



TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

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Year Ending
December 31, 2012

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
OFFICERS
of the
TOWN OF
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DEDICATION

This Annual Town Report is dedicated to the many fine volunteers who give selflessly to the Town by serving on Boards, Committees, and Commissions; we “**thank you**” for your service and commitment to the Town of Holderness. As we all know, life is busy and it is the volunteers who take the time and make a big difference in our community.

VOLUNTEERS ARE PRICELESS

So much help is truly needed
Where there's a will there is a way
For service and unity to be seeded

Around the world Volunteers appear
In an attempt to do their part
The reasons are not always clear
But it begins inside their heart

Volunteering is a priceless emotion
To offer support for your fellow man
Just a little of your time and devotion
Can change the writing in the sand

Author Unknown

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TOWN OFFICERS

ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association
Wil Corcoran

BOOKKEEPER

Wendy Huff

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Todd Elgin (Chair)	3/2014
John Laverack (S.L.)	
Joseph Casey (School Board)	
Kenneth Evans	3/2013
Robert Maloney	3/2015
Norman Peoples	3/2015
Alden Van Sickel	3/2015

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Christopher Buckley, Alt	3/2015
Janet Cocchiaro	3/2015
Shelagh Connelly, (S.L.)	
Jacquelyn Jewell	3/2014
Anne Packard	3/2014
Larry Spencer, Chrm	3/2015
Betsy Whitmore, V. Chr.	3/2013

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Coburn – Hwy Agent
David Guyotte
Dennis Hughes
Lewis Thompson

EMERGENCY MGT. SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Deputy Director
Walter Johnson-Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE

Sam Brickley (S.L.)
Walter Johnson
Bill Johnstone
Victoria Lang
Eleanor Mardin
Amy Sharpe
Larry Spencer
Tom Stepp

FIRE CHIEF

* Eleanor Mardin Appt'd

FIRE WARDEN

* Eleanor Mardin

FIRE WARDS

** Earl Hansen	2013
** David Dupuis	2014
** Randall Eastman	2015

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

** Bonni Acton	3/2015
** Joseph Casey , Chair	3/2014
** Carolyn Mello	3/2015
** Jennifer Morris	3/2013
** Jonathan Stewart	3/2013

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL CLERK

** Sara Weinberg 3/2013

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL TREASURER

** Kathleen Whittemore 3/2014

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL MODERATOR

** Laura Rollison 3/2014

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling
Todd Elgin

LIBRARIAN

Victoria Lang

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

** Victor Currier	3/2015
** Amanda Loud	3/2013
** Carol Snelling, Chair	3/2014
** Thomas "Ted" Vasant	3/2015
** Kathleen Wieliezko	3/2013
Nancy McDonald- Alt.	

MODERATOR

** Ross V. Deachman 3/2013

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Krystal Alpers
Louis Pare, Deputy
Kathleen Wieliczko, Deputy

TOWN OFFICERS

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Malcolm "Tink" Taylor
Shelagh Connelly, (S.L.)

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

* Don Cahoon Appt'd

PLANNING BOARD

Randolph Currier, Alt	3/2013
Todd Elgin	3/2014
Peter Francesco	3/2015
Earl Hansen, Chrm	3/2014
Ronald Huntoon	3/2013
Carl Lehner	3/2013
Suzanne Peoples, Alt	3/2014
Robert Snelling, V. Chrm.	3/2015
Peter Webster, Ex-Officio Alt.	
Jill White, Ex-Officio	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief-Jeremiah Patridge
Lieutenant-Barry D. Tanner
Sergeant- Erik F. DiFilippe
Patrol Officer- Michael Barney
Patrol Officer- David Bourne
Patrol Officer- Seth I. Learned

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wendy Werner, Director

RECREATION BOARD

Meika Carter	3/2014
John Laverack Jr., S.L.	
Janis Messier	3/2014
Thomas Stepp, Chr.	3/2015
George Sutcliffe	3/2014
Shelly Swanson	3/2015
Molly Whitcomb	3/2013

SELECTBOARD

** Shelagh Connelly	3/2013
** Christopher Devine	Resigned
* Samuel Brickley	3/2013
** John W. Laverack, Jr.	3/2015
** Peter Webster, Chair	3/2013
** Jill White	3/2014

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

** Frances K. Hanson	3/2014
** Edith Jaconsky-Hamersma	3/2016
** Frances Taylor, Chr.	3/2018

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.

TAX COLLECTOR

Ellen King	Appt'd
* Sara Hixon, Deputy	

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ ASSESSING COORDINATOR

* Amy Sharpe

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Walter P. Johnson

TOWN AUDITORS

Plodzick & Sanderson

TOWN CLERK

** Ellen King	3/2014
* Sara Hixon, Deputy	

TOWN TREASURER

* Todd Elgin	Appt'd
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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

** Bonnie Hunt	3/2015
** Maurice Lafreniere	3/2014
** Brinton Woodward	3/2013

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ivan Bass, Vice Chrm.	3/2015
Samuel Brickley, Alt	Resigned
Wendell Broom	3/2014
Gary Karp	3/2014
Robert Maloney, Alt	3/2014
Robert Rothschild, Alt.	3/2014
Erik Simensen	3/2013
Susan Webster, Chrm.	3/2014

* "...until another person shall be chosen
and qualified..."

** Elected Officials
S.L. Selectmen Liason

THE COMFORT AND SWEETNESS OF PEACE

After the clouds, the sunshine,
after the winter, the spring,
after the shower, the rainbow,
for life is a changeable thing.

After the night, the morning,
bidding all darkness cease,
after life's cares and sorrows,
the comfort and sweetness of peace.

By

Helen Steiner Rice

WITH FOND MEMORIES WE REMEMBER THE CITIZENS WE HAVE LOST THIS YEAR

Mildred Ricker
Charlotte Crowell
Dorothy Allyn
Robert Crowley
Rose Lambert
Lillian Watson
Joseph Clark, Sr.
Inger Baker

Barry Byron
Olin Bohn
Clarence Winton, Jr.
Esther Engelbert
Richard Field
John McGinley
Virginia Hood

FUND BALANCE POLICY

PREFACE

The Town of Holderness (“Town”) through its Board of Selectmen establishes and will maintain reservation of Fund Balance, as defined herein, in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) Statement No. 54, Fund Balance reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions. This policy shall only apply to the Town’s governmental funds. In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, Fund Balance shall be composed of non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a key element of the financial stability of the Town by setting guidelines for fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is an important measure of economic stability. It is essential that the Town maintain adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures, emergencies, and similar circumstances. The fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the Town’s general operations.

DEFINITIONS

1. **NON-SPENDABLE FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as inventory or prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact (such as principal of an endowment fund).
2. **RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that can only be spent for the specific purpose stipulated by external resource providers (such as grantors) or enabling legislation (Town Meeting vote). Restrictions may be changed or lifted only with the consent of the resource providers or enabling legislation.
3. **COMMITTED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes determined by a formal action of the Town’s highest level of decision making authority. Commitments may be changed or lifted only by taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The action must be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in a subsequent period.
4. **ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose. For all governmental funds

other than the General Fund, any remaining positive amounts are to be classified as “assigned”. Items that fall under this classification for the General Fund would be encumbrances properly approved by contract, purchase order, or other such action as required.

5. **UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE** – includes amounts that are not obligated or specifically designated and is available for any purpose. The residual classification of any General Fund balance is to be reported here. Any deficit balance of another fund is also classified as unassigned.

SPENDING PRIORITIZATIONS

When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used, committed amounts should be reduced first, followed by assigned amounts and the unassigned amounts.

MINIMUM LEVEL OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE

The Town will strive to maintain an unassigned fund balance in its General Fund equal to 6-10% of the total appropriations of the community (which includes Town, School and County). The Board of Selectmen will review this information each year in order to determine the amount, if any, of unassigned fund balance to use to balance the budget and to reduce the property tax rate.

ANNUAL REVIEW

Compliance with the provisions of this policy should be reviewed as part of the annual budget adoption process.

Date of Adoption: February 11, 2013

Holderness Board of Selectmen

Peter Webster, Chairman

John Laverack, Vice Chairman

Shelagh Connelly, Member

Jill White, Member

Samuel Brickley, Member

MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Selectmen – Meetings are held every other Monday at 5:00 PM, downstairs in the Town Hall. The board reviews/discusses correspondences and sign necessary documents/checks etc., and then moves upstairs at 5:30 PM.

Budget Committee – Meets in August and then late October through February, dates and times may vary, please look for meeting notices during this time.

Conservation Commission – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 PM in the downstairs conference room at the Town Hall (This commission typically does not meet for the months of July and August).

Energy Committee – This committee meets at 3:30 PM on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

Holderness Central School Board - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:15 in the Holderness Central School Library, unless otherwise posted.

Library Trustees – Meets once monthly, days of the month and time vary. Look for postings at Town Hall, the Post Office or at the Library.

Planning Board – Meets every 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM upstairs in the Town Hall. Applications submitted to this board are due 21 days before the meeting date.

Recreation Board – Meets once a month on Monday nights at 5:30 PM, downstairs in the conference room.

Zoning Board – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM upstairs in the Town Hall. Applications submitted to this board are due 21 days before the meeting date.

* Meeting dates and times are subject to change; please visit our website at www.holderness-nh.gov for updated notices.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



L-R: Wendy Werner, Wendy Huff, Don Cahoon, Sara Hixon, Ellen King, Walter Johnson, and Amy Sharpe

I am pleased to present to you my report as Town Administrator for the year 2012. For the most part 2012 was a typical year for administration in our community. Although we stood prepared for the effects predicted from “super storm” Sandy, in reality Sandy had very minimal impact on our community. However, Sandy did allow us to implement portions of our recently updated Emergency Management Plan, which uncovered some minor plan weaknesses that we have since addressed. In the fall of 2012 we completed the redesign and enhancement of our Town website. We feel this new site is more inviting, easier to navigate and includes a good deal more information about Holderness town government. Please visit our site (www.holderness-nh.gov) and let us know how we may continue to improve our “e-government” services.

As administrator, I have continued to work closely with the members of the Selectboard, Town department heads, and staff to improve the function and efficiency of our local government to continue to deliver quality services to the taxpayers and residents of Holderness.

Looking forward to 2013, my priorities include concluding successful negotiations for a new cable television franchise agreement, implementing a digitized town record archiving program, improving our staff performance evaluation process, evaluating options for a wastewater collection system for some of the lake areas of our community, updating our hazard mitigation plan and continuing to expand our economic development outreach efforts.

As in past years, I am pleased to report our department managers and staff continues to make excellent progress in improving our service to you in the most efficient manner possible amidst these difficult economic times. I want to sincerely thank the members of the Board of Selectmen including, recently

resigned member Chris Devine, the town office staff, department heads and all of our dedicated employees for their support, cooperation and the excellent work they provide for the citizens of Holderness.

As always my door is open to all and I encourage you to stop in the Town office, or contact me by phone or e-mail (holderness@roadrunner.com) with any comments, suggestions and/or concerns you may have about your local government.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Johnson
Town Administrator

TAX RATE HISTORY

The chart below is a historical breakdown of the components that make up the Town Tax Rate.

Year	Town Tax	Local Education	State Education	County Tax	Total Tax
2003	\$1.98	\$6.81	\$3.01	\$1.05	\$12.85
2004	\$2.44	\$7.28	\$2.25	\$1.48	\$13.45
2005	\$2.62	\$6.41	\$2.98	\$1.43	\$13.44
2006	\$2.17	\$5.99	\$2.45	\$1.29	\$11.90
2007	\$1.95	\$6.32	\$2.53	\$1.42	\$12.22
2008	\$2.46	\$6.73	\$2.35	\$1.64	\$13.18
2009	\$2.43	\$6.55	\$2.58	\$1.40	\$12.96
2010	\$2.59	\$6.75	\$2.42	\$1.35	\$13.11
2011	\$2.43	\$6.96	\$2.30	\$1.47	\$13.16
2012	\$2.55	\$6.97	\$2.37	\$1.61	\$13.50

SELECTBOARD REPORT



L-R: Sam Brickley, Woodie Laverack, Peter Webster, Shelagh Connelly, and Jill White

The Board continues to serve Holderness and meets every other Monday at Town Hall. We also attend the land use board meetings as liaisons to remain informed and updated about on-going board actions. We appreciate the opportunity to serve our Town and we are always open to your input on issues regarding our community.

This year was a busy year for voting with a National Primary and Presidential Election. Some changes to voter laws, including new I.D. requirements, went smoothly at Town Hall.

The Northern Pass project is still lingering as a potential reality which would impact Holderness property owners. In concert with several other NH towns, the Board sent a letter to the Premier of Quebec affirming the Town's continued opposition to the proposed Northern Pass project. The Board toured the 24 wind turbine project on the ridge in Groton because the project travels through Holderness via the power transmission station at the north end of Town across from Livermore Falls. The view from the ridge is spectacular.

Livermore Falls beach (a property owned by the State of NH) was the focus of much attention this year as Chief Patridge stepped up his enforcement efforts to keep the beach and surrounding areas free of illegal drinking and littering. Many families are now enjoying access to this lovely swimming spot on the Pemi. A new group is being formed to assist in enhancing this landmark, including

Plymouth State University, Plymouth Rotary, NH Fish & Game, and NH Department of Resources & Economic Development, to name a few.

The Board coordinated with various interests to host a Regional Economic Development Forum in October. This event was very well attended and is in keeping with our desire to maintain Holderness as a business-friendly community.

The Board was pleased to receive the perambulation report in September from Tom Stepp who walked the 6.8 miles of the common boundary with Center Harbor. Tom's report is excellent and thorough, including his research and identification of some discrepancies along the boundary line that will be adjusted with Center Harbor in 2013. This report can be found in its entirety at the Holderness Town Website. Perambulation of Town lines is required every 7 years.

During September Chris Devine resigned from the Select Board to pursue opportunities in Maine. The Board thanks Chris for his 4.5 years of service, and we were pleased to have Sam Brickley join the Board in November. Holderness continues to be one of the nicest places to live in New Hampshire, and the Board thanks all of our dedicated employees for their role in managing the affairs of the Town. In addition, the Board sends many thanks to the selfless volunteers who make up our committees and boards throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Webster, Chair
John Laverack, Vice Chair
Shelagh Connelly
Jill White
Samuel Brickley



Photo taken by Walter Johnson

BEACH REPORT

We had a wonderful season at the Livermore Town Beach in 2012. The beach is typically open from mid-June through Labor Day. Beach attendants are at the beach from 10am – 5pm daily throughout the season unless there is inclement weather. There were 234 beach passes sold in 2012, up from 215 in the prior year. Beach passes are required and can be purchased at the Town Clerk's office for \$15 by any resident or tax payer. Upon purchase of your beach pass you will also receive a copy of the rules and we hope that you will look these over prior to your visit at the facility.



Enjoying Squam Lake in the summer!

As noted above, beach attendants are on site daily and they are there to keep an eye on the beach throughout the day. They check passes, enforce rules and regulations, and help ensure your visit is an enjoyable one. Our beach attendants are not lifeguards and because of this we do ask that you keep a close eye on your guests while you are at the beach.

Amenities at the beach include a changing shed, portable toilet, swing set, picnic tables, swimming raft and a designated swimming area. There is also a land line phone available in case of emergencies. The property is actually owned by the Squam Lake Conservation Society, but is managed by the Holderness Recreation Board and Selectmen.

Opening exercises this year included several lengthy clean up days from debris that had washed ashore with stormy spring weather. Although tedious, this is a typical scenario on beach front properties. Strangely enough though, this season the debris kept arriving at the beach week after week.

The lowest number of visitors was on 8/9 with zero patrons on this day. The largest number of visitors was on 7/16 with 75 in attendance. The average tends

to be between 30 and 40 visitors per day. It was a dry season, which was nice for beach weather. No major storms to report and only a small number of incidents such as the swim lines being cut, which happened 3 times during the season. The beach attendants were prompt in fixing this when it happened, but it was frustrating none the less.

Opening procedures take place anytime between April and June and consist of cleaning up winter debris, sanding and staining picnic tables, putting in swim lines, hanging swings and putting in the raft. A similar procedure happens between Labor Day and Halloween with leaf clean up, raking, taking in the swim lines and taking down the swings etc. If you are interested in helping with the opening or closing of the town beach, feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the board members for more information.

We would like to thank the residents and taxpayers as well as the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Police and Public Works Departments, and the Town Clerk's office for continued support of this facility.

We would also like to thank Nathalie Palmer and Dylan Dinger who were our attendants for the season. They did a great job of keeping the beach in a tidy condition, practiced good communication and were great at greeting patrons and enforcing our rules and regulations.

The Recreation Board appreciates your feedback and encourages you to communicate with us about any suggestions you have for this facility. You are always welcome to come to one of our board meetings, which are held once a month on Monday's at 5:30pm, downstairs at Town Hall. The recreation office can be reached at 603-968-3700 or holdrec@roadrunner.com

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director)

Tom Stepp (Chairperson)

George 'Biff' Sutcliffe (Secretary)

Shelly Swanson

Janis Messier

Molly Whitcomb

Meika Carter

Woody Laverack (Selectman Liaison)

COMPLIANCE OFFICE

It's the start of another year and time again to report on what took place for construction in the previous year. This is my second year working for Holderness in cooperation with the Town of Moultonborough. I am in the office and available for you to ask questions and review projects on Wednesday's from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

We are now doing inspections for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. We will be inspecting the footings and foundations of new projects before construction begins to confirm setbacks are being met. Lastly, as before, we will be inspecting the completed project for overall Zoning Compliance before we issue the Certificate of Compliance allowing your use of the structure. It is the responsibility of the homeowner or contractor to call the office and schedule these inspections.

The following is a list of the permit activity for 2012. There is a slight decrease of 6%, or 7 permits, from the activity in 2011.

Permits	# Issued	Permits	# Issued
Septic Designs	21	Houses	2
Alterations	15	Decks	16
Garages	6	Additions	6
Solar Panels	2	Demolitions	9
New Roofs	2	Sheds	4
Antenna	1	Boat Shed	1
Barns	2	Pool	1
Cabin	2	Stone work	2
Chimney	1	Greenhouse	1
Single Family to (2) Family	1	Signs	2
Total Permits: 97			

Respectfully submitted,
Donald E. Cahoon
Compliance Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

It is the mission of the Holderness Conservation Commission to care for the conservation properties owned by the Town of Holderness, to be strong advocates for good conservation practices in the Town, to protect the Town's wetlands from being degraded, to be the local agent for wetland permits and other matters under the auspices of the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), and to educate the residents of the town and region about suitable conservation practices.

The Commission, with the assistance of Tom Stepp, finalized a survey of the Town Forest property to clearly define the boundaries. A cooperative relationship continued with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society to investigate possible easements for future land conservation. The town tax maps, through the Commission's initiative, now delineate conservation lands.

Members of the Conservation Commission monitor all town properties and easements annually to review the boundaries and determine that no encroachments or unauthorized activities have taken place. A full description of these properties, and other conservation information, may be found on the town web site.

Several walks led by Commission members were conducted this year to acquaint property owners with the trail opportunities on town owned properties. Trail brochures are available at town hall and on the town web site. The Commission encourages and welcomes residents to visit these community owned properties.

Commission members continue to take advantage of training opportunities offered through workshops and conferences to learn the latest conservation regulations and new conservation techniques as well as advancing an understanding of environmental matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Buckley (alternate), Janet Cocchiaro, Shelagh Connelly
(Selectperson liaison), Jacquelyn Jewell, Anne Packard, Larry Spencer-Chair, and
Betsy Whitmore

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Energy Committee was established in 2007 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen steps town government can take to save energy and reduce emissions. On April 17th and November 19th in 2012, the Holderness Energy Committee (HEC) discussed a number of energy related topics which included efforts to reduce energy usage by town government.

With many of the major energy improvements to town buildings completed in 2010, the committee continues to focus on how the town might utilize new alternative energy technologies in town buildings and operations. In 2012, as a result of changes in the auto industry, a change to more fuel efficient police cruisers by Ford was made and Chief Patridge is already reporting a reduction in fuel consumption with a new cruiser purchased in August. In May 2012 the Town selected Nextera, an independent electricity broker, to provide power to all town facilities resulting in some initial savings on a per kilowatt hour rate basis. A short term dip in power cost from NHEC resulted in a loss of some of those savings. It appears this will be the trend over the next two years. Larry Spencer attended a regional energy conference and reported to the committee on several energy initiatives going on throughout the state.

Looking forward to 2013, the HEC is planning to continue to review operational procedures with the Selectmen and town department heads to see if any improvements can be made in department methods of operations to reduce energy use in all town buildings and equipment. The HEC will continue to monitor town energy usage and energy price forecasts during the coming year. The HEC is also evaluating options to reduce some of the Town's street lights and to convert all street lighting to LED lighting. The additional cost to change out the street lights to the LED would be an estimated \$1 to \$2 increase per light per month. The positive aspect of the LED lights is less energy being used and less maintenance because the LED lights last longer.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Larry Spencer, Walter Johnson, Eleanor Mardin, Bill Johnstone, Wil Abbott, Don Cahoon, Dave Horton, Victoria Lang, Amy Sharpe, Tom Stepp and Sam Brickley, S.L.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

It has been another busy year at the Fire Department. We had three structure fires this year; one was a fantastic stop by HFD members with assistance from mutual aid towns. The fire had burned through a propane line and the propane was causing the fire to burn with intensity. The majority of the house was saved by the quick response and determined work of HFD members.

This year the New Hampshire Fire Academy received funds to help offset rescue classes. Several of our members were able to take classes at no cost to the town. Classes included Introduction to Technical Rescue and Swift Water Rescue. One firefighter completed a Firefighter 1 class and another firefighter completed a Firefighter 2 class. We also have our second Paramedic on the department.

Thanks to all of those who have donated to our Operation Santa Fund and/or those who have donated to help support the fire department. If any of the fire department members can ever assist the townspeople in any way, please do not hesitate to ask.

Stay Safe

Chief Eleanor Mardin

Chief

Eleanor Mardin

Deputy Chief's

Earl Hansen

Richard Currier

Captains

Randy Eastman

Scott Fields

Jamison Brandin

Stanley Graton

Tracy Burhoe

Honorary

Richard Mardin

Firefighters

Jon Abear

Matt Abear

Doug Barber

Danny Baker

Tyler Currier

Cody DeGrace

Kyle DeGrace

Tyler Driscoll

Dave Dupuis

Walter Johnson

Gary Mack

Robert Magoon

Ronald Saulnier

David Bourne

Alden VanSickle

James Wieliczko

Todd Randlett

Firefighter/EMT

Jeremy Bonan

Amelia Currier

William Currier

Calli DeGrace

Firefighter Paramedic

Jim Chapin

Paramedic

Bradley Morse

EMT

Bobbi Dross

Explorers

Matthew Barber

Trevor Solomon

Burt Wieliczko

Jimmy Wieliczko

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR 2012

Alarm	41
Chimney.....	5
Electrical.....	1
False.....	1
Fuel Spills.....	2
Furnace.....	4
Medical.....	154
Rescue.....	2
MVA.....	8
Mutual Aid.....	52
Outside.....	2
Power Lines Down.....	6
Service.....	5
Smoke Investigation.....	7
Structure.....	3
Other.....	7
Total	300



*(Holderness Fire Department Field Training Exercise)
Photo courtesy of Gary Mack*

FOREST FIRE WARDEN



Photo courtesy of Gary Mack

After 30 plus years as the Holderness Fire Warden, Richard Mardin, has decided to retire. As most of you know he retired as Chief in 2007 and has stayed on the department as the Forest Fire Warden. The majority of our local firefighters can tell many stories of fighting forest fires with the Warden on Rattle Snake, Mount Livermore, and the 200 acre fire on Red Hill. The Red Hill fire took the Holderness crew to the top of the mountain and they had to construct fire a line down the backside along Eagle Cliff trail. After hours of work food finally arrived, however the only thing left to offer the crew was oranges, which Richard has an allergic reaction to; lesson learned we all carry food and water with us when going to any type of outside fires.

As his daughter, his successor, and the new Forest Fire Warden, I want to say, “Thank you for all you taught us dad, and we hope you enjoy your retirement.”

There were 253 fire permits written this year. Spring looked like we would be busy since there was not much winter snow and warm weather came early. Amazingly however, there were no large outside fires this year.

Remember, permits are required for all outdoor burning when there is no snow on the ground. Permits can be picked up at the Town Hall and the Fire Station. In the words of Smokey Bear “Only you can Prevent Forest Fires”

Stay Safe,
Eleanor Mardin
Forest Fire Warden

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Budget Year July 1 2011 thru June 30 2012

Library Hours: Monday- 9AM to 6 PM, Tuesday- 8AM to 4PM,
Wednesday- 9AM to 8PM, Thursday- Closed
Friday- 9AM to 5PM, Saturday- 8AM to 12PM.



*Standing L to R: Victoria Lang, Director and Kelly Schwaner
Sitting: Jeanne Perkins*

I would like to take this time to bring you all up to speed on the happenings and statistics from this past budget season.

Number of Story Times	46	Attendees	501
Blue Heron Preschool	5	Attendees	64
Number of Programs	14	Attendees	226
Bridge Group	49	Attendees	643
Mahjong Group	9	Attendees	37
Needlepoint Group	30	Attendees	101
Book Discussions	6	Attendees	66
Stitch and Chat	14	Attendees	171
New Patrons	144!		
New Computer Users	276	(does not include wireless users)	
Indoor Wireless users	556		
Circulated items	10,461		
Adult Foot Traffic	7,232.		
Children's Foot Traffic	1,511	(not going to story times)	

Also some **other** activities that the Library participated in this year:

- Joined NH Downloadable Book Coop
- Renovated the front Library entryway to bring it up to code
- Installed a Lock Box entry system for the Fire and Police Department
- Coordinated with Speare Memorial Hospital doctors for a book discussion
- Invited the public to 1st ever Memorial Day Library Cupcake Fundraising Contest(a big success!)
- Outreached to Holderness Central School , Ashland Head Start Holderness Science Center Blue Heron Nursery School, and various local daycare centers with monthly Story Times
- Celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Holderness Library
- Insulated the Library with Grant monies from the Webster Foundation
- Partnered with both the Holderness Historical Society and the Holderness Recreation Department on a number of programs from the Humanities Council to the StoryWalk held at the Squam Lakes Science Center
- Organized the annual Town of Holderness Tree Lighting on the Library lawn
- Planted flowers with the fourth grade from the Holderness Central School at the War Memorial
- Hosted two Scrooge and Marley Library Coop Meetings

Phew! I am sure that I have forgotten something!

In conclusion I would like to thank the taxpayers of the Town of Holderness for their continued support of the Holderness Library. In the coming year my Trustees, employees and I hope to continue the momentum of connecting the community to materials to educate and events to inform them.

Please feel free to contact us or stop by:

Holderness Library, 866 U.S. Rt. 3, PO Box L, Holderness, NH 03245, 603-968-7066, holdernesslibrary@roadrunner.com, website: holdernesslibrary.org

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria A. Lang
Director, Holderness Library

LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

A Vibrant Place Where People Can Connect

The Holderness Free Library is a true community library. In addition to its active book club, the library hosts mahjong, needlepoint, knitting, and bridge groups. The Holderness Historical Society joins with the library in presenting informational programming.

The children's librarian presents weekly story/craft times at the library as well as at some of the local preschools. The Holderness Central School brings the third grade class in for a tour during which each student receives their own library card. During the summer, the Holderness Library works with the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and the Holderness Recreation Department to present the "Story Walk."

The Friends group is very active with two major fundraisers each year. On Memorial Day they host a book and bake sale. The first Saturday of December is the date of the annual "Santa Sale". Donations of toys and other Christmas gift items are received from local residents and business. Children come to the sale with a list for gifts items (i.e. Mom, Dad, Grandma, etc.) A teenaged girl from the Circle Program takes each child through the "store" and they buy their gifts for \$1 each, then they are gift wrapped by the Friends.

This year the library will be hosting a Christmas Tea, on December 12th at 4:30 p.m. Any gifts brought to the event will be donated to the adults living at Bridge House in Plymouth.

This library was awarded the NHLTA Library of the Year in 2010 and the Holderness Library Board of Trustees the Award of Excellence by the Lakes Region Planning Commission at their annual meeting this past June. This award recognized the Trustees for their successful restoration and transformation of Holderness Library into a community hub venerated for its historic features, outstanding services and vital resources.

To achieve their goal of handicapped accessibility, Library Director Victoria Lang and the Board of Trustees are now beginning the adventure of adding a small renovation to the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Snelling, Trustee

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MINUTES

MARCH 13 & 14, 2012

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 13 and 14, 2012 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After Articles 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Article 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) had all passed. Moderator Deachman announced the Holderness Central and Pemi-Baker District results. Moderator Deachman asked for a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year of 2011.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:
Selectmen for 3 years: (Vote for One)
John W. Laverack, Jr. 152

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for One)
Bonnie M. Hunt 154

Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)
Thomas "Ted" Vasant 143
Victor K. Currier 143

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)
Randy Eastman 153

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 Years: (Vote for One)
Frances Taylor 153

Article 2: 2012 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes

To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 700.2 Structures to clarify the zoning rights associated with non-conforming structures existing prior to the adoption of zoning?

Yes 125 No 30

2. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 700.3 Lots to clarify the zoning rights associated with non-conforming lots existing prior to the adoption of zoning?

Yes 126 No 30

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 400.10 Sewage and Waste Disposal Systems to clarify that changes to a structure or change of use of a structure that will cause an increase or change of use in sewage and waste disposal must conform to state and local septic regulations?

Yes 135 No 24

4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Section 400.10.1 Gray Water Systems – which prohibits Gray Water systems?

Yes 97 No 60

5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 400.8.1.2 to clarify that setback requirements apply to wells?

Yes 123 No 35

6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 800.3 Variances – to be consistent with RSA 674:33 and 674:33-a?

Yes 123 No 26

7. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add a Definition for non-residential development to be consistent with Site Plan Regulations?

Yes 133 No 22

8. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Definitions terms associated with Septic Systems (or Individual Septic Disposal Systems – ISDS) as defined by the NH Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wq?

Yes 131

No 25

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION RESULTS

School Board Member for 3 years: (Vote for Two)

Carolyn Mello 133

Bonni Acton 147

***HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT***

Moderator for 2 years: (Vote for One)

Quentin Blaine 99

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one) Ashland

Catherine E. Hahn 94

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one) Campton

Lisa Ash 94

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one) Holderness

Andrew C. Hancock 102

School Board Member for 1 Year: (Vote for one) Holderness

Sam Brickley 103

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one) Plymouth

Barbara A. Noyes 95

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one) Thornton

Carolyn M. Varin 92

HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT-WARRANT ARTICLES

Article 1: *To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the Board may determine*

advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 144 No 19

Article 2: *To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 140 No 26

Article 3: *To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2012-2013	\$74,309

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-four thousand three hundred nine dollars (\$74,309) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 101 No 64

Article 4: *To see if the School District vote to approve the cost items included in a collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Regional Educational Support Staff, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2012-2013	\$12,291

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand two hundred ninety-one dollars (\$12,291) for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels in accordance

with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Yes 107 No 57

Article 5: *To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars (\$104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2012-2013 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 128 No 36

Article 6: *To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purpose set forth therein, totaling twelve million five hundred fifty-one thousand six hundred dollars (\$12,551,600). The Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)*

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million seven hundred one thousand two hundred ninety-three dollars (\$12,701,293), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2, 3 and 4.

Yes 134 No 29

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.

Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of Two Million and One Hundred and Fifty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,159,500) for

general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Alicia Abbott. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$365,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$40,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	2,000
Municipal Buildings	20,000
Revaluation	35,000
Library	10,000
Fire Equipment	6,000
Public Works Vehicles	45,000
Police Cruiser	24,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	17,000
Conservation	5,000
Abatement Legal Defense Fund	<u>10,000</u>
	\$365,000

Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas, 0 nays).

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-nine Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$359,100) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Selectmen to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
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Revaluation	35,000
Fire/Rescue Vehicles	46,600
Library Improvements	10,000
Highway Department Vehicle	72,000
Police Cruiser	38,000
Fire Equipment	<u>7,500</u>
Total:	\$359,100

This is a special warrant article.

Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Moved by Alden Vansickle and seconded by Earl Hansen. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be part of the general fund unreserved fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the board of selectmen and recreation director (no further legislative body approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure shall be made in such a way as to require the expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to be place in the Emergency Management Non-capital Expendable Trust fund. Said amount to be taken from the FY2012 fund balance.

Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Moved by Fran Taylor and seconded by Barbara Currier. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) for the purchase of up to five new computer work stations for the town office. Said amount to be raised by taxation.

Recommended by the Selectmen; (5 yeas 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (5 yeas, 0 nays)

Moved by Eric Simensen and seconded by Earl Hansen. No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to completely discontinue, per RSA 231:43, a section of the old Holderness – Plymouth Road on the present Holderness School campus beginning at the intersection with the west side of Route 175 then westerly along a portion of Chapel Lane to the intersection of South Campus Road and the section of Chapel Lane beginning at the intersection of the west side of Route 175 north of the frog pond to the intersection with South Campus Road, said discontinuance to extinguish all rights of public easement; further to authorize the Selectmen to provide a deed without covenants to the School, to confirm that the Town has no remaining interest in the road.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Peg Winton. Bruce Whitmore asked for an explanation for this Article. Selectman, Peter Webster explained that the purpose of this Article is that the Town would no longer be responsible to maintain and snow plow this small portion of road located on the campus of Holderness School. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 11 **WHEREAS**, the Town of HOLDERNESS currently has an existing electrical transmission line carry High Voltage Alternating Current (HVAC) through the town designated by Public Service Company of New Hampshire as Line X-178; and, **WHEREAS**, the aforementioned transmission line is mounted on forty 40 to 50 foot tall wooden poles, some of which are below adjacent tree lines; and, **WHEREAS**, the proposed Northern pass transmission line would carry 1200 Megawatts of High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) power generally south from Canada through New Hampshire, including through portions of the Town of HOLDERNESS, on visually damaging power lines hung from tall, intrusive steel towers at heights ranging from eighty (80')

feet to one hundred and thirty (135') feet in the air, well above tree height; and,

WHEREAS, the Voters of the Town of HOLDERNESS have concluded that the Northern Pass transmission line, as it has been proposed, would cause significant degradation of real estate property values resulting in dramatic losses of property tax receipts, well in excess of any conceivable property tax revenues from levying tax assessments on the aforesaid towers and transmission lines; and,

WHEREAS, numerous other negative impacts from the aforesaid proposed Northern Pass transmission line will occur or can reasonably be expected to occur, over time, including, but not limited to:

- a. A significant drop in tourist visits, and consequently, revenues, as damages from the power lines to New Hampshire's natural scenic beauty will be a deterrent to people coming to the region.
- b. A drop in toll fees and New Hampshire gas tax revenues as motorists choose other routes into Northern New England, or worse, choose not to come at all.
- c. The strong possibility of negative health impacts from Electro Magnetic Fields (EMF's) radiating from 1200 Megawatt HVDC cables.
- d. A drop in business revenues, and consequently, a drop in employment at impacted businesses such as; ski areas, restaurants, gas stations, construction firms, shops, stores, banks, real estate firms, to name just a few—all of which are heavily dependent upon visitors coming to the area.

Therefore, the undersigned citizens of HOLDERNESS, by petition, respectfully ask the town to adopt the following ordinance:

Other than high voltage electrical transmission lines in existence as of the effective date of this ordinance, there shall be no further overhead development of alternating current or direct current high voltage transmission lines allowed within the borders of the Town of Holderness. All such future electrical transmission lines must be placed underground within power line rights of way or within yet to be established power line corridors, and installed in a manner approved by the State of New Hampshire's Public Utility Commission and/or Department

of Transportation. Distribution lines carrying electrical power and other utility lines such as telephone and cable television for local residential or commercial use may continue to be installed above ground, but under-grounding of such lines, is strongly recommended and encouraged.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

This article is by petition.

Moderator Deachman stated “the opinion of the Moderator, as framed, this as an illegal Article but can moved as a sense of the meeting . We cannot adopt an ordinance on this subject that would be effective and or enforceable and we would put the Town in untenable position if we were to adopt such an ordinance and require the Board of Selectmen to enforce it.” Moderator asked if there was a Motion to move “as a sense of the meeting”. Moved by Carl Lehner and seconded by Larry Spencer. Melanie Fisk spoke on this article. Amanda Loud asked the meaning of “as sense of the meeting?” Moderator explained this information could be communicated to the Planning Board and Zoning Board to see if they could incorporate new provisions into the zoning ordinances and the Board of Selectman could communicate the sense of this meeting to the Utility Commissions but it would not be binding. Robert Tuveson spoke in favor of this article. A voice vote was taken and the Motion **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the town will vote to adopt a Rights-Based Ordinance to protect the Health, Safety and Welfare of the Residents and Ecosystems of Holderness, NH, by establishing a Bill of Rights; by recognizing the Right to a Sustainable Energy Future and by Prohibiting the siting of new energy projects that violate the People’s Right to a Sustainable Energy Future. A copy of the complete proposed ordinance is on file with the town clerks office.

This article is by petition.

Moderator Deachman ruled that Article 12 attempts to legislate matters that the town is not authorized by statute or law to legislate. The Moderator called for a motion to overrule the chair, none was forthcoming and Article 12 **was passed over**.

Article 13: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator expressed his appreciation and thanks to all who were involved in the planning of the Holderness 250th celebration. Moderator recognized and thanked Malcolm "Tink" Taylor for all of his time and effort and for finding the original Holderness Charter located at the Library at University of New Hampshire. Mr. Taylor received a standing ovation. Peter Webster stated that the Selectmen had recognized and thanked Malcolm "Tink" Taylor at a Selectboard meeting.

Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk



Big Squam Lake ~ Photo taken by Walter Johnson

PLANNING BOARD

Planning Board application activity remained similar to last year, although occurring sporadically.

Applications reviewed in 2012:

- 2 boundary line adjustment – granted;
- 4 site plan applications – granted;
- 2 subdivision applications – granted

Once again members worked throughout the year on language for a number of Zoning Ordinance amendments. Two topics kept the Board busy: Shoreland Protection and Cell Towers. The existing state statutes governing protection of water bodies was changed by the legislature in 2012, decreasing the oversight by the state. The Board reviewed and discussed numerous means for strengthening protection through the town's ordinance. Ultimately the Board opted to wait one more year since there will be new state legislation on this topic. A comprehensive ordinance for the placement and maintenance of cell towers was developed by the Board. Minor changes to the Special Events Permit ordinance were made and new language specifying the type of performance security acceptable to the town was added.

Planning Board duties are specified by state statute and include review of subdivision and site plan applications, review and update of the Master Plan, and review of the Zoning Ordinance for development of amendments as needed. The members continue to work on procedures for consistent review of applications balancing assistance to the applicant with conformity to the town's zoning ordinance requirements.

The Planning Board will focus attention on the regulations during 2013. The application, zoning ordinance, subdivision and site plan regulations, as well as minutes and agendas, can be found on the town web site: www.holderness-nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Currier (alternate), Todd Elgin, Peter Francesco, Earl Hansen - Chair, Ron Huntoon, Carl Lehner, Suzanne Peoples (alternate), Bob Snelling, and Jill White (ex-officio)

POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

During the Spring of 2012, The Holderness Police Department spearheaded an effort to make Livermore Falls Beach a safe place for swimming and other recreational activities. For many years, Plymouth State University students, along with other area youths, have taken the Pemigewasset River and Livermore Falls Beach as a location to gather and consume alcohol. Aside from drinking on the beach, they often consume alcohol while tubing or rafting down the river, throwing their empty containers in the river and on its banks. Recognizing that mixing alcohol and river activities can have dire results, the Holderness Police Department along with the assistance of the NH Fish and Game, Councilor Raymond Burton, Holderness Selectboard, Plymouth State University President Sarah Jane Steen, residents along the river, Plymouth Rotary Club, and other state and county agencies have come together in a unified effort to change these behaviors. I am pleased with the progress we have made this year, but realize that we still have a lot of work to make this area a safe family friendly environment.

In order to help with enforcement issues, we have updated the Parking and Disorderly Actions Ordinances. These ordinances can be viewed on the Town of Holderness website, in the Police Department section.

This year the police department received over \$13,000 in new portable radios, through a US Department of Homeland Security Grant. We also received donations for the D.A.R.E program from Meredith Village Savings Bank, Mount Prospect Lodge #69 and the Olive Branch #16 F&AM.

In July, we traded our 2006 Crown Victoria for a 2013 Ford Taurus. The Taurus is Ford's new police interceptor. This new cruiser is all wheel drive and has a fuel efficient, V6 engine.

I am pleased to report that for nearly seven years now, we have not had any turnover in police personnel. Please join me in thanking all the members of the police department for their high level of commitment and professionalism to the town.

I encourage you to call, stop by or send me an e-mail (jpatridge@roadrunner.com) if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions on how we can better serve our community.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2012



*L-R Back Row: Patrolman- Seth Learned, Mike Barney, David Bourne
L-R Front Row: Lieutenant- Barry Tanner, Chief- Jeremiah Patridge, Sergeant- Erik DiFilippe*

911 HANG-UP	15	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	55
ABANDONING A VEHICLE	0	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (Fatality)	0
ALARM (Business & Residential & Fire)	122	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	31
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	58	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	64
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	60	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	873
ARRESTS (Total)	94	MOTOR VEHICLE / DWI	3
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	287	NOISE COMPLAINT	43
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY	0	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	197
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	2	OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	13
BENCH WARRANT	4	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	37
BURGLARY	3	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	56
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSIST. / MVLO	218	PARKING TICKETS	163
CIVIL MATTER	10	PISTOL PERMITS	36
CIVIL STANDBY	10	POLICE INFORMATION	31
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	4	PROACTIVE NOISE WARNING	17
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	10	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION	2
CRIMINAL RECORDS	80	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	15
CRIMINAL THREATENING	1	RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION	0
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	7	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	2
DIRECTED PATROL (Including Radar)	133	SEXUAL ASSAULT	0
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	18	SIMPLE ASSAULT	5
DISTURBANCE (Including Domestic)	74	SITE CHECKS	488
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT	10	SUBPOENA SERVICE	2
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	12	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	107
FOOTPATROL	26	THEFT (All Thefts)	38
FRAUD / FORGERY	3	UNRULY JUVENILE	0
HARASSMENT	10	UNTIMELY/ UNATTENDED DEATH	4
ISSUING BAD CHECKS	2	VACANT HOUSE CHECK	1330
LITTERING	2	WELFARE CHECK	1
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	31		
MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	3		

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremiah Patridge, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The year 2012 was very busy for the Holderness Highway Department. We worked on many reconstruction projects in the last year, some of which were graveling 5,025 feet of East Holderness Road, 1,000 feet of Seven Pines Road, and 800 feet of Smith Road. We also worked on several paving projects: Merrillwood Drive, Locust Drive and Hob Nob Lane all received a 1 inch overlay of fresh new pavement. The hot, dry summer weather was great for our general maintenance which consisted of grading, ditching, culvert repairs/replacement and of course brush cutting; there is never a shortage of brush cutting to do.



*L to R: David Guyotte, Lewie Thompson,
Dennis Hughes, Kevin Coburn, Road Agent.*

This past year we were able to purchase a 2012 Ford 550 one ton dump truck, equipped with a 9' Fisher plow, and a stainless steel sander to replace the 2006 Ford 550.

As always I'd like to take a moment to thank the crew of the Highway Department, Lewie Thompson, Dennis Hughes and David Guyotte for all their hard work and efforts. Without this crew of dedicated individuals the roads in the Town of Holderness would not be some of the best in the area. Skip Thompson does an awesome job taking care of all the mowing for the town properties, recreation path and cemeteries. I'd like to thank all the other departments for their support; it's nice to know that there are some really good people watching out for each other. I'd also like to thank Plymouth, Center Harbor and Ashland Highway Departments. Again it is nice to know that we are all just a phone call away from help and support from other departments.

With continued support from the taxpayers, there are many, many more reconstruction projects we are looking forward to tackling in 2013, along with our general maintenance program.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin M. Coburn, Road Agent

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

In spite of the weak economy we experienced some growth in many activities. We continue to try to offer a diversity of programs that reach across all age groups, and we introduced some family oriented activities as well. 2012 was another good year for Holderness Recreation.

Programs:

Early on in the planning for our largest program, SummerEscape, we were faced with the challenge of a change in location. Holderness Central School was planning to have work done on the septic system, which meant that we could not run our program there. So we began our hunt for a new place to call home for at least part of the summer. We would like to thank the members of the Historical Society for working with us this past summer to accommodate the SummerEscape program. Our enrollment numbers were a little lower than the last few years, but since we started the summer in a smaller location, it actually worked out well. Our activities took us to several new places for field trips including an educational trip to Beans and Greens in Gilford, roller skating at Skate Escape in Laconia and a new visit to Six Gun City.

The 3rd Annual StoryWalk with Squam Lake Natural Science Center, Holderness Free Library, and Holderness Recreation was a great success. Our book was “The Summer Visitors” and the author, Karel Hayes was on site with books for sale and she was also signing books for our visitors.

During January 2012 we were able to offer winter swimming lessons for the first time at PSU. We had 4 Water Babies with parents and 15 additional swimmers participating in Level 1 – Level 6. Thanks to John Clark and his staff for allowing us to access the pool for this great opportunity.

Programing in 2012 included: VolleyBall, Early Bird Exercise, Yoga – adult and child, Hockey, StoryWalk, SummerEscape, Swim Lessons, Soccer Camp, Family Camping, Babysitter Training, Archery, Open Swimming, Walk and Talk, and Kids Cooking. New programs in 2012 included: Line Dancing, Music with Mar, Making Money with your Voice, Everything you need to know about Blue Berries, Preserving your Harvest, Winter Swimming, Out and About, Creative Dance, Intergenerational Chess, Teen cooking and Senior Lunch & a Movie.

Our Scholarship Program:

The Recreation Department has a scholarship fund to help families and participants who are experiencing financial hardship. Scholarship monies help families participate in our many program that they would otherwise not be able to take part in. This year we were able to help five families participate in programs. We are fortunate to have received several donations that will make this possible again in the future. We would like to thank the Lovett-Woodsum foundation, the Recreation Board and Camp Deerwood, and one anonymous donor for their generous donations. These donations were added to by many smaller donations generated through our registration form that allows people to round up their payment. Thanks to everyone who made contributions this year.

**Special Thanks:**

Much of our success is due to the work and support we have received from many volunteers and town employees. In particular we wish to thank Victoria, Kelly and Jeanne at the Holderness Free Library for helping us keep the SummerEscape program extra interesting while we were based in the village at the Historical Society. These ladies made us feel welcome and offered stories and craft activities that were completely new to our program. Our campers and staff were able to see how we can work together with the resources that we have in town.

Thanks are also due to William VanBennekum and all of the staff at Holderness Central School for working with us to bring the SummerEscape program back to the comfortable home of the school.

Thank you to the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Hall Staff, Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for all of your support towards recreation in Holderness.

A thank you that sometimes goes unrecognized, is to our long-time volunteers Jeffery Hale and Bob Volger for facilitating the Adult Volleyball Drop-in program. They have been helping out with this program for over 9 years! Another big thank you needs to go to Bob Stark for facilitating our Drop-in Hockey program at the Holderness School rink.

We very much appreciate Holderness School and the staff at the school skating rink for their continued support of recreational hockey at their facility.

The Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club and their board of directors have, supported our Archery program since 2001. A tally of people who have participated in Archery since 2001 is an impressive 161.

Thank you to Squam Lakes Association for offering a free camping weekend on Bowman Island for the third year. We had 2 families take advantage of this great experience.

Thank you to Roger Larochelle and the Squam Lakes Conservation Society for working with Molly Whitcomb as part of the Out and About group for weekly outings on SLCS properties.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Werner
Recreational Director

Beans & Green



Your Input and Participation:

We are always interested to hear from you about the type of activities and programs that you would like to see us offer. As always, please feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the recreation board members to share your thoughts. You are always welcome to come to one of our board meetings, which are held once a month on Monday's at 5:30pm, downstairs at Town Hall. The recreation office can be reached at 603-968-3700 or holdrec@roadrunner.com

Notice to Property Owners

“RESTORING” MERGED LOTS UNDER HB 316

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

In 2010 Legislature responded to the NH Supreme court decision in Sutton v. Gilford, 160 N.H. 43 (2010) (upholding a town ordinance merging adjacent non-conforming lots) by revising RSA 674:39-a to state: “No city, town country, or village district may merge preexisting subdivided lots or parcels except under consent of the owner.” Due to 2011 Legislature enacted HB 316 (effective July 24, 2011) which created a new section – RSA 674:39-aa.

Under RSA 674:39aa, the owner of lots that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 may request that the governing body “restore” the lots to their pre-merged status so long as the following conditions are met: (1) the request is made prior to December 31, 2016; and (2) no owner in the chain of title had voluntarily merged the lots (with the municipality bearing the burden of proof of such voluntary merge). A municipality may adopt an ordinance to restore such requests may be appealed to the ZBA under the provisions of RSA 676.

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

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.
- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

If you are a property owner in the town of Holderness and feel this RSA pertains to your property and you would like to “restore” the lots to their pre-merged status, please stop by the town hall or contact us at 968-2145.

SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED DEBT PAYMENT

Holderness Estimated Debt Payment Schedule

1/31/2013

(Current year)

Purpose	Bond Amount	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22
Transfer Station	350,000.00	65,246.00	63,863.00	62,481.00	61,098.00	59,716.00					
2013 Pumpco Fire Truck	88,000.00			30,720.00	30,720.00	30,720.00					
Sally Pent & Roof Safety Bid.	175,000.00										
Highway Truck	100,000.00							26,556.00	26,556.00	26,556.00	26,556.00
Total:		65,246.00	63,863.00	93,201.00	91,818.00	90,436.00	0.00	26,556.00	26,556.00	26,556.00	26,556.00

Holderness Central School 2,371,079.00 217,947.00 278,719.00 269,472.00 264,472.00 250,981.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00

SCHEDULE OF EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

MASTER VEHICLE, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN

1/31/2013

REPLACEMENT YEAR

2023

2020/21

2019/20

2018/19

2017/18

2016/17

2015/16

2014/15

2013/14

2012/13

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION/DEPT.											
CURRENT INVENTORY											
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT											
						\$ 40,000.00					
										80,000.00	
									175,000.00		
			160,000.00								
						52,000.00					
	56,000.00						\$ 72,000.00				

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 Ford
1954 Willys Jeep
1997 Ford Expedition
2009 Ford Rescue 12R1
1990 Mack Fire Truck 12E3
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck 12F3
1997 Mack Fire Truck 12E4
2006 Kenworth Fire Truck 12E5
2006 Premier Pontoon Boat 12B1
2012 F-350 Utility Pickup
13' Boston Whaler Boat 12B2

MOBILE EQUIPMENT

1951 Model Dunbarton Cascade Trailer
2002 Yacht Club Snowmobile Trailer
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo
2007 Yacht Club Pontoon Trailer
2009 Kubota UTV
2011 Royal Swiftwater Rescue Trailer

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2009 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2004 Peterbilt – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2011 Ford F-350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2006 Ford F-550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2009 Caterpillar Backhoe
1994 Galion Grader

EQUIPMENT

1990 Bandit 200 XP Brush Chipper
1988 York Rake
1988 Road Broom

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2010 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #4
2005 Ford Crown Victoria - Detail Car
2007 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #2
2003 Ford Expedition- Unit #3
2013 Ford Taurus - Unit #1
2011 Message Board/Radar Trailer

TRANSFER STATION

1997 Caterpillar Backhoe
2004 Ford F-350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)

SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

TAX MAP/ LOT	DESCRIPTION LOCATION	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam		32,100	32,100
101-008	Fire/Police Station	171,720	794,600	966,320
101-012-1	Route 113	57,820	9,800	67,620
101-019	Library	365,320	198,200	563,520
102-006	Village Common & Gazebo	610,400	4,000	614,400
222-015	Public Works Garage	191,450	293,800	485,250
223-011	Pilote Conservation Lot	514,350		514,350
224-001	Smith Road Lot	78,380		78,380
225-016	Pemi River park Lot	36,300		36,300
228-079	HCS Vacant Lot	133,260		133,260
229-025	Holderness Central School	254,130	3,979,000	4,233,130
231-003	Route 113	42,200		42,200
239-001	Town Hall	44,550	322,200	366,750
239-042	Corner Lot-Routes 3 & 175	47,300		47,300
245-065	Transfer Station	105,000	91,300	196,300
245-067	White Oak Pond	188,500		188,500
252-016-1	East Holderness Road	113,720		113,720

TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

NAME	MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION/LOCATION
East Holderness	252-9	Corner Rt. 3 & E. Holderness Rd
Eastman	251	E. Holderness Rd West of Vontel
Cox	255-3	East Holderness Road
Merrill	255-11	Hawkins Pond Road
Piper	246-21	Coxboro Road
Squam Bridge	101-10	Corner Rt. 3 & Rt. 113
True	206	Rt. 113 and Pinehurst Rd
Shaw	228	Hardhack Road
Ladd	205	RT 113
Sanborn	222-22	Old Highway South
Prescott	231	Old Highway South
Carr	220-7	Old Highway South

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending: June 30, 2012

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2012	2011	2010	
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 1,228,630.54	\$ 2.36	
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185		\$ 1,567.66		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Elderly Deferral Tax			\$ 3,504.41		
Sewer Charges	#3189		\$ 830.79		
Property Tax Credit Balance**		\$ (8,955.57)	\$ (3,738.33)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		\$ (100.00)	\$ (149.08)		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR				For DRA Use Only	
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 4,527,288.00	\$ 4,546,186.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120		\$ 21,000.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 5,399.44	\$ 2,739.86		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Sewer Charges	#3189	\$ 445.57	\$ 2,941.55		
Sewer Mainten Assessment	#3189	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,450.00		
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 17,304.22		
Property Taxes-Rec'd 1/20/11	#3110		\$ 23.92		
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 1.33	\$ 22,713.16		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 4,525,578.77	\$ 5,845,004.70	\$ 2.36	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's amounts pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as postive amount for this year's levy.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending: June 30, 2012

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of 2012	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2011	2010	
Property Taxes	\$ 1,941,254.93	\$ 5,693,932.34		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change		\$ 21,000.00		
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,071.02	\$ 3,773.66		
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$ 1.33	\$ 22,713.16		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Sewer Charges	\$ 135.08	\$ 3,314.33		
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 1,258.03		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$ 73,917.78		
Conversion to Elderly Tax Deferrals		\$ 1,872.00		
Overpayment Refunds		\$ 17,304.22		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 5,919.18	\$ 2.36	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	\$ 50.00			
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	\$ 2,584,673.07			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	\$ 328.42			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd				
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	\$ 300.00			
Sewer Charges	\$ 310.49			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$ (100.00)			
Property Tax Credit Balance**	\$ (8,955.57)			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 4,525,578.77	\$ 5,845,004.70	\$ 2.36	\$

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending: June 30, 2012

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2011	2010	2009	2008
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		\$69,813.93	\$46,562.83	\$1,147.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$77,431.64			
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$3,704.51			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$53.68	\$2,260.78	\$15,724.56	\$482.30
TOTAL DEBITS	\$81,189.83	\$72,074.71	\$62,287.39	\$1,629.30

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2011	2010	2009	2008
Redemptions		\$3,121.13	\$16,829.98	\$43,533.29	\$1,147.00
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$53.68	\$2,260.78	\$15,724.56	\$482.30
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$ 283.82		
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	\$ 74,310.51 \$3,704.51			
			\$52,700.13	\$3,029.54	\$0.00
TOTAL CREDITS		\$81,189.83	\$72,074.71	\$62,287.39	\$1,629.30

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Tax Collector

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
2012 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

TOWN/ CITY: HOLDERNESS

Gross Appropriations	2,896,100
Less: Revenues	1,197,224
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	17,604
War Service Credits	55,500
Net Town Appropriation	1,771,980
Special Adjustment	0

TOWN RATE
2.55

Approved Town/ City Tax Effort	1,771,980
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	4,123,167
Regional School Apportionment	2,332,306
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0

**LOCAL SCHOOL
RATE**
6.97

State Education Taxes (from below)	(1,630,806)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	4,824,667

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.39	
682,345,543		1,630,806
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
688,911,063		

**STATE SCHOOL
RATE**
2.37

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,113,918

COUNTY RATE
1.61

Approved County Tax Effort	1,113,918
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	9,341,371
Less: War Service Credits	(55,500)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	9,285,871

TOTAL RATE
13.50

PROOF OF RATE

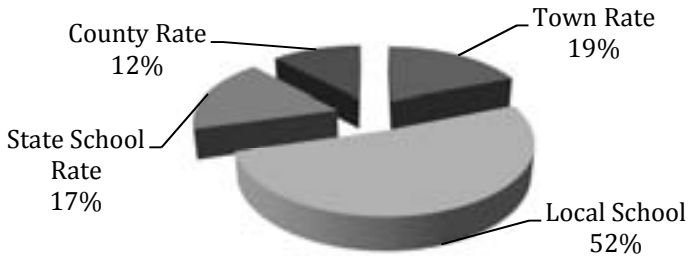
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	688,911,063	2.37	1,630,806
All Other Taxes	692,601,263	11.13	7,710,565
			9,341,371

TAX RATE INFORMATION – 2012

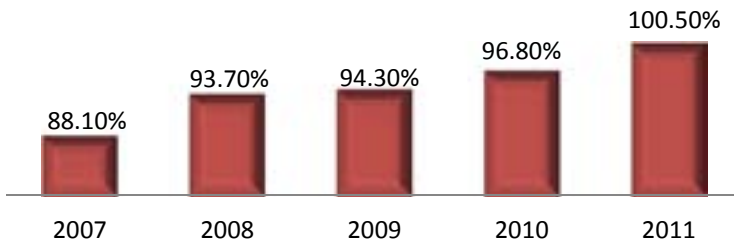
Tax Rate Comparison



2012 Tax Rate Breakdown



Equalization Ratio Comparison



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's office had a busy year in 2012 as there were 4 elections: January-Presidential Primary, March-Town Election, September-State Primary and lastly November-General Election. The 2008 General Election had a record turnout of 1334 voters though the 2011 General Election was very close with a turnout of 1328 voters. There were a lot of changes in the election laws in 2012 including voter identification, which is being phased in over a period of time but still all the elections ran smoothly. A voter who does not have an approved photo ID may obtain a free photo ID for voting purposes only by presenting a voucher from their town/city clerk or the Secretary of State to any NH DMV office that issues identification.

I personally want to thank Ross Deachman our Town Moderator with who I have worked at elections over the past 20 years. I truly appreciate all the knowledge he has of the election process and for all his guidance and support. Also a big "Thank You" to the Ballot Clerks and to the people who helped counts the ballots at the elections-you all did a great job!

Motor vehicle keeps Sara and I very busy as we processed 3189 registrations last year and as Municipal Agents we processed the State portion of the registrations and collected additional revenue of \$ 9,173.50 for the town.

Dog licenses must be done yearly, as mandated by New Hampshire law, and are due April 30th. Last year we processed 508 dog licenses.

Last year we implemented on the town website www.holderness-nh.gov an on-line service where you are able to renew your motor vehicle registrations, pay current year property taxes, apply for vital records, and renew dog licenses with a small transaction fee.

Lastly I want to recognize Sara Hixon, Deputy Town Clerk/Deputy Tax Collector - she does an outstanding job and is a great asset to the office. Sara is in her third year of the Town Clerk & Tax Collector certification program where she received additional training in the various duties and responsibilities of our office.

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve the community as your Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

REMITTED TO THE TREASURER

July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012

Motor Vehicle Registration/Title Fee:	\$ 344,250.58
Municipal Agent Fee:	9,173.50
Dog Licenses:	3,042.50
Vital Records Fee:	1,515.00
Transfer Station Receipts:	25,848.22
Transfer Station Stickers:	2,183.00
Beach Permits:	3,390.00
Wetlands Application Fees:	17.00
Miscellaneous:	50.00
Filing Fees:	18.00
<u>Overpayments: refunds</u>	<u>32.50</u>
Total:	\$ 389,520.30

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Holderness
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 12 & 13, 2013**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness, in the County of Grafton and the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall on Tuesday the twelfth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven thirty o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the thirteenth day of March, 2013, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

Article 1: To choose all Town Officers by official ballot:

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Selectmen	1 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Moderator	2 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term

Article 2: 2013 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes Article 2. To see how the Town will vote by official ballot on the proposed amendments, as recommended by the Planning Board, to the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

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

Add Section 575 Cell Towers to provide regulations governing the siting, construction, and maintenance of telecommunication facilities.

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

Add Section 500.9 Performance Security to reference the Performance Security language for construction on Steep Slopes.

3. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Amend Section 400.21 Special Events Permit to clarify the process and reasons for obtaining a permit.
4. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Add definitions for terms in the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations not currently in the Zoning Ordinance to maintain consistency between the documents.
5. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment no. 5 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:
Add Section 400.24 Fences for Shooting Ranges to provide regulations for fencing shooting ranges. The Planning Board does not recommend adoption of this amendment.

- Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of all Town Officers and Committees.
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee’s recommended sum of Two Million One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,190,950) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and
Budget Committee; (7 yeas, 0 nays)**

- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$369,000) to be placed into the following Capital Reserve Funds:

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$40,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	2,000
Municipal Buildings	30,000
Revaluation	35,000
Library	5,000
Fire Equipment	5,000
Public Works Vehicles	45,000
Police Cruiser	24,000

Employee Health Insurance Trust	17,000
Conservation	5,000
Abatement Legal Defense Fund	<u>10,000</u>
	\$369,000

**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years 0 nays) and
Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays).**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$253,500) for the following capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from the following designated Capital Reserve Funds for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction	\$150,000
Revaluation	54,500
Police Cruiser	32,000
Employee Health Ins. Ded.	<u>17,000</u>
Total:	\$ 253,500

**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years 0 nays) and
Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays).**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$413,000.00) for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck and to authorize the Select Board to issue notes on the credit of the Town in the amount of Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000.00, to withdraw up to One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) from the previously established Fire/Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Account and to use One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13. 2/3 vote required. Ballot vote required.

**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years 0 nays) and
Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays)**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) for the

purchase of a new Highway Department dump truck and to authorize the Select Board to withdraw up to Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Public Works Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The balance of Eighty-Five Thousand (\$85,000.00) to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays)

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to establish the Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software for all town departments excluding the library and to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and further to appoint the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund without further approval of the legislative body.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to establish the Library Information Technology Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software for the Town Library and to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in said fund and further to appoint the Library Trustees as agents to expend from said fund without further approval of the legislative body.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000.00) for improvements to the Town Offices including painting and new carpeting. Amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/13.

Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and Budget Committee; (7 years, 0 nays)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the installation of a

backup power generator for the Town Hall and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept a EMPG grant for up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) and the balance to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.

**Recommended by the Select Board; (5 years, 0 nays) and
Budget Committee; (7 yeas, 0 nays)**

- Article 13:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell at the highest and best price obtainable the Towns 1990 Mack Fire Truck currently known as Engine 3 and the highway departments 2004 Peterbilt dump truck. This article to be amended or passed over if Article 7 and/or Article 8 fail to pass.
- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to name the Select Board agents to expend funds from the previously established Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust fund without further approval of the legislative body.
- Article 15:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen

HOLDERNESS	Peter Webster, Chairman
BOARD OF	John Laverack, Vice-Chairman
SELECTMEN	Shelagh Connelly
	Jill White
	Samuel Brickley

Cumulative Appropriations:

Article Amount		Purpose
5, 9, &10	\$ 389,000	To Capital Reserve Accounts Capital Outlay
6, 7, 8, 11, 12	<u>\$ 845,500</u>	
Subtotal	\$ 1,234,500	
4	<u>\$ 2,190,950</u>	Operating Budget
	\$ 3,425,450	Proposed Gross Budget

TOWN BUDGET 2013-2014

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '11 - June '12	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14
REVENUE			
TAXES			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	21,000	2,500	2,500
YIELD TAXES	8,139	4,500	4,500
IN LIEU OF TAXES		3,000	3,000
BOAT TAX	6,918	6,500	6,500
INTEREST & PENALTIES	41,236	35,000	35,000
EXCAVATION TAX			
TOTAL	77,293	51,500	51,500
BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMITS			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	12,861	10,000	10,000
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	945		
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	353,393	345,000	345,000
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	7,057	5,000	5,000
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES			
DOG LICENSES	3,043	2,500	2,500
MARRIAGE LICENSE			
COPY FEES	958	800	800
VITAL RECORDS	1,515	1,500	1,500
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	335	200	200
SUB TOTAL	5,851	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	380,107	365,000	365,000
STATE & FEDERAL			
FEDERAL GRANTS/REIMBURSEMENT	33,536		16
SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT			
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	70,361	62,697	62,162
ROOMS AND MEALS	94,154	94,154	94,097
OTHER GRANTS	19,331	25	6,000
TOTAL	217,382	156,876	162,275

TOWN BUDGET 2013-2014

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '11 - June '12	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14
CHARGES FOR SERVICE			
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE			
POLICE INCOME- GENERAL	10,865	5,000	7,500
POLICE INCOME-HSRO	47,700	47,700	47,700
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	28,244	37,050	14,000
BEACH INCOME	3,390	3,000	3,000
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	40,291	20,000	20,000
PLANNING INCOME	2,697	2,500	2,500
ZONING INCOME	1,891	1,200	1,200
FIRE INCOME	1,080	600	600
LIBRARY INCOME	2,010	1,000	2,000
TRANSFER STATION PERMITS	2,258	1,000	1,000
SUB TOTAL	140,426	119,050	99,500
SEWER USE CHARGES	3,387	5,300	3,800
	2,900		
TOTAL	146,713	124,350	103,300
OTHER INCOME			
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	100		
INTEREST-CHECKING & SAVING	1	600	600
INTEREST-INVESTMENTS	26,531	20,000	20,000
RETIREE INSURANCE REIMBURSE		12,074	27,600
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	24,851		
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	10,855	27,600	12,074
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,179	225	151
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	181,823	359,100	503,000
LONG-TERM NOTE		-	88,000
DONATIONS & GIFTS			
TOTAL	247,340	419,599	651,425
TOTAL	1,068,835	1,117,325	1,333,500

TOWN BUDGET 2013-2014

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR July '11 - June '12	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
EXECUTIVE	126,169	123,607	128,500	128,500
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITALS	65,418	74,000	71,900	71,900
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	53,812	63,650	61,200	61,200
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	29,987	43,600	43,600	43,600
LEGAL EXPENSE	17,549	15,000	15,000	15,000
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	325,143	345,239	360,104	360,104
PLANNING/ZONING	13,467	18,450	17,525	17,525
GIS PROGRAM	6,000	7,000	6,600	6,600
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	20,401	15,500	15,750	15,750
CEMETERIES	2,303	3,150	3,200	3,200
OTHER INSURANCE	24,434	26,098	29,036	29,036
PUBLIC SAFETY				
POLICE	392,053	410,115	414,700	414,700
AMBULANCE	45,000	46,675	47,609	47,609
FIRE	143,191	165,700	168,150	168,150
EMERGENCY MGMT/FLOOD PATROL	575	1,800	1,800	1,800
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	279,274	286,350	298,300	298,300
STREET LIGHTING	4,771	5,300	5,300	5,300
SANITATION				
SANITATION	158,739	176,525	165,500	165,500
SEWER	3,537	3,800	3,800	3,800
HEALTH/WELFARE				
COMPLIANCE/HEALTH	13,217	16,600	15,675	15,675
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
PUBLIC SERVICE	24,818	26,280	30,000	30,000
WELFARE	19,023	28,000	28,000	28,000
CULTURE/RECREATION				
PARKS AND RECREATION	58,033	58,900	60,800	60,800
BEACH	6,241	7,800	7,880	7,880
LIBRARY	114,507	117,400	119,900	119,900
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	3,770	1,200	1,200	1,200
CONSERVATION	835	3,425	3,175	3,175
DEBT SERVICE	61,725	66,836	65,246	65,246
TOTAL	2,015,492	2,159,500	2,190,950	2,190,950

TOWN BUDGET 2013-2014

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	ACTUAL	VOTED	SELECTMEN'S	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	EXPENDITURES	APPROPRIATIONS	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	FISCAL YEAR July '11 - June '12	FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14	BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
COMPUTER/SERVER		5,500		
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	9,000	46,600	413,000	413,000
WHITE OAK POND	250			
TRANSFER STATION CONSTRUCTION	13,531			
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	152,901	150,000	150,000	150,000
POLICE CRUISER		38,000	32,000	32,000
LIBRARY	10,797	10,000		
RAND GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS	2,000			
REVALUATION	23,642	35,000	54,500	54,500
FIRE EQUIPMENT	14,819	7,500		
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	11,870		17,000	17,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES		72,000	160,000	160,000
PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVMENTS.	19,229		19,000	19,000
EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE	2,400			
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXP.	8,149			
PD RADAR SIGN	15,385			
ABATEMENT DEFENSE FUND	420			
POLICE EQUIPMENT	1,351			
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	5,613			
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	242			
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	35,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	2,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	125,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
POLICE CRUISER	22,000	24,000	24,000	24,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	15,000	17,000	17,000	17,000
WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
LIBRARY	5,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	5,000	20,000	30,000	30,000
REVALUATION	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	4,000	6,000	5,000	5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND		7,000		
TOWN IT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			10,000	10,000
LIBRARY IT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			10,000	10,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,616,591	2,896,100	3,425,450	3,425,450
NET APPROPRIATION		2,537,000	2,598,950	2,921,950

NOTE: NET APPROPRIATION EQUALS TOTAL APPROPRIATION LESS CAPITAL OUTLAY ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT.
THE ITEMS IN BOLD ARE TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY FUNDED FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS.

NOTES

TRANSFER STATION

Here we are at the end of another great year at the transfer station. Last year we had a great year with surprising numbers, thanks to our new facility and you, the townspeople. This year the numbers are even better than last year's, and it's because of your extra help in finding those recyclables. The total tons of trash increased very little. In fact we had the same 55 containers removed from the facility this year, as we did last year. However, we managed to fill 4 more recyclables containers than we did last year.



L to R: Ernie Philbrick and Scott Davis, Supervisor

We had 275.5 tons of recycling this year. That's 7.5 tons more than last year, great job! In July and August we were running at 50% recycling. We were filling the recycling bins just as fast as we were filling the trash bins. Last year we reached an average of 43% recycling, and this year we improved and saw a 45% increase. This percentage is higher than most of the cities in the state of N.H. This is a great effort, but I know we can still do better by looking for that little extra piece of paper, junk mail, book, cereal box, shampoo bottle or cat/ dog food can. With your help I think we can move up one more notch to 46%.

We had an open top container for yard waste again this year. A lot more people used it this year and it will be back this spring for yard clean-up. Please keep in mind that this is for leaves, grass and small plants. This is used as compost in the future, so please don't throw plastic bags in the container. We even try to keep paper bags out as other people see the paper bag as a bag and assume that plastic bags are ok too. Also, please note that you have to use the stairs or the back of a

truck to put yard waste into the container. Remember this when loading your yard waste at home.

We also have a new area next to our burn pit that has wood ash. The ash is free for the taking, and can be used in your gardens or around large bushes. It improves the soil, and promotes a hardier, healthier plant.

A bonus we have here at the Transfer Station is that the new building is heated with a waste oil furnace. It costs us nothing to heat the building, as we burn used oil from cars/ trucks, transmission fluid, brake fluid and old gas that people bring into the transfer station. We welcome any of these fluids, so if you have some in the garage or basement and want to get rid of it, bring it on in!

We also had a great year on the recycling of scrap metals. As you know Ernie and I are quick to grab those small electrical items that are no longer working. We save the copper wire and electrical motors in them. We also save the aluminum, brass and copper pipes that show up on a day-to-day basis.

You may remember that the backhoe broke down for a couple weeks this summer. The backhoe is a very handy tool around the facility. It cost us almost \$5,000 to repair, so Ernie and I collected everything we had and sent it to the scrap yard to sell. We were able to pay for the repairs and still show over \$1,000 in revenue.

Please remember that we don't take fluorescent bulbs at the facility. You can take them to the [NH Electric CO-OP](#) on Tenney Mountain Highway in [Plymouth](#). They will take up to six at a time (4' and under) for FREE. Also keep in mind that the household hazardous waste day is a great way to get rid of your hazardous waste for free in July. This is held at the Meredith Transfer Station on the last Saturday in July. Try to make it, as it's the only day to get rid of this material each year for free.

This was a great year and Ernie and I want to thank you for your efforts. I would like to also thank Ernie for his efforts and all his help he gives at the Transfer Station. As always I look forward to helping you keep our great little town and lakes clean for years to come. Never think you have a dumb question, always feel free to ask. We would rather answer your questions than to go fishing in the hopper!

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Davis
Transfer Station Supervisor

TREASURER'S REPORT

(JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012)

It has been a privilege to be your Treasurer since 2006! The following are some brief comments explaining how the town's General Fund balance is managed and kept secure.

All monies in our General Fund are invested at local banks, earn competitive interest rates and are insured by the FDIC or collateralized by US Government securities. Our principal bank is currently Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Our town has a number of financial safeguards in place to minimize the potential for fraud. Our financial records are audited annually by an independent, municipal accounting firm. All bills to be paid and all checks written are reviewed by the Town Administrator, the Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen. The only persons authorized to write checks are the Bookkeeper or her assistant. The only persons authorized to endorse checks are the Treasurer and the Selectmen. Each check requires the signatures of the Treasurer and two Selectmen.

The following page is a summary of receipts, expenditures and investments for fiscal year 2011-2012 prepared using cash-basis accounting:

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Elgin
Town Treasurer



Big Squam Lake ~ Photo taken by Walter Johnson

TREASURER'S REPORT

(JULY 1, 2011 - JUNE 30, 2012)

Operating Account		
Beginning Balance 07/01/11	\$ 3,737,442.95	
Auditor Adjustments		
Receipts		
Taxes	\$ 7,743,901.56	
All Other	\$ 1,313,499.00	
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 9,057,400.56</u>	
Expenditures		
School Payments	\$ (6,388,351.00)	
County Payment	\$ (1,017,189.00)	
Town Employee Wages	\$ (916,773.95)	
Town Capital & Operating Exp.	\$ (1,959,846.04)	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ (10,282,159.99)</u>	
Ending Balance 06/30/12	\$ 2,512,683.52	
Bank Proof		
MVSB: 06/30/12 Checking & Investment	\$ 2,584,829.90	
Deposits in transit	\$ -	
Checks in transit	<u>\$ (72,146.38)</u>	
Ending Balance	\$ 2,512,683.52	
Conservation Account		
Beginning Balance 07/01/11	\$ 1,436.40	
Receipts	\$ 0.87	
Expenditures	\$ -	
Ending Balance 06/30/12	<u>\$ 1,437.27</u>	
Bank Proof		
Meredith Village Savings Bank 06	\$ 1,437.27	
Deposits in transit		
Checks in transit		
Ending Balance 06/30/12	<u>\$ 1,437.27</u>	
Northway CD		
Balance 06/30/12	\$ 250,795.46	
Principal (\$250,000)		
Meredith Village Savings Bank CD		
Balance 06/30/12	\$ 255,017.95	
Principal (\$250,000)		

Respectfully submitted,
 Todd Elgin,
 Town Treasurer

TRUST FUND & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS					
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 14,020.25			10.46 \$	14,030.71 \$
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 14,588.12	22,000.00		22.48 \$	36,580.60 \$
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 127,385.79	35,000.00	(9,000.00)	113.45 \$	153,499.24 \$
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 10,162.37	1,000.00	(250.00)	7.90 \$	10,920.27 \$
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 61,435.51	5,000.00		48.67 \$	66,534.18 \$
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 92,196.16	125,000.00	(107,431.02)	130.81 \$	109,895.95 \$
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 1,003.68			-	1,003.68 \$
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 7,908.44		(5,375.00)	2.10 \$	2,535.54 \$
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 11,619.31			8.87 \$	11,628.18 \$
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$ 17,404.08	211.06		12.95 \$	17,628.09 \$
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 17,061.87		(8,149.19)	12.24 \$	8,924.92 \$
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 18,179.50	5,000.00		16.11 \$	23,195.61 \$
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 31,382.94	5,000.00	(18,500.00)	25.37 \$	17,908.31 \$
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 13,869.67	35,000.00	(13,642.48)	28.37 \$	35,255.56 \$
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 8,659.52	4,000.00	(10,561.00)	8.18 \$	2,106.70 \$
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 1,911.60		(250.00)	1.09 \$	1,662.69 \$
HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND	\$ 19,825.72		(19,826.70)	0.98 \$	0.00
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$ 22,860.62	45,000.00		41.07 \$	67,901.69 \$
MASTER PLAN	\$ 7,139.67			5.40 \$	7,145.07 \$
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$ 23,309.93			17.46 \$	23,327.39 \$
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT	\$ 2,888.14	15,000.00	(11,870.21)	9.14 \$	6,027.07 \$
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 33,577.35	2,500.00		26.28 \$	36,103.63 \$
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE	\$ 503.16	10,000.00	(419.50)	5.37 \$	10,089.03 \$
VETERANS HONOR ROLL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,500.95	283.33		1.73 \$	2,786.01 \$
ROTHSCHILD COMPUTER CLASS	\$ 817.28			0.50 \$	817.78 \$
RAND GARDEN FUND	\$ 3,002.87		(2,000.00)	1.81 \$	1,004.68 \$
TOTALS	\$ 565,234.50	\$ 309,994.39	\$ (207,275.10)	\$ 558.79	\$ 668,512.58
HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 52,343.39			39.01 \$	52,382.40 \$
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 37,838.18	10,000.00		31.36 \$	47,899.54 \$
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$ -				-
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$ 73,054.29	40,000.00		66.25 \$	113,120.54 \$
TOTALS	\$ 163,225.86	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -	\$ 136.62	\$ 213,362.48

TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012)

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST									
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1,692.44							1.09	\$ 1,693.53
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,613.43							0.85	\$ 1,614.28
TOTALS	\$ 3,305.87	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	1.94	\$ 3,307.81
PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS									
SPANISH CLUB	\$ 2,078.30							1.43	\$ 2,079.73
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,554.19				(50.00)			1.72	\$ 2,505.91
ZOUILLAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 32,995.54				(400.00)			24.48	\$ 32,620.02
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,861.95				(500.00)			5.80	\$ 7,367.75
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 25,028.02							18.78	\$ 25,046.80
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,008.84							1.78	\$ 3,010.62
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,401.17							2.12	\$ 3,403.29
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 685.65			8,931.52				2.77	\$ 9,619.94
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,158.48							0.22	\$ 1,158.70
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,178.65							6.86	\$ 9,185.51
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,161.29				(150.00)			6.82	\$ 9,018.11
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 4,132.23			4,169.36	(1,725.00)			4.99	\$ 6,381.58
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 13,393.33				(475.00)			9.76	\$ 12,928.09
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$ 1,995.78				(200.00)			1.40	\$ 1,797.18
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$ 34,237.54				(1,000.00)			25.18	\$ 33,262.72
FRENCH CLUB	\$ 269.34				(269.34)			-	\$ -
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,261.16							4.75	\$ 6,265.91
TOTALS	\$ 157,401.46	\$ 13,100.88	\$ (4,769.34)	\$ (1,769.34)	\$ (1,769.34)	\$ (1,769.34)	\$ (1,769.34)	118.86	\$ 165,851.86
TOTAL TOWN FUNDS									
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS									\$ 668,512.58
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS									\$ 213,362.48
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS									\$ 3,307.81
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS									\$ 165,851.86
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS									
\$ 1,051,034.73									
Respectfully Submitted,									
Trustees of the Trust Funds									
Bonnie Hunt, Chair, Maurice Lafrentere, Peter Woodward									

VITAL STATISTICS 2012 - BIRTHS

April 26	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Matthew Hartley Cirone <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Frank Cirone	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Susan Cirone
May 1	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Kiley Kelly Kennell <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Kyle Kennell	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Nicole Stillings
May 15	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Pedro L. Padgett Magalhaes <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Eduardo Magalhaes	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Lebanon, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Kristin Magalhaes
July 3	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Zachary James Gaudet <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> James Gaudet	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Laconia, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Angela Howe-Gaudet
July 3	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Madison B. Davis-Martineau <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> John Davis-Martineau	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Amanda Wason
August 23	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Harper Sheldon Stepp <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Morgan Stepp	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Lindsey Stepp
September 2	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Sean Henry Dembiec <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Daryl Dembiec	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Marcy Dembiec
September 18	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Lydia Catherine Kitchen <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Terry Kitchen	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Nancy Kitchen

VITAL STATISTICS 2012 – BIRTHS CONT'D

October 14	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Margaret C. Beeson Gaw <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Barry Gaw	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Elizabeth Beeson
November 6	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Cooper William Lenentine <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Colby Lenentine	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Erin Crangle
December 7	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Juliet Noelle Fuller <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Nathaniel Fuller	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Kristen Fuller
December 28	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Jeriah Jackson Paul <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> John Paul, III	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Chrissy Paul



VITAL STATISTICS 2012 - DEATHS

February 15	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Mildred Ricker <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Harvey Dennis	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Naomi Dailey
February 19	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Barry Byron <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Eugene Byron	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Hazel Adams
March 13	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Charlotte Crowell <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Andrew Kimball	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Alice Whitemore
April 11	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Olin Bohn <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Frederick Bohn	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Dorothy Sweet
June 2	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Dorothy Allyn <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Lloyd Perkins	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Winnie Bryant
June 2	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Clarence Winton, Jr. <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Clarence Winton, Sr.	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Harriett Heningar
June 16	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Robert Crowley <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Robert Crowley	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Caroline Wiggin
July 6	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Esther Engelbert <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Otis Brothers	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Lillian Patnode

VITAL STATISTICS 2012 – DEATHS CONT'D

July 15	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Rose Lambert <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Joseph LeBlanc	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Franklin, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Marie Comeau
September 17	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Richard Field <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Ralph Field	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Ruby Simmons
September 22	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Lillian Watson <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Alfred Steiner	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Minnie Weisgerber
September 24	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> John McGinley <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> John Vanbever	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Marlene McGinley
October 9	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Joseph Clark, Sr. <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Harold Clark	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Calista Maderscheid
December 19	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Virginia Hood <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Charles Vale	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Elizabeth Crane
December 28	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Inger Baker <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Herbert Johnson, Sr.	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Meredith, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Edith Christiansen

VITAL STATISTICS 2012 - MARRIAGE

June 30	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> John A. Cipriani Samantha L. Jensen	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 8	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Michael A. Uhlman Saralyn J. Smith	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 28	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Alan F. Skelley, III Stefanie W. Simeone	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Stratham, NH
August 4	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Patrick F. Keefer Hillary S. Rohn	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
September 8	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Clarence D. Williams Josephine Pangilinan	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Rumney, NH
November 7	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Damian K. Shultz Stephanie L. Brooks	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Welfare Department continues to work with the clients in need. Even with the economy starting to take a turn for the better, the lack of full time sustainable employment, lack of self-employed employment, gasoline and oil prices continually fluctuating, many individuals are forced with making challenging decisions. They must decide whether to feed their families, heat their homes or pay their rent or mortgage payments. Throughout the year, I have worked with many respectful individuals in our community and have helped them through this hard time. Clients come to this office with many different situations and I have worked with each client to ensure they receive the help needed. Many individuals are referred to outside agencies and I am very grateful for all the support and assistance they have provided for my clients.

Eligibility for assistance is determined by having each individual complete an extensive application in order to provide an overview of the specific situation the client is in. Assistance is provided for an individual's basic necessities in accordance with State law and Town Guidelines. The applicants that are found eligible are assisted with expenses such as food, heat, electricity, rent, prescription drugs and other basic living and working needs. All applicants must have exhausted all other economic resources to be granted town assistance. It is and always will be the goal of the Welfare Department to help its residents gain control over their lives, and to help them transition through very challenging times.

Heat and rental assistance is always the greatest expense each year as this is most individual's largest monthly expense. Many clients pay for expenses that are the most manageable for their budget such is food, electric, and gasoline which leaves the other expenses hard to manage on a fixed or no income. Even with the help from other agencies, community members are continually struggling to make ends meet.

I again would like to thank the outside agencies for all the support and assistance they have provided to the community members in need. I have also enjoyed working closely with the members of the community to ensure they become successful individuals and receive the assistance needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Krystal Alpers
Welfare Director

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

2012 was again a busy year for the Zoning Board. During twelve meetings, the Board heard fifteen appeals, some with multiple components:

8 variance appeals: granted
2 variance appeals: denied
1 equitable waiver: denied
2 requests for rehearing: denied
2 special exceptions: granted

Zoning Boards have the authority to act on four types of appeals: Decisions by administrative officials in the interpretation or enforcement of the zoning ordinance; Special Exceptions for permitted land use as allowed by the zoning ordinance observing specific criteria; Variances to grant relief from specific provisions of the ordinance related to dimensional requirements and land use; and Equitable Waivers related to a dimensional layout issue.

Training opportunities are not as frequent as in past years and reliance is now on the Local Government Center's Law Lecture Series and webinar sessions. These training sessions are invaluable, especially those related to recent court decisions and their application to statutes and local regulations.

The Board annually reviews and updates the Rules of Procedure which define the roles of the members and the process for conducting hearings, as well as a review of the application for ease of use by applicants.

The Board always welcomes new members and encourages anyone interested to attend a few meetings to become familiar with the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivan Bass

Sam Brickley (alternate)

Wendell Broom

Gary Karp

Robert Maloney (alternate)

Robert Rothschild (alternate)

Erik Simensen

Susan Webster – Chair

OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Jonathan Stewart
Jennifer Morris
Joseph Casey
Carolyn Mello
Bonni Acton

Term Expires

2013
2013
2014
2015
2015

CLERK

Sara Weinberg

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittmore

MODERATOR

Laura Rollison

AUDITOR

Grzelak and Associates

SUPERINTENDENT

Mark J. Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethel F. Gaides

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kathleen A. Boyle

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the twelfth day of March, 2013 at 10:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
3. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.

Polls will not close before 7:00 p.m.

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 25th day of February, 2013.

Bonni Acton
Joseph Casey
Carolyn Mello
Jennifer Morris
Jonathan Stewart

A true copy of warrant attest:

Bonni Acton
Joseph Casey
Carolyn Mello
Jennifer Morris
Jonathan Stewart

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL WARRANT 2013

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Holderness in the County of Grafton, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote upon District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Wednesday the (13th) thirteenth day of March, 2013, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Holderness School Board and the Holderness Education Association which calls for the following increases in salary and benefits:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2013-2014	\$37,503.00
2014-2015	\$35,372.00
2015-2016	\$40,521.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven thousand five hundred three dollars (\$37,503.00) for the 2013-2014 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 in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL WARRANT 2013

- Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand (\$45,000) for security system upgrades at the school. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million four hundred forty thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars (\$4,440,263) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum does not include the sums found in Articles 2, 3, 4, and 5. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL WARRANT 2013

Article 7: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and thirteen.

Bonni Acton
Joseph Casey
Carolyn Mello
Jennifer Morris
Jonathan Stewart
Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Bonni Acton
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HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

Budget - School District of HOLDERNESS FY 2014

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	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	OF Bud. WARR. ART.#	Expenditures for Year 7/1/11 to 6/30/12	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
INSTRUCTION								
1100-1199	Regular Programs		1,894,452	1,964,550	1,916,743		1,916,743	
1200-1299	Special Programs		500,225	540,334	601,532		601,532	
1300-1399	Vocational Programs							
1400-1499	Other Programs		49,220	56,820	62,968		62,968	
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs							
1600-1899	Adult & Community Programs							
1700-1799	Community/Jr. College Ed. Programs							
1800-1899	Community Service Programs							
SUPPORT SERVICES								
2000-2199	Student Support Services		272,562	288,087	291,244		291,244	
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services		137,711	135,723	140,380		140,380	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION								
2310 840	School Board Contingency							
2310-2319	Other School Board		14,813	16,229	16,229		16,229	
EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION								
2320-310	SAU Management Services		194,849	201,392	202,852		202,852	
2320-2399	All Other Administration							
2400-2499	School Administration Service		208,076	219,362	227,643		227,643	
2500-2599	Business		284	500	500		500	
2600-2699	Operation & Maintenance of Plant		327,857	357,916	342,756		342,756	
2700-2799	Student Transportation		156,278	158,196	161,095		161,095	
2800-2999	Support Service Central & Other							
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES								
3100	Food Service Operations		76,674	60,000	60,000		60,000	
3200	Enterprise Operations							

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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3 VI, as: 1) appropriations in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

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****INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES****

"individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Examples of individual warrant articles might be: 1) Negotiated cost items for labor agreements; 2) Leases; 3) Supplemental appropriations for the current year for which funding is already available; or 4) Deficit appropriations for the current year which must be funded through taxation.

1	2	3	4	5
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Expenditures for Year 7/1/10 to 6/30/11	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	WARR. ART.#
			School Board's Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
	Teacher Agreement		37,503	37,503
	INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED		37,503	37,503

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

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1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES					
1300-1349	Tuition		21,600	24,000	24,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		150	100	100
1600-1699	Food Service Sales				
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		31,418	37,178	37,821
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES					
3210	School Building Aid		75,159	75,159	75,159
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid				
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid				
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition				
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources				
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		125,911	131,744	137,600
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		10,000	15,000	25,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)		45,400	24,700	24,700
4810	Federal Forest Reserve				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund				
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		-	60,000	-

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

MS-27 Budget - School District of HOLDERNESS FY 2014

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.					
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds				
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources				
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN				
	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)				
	Voted From Fund Balance			-	
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		51,363	35,274	89,000
	Total Estimated Revenue & Credits		361,001	403,155	413,380

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)	4,418,822	4,440,263	4,440,263
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	107,500	92,500	92,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)	Included in Above	37,503	37,503
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	4,526,322	4,570,266	4,570,266
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	403,155	413,380	413,380
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	0	0	0
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	4,123,167	4,156,886	4,156,886

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

2011-2012

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
Current Assets					
Cash	226,773.07	3,352.76	(3,109.15)	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	213,362.48
Interfund Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	16,103.39	(3,352.76)	3,109.15	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	149.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	243,025.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	213,362.48
Current Liabilities					
Interfund Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernment Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Payables	10,944.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	10,944.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity					
Res for Prepaid Expenses	0.00	572.50	12,634.58	0.00	0.00
Res for Encumbrances	196,806.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	(572.50)	(12,634.58)	0.00	213,362.48
Unreserved Fund Balance	35,273.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Equity	232,080.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	213,362.48
Total Liability & Fund Equity	243,025.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	213,362.48

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SAU 48 schools continue to face the challenges of demographic changes, responsible budgetary practices, and preparing our students for the skills and knowledge to succeed in the 21st Century.

In light of recent events, all of our schools are reviewing emergency procedures with the local police and fire departments. In addition, school safety committees are examining our school buildings in order to determine if upgrades are needed to ensure a safe environment for our students and staff. SAU 48 will continue to work with local officials and safety experts to address future improvements, as needed.



Technology enables educational innovation to prepare students for college & career success in the 21st century and beyond. Using technology to empower students to engage in learning and aligns with our curriculum goals by its integration with literacy, science, social studies and mathematics skills; fostering learning in the arts & digital media; enriching extended learning and after-school programming; globally connecting the classroom; and enhancing communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking.

Several of our schools have updated their web sites to include news, events, school calendars, resources, and communication. Parents/guardians are able to access their children's attendance and grades, track their academic progress, and learn about what is happening in their children's classes. Teachers can easily create class pages to communicate with students and families. Our school library media collections have been catalogued electronically and can be viewed on our school web sites.

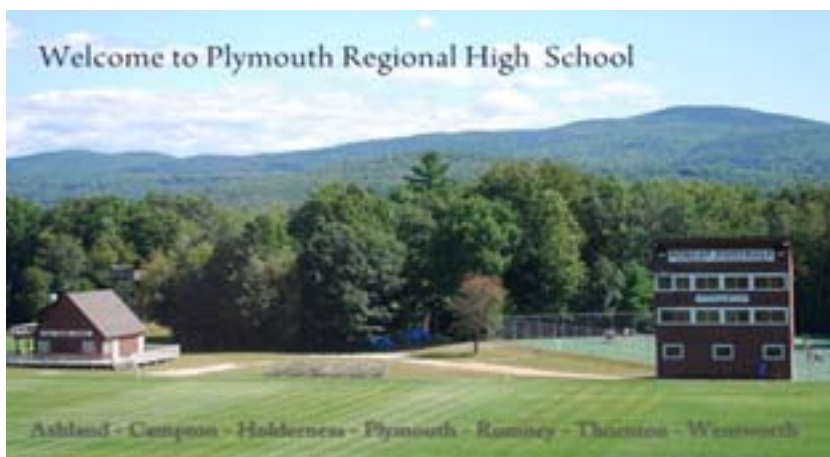
All of our teachers are engaging in professional development opportunities, aligning our curriculum with the Common Core Standards. Curriculum maps are being updated to reflect the new standards in English language arts and mathematics, and an integrated approach with literacy, history/social studies, science, and technical subjects in grades 6-12. The K-2 teachers have engaged in intensive professional development with a new mathematics series aligned to the Common Core, and we will continue this series with training for grades 3-5 teachers in the 2013-2014 school year. We continue to upgrade our wireless and network infrastructures in readiness for the Common Core Smarter Balanced assessments in the spring for 2015. You can learn more about the Common Core State Standards Tools and Resources at: <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/k-12-education/common-core-state-standards-tools-resources/>

In the spring of 2015, students in grades 3-8 and high school juniors will take the Smarter Balanced assessment based on the Common Core Standards.

We appreciate all of the support of the communities of SAU 48. Please contact us with any questions or visit our website, www.sau48.org for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Halloran, Superintendent
Ethel Gaides, Assistant Superintendent
Kathy Boyle, Assistant Superintendent



HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

During the fall of 2012, the Health Office at Holderness Central has seen a flurry of activity, with influenza and the norovirus in full swing. Hand washing is the most basic step in reducing the spread of germs. At HCS we have added hand sanitizers to the art room, library, computer room, and Mr. Miller provides a large bottle for after gym. The staff also encourages the kids to cough or sneeze into their arms or a tissue and then wash their hands.

The flu vaccine was offered at HCS in October and 29% of the students at HCS received the vaccine. This is a 7% increase from last year. HCS staff had the opportunity to receive the vaccine here at school through the Local Government Center.

Ruth Doane, a registered dental hygienist, provided dental screenings in December. She saw 128 students: 29 were screened, 21 had cleanings, 4 had sealants, 94 received fluoride varnish and 21 had untreated decay. All the students received a take-home dental kit. Mrs. Doane will return in the spring of 2013 to continue dental services here at HCS.

In November and December 2011, food baskets and stockings were provided to school families expressing a willingness to receive these items. Canned goods were gathered by the HCS community, and the staff and faculty filled the stockings. Olympia Sports donated coats and items of clothing to 5 HCS students.

The seventh Red Cross Blood Drive was held in early June and once again was successful. Mark your calendars for the June 2013 blood drive scheduled for June 7th.

All Holderness Central School students were in compliance with the state immunization laws.

Screenings for height and weight as well as tests for hearing, vision, blood pressure and lice will continue throughout the year. Referrals are sent home as necessary. As the school nurse, I will be available as a resource person to students, parents and teachers. Please call or stop by the HCS Health Office with any questions or concerns. I welcome community input.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Johnstone, BSN, RN
School Nurse

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Holderness Central School continues to take pride in the tradition of offering an educational experience driven by strong academics combined with an integrated Unified Arts program. Holderness Central School welcomed several new families to our school as we began the year with a slight increase in our expected enrollment. This year HCS instituted a new grade level alignment by combining students in grades five and six to form a new team. The alignment removed the sixth graders from the traditional middle school model, creating an intermediate team to better address student needs at these two grade levels. In conjunction with the formation of a new team, HCS also combined several of our elementary grade levels to form one class. Using existing faculty members, we were able to utilize our resources to improve the overall educational program.

This year's Middle School, consisting of seventh and eighth graders, continues to provide a rigorous academic program designed to meet the needs of our middle level learners and their preparation for life beyond HCS. The team model remains the approach teachers use to meet the academic and social needs of our Middle School students. This year's Middle School students experience two changes to their academic program. These changes include more class time in the core subjects and a new enrichment program specifically designed to enhance the Middle School experience. Students in grades seven and eight are given the chance to choose one of three classes offered during the enrichment period; these include Publishing, Events in World History and Science Exploration. This new and unique opportunity allows students to examine a particular area of interest in more depth.

Our lower grade teachers and students will focus this year on the implementation of a new math program, In-Focus Math, commonly known as Singapore math. This new series is designed to meet the new Common Core Standards and focuses on students mastering math concepts in more detail. Teachers will work closely with others throughout SAU#48 as this program is rolled out this year in grades K-2, and grades 3-5 beginning in the fall of 2013. The implementation of this new program is a combined effort on the part of SAU#48 to meet the needs of all students as they eventually prepare for entry into Plymouth Regional High School. In addition to the implementation of a new math program, literacy education continues to be at the heart of HCS and the instructional program for our elementary level students. The full day Kindergarten program continues to be strong at HCS as well as the new combined grade levels allowing for improved

social opportunities within each grade. In addition to the expertise and hard work of our core teachers, the Unified Arts Program at HCS remains a vital piece to the overall education for the children of Holderness. The music program has experienced tremendous growth, especially in grades 5 – 8, where we have a participation rate of 95% in band and chorus programs.

Holderness Central School continues to embrace the challenges facing public education. In response, HCS has initiated the process of developing a strategic plan. This plan will guide our school for the next five years.

In closing, communication is a focal point of my leadership at Holderness Central School. I would like to express my appreciation to the parents and the Holderness Community for their support throughout the school year. I remain committed to the community and Holderness Central School, making it a special place for children to learn and grow.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Van Bennekum, Principal

Principals Comments Regarding the new Nurse at HCS:

Mrs. Johnstone has been a nurse for 23 years and arrives at HCS from the Emergency Room at Speare Memorial Hospital where she has worked since 1995. In past years, Mrs. Johnstone has been a regular substitute nurse at HCS and throughout the SAU#48 schools. Her professional certifications include ACLS, TNCC, and Pediatric trauma nursing. Mrs. Johnstone is a graduate of The University of Rhode Island and currently resides in Holderness with her husband Skip and two sons Will and Lucas. The families and children at Holderness Central School are fortunate to have such a wonderful addition to our staff.

Sincerely,
William J. Van Bennekum, Principal

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2012

The annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Laura Rollison. Mrs. Rollison led the Pledge of Allegiance, introduced members of the School Board and reviewed the ground rules for the District Meeting.

Article 1: To see what action the School district will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers.

Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor, seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for the purchase of technology equipment and authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the capital reserve fund created for that purpose. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Ross Deachman, seconded by Margaret “Peg” Winton. Board Chairman Jonathan Stewart explained that it has been the School Board’s practice to replace computers in the main computer lab on a three year cycle. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for septic repairs and authorize the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) from the building capital reserve fund created for this purpose. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Margaret “Peg” Winton. Board chairman Jonathan Stewart explained that an engineering study found that the 5,000 gallon septic tank needs to be replaced. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Dan Rossner. Board Chairman Jonathan Stewart explained that this article will place money in the capital reserve fund to keep the cycle of technology upgrades every three years. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Dan Rossner. Board Chairman Jonathan Stewart explained that this article would put funds back in the capital reserve fund to avoid the need for a bond in the future. The plans for building renovations this year include grounds work and replacement of playground equipment. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million four hundred eighteen thousand eight hundred twenty-two dollars (\$4,418,811) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum does not include the sums found in Articles 2,3,4 and 5. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Dan Rossner. David Driscoll stated that the cost per pupil is higher by 20% and that a class size of 20 students is ideal. Mr. Driscoll added that Holderness spends more per student than the state average. Principal William Van Bennekum stated that class sizes average 14.3 students, ranging from 16 to 32 students per classroom. Board Chairman Jonathan Stewart explained that transportation, capital projects and outside tuition costs are excluded from the Department of Education figures. A voice vote was taken and the article passed.

Article 7: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Bill Webb. Rich Cocchiaro added that the number of students continues to decline while expenses go up and presented a summary of budget statistics. Mr. Cocchiaro made a motion to authorize and charge the Holderness School Committee to appoint a task force consisting of two (2) School Committee members and three (3) at-large members of the Holderness community, at least two (2) of whom shall not be directly connected to or affiliated with the Holderness Central School to research ways to bring the

Holderness School District's budget to a level whereby the average cost per student in 2013-2014 will not exceed by more than 10% the average per student cost of New Hampshire school districts of similar size (150-250 students), recommend its findings to the Holderness School Committee for inclusion in its proposed 2013-2014 school district budget and present its findings to the Holderness community at next year's School District meeting for its consideration and action. The motion was seconded by Bill Webb. A request for a ballot vote was submitted in writing with seven (7) signatures. Town Administrator Walter Johnson explained that if passed, this would be an advisory warrant. Andy Hancock stated that this motion has a good intent, but the result could be confusion with only nine (9) months to study the school budget. Mr. Hancock went on to say that this is not a simple matter and involves dozens of considerations. Walter Johnson stated that we have elected School Board and Budget Committee members who already examine the intricacies of the school budget. Mr. Johnson went on to say that it would not be beneficial to have another committee duplicating these efforts. Ross Deachman made a motion to amend the last sentence of the proposed motion to say "Present its findings to the Holderness community at next year's Budget Hearing for its consideration and action." Earl Hansen seconded. A voice vote was taken and the amendment passed unanimously. At 7:32 p.m. Moderator Laura Rollison declared the polls opened. At 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Rollison declared the polls closed on the motion under article 7: To authorize and charge the Holderness School Committee to appoint a task force consisting of two (2) School Committee members and three (3) at-large members of the Holderness community, at least two (2) of whom shall not be directly connected to or affiliated with the Holderness Central School to research ways to bring the Holderness School District's budget to a level whereby the average cost per student in 2013-2014 will not exceed by more than 10% the average per student cost of new Hampshire school districts of similar size (150-250 students), recommend its findings to the Holderness School Committee for inclusion in its proposed 2013-2014 school district budget and present its findings to the Holderness community at next year's Budget Hearing for its consideration and action. Mrs. Rollison reconvened the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The Moderator read the result of the ballot vote: 82 yes, 94 no, motion failed. With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was accepted to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara M. Weinberg
School District Clerk, Holderness

Holderness School District

SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT

	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
	2010/2011	2011/2012
Expenditures	\$641,234	\$708,452
Revenues	\$111,854	\$125,962
Net Expenditures	\$529,380	\$582,490
\$ increase/decrease		\$53,110
% increase/decrease		10.03%



*Taken from the bridge over the channel,
Photo taken by Martha Macomber.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT



PLODZIK & SANDERSON

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen:
Town of Holderness
Holderness, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Town of Holderness' management. Our responsibility is to express opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in Note 16 to the financial statements, management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement health care and obligations for other postemployment benefits in governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net assets, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the government-wide financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Holderness as of June 30, 2012, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3 through 8) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

AUDITOR’S REPORT CONTINUED

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Holderness’ basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. They are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The 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 financial schedules themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 28, 2013

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*



Photo taken by Walter Johnson

BALANCE SHEET- TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2012

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,494,698	\$ 21,702	\$ 2,516,400
Investments	1,158,472	14,031	1,172,503
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible:			
Taxes	2,709,793	-	2,709,793
Accounts	510	1,013	1,523
Voluntary tax liens	14,914	-	14,914
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(14,914)	-	(14,914)
Tax deeded property, subject to resale	5,138	-	5,138
Total assets	\$ 6,368,611	\$ 36,746	\$ 6,405,357
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 10,111	\$ -	\$ 10,111
Accrued salaries and benefits	52,343	-	52,343
Intergovernmental payable	3,691,322	-	3,691,322
Deferred revenue	1,115,927	-	1,115,927
Total liabilities	4,869,703	-	4,869,703
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable	5,138	4,750	9,888
Restricted	-	9,281	9,281
Committed	693,772	22,715	716,487
Assigned	39,561	-	39,561
Unassigned	760,437	-	760,437
Total fund balances	1,498,908	36,746	1,535,654
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 6,368,611	\$ 36,746	\$ 6,405,357

CADY

On behalf of Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth, I would like to express our **deep appreciation to the citizens of Holderness** for your 2012 appropriation for youth substance abuse prevention.

CADY's work promotes the vital relationships and connections that prevent the harms of substance abuse: academic failure, juvenile crime, suicide attempts, and even death. Since 1999, our community education, positive youth development programs, partnerships, trainings and outreach have been building healthy foundations and promising futures for hundreds of Holderness youth. One CADY parent summed it up well: *"My daughter is learning important lessons about how her behavior can affect her life and the community according to the choices she makes. I like that she was able to benefit the community in some way and also impact her own life in a positive way."*

We achieve progress through the efforts of dedicated volunteers and community investment from the towns we serve. We believe every child from Holderness deserves the opportunity to live up to his or her full potential and we dedicate ourselves to that end. Noteworthy accomplishments of the past year included 30 outreach initiatives in our region and the White House recognition of our LAUNCH Youth Entrepreneurship Program. CADY was selected by the Office of National Drug Control Policy following a national search for a youth program to spotlight for the White House *National Summer Jobs + Campaign*—very exciting accomplishment for our hometown program. Another significant milestone was reached in September, 2012 with the successful completion of 100 youth in our Restorative Justice Program court diversion program that gives a second chance to first-time youth offenders to take responsibility for their actions, make restitution to victims, and reconnect with their community—this grassroots collaboration is transforming lives.

Your municipal allocation to CADY helped to continue those relationships and connections which build the potential and promise of Holderness children and youth. Our energy and commitment for continuing our work is strong. While we are proud of our many successes, we have a long way to go. Still too many young people are engaging in dangerous behaviors—the need for a local safety net against substance use is great. In these challenging economic times, support from the town of Holderness is more important than ever. This is our chance to say thank you for your partnership—together we will continue to make a powerful difference for our children and prevent the harms and high costs associated with substance use.

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
CADY, Executive Director



February 1, 2013

Board of Selectmen
Holderness Town Hall
PO BOX 203
Holderness, NH 03245

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information about human exposure to arsenic through drinking well water in NH and to request time to present information to the Board of Selectmen at an upcoming meeting.

Arsenic is a significant public health concern in NH because nearly forty percent of NH residents obtain drinking water from private wells. Of that forty percent, an unknown number of residents are continuously exposed to unsafe levels of arsenic. Arsenic is odorless, colorless and tasteless, and no federal or state law requires monitoring or testing of private well water. A recent study by the U.S. Geological Survey found that nearly one-fifth of randomly selected private bedrock wells tested in certain areas of NH contained concentrations of arsenic that exceed the standard set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for public drinking water, and the most recent data from the U.S.G.S. indicate that some arsenic is likely present in nearly forty percent of NH's groundwater.

Dartmouth investigators have been part of a national research program that has studied the health effects of arsenic for nineteen years. Arsenic is highly toxic—and a known carcinogen—in many of its chemical forms. A major concern of ingested arsenic is cancer; current evidence shows a causative link between arsenic and bladder, skin, kidney, liver, and lung cancer. Other noncancer studies link ingestion of arsenic in drinking water to skin lesions, cardiovascular disease, neurological effects, and diabetes. Developing fetuses, infants and children are particularly vulnerable. The fetus can be exposed to arsenic because arsenic crosses the placenta. Epidemiological studies link maternal urinary arsenic (a biomarker of recent exposure) to infant mortality and low birth weight, and other findings show in utero arsenic exposure can hamper immune function and increase mortality from lung cancer later in life. Finally, ongoing research suggests that exposure to arsenic in early life (including gestation and early childhood) may increase susceptibility to cancer and disease in adulthood.

Further, beyond a lack of awareness about arsenic and its health effects, there continues to be a gap in our understanding of why people do not regularly test their drinking water. However, we believe that the involvement of town officials in the effort to communicate the importance of well testing makes an enormous difference in increasing testing rates. Our recent efforts working with the Tuftonboro Selectboard and Conservation Commission demonstrated that many people will test their water if local officials acknowledge its importance and support a small effort to make water testing more convenient for town residents. Over a one-week period in the summer of 2012, Tuftonboro-area residents dropped off 122 samples at a transfer station and a dedicated member of the Tuftonboro Conservation Commission drove the samples to the state lab. *We found that 34% of the samples exceeded the public drinking water sample set by the EPA for arsenic and 25% of the samples had levels of radon above the recommended level.*

Residents were notified of the results individually, but their personally identifiable information was removed from the final dataset.

As Community Engagement Coordinator for the Dartmouth Center for Environmental Health Sciences, my job is to inform communities served primarily by wells that residents may be unknowingly exposed to high levels of arsenic. I have presented to the Tuftonboro Selectboard and to other town officials in NH, including at the annual NH Local Government Center meeting last fall. Our program has led the charge to inform homeowners about the importance of well water testing and has compiled information and research about the health effects of drinking arsenic. In sum, we are here to assist towns reach their residents and inform them about this important issue.

If the Board is interested in hearing a presentation from Dartmouth about arsenic, adverse health effects, and community-based initiatives, please let me know as I am willing to travel to Holderness. Thank you very much for your time. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Michael Paul, J.D., M.P.H.

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AT DARTMOUTH

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR



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Executive Councilor District One

Report to the People of District One
by Ray Burton
Executive Councilor, District One



Towns in Council District #1

BELKNAP COUNTY:

Allen, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia,
Merrill, New Hampton, Sanbornville,
Tilton

CARROLL COUNTY:

Adams, Bartlett, Brookfield, Claydon,
Conway, East, Eppingham, Freedom,
Hart's Lot, Jackson, Walcott,
Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich,
Towamuc, Tiltonville, Wakefield,
Wiltonville

COOS COUNTY:

Carroll, Clarksville, Coombs, Columbia,
Dalton, Dixville, Dunsmuir, Etna, Gorham,
Jefferson, Lancaster, Milan, Milltown,
Northumberland, Pittsburg, Randolph,
Shelburne, Stark, Stewartstown,
Stratford, Wakefield

GRAFTON COUNTY:

Acworth, Ashland, Bath, Benton,
Bethlehem, Bridgewater, Bristol,
Campton, Canaan, Concord, Easton,
Ellsworth, Enfield, Franconia, Grafton,
Groton, Hancock, Hawthorn, Hebron,
Holderness, Londolt, Lebanon, Lincoln,
Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman, Lyme, Milmore,
Orange, Oxford, Piermont, Plymouth,
Rumney, Sugar Hill, Thompson, Warren,
Wapowick, Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock

MERRIMACK COUNTY:

Andover, Danbury, Hills, New London,
Wilton

STRAFFORD COUNTY:

Milford, Milton, New Durham

SULLIVAN COUNTY:

Claremont, Concord, Crofton, Granton,
Heppner, Piermont, Springfield, Sunapee

As one of five members of the Executive Council, I will again take the Oath of office on January 3, 2013. I am now representing 108 Towns, four cities- Berlin, Laconia, Claremont and Lebanon spread across all or parts of seven of NH's ten Counties, - Carroll, Grafton, Belknap, Coos, Sullivan, Strafford and Merrimack. I was sorry to lose, through the redistricting process, the towns of Belmont and Charlestown.

Governor Hassan will be the tenth Governor I have served with in the last 35-36 years of public service to the 263,000 people of this large Northern Rural District. The Governor is required to nominate citizens to serve on the dozens of volunteer Boards and Commissions which the Council will vote on. I urge anyone who is interested in serving to send a letter of interest and resume to the Governors Office, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. For a list of the Boards and Commissions go to <http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm> contact my office or utilize your local town or city library.

With the support of the NH Health and Human Services Department, I have three District Health Councils which meet about every 4 months with Commissioner Nick Toumpas and his staff for about 2 hours. We receive updates and respond to local health concerns, consumers, providers and elected officials - local, county and state. These 2 hour sessions are open and frank discussions about the health of all NH citizens. The notification is all by email. Please send me your email to add to the list if you are interested at ray.burton@myfairpoint.net

2013-2014 is the year of the 10 year NH Transportation Plan. The Five Member Council will work closely with the local Regional Planning Commissions; hold required hearings on the recommendations for the next ten years for all modes of transportation- highways, rail, air and public transportation. We then submit our recommendations to the Governor by December 15, 2013. The Governor reviews and submits her recommendations of the plan to the NH House and Senate by February 15, 2014 which will become a legislative bill concluding with a new 10 year transportation plan by July 1, 2014. Keep in touch with my office or the NH Dept. of Transportation Planning Office at 271-1484 on this. There will be some interesting and in depth discussions and votes.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance. I enjoy participating and speaking at local events and consider it an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,

Ray Burton, Executive Councilor



Respect Advocacy Integrity Stewardship Excellence

Thank you for investing in **Genesis Behavioral Health** and contributing to the health and wellness of our community!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Holderness' 2012 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), we served **27 Holderness residents and provided emergency services to 3 residents**. We provided \$2,651.34 in charity care to these residents.

The mission of Genesis Behavioral Health is to provide essential services that enhance the emotional and mental health of our communities.

Genesis Behavioral Health provides the medically necessary services that help people with mental illness live healthier lives. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and contribute to their community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to **any resident of Holderness** experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your investment is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the emergency services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,330 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

Margaret M. Pritchard,
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and wellbeing of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2011-12, 86 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center; 16 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 1,345 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 1,063 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 135 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 62 visits with a trained outreach worker and 27 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 1,110 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2011-12 was \$23,531.56.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council became even more critical. *Holderness' population over age 60 increased by 89.2% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Holderness's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Holderness Historical Society thanks the town and our members for financial support. This year we provided several popular programs with hundreds of people attending. Several hundred people toured the museum. We have maintained and upgraded our museum.

Programs

- ❖ Brewing in NH: an Informal History of Beer in the Granite State - Glenn Knoblock
- ❖ Liberty Is Our Motto! Songs & Stories of the Hutchinson Family Singers - Steve Blunt
- ❖ Meeting Houses & Churches Before 1835 - John C. Hurd
- ❖ NH Towns & the Civil War - Jere Danielle (collaboration with Ashland Historical Society)
- ❖ Field Trips to Merrill Mill on Prospect Road and Margie's Place at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps ** *Supported by New Hampshire Humanities Council*

Museum Building

- ❖ Dealt with the many problems of historic buildings.
- ❖ Pumped the septic in preparation for the Holderness Recreation Program using our lower level.
- ❖ Wildlife removal to rid the building of squirrels that had taken up residence.
- ❖ Replaced all door locks.
- ❖ Created a library area to allow people to research families, cemeteries, camps, historical events, and places.

Historical Projects

- ❖ Produced biannual Newsletter with articles of local history.
- ❖ Provided help with genealogy research on Holderness residents.
- ❖ Sold books and old maps of Squam Lake and Holderness.

Community

- ❖ Partnered with the Holderness Library and the Ashland Historical Society to present programs sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.
- ❖ Hosted the White Oak Pond Watershed Association. Our large meeting room and kitchen are available free of charge to Holderness community groups.
- ❖ Provided school tours of the museum in May and October to third graders of the Holderness Central School who expanded our scavenger hunt for visitors to the museum.
- ❖ Worked with Flowers on the Bridge & replaced the irrigation system for the flower boxes.

Future

- ❖ We will continue to be a seasonal organization with public programs and meetings May through October.
- ❖ School tours will continue to be available in May, June, September, and October.
- ❖ We will complete the cataloging of all our books and pamphlets to make research simpler.
- ❖ We are in the process of setting up a web site.
- ❖ Next summer a special display of camps will be available in the museum.

The Holderness Historical Society needs more volunteers to help preserve the history of our town.

It is with sadness we've had to say goodbye to Mark and Jacquie Marden who have moved to Nashua. Over the years both served as President and in other positions on the board. Their untiring work and dedication through the years will not be forgotten. We miss them and wish them well.



*Holderness Historical Society
Building (located behind the Post
Office)*

Respectfully submitted,

Officers

Linda Foerderer - President
Missy Mason - Treasurer
Joyce Rogers - Secretary

Directors

Lynn Durham
Dodie Greenwood
Susan Kemp
Cynthia Murray
Mary Elizabeth Nielsen
Connie Ross
Tink Taylor
Connie Ross

INTER-LAKES DAY CARE CENTER

The highlight of this year was receiving a grant to design and build four garden spaces on the playground and to implement the Early Sprouts curriculum, educating children about growing, harvesting, and preparing seasonal produce, increasing children's food preference for vegetables, and connecting children to their food supply through a "seed to table" experience. For over 40 years, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center has recognized the importance of a strong curriculum which increases each child's knowledge of the natural world, develops innate curiosity about the world, and broadens thinking skills and problem solving for investigating the world. Within the context of child growth and development, our professionally trained staff maximizes educational experiences for children through developing and implementing innovative curriculum.



Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, licensed, tax-exempt community child care and education agency, incorporated in 1971, that provides exceptional and affordable early care and education to a diverse group of children from six weeks through twelve years of age. Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes comprehensive child development and family support for working parents through infant, toddler, preschool, and school age developmentally appropriate curriculum, engaging children in activities that develop language and literacy through interactions, experiences, and relationships with peers and teachers. I-LDCC has always supported the well-being of the whole child while providing a warm, nurturing environment.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open on a year-round basis at two sites from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. The Center offers a full range of services including morning preschool programs, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation enrichment camps, and USDA approved healthy meals and snacks. Through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and the State of New Hampshire, tuition based on family size and income is available for parents who are employed, in training, pursuing a degree or certificate, on job search or temporarily disabled.

Thank you to the Town of Holderness for its ongoing support.

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The annual Memorial Day Service took place on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 11 AM. We began with children placing red carnations on all the veterans' graves in the Bridge Cemetery. The Service then took place in front of the Holderness Honor Roll Monument on the Library grounds. SelectBoard member Shelagh Connelly welcomed the community and reminded all of the service and sacrifice given by those who served our country protecting our freedoms.



The Dupuis-Cross Post 15 American Legion honored veterans in a solemn and respectful ceremony which included the Ladies Auxiliary recitation of "Flanders Fields". The Commander led the event and the Chaplain offered a prayer for all veterans before the Sergeant-at-Arms placed the memorial wreath on the Monument. The three-volley gun salute and final bugle rendition of taps was moving.

The Holderness Central School band played Fanfare Heroica and March of the Champions and the chorus led the community in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

The event was respectful and ceremonious, and many people from our community took part in honoring our service members. Following the Memorial Day remembrance, the Holderness Library held their annual Book & Bake Sale which is always a nice social event. This year was special as patriotic cupcakes were the theme.

The Holderness Central School 4th grade class was once again responsible for planting the red, white and blue flowers around the Monument, continuing this annual tradition to help the students appreciate Memorial Day and contribute to the event through this service.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service.



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Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 32-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

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

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

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 78,890 tons in fiscal year 2011-2012!

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

PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH (PBCH)

We all know that healthcare is a changing landscape and our reimbursement continues to decrease while at the same time we are seeing more medically complex patients, requiring highly skilled staff. We love a challenge and have used these changes to creatively look for ways to survive so our community can continue to have PBCH their healthcare provider of choice for the programs we offer. We have focused on building the relationships with our other local healthcare organizations and community partners.

Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and have been able to realize this possibility through our home care or our hospice programs. Our facility programs include Rehab Therapies for those who need physical or occupational therapy as they recover from surgery or injury. What sets us apart is our indoor therapy pool and as a nonprofit we offer an individualized approach for each person at a lower cost.

We have much to celebrate this year including the opportunity to merge with Plymouth Regional Clinic allowing us the chance to assess and serve the needs of those who are uninsured. The clinic is held at Whole Village Tuesdays between 6-8PM. This is just one of the ways we give back to our towns who support our organization.

PBCH is excited to work with the Plymouth Area Renewable Energy Initiative (PAREI) to reduce our energy costs with two solar installations for domestic hot water and to heat our therapy pool. Rebates and grants were matched by our community as it rallied behind us to raise money through donations and fundraising. Thank you to all who helped make this long term sustainability initiative possible!

Our new website is a work in progress and we would love you to check it out at www.pbhha.org. We are in the testing phase and we welcome your feedback.

Our success is thanks to our skilled, passionate, customer oriented, fun loving staff (they do tend to give above and beyond!) and to a community who has supported us in so many ways. We are known to be friendly and we are in the helping business. We are pleased to be part of the community and touching lives: yours, your family's, your neighbor's with a customer oriented, client centered approach in a partnership to improve health and lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Chandra Engelbert

Chandra Engelbert, RN, BSN, MBA

Executive Director

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRLAC water quality monitoring teams operated under their normal bi-weekly, April – September schedule for the year. Water quality in the Pemi continues to meet most Class B standards. There are, however, 13 river segments listed as impaired for either pH or Dissolved Oxygen in the state’s 303(d) List of Impaired Waters 2012 Draft Report. Although river segments that do not meet Class B standards could adversely affect aquatic life, corrective action today is considered a low priority by the Department of Environmental Services. E coli and phosphorous tests were well below concern limits.

As one of its primary duties, ***PRLAC continues to review and comment on development permits applications*** that have river water quality implications. Thirteen permits were reviewed in 2012: three involving Pemi shoreland, five pertained to Alteration of Terrain, four related to wetlands adjacent to the river, and one involved a dam permit. In assessing these applications, PRLAC is generally concerned with how buffers are protected and what steps are being taken to encourage infiltration of impervious surface runoff.

PRLAC members attended several conferences and workshops throughout the year pertaining to protecting both the quality and quantity of our water resources in the state. Presentations addressed a wide range of topics: excessive salt identified in our river aquifers; the need for private well testing for a variety of toxins; water quality issues associated with very old septic systems. By attending such programs, PRLAC members are made aware of issues, and maintain contact with other groups working on similar problems.

Updating the Pemi Corridor Management Plan has occupied the committee for most of 2012. As we look ahead at the next decade, it is clear that stormwater runoff is the issue that most threatens our region’s water resources. In NH, and indeed across the country, stormwater has been identified as a primary contributor to over 80% of surface water quality impairments. Continued growth and development will likely result in conversion of currently unaltered open space into impervious surfaces – homes, commercial buildings, roads, parking areas - to accommodate the growth we will see by 2030. It is expected this problem will be amplified by more frequent intense storms associated with climate change. Encouraging the infiltration of runoff into our groundwater serves both to mitigate flooding and protect groundwater supplies.

PRLAC continues to enjoy financial support from 90% of the Pemi Corridor towns, Thornton to Hill that we work most closely with. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. The public is invited to attend our meetings. For details call the Chairman at the number listed below. Thank you for continuing to support protection of this key corridor resource.

Respectfully submitted,
Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair, 744-8223

SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

The Squam Lakes Conservation Society (SLCS) is a land trust dedicated to the protection of Squam's natural resources. We achieve the permanent protection of land by seeking, holding, and monitoring conservation easements and through land ownership. Our activities are accomplished in cooperation with the Holderness Conservation Commission, other conservation organizations, government agencies, businesses, residents, landowners, and members.



SLCS is one of New Hampshire's oldest land trusts. Founded in 1960, the first parcel protected was a gift of land by Frank Webster to create the Holderness Town Beach for the specific benefit of Holderness residents. SLCS currently has a stake in the protection of 39 Holderness properties covering over 4,386 acres. Here are some of the highlights from 2012:

- SLCS completed the Webster Ridge Easement protecting 490 acres in Holderness along the Squam Range.
- Achieved national accreditation from the Land Trust Alliance.
- Partnered with Holderness Recreation on weekly excursions led by SLCS Director Molly Whitcomb over conserved properties.
- SLCS ended the year protecting 104 properties and 7,411 acres of land, contributing significantly to the 25% of land protected in Squam watershed, more than any other large-lake watershed in New England.

As "Squam's Land Trust," we are stewards of one of New Hampshire's most pristine and breathtaking natural resources. We rely totally on volunteers to monitor each protected property, and will gladly provide training. Please contact us with any questions about volunteering or conserving your land. Our website is www.squamlakes.com , or call Alicia Abbott or Roger Larochelle at 968-7900

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center encompasses a 232-acre campus, three miles of accessible trails, a collection of more than 70 live animal ambassadors, and more than 20 exhibits. In 2012, the Science Center “touched” more than 81,400 people, including 44,200 trail visitors and 9,300 lake cruise passengers. In 2012, 12,000 school students and teachers attended programs at the Science Center and naturalists visited schools statewide, teaching another 2,700 students. Additional non-school outreach programs reached 8,600 people across the state. Approximately 350 volunteers donated 8,000 hours of service in 2012. The Science Center contributes to the local community by providing jobs for 17 full-time, 10 part-time, and 25 seasonal employees.

The Osprey tracking project followed three satellite-tagged Ospreys for nests in the Lakes Region, including one male from Bridgewater who travelled 5,000 miles to his winter home in east-central Brazil.

Our “Saturday Night Wild” event in July brought more than 300 people together for laughter and music. A new special event held in September, Festival of Flight, explored the wonders of flight and migration. Special guests Ibex Puppetry presented magical shows. Other activities included a hawk watch, crafts for children, live animal presentations, and a tethered balloon ride donated by ReMax of Meredith and food from Longhaul Farm. Community Guaranty Savings Bank of Plymouth sponsored the event.



The Mission: Wolf – Ambassador Wolf program returned in October with two sold out shows featuring live wolves at the Holderness School in the Hagerman Lecture Hall.

Our website, nhnature.org, was updated with help from Sullivan & Wolf Design in Campton. Improvements include addition of a search function and social media buttons on every page, a site map, updated community links, and general content cleanup.

A new pumping system for the River Otter Exhibit and new waterfalls and pools for the Ecotone Mammal Exhibit were installed.

Squam Lakes Natural Science Center is grateful to the Holderness community for its continued support.

STATE FOREST RANGER AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Due to a record warm winter and little snow, our first fire occurred on February 4th with several more early fires to follow. Normally a large percentage of the warm windy days with low humidity occur when the ground is saturated from a long snow covered winter. By the time the surface fuels and ground dry out enough to burn, we only have a few weeks until "green up". This year however we had an extended period of these favorable spring fire conditions. Our largest fire in the state was 86 acres. The average size fire was .6 acres. Extensive summer rains kept total acreage burned to near normal levels.

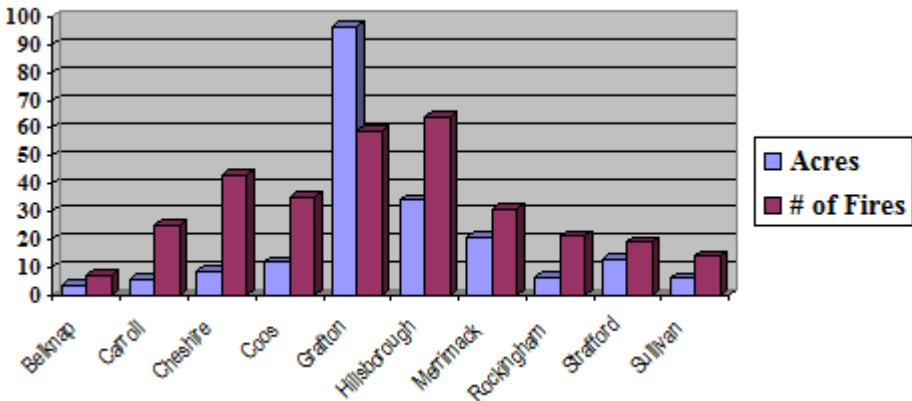
As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Several of the fires during the 2012 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

FIRE STATISTICS- 2012

(All fires reported as of October 2012)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.6	7
Carroll	5.5	25
Cheshire	8.3	43
Coos	11.8	35
Grafton	96.5	59
Hillsborough	34.2	64
Merrimack	20.8	31
Rockingham	6.4	21
Strafford	12.9	19
Sullivan	6	14



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	14	2012	318	206
Debris	105	2011	125	42
Campfire	14	2010	360	145
Children	15	2009	334	173
Smoking	17	2008	455	175
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	7			
Misc.*	140	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

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FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS

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The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established according to state law to provide area communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the town of Holderness and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

**OUTREACH
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
EDUCATION
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TRANSPORTATION**

For extensive information for local officials and the general public, please visit our website at www.lakesrpc.org.



University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

During the 2012 year, UNH Cooperative Extension reorganized to work more effectively to meet the needs of NH Citizens. This new approach looks at regional programming and focuses on using individual staff expertise.

Here are some of our noteworthy accomplishments during the past year.

- Deborah Maes, Food Safety and Community Economic Development and Heather Bryant, Food & Agriculture Specialists worked with UVM Extension and USDA Rural Development of NH/VT to provide training in the Stronger Economies Together curriculum to "Keep Growing" a four county initiative. The goal is to strengthen the local economy through support of local agriculture.
- Maes also worked with a volunteer panel in Franconia to explore the town's need for police coverage, staffing and office space.
- Dave Falkenham, Natural Resources Specialist, conducted a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 10,000 acres of forestland to help landowners manage their private woodlots.
- Bryant, Food & Agriculture Specialist is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial, testing 8 varieties of sweet potatoes for yield and quality.
- Grafton County Master Gardener volunteers work on a number of educational projects around the County. One example, the Memorial Gardens at the County Complex is in its 7th season. This year volunteers added new plants and began work to update the interpretive signs.
- Kathleen Jablonski, Youth and Family Specialist worked with Lakeway Elementary School to teach a healthy living and nutrition curriculum as part of a grant funded by the WalMart Foundation.
- Jablonski and Colpitts continued to work with local after school organizations to use inquiry science and technologies curriculums.
- Lisa Ford, Nutrition Connections Specialist is part of the ECO Learning Garden located at Whole Village where she and other volunteers worked with youth and parents in planting, harvesting and cooking the garden yields.
- State Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak, helped coordinate a state wide workshop on Understanding Animal Handling featuring noted expert Temple Grandin that attracted over 200 participants.

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter.

Respectfully submitted:

Deborah B Maes, Extension Field Specialist & County Office Administrator

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Open during lunch

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Volunteer Department

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