differentiating instruction to support all learners
- Implementing social emotional learning
- 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:

As part of our strategic plan, this year we launched the GVS preschool program. We are currently serving nine three year olds and 11 four year olds in an outstanding program led by teacher Jennifer Cota and paraeducator Erin Ames. The program is designed to help build early learning skills in academic areas and promote social-emotional growth. The three year olds attend two days per week while the four year olds attend three days.



The GVS Preschool is based on the following beliefs:

- All children grow and develop at different rates and learn best through play.
- Identifying and addressing concerns as early as possible is best for long-term success.
- Children work and learn through playing and asking questions of the world around them.
- Children learn from each other, and social interaction is an important component in learning.
- Early learning is best accomplished with parents/guardians as partners.
- The curriculum follows quality principles and practices that are exploratory, play-based learning that foster the love of learning

In an effort to be responsive to the ever changing social emotional needs of our students, we have begun to implement the Courage to Care curriculum in grades 4-6. Courage to Care is an anti-bullying program which focuses on empathy building. Nationally recognized anti bullying expert and retired UNH professor, Dr. Malcolm Smith trained all members of the GVS staff on bullying prevention strategies.

As a faculty, we continue to regularly examine assessment data and reflect on best practices to ensure that each of these programs and curriculum changes maximize the growth of our students. The state department of education is currently in the process of revising the social studies standards, which will be our next area of focus.

**Assessment Results:** Last spring our students in grades 3 - 6 took part in the New Hampshire assessment tool called SAS (Statewide Assessment System). I have included the results from each for the past two years for your review. Our students performed well overall. Please note that our sample sizes are small, which makes it difficult to compare. As a faculty, however, we are able to examine the data in a meaningful way to inform instruction.

**Statewide Assessment System (2017- 2018) and (2018-19) - Number of Students Tested and Percent of Students at Levels Proficient or Advanced for Students in Grantham Village School with State Result Comparison.**

Grade	Content Area	2018-2019 Statewide Assessment System SAS			2017-2018 Statewide Assessment System SAS		
		#	GVS %*	NH %*	#	GVS %*	NH %*
3	ELA	31	65	52	23	71	55
	Mathematics	31	65	56	23	65	55
4	ELA	22	64	55	25	84	56
	Mathematics	22	77	52	25	84	53
5	ELA	23	87	58	33	88	62
	Mathematics	23	96	43	33	94	45
6	ELA	35	85	56	37	76	55
	Mathematics	35	90	47	37	89	46

If you are interested in looking at more information about testing, you are welcome to visit the NH Department of Education website: <https://nh.tembostaging.com/schools/211-21330/student-achievement>

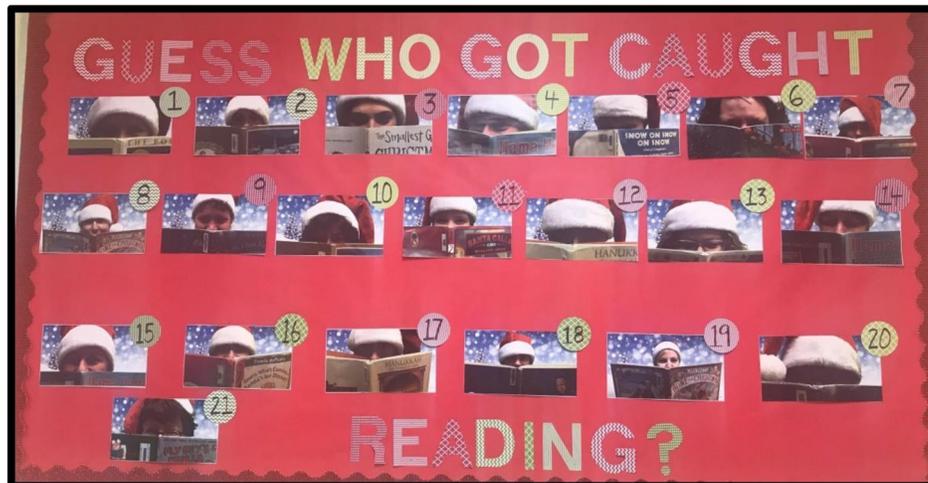
Achievement Level	2017-2018 Statewide Assessment System SAS - Science Grade 5			2018-2019 Science NECAP Grade 5		
	Count	GVS Percentage %	State of NH Percentage %	Count	GVS Percentage %	State of NH Percentage %
Above Proficient	15	46	14	12	50	13
Proficient	12	36	28	11	46	26
Approaching Proficient	5	15	27	0	0	26
Below Proficient	1	3	31	1	4	35

Test scores are only one way to look at the quality of a school. The best way to learn about GVS is to visit us and see for yourself -- contact me any time for a personal tour. If you are interested how GVS compares to other schools, check out [www.schooldigger.com](http://www.schooldigger.com) or <https://www.niche.com/k12/grantham-village-school-grantham-nh/>.

There is so much more to share about this wonderful school! Please be sure to check out the GVS website [www.gvshawks.org](http://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





**Grantham School District Enrollments  
Grantham Village School, Lebanon Middle and High Schools as of January 8, 2020**

**Grantham Village School**

Pre-K - 20	Kindergarten - 41
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade - 40	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade - 34
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade - 30	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 31
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 28	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 26
Total Students – 250	

**Lebanon Middle School**

7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 27	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 46
Total Students -73	

**Lebanon High School**

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 41	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 33
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 27	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 44
Total Students – 145	

**Ledyard Charter School** - 1 student

**Note:** Individual names of student have intentionally been excluded in this Annual Report due to the awareness that providing student names may be a safety concern. This is best practice in education and Grantham School District has adopted this approach.



**Grantham Senior Class of 2020**

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**#outtheresthereregrantham**

**Moderator Approved Rules for 2020**

**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.



**Spelling Bee Winners**



**Geography Bee Winners**

**Grantham School District  
New Hampshire  
Warrant  
2020**

The inhabitants of the School District of Grantham in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** March 3, 2020  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Grantham Village School Gymnasium, 75 Learning Drive, Grantham, NH 03753

**Article 1 To Hear Reports**

To hear the reports of agents, committees and other officers heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article 2 Main Operating Budget**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$ NINE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FOURTEEN DOLLARS (9,963,814) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the 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 appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Grantham School Board).

**Article 3 Expendable Trust**

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate \$ FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) to be placed in the MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR School Expendable Trust Fund or the purpose of repairing and maintaining the Grantham Village School; and to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 to be placed in the fund, this sum to come from June 30, 2020 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, with no amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

(Recommended by the Grantham School Board).

**Article 4 Any Other Business**

To transact any further business to come before this annual meeting.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before February 4, 2020, at true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Sau #75, Grantham, NH that an original was delivered to Sydney Leggett, Superintendent

Brittany Pye	Board Chair	<i>Brittany Pye</i>
Jodie Poljacik	Vice- Chair	<i>Jodie Poljacik</i>
Christine Conroy	Secretary	<i>Christine Conroy</i>
Lesley Nesbitt	Member	<i>Lesley Nesbitt</i>
Denise Sullivan	Member	<i>Denise Sullivan</i>

**Town of Grantham, New Hampshire  
Grantham School District Warrant 2020**

**March 10, 2020**

Sullivan County, S.S.

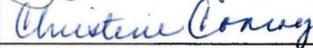
To the inhabitants of the School District of Grantham, (School District) in the County of Sullivan and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, Grantham Municipal Building located at 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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 Member 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 3, 2020** at the Grantham Village School Gymnasium, 75 Learning Drive, Grantham, New Hampshire.

Given under our hands and seals at Grantham this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Signature</u>
Brittany Pye	School Board Chair	
Jodie Poljacik	School Board Vice-Chair	
Christine Conroy	School Board Secretary	
Lesley Nesbitt	School Board Member	
Denise Sullivan	School Board Member	



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**Grantham School District**

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from:  
 July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 6, 2020

**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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Brittany Pye	School Board Chair	
Jodie Poljacik	School Board Vice-Chair	
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**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 6/30/2019	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2020	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
<b>Instruction</b>						
1100-1199	Regular Programs	02	\$5,192,390	\$5,577,062	\$5,487,370	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	02	\$1,345,921	\$1,417,854	\$1,394,567	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	02	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Instruction Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,538,311</b>	<b>\$6,994,916</b>	<b>\$6,881,937</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Support Services</b>						
2000-2199	Student Support Services	02	\$400,480	\$439,572	\$514,032	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	02	\$240,331	\$266,299	\$272,918	\$0
<b>Support Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$640,811</b>	<b>\$705,871</b>	<b>\$786,950</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>General Administration</b>						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	02	\$59,981	\$40,196	\$40,797	\$0
<b>General Administration Subtotal</b>			<b>\$59,981</b>	<b>\$40,196</b>	<b>\$40,797</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Executive Administration</b>						
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	02	\$339,991	\$332,955	\$357,246	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	02	\$278,242	\$322,186	\$328,847	\$0
2500-2599	Business		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	02	\$474,051	\$490,247	\$509,017	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	02	\$231,853	\$241,375	\$248,176	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Executive Administration Subtotal</b>			<b>\$1,324,137</b>	<b>\$1,386,763</b>	<b>\$1,443,286</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Non-Instructional Services</b>						
3100	Food Service Operations	02	\$104,951	\$108,311	\$110,283	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

<b>Non-Instructional Services Subtotal</b>				<b>\$104,951</b>	<b>\$108,311</b>	<b>\$110,283</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction</b>							
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Facilities Acquisition and Construction Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Outlays</b>							
5110	Debt Service - Principal	02	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$0	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	02	\$176,083	\$160,011	\$142,261	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Outlays Subtotal</b>			<b>\$531,083</b>	<b>\$515,011</b>	<b>\$497,261</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Fund Transfers</b>							
5220-5221	To Food Service	02	\$22,983	\$23,500	\$23,500	\$0	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	02	\$127,697	\$182,000	\$179,800	\$0	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer to Expendable Trust Funds		\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5310	To Charter Schools		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5390	To Other Agencies		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Fund Transfers Subtotal</b>			<b>\$200,680</b>	<b>\$255,500</b>	<b>\$203,300</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>			<b>\$9,399,954</b>	<b>\$10,006,568</b>	<b>\$9,963,814</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	03	\$50,000	\$0
<i>Purpose: Establish and appropriate to Expendable Trust Fund</i>				
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Recommended)	Appropriations for period ending 6/30/2021 (Not Recommended)
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Revenues**

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2019	Revised Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2020	Estimated Revenues for Period ending 6/30/2021
<b>Local Sources</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition		\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	02	\$38,620	\$20,000	\$30,000
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	02	\$65,899	\$91,723	\$93,083
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Services Activities		\$0	\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	02	\$77,743	\$77,000	\$65,000
<b>Local Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$182,262</b>	<b>\$188,723</b>	<b>\$188,083</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3210	School Building Aid	02	\$107,513	\$107,513	\$107,513
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$26,127	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	02	\$132,325	\$136,214	\$150,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	02	\$2,215	\$2,000	\$2,200
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$268,180</b>	<b>\$245,727</b>	<b>\$259,713</b>
<b>Federal Sources</b>					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	02	\$42,111	\$65,000	\$71,800
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	02	\$13,854	\$13,000	\$15,000
4570	Disabilities Programs	02	\$33,426	\$40,000	\$43,000
4580	Medicaid Distribution	02	\$21,739	\$10,000	\$20,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Federal Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$111,130</b>	<b>\$128,000</b>	<b>\$149,800</b>

**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	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	03	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	02	\$40,450	\$385,355	\$75,000
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$90,450</b>	<b>\$435,355</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$652,022</b>	<b>\$997,805</b>	<b>\$722,596</b>

**Budget Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 6/30/2021</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$9,963,814
Special Warrant Articles	\$50,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$10,013,814
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$722,596
Less Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	\$876,894
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$8,414,324</b>



Preschool students enjoying recess time.

**GRANTHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
March 5, 2019**

Moderator: Carl Hanson

District Officers:

Brittany Pye, School Board Chair  
Christine Conroy, School Board Secretary  
Lesley Nesbitt, School Board

Jodie Poljacik, School Board Vice-Chair  
Denise Sullivan, School Board  
Brenda Molloy, School District Clerk

Non –Resident Officials:

Sydney Leggett, Superintendent of Schools, SAU 75  
Heather Cantagallo, Principal, Grantham Village School  
Jim O’Shaughnessey, District Legal Counsel

Madelyn Crudo-Burke, Special Education Director  
Annemarie Gilligan, Business Administrator

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM at the Grantham Village School (GVS), and introduced himself, the meeting having been duly warranted. The Moderator read the rules of the meeting and announced he had a request for yes/no ballot to article 2 with duly noted number of signatures. The Moderator introduced School Board Vice-Chair Jodie Poljacik. Mrs. Poljacik introduced the members of the school board, other School District Officers, and members of the school administration.

**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.** Brittany Pye moved the adoption of Article 1 with Claudia Hoffman, Olde Farms Road, seconding. The moderator asked for any discussion on article 1. **There were no objections to Article 1 and was thereby passed by unanimous voice consensus and so declared.**

**The Moderator read Article 2: Main Operating Budget**

**To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$ NINE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHTY SIXTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THREE DOLLARS (\$9,860,833) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries of the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of the statutory obligations of the 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 appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Grantham School Board).** The Superintendent asked for a moment of silence for Mike Palermo, custodian at Grantham Village School (GVS) who passed away on February 12, 2019. Brittany Pye moved the adoption of Article 2 with Lorie McClory, Brookridge Drive, seconding. The Superintendent explained the tax impact of the unanticipated revenue received from the outcome of the Dover Lawsuit over the past 3 years. The tax rate voted on in 2016-17 was \$17.76 and as a result of the unanticipated revenue the actual tax rate was set by the Department of Revenue as \$16.18 which is a reduction of \$1.58 or 9.8% decrease. In 2017-18, the voted tax rate was \$17.39 and the actual rate was set at \$16.02 with a difference of \$1.37 or a decrease of 8.6%. The 2018-19 tax rate was voted at 18.02 and the actual tax rate was set at \$18.00 in October. The current tax rate for 2019-2020 is expected to be \$18.53 if all warrant articles are approved. The tax impact on an average home of \$350,000 will be \$185.50/yr. For every \$100,000 of a home value the increase will be \$53. The Chair explained the pilot preschool program will be structured as a half day morning program in the beginning with a full-time teacher/case manager and a half time classroom assistant. Related services and resources for students will be provided by the current service providers at GVS. The preschool program will include 6 identified students ages three and four who are currently transported to an out of district (OOD) preschool and approximately 6 at risk and peer model students. She further explained the cost of the current OOD preschool program is \$97,948 and the district is required to pay this cost even if there is no preschool at GVS. The projected cost of bringing a preschool to GVS is approximately \$131,806 and represents an increase of \$33,858 from current costs. The benefits of an in-house preschool includes control over costs, greater oversight for student planning, early intervention for long-term success, benefit to Grantham community and has been proven to help decrease special education costs and needs over the continuing education of the student. Transportation costs for the students will be less as there will be less distance to travel. Christine Conroy explained the strategic plan that began in the fall of 2017 and concluded in June 2018 that identified five key areas of focus as early childhood and special services, achievement, stewardship, resources and learning extensions. Work has begun on a number of goals including improvements

to the playground, investigation of a world-language program and a proposal of a pre-school program. Christine Conroy explained the budget development process which begins in September with the first draft presented to the board in November. The main factors of impact in this budget cycle include staffing and benefits, facilities, and enrollments. Representatives from the Grantham Education Association and the board negotiated a new collective bargaining agreement for 2019-2022 which was ratified by both parties. The staff increases are 1.5% for 2019-20; 2.0% for 2020-21; 2.5% for 2021-22. The teachers annual salary includes a step and track increase as negotiated in the contract. Grantham teacher salaries fall in the mid-range compared to surrounding school districts. Health insurance premiums paid by the districts of professional staff is 85% for hour employees the cost is 87%. Repairs are planned for the school gym roof and last fall repairs were made to the air conditioning system as well as replacement water heater pump. Kindergarten enrollments were higher this year at 42 and so far 30 children are registered for fall 2019 with more expected to follow. Lebanon Middle and High school tuition increased this year as well. Denise Sullivan explained the shared vision and goals of Grantham School District along with the assessment of how the children are learning. The Smarter Balance Achievement test (SBAC) is given to students in grade 3-6 and grade 5 students also take the science achievement test. Assessments give useful data to help improve the quality of teaching and learning but can be harmful if the focus of achievement becomes a value judgement in the highest test scores. A standardized assessment does not measure the creativity, integrity, athleticism, or sense of humor of the child. At GVS, all aspects of the child's development are important with many learning opportunities to help them grow. Lesley Nesbitt described the increases to the budget to include an additional 17 new students in grades 7-12 which is an increase of \$200,000; health care guaranteed maximum rate of 4.9%; mandatory state regulated changes to retirement for educators from 17.11% to 17.80. Total proposed budget without approved warrant articles is \$9,860,833 of which 96% or \$9,466,399 is fixed costs. The 4% variable or \$394,434 in the budget includes costs such as curriculum development, non-mandated programming, books, supplies, field trips, and enrichment. Proposed consolidation of the Staff Accountant and Business Administrator into one full time Business Administrator position saves the district \$11,000. The state adequacy aid is expected to be about \$130,000 for 2019-2020. The moderator asked for any discussion on article 2. Maynard Goldman, Longwood Drive, stated he has lived in Grantham for 36 years is the elected Treasurer for the town of Grantham. Mr. Goldman stated the school budget was approaching 10 million dollars and with 425 students the cost is approximately \$25,000 per student. He noted Grantham is not like towns west of Boston, Massachusetts like Brookline, Newton, Wellesley or the town of Hanover, NH or Norwich, Vt. He also stated the town of Grantham has 2700 registered voters and if approved the budget will be 70% of the town's expenditures. He asked when the increases are going to end. Anyone can spend money by getting revenue from the town and 96% of the budget is fixed. Mr. Goldman stated he feels most of that 96% is due to decisions that have been made by the current board and its predecessors over the years. The key is not how to spend the 96% but how to manage your resources, and this board over a period of time has done less than they might have in managing their resources. Nothing has been too good for the students in our community. Mr. Goldman stated he thinks the students deserve a lot but he does not think this school has to be the most expensive, the absolute best school in the state of NH. He continued that Grantham could live with a better than average school with a significant decrease in the budget presented. He stated the taxes in Grantham are substantially higher than area towns due to the school and therefore some of the real estate prices are reduced. Caroline Christie, Shore Road, stated Grantham is incredibly lucky to have GVS. She also stated that there is significant, reliable data to support preschool programs in schools and identifying students early. Data also shows addressing the social emotional development as well as the related services (language, speech, etc.) in preschool results in a cost savings for school districts over time. She pointed out that it helps students who are in kindergarten as well when those preschoolers are in the classroom ready to learn along with them. Claudia Hoffman, stated her student has greatly benefitted from the programs at GVS going from being non-verbal with multiple meltdowns the top of his 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class in math, science and reading. She is thankful for the staff at GVS. Thomas Darling, Rt. 10 South, stated the biggest draw for his family when deciding to move to Grantham was the school. Lorie McClory commented that the board proposes a budget but it is the voters who approved the budget. She thanked the voters for coming to vote either yes or no and to support our school board one way or the other. Peter Garland, Catamont Rd, applauded the board efforts to start a preschool program and asked what the expected outcome is when you lump children with multiple disabilities in one class. Mr. Garland stated it is his experience from his time in Boston to have children with the same disability with one teacher who is experienced in that disability. Mr. Garland asked what happens to the other children in the area with disabilities when we are only taking six. The Superintendent responded that by not being in the Boston area where you can consolidate services, Grantham is never going only service one group with disabilities because of the location and size. Currently, GVS services many children with multi disabilities in different grades and do an incredible job. The Superintendent commented she is very proud of the GVS Special Education program. At present, 6 students are expected to attend the preschool but if more need arises the current model would be structured to accommodate those students. Jeff Figley, Dunbar Hill Rd, noted a lot has changed in Grantham and he had 3 daughters attend GVS. Mr. Figley stated when he moved to Grantham 36 years ago his taxes were \$185 year, now they are over 20 plus times that number. Mr. Figley asked about the \$97,000 that was allocated to preschool children and since

they are getting the help they need anyway why is there a need for more and how are they identified before they are in school. The Superintendent answered yes the preschool students are getting services now as is required by law. Mr. Figley asked how the students are identified. The Superintendent responded that students are referred by parents, Doctor's offices and the federally mandated Child Find program. She continued that final student numbers will not be known until the program begins. Bob McCarthy commented that the budget is very transparent and that the school district never wants to settle for being just good enough and comparing GVS to larger school per pupil costs is not reasonable. Thea Crawford commented that education needs to be a priority and that resources need to be invested. Robert Myer noted the correct per pupil cost is closer to \$23,000 than the \$25,000 stated earlier. He also mentioned that most recent state data indicates that GVS is higher than the average state per pupil cost but you get what you pay for in the end. Bruce St. Peter motioned to move the question to vote. Claudia Hoffman seconded. The moderator asked for further questions. None were heard. **Article 2 was passed and adopted by a 112 Yes and 41 No and so declared.**

**The Moderator read Article 3: To approve cost items included in the 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:**

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2019-20	\$ 95,735
2020-21	\$ 97,646
2021-22	\$ 111,842

**and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 95,735 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. The total cost over the three-year period equals \$305,223. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Grantham School Board).** Christine Conroy moved the adoption of article 3 with Denise Sullivan seconding. Christine Conroy explained that representatives from Grantham Education Association and the school board reached an agreement in December for the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) and was ratified but both parties. She offered that negotiations were respectful and professional with good communication between the parties. She noted that GVS teachers are highly qualified and dedicated to student success. GVS teacher salaries fall in the mid-range as compared to area school district. The total salary percentage increase for 2019-2020 is 1.5%; 2020-2021 is 2.0% and 2021-22 is 2.5%. The total tax impact to the 2019-2020 budget with all salary increases include Paraprofessionals, Custodians and Food Service is .21¢ per \$1000 or \$72.88 on an average home valued at \$350,000. Health insurance agreements were maintained at a cost sharing split of 85% for professional staff and 87% for hourly employees. This split cost is comparable to other surrounding districts. The moderator asked for any discussion on article 3. Megan Alexander stated the town agreed to a 3% increase for all employees this year and thanked the teacher for accepting the CBA. Christine Peck, asked if 2% would cover the increase in the cost of living allowance (COLA) and asked if the CBA increase is on par nationally or is it low. Tanya McIntire asked to clarify the cost of living increase. The Superintendent stated the CBA increase also includes a step and track move as part of the salary increase which is a small percentage that covers the COLA. The moderator asked for further questions. None were heard. **Article 3 was passed by unanimous voice vote and so declared.**

**The Moderator read Article 4: Establish and Appropriate to Expendable Trust Fund**

**To see if the Grantham School District will vote to establish a Grantham Playground Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 198:20-c, V for the purpose of maintaining, renovating, and improving the Grantham Village School playground and to raise and appropriate up to \$50,000 to be placed in the fund, this sum to come from June 30 unassigned fund balance available for transfer on July 1, with no amount to be raised from taxation; further to name the Grantham School Board as agents to expend from the fund. Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required). (Recommended by the Grantham School Board).**

**Article 4 was passed and adopted by unanimous voice vote and so declared.** Lesley Nesbitt moved the adoption of article 3 with Susan Tanski seconding. Brittany Pye explained the key reasons for the playground project is increased access for student of all abilities and sizes, increase safety and access during the winter month and increased opportunities for multiple interests and levels of play. The proposed \$50,000 would come from unassigned fund balance if available by June 30, 2019 and would allow the district to establish a fund to receive grants proposals. No additional money would be raised from taxation. Adrienne Domenucci thanked the board for their transparency and supports the playground project many reasons and safety being one of them. Dave Wood, asked what the total amount of the playground would cost. The Superintendent

noted with all the significant site work that needs to be done along with the equipment and fit up the total cost is approximately \$110,000. The majority of the cost would come from fundraising and grants. The moderator asked for further questions. None were heard. **Article 4 was passed by unanimous voice vote and so declared.**

**The Moderator read Article 5: To Adopt a Policy by Citizen Petition**

**Shall the Grantham School District vote to adopt a policy, in accordance with RSA 193:3 allowing the Grantham School Board to reassign children to appropriate programs when the parent or guardians and/or the educators believe the courses at the school different then the AREA school is “better suited to the educational needs of a particular child” (1). The policy allows the school board and superintendent to reassign a student to a public school in other districts, nonsectarian private schools in other districts, or to homeschool (2). Tuition money would be limited to the amount paid to the Lebanon School District through the AREA agreement for the current year. Transportation to different programs will be the responsibility of the parent or guardian. (1) Lisbon Regional School District.V. Landaff School District 10/31/1974. (2) RSA 193:3, II. (3) NH Constitution [Art.] 1 and 6. (Majority vote required). (Not Recommended by the Grantham School Board).** Tanya McIntire motioned to move Article 5 with Claudia Hoffman seconding. Tanya McIntire read the manifest education hardship statute and explained the Lisbon Regional School District vs. Landaff School District 10/31/1974 is where the language for the article was derived. She further explained that it is a district policy which belongs to the people and the school board would then need to carry out. She also explained that the statute is a state law and that the policy should not have to limit the child to stay in a public school and that it can be used to go to a private school. The moderator asked for further questions. Brittany Pye, Board Chair read a statement from the school board saying the Board is opposed to this article and would like to state it has deliberated this matter extensively over the last several years, the Grantham School Board has policies already in place that allow for educational placements to be made when required and deemed necessary that allow for both accountability and equity. The board takes pride in offering an equitable and high quality education to all learners through the responsible allocation of public tax dollars. Diverting public tax dollars from all students to only serve a few would be irresponsible. Carolyn Christie stated this article is more beneficial to upper middle class student and does not represent equality for all students. Mark Holdowsky, if policy were approved wouldn't this just divert tuition funds from middle and high school tuition to a different school and how does that represent a diversion of resources. The Superintendent explained the diversity of resources from our district would take away from the resources our district has agreed to pay Lebanon for their programming. Any funds lost that would go to homeschooling or private schools takes away from the funding available to the district from the state. Jeff Figley asked the board to explain how the money doesn't benefit the student no matter where the student goes and asked the board what they are you afraid of. The Superintendent answered the board has considered this matter very carefully and the law is very clear about not diverting funds to private, religious or home schooling. She continued that the fear is losing state equity as what the district would lose is the ability for all students to have an equal playing field, equal access to education which is something public schools has always done in this country. Robert Meyer stated this is a continuing attempt to destroy public schools. If we want to have public education in this country, then students need to be educated in our schools at tax payer's expense which is what we just voted on. He continued that if we take these funds and send to private schools you will destroy public schools. Lorie McClory stated she is afraid of the lawsuits the district will have when the parent decides the child is better off somewhere else and our educators don't feel that way. Susien Wirogo asked what the tax impact would be on this article. The Superintendent noted that beyond the tuition costs, state adequacy aid would have a negative impact of about \$3,600 per student plus any associated costs for free and reduced lunch or special needs. Brian Sullivan, state representative, asked if the district's attorney could weigh in on the article 5. Jim O'Shaughnessy, District Attorney, stated the article as written, if passed, would be advisory only and not binding and he has some concerns about the legal language in the article. Primary it is the duty of the school board under RSA 189:1-A to adopt and set policy. It's the public's job to appropriate money to allocate for buildings, furnishings, etc. There is already a policy with respect to manifest educational hardship and has been addressed on multiple occasions over the years. The district also has a policy on best interest assignment which has also been a policy for years. Tanya McIntire responded that there are 32 other people who signed warrant article 5. She stated to Mr. O'Shaughnessy, as far as the law, I guess we pick and choose what we want to obey and stated that RSA 193:3 is a law too and clearly states that the school district shall adopt this policy. Tanya McIntire reviewed the history of her proposals to the school regarding placing her students in a private school. The moderator asked for further comments. None were heard. **Article 5 was defeated by a unanimous voice vote and so declared.**

**The Moderator read Article 6: To Adopt a Policy by Citizen Petition**

**Shall the Grantham School District vote to adopt a policy, as provided in RSA 194:27 to allow the Grantham Village School District to receive children from other qualifying district to the Grantham Village School and to charge an appropriate amount of tuition. RSA 194:27 (Majority vote required). (Not Recommended by the Grantham School Board).** Tanya McIntire

motioned to adopt article 6 with Claudia Hoffman seconding. Tanya McIntire stated that currently the Grantham policy does not accept tuition students. This policy would allow the school district to receive children from surrounding districts such as Croydon, and students living in the Eastman community of Springfield and Enfield. This would be more of a convenience for folks living close to the school but not part of the Grantham District to pay tuition for their students to attend. She also noted that within the RSA 194:27 it states the sending district would be responsible for fees for any special education services. Brittany Pye, Board Chair read a statement from the school board saying the Grantham School Board is opposed to this article at the present time. This is an issue that did arise during the strategic planning process and that the board was already planning to investigate further. Tuition students is a possibility that the board is interested in after investigating through careful research and data analysis but at this time since that work is not complete it is too early for the board to make an informed decision. The board asks that the district wait until there is better information about the effects this would have on our current system. Mark Holdowsky asked the board to speak to any timing that would affect the policy. Brittany Pye stated at this point the board wants to make sure they are leaving the parameters of the study open and not limiting the time frame to a specific RSA or a specific language. At this point the board is not ready to make a recommendation. The moderator asked for any further discussion. None was heard. **Article 6 was defeated by a unanimous voice vote and so declared.**

**The Moderator read Article 7: Any Other Business**

To transact any further business to come before this annual meeting. The moderator asked if there was any further business. None was heard. The moderator asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brittany Pye motioned to adjourn. Thea Crawford seconded. Brittany Pye thanked the community on behalf of the board for their attendance at this meeting and the past several board meetings and for their support. The moderator asked for further discussion. None was heard. **Article 7 was passed with a unanimous voice vote and so declared. There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49pm by unanimous voice vote.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Molloy, School District Clerk



GVS Students tribute to Veteran's.



Students using the Outdoor Classroom.



Students building chain reaction machines on a 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip at the Montshire Museum.



Preschool art class.

## TOWN OF GRANTHAM WARRANT ARTICLE AMENDMENT FORM

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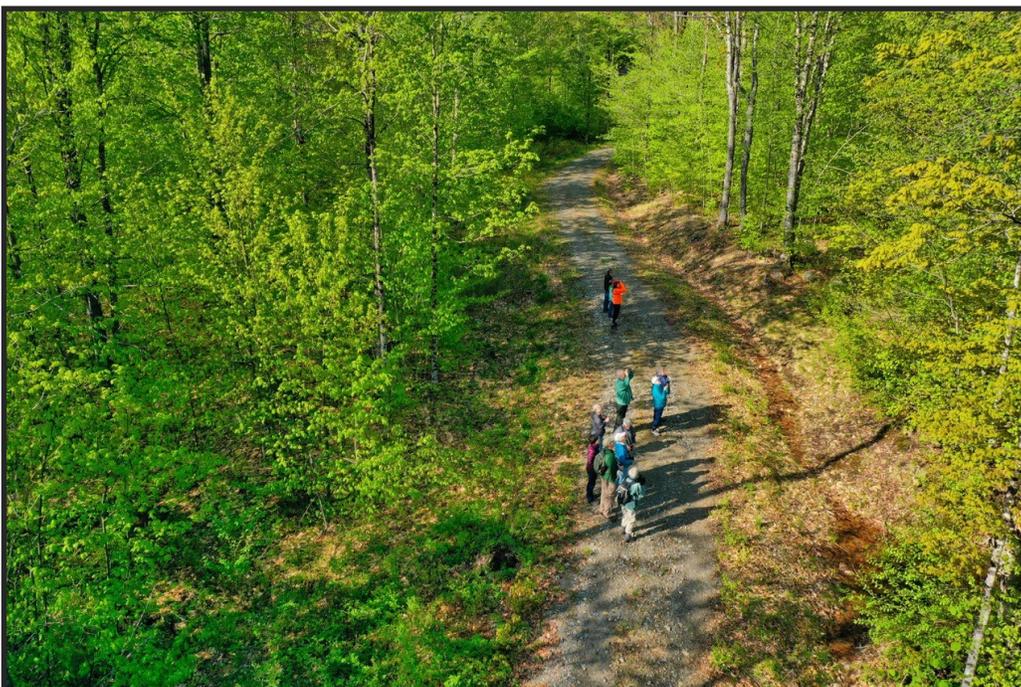
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# Events held at Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property



**Top photo:** Jonathan Waage, Brown University Biology Professor, identifies a specimen for participants in Ausbon Sargent's Dragonfly Walk at Sawyer Brook Headwaters.

Sheridan Brown Photo.

**Bottom photo:** Birds-eye view of birdwatchers at Sawyer Brook Headwaters Property.

Peter Bloch Photo,

<https://earthaerialproductions.com>



## **Annual Meeting Information**

**School District:** Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at 6:30 PM in the gymnasium at Grantham Village School, 75 Learning Drive, Grantham, NH.

**Town Meeting:** Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Articles 1—8 (Election of Town Officials, and Zoning Amendments) will be by ballot at the polls, which will be open from 10 AM—7 PM. The business portion (the voting on the 2020-2021 town budget) will start at 6:30 PM in the lower level of Grantham Town Hall, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH.

**Election of School Officials:** By ballot on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Grantham Town Building, Lower Level, 300 Route 10 South, Grantham, NH. The Polls will be open from 10 AM—7 PM.