

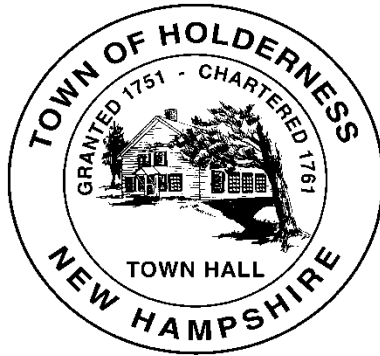


Town of Holderness New Hampshire

Annual Report for
Year Ending
December 31, 2015

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within the
TOWN of
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DEDICATION



Ross V. Deachman

It is an honor to dedicate the 2015 Annual Report to Ross V. Deachman. Ross has steadfastly served the Town of Holderness in two roles for over a quarter century—as Town Moderator and as a member of the Pemi Baker Regional School Board.

Ross picked up the Moderator gavel in 1988 and served through 2015. Ross was so dedicated to the position that he would fly back from vacation in Florida in recent years to perform his duties. We will miss seeing his familiar, smiling face at the helm during elections; he played a huge part in making sure that all of our elections ran smoothly. What we will miss most about Ross during Town Meetings was his quick wit, sense of humor, and ability to keep the momentum going. Ross's swan song meeting last March will be remembered fondly and talked about for years to come.

Ross has also served on the Pemi Baker Regional School Board since 1989, the year that the cooperative school district was formed; his current (and sadly, last) term will expire in 2017. Over the years, Ross has contributed in numerous ways as a board member, including notably by keeping faithful watch over the budget each year. He has provided much continuity, historical perspective, and guidance to the school administration and other board members. Whenever there were tough issues to address, Ross was there to provide support; you could always count on his sure-footed, steady presence and judgment.

Ross, we hope that this dedication conveys the gratitude that we have for you and your many years of service to the Town of Holderness. You have helped make our great community even better. Thank you.

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

Pierce Beij

Wanda Brown

Joe Causky

Corey Goss

Samuel Monroe Jr.

Joyce Rogers

Timothy St. Cyr

Eugene Winslow

MEETING SCHEDULES

Board of Selectmen – Meetings are held every other Monday at 4:30 P.M. downstairs in the Town Hall. The board reviews/discusses correspondence and signs necessary documents, accounts payable, and payroll, and then moves upstairs at 5:00 P.M.

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 P.M. in the downstairs conference room at the Town Hall. (This commission typically does not meet for the months of July and August.)

Energy Committee – Meets at 3:30 P.M. on a quarterly basis throughout the year.

Holderness Central School Board - Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:15 P.M. 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 the Library.

Planning Board – Meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall. Applications submitted to this board are due 28 days before the meeting date.

Recreation Board – Meets once a month on a Monday night at 5:30 P.M. The Monday night may vary, please look for posted agenda.

Zoning Board – Meets every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. upstairs in the Town Hall, as needed. Applications submitted to this Board are due 28 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.

TOWN OFFICERS

ASSESSOR'S AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Associates
Wil Corcoran

BOOKEEPER/FINANCE OFFICER

Amy Sharpe

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Jill White (S.L.)
John Laverack (S.L. Alt.)
Joseph Casey (School Board)
Todd Elgin 3/2016
Kenneth Evans, Chair. 3/2016
Robert Maloney 3/2018
Norman Peoples 3/2018
Alden Van Sickle 3/2018

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Benoni Amsden 3/2018
Janet Cocchiaro 3/2018
Shelagh Connelly (S.L.)
Jennifer Evans 3/2016
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2017
Anne Packard 3/2017
Larry Spencer, Chair. 3/2018

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Coburn – Hwy. Supervisor
Dennis Hughes
Lewis Thompson
Dean Melanson

EMERGENCY MGT. SERVICES

Walter Johnson-Director

ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

FIRE CHIEF/FIRE WARDEN

Eleanor Mardin

FIRE WARDS

** Earl Hansen 2016
** David Dupuis 2017
** Randall Eastman 2018

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

** Bonni Acton 3/2018
** Joseph Casey, Chair. 3/2017
** Christina Gribben 3/2016
** Carolyn Mello 3/2018
** Kelly Schwaner 3/2016

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL CLERK

** Sara Weinberg 3/2016

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL TREASURER

** Kathleen Whittemore 3/2017

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL MODERATOR

** Malcolm "Tink" Taylor -Interim

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling

LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

Colleen Hannon

LIBRARIAN

Jacqueline Heath

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

** Kim Currell,Alt. 3/2017
** Victor Currier 3/2018
** Carol Snelling 3/2017
** Tom Stepp 3/2016
** Thomas "Ted" Vansant, Chair 3/2018
** Kathleen Wieliezko 3/2016

MODERATOR

** Daniel Rossner 3/2017

OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Krystal Alpers
Louis Pare, Deputy

TOWN OFFICERS

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

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

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Colleen Hannon

PLANNING BOARD

Earl Hansen, Chair.	3/2017
Peter Francesco (Ex Of.)	
Ronald Huntoon	3/2016
Carl Lehner	3/2016
Nancy Scothorne, Alt.	3/2016
Robert Snelling, V-Chair.	3/2018
Jill White (Ex Of. Alt.)	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jeremiah Patridge, Chief
Barry Tanner, Lieutenant
Erik DiFilippe, Sargent
Michael Barney, Patrol Officer
David Bourne, Patrol Officer
Seth Learned, Patrol Officer
Robert Libby, Prosecutor

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wendy Werner, Director

RECREATION BOARD

Meika Carter	3/2017
Jennifer Evans	3/2017
John Laverack Jr. (S.L.)	
Daniel Litchfield	3/2016
Janis Messier	3/2017
Thomas Stepp, Chair.	3/2018
George Sutcliffe	3/2017

SELECT BOARD

** Samuel Brickley	3/2016
** Shelagh Connelly, Chair.	3/2016
** Peter Francesco	3/2017
** John W. Laverack, Jr.	3/2018
** Jill White	3/2017

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

** Alicia Abbott	3/2018
** Frances K. Hanson, Chair	3/2020
** Edith Jaconsky-Hamersma	3/2016

TAX COLLECTOR

Ellen King
Sara Hixon, Deputy

TOWN ADMIN. ASSISTANT/ ASSESSING COORDINATOR

Amy Sharpe

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Walter P. Johnson – Resigned
Michael Capone

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.

TOWN AUDITORS

Plodzik & Sanderson

TOWN CLERK

** Ellen King	3/2017
Sara Hixon, Deputy	

TOWN TREASURER

Todd Elgin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

** Bonnie Hunt	3/2018
** Maurice Laffreniere	3/2017
** Brinton Woodward	3/2016

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Wendell Broom, V-Chair	3/2017
Gary Jonhonnnett	3/2016
Gary Karp	3/2017
Robert Maloney	3/2016
Judith Ruhm, Alt.	3/2016
Susan Webster, Chair.	3/2017

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

** Elected Officials
S.L. Selectmen Liaison

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 then 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

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



***Left to Right:** Wendy Werner-Rec Director, Sara Hixon-Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Michael Capone-Administrator, Amy Sharpe-Assessing & Finance, Ellen King-Town Clerk/ Tax Collector and Colleen Hannon-Compliance & Land Use.*

This report is a big “Thank You” to everyone who has made my first few weeks in Holderness so rewarding and so much fun. It is an honor and a privilege to have been appointed Town Administrator by the Select Board. I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to be of service to such a progressive and wonderful community.

Walter Johnson is deserving of a very big thank you for his dedication and leadership during his tenure as Town Administrator. He has left some very big shoes to fill. I will do my best to honor his commitment and carry out his initiatives while helping to move new ones forward.

My thanks to Amy, Ellen, Sara, and Colleen for stepping up and keeping the Town Office functioning so efficiently during the time between Administrators. Your efforts are appreciated by so many. I will do my best to carry my share of the load going forward.

The Department Heads are deserving of a very big thank you for the warm welcome and for helping me get up to speed so quickly. Your hard work on your budgets made the presentation and review process so much easier than expected. The support shown by the Select Board and Budget Committee during the budget process is testament to the trust they have in your abilities. Your commitment to the residents and taxpayers of our Town is an inspiration which I hope to draw upon each day while striving to reach the high bar you all have established.

Thank you to all of the Board and Committee Members as well as the residents who have taken the time to stop by and say hello. The offers of assistance are

greatly appreciated. I look forward to working with you all to assist your efforts in any way that I can.

Holderness is an amazing Town with a rich history and an unrivaled spirit of cooperation and collaboration. Those attributes have served this community well and I will work hard every day to respect that tradition and contribute, in some small way, toward continuing it.

Please feel free to reach out if you have a question, concern or to just say hello. You can reach me in the Town Office by phone at 968-2145 or by email administrator@holderness-nh.gov.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael R. Capone, Holderness Town Administrator

TAX RATE HISTORY

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

Year	Town Valuation	Town Tax	Local Education	State Education	County
2005	568,529,898	2.62	6.41	2.98	1.43
2006	661,031,605	2.17	5.99	2.45	1.29
2007	663,642,765	1.95	6.32	2.53	1.42
2008	674,673,392	2.46	6.73	2.35	1.64
2009	680,542,900	2.43	6.55	2.58	1.40
2010	683,110,905	2.59	6.75	2.42	1.35
2011	690,435,404	2.43	6.96	2.30	1.47
2012	692,601,263	2.55	6.97	2.37	1.61
2013	660,940,857	2.90	7.25	2.55	1.84
2014	671,107,054	2.80	6.98	2.79	1.81
2015	688,062,964	2.58	7.13	2.64	1.83

SELECT BOARD REPORT



Left to Right: Woodie Laverack-V. Chair, Shelagh Connelly-Chair, Jill White, Peter Francesco, and Sam Brickley

The five member Board continues to serve Holderness and meets every other week 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.

2015 marked the end of a decade with Walter Johnson as Town Administrator. We bade him farewell in September and welcomed our new Town Administrator aboard in November. Michael Capone hit the ground running and leads our employees in continuing to provide excellent service to our citizens.

During Town Meeting in 2015 we closed an era of deliberation, which was often feisty, sometimes spicy, and always direct and to the point, presided over by Ross Deachman as our Town Moderator. With Ross's retirement we open a new chapter with Dan Rossner taking the helm. We wish both gentlemen all the best.

We are pleased to report that the improvements made to the police station with construction of the new sally port and roof replacement were completed on time and within budget. The dam repair at White Oak Pond took longer than anticipated, but was finally completed and the water level has been restored.

The Town continues to be engaged with Plymouth State University and we welcomed Dr. Donald Birx as the new President when we met with him in August. He understands the importance of a good relationship with host communities and has committed to covering a portion of our costs associated with activity on the interval, including the increased activities at the newly opened AllWell Center.

Once again the Town met with business owners in the spring and received input and dialogue. This is an annual outreach initiative in keeping with our goal to maintain Holderness as a business-friendly community.

Residents enjoyed several summer concerts and a grand finale event Labor Day weekend, when the Baker Valley Band played on the Science Center boat on Little Squam with an awesome fireworks display to close out the evening. We are looking forward to these festivities for Labor Day weekend again!

The Select Board oversees the Town budget and many other things including: improved recycling rates at the transfer station; the Memorial Day Service; fire and police safety; and good roads. We are able to do this because of our dedicated Town employees who do excellent work, and all of the volunteers who serve on our committees and boards throughout the year. We thank all of these people for their service.

The Board is committed to keeping Holderness a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelagh Connelly- Chair, Woodie Laverack- Vice Chair, Jill White,
Sam Brickley and Peter Francesco

COMPLIANCE OFFICE

Not only was 2015 a very busy year with respect to construction activity, but it also brought changes to the Holderness Compliance Office staffing. The Town thanks Compliance Officer, Don Cahoon, for his many years of service, and welcomes Colleen Hannon who assumed the role of Compliance Officer in April, 2015.

The role of the Compliance Office is to facilitate the review of permits for building projects within the Town. The review is for compliance with the Zoning Ordinance only (Building Codes are under the purview of the State). Staff also assists the Town Health Officer with the review of septic system design for compliance with local regulations. And finally, the Office follows up on citizen complaints regarding violations of the Town's Zoning Ordinance.

Please remember that the State requires various permits for activities which impact shorelines and wetlands. It requires permits for subsurface systems, such as septic and wells, and alteration of terrain at certain levels as well. If you are changing the footprint of a building, adding bedrooms, or building a new house, you will need to check with the Subsurface Systems Division of NHDES to be sure you have a properly approved septic design for the work you are contemplating doing. The Department of Environmental Services' website is www.des.nh.gov.

Summary of 2015 Construction Permit Activity

Application Type	2014	2015
Accessory Structures (Barns, Garages, Sheds)	7	20
Alterations and Additions	13	30
Antennas	2	2
Decks	8	5
Demolitions	5	12
Docks	1	1
Foundations	1	3
New Non-Residential Construction	1	3
New Residential Construction (single and two family)	8	5
Septic Designs	17	28
Signs	1	0
Solar Arrays	4	6
Wells	2	2
TOTAL	70*	117

* The increase in permit activity from 2014 to 2015 is approximately 53%.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Hannon, Compliance Officer

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission has had a busy 2015! It welcomes new member, Ben Amsden, who was appointed by the Board of Selectmen in December, 2015!

With the help of funding from the Board of Selectmen, the Commission began a biological inventory of the Sargent Smith parcel last fall. The project will be completed by summer, 2016. Rick Van de Poll, Ecosystems Management Consultants, is the Commission's contractor on the project. Mr. Van der Poll presented a workshop to the Commission in November, 2015 on wetlands resources which included a site visit to the Sargent Smith property.



The Commission has been managing two forest cuts, one on the Pilote Forest and the other on the Town Forest. Both cuts are designed to improve forest health; afford better community access to its public lands including trail development and viewsheds; and to increase wildlife habitat.

The Town Forest cut was completed last winter and the Pilote Forest work will be completed winter/spring of 2016. Licensed forester, Tom Hahn of FORECO, LLC., is overseeing both projects. Chairman Spencer assisted by Tom Hahn and his crew, constructed two new bridges on the Pilote Forest this past fall. The FORECO crew also cut a new trail on the Town Forest. Open houses are planned in the near future for both properties.

The Commission, as in past years, provided information on arsenic in deep wells at the 2015 Town Meeting.

The Commission continues to work with the “Friends of the Pemi” and members volunteered at Livermore State Park during the summer of 2015. The big news for that project will be the construction of a new parking lot on the Holderness side of the river.

As always, a major undertaking of the Commission is to monitor properties either owned by the town or in which the town participates in the easement. There are five public access properties: Riverside Park on South River Street, the Pilote Forest on Beede Road, the Town Forest (diagonally from the Pilote Forest on Beede Road), wetlands on Sargent Smith Road, and wetlands on the east side of White Oak Pond. There are also three non-public access easements that the Commission monitors.

Check out our new page on Facebook: Holderness Conservation Commission. We also have a webpage at: <http://www.holdernessconservationcommission.org/>

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Spencer- Chair, Ben Amsden, Janet Cocchiaro, Jenny Evans, Jacque Jewell, Anne Packard, and Shelagh Connelly, Select Board Liaison.

ENERGY COMMITTEE



Photo courtesy of Don Lester

The Town Energy Committee meets roughly once each quarter. The meetings typically analyze the previous quarter's energy consumption by the different departments and by the town-owned facilities. The data is supplied by Amy Sharpe. Thank you, Amy. Also discussed at our meetings are potential energy efficiency projects. At this point in time, most of the easy efficiency projects have been completed. During this past year, new projects that were examined by the committee were: installation of a solar farm on a town-owned property on East Holderness Road and installation of solar panels behind the fire house. Due to time and other constraints, neither of these projects came to fruition. Special thanks are due to Bill Johnstone and Ted Vansant for their expertise on various aspects of energy efficiency. The committee still hopes to sponsor a solar project that will compensate for the energy used in town buildings. Many thanks to Walter Johnson, our past town administrator, for calling and organizing our 2015 meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Spencer, Chair

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department had 321 calls in 2015 with the majority related to medical or medical-related emergencies. Holderness encompasses 36 square miles, most of which is covered by Little Squam and Squam Lakes, as well as wooded areas. Every year, we respond to a variety of recreation-related incidents, some due to medical emergencies and some due to accidents. This year we used our rescue boat to respond to several rescues on the lakes and in the Pemigewasset River.

In October, the North Country Public Service Awards Ceremony was held at the Mount Washington Omni Hotel. The Awards were established several years ago and are presented to Coos and Grafton County Police, as well as Fire and Emergency Management Services personnel. The 2015 Firefighter of the Year Award was presented to a very surprised Richard Mardin, the retired Holderness Fire Chief. There were over 400 people in attendance at the Awards Ceremony, including several NH State Officials. Chief Mardin was nominated by the Holderness Select Board for this Award.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Mardin, Fire Chief

Chief

Eleanor Mardin

Safety

Earl Hansen

EMT

Tracy Burhoe

Deputy Chiefs

Randy Eastman
Scott Fields

Engineer

Richard Currier

Paramedic

Brad Morse

Captains

Jeremy Bonan
Jim Chapin
William Currier

Firefighters

Doug Barber	Kayla Randlett
Matt Barber	Kevin Rogers
Tyler Driscoll	Trevor Solomon
David Dupuis	Skip Van Sickle
Walter Johnson	Jim Wieliczko
Gary Mack	Jimmy Wieliczko

Lieutenant

Jon Abear

Firefighter/EMTs

Honorary

Richard Mardin

Matt Abear	Tyler Currier
Amelia Currier	Todd Randlett

FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR 2015



*Field training exercise on North River Street.
Photo courtesy of Gary Mack*

Alarm Activations.....	51
Chimney Fires.....	2
False Calls.....	8
Fuel Spills.....	5
Lightning Strikes.....	1
Medical.....	130
Motor Vehicle Crashes.....	22
Mutual Aid.....	58
Outside Fires.....	7
Power Lines.....	14
Rescue.....	8
Service Calls.....	6
Smoke Investigations.....	4
Structure Fires.....	3
Vehicle Fires.....	2

Total Calls: 321

FOREST FIRE WARDEN



Photo Courtesy of Eleanor Mardin

New Hampshire experienced one of the driest seasons in 2015. Holderness was fortunate to not have any large woodland fires. We, as a department, sent firefighters to Ossipee for three days to help put out their 295 acre fire and to Rumney for two days for their 11 acre fire.

There were over 400 fire permits issued this year. Fire permits are required for all outside fires when there is no snow on the ground. Campfire pits are to be used for camp fires and cooking, and not for burning brush or debris.

Holderness has partnered with the State of New Hampshire Division of Forest and Lands to use online fire permits. Class 3 fires are for burning brush and can be purchased online for \$3 at <https://nhdflweb.sovsportsnet.net>. Unless it is raining, all burn times are 5pm to 9am. The fire chief and department deputies are emailed information on who has purchased the online permit. Any of us may choose to come and inspect your burn pile before it is burned. Permits can also be picked up at no cost at the Town Hall or Fire Station.

Please feel free to contact me at the station if you have any questions about outdoor burning.

Respectfully submitted,
Warden Eleanor Mardin

HOLDERNESS FREE LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Hours: Monday 9-5 – Tuesday 9-4 – Wednesday 9-7 – Thursday Closed –
Friday 9-4 – Saturday 9-1



Left to Right: Deborah Thouin, Library Director- Jackie Heath, Kelly Schwaner, and Jeannie Perkins

Library Statistics

- Number of registered borrowers – 1,924 (added this year – 123)
- Number of items owned – 12,279
- Number of items discarded – 1,508
- Number of items added – 1,382
- Items circulated -13,084
- Library visits – 8,166
- Number of adult programs - 106 (attendance -1,003)
- Number of children’s programs - 65 (attendance -958)

There are always lots of new things happening at the Library!

We joined other New Hampshire libraries using the theme “Every Hero Has a Story!” for our Summer Reading Program. Some of our local heroes, Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin, and Police Chief Jake Patridge, shared a Story Time with us. Steve Blunt came to entertain and enlighten thanks to a special grant. We partnered with the Holderness Historical Society to offer 4 exciting Humanities programs for which we received grants. Many children in the community signed up to read for a certain amount of time on a regular basis, winning prizes. Afternoon programs of arts and crafts, Legos, and origami were well attended. Our “Little Free Library” was set up at the town beach so readers could borrow a

book and leave a book in return. The Story Walk, set up with cooperation from the Holderness Recreation Department and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center was popular during July and August. The library offered free passes to area attractions, including Castle in the Clouds (gift from the Friends of the Holderness Library) and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (donated by the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center). We also offered passes to the Currier Museum in Manchester and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (formerly Christa McAuliffe Planetarium) in Concord. Story Time was held every Wednesday morning at 10 and it is always a great way for parents and children to enjoy literacy activities and to socialize. We visited the Holderness Central School ACE program and the Blue Heron School to read with the kids. Each week we have many groups and programs that meet at the library. There are Bridge players, a Knitting group (Stitch and Chat), Mahjongg, a Needlepoint Group, and a library book discussion. For times and details of these activities and more, please visit the library web page (www.holdernesslibrary.org) or give us a call: 968-7066.

We are grateful to all the wonderful folks who volunteer time, assistance or make donations to the library throughout the year. Many thanks to the Friends of the Holderness Free Library who purchase items and passes and earn money through fundraising. Thank you to the community for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Holderness Free Library, a “vibrant place where people can connect”!

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Heath, Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Library is doing well and continues to be a vibrant place where people can connect. All of our ongoing programs are well attended and last summer our meeting room (which we will mostly lose to house the new lift and handicapped accessible bathroom) was filled to capacity most weeks during Children's Story Hour. On Wednesdays the meeting room is full with children's programs in the morning, noon time book group, and afternoon Bridge.

We are grateful for our Friends group. They help in so many ways and their fundraising enables our Director to purchase many needed extras.

We have had a fulfilling year in our endeavors to renovate the Library to make it handicapped accessible as well as to create more space for programming and an expanded Children's library. Over the past decade all of the improvements we have made in restoring our historical building have been financed entirely through grants. This year we have started a fundraising campaign that will provide the majority of funds for the building project, with the balance of funds coming from the town to support handicap accessibility. We have held two open houses to discuss the project with the citizens of Holderness and we have architectural renderings in various places in town for review. We welcome your input.

The Holderness Free Library Capital Campaign will accomplish two major objectives:

1. Design, build and outfit a library expansion incorporating much needed modern upgrades such as handicapped accessibility; and renovate the current space, honoring the existing architectural features.
2. Establish a Fund for the Future to invest in programs, educational materials, future capital needs, expansion of library services and community partnerships.

Over the last several years, the library has become a community center for the town, serving as a gathering place for groups of all ages and interests. Our children's programs have blossomed, so much so that we can no longer hold the programs at the library as our attendance numbers are far greater than any present room at the library can hold. Additionally, as the population is aging in the state, we see vastly increased needs for accessibility. With this renovation and

expansion, there will no longer be barriers to individuals who currently do not have full access to our services.

The Campaign will empower Holderness Free Library to expand and meet the following underserved needs in our community:

Accessibility to the Library for all. Presently, the library is not equipped for wheelchairs or those with limited mobility. The expansion will include a handicap lift and bathroom and an accessible entrance.

Technology Upgrades & High Speed Public Internet. Keeping pace with technology is an essential part of today's library services. Investments in computers, upgraded wiring, laptop computer stations, cafe style plug-in seating and fast internet connectivity will be available to all our patrons.

New Children's Room. During peak times, the children's room of the library is bursting at the seams and the demand is growing. The expansion will include spacious child and parent-friendly areas filled with light and excellent reading, technology and educational materials.

Community Gathering Spaces. From a multi-media meeting room to relaxing outdoor patios to cozy spaces to settle in with a good book...the focus of the expansion is welcoming in our community.

Green Building & Energy Efficiency. Respecting our environment is key to our values. Therefore the building will include the most energy efficient systems available, upgrade outdated infrastructure where feasible and be a model for durable, efficient and sensible construction.

Fund for the Future Endowment. Through the establishment of this endowment fund, the library will have the means to fund future projects without drawing on town funds. Examples of use of funds are:

- Partnerships with schools and nonprofit organizations
- Future capital upgrades and maintenance of new building
- Concert series that are free and open to the public
- Training and Workshop Series for library patrons focusing on the arts, wellness, music, technology and other patron requested topics.

The Library Trustees and the Campaign Committee have been diligently working since the beginning of the summer to turn this dream into a reality and many members of our community have generously pledged and/or given financial support to this project. Our first priority was to raise the private funds for the renovation and expansion of the building and this has been achieved. However, the majority of these donations are contingent on the town providing \$195,000 to support handicap accessibility aspects of the project. Through the hard work of the campaign committee, Library Trustees and the Friends, and the generosity of our community members, we are well on our way to funding this exciting project. If you are not yet involved we welcome your participation in the campaign.

The Trustees wish to thank all the townspeople of Holderness for the ongoing support of our library.

Respectfully submitted,

Holderness Library Trustees

Ted Vasant, Chair
Carol Snelling
Kathy Wieliczko

Vic Currier
Tom Stepp
Kim Currell (Alternate)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10 & 11, 2015

At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness, held on March 10 and 11, 2015 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 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 ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Holderness Central School, the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Ross Deachman opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance led by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and had a moment of silence for those residents who passed away during the year 2014. The Moderator Deachman announced the results of the zoning amendments. Moderator Deachman asked for a motion that we dispense with the reading of the remainder of the Warrant and take the articles up one at a time as they appear in the Warrant. Moved by Malcolm "Tink" Taylor and seconded by Walter Johnson. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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

Selectman for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

John W. Laverack, Jr. 179

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Bonnie M. Hunt 178

Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)

write in

Dan Rossner 19

Library Trustee for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)

Thomas "Ted" Vansant 161

Victor K. Currier 152

Supervisor of the Checklist for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Write in -Alicia Abbott 17

Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for One)

Randall Eastman 167

Article 2: 2015 Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes
(Recommended by the Planning Board)

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: Remove *Accessory building or structures and uses* from the list of permitted uses in Section 300.4.1.1, Section 300.4.2.1 and Section 300.4.3.1. in order to clarify that these buildings, structures and uses are accessory to the permitted uses listed in these sections ? ”

Yes **140**

No **31**

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 Sections 300.4.1.5: Shore Frontage; 300.4.2.6: Shore Frontage; and 300.4.3.5: Shore Frontage to read, *Shoreland Frontage: When the boundary of a lot is the shore of a water body or river, the minimum water frontage shall not be less than 200 feet?* ”

Yes **129**

No **49**

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 400.6.5.1: Political Signs: to replace the entire section with the phrase, *as per State law and regulations, RSA 644.17 ?* ”

Yes **160**

No **17**

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: Amend Section 400.12.1, under Shoreland Structures: to replace the word, *may*, with the word, *shall ?* ”

Yes **146**

No **30**

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: To amend, delete, or add definitions to Section 1300: Definitions for Accessory Structure; Applicant; Application; Approval; Board; Compliance Officer; Decision-Making Authority; Dwelling, Two-Family; Family; Funeral Home; Health Care; Health Officer; Lake Shore District; Motel-Lodging; Multi Use Facilities/Property; Municipal or Government Building; Museum; Nursing Home; Ordinary High Water Line; Park; Plat; Plot Plan; Professional Offices; Public Safety Facility; Reference Line; Restaurant; Retail; Shore Frontage; Sign, Subdivision; and Unsuitable Land ?”

Yes **142** No **26**

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: Making numerous housekeeping, nonsubstantive changes to correct spelling, grammar, and formatting ? “

Yes **158** No **19**

***Holderness Central School District
Election Results***

School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for Two)
Carolyn Mello 161
Bonni Acton 160

School District Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for One)
Write in
Malcolm “Tink” Taylor 13

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

Moved by Alden VanSickle and seconded by Barbara Currier.

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’s recommended sum of Two Million Two Hundred and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$2,275,000) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Samuel Brickley and seconded by Dan Rossner.

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 Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$375,000) 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	46,000
Police Cruiser	26,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	5,000
Conservation	5,000
Town Office IT Fund	10,000
Library IT Fund	10,000
Master Plan Fund	<u>5,000</u>
	\$375,000

Moved by Richard Messier and seconded Martha Richards.

Martha Richards asked if the amount listed in Article 5 is the cost of a new cruiser and if a police cruiser is to be replaced this year. The Select Board answered that the money is to be put into the police cruiser capital reserve fund until a new cruiser needs to be replaced.

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 One Hundred and Eighty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$186,000) 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 (cycle inspections)	25,000
*FD Thermal Imaging Camera	<u>11,000</u>
(*funds from the FD Equipment CRF)	
Total:	\$186,000

Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor and seconded by Barbara Currier.

Martha Richards asked which roads would be reconstructed?

Selectman Jill White stated it will be a portion of Perch Pond Road. A resident asked what is a Thermal Imaging Camera? Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin explained that this device assists with search and rescue as it is able to detect thermal heat from a body, hot spots or heat from fire in a building, and people who are lost.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) for a biological study of conservation property known as Map 224 Lot 001 located on the corner of Sargent and Smith Roads owned by the Town and to authorize the withdrawal of this amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/15.

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Alden VanSickle.

Larry Spencer, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, explained this property is approximately 5 acres and is owned by the Town and under the stewardship of the Conservation Commission. This study will inventory

the biological features of the property. This money will be used to fund a natural resources scientist to do the biological inventory and a half day workshop for the Commission members to attend. It will instruct them how to review the biological findings and manage the wetlands.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**

Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Article 1 and declared the winners.

The Moderator announced the Holderness Central School and Pemi-Baker School District results.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable trust fund for the purpose of payment of post-employment benefits such as earned vacation and other accrued leave time to Town employees at separation and to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) 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; and further to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/15.

Moved by Walter Johnson and seconded by Sam Brickley.

Administrator Walter Johnson explained the Town has several long term employees who accrue several hours of leave time during the year. When an employee leaves employment with the Town for a different job or retires, he/she could be entitled to payment for the unused time that could amount to several thousands of dollars. If Article 8 is approved, these payments would be made from this reserve account otherwise it would have to come from the department’s general operating budget with the approval of the Select Board.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding half of the expense of

extending cable television and broadband on East Holderness Road in order to enhance economic development in the Town, increase the connectivity of homes and businesses and to afford greater educational opportunities, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) to be deposited in this fund said amount to come from cable franchise fees and furthermore to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Moved by Barbara Currier and seconded by Alden Van Sickle.

Martha Richards asked if this had been done in the past by the Town? The Moderator explained no because there were usually enough homes per mile to require the cable company to fund the expansion of the service. The need for cable service is much higher now especially for school students needing access to the internet for homework assignments and research.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$280,000) for the replacement of the roof shingles and for an addition to the building for a police department “sally port”, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the government building capital reserve fund and authorizing the withdrawal of the balance of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/15.

Moved by Alden Van Sickle and seconded by Richard Messier.

Martha Richards noted the building is fairly new, so why is it necessary to replace the shingles? Chief Eleanor Mardin stated the roof has been leaking due to the poor condition of the shingles after 14 years. It appears a lesser quality shingle was used when the building was constructed. Selectman Peter Francesco explained the meaning of “sally port” which is an addition to the building similar to a garage which will allow the police

officers to transfer prisoners in a safe and enclosed area, and park off duty vehicles in a warm and safe area that will be ready for emergency responses. Town Administrator Walter Johnson noted we were considering metal roof versus shingles but the cost of metal was much higher and snow coming off the roof may cause a major hazard and a maintenance problem for snow removal. He also explained that going back to the original contractor for the shingle failure appears unlikely, but is being looked into. The use of the fund balance for the project will still leave funds available for leveling the tax rate if needed.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 11: To see if the town will vote, pursuant to NH RSA35:9-a-II, to authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for capital reserve fund investment management services, and any other expenses incurred, from capital reserve funds income. No vote by the Town to rescind such authority shall occur within five years if the original adoption of this article.

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.

Selectman Sam Brickley explained this is enabling legislation that will allow the Town’s Trustees of the Trust Funds to use a financial management company to invest town and school capital reserve funds and pay all management fees from the income generated from the investments. Currently any fees must be paid from the operating budget. The Trustees will decide if it is beneficial to use such a management company. The statute allows for the five year commitment to the management companies. The Trustees of the Trust Funds include Bonnie Hunt, Moe Lafreniere and Brinton Woodward.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

Article 12: To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a multi-year lease for a portion of property owned by the Town located on E. Holderness Road known as Map 252 Lot 016-001 for a solar array. The length and terms of the lease agreement to be in the best interest of the Town as determined by the Select Board.

Moved by Larry Spencer and seconded by Peter Francesco.

Selectman Sam Brickley explained the property is located on the Route 3 end of East Holderness Road and opposite Royea's Auto Wrecking.

The property, approximately 13 acres, was purchased in 2001 for approximately \$100,000 for the development of a new Town transfer station. The Select Board is considering a proposal from a private company to lease about 1/3rd of an acre for the project that will generate about 78,000 KW which is the approximate amount Town operations use on annual basis. There would be no cost to the Town for the project and the Town would receive a small annual lease payment for the land. The power generated will be delivered to the electric grid with the company selling the power to an electric supplier. The Town Energy Committee has reviewed the project and supports the opportunity to assist in providing renewable power generation and therefore not using nonrenewable power for Town operations. Most likely the facility will be visible from the road. Larry Spencer spoke in support of the project on behalf of the Conservation Commission and the Energy Committee and noted Holderness is far ahead of many towns in NH relative to investing in energy saving measures. Walter Johnson noted this project will not affect the electric cost to the Town as the company will be selling the power to the power grid to benefit from their investment in the project.

A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**

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

The Moderator recognized Ted Vansant, Library Trustee, who gave a brief update on a project to bring the library into compliance with ADA (American with Disabilities Act) and add space for expanding the children's reading area. Plans are being developed and an open house for discussion on the project will be held this spring. A fund raising effort is underway to raise all the money for the project through donations. This project will likely come before voters next town meeting.

The Moderator recognized and thanked Fran Taylor for her 15 years of service to the Town as a Supervisor of the Checklist. Fran noted the local paper is a great way to keep informed about the wonderful activities and

events in the area.

The Moderator recognized and thanked Ken Evans as the chair of the Budget Committee and the committee members for all the great work they do in preparing the Town and School budgets.

The Moderator announced that the historic chapter for the Town's Master Plan Committee has a display in the lobby with information about the draft chapter and the committee is seeking input on the draft. An open house about the chapter will be held on May 12th 2015, from 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. at town hall. All are invited.

The Moderator recognized Selectman Shelagh Connelly. Ms. Connelly recognized the wonderful employees the Town is fortunate to have and announced the names of many town employees that have work for the Town for more than ten years and noted long time employees Jake Patridge and Ellen King. Ms. Connelly stated that 10 plus years employees are uncommon in today's work force and the Town is fortunate to have so many fine employees. The voters recognized all with a round of applause.

The Moderator recognized Selectman Peter Francesco. Mr. Francesco who spoke on behalf of the Select Board and the community recognized our Town Moderator Ross Deachman on his retirement after 30 years of service as Town Moderator. He noted several humorous events surrounding Ross over the years and summarized by sincerely thanking him for all he has done for the Town of Holderness for all these years. Ms. Connelly presented Ross with a gift to represent the Town's sincere gratitude for all his great work as Moderator. Mr. Deachman expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve all these years as Town Moderator and will miss the great times he had through the years. The voters recognized Ross with a standing ovation.

Alden VanSickle moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Martha Richards. Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Holderness Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Planning Board duties are specified by New Hampshire state statutes and include review of subdivision and site plan applications; review and update of the Master Plan; and review of the Zoning Ordinance for 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 continued its work in 2015 and reviewed one Boundary Line Adjustment; six Site Plans; and two Subdivisions this year for a total of nine applications as compared to six applications in 2014.

In an effort to streamline and expedite the permitting process for solar applications, the Town joined several other New Hampshire communities in partnership with the State's Office of Energy and Planning to develop local zoning ordinances that meet each community's needs. This work was part of a grant funded by the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Rooftop Solar Challenge.

A draft Historic and Cultural Resources Chapter for the Master Plan was completed in summer, 2015, by the Holderness Historical and Cultural Resources Chapter Committee comprised of volunteer members, Alicia Abbott, Barbara Fahey, Peter Francesco, Woodie Laverack, Missy Mason, Larry Spencer, Bob Tuveson, Kathy Weymouth and Betsy Whitmore. The Chapter was adopted by the Planning Board after a public hearing in August, 2015 and is available on the Town's website. The Board gratefully thanks the Committee for all its hard work.

The Planning Board is preparing for a busy year, in early 2017, when it begins the 10 year Master Plan update process.

Application forms, the Holderness Zoning Ordinance, and subdivision and site plan regulations as well as minutes, agendas, and meeting dates for the Planning Board can be found on the Town website, www.holderness-nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Hansen CH; Ron Huntoon; Carl Lehner; Nancy Scothorne; Bob Snelling; Jackie Elliott; Peter Francesco (ex officio Selectman representative); and Jill White (alternate ex-officio Selectman representative).

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The year 2015 ended on a high note with the completion of our new garage, also known as a “Sally Port.” The “Sally Port” provides essential security to the officers when moving prisoners from a police vehicle to the prisoner processing area. It was recommended by Primex, the Town’s liability insurance provider. It significantly reduces the risk of a prisoner escaping in handcuffs, interference by a third party during the move, as well as the prisoner or officer slipping and/or falling due to seasonal conditions. It also reduces the Town’s liability risk for injuries that may occur as a result of such occurrences.

Additionally, it will allow police vehicles to be protected from the extremes of weather and to be secure when not in use. It also means our vehicles remain fully equipped and ready to respond to an emergency, something that was not possible when they were exposed to the extremes of weather and lack of security. Eliminating the need to outfit a vehicle before responding to a call can shorten response times and reduce the risk of a needed piece of equipment being left behind. I would like to extend my thanks to everyone that kept the project on time and under budget.

In 2016, we are looking to outfit our officers with body-worn cameras. These cameras are valuable in reducing false complaints against officers and frivolous lawsuits. Last year we tested and evaluated the TASER AXON body-worn camera system. We found that the mere presence of the cameras improved the behavior of all participants during our interactions. We also found that the camera accurately captured video from the officer’s perspective.

In November, Alice O’Connor was hired as an office administrator. This is a shared position with the Town Hall. Alice will spend eight hours a week with us and another eight at the Town Hall. I would like to thank Alice for her efforts. Having her here each week has been extremely helpful to me and the officers.

I would also like to thank my dedicated officers for their longevity and professional service to the citizens and visitors of the Town of Holderness.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact me by phone or e-mail at hpdcchief@holderness-nh.gov. Thank you again for your continued support and remember if you SEE something, SAY something. We all play an important role in keeping our community safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Jake Patridge, Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2015



The new "Sally Port" at the Police Station

911 HANG-UP	17	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	55
ABANDONING A VEHICLE	0	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT (Fatality)	0
ALARM (Business & Residential & Fire)	133	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	29
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	66	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	71
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	86	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	591
ARRESTS (Total)	81	MOTOR VEHICLE / DWI	11
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	280	NOISE COMPLAINT	17
ATTEMPT TO COMMIT BURGLARY	1	OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	174
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	3	OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	13
BENCH WARRANT	3	PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	41
BURGLARY	4	PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	49
CITIZEN REQUEST ASSIST. / MVLO	103	PARKING TICKETS	118
CIVIL MATTER	15	PISTOL PERMITS	55
CIVIL STANDBY	16	POLICE INFORMATION	34
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	3	PROACTIVE NOISE WARNING	18
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	29	RECKLESS/NEGLIGENT OPERATION	1
CRIMINAL RECORDS	63	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	6
CRIMINAL THREATENING	1	RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION	3
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	4	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	1
DIRECTED PATROL (Including Radar)	589	SEXUAL ASSAULT	1
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	28	SIMPLE ASSAULT	5
DISTURBANCE (Including Domestic)	27	SITE CHECKS	654
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT	9	SUBPOENA SERVICE	3
FINGERPRINTS - JOB APPLICATIONS	14	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	118
FOOT PATROL	78	THEFT (All Thefts)	33
FRAUD / FORGERY	7	UNRULY JUVENILE	1
HARASSMENT	7	UNTIMELY/ UNATTENDED DEATH	1
ISSUING BAD CHECKS	1	VACANT HOUSE CHECK	1333
LITTERING	0		
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	25		
MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	5		

Respectfully submitted,
Jeremiah Patridge, Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The past year was busy for the Highway Department. Along with our general maintenance of grading, ditching, culvert repairs and brush cutting, we also completed the final section of road reconstruction on Perch Pond Road. This consisted of excavating and removing all of the old pavement with 18 inches of unsuitable material below the pavement, then replacing it with stabilization fabric and 18 inches of new gravel, 6 inches of crushed gravel and a base coat of asphalt. The project went very well and within budget with the help of M.E. Latulippe and R&D Paving. The Highway Department was also involved in the construction of the Sally Port for the Police Station. We took care of the earth work portion of the project and even though we encountered ledge, and long forgotten underground utilities, we managed to stay on schedule.

I'd like to thank the crew at the Highway Department; Lewie Thompson, Dennis Hughes and Dean Melanson for all their hard work, dedication and strong work ethics. Without them none of this would be possible. I would also like to thank Skip Thompson for all his continued hard work on maintaining all the Town properties.

There was an opening at the Highway Department this past year and we feel fortunate enough to have hired Dean Melanson as a welcome addition to our team. For anyone that knows Dean he always has a smile on his face and usually a joke to go with it. Welcome Dean! I'd also like to thank all the other departments for their support as the team goes well beyond the Highway Department. With continued support we will put every effort forward to continue the general maintenance of our roads, as well as reconstruction projects and pavement preservation practices.

Respectfully submitted

Kevin M. Coburn
Holderness Road Agent

RECREATION DEPARTMENT – PROGRAM & BEACH REPORT

Holderness Recreation Department is comprised of one part-time director and as many as 10 seasonal staff and independent contractors, all of whom help to bring you a variety of recreational opportunities. The Department has a volunteer Board that meets monthly providing budget oversight and program review. The Department is service oriented and strives to provide a wide range of programming for year-round and seasonal residents of the Town. The Department also manages the Livermore Beach property.

Programming Report

Holderness Recreation offers approximately 20 programs each season. Some of the programs last for a day and others run throughout the whole year. Programs include; Yoga, swimming lessons, adult basketball, adult volleyball, Music with Mar, tennis lessons, soccer camp, golf, ballroom dance, discount ski tickets, Breath NH Fun Passes, Early Bird Exercise, senior movies, summer concerts and so much more.

Last winter we started hosting a Song Circle, which allows local musicians to gather and play music and sing. This has been very popular and continues today with 8 – 16 people regularly attending. You are also welcome to come and listen and participate. July brought the addition of Irish Step Dance classes to the recreation line up. Since July we have had 3 sessions and finished the year with a performance with over 60 people in attendance. We are excited to offer this class again starting in January.

Our largest program, SummerEscape returned to the Holderness Central School and was well attended all 7 weeks. The program had many new activities including a well-crafted camp fire made of construction paper, sticks and battery operated candles and it was used as a focal point while singing camp songs. Field trips included the Flume Gorge, White Mountain Weather Discovery Center, Echo Lake State Park, White Mountain National Forest Headquarters and many more. Our new camp director Tammy Zmuda brought new ideas and great energy to the program and we are already planning for the 2016 summer.

This past summer the program ran for 7 weeks. Staff provided programming daily for 30-40 participants ranging in age from 5 – 12 years old.

Beach Report

Livermore Beach, otherwise known as the Holderness Town Beach is located at 31 Dirt Rd. It is a hidden gem in Holderness. The Holderness Town Beach property was donated by Mrs. Edwin S. Webster and Mr. Frank G. Webster to the Squam Lake Conservation Society in 1963. SLCS is the owner of the property. The Holderness Select Board and Holderness Recreation Board, on behalf of the Town and its residents, oversee the utilization and maintenance of

the property.

The beach is staffed seasonally with a Beach Attendant from the middle of June through Labor Day. The Attendant is on site from 10am to 5pm 7 days a week weather permitting. The role of the Beach Attendant is to check beach passes, reinforce rules and regulations, monitor use of the facility and interact with the beach patrons. 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.

Use of the beach: The Livermore Beach is for the residents and tax payers of Holderness and up to 8 bona fide guests. Passes are \$15 and may be purchased at the Town Clerk's office Monday–Friday between 8:30am and 4pm. Upon purchase of your seasonal beach pass, you will receive a copy of the rules and regulations for the beach. The rules apply and are enforced year round not just when the attendant is present. If you have a concern about activity or behavior at the beach, please speak with the attendant on duty or contact the recreation office. We are very lucky to have this resource available to the Town. There were 236 beach passes sold in 2015 this is up from 212 in 2014.

Opening, in-season and closing tasks: In the spring it is time to clean up all of the winter debris including leaves, branches and muck that washed up on the beach. Additional opening tasks include: putting in the swim area lines, cleaning out the shed and changing room and mowing the lawn. For the most part these tasks are handled by volunteer efforts from the Recreation Board. In the recent years we have been very fortunate to have the assistance of a boat from Camp Deerwood to help put in the swim lines.

Seasonal maintenance is performed by the Beach Attendants, Recreation Director and a local mowing company.

In the fall we focus on taking in the swim lines, organizing the shed and leaf blowing. Again, help from Camp Deerwood using a pontoon boat has made the fall process much easier. We contract with a local vendor for the final task in closing the Beach, which is the removal and storage of the swim raft.

Amenities at the beach include: A storage shed, changing shed, portable toilets, raft, picnic tables, protected swimming area, land line phone for emergencies, 2 parking areas and the serenity of the beach. This fall, with the help of the Public Works Department we were able to re-do the pathway to make it wider and safer to walk on. We also removed the aging swing set, due to safety concerns and will be having some tree work done to remove some dying trees and dead branches.



Health and Safety: Over the past two summers, we have seen an increase in Swimmers Itch at our beach. We do our best to notify swimmers about this once we have been made aware of it. This is not a water quality issue, but a natural life cycle common in lakes where ducks and geese gather. This year we did invest in a plastic owl in hopes of deterring the geese that had been gathering at the beach. You can find out more information at www.nhstateparks.com/swimmersitch.html.

Although we have a beach attendant on the property for most of the season, we ask that you please report any activity that you think is inappropriate at this facility. Our police department does a wonderful job checking on it daily during the open season, but another set of eyes is always appreciated in the off season.

Special Thanks

Much of our success is due to the work and support we have received from many volunteers and Town employees. Thank you to the Selectmen, Town Administrator, Town Hall Staff, Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and the Holderness Central School for all of their support furthering recreation in Holderness.

Thank you to the Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club for their continued support of our Archery program. They let us use their indoor and outdoor facilities, and since 2001 we have had over 192 participants in the program.

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

Lastly we would like to thank Camp Deerwood for once again offering to train our summer staff in CPR and First Aid.

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 programs that they may otherwise not be able to take part in. This year we were able to help three families participate in programs.

Donations come in many shapes and sizes and we are thankful for all of them. We have a round-up option on our registration forms that allow people to contribute any amount they like above their program fee. Thanks to everyone who made contributions this year and please keep it in mind for next year.

Your Input and Participation

We are always interested to hear from you about the type of activities and programs that you would like to have available in Holderness and at the beach facility. As always, please feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the Recreation Board members to share your thoughts. You are also 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 recreation@holderness-nh.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Werner, Recreation Director
Tom Stepp
George 'Biff' Sutcliffe (Secretary)
Meika Carter
Jenny Evans
Woody Laverack (Selectman Liaison)
Dan Litchfield
Janis Messier



*Summer Escape at White Mountain
National Forest Headquarters*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending: June 30, 2015

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report 2015	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)			
			2014			
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 875,790.13			
Resident Taxes	#3180					
Land Use Change	#3120		\$ 18,000.00			
Yield Taxes	#3185		\$ 1,203.80			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187					
Sewer Charges	#3189		\$ 315.00			
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	#3189		\$ 50.00			
Property Tax Credit Balance**		\$ (793.27)	\$ (12,980.42)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**			\$ (50.00)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			For DRA Use Only			
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 4,797,958.00				\$ 4,765,729.00
Adjustment Property: 6/30/14						\$ 100.00
Resident Taxes	#3180					
Land Use Change	#3120	\$ 7,800.00				
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 20,303.70				\$ 7,477.27
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 244.34				
Sewer Charges	#3189	\$ 1,586.79				\$ 1,657.75
Sewer Main.Assessment	#3189					\$ 1,550.00
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 4,713.00	\$ 3,789.30			
Property Taxes 6/30/14	#3110		\$ 456.00			
Resident Taxes	#3180					
Land Use Change	#3120					
Yield Taxes	#3185					
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187					
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	0.41	\$ 27,348.53			
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190					
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 4,831,812.97	\$ 5,690,436.36		\$	

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending: June 30, 2015

CREDITS			
REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
		2014	
Property Taxes	\$ 2,202,398.90	\$ 5,491,943.12	
Land Use Change	\$ 7,800.00	\$ 18,000.00	
Yield Taxes	\$ 14,352.82	\$ 5,116.63	
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$ 0.41	\$ 27,348.53	
Penalties			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 244.34		
Sewer Charges	\$ 1,586.79	\$ 1,510.25	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$ 136,232.23	
Conversion to Elderly Tax Deferral		\$ 429.00	
Sewer Maintenance Assessment:		\$ 1,450.00	
Prepayment Fall Taxes:			
Return check 6/30/14			
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED			
ABATEMENTS MADE			
Property Taxes	\$ 51.00	\$ 457.86	
Resident Taxes			
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes		\$ 3,564.44	
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			
Sewer Maintenance charges:		\$ 50.00	
Overpayments: 6/30/14		\$ 456.00	
Overpayments:	\$ 4,713.00	\$ 3,789.30	
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080			
Property Taxes	\$ 2,595,508.10	\$ 89.00	
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,950.88		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd			
Sewer Tax			
Sewer Maintenance Assessment:			
Property Tax Credit Balance**	\$ (793.27)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 4,831,812.97	\$ 5,690,436.36	\$ -

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Year Ending: June 30, 2015

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2014	2013	2012	2011
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		\$ 159,803.40	\$ 41,475.72	\$ 288.17
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year			\$ 3,648.10	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$ 147,855.99			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$ 532.96	\$ 11,362.32	\$ 15,084.13	\$ 75.70
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 148,388.95	\$ 171,165.72	\$ 60,207.95	\$ 363.87

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2014	2013	2012	2011
Redemptions		\$ 31,748.92	\$ 121,811.25	\$ 44,455.09	\$ 138.20
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	\$ 532.96	\$ 11,362.32	\$ 15,084.13	\$ 75.70
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	\$ 301.52 \$ 115,805.55	\$ 37,992.15	\$ 668.73	\$ 149.97
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 148,388.95	\$ 171,165.72	\$ 60,207.95	\$ 363.87

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen King
Holderness Tax Collector

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION

2015 TAX RATE CALCULATION

TOWN/ CITY: HOLDERNESS

Gross Appropriations	3,146,500
Less: Revenues	(1,146,570)
Fund balance Voted Surplus	(218,500)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(68,806)
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	18,512
War Service Credits	45,500
Net Town Appropriation	1,776,636
Special Adjustment	0

TOWN RATE
2.58

Approved Town/ City Tax Effort	1,776,636
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SCHOOL PORTION

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	4,161,284
Cooperative School Appropriation	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0

**LOCAL SCHOOL
RATE**
7.13

Locally Retained State Education Taxes	(1,771,544)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	4,905,210

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

State Education Tax	1,771,554
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)	
672,168,411	

**STATE SCHOOL
RATE**
2.64

COUNTY PORTION

Due to County	1,261,381

COUNTY RATE
1.83

Approved County Tax Effort	1,261,381
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Total Property Taxes Assessed	9,714,771
Less: War Service Credits	(45,500)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
Total Property Tax Commitment	9,669,271

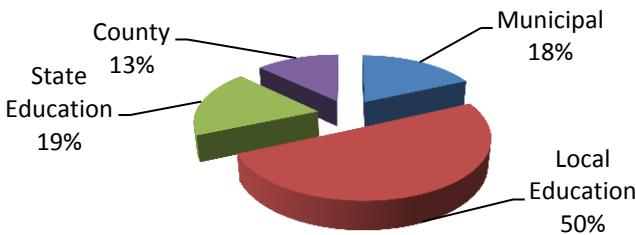
TOTAL RATE
14.18

PROOF OF RATE

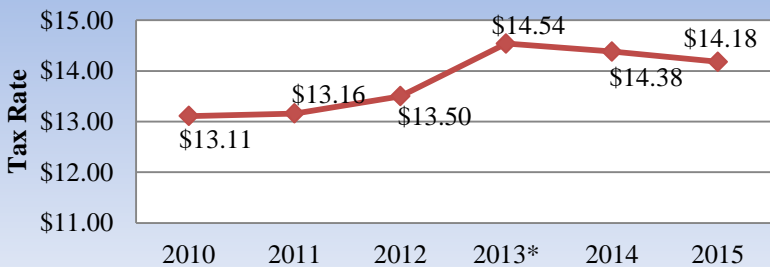
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	672,168,411	\$2.64	\$272,168,411
All Other Taxes	688,062,964	\$11.54	\$688,062,964

TAX RATE INFORMATION – 2015

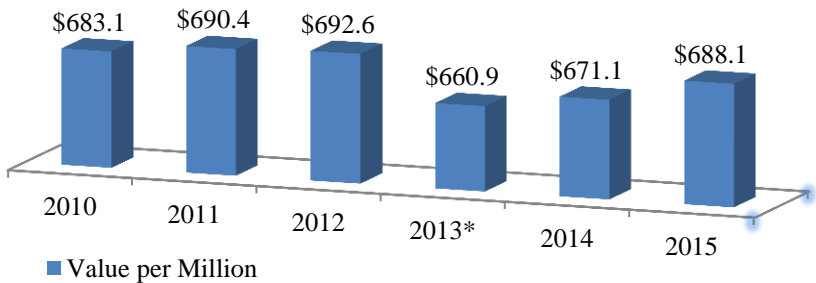
2015 Tax Rate Breakdown



Tax Rate Comparison



Town Valuation Comparison



*Revaluation year

TOWN CLERK

REMITTED TO THE TREASURER

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Motor Vehicle Registration/Title Fee:	\$ 421,875.67
Municipal Agent Fee:	9,318.00
E-Reg Fee:	212.85
Dog Licenses:	2,979.50
Vital Records Fee:	2,185.00
Transfer Station Receipts:	31,658.00
Transfer Station Stickers:	1,749.00
Beach Permits:	3,015.00
Miscellaneous:	133.55
Overpayments: refunds	78.00
Total:	\$ 473,204.57

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King
HoldernessTown Clerk

SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED DEBT PAYMENT

Holderness Estimated Debt Payment Schedule

PURPOSE	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	FY 15/16	FY 16/17	FY17/18	FY 18/19
Transfer Station	\$350,000	\$62,481	\$61,098	\$59,716	\$0
2013 Fire Pumper Truck	\$88,000	\$30,487	\$30,061	\$29,697	\$0
Total		\$92,968	\$91,159	\$89,413	\$0

Holderness Central School	\$2,371,079	\$269,472	\$264,472	250,981	\$0
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SCHEDULE OF EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT

REPLACEMENT YEAR															
MASTER VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT PLAN															
1/29/2014 Revised 1/5/16															
VEHICLE DESCRIPTION/DEPT.	2009	2010	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023
CURRENT INVENTORY															
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT															
1994 Gator Grader															
2009 Cat Backhoe	\$72,700.00							\$40,000.00							
2008 International Dump Truck									\$175,000.00						
2004 Peterbilt 330 Dump Truck					\$160,000.00										
2010 F350 Ford Pickup	\$48,000.00							\$55,000.00							
2006 Ford F-550 1 Ton Truck										\$72,000.00					
Chipper	\$10,000.00														
POLICE DEPARTMENT															
Unit #6 Sedan 2014		\$33,000.00				\$38,000.00					\$42,113.95				
Unit #1 Sedan 2007									\$39,900.00						
Unit #2 2013 F150			\$0.00		\$32,000.00					\$41,895.00					\$42,000.00
Unit #4 2013 Sedan															
FIRE DEPARTMENT															
2009 Ford F-350 Rescue	\$55,500.00														
1990 Mack Pumper 12E3					\$413,000.00					\$85,000.00					
1993 Ford F-350 12 F3															
1997 Mack Pumper 12E4															
2006 Kenworth Tanker 12W5															\$450,000.00
1998 Ford Expedition															
2012 Ford F350 Pickup					\$46,000.00										
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY BLDGS.															
PSB Roof Replacement							\$75,000.00								
PSB Sully Port							\$100,000.00								
Town Hall Generator					\$12,000.00										
Truck Exhaust Vent System								\$55,400.00							
JVAC Improvements							\$25,000.00								
Total Capital Equipment Investment	\$128,200.00	\$91,000.00	\$0.00	\$140,025.18	\$617,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$150,400.00	\$214,900.00	\$113,895.00	\$207,113.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$492,000.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1931 Ford	
1954 Willys Jeep	
1997 Ford Expedition	
2009 Ford Rescue	12R1
2014 Pierce 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 F350 Utility Pickup	12U1
13' Boston Whaler Boat	12B2

MOBILE EQUIPMENT

2002 Yacht Club Snowmobile Trailer
2003 Skandik Ski-Doo
2009 Kubota UTV
2011 Royal Swiftwater Rescue Trailer

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2009 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2013 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)
2011 Ford F350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)
2012 Ford F550 - 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 – Detail Car
2014 Ford Taurus Victoria – Unit #1
2007 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #2
2013 Ford Taurus- Unit #3
2013 Ford F150 - Unit #4
2011 Message Board/Radar Trailer

TRANSFER STATION

1997 Caterpillar Backhoe
2004 Ford F350 – 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	130,040	683,200	813,240
101-012-1	Route 113	46,500	7,000	53,500
101-019	Library	365,320	181,400	546,720
102-006	Village Common & Gazebo	610,400	3,100	613,500
222-015	Public Works Garage	191,450	239,800	431,250
223-011	Pilote Conservation Lot	493,850		493,850
224-001	Smith Road Lot	63,880		63,880
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	3,397,700	3,651,830
231-003	Route 113	42,200		42,200
239-001	Town Hall	34,500	290,600	325,100
239-042	Corner Lot-Routes 3 & 175	47,300		47,300
245-065	Transfer Station/Pease	87,500	88,400	175,900
245-067	White Oak Pond	179,400		179,400
252-016-1	East Holderness Road	97,220		

*Holderness Central School

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

NOTES

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 8 AND MARCH 9, 2016**

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 eighth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and the polls shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 and 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 ninth day of March, 2016 in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

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

Article 2: 2016 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:

Amend Section 300.4.5, Flood Hazard Overlay District, to clarify which Special Exceptions are permitted; amend the time of year that structures with wheels are permitted on properties; and delete archaic language which references the cost of flood insurance?

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 400.22, Outdoor Wood-Fired Hydronic Heaters, to clarify the meaning in the second sentence of the Section by replacing the words, *be applicable to a*, with the words, *meet the standards of a*, and update the Section per State and Federal law?

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 400.23.4.3, Small Wind Energy Systems, to clarify that these systems are accessory to residential uses consistent with the definition in this

Section and to revise language stating that decommissioning occurs if the system is not used for a period of twelve consecutive months instead of not in use for a period of 1 year?

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:

Amend Section 525.3.13, Groundwater Protection, to strike the words, *and soils data; boring logs may be submitted separately* from the definition of seasonal high water table?

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 1300, Definitions, Recreational Camping Park or Recreational Campground, to strike the duplicative wording starting in the third line of the definition?

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 entire Section 575, Telecommunications Facilities, to comply with State and Federal law?

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 Three Hundred Sixty Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two Dollars (\$2,366,882) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

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

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred and Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$403,500) to be placed in the following Capital Reserve Funds:

WHITE OAK POND DAM	\$2,500
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	\$40,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	\$150,000
LIBRARY BUILDING	\$5,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	\$30,000
REVALUATION	\$35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	\$46,000
CONSERVATION	\$5,000
POLICE CRUISER	\$26,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$2,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS	\$5,000
TOWN OFFICE IT FUND	\$10,000
LIBRARY IT FUND	\$10,000
MASTER PLAN CRF	\$5,000
EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$15,000
NEW CABLE TV SERVICE EXPANSION CRF	\$12,000
TOTAL	\$403,500

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

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Forty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Six Dollars (\$346,206) for the following Capital projects and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the Select Board to withdraw the sums indicated from the following Capital Reserve Funds designated for these purposes:

Road Reconstruction: \$150,000 (from the Road Reconstruction Capital Reserve Fund)

Vehicle Exhaust Venting System for Fire Department Equipment Bays: \$55,400 (from Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Funds)

Revaluation (cycle inspections): \$25,000 (from Revaluation Capital Reserve Funds)

Computer Workstations and Computer Hardware: \$10,806 (from Town Office IT Funds Capital Reserve Funds)

Ford F-350 with Plow and Sander for the Highway Department: \$55,000 (from Public Works Vehicles Capital Reserve Funds)

Repair and Refurbish the Highway Department Grader: \$40,000 (from Public Works Vehicles Capital Reserve Funds)

Construction of Support pads for two of the Transfer Station Roll Offs: \$10,000 (from the Transfer Station Equipment Fund)

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

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$875,000) to design and construct a new addition to the Holderness Free Library and authorize an amount not to exceed One Hundred and Ninety Five Thousand Dollars (\$195,000) to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/16. The balance of Six Hundred and Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$680,000) to come from private donations to the Library Trustees. There will be no money raised by general taxation.

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

Article 8: To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting

Given under our hands this 8th day of February in the year of our lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

**HOLDERNESS
SELECT BOARD**

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

2016-2017 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUALS REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '14-June '15	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '15-June '16	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '16-June '17
REVENUES			
<u>TAXES</u>			
3120-001 LAND USE CHANGE TAX	7,800.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
3185-001 YIELD TAXES	24,216.53	3,500.00	3,500.00
3186-000 PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
3189-001 BOAT TAXES	5,895.91	6,500.00	6,075.00
3189-002 EXCAVATION TAX	244.34		0.00
3190-001 PENALTIES AND INTEREST	54,404.05	42,000.00	49,315.00
TOTAL	93,560.83	56,500.00	63,390.00
<u>BUSINESS LICENSE & PERMITS</u>			
3210-001 BUSINESS LICENSE & CABLE FEE	13,211.23	10,000.00	13,400.00
3210-004 U.C.C. FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	180.00	500.00	400.00
3220-000 MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	431,037.67	350,000.00	395,770.00
3230-000 BUILDING PERMIT	11,338.74	6,900.00	10,700.00
SUB TOTAL	455,767.64	367,400.00	420,270.00
<u>OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES</u>			
3290-001 DOG LICENSES	2,937.15	2,500.00	2,900.00
3290-004 COPY FEES	533.30	700.00	660.00
3290-005 VITAL RECORDS	2,055.00	1,500.00	2,000.00
3290-009 OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS/FEES	596.00	200.00	445.00
SUB TOTAL	6,121.45	4,900.00	6,005.00
TOTAL	461,889.09	372,300.00	426,275.00
<u>STATE & FEDERAL</u>			
3319-000 FEDERAL GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS	9.42	5.00	5.00
3351-000 SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANTS			
3353-000 HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANTS	62,844.86	62,000.00	62,000.00
3359-001 ROOMS AND MEALS	101,435.59	98,000.00	98,000.00
3359-002 OTHER GRANTS			
TOTAL	164,289.87	160,005.00	160,005.00

2016-2017 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUALS REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '14-June '15	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '15-June '16	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '16-June '17
<u>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</u>			
<u>INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS</u>			
3401-001 POLICE INCOME	10,013.75	9,000.00	11,000.00
3401-002 POLICE INCOME - DETAILS	59,474.52	50,000.00	76,000.00
3401-003 RECREATION DEPT	24,827.97	14,000.00	20,000.00
3401-004 BEACH INCOME	3,030.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
3401-006 TRANSFER / WASTE INCOME	42,847.92	25,000.00	25,000.00
3401-007 PLANNING INCOME	2,591.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
3401-008 ZONING INCOME	3,647.00	2,500.00	3,200.00
3401-009 FIRE DEPT INCOME	290.00	600.00	600.00
3401-011 CONSERVATION COMMISSION	0.00		
3401-010 LIBRARY	1,310.77	1,500.00	1,300.00
3401-012 TRANSFER STATION PERMITS	1,789.00	2,000.00	2,100.00
3401-013 TCTC E-REG FEES	255.20	100.00	200.00
SUB TOTAL	150,077.13	109,700.00	144,500.00
3403-000 SEWER USER CHARGES	3,244.54	3,800.00	3,800.00
3403-001 SEWER MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT	1,550.00		0.00
TOTAL	4,794.54	3,800.00	3,800.00
<u>OTHER INCOME</u>	874,611.46	702,305.00	797,970.00
3500-000 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT			
3501-000 SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY			
3502-001 INTEREST INCOME-CHECKING & SAV	666.34	120.00	120.00
3502-002 INTEREST INCOME-INVESTMENTS	15,915.63	15,000.00	15,000.00
3506-003 RETIREE INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT	6,043.44	4,930.00	5,800.00
3506-004 INSURANCE OTHER RIEMBURSEMENT			
3506-005 INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	22,539.99	23,500.00	26,156.00
3509-000 MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	9,471.37	145.00	5,500.00
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	235,441.50	243,000.00	346,206.00
LONG-TERM NOTE			
DONATIONS & GIFTS (Library Addition)			680,000.00
LIFE SAFETY SERVICES AGREEMENT-PSU			45,000.00
TOTAL (Lines 67-82)	290,078.27	286,695.00	1,123,782.00
FROM FUND BALANCE	10,135.00	230,500.00	207,000.00
TOTAL	1,174,824.73	1,219,500.00	2,128,752.00

2016-2017 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3.V)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR July' 14-June '15	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR July' 15-June '16	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July' 16-June '17	BUDGET RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July' 16-June '17
SUMMARY OF EXPENSES				
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
EXECUTIVE	0.00	134,200.00	132,344.00	132,344.00
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITAL	75,754.27	77,000.00	82,146.10	82,146.10
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	65,423.70	67,000.00	71,419.30	71,419.30
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	29,321.37	43,600.00	43,600.00	43,600.00
LEGAL	15,308.82	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
GIS PROGRAM	0.00	3,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	358,548.91	366,188.05	383,486.86	383,486.86
PLANNING	10,203.57	11,400.00	10,677.70	10,677.70
ZONING	8,548.03	9,150.00	8,077.70	8,077.70
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/PROPERTY	15,586.94	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,500.00
CEMETERIES	3,584.00	4,750.00	7,450.00	7,450.00
OTHER INSURANCE	28,756.00	31,769.00	34,538.00	34,538.00
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>				
POLICE	435,663.93	431,639.00	458,532.00	458,532.00
AMBULANCE	46,723.37	48,146.00	48,894.67	48,894.67
FIRE	162,190.70	167,800.00	167,740.85	167,740.85
COMPLIANCE/HEALTH	12,120.80	15,000.00	9,481.00	9,481.00
EMERGENCY MGMT/FLOOD PATROL	320.89	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
<u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u>				
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	294,582.26	305,500.00	313,504.00	313,504.00
STREET LIGHTING	5,316.98	5,505.00	5,505.00	5,505.00
<u>SANITATION</u>				
TRANSFER STATION	163,819.26	166,000.00	194,450.00	194,450.00
SEWER	3,244.54	3,800.00	3,800.00	3,800.00
<u>HEALTH/WELFARE</u>				
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
PUBLIC SERVICES	30,000.00	29,900.00	30,171.00	30,171.00
WELFARE	6,238.21	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>				
PARKS AND RECREATION	51,286.13	60,390.00	60,390.00	60,390.00
BEACH	6,023.42	9,330.00	9,330.00	9,330.00
LIBRARY	111,951.09	124,800.00	128,493.24	128,493.24
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	904.50	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
<u>CONSERVATION</u>				
	1,759.35	4,268.78	4,254.62	4,254.62
<u>DEBT SERVICE</u>				
	94,326.45	92,541.64	90,795.41	90,795.41
TOTAL OPERATING BGT.	2,039,007.49	2,276,477.47	2,366,881.45	2,366,881.45

2016-2017 HOLDERNESS TOWN BUDGET

PURPOSE OF APROPRIATION (RSA 32:3,V)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR July' 14-June '15	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR July' 15-June '16	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July' 16-June '17	BUDGET RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July' 16-June '17
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>				
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	122,455.07	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	6,610.00	280,000.00	55,400.00	
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	0.00	0.00		
LIBRARY ADDITION/RENOVATION	6,380.00	0.00	875,000.00	875,000.00
GOVT BLDG IMPROVEMENTS	7,000.00	0.00		
REVALUATION	25,289.30	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT	2,299.00	11,000.00		
TOWN OFFICE COPIER	4,673.10	0.00		
COMPUTER WORK STATIONS/SERVER TH	15,135.00	0.00	10,806.00	10,806.00
POLICE CRUISER	38,000.00	38,000.00		
HEALTH INSURANCE	9,574.40	0.00		
ABATEMENT DEFENSE FUND	1,013.10	0.00		
WHITE OAK POND	437.50	0.00		
CONSERVATION BIOLOGICAL STUDY	0.00	3,500.00		
DOCUMENT MGT SYSTEM	1,569.69	0.00		
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING IMPROVEMENT	0.00	0.00		
NEW EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST		15,000.00		
LIBRARY IT	6,380.00			
FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPUTER	1,569.69			
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES			95,000.00	95,000.00
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT			10,000.00	10,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	248,385.85	522,500.00	1,221,206.00	1,221,206.00
TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS				
WHITE OAK POND DAM	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00
LIBRARY BUILDING	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
REVALUATION	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00
FIRE EQUIPMENT	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00	46,000.00
CONSERVATION	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
POLICE CRUISER	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOWN IT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
LIBRARY IT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
MASTER PLAN CRF	2,500.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
NEW CABLE TV SERVICE EXPANSION CRF		12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
NEW EMPLOYEE POST BENEFIT EXPENDABLE TRUST			15,000.00	15,000.00
TOTAL CRF	382,500.00	387,000.00	403,500.00	403,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	2,421,507.49	3,185,977.47	3,991,587.45	3,991,587.45
ESTIMATED GROSS INCOME	1,174,824.73	1,219,500.00	2,128,752.00	2,128,752.00
NET PROPERTY TAX APPROPRIATION*	1,246,682.76	1,966,477.47	1,862,835.45	1,862,835.45

* DOES NOT INCLUDE WAR CREDITS AND OVERLAY

TRANSFER STATION

Here we are again at the end of another year; 2015 was a great year with some surprises. It was nice to see you, the residents, recycling more, donating to Planet Aid, and asking questions about anything you weren't sure about. Tom and I appreciate questions!

On the trash side, we shipped an additional 30 tons of trash this year! With our extra efforts spent on packing each container tighter, Tom and I have increased the tonnage in each container to an average of 14 tons, up from 13. This equates to an additional two plus containers of trash. Because of our extra efforts in packing the containers, we ended up using one less truck load this year (51 trips compared to 52 last year). I need to add that the first load of trash was shipped on 1/2/15 so it was actually trash from 2014, but was shipped out in 2015. This year we shipped a total of 51 containers of trash. That means for the first time we shipped less than one truck a week, thereby saving the town shipping costs.

We also did very well on the recycling side. We took in an additional 25 tons of recycling! The amount of increase in trash and recycling is close, but trash weighs a lot more than the recyclables. The recycling containers only weigh 6 tons each. We had to use 3 more containers this year, 49 up from 46 in 2014. Again I have to note that the first container was shipped on 1/2/15 so it was recyclables from 2014 but did ship in 2015. If you compare the weight of trash to recycling, we are recycling almost 33% more. However, if you compare shipping space used, we are at about 48% more. An empty gallon milk jug or 2 liter soda bottle is lighter than a small bag of kitty litter. Either way you look at it, I think we are doing quite well at recycling. Thanks to you, the Holderness residents, we are equal to, or ahead of, most towns in NH, with a higher recycling average of 24 to 36 percent higher!

Planet Aid also did very well this year. We were down a little from last year, but you still donated 6 tons of clothing. That's almost half of a trash container being kept out of the waste stream -- great job! That translates to not only saving money by not throwing it in the trash, but we actually earned \$591.95 for the town! Just as a reminder, Planet Aid will take shoes, clothes, bedding, stuffed animals, and even good-condition plastic toys. They take anything made of fabric, even if it is torn or stained – AND they pay us 5 cents a pound. They sell the nice stuff and recycle the bad material.

I saw some of you down at the Meredith Household Hazardous Waste Day in July. It was nice to see you using this program to get rid of unwanted material. We, the town, pay to be a part of this day, but it is free to you as a Holderness

resident to participate. The date is always the last Saturday in July at 9 a.m. to noon. If you can, please plan on cleaning out those corners in the basement, garage, or shed, and participate in this important environmental effort. This helps in keeping our lakes clean!

Many of you may already know that we now accept florescent light bulbs at the Transfer Station. When you bring them in, please hand them to Tom or myself unbroken. There is no charge to discard them. This includes the little curly Q's that screw in. Please do not throw them in the trash! This causes a problem that takes our time and effort to correct.

I want to thank Tom Gammons for another helpful year. Tom and I also want to thank you, the residents of this great little town, for another successful year. Let's work together to recycle all we can. Remember- There are no dumb questions just a need for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Davis
Transfer Station Manager



Left to Right: Scott Davis-Manager, and Thomas Gammons.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015)



Courtesy of Colleen Hannon

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Town Administrator, Michael Capone. He has a good understanding of municipal finance and should be an asset to our community.

The Town of Holderness continues to invest all of our General Fund monies in local banks. 100 percent of these funds earn competitive interest rates and are insured by the FDIC or collateralized by US Government securities. Our principal bank is Meredith Village Savings Bank.

We have solid financial safeguards in place to minimize the potential for fraud. Our financial records are externally audited each year. All municipal checks require three signatures (Treasurer and two Selectmen). Every bill is reviewed by our Town Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, and myself before it is paid.

The following is a financial summary for fiscal year 2014-2015, prepared using cash-basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Elgin, Town Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

(JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015)

2015 Treasurer's Report (July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

Operating Account		
Beginning Balance 07/01/14		
Auditor Adjustments		
Receipts		
Taxes	\$ 7,976,585.47	
All Other	\$ 2,279,939.39	
Total Receipts	\$ 10,256,524.86	
Expenditures		
School Payments	\$ (6,219,179.00)	
County Payment	\$ (1,213,964.00)	
Town Employee Wages	\$ (997,139.36)	
Town Capital & Operating Expenses	(2,599,170.93)	
Total Expenditures	\$ (11,029,453.29)	
Ending Balance 06/30/15	\$ 3,466,356.12	
Bank Proof		
MVSB: 06/30/15 Checking & Investment		
Deposits in transit		
Checks in transit		
Ending Balance	\$ 3,553,274.23	
	\$ (86,918.11)	
	\$ 3,466,356.12	
Conservation Account		
Beginning Balance 07/01/14	\$ 1,138.31	
Receipts	\$ 0.45	
Expenditures		
Ending Balance 06/30/15	\$ 1,138.76	
Bank Proof		
Meredith Village Savings Bank 06/30/14	\$ 1,138.76	
Deposits in transit		
Checks in transit		
Ending Balance 06/30/15	\$ 1,138.76	
Woodsville CD		
Balance 06/30/2015 - Matured		Transferred to
Principal (\$250,000)		Operating Account
Meredith Village Savings Bank CD		
Balance 06/30/15		\$ 262,847.50
Principal (\$250,000)		

TRUST FUND & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
TOWN OF HOLDERNESS					
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 14,044.71			0.19	\$ 14,044.90
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 17,495.91	26,000.00	(38,000.00)	0.85	\$ 5,496.76
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 17,930.91	40,000.00	-	2.07	\$ 57,932.98
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 12,682.00	1,000.00	(437.50)	0.15	\$ 13,244.65
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 76,603.58	5,000.00		7.57	\$ 81,611.15
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 112,673.20	150,000.00	(140,055.00)	13.74	\$ 122,631.94
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 1,003.68				\$ 1,003.68
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 2,537.14	8,700.00		0.01	\$ 11,237.15
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 11,639.99			0.15	\$ 11,640.14
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$ 17,645.70			0.27	\$ 17,645.97
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 15,940.57			0.20	\$ 15,940.77
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 27,021.65	5,000.00		3.62	\$ 32,025.27
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 67,939.80	30,000.00	(3,500.00)	8.36	\$ 94,448.16
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 45,809.18	35,000.00	(26,315.00)	4.49	\$ 54,498.67
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 6,935.65	5,000.00	(2,299.00)	0.03	\$ 9,636.68
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 1,163.48			-	\$ 1,163.48
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$ 26,225.68	46,000.00		4.53	\$ 72,230.21
MASTER PLAN	\$ 7,151.90	2,500.00		0.04	\$ 9,651.94
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$ 23,350.81			3.60	\$ 23,354.41
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT	\$ 28,347.24	15,000.00	(6,074.00)	3.64	\$ 37,276.88
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 40,140.89	2,000.00		3.81	\$ 42,144.70
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE	\$ 29,826.62	-	(812.00)	3.68	\$ 29,018.30
VETERANS HONOR ROLL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,787.90				\$ 2,787.90
RAND GARDEN FUND	\$ 855.45			0.34	\$ 855.79
TOWN TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 3,236.40	10,000.00	(11,569.00)	-	\$ 1,667.40
LIBRARY TECHNOLOGY FUND	\$ 2,222.90	10,000.00	(6,380.00)	-	\$ 5,842.90
TOTALS	\$ 613,212.94	\$ 391,200.00	\$ (217,492.50)	\$ 61.34	\$ 769,032.78
HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 52,434.81			4.01	\$ 52,438.82
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 37,908.91	47,500.00	(40,000.00)	6.24	\$ 45,415.15
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$ -				\$ -
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$ 185,781.76	40,000.00	(80,000.00)	18.81	\$ 145,800.57
TOTALS	\$ 276,125.48	\$ 87,500.00	\$ (120,000.00)	\$ 29.06	\$ 243,654.54

TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015)

Report of Trust & Capital Reserve Funds (cont)

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST

SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1,694.36	-	\$ 1,694.36
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,615.03	-	\$ 1,615.03
TOTALS	\$ 3,309.39	\$ -	\$ -

PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

SPANISH CLUB	\$ 1,680.92	(200.00)	-	\$ 1,480.92
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,507.47		-	\$ 2,507.47
ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 31,952.29	(400.00)	3.71	\$ 31,556.00
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,374.52		0.02	\$ 6,374.54
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 25,071.77		3.61	\$ 25,075.38
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,938.09			\$ 2,938.09
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,405.95			\$ 3,405.95
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 8,629.51	(1,000.00)	0.04	\$ 7,629.55
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,158.74	(175.00)		\$ 983.74
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,519.56	(500.00)	0.03	\$ 7,019.59
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,027.44		0.04	\$ 9,027.48
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,918.96	4,382.00	(6,100.00)	\$ 5,200.98
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 12,941.19	(500.00)	0.15	\$ 12,441.34
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$ 1,598.23	(200.00)		\$ 1,398.23
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$ 29,293.86	(1,000.00)	3.63	\$ 28,297.49
FRENCH CLUB	\$ -			\$ -
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,071.60	(200.00)	0.01	\$ 5,871.61
TOTALS	\$ 157,090.10	\$ 4,382.00	\$ (10,275.00)	\$ 151,208.36

TOTAL TOWN FUNDS	\$ 769,032.78
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS	\$ 243,654.54
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS	\$ 3,309.39
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 151,208.36

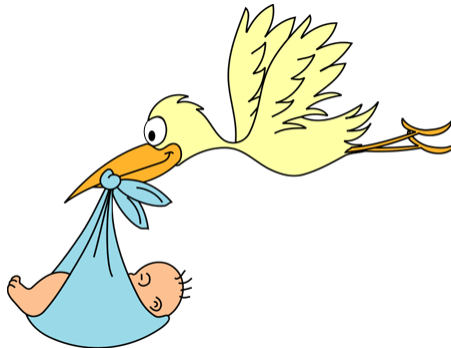
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS **\$1,167,205.07**

Respectfully Submitted,
Trustees of the Trust Funds
Bonnie Hunt, Chair
Maurice Lafreniere
Peter Woodward

VITAL STATISTICS 2015 - BIRTHS

July 18	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Shamus Joseph Gould <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> James Gould IV	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Jennifer Gould
August 15	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Owen Parker Sexton <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Craig Sexton	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Concord, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Rebekah Sexton
September 16	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Easton Alan Reed <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Randy Reed	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Amanda Reed
September 24	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Hazel Marie Eccleston <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Richard Eccleston	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Janet Eccleston
November 30	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> Oliver Piper Fuller <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Nathaniel Fuller	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> Kristen Fuller

We welcome our youngest residents to Holderness!



VITAL STATISTICS 2015 - DEATHS

January 27	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Eugene Winslow <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Howard Winslow	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Lydia Ratti
February 5	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Samuel Monroe Jr. <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Samuel Monroe Sr.	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Laconia, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Laura Greenleaf
April 23	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Pierce Beij <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Karl Beij	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Fay Pierce
June 3	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Timothy St Cyr <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Clauvis St Cyr	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Shirley Hill
July 30	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Joe Causky <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Paul Kosky	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Laconia, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Theresa Lampy
August 12	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Corey Goss <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Russell Goss	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Holderness, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Patricia Coup
October 10	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Joyce Rogers <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Fred Huffman	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Lebanon, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Ida Johnson
December 4	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> Wanda Brown <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> Alan McCranie	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> Plymouth, NH <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> Metta Plante

VITAL STATISTICS 2015 - MARRIAGES

January 1	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Daniel F. O'Neill Patricia H. Dimick	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
February 2	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Daniel E. Pierce Anne E. Simensen	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
April 16	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Charles E. Ziegler Jr. Lisa M. Montrose	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 6	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Jacob B. Woodward Lindsay C Karsten	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 27	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Kevin M Foss Kristina M. Stalnaker	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
June 27	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Brian E. Gammons Alyson G. Sewell	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Laconia, NH
July 18	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Michael A. McDowell Kyla M. Brett	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
July 21	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Patrick C. Payer Jaime L. Dubreuil	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH

VITAL STATISTICS 2015 – MARRIAGES Continued

September 19	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Thomas F. Ford III Susan L. Bertrand	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> Holderness, NH Holderness, NH
September 26	<u>NAME & SURNAME OF GROOM & BRIDE:</u> Kurt W. Schuler Alexandra B. Disney	<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, and gasoline and oil prices continually fluctuating, many individuals are forced to make 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 as 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

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.

In 2015, the Zoning Board reviewed fourteen variance applications. In 2014, it had reviewed sixteen applications which were a combination of variances and special exceptions. There were no motions for rehearings. All variances were approved; some with conditions.

The Board annually reviews and updates its Rules of Procedure which define the roles of the members and the process for conducting hearings and reviews its application form for ease of use by applicants.

This year, staff and Zoning Board member, Bob Maloney, attended a special training on non-conformities, hosted by the NH Municipal Association.

Application forms and the Holderness Zoning Ordinance, as well as minutes, agendas, and meeting dates for the Zoning Board of Adjustment can be found on the Town website, www.holderness-nh.gov.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment thanks Ivan Bass for his years of service. The Board always welcomes new members and encourages anyone interested to attend a few meetings to become familiar with the process.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendell Broom, Gary Johonnett, Gary Karp, Robert Maloney, Jude Ruhm, and Susan Webster - Chair

OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Board

Term Expires

Christina Gribben

2016

Kelly Schwaner

2016

Joseph Casey

2017

Bonni Acton

2018

Carolyn Mello

2018

CLERK

Sara Weinberg

TREASURER

Kathleen Whittemore

MODERATOR

Vacant

AUDITOR

Grzelak and Associates

SUPERINTENDENT

Mark J. Halloran

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Ethel F. Gaides

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Kyla A. Welch

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT

School: Holderness Local School

New Hampshire

Election Warrant

2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Holderness Local School in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in school district affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Town Hall in said District on the eighth day of March, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 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 Moderator for the ensuing two years.
- 4. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing three years.

Given under our hands,

We certify and attest that on or before _____, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at _____, and delivered the original to the keeper of records.

Printed Name	Position	Signature
Joseph Casey	Board Chairperson	
Bonni Acton	Board Member	
Christina Gribben	Board Member	
Carolyn Mello	Board Member	
Kelly Schwaner	Board Member	

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the town of Holderness Local School in the County of Grafton in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in school district affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Wednesday, March 9th, 2016

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Holderness Central School

Details:

Article 1: Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer

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

Article 2: Technology Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) 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 3: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) 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: Teachers Contract

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 salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2016-2017	\$26,114
2017-2018	\$22,454
2018-2019	\$24,357

2019-2020 \$27,193

and further to raise and appropriate twenty-six thousand one hundred fourteen dollars (\$26,114) for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article and the Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 6: Operating Budget

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the budget committee's recommended amount of four million two hundred forty-four thousand nine hundred six dollars (\$4,244,906) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Given under our hands,		
We certify and attest that on or before _____, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at _____, and delivered the original to the_____.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Joseph Casey	Board Chairperson	
Bonni Acton	Board Member	
Christina Gribben	Board Member	
Carolyn Mello	Board Member	
Kelly Schwaner	Board Member	

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017

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

Appropriations							
Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Instruction							
1100-1199	Regular Programs	6	\$1,811,519	\$1,783,189	\$1,665,654	\$0	\$1,665,654
1200-1299	Special Programs	6	\$486,945	\$526,000	\$584,056	\$0	\$584,056
1300-1399	Vocational Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	6	\$58,166	\$65,211	\$61,457	\$0	\$61,457
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	6	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Services							
2000-2199	Student Support Services	6	\$276,080	\$299,789	\$299,651	\$0	\$299,651
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	6	\$122,731	\$146,199	\$146,436	\$0	\$146,436
General Administration							
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	6	\$21,768	\$16,320	\$19,984	\$0	\$19,984
Executive Administration							
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services	6	\$233,892	\$228,782	\$236,761	\$0	\$236,761
2320-2399	All Other Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	6	\$277,817	\$290,196	\$289,431	\$0	\$289,431
2500-2599	Business	6	\$679	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	6	\$340,714	\$376,991	\$352,139	\$0	\$352,139
2700-2799	Student Transportation	6	\$165,907	\$178,750	\$189,857	\$0	\$189,857
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Non-Instructional Services									
3100	Food Service Operations	6	\$73,349	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction									
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services	6	\$0	\$0	\$33,000	\$0	\$0	\$33,000	\$0
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$322,783	\$95,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Outlays									
5110	Debt Service - Principal	6	\$237,108	\$237,108	\$237,108	\$0	\$0	\$237,108	\$0
5120	Debt Service - Interest	6	\$32,185	\$23,118	\$13,871	\$0	\$0	\$13,871	\$0
Fund Transfers									
5220-5221	To Food Service	6	\$40,631	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	6	\$60,579	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Allocation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$4,562,853	\$4,382,954	\$4,244,906	\$0	\$0	\$4,244,906	\$0

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017

Special Warrant Articles									
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction	4	\$0	\$0	\$196,542	\$0	\$196,542	\$0	\$0
	Purpose: Playground Replacement								
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	2	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0	\$0
	Purpose: Technology Capital Reserve Fund								
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	3	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
	Purpose: Building Renovation Capital Reserve Fund								
Special Articles Recommended			\$47,500	\$57,500	\$261,542	\$0	\$261,542	\$0	\$0
Individual Warrant Articles									
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	
1100-1199	Regular Programs	5	\$0	\$0	\$26,114	\$0	\$26,114	\$0	\$0
	Purpose: Teachers Contract								
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$26,114	\$0	\$26,114	\$0	\$0

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017

Revenues				
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Revised Revenues Current Year	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Local Sources				
1300-1349	Tuition	6	\$20,000	\$20,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	6	\$50	\$50
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	6	\$38,000	\$38,000
1700-1799	Student Activities		\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Activities		\$0	\$0
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	6	\$43,648	\$24,518
State Sources				
3210	School Building Aid	6	\$75,159	\$75,159
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	6	\$19,563	\$20,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	6	\$850	\$1,100
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources		\$0	\$0
Federal Sources				
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants		\$26,000	\$0
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	6	\$25,900	\$25,900
4570	Disabilities Programs		\$0	\$0
4580	Medicaid Distribution	6	\$15,000	\$15,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)	6	\$15,000	\$49,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources				
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Reserve Fund	6	\$0	\$25,000
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	4	\$0	\$146,000
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	4	\$0	\$50,542
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$279,170	\$490,269

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET 2016-2017

Budget Summary			
Item	Current Year	School Board Ensuing Year	Budget Committee Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$4,382,954	\$4,244,906	\$4,244,906
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$57,500	\$261,542	\$261,542
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$26,114	\$26,114
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$4,440,454	\$4,532,562	\$4,506,448
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$279,857	\$490,269	\$490,269
Estimated Amount of State Education Tax/Grant		\$0	\$0
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised for Education		\$4,042,293	\$4,042,293

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$4,506,448
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$237,108
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$13,871
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$250,979
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$4,255,469
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$425,547
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$26,114
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i>)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting:	
<i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</i>	
	\$4,931,995

HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

FY 2014-2015

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
Current Assets					
Cash	165,896.42	(3,275.34)	(8,204.79)	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	243,654.54
Interfund Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	1,726.95	0.00	9,214.74	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	3,782.00	6,952.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	22,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	194,305.37	3,677.46	1,009.95	0.00	243,654.54
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	19,644.10	3,677.46	1,009.95	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	22,900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	42,544.10	3,677.46	1,009.95	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity					
Res for Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Encumbrances	93,697.92	0.00	1,290.17	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	0.00	-1,290.17	0.00	243,654.54
Unreserved Fund Balance	58,063.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Equity	151,761.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	243,654.54
Total Liability & Fund Equity	194,305.37	3,677.46	1,009.95	0.00	243,654.54

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



Plymouth Regional High School

It is our pleasure to report to you on the progress our schools are making, as we strive to give every student in SAU #48 the opportunity to attain a K-12 education that puts him/her in a position to be college/career ready upon high school graduation.

School wide academic goals have been created at all of the elementary schools to measure performance locally, district and statewide. Administrators and teachers continually review instructional and assessment data to guarantee that students meet their potential. SAU #48 continues to maintain the importance of the arts, music, theatre, wellness, athletics, and extended learning opportunities as part of an integrated approach to education.

Teachers have worked collaboratively across SAU #48, creating high standards and adopting competencies in the arts, social studies, music, guidance, and technology. These educators researched best practice and created performance indicators for students to excel in those specific content areas. We will coordinate adopting competencies in math, physical education, and health for the 2016-2017 school year.

Technology enables educational innovation to prepare students for college and career success in the 21st century. Using technology to empower students to engage in learning aligns with our curriculum goals by its integration of all content areas; enriching extended learning with after-school and summer programming. We continue to upgrade our technology tools, web sites, wireless, and network infrastructure to support the interactive online resources.

Students in grades 3-8 and 11 were administered the Smarter Balanced Assessment in both Math and English/Language Arts this past spring. In grades 4 and 8, students were administered the NECAP Science Assessments. We

continue to locally assess all students in the SAU with the NorthWest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to measure growth during each academic year.

All of our educators are immersed in professional development opportunities. Every year, educators attend the summer Google Summit to engage in learning about new uses of Google tools. Educators have engaged in professional development utilizing a new K-12 digital science series and proven instructional practices to enhance student learning.

Please know that your support and generosity are never taken for granted. We sincerely appreciate everything our communities do to strengthen and improve our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Halloran
Superintendent

Ethel Gaides
Asst. Superintendent

Kyla Welch
Asst. Superintendent

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

The flu vaccine was offered at HCS this fall and 42% of the students participated. The staff also had the opportunity to receive the flu vaccine at school through the Local Government Center.

Sppeare Memorial Hospital continues to sponsor the dental health clinic at the school. Ruth Doane came in the fall to do dental screenings, cleanings, sealants, and fluoride varnish to students at HCS. She will return again later in the year.

SAU #48 School Nurses meet monthly to discuss policies and share information, usually there is a guest speaker discussing school issues. SAU #48 has instituted tracking of concussions, creating a baseline by conducting an impact test for any student that plays sports. John Brule from PRHS has been assisting us with any student who has a potential concussion. Please refer to HCS website under student services and health office where there is a link to SAU #48 sports medicine.

During the winter months Mrs. Van Sickle will be teaching yoga to students on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7:50 a.m. It has been a success so far with as many as 20 students attending.

Wellness is being taught in the classrooms this year, with Mrs. Swanson is doing guidance, Mrs. Dwyer and I have been doing health. Students have studied bones, dental care, flue, and proper hand washing. This follows the SAU #48 health curriculum used for K-5. We also utilize kidshealth.org. Mrs. Van Sickle will also be in the rotation supporting the Wellness curriculum as delivered by the wellness teachers.

As the school nurse, I will be available as a resource person to students, parents and teachers. SMH and Plymouth Pediatrics continue to serve as community resources to HCS.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Johnstone, BSN, RN
School Nurse

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Holderness Central School

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 Mrs. Ashley Gagnon, as the new Middle School Language Arts teacher this year. At the end of 2014-2015 school year, two veteran teachers, Mrs. Barbara Guinan and Mrs. Maureen Clark retired.

Holderness Central School is not unlike other schools in SAU 48 when it comes to the fluctuation in enrollment. The school continues to adjust and respond in meeting the needs of our students. Using the existing intermediate team model, our fourth and fifth grade students are taught by two teachers who specialize in a specific content area, while our kindergarten through grade three students remain in a self-contained classroom setting. We continue to work diligently to prepare students for the high school.

The middle school provides a challenging academic program designed to meet the needs of our middle level learners. The team model remains the approach teachers use to meet both the academic and social needs of our middle level students. We remain focused on more teaching time in the content areas while embracing the enrichment program that combines our seventh and eighth grade students and still provides the opportunity for them to choose a class of their interest. Students in grade six remain an integrated part of the adopted reading series and are taught reading in addition to their language arts class. The enrichment program provides students with choices consisting of music, history of wars, art exploration and science. These classes focus on specific topics of interest while reinforcing reading strategies through the content areas. The enrichment program remains a popular learning experience for students as it allows them to examine a particular area of interest in more depth. The

immersion of one-to-one student devices in the classroom has transformed the middle school learning experience. All students are equipped with an individual laptop. Combined with the use of the Google docs application, this has created an interactive learning environment that reaches beyond the normal school hours.

Our elementary teachers and students continue to focus on the implementation of our math program, In-Focus Math, commonly known as Singapore Math. We are in the fourth year of implementation and have seen significant growth in mathematical conceptual knowledge. In addition, we are in the second year of the reading series for students in grades kindergarten through six. The reading series “Wonders” provides students the necessary components to build a strong foundation in reading and language arts. Our teachers continue to work closely with others throughout the SAU, as this program is implemented in several of our schools within the district. This year we have also started a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) lab for students in grades three through five. The class is taught by middle school science teacher Emily Kelley, who utilizes recent training combined with content knowledge to provide this extended learning opportunity.

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. In the areas of music and art, we continue to explore additional offerings through the enrichment program at the middle school level and the after-school art club.

This past summer, the Holderness Central School building underwent the new installation of an energy efficient propane system to heat the building. Also, the lighting and sound systems in the gym were upgraded. We hope you have noticed these improvements. In addition, the school property fencing project was completed and upgraded LED lighting was installed to improve efficiency and safety on the exterior of the building.

In closing, I would like to express my appreciation to the entire Holderness community for its continued support and generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Van Bennekum,
Principal

HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015

The annual School District meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Moderator Malcolm “Tink” Taylor. The Moderator called a brief recess to allow those in attendance to check in with the Supervisors of the Checklist. The Moderator reconvened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Moderator Taylor asked Nancy Ruhm to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator reviewed the ground rules for the District Meeting. Francis Taylor made a motion to wave reading the Warrant Articles in their entirety, seconded by Sam Brickley. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Moved by Alden “Skip” Van Sickle, seconded by Martha Richards. 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 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)

Moved by Martha Richards, seconded by Francis Taylor. Martha Richards asked how much money is currently in the capital reserve fund. School Board Member Joseph Casey stated the balance is twenty eight thousand dollars (\$28,000). Board Member Casey explained that the School will transition over the next four years from a computer lab to an individual device program for students in grades 5-8. Maryanna Swanson asked how many devices will be purchased. Board Member Casey replied that 102 devices will be purchased for students and staff. The cost will include maintenance, replacement and insurance. Board Member Casey added that the amount in this article is sufficient for this purpose. 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 fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be placed in the previously established capitol reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends

this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Walter Johnson, seconded by Sam Brickley. Martha Richards asked what renovations are planned and how the funds have been spent in the past. Board Member Joseph Casey explained that last year capitol reserve funds were used to replace the gym floor and theater. The School board plans to convert the heating system from oil to propane, renovate the existing well, basketball court and playground, change the lighting to energy efficient LED lights and pave outdoor walkways. The existing capitol reserve fund has been spent down by the upgrades completed last year. 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 four million three hundred eighty-two thousand nine hundred fifty-four dollars (\$4,382,954) 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 or 3. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Walter Johnson, seconded by Martha Richards. Robert Snelling asked about the number of students at Holderness Central School. Principal William Van Bennekum was granted permission to speak under unanimous consent. Principal Van Bennekum replied that 157 students are enrolled and 147 students are expected next year. Class sizes range from 9 to 25 students. Principal Van Bennekum explained that 195 students were enrolled five years ago and that number has decreased over the last few years. Robert Snelling suggested including the population of each class in the annual Town Report. Board Member Joseph Casey reminded those in attendance that student population information is available on the Town and School websites. Martha Richards noted the decline in enrolment from about 280 students in the 1980's and 1990's. Mrs. Richards suggested ways to encourage families with school age children to move to Holderness could include attracting jobs to the area. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

Article 5: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Moved by Francis Taylor, seconded by Martha Richards. Bruce Whitmore suggested that a special committee of the School Board be formed to assess the future of the School. School Board Member Joseph Casey stated that a Committee is being developed and will include elected and appointed School and Town officials as well as members of the community. The Committee will evaluate many factors including enrollment, the quality of education and the possibility of combining with another school in the District. Moderator Malcolm “Tink” Taylor stated that he has enjoyed many years as School District Moderator. Moderator Taylor reminded those in attendance that he has retired as School District Moderator after 30 years of service and encouraged anyone interested to volunteer for the position. With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was accepted to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Weinberg

School District Clerk, Holderness

**HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT**

	Fiscal Year <u>2013/2014</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2014/2015</u>
Expenditures	\$811,791	\$705,107
Revenues	\$122,974	\$92,662
Net Expenditures	<u>\$688,817</u>	<u>\$612,444</u>
\$ increase/decrease		-\$76,372
% increase/decrease		-11.09%

AUDITOR'S REPORT- Balance Sheet

PLODZIK & SANDERSON

Professional Association / Accountants & Auditors

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

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,410,729	\$ 57,015	\$ 3,467,744
Investments	262,848	14,045	276,893
Accounts receivable	-	2,558	2,558
Taxes receivable	2,756,516	-	2,756,516
Voluntary tax liens	14,351	-	14,351
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(14,351)	-	(14,351)
Prepaid items	22,900	-	22,900
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	983	-	983
Investments	754,132	-	754,132
Total assets	<u>\$ 7,208,108</u>	<u>\$ 73,618</u>	<u>\$ 7,281,726</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 792	\$ -	\$ 792
Accrued salaries and benefits	34,001	-	34,001
Intergovernmental payable	3,863,724	-	3,863,724
Total liabilities	<u>3,898,517</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,898,517</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	987,657	-	987,657
Unavailable revenue - Donations	24,421	-	24,421
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,012,078</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,012,078</u>
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable	22,900	4,750	27,650
Restricted	-	9,295	9,295
Committed	755,115	59,573	814,688
Assigned	48,490	-	48,490
Unassigned	1,471,008	-	1,471,008
Total fund balances	<u>2,297,513</u>	<u>73,618</u>	<u>2,371,131</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 7,208,108</u>	<u>\$ 73,618</u>	<u>\$ 7,281,726</u>

To view the entire Auditor's Report, please visit www.holderness-nh.gov/Public_Documents/HoldernessNH_WebDocs/2015AUDITREPORT

CADY

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth would like to thank you for your support over the past year. With the New Year unfolding, we are reminded of how grateful we are to have such strong community support from the Town of Holderness.

We know that everyone reading this message feels as strongly as we do that substance abuse is a serious and constant problem that calls for ongoing local action. The challenges never end, nor does the work we do at CADY with implementing solutions to those very serious issues with our community partners. The consequences of drug use are severe—it derails our kids from academics and other important life goals and puts them on high-risk pathways to other harm including addiction and death. In NH, it is estimated that 400 people died from opiate and heroin overdoses in 2015—we cannot allow addiction to continue stealing the lives of our young people. The most responsible, humane, and cost effective strategy is to stop these serious and tragic situations from occurring in the first place. CADY is committed to protecting our youth by fighting drug abuse on the ground, where it begins, in our communities. CADY’s work promotes the vital relationships and connections youth need to grow and thrive and the information and tools our communities need to prevent the harms of substance abuse.

In the midst of continuing challenges, 2015 was a year of progress for CADY. Significant and noteworthy accomplishments from last year include the receipt of two statewide awards: the “*2015 Youth-In-Action Award*” from the NH New Futures Policy Organization, and the *2015 Non-Profit Champion of the Year Award* from the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Hampshire. We share that honor with our community partners as our important work could not move forward without our significant collaborations. In 2015 we partnered with the Central NH Regional Public Health Network to implement a systems-change initiative called the Substance Use Disorders Continuum of Care. The Continuum of Care is a robust and accessible, effective and well-coordinated full spectrum of substance misuse prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery supports that are integrated with primary health care and behavioral health, and align with state efforts to establish whole-person centered, and community-owned systems of care.

Our unique *Alex’s Story* collaborative educational project with the Plymouth State University TIGER Program is helping kids to make better choices statewide. To see details on this exciting project and local youth participating in skill-building activities as part of our acclaimed LAUNCH Youth

Entrepreneurship Program and Youth Advisory and Advocacy Council (YAAC), please go to our website at www.cadyinc.org. Our youth leadership programs are proven effective at developing goal setting, strong leadership skills, healthy choices, and life success. While we are very proud of the accomplishments of our youth leaders, we also know that sometimes good kids make bad choices. For confidentiality reasons, we cannot show you the faces of the youth who have transformed their lives as a result of our state-accredited Restorative Justice Program, but please know that this vital juvenile court diversion program continues to give high-risk youth from our local communities and Holderness a second chance to make restitution to the victims of juvenile crime and turn their lives around.

While we are grateful for our many successes, we have ongoing challenges to preventing and reducing substance misuse. We know that many worthwhile causes turn to you for support, and we thank you for supporting these important services. We are grateful and inspired by your ongoing commitment to our critical work of substance abuse and addiction prevention—thank you for your partnership Holderness!

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Naro
CADY—Executive Director

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

JOSEPH KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Serving you,

Joe

FRIENDS OF THE PEMI



Photo courtesy of Walter Johnson

Calendar 2015 marks the end of three years of involvement by Friends of the Pemi – Livermore Falls Chapter. This collaboration between the towns of Holderness, Campton and Plymouth, Plymouth Rotary, State of New Hampshire, PSU and many other interested organizations and individuals has shown the power of working together toward common goals. We are pleased to report on our progress in achieving the vision begun by Executive Councilor Ray Burton and defined by the community visioning sessions in 2014. While the accomplishments are notable, we are not done yet. This is a long term project and we will not be satisfied until this most recent of parks is recognized as providing the best recreation, education and environmental opportunities in the State.

During 2013, various clean-up days were organized and there were significant coordinating activities between the stakeholders. During 2014, two community visioning sessions were held to define the future potential of the area. Livermore Falls became a State park and responsibility was formally transferred from Fish and Game to the Department of Resources and Economic Development. Improvements included signage, picnic tables, grills and bike racks. Increased supervision by the Town of Holderness encouraged more family friendly use of

the Holderness beach. There was a notable decrease in summons by the police and over 5,000 visitors came to experience the river. Finally, we received a commitment from the State to use the \$150,000 settlement with the Groton wind farm to further improve the Livermore Falls area.

During 2015, a full time attendant was provided by the State and a cultural resource study was completed. The final design for a new parking lot was approved with space for about 70 cars with a scheduled completion date by summer, 2016. Funding for the parking lot came from the State's capital funds and the \$150,000 noted above has been initially earmarked for improvements on the Campton side of the river. The Friends group developed a website to communicate its activities and to include information on historical, environmental and recreational values. Our volunteers hosted five events in Holderness which included education about the history and water quality as well as river safety rules. A volunteer greeter calendar was created to provide increased site presence and over 1,200 hours were devoted to these efforts.

In 2016, we will turn our attention to the Campton side of the river to include meetings with the Department of Environmental Services and the Department of Historic Resources. Our vision is for a scenic, historical and safe place to experience the beauty of Livermore Falls.

We encourage all residents of the surrounding communities to visit this sometimes unknown local natural resource gem. We also invite your participation with the Friends group to help achieve the vision set forth in 2014. For further information, please contact us at:

LivermoreFalls.org

Friends of the Pemi – Livermore Falls Chapter on Facebook

Nhstateparks.org/visit/state-parks/Livermore-falls-recreation-area.aspx

Ken Evans at evanmead139@gmail.com



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“A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire’s future well-being.”
-- 2014 Sentinel Event Review Report

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Holderness 2015 budget helped Genesis Behavioral Health provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Holderness experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During FY 2015 (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015), we served **34 Holderness residents and provided Emergency Services to 7 Holderness residents**. We provided **\$3,269.11 in charity care**.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1-17	11
Ages 18-61	20
Age 62 and older	3

According to recent community needs assessments, access to mental health care continues to be a priority community need for Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. Reduced access to treatment leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than \$100 billion each year in the United States, causing unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

A partnership with the municipalities we serve is critical to the sustainability of the Emergency Services program. The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating for our communities. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling relationships, maintain stable employment, and lead productive lives. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,843 individuals living with, and recovering from, mental illness last year. On behalf of them, thank you for your contribution.

Respectfully submitted,
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 well-being 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.

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 2014-15, 68 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center; twenty-nine were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 509 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 1,715 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 34 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 50 visits with a trained outreach worker and 79 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 224 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2014-15 was \$24,162.81.

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 become 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.*

GCSCC 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 programs with over two hundred people attending. Several hundred people toured the museum, which we continue to maintain, upgrade and provide special exhibits.

PROGRAMS - This year we partnered with the Holderness Library to present four programs sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council** and one additional program.

- ❖ **Native American History of NH: Alliance and Survival, circa 1400-1700- David Stewart Smith
- ❖ **Banjos, Bones, and Ballads- Jeff Warner
- ❖ **Saving the Mountains: NH & the Creation of the National Forest- Marcia Schmidt Blaine
- ❖ **Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in New Hampshire- Rebecca Rule
- ❖ *Liv-Slo* docked for people to see a steamboat up close- John Echlin

MUSEUM BUILDING -

- ❖ Dealt with the many problems of historic buildings.
- ❖ Maintained and updated a research/library area to allow people to research families, cemeteries, camps, historical events, and places.
- ❖ Completed the exterior work begun in 2014, replacing corner boards, a rotten window frame and the west portico as well as staining sides and rear of building.
- ❖ Doug Ross' PRHS woodshop class built a new flower box and Earl and Lynn Hansen provided flowers.

HISTORICAL PROJECTS -

- ❖ Produced biannual newsletters with articles of local history.
- ❖ Provided help with genealogy research on Holderness residents.
- ❖ Sold books and old maps of Squam Lake and Holderness.
- ❖ Presented a special exhibit – *of steamboats and the Asquam Transportation Company*.
- ❖ Expanded our collection with the donation of artifacts.

COMMUNITY -

- ❖ 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 to third graders of the Holderness Central School.

- ❖ Worked with flowers on the bridge and the Summer Celebration.
- ❖ Have kept our website updated - www.holdernesshistoricalsociety.org.

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 continue the cataloging of our books and pamphlets and plan to expand materials in our research/library area to make researching families, cemeteries, camps, and other historical events and places simpler.
- ❖ Next summer there will again be a special exhibit in the Museum.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Officers

Linda Foerderer - President
 Susan Kemp - Vice President
 Missy Mason - Treasurer
 Cynthia Murray - Secretary

Directors

Lynn Durham
 Dodie Greenwood
 Mary Elizabeth Nielsen
 Patty Sue Salvador
 Tink Taylor

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

103 Main Street, Suite #3
Meredith, NH 03253
Tel 603-279-8171



The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities according to state law for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful 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 to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include 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:

1. OUTREACH

- Distributed final Hazard Mitigation Plan to Town, Federal Emergency Management Agency, and NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Reviewed Town's draft Master Plan Chapter and communications with municipal official.
- Edited Town's Historic Resources Chapter.
- Reviewed Commissioner's term expiration and notified Town.
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the Town at considerable savings.

2. REGIONAL SERVICES

3. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Handled over 35 tons of Hazardous Substances from 1,936 households in 24 Communities and safeguarding the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 27th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

4. EDUCATION

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

6. TRANSPORTATION

For more detail regarding services, please visit our website at, www.lakesrpc.org.



Squam Lake, Photo Courtesy of Peter Webster

MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

The annual Memorial Day Service took place on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 11 AM. The Service took place in front of the Holderness Honor Roll Monument on the Library grounds. Select Board member Shelagh Connelly welcomed the community and reminded all of the service and ultimate sacrifice of 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 at the Monument. The three volley gun to salute the dead reminded us of the seriousness of their sacrifice. The final bugle rendition of taps performed by Tim Hazelton was truly moving.



Photo Courtesy of Cindy Foster

The Holderness Central School band played “The Star Spangled Banner” and “A Song for Peace”, and closed the ceremony with the band and chorus performing “March Across the Seas”.

The event was respectful and ceremonious, and many people from our community took part in honoring our service members. We ended with children placing red and white carnations on all the veterans’ graves in the Bridge Cemetery.

Following the Memorial Day remembrance, the Holderness Library held their annual Book & Bake Sale which was, as usual, a nice social event.

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.

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Key Events – 2015: PRLAC completed its 14th year of water quality testing on the Pemi. PRLAC members logged over 280 volunteer hours in ongoing activities: water testing, permit application site visits, outreach, and meetings. Member miles traveled in support of this effort is estimated to be ~ 1100. Our primary focus is on eight corridor towns from Thornton to Hill. All these towns supported PRLAC in 2015. PRLAC receives administrative and technical support from the Lakes Region Planning Commission.

Pemi River water levels behind Ayers Island Dam were lowered 8' over five weeks in September-October for dam repairs. During this time some effort was made to remove variable milfoil in a couple of exposed sections of the river. Riparian land owner Chris Marshall took advantage of this opportunity to organize trash pickup in the backwaters of Ayers Island Dam. With a major assist from New Hampton School students – more than 165 large bags of shoreland trash were removed.

Key indicators of river health are 1) dissolved oxygen 2) specific conductance 3) turbidity 4) pH 5) temperature. PRLAC's volunteer water quality teams are out bi-weekly testing the indicators of water quality from April into September. Sampling takes place at nine stations. This effort is supported by NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Volunteer River Assessment Program in Concord. The stations are authorized by the NH DES and the test data are officially part of their state wide report on surface water quality to the EPA. PRLAC periodically gathers lab samples for E coli/Phosphorous in high recreation areas. Some water quality observations noted in the 2015 season: One E coli "spike" occurred in late July at two sites. It was clear at next test event. River pH, although modestly improved, remains on the acidic side of the state standard; water temperature appears to be somewhat higher; turbidity "spikes" are often seen after significant precipitation events, an indication that sediment and organic matter are flushing into the river. All other indicators were fine and consistent with the Pemi's historical profile.

Friends of Pemi – Livermore, DRED, and Plymouth Rotary made amazing progress on the new Livermore Falls State Park development in 2015. More amenities, trash removal, user surveys contributed. Improving parking is next on the priority list.

Looking Ahead: The new Northern Pass expanded cable plans will occupy agendas in 2016, both for towns along the route and PRLAC. The implications are regional, affecting water quality in the Pemi, property values, tourism, indeed quality of life in our region. There are serious erosion issues at right-of-way river crossovers today. These will get worse as grown-in rights-of-way are enlarged. PRLAC is considering petitioning for Intervenor Status with the SEC. Also on the high concern list is stormwater runoff, which continues to haunt all surface water in the state. Mitigation of this problem continues to be a PRLAC priority. PRLAC meets on the last Tuesday of most months January - November at 7:00PM in Plymouth's Pease Public Library. All are encouraged to attend. For more information go to <http://www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacindex.asp>

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair

“RESTORING” MERGED LOTS UNDER HB 316

Notice to Property Owners

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, the State 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.” The 2011 State Legislature enacted HB 316 (effective July 24, 2011) which created a new section – RSA 674:39-aa.

Under RSA 674:39-aa, 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 merged lots that is less restrictive than these provisions. Any decision of the governing body on 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 603-968-2145.

SQUAM LAKES ASSOCIATION

The Squam Lakes Association is dedicated to conserving for the public benefit the natural beauty, peaceful character, and unique resource values of the lakes and surrounding area. In cooperation with local and state authorities and other conservation organizations, the Association promotes the protection, careful use, and shared enjoyment of the lakes, mountains, forests, open spaces, and wildlife of the Squam Lakes region.

- **Water quality:** With 36 years of water quality monitoring on Squam, we have a rich history and deep understanding of the past three decades. We will continue to collect this baseline information, but are expanding our water quality monitoring program with the purchase of water quality monitoring meters. With a few meters already in use, we now collect water quality information year-round and can focus our study on important emerging threats to water quality such as road salt impacts and oxygen levels in the lake's deepest points.
- **Invasive Plant Management:** We've made enormous progress in our fight against variable milfoil. Our intensified efforts with our Diver Assisted Suction Harvester are currently focused all the way downstream at the dam in Ashland. In 2015 we pulled half as much milfoil as in 2014 because there is less milfoil in the Lakes and River. Our focused efforts of the past few years are clearly paying off. Rampant milfoil infestations can drop shorefront property values from 20-40%.
- **Squam Watershed Plan:** The process of updating the Squam Watershed Plan (last completed in 1991) is underway. This massive effort is the driving force behind the SLA's conservation work into the future. The update, in collaboration with Plymouth State University, involves stakeholders across the spectrum: SLA members, conservation partners, municipal, state and federal government, technical experts, and many more. The resulting document will help us protect Squam into the future.
- **Education:** We continue to offer summer programs, speakers, guided experiences, and campsites to help people experience Squam and to learn about sustainable ways to access and recreate on this unique and sensitive resource.
- **Volunteers:** Last year we had 162 volunteers who gave over 5,000 hours of their time to maintaining natural resources of the Squam Lakes.
- **Town Engagement:** We are open and excited about partnering with the town of Holderness where our work and the work of town intersect. Some of our partnerships with the town include:
 - Holderness residents get free parking and access at the SLA headquarters.
 - There is a camping day given to the Holderness recreation department.
 - We are working with the Holderness Police Department to figure out the best way to manage the popularity of Rattlesnake Mountain.

SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY (SLCS)

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, our first parcel was a gift of land by Frank Webster to create the Holderness Town Beach to benefit Holderness residents. SLCS currently has a stake in the protection of 40 Holderness properties covering over 4,400 acres. Here are some of the highlights from 2015:

- We completed 6 conservation projects (500 acres) including the purchase of the Whitten Woods parcel in Ashland, in collaboration with the New England Forestry Foundation, Squam Lakes Association, LCHIP, and over 170 donors.
- We launched the Squam Uplands initiative establishing a framework prioritizing the protection of land above 1,000 feet in elevation throughout the Squam watershed.
- We ended the year protecting 124 properties and 8,500 acres of land, contributing significantly to the 26% of land protected in the 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 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.foreversquam.org, or call Alicia Abbott, Zak Brohinsky, Pete Helm, Doug Hill or Roger Larochelle at 968-7900.

SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

The following is a summary of activity during 2015:

- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center saw another season of more than 50,000 visitors during the May through October trail season.
- The long winter of 2014-2015 made spring cleanup a challenge for the Science Center and the annual Cleanup Day was cancelled in lieu of more project based cleanup tasks for groups.
- The Science Center launched unique lesson plans for schools to follow with Project OspreyTrack, the osprey tracking program led by Iain MacLeod. The launch coincided with World Osprey Week and helps teachers and students join schools from all across the United States, Europe, and Africa that are following and learning about ospreys.
- The Science Center partnered with the nonprofit organization Art for Water to stimulate thought about water issues and to create a three-dimensional Stream of Conscience public participation art installation in the Trailhead Gallery. The installation will be on display through November 1, 2016.
- On July 1, the much anticipated Gordon Interactive Playscape opened to the public. The nature playground teaches children about the concept of prey and predator, by having them simulate the obstacles faced by a red squirrel.
- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center was named a Certificate of Excellence winner on TripAdvisor. This is the third consecutive year the Science Center has received the Certificate of Excellence, which celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to establishments that consistently achieve great traveler reviews on TripAdvisor.
- The Science Center was featured on Giving Matters on New Hampshire Public Radio in August and featured a Blue Heron School family.
- The Science Center was named a 2015 Family Favorite by Parenting New Hampshire Magazine for Favorite Environmental and Educational Center.
- The Horizon Award was given to Laurie Beeson for his outstanding service and commitment to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marketing and Visitor Services Manager
Squam Lakes Natural Science Center

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 ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home.

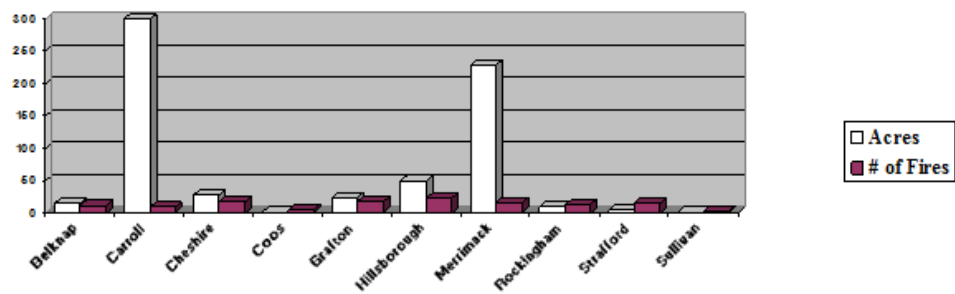
Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2015	134	661
Debris	17	2014	112	72
Campfire	13	2013	182	144
Children	3	2012	318	206
Smoking	12	2011	125	42
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	71	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION



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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.

Here are some of our noteworthy impacts during the past calendar year: Dave Falkenham collaborated with the County to begin a timber sale on the County forest lands. After Dave's departure in July, Jim Frohn was hired in December as our new County Forester.

- Michal Lunak began a research project looking at the economic feasibility of producing dairy beef in the North Country.
- Donna Lee partnered with two local schools to develop a 4-H presence in their community.
- Lisa Ford continued to promote healthy living practices, educate youth, parents, adults, and seniors about smart food choices and being physically active.
- Geoffrey Sewake was a successful co-applicant on two Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development grants totaling \$20,000.
- Jessica Sprague taught ServSafe[®] courses along with other food safety and food preservation programs. She is working with the food safety team to develop farm food safety programming.
- Along with colleagues in four states, Heather Bryant continued work on a five year, multi-state research project looking at fertilizer requirements for high tunnel tomatoes.
- Volunteer Master Gardeners began work on planning the first Master Gardener training program held in the North Country in ten years; it was conducted in the Fall of 2015.

**Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at
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Respectfully submitted,
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