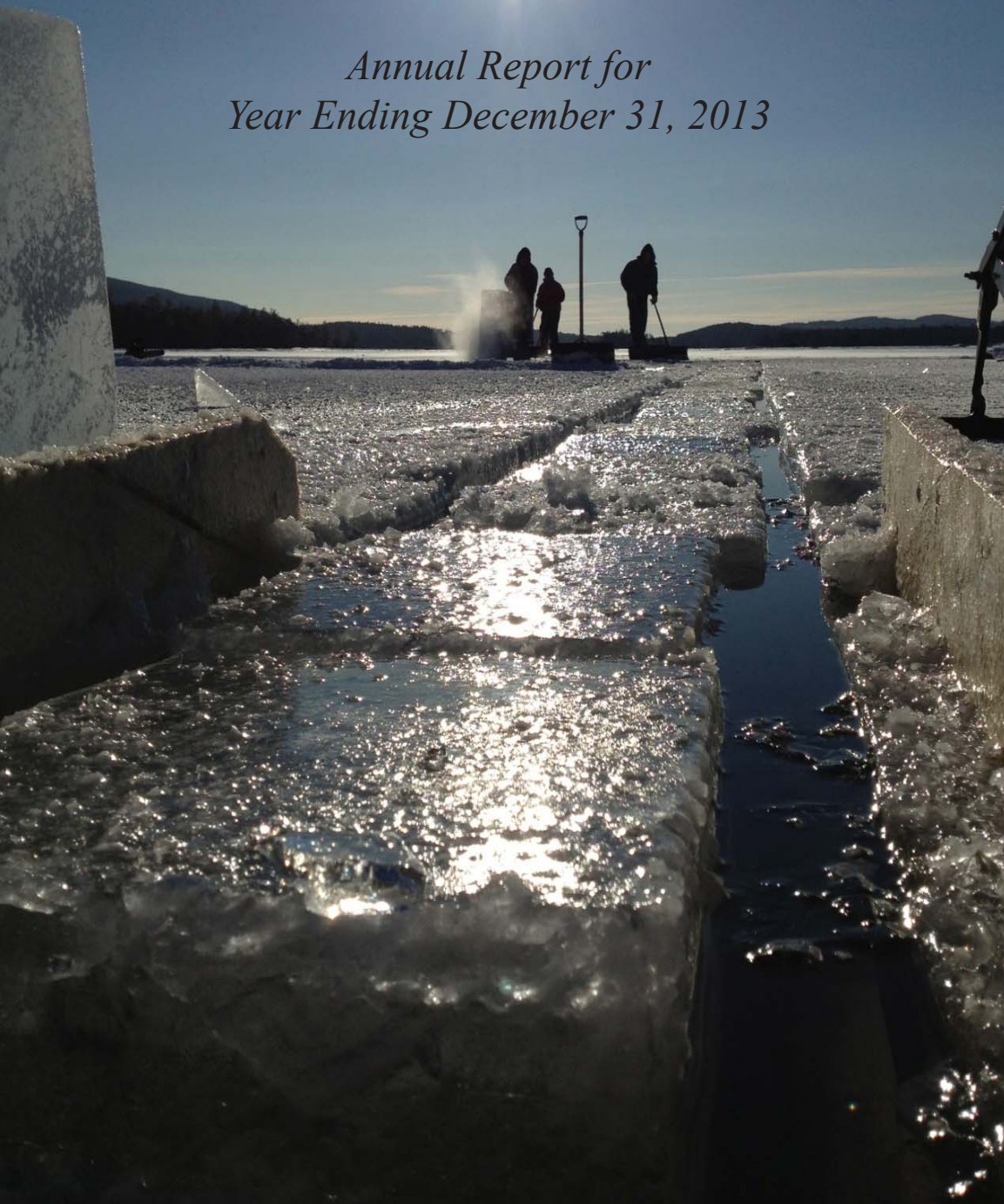


# TOWN OF HOLDERNESS NEW HAMPSHIRE

*Annual Report for  
Year Ending December 31, 2013*



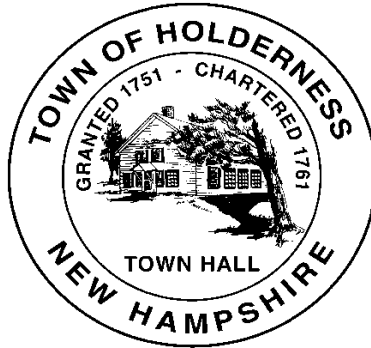
**On the Cover:**

## The Ice Harvest

Every winter, since the late 1800's long after the summer guests have departed, a ritual takes place at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps- the harvesting of lake ice. When the ice becomes 12" thick (usually mid to late January) the work begins. Ice harvesting on Squam Lake is stored in two ice houses, one in each camp. In the summer, ice is delivered via wooden wheelbarrows, to antique iceboxes located in guest cottages.

Each ice block, referred to as a "cake", measures about 12" x 15" x 19" and weigh an average of 120 pounds. Approximately 3,600 cakes or over 200 tons of ice is harvested each year. Depending on the conditions and the number of crew members the harvest takes 3 to 5 days to complete. To keep the cakes frozen, sawdust is placed on the inside walls of the ice houses along with a thick layer of sawdust on top. RDC is one of the few remaining "commercial" ice harvesting operations in the world.

*Photo provided by Rockywold-Deephaven Camps*



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New Hampshire

Year Ending  
December 31, 2013

## IN MEMORIAM- RAY BURTON 1939-2013

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When Ray Burton passed away last November, the Town of Holderness lost much more than an Executive Councilor, we lost a friend. For the last 35 years as an Executive Councilor and 22 years as a Grafton County Commissioner, there was no harder working “servant of the people” in New Hampshire than Ray Burton. He was an iconic presence in the North Country, the largest district in area for Executive Councilors. He never tired of listening to and helping his constituents. If there was a community event, a pot luck dinner, a ribbon cutting or a parade you could rest assured that Ray would be in attendance. A few years back for example, he attended 7 or 8 different “Sugaring off” celebrations in the same day.

Ray had an uncanny ability to build a consensus. This is best exemplified in the fact that he was the driving force behind the creation of a compromise between the Federal Government and the State of New Hampshire that led to the construction of the present day highway through Franconia Notch. Ray also took particular pride in the role he played in making the Holderness Boat Launch a reality.

Ray was one of the longest serving leaders in NH History, having served alongside 10 governors. While Ray was a registered Republican he led his district in such a way that he rarely bowed to any party line. He turned his seat on the Executive Council into a platform to advocate for the northern half of NH. In 1985, he was quoted as saying, “As long as I’m around down in Concord, there’s not going to be any forgetting the North Country.” We certainly saw him keep this promise on numerous occasions throughout his tenure.

Ray (he never liked to be addressed as Councilor) will not be forgotten with that crooked smile, silly ball caps sitting at a rakish angle and his stable of antique cars. No one will replace him. Thanks, Ray for your selfless dedication to Holderness and the entire North Country.

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### ASSESSORS' AGENT

Corcoran Consulting Association  
Wil Corcoran

### BOOKKEEPER/ FINANCE OFFICER

Wendy Huff - Resigned  
Diane Richards

### BUDGET COMMITTEE

John Laverack (S.L.)  
Joseph Casey (School Board)  
Kenneth Evans 3/2016  
Robert Maloney 3/2015  
Norman Peoples 3/2015  
Alden Van Sickle 3/2015

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Christopher Buckley 3/2016  
Janet Cocchiaro 3/2015  
Shelagh Connelly, (S.L.)  
Jacquelyn Jewell 3/2014  
Anne Packard 3/2014  
Larry Spencer, Chrm 3/2015  
Jennifer Evans, Alt. 3/2016

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Coburn – Hwy Agent  
David Guyotte  
Dennis Hughes  
Lewis Thompson

### EMERGENCY MGT. SERVICES

Earl Hansen-Deputy Director  
Walter Johnson-Director

### ENERGY COMMITTEE

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

### FIRE CHIEF/ FIRE WARDEN

\* Eleanor Mardin Appt'd

### FIRE WARDS

\*\* Earl Hansen 2016  
\*\* David Dupuis 2014  
\*\* Randall Eastman 2015

### HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD

\*\* Bonni Acton 3/2015  
\*\* Joseph Casey , Chair 3/2014  
\*\* Christina Gribben 3/2014  
\*\* Carolyn Mello 3/2015  
\*\* Kelly Schwaner 3/2016

### HOLDERNESS SCHOOL CLERK

\*\* Sara Weinberg 3/2016

### HOLDERNESS SCHOOL TREASURER

\*\* Kathleen Whittemore 3/2014

### HOLDERNESS SCHOOL MODERATOR

\*\* Laura Rollison 3/2014

### LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

Robert Snelling  
Todd Elgin

### LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

Colleen Hannon

### LIBRARIAN

Victoria Lang- Resigned

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES

\*\* Victor Currier 3/2015  
\*\* Carol Snelling, Chair 3/2014  
\*\* Tom Stepp 3/2016  
\*\* Thomas "Ted" Vansant 3/2015  
\*\* Kathleen Wieliczko 3/2016

### MODERATOR

\*\* Ross V. Deachman 3/2015

### OVERSEER OF WELFARE

Krystal Alpers  
Louis Pare, Deputy  
Kathleen Wieliczko, Deputy



## TOWN OFFICERS

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### PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

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

### COMPLIANCE OFFICER

\* Don Cahoon Appt'd

### PLANNING BOARD

Todd Elgin 3/2014  
Peter Francesco 3/2015  
Earl Hansen, Chrm 3/2014  
Ronald Huntoon 3/2016  
Carl Lehner 3/2016  
Suzanne Peoples, Alt 3/2014  
Nancy Scothorne, Alt 3/2016  
Robert Snelling, V. Chrm. 3/2015  
Peter Webster, Ex-Officio Alt.  
Jill White, Ex-Officio

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Wendy Werner, Director

### RECREATION BOARD

Meika Carter 3/2014  
John Laverack Jr., S.L.  
Daniel Litchfield 3/2016  
Janis Messier 3/2014  
Thomas Stepp, Chr. 3/2015  
George Sutcliffe 3/2014  
Shelly Swanson 3/2015  
Molly Whitcomb 3/2016

### SELECTBOARD

\*\* Shelagh Connelly, Chr 3/2016  
\*\* Samuel Brickley 3/2016  
\*\* John W. Laverack, Jr. 3/2015  
\*\* Peter Webster, 3/2014  
\*\* Jill White 3/2014

### SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

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

### TOWN ATTORNEY

Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A.

### TAX COLLECTOR

Ellen King Appt'd  
\* Sara Hixon, Deputy

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ ASSESSING COORDINATOR

\* Amy Sharpe

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Walter P. Johnson

### TOWN AUDITORS

Plodzick & Sanderson

### TOWN CLERK

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

### TOWN TREASURER

\* Todd Elgin Appt'd

### TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

\*\* Bonnie Hunt 3/2015  
\*\* Maurice Lafreniere 3/2014  
\*\* Brinton Woodward 3/2016

### ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Ivan Bass, Alt. 3/2015  
Wendell Broom 3/2014  
Gary Johonnett 3/2016  
Gary Karp 3/2014  
Robert Maloney 3/2016  
Judith Ruhm, Alt. 3/2016  
Susan Webster, Chrm. 3/2014

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

\*\* Elected Officials  
S.L. Selectmen Liason

## **THE COMFORT AND SWEETNESS OF PEACE**

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

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

By

Helen Steiner Rice

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

William Brady Jr.	Marguerite Brown
Deloris Clark	Clauvis St Cyr
William Dembiec	Robert Elliott Jr.
Louis Francesco	Milton Huckins
Clare Mowbray	Edward Rogers
Edgar Simoneau	Larry Zimmer

# FUND BALANCE POLICY

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## PREFACE

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

## PURPOSE

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

## DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

### **SPENDING PRIORITIZATIONS**

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

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

### **MINIMUM LEVEL OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE**

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

### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

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

Date of Adoption: February 11, 2013

Holderness Board of Selectmen

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

## MEETING SCHEDULES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* Meeting dates and times are subject to change; please visit our website at [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov) for updated notices.

## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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*L-R: Amy Sharpe, Wendy Werner, Diane Richards, Ellen King,  
Sara Hixon and Walter Johnson.*

I am pleased to present to you my report as Town Administrator for the year 2013. This was another typical year for administration in our community. As Administrator, I have continued to work closely with the members of the Select Board, Town Department Heads, and staff to improve the function and efficiency of our local government, as well as continue to deliver quality services to the taxpayers and residents of Holderness.

In 2013 we focused on updating some key emergency management plans. The Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) that started in 2012 was completed with the participation of several members of the Select Board as well as department head supervisors. Late this summer through fall we worked on updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), which identifies potential hazards to town property and infrastructure. The HMP plan will be completed later this winter.

Over the past several months we completed a town wide revaluation of all property. As a result we found that most land value was reduced in many areas and the Town's overall value was reduced by approximately \$30,000,000, or about 5% of the total. Comparing this to many other communities in New Hampshire this was a relatively small reduction as others towns saw between 20% to 30% reduction.

Looking forward to 2014, my priorities include successfully concluding the long drawn out negotiations for a new cable television franchise agreement with Time

Warner; beginning a digitized town record archiving program, and continuing to expand our economic development outreach efforts.

As in past years, I am pleased to report our department managers and staff continue to make excellent progress in improving our service to you in the most efficient manner possible, amidst these challenging economic times. I want to sincerely thank the members of the Board of Selectmen, the Town office staff, department heads and all of our dedicated employees for their support, cooperation and the excellent work they provide for the citizens of Holderness.

I would also like to thank Wendy Huff who left the Town’s employment this summer for all her excellent service as Bookkeeper and Land Use Assistant, and welcome Diane Richards as our new finance person and Colleen Hannon as our new Land Use Assistant.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Johnson  
Town Administrator

**TAX RATE HISTORY**

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

<b>Year</b>	<b>Town Valuation</b>	<b>Town Tax</b>	<b>Local Education</b>	<b>State Education</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Total Tax</b>
<b>2003</b>	552,448,674	1.98	6.81	3.01	1.05	12.85
<b>2004</b>	570,437,892	2.44	7.28	2.25	1.48	13.45
<b>2005</b>	568,529,898	2.62	6.41	2.98	1.43	13.44
<b>2006</b>	661,031,605	2.17	5.99	2.45	1.29	11.90
<b>2007</b>	663,642,765	1.95	6.32	2.53	1.42	12.22
<b>2008</b>	674,673,392	2.46	6.73	2.35	1.64	13.18
<b>2009</b>	680,542,900	2.43	6.55	2.58	1.40	12.96
<b>2010</b>	683,110,905	2.59	6.75	2.42	1.35	13.11
<b>2011</b>	690,435,404	2.43	6.96	2.30	1.47	13.16
<b>2012</b>	692,601,263	2.55	6.97	2.37	1.61	13.50
<b>2013</b>	660,940,857	2.90	7.25	2.55	1.84	14.54

## SELECTBOARD REPORT

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

The Board continues to serve Holderness and meets every other Monday evening 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.

2013 was a busy year in which the Town engaged in an audit of our financial systems, a revaluation of properties, a risk assessment of our fire, police and public works departments, and improvements to our Town Hall. The lower level of Town Hall was painted and carpeted, and a backup generator was installed using funds from an emergency management grant.

The Town received a Risk Management Award from Primex and was honored at its annual luncheon. This was in large part due to the proactive approach Holderness employees take in addressing risk, and their participation in the voluntary audits to identify opportunities for improvement.

There was a good deal of activity on the “Friends of the Pemi” initiative in dealing with Livermore Falls and the corridor along down to the Court House on the Pemigewasset River. Chief Patridge and his department did a great job keeping the access safe and enjoyable for families and visitors. A clean-up day was held August 3, and many volunteers participated in what will surely become an annual event.



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

Residents enjoyed several summer concerts and a grand finale event Labor Day weekend, when the Baker Valley Band played on a boat on Little Squam and an awesome fireworks display closed out the evening. Looking forward to this 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.

Peter Webster is stepping down from the Board after ten years of service. Peter has been a strong advocate for our Town and we thank him for his commitment and many Monday evenings of shared wisdom.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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



*Photo taken by Walter Johnson*

## BEACH REPORT

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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 4:00PM. Upon purchase of your seasonal beach pass, you will receive a copy of the rules and regulations for the beach. We ask that you please review this list and abide by it. We are very lucky to have this resource available to the Town and need everyone who uses it to follow the rules. 226 beach passes were sold in 2013 this is down from 234 the year before.

Property Maintenance: There are several tasks involved in maintaining the beach property. 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. A task that was taken on by 3



awesome board members was that of taking each of the picnic tables to Camp Deerwood to power wash and prep them for their new coat of paint. We were also very fortunate to have approximately 15 students and 2 teachers from the Holderness School as well as 4 neighbors that day to help.

We were able to get the beach and parking areas raked and cleaned up, picnic tables painted, an old pump shed removed from the woods and a new sign hung all in only a few hours. Additional opening tasks include: putting in the swim area lines, hanging

the swings, 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.

Seasonal maintenance is performed by the Beach Attendants and a mowing company.

In the fall we focus on taking in the swim lines, and taking down the swings. Help from Deerwood using a pontoon boat made the fall process much easier. If you are interested in helping with the opening or closing of the town beach, feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the board members for more information.

Amenities at the beach include: A storage shed, changing shed, portable toilet, raft, picnic tables, protected swimming area, land line phone for emergencies, 2 parking areas and the serenity of the beach.

Thank you for taking the time to read our annual report. 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.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director), Tom Stepp (Chairperson), George 'Biff' Sutcliffe (Secretary), Shelly Swanson, Janis Messier, Molly Whitcomb, Meika Carter Dan Litchfield, Woody Laverack (Selectman Liaison)

## COMPLIANCE OFFICE

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Here we are again, another year has flashed by and another is getting ready to do the same. Heading into my fourth year working here in Holderness and it appears the economy is starting to improve in the building industry. Although there may not have been much of an increase in the number of permits, I have seen an increase in the size and value of the projects being done.

Please remember that it is the responsibility of the homeowner and/or the contractor to make sure that a Certificate of Compliance is issued on your project before the area in question is put into use, Section 1000.2.7 of the Town of Holderness Zoning Ordinance.

The following is a list of the permit activity for the year 2013. There is a slight increase of three permits over 2012 permit activity.

Permits	# Issued	Permits	# Issued
Septic Designs	18	Houses	09
Generators	01	Decks	08
Garages	05	Wells	03
Solar Panels	04	Demolitions	06
Biomass Boiler	02	Sheds	06
Fences	01	Signs	07
Barns	04	Cabin	02
Alterations & Additions	23	Antenna	01
<b>Total Permits: 100</b>			

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald E. Cahoon  
Compliance Officer



*Don Cahoon, Compliance Officer*

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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As always, a major undertaking of the Commission was 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 Smith Road and wetlands on the east side of White Oak Pond. There are also three non-public access easements that the Commission monitors. The other major duty of the Commission is to comment on projects involving wetlands or matters pertaining to the Shoreland and Water Protection Act.

A major undertaking begun in 2013 and which will continue in 2014 are forest cuts in the Pilote and Town Forests. These cuts were suggested in the forest inventories done on both properties roughly a decade ago. Licensed forester, Tom Hahn of FORECO in Rumney, is managing the project. The major outcomes will be to improve the forest stands, provide openings for wildlife, cull some of the “sick” trees, provide cordwood for the town DPW, and enhancement of viewsapes and trails. We are planning an open house in 2014 so Holderness residents can see first-hand the outcomes.

We continue to work closely with other local non-governmental organizations. In conjunction with the Squam Lakes Conservation Society, we are working on some easements adjacent to the Pilote Forest. In conjunction with the Squam Lakes Association, we are working on educating town residents about the situation of arsenic and argon in deep wells. We are in the midst of planning situations where local folks will be able to send water samples into the NH Department of Environmental Services for testing at minimal cost.

The Commission has been very active in the local project called “Friends of the Pemi”. As many folks know, there have been problems associated with drinking and trash on the Holderness side of Livermore Falls. Shelagh Connelly and Jake Partridge began to organize a group to work on this problem. The group has grown larger and includes folks from Campton and Plymouth and from the NH Parks and the NH Fish and Game and Plymouth State University. The Plymouth Area Rotary Club took an interest in the project and has obtained a grant that will provide signage, tables, etc. The area of interest has been expanded from Livermore Falls, to an area just south of the Rotary Amphitheater in Plymouth. The Holderness Conservation Commission was the first group to provide a match to the Rotary grants funds. More match is needed. Please contact Walter Johnson, the Holderness Town Administrator, or Larry Spencer if you want to contribute to this project.

Lastly, there have been a few personnel changes on the Commission. Wendy Huff, the past Land Use Coordinator, retired last spring. The Commission very much

appreciated her efficiency and ability to keep us on track. Colleen Hannon has replaced her and we look forward to working with Colleen in the coming years. The Commission also appreciates the work of Betsy Whitmore who resigned after many years on the Commission. Jenny Evans has joined the Commission and brings good energy and enthusiasm to the Board. We are looking forward to a productive 2014!

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Spencer, Chair, Chris Buckley, Janet Cocchiaro, Jenny Evans, Jacque Jewell, and Anne Packard. Shelagh Connelly serves as the Select Board Liaison person.



### **Summer Fireworks Display on Little Squam Lake**

*Photo courtesy of Innovative Contractors*

## ENERGY COMMITTEE

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Established in 2007 to recommend to the Board of Selectmen steps town government can take to save energy and reduce emissions, the Holderness Energy Committee (HEC) did not meet in 2013 due to several scheduling conflicts among members.

With many of the major energy improvements to town buildings completed in 2010, the committee continues to focus on how the town might utilize new alternative energy technologies in town buildings and operations. In 2013, as a result of changes in the auto industry, a change to more fuel efficient police cruisers by Ford was made and Chief Patridge is reporting a significant reduction in fuel consumption with the new cruiser purchased in August 2012. The Town continues to purchase electricity from Nextera, an independent electricity broker, to provide power to all town facilities resulting in some initial savings on a per kilowatt hour rate basis. Some short term dips in power cost from NHEC has resulted in a loss of some of those savings during the course of the year. It appears this will be the trend in the future. Our agreement with Nextera will expire in March of 2014 and the committee will make a recommendation to the Select Board regarding continuing with Nextera or changing providers. Larry Spencer attended a regional energy conference again in 2013.

Looking forward to 2014, the HEC is planning to continue to review operational procedures with the Selectmen and town department heads to see if any improvements can be made in department methods of operations to reduce energy use in all town buildings and equipment. A project to upgrade the lighting at the DPW garage to LED fixtures is currently being evaluated. The HEC will continue to monitor town energy usage and energy price forecasts during the coming year. The HEC is also continuing to evaluate options to reduce some of the Town's street lights and to convert all street lighting to LED lighting and the option to add solar electricity generation to the public safety building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join the HEC please contact the town office.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

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The fire department has had another busy year; with medical calls being the largest percent of our calls. We have had 3 members take an EMT class to help with the demand for the EMS calls.

Our new fire truck will be here and in service January 2014. Two of the captains were in Florida in December 2013 inspecting the truck and making all the final preparations for the engine to arrive in Holderness. This will be the first custom fire truck the town has owned and we are very excited to have this as our first attack piece.

I would like to remind everyone to check their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors at least twice a year to make sure they are working. We had a CO problem in a house this year that almost caused the death of the homeowner. CO is tasteless and odorless and can be very deadly. Please take the time to test the detectors and replace batteries twice a year, it could save your life.

As always if I or anyone on the Fire Department can assist in any way do not hesitate to contact us. Stay Safe!

Respectfully submitted,  
Eleanor Mardin

### **Chief**

Eleanor Mardin

### **Deputy Chief's**

Earl Hansen  
Richard Currier

### **Captains**

Randy Eastman  
Scott Fields  
Jamison Brandin  
Stanley Graton  
James Chapin

### **Honorary**

Richard Mardin

### **Firefighters**

Jon Abear  
Doug Barber  
Tyler Currier  
Cody DeGrace  
Kyle DeGrace  
Tyler Driscoll  
Dave Dupuis  
Walter Johnson  
Gary Mack  
Robert Magoon  
Ronald Saulnier  
Alden VanSickle  
James Wieliczko  
Todd Randlett

### **Paramedic**

Bradley Morse

### **Firefighter/EMT**

Jeremy Bonan  
Amelia Currier  
William Currier  
Calli DeGrace  
Matt Abear

### **Firefighter Paramedic**

Jim Chapin

### **Explorers**

Matthew Barber  
Trevor Solomon  
Burt Wieliczko  
Jimmy Wieliczko

### **EMTI**

Tracy Burhoe



## FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLS FOR 2013

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Alarm .....	49
Chimney.....	7
Electrical.....	1
Vehicle Fires.....	2
Haz-Mat.....	2
Furnace.....	2
Medical.....	140
Rescue.....	4
MVA.....	23
Mutual Aid.....	50
Outside.....	1
Power Lines Down.....	16
Service.....	5
Smoke Investigation.....	6
Structure.....	1
Other.....	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>310</b>



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

## FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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*Photo courtesy of Gary Mack*

We now have a Smokey Bear fire danger sign in front of the Fire Station, thanks to the generous donation from the owners of the Owl's Landing Campground. This sign will help residence be more aware of the fire classification and when the weather is too dangerous for fire permits.

This year 260 fire permits were issued. Remember, all outside fires require a fire permit. You can get the permit at the Fire Station or the Town Hall. Campfire permits are issued for the year and can be issued any time at the start of the New Year. Brush fire permits are issued when there is no snow cover, but must not be lit until after 5 P.M. unless it's raining. April 1<sup>st</sup> is always a good time to start thinking about getting a fire permit.

In the words of Smokey Bear "Only you can prevent forest fires."

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Mardin  
Forest Fire Warden

## LIBRARY REPORT

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

Library Report and Statistics for fiscal year July 1, 2012 thru June 30, 2013:

### Statistics:

- Items Circulated 9,447
- New Patrons 115
- Adult Foot Traffic 7,807
- Children's Foot Traffic (does not include Story Time attendance) 1,453
- Number of Programs for Adults (8) with 148 attendees
- Number of Programs for Children (7) with 91 attendees
- Number of Story Times (43) with 784 attendees
- Number of Outreach Programs with area preschools and Head Start (14) with 124 attendees
- Bridge Group (46) with 571 attendees
- Mahjong (15) with 75 attendees
- Book Group (11) with 74 attendees
- Knitters Group (19) with 72 attendees
- Needlepoint Group (20) with 60 attendees
- Writers Group (3) with 10 attendees

### Some other activities and partnerships were:

- Issued 50 passes for free admission to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center
- Library was used as a meeting space for several area groups
- Annual visit by the HCS 3rd grade as part of their learning about the town of Holderness
- Partnered with Holderness Recreation for "Senior Lunch and a Movie" afternoons
- Partnered with Holderness Historical Society to sponsor NH Humanities Council programs
- Worked with HCS 4th grade to plant flowers around the Honor Roll Monument
- Collaborated with the Squam Lakes Science Center and Holderness Recreation for annual summer StoryWalk
- Displayed HCS 8th grade language arts Holocaust projects
- Hosted the annual Christmas Tree Lighting featuring caroling with HCS chorus members

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES REPORT

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The Holderness Library is a *Vibrant Place Where People Can Connect*; in fact that is the mission statement of the Library. If you have never been to the Library or it has been awhile since you have stopped in we welcome you to come by any time. Our book and video collection continues to grow and change and we've always got the latest newspapers and magazines out on the tables and shelves for your pleasure. We have 5 computers available for the use of patrons and our WIFI is available for use with your own device. The young adult book section in the main room of the library is continually updated with new and exciting themes and books. If you have young children you will want to spend some time in the children's room where there are always fun toys and activities along with plenty of books and videos for the kids. Another way that people connect at the Library is through the regular events that we host including; book club, mahjong, bridge as well as needlepoint and knitting. Other events hosted at the library are often in conjunction with other organizations such as the Holderness Historical Society and the Holderness Central School. During the summer we collaborate with the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and the Holderness Recreation Department to present the "Story Walk" which continues to be a big hit each year. We continue to offer new programs and we invite you to participate and to provide suggestions for new programs that are of interest to you.

We are so appreciative of The Friends of the Holderness Library for all that they do including the two major fundraisers each year. This year's Memorial Day Book Sale was a huge success and attended by hundreds of Holderness residents and friends who came out to buy books, eat yummy snacks and listen to the Holderness Central School band during the Memorial Day Observances. The Santa Sale was also a big success, raising money for the Library, but perhaps more importantly helping young Holderness residents purchase their Holiday presents. Kids pay \$1 for each gift, which is then gift wrapped by an elves, they also get a chance to visit with Santa Claus. This year we hosted our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Christmas Tea where the gifts brought to the event were donated to adults living at Bridge House in Plymouth.

The first round of plans for adding handicap access and some additional space to the library have been finalized and will be available for public review in the spring of 2014 when we plan to start fundraising to support the construction costs.

At the end of September The Holderness Library Trustees regretfully accepted the resignation of Victoria Lang as our Director. We are very appreciative of Victoria's excellent work throughout her 5-1/2-year tenure. The creativity and enthusiasm that she brought to our Library every day fostered her implementation of many successful

and popular programs and events. We wish Victoria the very best in her future endeavors. A search committee has been formed to find a new Library Director and is in the process of interviewing candidates. The trustees wish to express our sincere thanks for the hard work and extra efforts of Children's Librarian Kelly Schwaner and Assistant Librarian Jeanne Perkins during this transition period.

We appreciate the support of the Selectmen and residents of Holderness as well as the patrons and Friends of the Library and we look forward to seeing you all in the Library soon.

Respectfully submitted,

Holderness Library Trustees,  
Ted Vasant  
Carol Snelling  
Kathy Wieliczko  
Tom Stepp  
Victor Currier



*“Little Squam Lake” photo taken by Amy Sharpe.*

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING-MINUTES**  
**MARCH 12 & 13, 2013**

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At the annual Town Meeting of the Town of Holderness held on March 12 and 13, 2013 the following business was transacted.

At 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, at the Holderness Town Hall, Moderator Ross Deachman convened the meeting and began reading the warrant. After Articles 1 and 2 the Moderator declared the polls opened. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Deachman declared the polls closed and the ballots counted. Results were announced and the Moderator declared the winners.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2012 at Holderness Central School the Meeting resumed following the Holderness Central School District Meeting. Moderator Ross Deachman announced the results of Article 1 and declared the winners. The Moderator declared that Article 2 (the Zoning Amendments) # 1-4 passed and #5 failed. Moderator Deachman announced the Pemi-Baker District results.

Malcolm “Tink” Taylor moved that we dispense with the reading of the Warrant in its entirety and seconded by Martha Richards.

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

**Selectmen for 3 Years: (Vote for two)**

Shelagh Connelly	153
Sam Brickley	155
Write-in Scott Bishop	1

**Selectmen for 1 Year: (Vote for one)**

Peter Webster	153
Write-in Peter Francesco	1
Write-in Chris Devine	1

**Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 Years: (Vote for one)**

Brinton W. Woodward, Jr.	157
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**Moderator for 2 Years: (Vote for one)**

Ross Deachman	153
Tink Taylor	1

**Library Trustees for 3 Years: (Vote for two)**

Kathleen Wieliczko	152
Tom Stepp	152
Write-in Ross Deachman	1

**Fire Ward for 3 Years: (Vote for one)**

Earl Hansen 159

Write-in Tink Taylor 1

**Article 2:** 2013 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: Add Section 575 Cell Towers to provide regulations governing the siting, construction, and maintenance of telecommunication facilities ?”

**Yes 145 No 19**

2. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Section 500.9 Performance Security to reference the Performance Security language for construction on Steep Slopes ?”

**Yes 126 No 38**

3. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 400.21 Special Events Permit to clarify the process and reasons for obtaining a permit ?”

**Yes 135 No 31**

4. “Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add definitions for terms in the Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations not currently in the Zoning Ordinance to maintain consistency between the documents ?”

**Yes 143 No 23**

5. “ Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment no. 5 as proposed by petition for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: Add Section 400.24 Fences for Shooting Ranges to provide regulations for fencing shooting ranges? “ The Planning Board does not recommend adoption of this amendment.

**Yes 64 No 100**

**CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELECTION RESULTS**

**School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for two)**

<i>Kelly L. Schwaner</i>	111
<i>James L. Stapp</i>	38
<i>Brian Sutherland</i>	97
<i>Write-in Richard Cocchiaro</i>	1
<i>Write-in Lewis Mello</i>	1

**School District Clerk for 3 Years: (Vote for one)**

<i>Sara Weinberg</i>	147
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**HOLDERNESS ELECTION RESULTS  
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
ELECTION RESULTS**

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

**From Holderness**

<i>Samuel D. Brickley</i>	160
<i>Write-in Margaret Winton</i>	1

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

**From Plymouth**

<i>Timothy M. Naro</i>	126
<i>Write-in Bill Haust</i>	1
<i>Write-in Ed Kelly</i>	1

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

**From Thornton**

<i>Walter G. Joyce</i>	133
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**School Board Member for 3 Years: (Vote for one)**

**From Wentworth**

<i>Susan Judd</i>	120
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*budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling twelve million three hundred seventy-nine thousand one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$12,379,165).*

*Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million four hundred thirteen thousand five hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$12,413,537), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)*

Yes 140

No 26

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

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Alden Vansickle.

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 One Hundred and Ninety Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$2,190,950) for general municipal operations. Said sum does not include special or individual articles elsewhere within this warrant.

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Bob Tuveson.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

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

Fire/Rescue Vehicles	\$40,000
Road Reconstruction	150,000
White Oak Pond Dam	1,000
Transfer Station Equipment	2,000
Municipal Buildings	30,000
Revaluation	35,000
Library	5,000
Fire Equipment	5,000
Public Works Vehicles	45,000
Police Cruiser	24,000
Employee Health Insurance Trust	17,000
Conservation	5,000

Abatement Legal Defense Fund

10,000  
**\$369,000**

Moved by Peg Winton and seconded by Martha Richards.

No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

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

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

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Barbara Currier.

No discussion. 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 Four Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$413,000.00) for the purchase of a new pumper fire truck and to authorize the Select Board to issue notes on the credit of the town in the amount of Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000.00, to withdraw up to One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000.00) from the previously established Fire/Rescue Vehicles Capital Reserve Account and to use One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13. 2/3 vote required. Ballot vote required.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.

Fire Chief Eleanor Mardin, in response to questions, stated the Pumper fire truck is a Pierce Saber Pumper and has a 1000 gallons water tank with a 6 person cab. She also clarified that the proposed truck will replace the 23 year old truck, which will be sold.

The polls opened for a secret ballot at 7:40 pm and closed 7:52 pm. A ballot vote was taken on the Article: 85 votes in favor and 8 votes against and the Article **PASSED by 2/3 vote**.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) for the purchase of a new Highway Department dump truck and to authorize the Select Board to withdraw up to Seventy-

Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) from the Public Works Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund previously established for this purpose. The balance of Eighty-Five Thousand (\$85,000.00) to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor.  
No discussion. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

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

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

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

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

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

Moved by Martha Richards and seconded by Anne Hunnewell.

Town Administrator Walter Johnson, in answer to a question, stated that the interior lower level of Town Hall will be painted. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED**.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the installation of a backup power generator for the Town Hall and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept a EMPG grant for up to Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) and the balance to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.

Moved by Barbara Currier and seconded by Alden “Skip” Vansickle. Select Board member Shelagh Connelly explained that recently discovered the fuel tank for the generator was not included in the purchase price of the generator. Ms. Connelly stated the cost of the tank is \$ 3,000 and that 50 % percent of the expenditure will be covered by a grant leaving \$ 1,500 to be expended from the fund balance , which will not affect the tax rate. Select Board member Connelly made a motion to amend the article, “to see if the Town will vote to raise appropriate the sum of \$ 15,000 instead of \$ 12,000 and to accept the EMPG grant for up to \$ 7,500 instead of \$ 6,000.00” seconded by Harold Webster. Moderator Deachman explained that the article was originally written \$ 12,000 but will increase to \$ 15,000 if the amendment is passed. Select Board member Shelagh Connelly explained that the fund balance has sufficient funds for the 50% portion but permission is needed by Town Meeting to expend from the fund balance. A voice vote was taken and the **amendment Passed**. The main motion as amended, *“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the installation of a backup power generator for the Town Hall and to authorize the Select Board to apply for and accept a EMPG grant for up to Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) and the balance to be taken from the unexpended fund balance as of 6/30/13.”*

Select Board member Peter Webster, in answer to a question, stated the fund balance is \$1,024,000. The Board of Selectmen tries to keep the reserve fund balance at \$600,000 or \$700,000 in the event the Town becomes a donor Town and to avoid raising the tax rate for the upcoming expense for replacement of the Fire truck. A voice vote was taken and the Article **PASSED as amended**.

At 7:50 p.m., Moderator Ross Deachman declared the polls closed and announced the results of Article 7.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to sell at the highest and best price obtainable the Towns 1990 Mack Fire Truck currently known as Engine 3 and the highway departments 2004 Peterbilt dump truck. This article to be amended or passed over if Article 7 and/or Article 8 fail to pass.

Moved by Malcolm “Tink” Taylor and seconded by Peg Winton. Town Administrator, Walter Johnson in answer to a question, explained that town meeting has restricted the sale of any capital item valued over \$ 20,000 and requires town meeting approval to sell any asset valued over \$ 20,000. He stated that if either the fire truck or highway truck could be sold for over \$ 20,000 it would need approval from town meeting, but he didn’t anticipate that the old police cruiser would sell for \$ 20,000. He stated that the town will receive some money for the cruise.

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

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to name the Select Board agents to expend funds from the previously established Employee Health Insurance Expendable Trust fund without further approval of the legislative body.

Moved by Earl Hansen and seconded by Anne Hunnewell.

Selectman Peter Webster explained that this article allows the Select Board to pay bills from the Expendable Trust fund without having to go for town meeting approval. A voice vote was taken and the **Article PASSED.**

The Moderator stated that the Holderness Library is seeking input from the community for a purposed project, please fill out the survey.

The Moderator complimented Amy Sharpe, Town Administrative Assistant, for a great job for the work she done on the 2012 Town Report.

Moderator Deachman asked for a moment of silence for those residents that had passed away during the year of 2012 and included Milton Huckins who recently passed away.

**Article 15:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

The Moderator recognized Alden”Skip” Vansickle. Mr. Vansickle recognized and thanked the Holderness Police Department for their excellent service through the years. He thanked the Holderness Fire Department for their service and how through the years the number of calls has dramatically increased. He recognized and thanked Ross Deachman for his years of service as Moderator and for doing an excellent job.

The Moderator addressed a letter received from Kelly Ayotte, U.S. Senator in respect to “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day” that was proclaimed by NH Legislators for March 30, 2013. There will be a ceremony on that date at the NH Veterans Cemetery in Boscawen as it marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the Vietnam War. This ceremony will acknowledge the contribution of all veterans, while giving a special recognition to the Vietnam veterans as they didn’t receive the proper welcome after the war.

Earl Hansen moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Barbara Currier. Moderator Deachman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen King, Holderness Town Clerk

## PLANNING BOARD

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The Planning Board continued its work in both current planning and legislative amendments to the Holderness Zoning Ordinance during 2013. The Board reviewed;

2- Boundary Line Adjustments;

5- Site Plan Applications

1- Subdivision-Design Review.

The Planning Board worked the latter one-half of the year on proposed amendments to the Holderness Zoning Ordinance. Issues of concern included expedited septic system repair and replacement, definitions of the words, expansion, and structure; the applicability of cubic footage in the expansion of living space; and flashing signs including message board signage.

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

The Planning Board will focus attention on the review of the Zoning Ordinance for consistency in 2014 and work to eliminate confusing or contradictory language. It may also address the addition of an Historic Resources chapter to the Master Plan.

Applications, the Holderness Zoning Ordinance, subdivision, and site plan regulations as well as minutes, agendas, and meeting dates, can be found on the Town web site: [www.holderness-nh.gov](http://www.holderness-nh.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Elgin; Peter Francesco; Earl Hansen, Chair; Ron Huntoon; Carl Lehner; Nancy Scothorne; Bob Snelling; Peter Webster; and Jill White (ex-officio).



## POLICE DEPARTMENT'S REPORT

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

The Police Department had a busy year in 2013. As many of you are aware, there has been a rise in thefts. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to lock their houses, sheds, garages and vehicles. I would also ask you to be vigilant in and around your neighborhoods and report any suspicious activity.

I am pleased to report progress was made at Livermore Falls Beach this year. In July, we hired Cory Nader to patrol the Livermore Falls Beach area from July through September. This area was consuming too much of our officer's time, so we decided that it would be more efficient to have someone on site twenty five hours a week. Cory was responsible for enforcing the Town's parking rules and regulations, monitoring daily activity and providing a clear explanation of the rules. During the warm summer days, over 300 people per day used the beach and river. This summer we noticed more families using this facility, and a sharp decline in criminal activity was also noticed. I would like to thank everyone that was involved in making this facility a more family friendly place.

In August, we traded in our 2003 Ford Expedition for a 2013 Ford F-150 Pick-up truck. We often find ourselves in the need of a truck to move found property and/or to simply transport and move our barricades and cones. I found that it is more cost effective to purchase this utility vehicle rather than another Expedition.

This year, the Police Department received over \$500.00 in donations for the D.A.R.E. program. Donations were made by the Meredith Village Savings Bank, the Mount Prospect Lodge #69 and the Olive Branch #16 F&AM. Officer Barney

continues to teach the D.A.R.E. program to the fifth grade students at the Holderness Central School. The program has been taught for the last twenty years, and we will continue to promote programs that keep our children safe.

I would like to thank my staff, Barry, Erik, Dave, Seth, and Mike for the tremendous work they do each and every day, and I am also pleased to report there has been no change in the department staff for another year. I would also like to thank Cory Nader for the work that he did at Livermore Falls this summer and for the volunteering he currently does on a weekly basis by entering data at the Police Department.

A thank you also goes out to the members of the Select Board, Town Office, Fire Department, Highway Department and the Holderness Central School for their assistance and support throughout the year.

Each of us at the Police Department strives to provide the citizens and visitors of the Town of Holderness with the highest quality of service as we explore new and more innovative ways to keep our community a safe place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Patridge,  
Chief of Police



*Perch Pond Rd., December 2013, Winter Storm  
Photo taken by, Kevin Coburn*

## POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS 2013

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911 HANG-UP	24	MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS	41
ABANDONING A VEHICLE	1	VEHICLE ACCIDENT (Fatality)	0
ALARM	131	MOTOR VEHICLE CITATIONS	20
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	86	MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	71
ANIMAL INVOLVED INCIDENTS	126	MOTOR VEHICLE WARNINGS	559
ARRESTS (Total)	125	MOTOR VEHICLE / DWI	16
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENTS	191	NOISE COMPLAINT	29
OFFICER FOLLOW-UP	236	ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	3
OPEN/UNSECURE DOOR	26	BENCH WARRANT	4
PAPER SERVICE / RELAY	40	BURGLARY	3
PARKING COMPLAINT / INFO	23	CITIZEN REQ.ASSISTANCE	229
PARKING TICKETS	96	CIVIL MATTER	19
PISTOL PERMITS	59	MISSING / WANTED PERSONS	10
CIVIL STANDBY	17	POLICE INFORMATION	26
CONDUCT AFTER AN ACCIDENT	3	PROACTIVE NOISE WARNING	21
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	7	NEGLIGENT OPERATION	4
CRIMINAL RECORDS	112	REGISTRATION OF SEX OFFENDER	10
CRIMINAL THREATENING	2	RESISTING ARREST	2
CRIMINAL TRESPASS	1	DIRECTED PATROL (Incl. Radar)	201
DISORDERLY ACTIONS / CONDUCT	49	SIMPLE ASSAULT	7
DISTURBANCE (Including Domestic)	72	SITE CHECKS	309
DRUG RELATED INCIDENT	8	SUBPOENA SERVICE	1
FINGERPRINTS/ JOB APPLICATIONS	4	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	132
FOOTPATROL	27	THEFT (All Thefts)	30
FRAUD / FORGERY	3	UNRULY JUVENILE	8
HARASSMENT	11	UNTIMELY DEATH	2
WELFARE CHECK	2	LITTERING	1
LOST / FOUND PROPERTY	24		

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremiah Patridge,  
Chief of Police

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

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Wow, it's that time again and another year into the history books. It's an exciting time of year for the Highway Department: budgets, having gone through the changing seasons of summer maintenance and road reconstruction projects to winter maintenance, plowing and treating town roads for safe winter travel. There is simply never a dull moment for the crew. Once one road is clear there are others to be checked, catch basins to be cleaned off, snow to be pushed back, sand to be hauled and ready for the next storm, and there is always vehicle maintenance.

As always I praise the crew of the Highway Department for their knowledge, dedication and strong work ethics, they really are a great group of hard working guys. Thank you, Lewie Thompson, Dennis Hughes and David Guyotte.

I'd also like to thank Skip Thompson who does a fantastic job on the mowing and trimming of the town properties, cemeteries, and recreation paths. Skip retired from a 30+ year career a few years back and has been taking care of the town properties ever since.

We worked on several reconstruction projects this year, some of which were to rebuild with fabric, gravel and crushed gravel. The projects included 1600' of McCrillis Hill Road, Perch Pond, Owl Brook, and Smith Road. We also worked on some pavement preservation projects, shimmed and applied a 1" overlay of hot top on Coxboro from Lane Road to the top of Lovett Hill (3750'), we also paved 2800' on Seven Pines Road. Summer maintenance consists of grading and ditching, culvert replacement, tree trimming and yes more grading and ditching.

This year we were able to purchase a 2013 International with a plow and wing to replace 2004 Peterbilt truck. All the equipment at the Highway Department is in really good shape.

As many of you know in early spring we place load limits on most of our Town roads to prevent the heavy trucks from breaking the asphalt and creating ruts and mud on our gravel roads. If at all possible we need to remember to order our heating fuel before they go on or after they come off. The signs are usually posted in early March and come down around May 1<sup>st</sup> (weather permitting). We do our best to keep the mud to a minimum with stone but always keeping the budget in mind. With your help our roads will stay in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin M. Coburn, Road Agent

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Holderness Recreation Department is comprised of one part time director, as many as 10 seasonal staff and a variety of independent contractors, all of whom help to bring you a variety of recreational opportunities. The department has a volunteer board that meets monthly providing program review and budget oversight. Staff and board members are always interested in hearing from you with thoughts on recreation in our community. Please feel free to pick up the phone or send an email any time.

Holderness Recreation was very busy in 2013. A variety of 32 programs were offered throughout the year. Programs included: Adult Volleyball & Basketball, Yoga, Zumba, Pick-up Hockey, Early Bird Exercise, Youth and Adult Archery, Swimming Lessons, Soccer Camp, Family Camping, Summer Tennis, Music with Mar, Line Dancing, Craft Classes, Vacation Swimming, Humorist Fred Marple, Senior Lunch and a Movie, StoryWalk, Voice Over Class, Summer Concerts and so much more.

Some highlights include the introduction of Family Zumba which took off in late winter and ran through the end of the school year. Our instructor Jen Schutzius encouraged a group of families to come out and exercise together.

We were excited to team up with Bill Aaronson a USPTA certified tennis pro to offer a variety of summer tennis lessons. Eight weeks of lessons were offered. This program “served” 30 students and we are looking forward to continuing this program again next season.

Our largest program, SummerEscape was held this summer at the Holderness Central School, where we utilize the gym, cafeteria, 2 class rooms, playing fields, tennis courts and the playground. This past summer the program ran for 42 days. Staff provided programming daily for 14-35 participants ranging in age from 5 – 12 years old. Programming included: visits by our Yoga, Zumba and Line Dance instructors, crafts, sports, cooking, and so much more. Two days a week the program visits the Holderness Town Beach and at least one day a week the program heads out to a local area of interest for a field trip. 2013 Field trips included: Charmingfare Farm, Wellington State Park, Whales Tale Water Park, Let’s Go Fishing, Roller Skating, Children’s Museum of Meredith, and Polar Caves. New this year, we picked up snow from the PSU Ice Arena, which allowed us to make Snowmen in July!

**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 for all of your support towards recreation in Holderness.
- Thanks are also due to William VanBennekum and all of the staff at Holderness Central School for working with us to bring the SummerEscape program back to the comfortable home of the school.
- We very much appreciate Holderness School and the staff at the school skating rink for their continued support of recreational hockey at their facility.
- The Pemigewasset Fish and Game Club and their board of directors have, since 2001 supported our Archery program. A tally of people who have participated in Archery since 2001 is an impressive 182.
- Thank you to Squam Lakes Association for offering a free camping weekend on Bowman Island for the fourth 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 four 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 the 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 see us offer. As always, please feel free to contact Wendy in the office or any of the recreation board members to share your thoughts. You are 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](mailto:recreation@holderness-nh.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Werner (Recreation Director), Tom Stepp (Chairperson), George 'Biff' Sutcliffe (Secretary), Shelly Swanson, Janis Messier, Molly Whitcomb, Meika Carter Dan Litchfield, Woody Laverack (Selectman Liaison)

## Notice to Property Owners

### “RESTORING” MERGED LOTS UNDER HB 316

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED DEBT PAYMENT

### Holderness Estimated Debt Payment Schedule

1/27/2014

Purpose	Original Amount	(Current year)										
		FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	
Transfer Station	350,000.00	65,246.00	63,863.00	62,481.00	61,098.00	59,716.00						
2013 Pumper Fire Truck	88,000.00			30,467.00	30,061.00	29,697.00						
Sally Port & Roof Safety Bld.	175,000.00											
Highway Truck	100,000.00							26,556.00	26,556.00	26,556.00	26,556.00	
<b>Total</b>		<b>65,246.00</b>	<b>63,863.00</b>	<b>92,948.00</b>	<b>91,159.00</b>	<b>89,413.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>26,556.00</b>	<b>26,556.00</b>	<b>26,556.00</b>	<b>26,556.00</b>	<b>26,556.00</b>

Holderness Central School      2,371,079.00      287,967.00      278,719.00      269,472.00      264,472.00      250,981.00      0.00      0.00      0.00      0.00      0.00





## SCHEDULE OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

1931 Ford  
1954 Willys Jeep  
1997 Ford Expedition  
2009 Ford Rescue 12R1  
1990 Mack Fire Truck 12E3  
1993 Ford Forest Fire Truck 12F3  
1997 Mack Fire Truck 12E4  
2006 Kenworth Fire Truck 12E5  
2006 Premier Pontoon Boat 12B1  
2012 F-350 Utility Pickup 12U1  
13' Boston Whaler Boat 12B2

### **MOBILE EQUIPMENT**

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

2009 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)  
2013 International – 6 Wheel Dump Truck (sander in body & plow)  
2011 Ford F-350 – 1 Ton Pickup Truck (slide in sander & plow)  
2012 Ford F-550 - 1 Ton Dump Truck (slide in sander & plow)  
2009 Caterpillar Backhoe  
1994 Galion Grader

### **EQUIPMENT**

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

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

2010 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #2  
2005 Ford Crown Victoria - Detail Car  
2007 Ford Crown Victoria - Unit #1  
2013 Ford Taurus - Unit #3  
2013 Ford F-150 – Unit #4  
2011 Message Board/Radar Trailer

### **TRANSFER STATION**

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

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN & SCHOOL PROPERTY

<b>TAX MAP/ LOT</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION LOCATION</b>	<b>LAND VALUE</b>	<b>BUILDING VALUE</b>	<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>
No Map #	White Oak Pond Dam		32,100	32,100
101-008	Fire/Police Station	130,040	683,200	813,240
101-012-1	NH 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	NH 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	87,500	81,200	168,700
245-067	White Oak Pond	179,400		179,400
252-016-1	East Holderness Road	97,220		97,220

### TOWN MAINTAINED CEMETERIES

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

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**Year Ending: June 30, 2013**

### DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)					
			2013	2012				
Property Taxes	#3110		\$ 2,584,673.07					
Resident Taxes	#3180							
Land Use Change	#3120							
Yield Taxes	#3185		\$ 328.42					
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187							
Elderly Deferral Tax								
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	#3189		\$ 300.00					
Sewer Charges	#3189		\$ 310.49					
Property Tax Credit Balance**		\$ (3,265.03)	\$ (8,955.57)					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**		\$ (50.00)	\$ (100.00)					
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR</b>			<b>For DRA Use Only</b>					
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 4,684,394.00				\$ 4,760,146.00		
Prepayment: Fall								
Resident Taxes	#3180							
Land Use Change	#3120					\$ 61,400.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 5,071.22				\$ 2,402.81		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 22.00						
Sewer Charges	#3189					\$ 2,382.04		
Sewer Mainten Assessment	#3189	\$ 1,400.00				\$ 1,450.00		
<b>OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS</b>								
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 2,111.08	\$ 23,632.28					
Property Taxes-Rec'd 1/20/11	#3110							
Resident Taxes	#3180							
Land Use Change	#3120							
Yield Taxes	#3185							
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187							
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 0.91	\$ 23,225.35					
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190							
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 4,689,684.18</b>	<b>\$ 7,451,194.89</b>		<b>\$</b>			

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

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

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

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**Year Ending: June 30, 2013**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	CREDITS		PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
	Levy for Year of 2013			
		2012		
Property Taxes	\$ 3,368,601.32	\$ 7,249,894.55		
Prepayment Fall:				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change		\$ 53,900.00		
Yield Taxes	\$ 3,963.65	\$ 2,603.13		
Interest (include lien conversion)	\$ 0.91	\$ 23,225.35		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd	\$ 22.00			
Sewer Charges		\$ 1,933.80		
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,650.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		\$ 85,572.81		
Conversion to Elderly Tax Deferrals		\$ 645.00		
Overpayment Refunds	\$ 2,111.08	\$ 23,632.28		
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED</b>				
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 356.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change		\$ 7,500.00		
Yield Taxes				
Sewer Charges		\$ 633.65		
Utility Charges				
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>				
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,315,436.68	\$ 4.32		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes	\$ 1,107.57			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/lyd				
Sewer Maintenance Assessment	\$ 50.00			
Sewer Charges				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	\$ (50.00)			
Property Tax Credit Balance**	\$ (3,265.03)			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 4,689,684.18</b>	<b>\$ 7,451,194.89</b>		

\*\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a  
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the appropriate taxes or charges actually remitted to the treasurer).

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

**Year Ending: June 30, 2013**

### DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
	2012	2011	2010	2009
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		\$74,310.51	\$52,700.13	\$3,029.54
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year	\$93,498.73	\$3,704.51		
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$143.14	\$4,165.32	\$18,088.52	\$1,324.21
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$93,641.87</b>	<b>\$82,180.34</b>	<b>\$70,788.65</b>	<b>\$4,353.75</b>

### CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER		Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
		2012	2011	2010	2009
Redemptions		\$10,104.68	\$26,377.10	\$52,388.00	\$3,029.54
			\$3,704.51		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#S190	\$143.14	\$4,165.32	\$18,088.52	\$1,324.21
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens					
Liens Deeded to Municipality					
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	#1110	\$83,394.05	\$47,933.41	\$312.13	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$93,641.87</b>	<b>\$82,180.34</b>	<b>\$70,788.65</b>	<b>\$4,353.75</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen King  
Holderness Tax Collector

**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
TAX RATE CALCULATION -2013**

**TOWN/ CITY: HOLDERNESS**

Gross Appropriations	3,428,450
Less: Revenues	1,586,469
Add: Overlay (RSA 76:6)	27,942
War Service Credits	52,500
Net Town Appropriation	1,922,423
Special Adjustment	0

**TOWNRATE  
2.90**

Approved Town/ City Tax Effort	1,922,423
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**SCHOOL PORTION**

Net Local School Budget (Gross Approp.-Revenue)	4,131,537
Regional School Apportionment	2,332,371
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0

**LOCAL SCHOOL  
RATE  
7.25**

State Education Taxes (from below)	(1,673,287)
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	4,790,621

**STATE EDUCATION TAXES**

Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$2.435	
687,181,626		1,673,287
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)		
657,250,657		

**STATE SCHOOL  
RATE  
2.55**

**COUNTY PORTION**

Due to County	1,214,338
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**COUNTYRATE  
1.84**

Approved County Tax Effort	1,214,338
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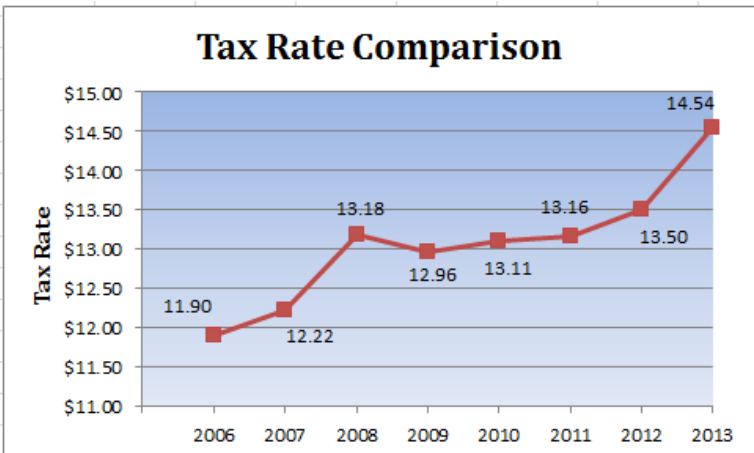
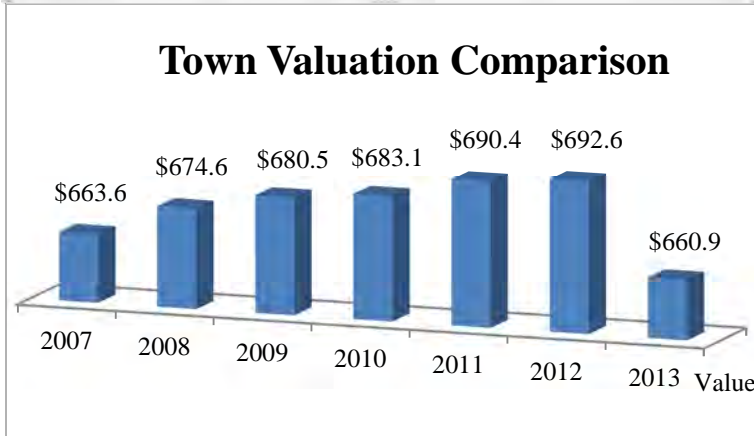
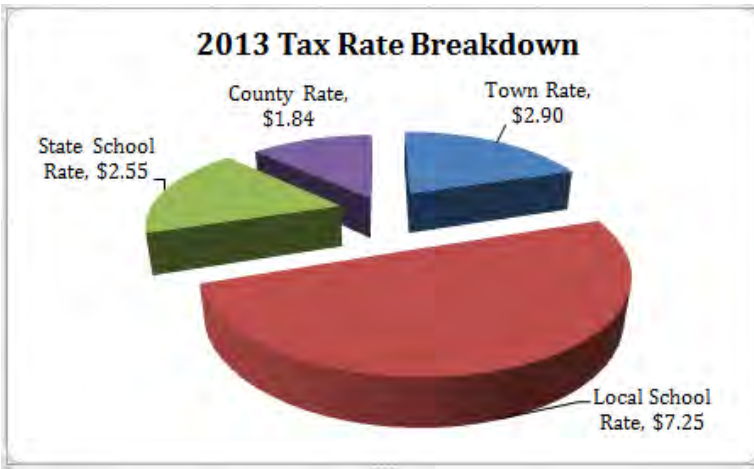
Total Property Taxes Assessed	9,600,669
Less: War Service Credits	(52,500)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>9,548,169</b>

<b>TOTAL RATE 14.54</b>
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**PROOF OF RATE**

Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax (no utilities)	657,250,657	2.55	1,673,287
All Other Taxes	660,940,857	11.99	7,927,382
			9,600,669

## TAX RATE INFORMATION – 2013





## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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### REMITTED TO THE TREASURER

July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013

Motor Vehicle Registration/Title Fee:	\$ 351,460.16
Municipal Agent Fee:	9,240.00
E-Reg Fee:	123.50
Dog Licenses:	2,864.50
Vital Records Fee:	1,985.00
Transfer Station Receipts:	21,988.00
Transfer Station Stickers:	2,011.00
Beach Permits:	3,420.00
Wetlands Application Fee:	66.00
Miscellaneous:	60.00
<u>Overpayments: refunds</u>	<u>156.70</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 393,374.86</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen King,  
Holderness Town Clerk

**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MARCH 11 & 12, 2014**

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 eleventh day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the polls shall be opened and shall not close earlier than seven o'clock in the evening to act upon Articles 1 & 2 herein; the third and subsequent Articles to be acted upon commencing at seven thirty o'clock in the evening (or immediately following the annual school district meeting whichever comes later) of the following day, Wednesday, the twelfth day of March, 2014, in the auditorium of the Holderness Central School.

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

2 Selectmen	3 Year Term
1 Town Clerk	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Fire Ward	3 Year Term

To bring in your votes for Executive Councilor

**Article 2:** 2014 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 400.6.3.1: Flashing Signs: to clarify and expand the portion of the ordinance addressing the use of flashing and electronic signs.
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 400.8.2: to clarify that setback requirements for septic tanks and leach fields also apply to rivers and clarify the setback reference line

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 700.3.1: Lots: to replace the phrase *cubic footage* with *living area square footage*.
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 1100.1 Expedited Septic System Repair or Replacement: to change the process for approving an expedited septic system repair or replacement.
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: Expansion – to replace the phrase *cubic footage* with *living area square footage* and clarify expansion of use.
6. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:  
Amend Section 1300 Definitions: Structure – To exclude fences 6’ high or lower from the definition.

**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 Two Hundred and Eighty-three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$2,283,700) 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 Three Hundred and Eighty-two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$382,500) 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	15,000
Conservation	5,000
Town Office IT Fund	10,000
Library IT Fund	10,000
Master Plan Fund	<u>2,500</u>
	<b>\$382,500</b>

**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 Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$233,000) 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)	30,000
Police Cruiser	38,000
Employee Health Ins. Ded.	<u>15,000</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 233,000</b>

**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 Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$5,700.00) for the

purchase of a new office copier/scanner/fax machine. Amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/14.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Thirty-five Dollars (\$15,135.00) for the purchase of a new town office computer server and four workstations. Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to come from the Town Office IT Capital Reserve Fund and the balance amount to come from the unexpended fund balance as of 06/30/14.

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

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into a multi-year lease for a portion of the transfer station property located on TaDaDump Road to New Hampshire Public Radio for a transmitter site. The length and terms of the lease agreement to be in the best interest of the Town as determined by the Select Board.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm its objection to the Northern Pass Project, which submitted an amended application (replacing their original application and subsequent amendments) for a Presidential Permit to the Department of Energy on July 1, 2013 and to recommend that state owned transportation rights-of-way should be used to locate underground energy transmission corridors; or to take any other action relative thereto. This article is by petition.

**Article 11:** To transact any other business that can legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen

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

**Cumulative Appropriations:**

<b>Article Amount</b>		<b>Purpose</b>
5,	\$ 382,500	To Capital Reserve Accounts
6, 7, 8,	<u>\$ 253,835</u>	Capital Outlay
Subtotal	\$ 636,335	
4	<u>\$ 2,283,700</u>	Operating Budget
	\$ 2,920,035	Proposed Gross Budget

## TOWN BUDGET 2014-2015

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '14 - June '15
<b>REVENUE</b>			
<b>TAXES</b>			
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	53,900	2,500	2,500
YIELD TAXES	7,474	4,500	3,500
IN LIEU OF TAXES	2,000	3,000	3,000
BOAT TAX	6,179	6,500	6,500
INTEREST & PENALTIES	46,947	35,000	38,000
EXCAVATION TAX	22		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,522</b>	<b>51,500</b>	<b>53,500</b>
<b>BUSINESS LICENSE AND PERMITS</b>			
BUS LICENSE & CABLE FEES	13,166	10,000	10,000
UCC FILINGS & CERTIFICATES	405		200
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	360,565	345,000	345,000
BUILDING PERMIT FEES	11,848	5,000	6,900
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES			
DOG LICENSES	2,867	2,500	2,500
MARRIAGE LICENSE			
COPY FEES	733	800	700
VITAL RECORDS	1,955	1,500	1,500
OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES	407	200	200
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>5,962</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,900</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>391,946</b>	<b>365,000</b>	<b>367,000</b>
<b>STATE &amp; FEDERAL</b>			
FEDERAL GRANTS/REIMBURSEMENT	11	16	12
SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT			
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	62,004	62,162	62,000
ROOMS AND MEALS	94,082	94,097	94,000
OTHER GRANTS	9,028	6,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>165,125</b>	<b>162,275</b>	<b>156,012</b>

## TOWN BUDGET 2014-2015

SOURCE OF REVENUE	ACTUAL REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14	ESTIMATED REVENUE FISCAL YEAR July '14 - June '15
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICE</b>			
<b>DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE</b>			
POLICE INCOME- GENERAL	15,385	7,500	8,988
POLICE INCOME-HSRO	47,700	47,700	50,000
RECREATION DEPARTMENT	30,992	14,000	14,000
BEACH INCOME	3,443	3,000	3,000
TRANSFER/WASTE INCOME	33,202	20,000	25,000
PLANNING INCOME	1,909	2,500	2,000
ZONING INCOME	1,770	1,200	1,500
FIRE INCOME	487	600	600
TC E-REG FEES	119		100
LIBRARY INCOME	1,588	2,000	1,500
TRANSFER STATION PERMITS	2,295	1,000	1,000
SUB TOTAL	138,888	99,500	107,888
SEWER USE CHARGES	1,748	3,800	3,800
	2,850		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>143,486</b>	<b>103,300</b>	<b>111,488</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
<b>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT</b>			
SALE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY	-		
INTEREST-CHECKING & SAVING	2	600	120
INTEREST-INVESTMENTS	20,026	20,000	18,000
RETIREE INSURANCE REIMBURSE	5,279	12,074	4,930
INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENT			
INSURANCE-EMPLOYEE SHARE	18,453	27,600	23,500
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	33,402	151	150
TRANSFER FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	327,485	503,000	243,000
LONG-TERM NOTE		88,000	
DONATIONS & GIFTS			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404,647</b>	<b>651,425</b>	<b>289,700</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,221,726</b>	<b>1,333,500</b>	<b>977,700</b>



## TOWN BUDGET 2014-2015

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	ACTUAL EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	VOTED APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '14 - June '15	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '14 - June '15
<b>SUMMARY OF EXPENSES</b>				
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
EXECUTIVE	113,937	128,500	134,855	134,855
ELECTION, REGISTRATION & VITALS	70,171	71,900	74,500	74,500
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	62,292	61,200	66,500	66,500
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	21,079	43,800	43,800	43,800
LEGAL EXPENSE	26,756	15,000	15,000	15,000
PERSONNEL BENEFITS	306,400	360,104	382,500	382,500
PLANNING/ZONING	11,983	17,525	20,075	20,075
GIS PROGRAM	6,000	6,600	6,600	6,600
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING	12,298	15,750	17,000	17,000
CEMETERIES	2,360	3,200	3,400	3,400
OTHER INSURANCE	25,117	29,036	29,750	29,750
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
POLICE	412,108	414,700	434,315	434,315
AMBULANCE	46,215	47,609	47,537	47,537
FIRE	154,738	168,150	168,150	168,150
EMERGENCY MGMT/FLOOD PATROL	577	1,800	1,800	1,800
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>				
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	287,248	298,300	299,900	299,900
STREET LIGHTING	4,804	5,300	5,300	5,300
<b>SANITATION</b>				
SANITATION	148,004	165,500	166,000	166,000
SEWER	1,848	3,800	3,800	3,800
<b>HEALTH/WELFARE</b>				
COMPLIANCE/HEALTH	13,297	15,675	16,400	16,400
ANIMAL CONTROL	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
PUBLIC SERVICE	26,280	30,000	30,000	30,000
WELFARE	13,404	28,000	25,000	25,000
<b>CULTURE/RECREATION</b>				
PARKS AND RECREATION	59,194	60,800	56,050	56,050
BEACH	6,785	7,880	8,080	8,080
LIBRARY	114,214	119,900	124,940	124,940
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	821	1,200	4,700	4,700
CONSERVATION	2,297	3,175	3,500	3,500
DEBT SERVICE	66,836	65,246	92,948	92,948
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,018,563</b>	<b>2,190,950</b>	<b>2,283,700</b>	<b>2,283,700</b>

## TOWN BUDGET 2014-2015

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3, V)	ACTUAL	VOTED	SELECTMEN'S	BUDGET COMMITTEE
	EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR July '12 - June '13	APPROPRIATIONS FISCAL YEAR July '13 - June '14	RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '14 - June '15	RECOMMENDED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR July '14 - June '15
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>				
COMPUTER/SERVER	5,500		<b>15,135</b>	<b>15,135</b>
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	41,017	<b>413,000</b>		
WHITE OAK POND	250			
OFFICE COPIER/SCANNER			5,700	5,700
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	125,330	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>
POLICE CRUISER	35,127	<b>32,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>38,000</b>
LIBRARY	12,205			
RAND GARDEN IMPROVEMENTS	150			
REVALUATION	16,723	<b>54,500</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>
FIRE EQUIPMENT	8,175			
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	8,158	<b>17,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	58,756	<b>160,000</b>		
PUBLIC BUILDINGS IMPROVMENTS.		<b>19,000</b>		
EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE	2,595			
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXP.				
PD RADAR SIGN				
ABATEMENT DEFENSE FUND	279			
POLICE EQUIPMENT	328			
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT				
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	242			
<b>TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS</b>				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLES	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
ROAD RECONSTRUCTION	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
POLICE CRUISER	24,000	24,000	28,000	28,000
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	17,000	17,000	15,000	15,000
WHITE OAK POND	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
LIBRARY	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	20,000	20,000	30,000	30,000
REVALUATION	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT	6,000	6,000	5,000	5,000
PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES	45,000	45,000	46,000	46,000
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE FUND	10,000	10,000		
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND	7,000	7,000		
TOWN IT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			10,000	10,000
LIBRARY IT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND			10,000	10,000
MASTER PLAN UPDATE			2,500	2,500
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>2,701,398</b>	<b>3,408,450</b>	<b>2,920,035</b>	<b>2,920,035</b>
<b>NET APPROPRIATION</b>		<b>2,581,950</b>	<b>2,877,035</b>	<b>2,877,035</b>

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

## TRANSFER STATION

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This past year seemed to fly by. It seemed to just get started and now it's over. As always I want to thank you, the resident's, for another great year. You may have brought in another ton (2,000 lbs) of trash over last year, but you also brought in almost another 7 ton's (13,540 lbs) in recyclables. That is incredible, and equals one full container of recyclables over last year. It is obvious property owners are paying attention and making an effort to recycle even the small things. Trash is heavier than recyclables so we use to use the number of containers to figure our recycling percentages. This year to be more accurate we will start to use the weight to see if we can get the weight closer to 50/50. This way of calculating the numbers will drop our recycling percentage, but we are still higher than most other N.H. towns. Calculating by weight, we are collecting 30% of recycled material. I believe I say this every year, but keep making that effort to recycle even the small items to put in the recycle bins. If each household makes a little more effort, it all adds up at the end of the year. I like to challenge our property owners to see if they can keep beating the prior year's recycling percentage.

Ernie and I have found a way to really pack the containers with trash. Property owners brought in 1 more ton of trash then last year, but we actually shipped it all in only 51 containers, compared to the 55 containers shipped out last year. Using fewer containers is saving the town money on hauling fees. The average container weighs about 14 ton. We did pack one container that weighed over 16 ton and the trucks can only carry 17. Now that is getting the most for our money.

I want to let everyone know that we have a couple of the "Planet Aid" boxes at the facility. They are yellow and in the middle of the area where we store the metal. This box is for all cloths and shoes that are still usable. They don't have to be perfect, but not stained or chewed by mice. The old worn out shoes you don't want anymore will make someone in a poor country very happy. Also if you put your old clothes in the Planet Aid boxes, the town does not have to pay to haul it away. Please note they do like the items in plastic bags. Thanks to all that donate we sent out 6.7 ton of clothing this year.

I would also like to remind property owners that the Transfer Station welcomes old motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, hydraulic fluid and old gas, as we can use this for heat during the winter.

Our swap shop is doing very well. I see a lot of stuff coming in and a lot of stuff leaving just as fast. This also saves the Town money as well. If someone can use it then we don't have to throw it in the trash and pay to get rid of it. Reusing is even better than recycling.

Please remember that the town participates in the Hazardous Waste Day, usually held on the last Saturday in July. You can take your stash of "I will use the rest of this stuff someday" down to Meredith and get rid of it for free. For the safety of our beautiful Squam Lakes, please don't just dump chemicals on the ground. The saying goes, "Dump it today, drink it tomorrow!"

I want to thank the Road Agent, Kevin Coburn and the crew for their work to make the grounds of our new facility look better. They did some dirt work to stop a washout next to the compactors, then dumped and spread several loads of top soil. Our new facility is working out great; it's easier to keep clean, which makes things run more smoothly. I have a picture of the "old shack" in the office to remind me how much nicer this facility is. Thanks to you all.

As always I really want to thank Ernie Philbrick for his help this year. We spend a lot of time helping people put things where they need to go, but we also do a lot of work behind the scenes. Ernie is great at getting those things done.

Last, but not least, thank you Holderness property owners. We had a great year and I can see lots of you are trying to recycle as much as possible. We have a lot of great people in town and I enjoy seeing you at the Transfer Station. You make my job less of a JOB!

In closing, I want to remind everybody there are no dumb questions, and we are happy to help or answer any question you may have. It is much easier than fishing something out of the compactors after the fact.

Feel free to say "hi" to our mascot Beast, the friendly golden retriever.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Davis  
Transfer Station Supervisor

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
(JULY 1, 2012 - JUNE 30, 2013)

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*Little Squam Lake ~ Photo taken by Amy Sharpe*

I have enjoyed being your Treasurer since 2006! It has also been a great pleasure to work with our new Bookkeeper/ Financial Officer, Diane Richards, over the past year.

We continue 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 currently Meredith Village Savings Bank.

Our town has a number of financial safeguards in place to minimize the potential for fraud. Our financial records are audited annually by an independent, municipal accounting firm. All municipal checks require three signatures (Treasurer and two Selectmen). All bills submitted to the town are reviewed by me, our Town Administrator, and the Board of Selectmen. Also, our policy is that the officials that sign the checks have no access to the software used to write them.

To follow is a summary of receipts, expenditures and investments for fiscal year 2012-2013 prepared using cash-basis accounting.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Elgin  
Town Treasurer

# TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

<b>Operating Account</b>		<b>Conservation Account</b>	
Beginning Balance 07/01/12	\$ 2,512,683.52	Beginning Balance 07/01/12	\$ 1,437.27
Auditor Adjustments		Receipts	\$ 0.58
Receipts		Expenditures	\$ -
Taxes	\$ 10,772,796.56	Ending Balance 06/30/13	\$ 1,437.85
All Other	\$ 1,420,038.22		
Total Receipts	\$ 12,192,834.78	<b>Bank Proof</b>	
Expenditures		Meredith Village Savings Bank 06/30/12	\$ 1,437.85
School Payments	\$ (7,070,472.00)	Deposits in transit	
County Payment	\$ (1,113,918.00)	Checks in transit	
Town Employee Wages	\$ (912,057.40)	Ending Balance 06/30/13	\$ 1,437.85
Town Capital & Operating Expenses	\$ (1,501,966.60)		
Total Expenditures	\$ (10,598,414.00)	<b>Woodsville CD</b>	
Ending Balance 06/30/13	\$ 4,107,104.30	Balance 06/30/13	\$ 250,722.71
<b>Bank Proof</b>		Principal (\$250,000)	
MVSB:06/30/13 Checking & Investment	\$ 4,202,999.89	<b>Meredith Village Savings Bank CD</b>	
Deposits in transit	\$ -	Balance 06/30/13	\$ 257,811.58
Checks in transit	\$ (95,895.59)	Principal (\$250,000)	
Ending Balance	\$ 4,107,104.30		

# TRUST FUND & CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

Fund	Beginning Balance	Contributions	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b>TOWN OF HOLDERNESS</b>					
CEMETERY FUNDS	\$ 14,030.71			10.39	\$ 14,041.10
POLICE CRUISER	\$ 36,580.60	24,000.00	(35,126.72)	32.96	\$ 25,486.84
FIRE TRUCK	\$ 153,499.24	40,000.00	(40,734.48)	123.82	\$ 152,888.58
WHITE OAK POND FUND	\$ 10,320.27	750.00		8.43	\$ 11,678.70
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$ 66,534.18	5,000.00		50.72	\$ 71,584.90
ROAD CONSTRUCTION	\$ 109,895.95	150,000.00	(141,640.68)	118.51	\$ 118,373.78
TRANSFER STATION	\$ 1,003.68				\$ 1,003.68
SEWER CONSTRUCTION	\$ 2,535.54			1.60	\$ 2,537.14
GRANT APPLICATIONS	\$ 11,628.18			8.52	\$ 11,636.70
FOREST FIRE EXPENDABLE TRUST	\$ 17,628.09			13.16	\$ 17,641.25
EMERGENCY MGT EXPENSES	\$ 8,924.92	7,000.00		11.61	\$ 15,936.53
LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$ 23,195.61	10,000.00	(11,200.00)	19.80	\$ 22,015.41
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS FUND	\$ 17,908.31	20,000.00		18.29	\$ 37,926.60
TOWN REVALUATION FUND	\$ 35,255.56	35,000.00	(26,723.20)	34.95	\$ 43,567.31
FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND	\$ 2,106.70	6,000.00	(6,175.00)	3.05	\$ 1,934.75
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS FUND	\$ 1,662.69		(500.00)	0.79	\$ 1,163.48
HOLDERNESS HONOR ROLL FUND	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
PUBLIC WORKS CAP RESERVE	\$ 67,901.69	45,000.00	(56,756.49)	61.37	\$ 56,206.57
MASTER PLAN	\$ 7,145.07			5.05	\$ 7,150.12
RECREATION PATH MAINTENANCE	\$ 23,327.39			17.47	\$ 23,344.86
EMPLOYEE HEALTH INS. ACCT	\$ 6,027.07	17,000.00	(7,131.64)	8.74	\$ 15,904.17
TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT	\$ 36,103.63	2,000.00		27.34	\$ 38,130.97
ABATEMENT LEGAL DEFENSE	\$ 10,089.03	10,000.00	(278.75)	10.02	\$ 19,820.30
VETERANS HONOR ROLL MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,786.01			1.89	\$ 2,787.90
ROTHSCHILD COMPUTER CLASS	\$ 817.78		(816.50)	(1.28)	\$ (0.00)
RAND GARDEN FUND	\$ 1,004.68		(150.00)	0.43	\$ 855.11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 668,512.58</b>	<b>\$ 371,750.00</b>	<b>\$ (327,233.46)</b>	<b>\$ 587.63</b>	<b>\$ 713,616.75</b>
<b>HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL</b>					
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	\$ 52,382.40			38.99	\$ 52,421.39
TECHNOLOGY	\$ 47,859.54		(17,500.00)	40.86	\$ 30,400.40
LAND PURCHASE FUND	\$ -				\$ -
BUILDING RENOVATIONS	\$ 113,120.54	32,500.00		120.50	\$ 145,741.04
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 213,362.48</b>	<b>\$ 32,500.00</b>	<b>\$ (17,500.00)</b>	<b>\$ 200.35</b>	<b>\$ 228,562.83</b>



# TRUST AND CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

(July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013)

<b>PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DIST</b>					
SPECIAL EDUCATION	\$ 1,693.53			0.83	\$ 1,694.36
BUILDING FUND	\$ 1,614.28			0.75	\$ 1,615.03
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 3,307.81</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>\$ 3,309.39</b>
<b>PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS</b>					
SPANISH CLUB	\$ 2,079.73		(200.00)	1.19	\$ 1,880.92
FRONCEK SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 2,505.91			1.56	\$ 2,507.47
ZOULIAS SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 32,620.02			24.17	\$ 32,644.19
LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 7,367.75		(500.00)	5.25	\$ 6,873.00
PERSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 25,046.80			18.60	\$ 25,065.40
PAQUETTE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,010.62		(75.00)	2.47	\$ 2,938.09
ASH SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 3,403.29			2.66	\$ 3,405.95
DAWSON SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,619.94		(500.00)	6.96	\$ 9,126.90
MINICKIELLO SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 1,158.70			0.04	\$ 1,158.74
YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,185.51		(175.00)	6.70	\$ 9,017.21
BLAKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 9,018.11			6.65	\$ 9,024.76
VOLPE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,581.58	626.00		5.35	\$ 7,212.93
LW PACKARD EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSH	\$ 12,928.09			9.69	\$ 12,937.78
AVERY SCHOLARSHIP PU	\$ 1,797.18			1.05	\$ 1,798.23
W. CARLETON ADAMS PR	\$ 33,262.72				\$ 33,262.72
FRENCH CLUB	\$ -				\$ -
BURKE SCHOLARSHIP	\$ 6,265.91		(200.00)	4.53	\$ 6,070.44
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 165,851.86</b>	<b>\$ 626.00</b>	<b>\$ (1,650.00)</b>	<b>\$ 96.87</b>	<b>\$ 164,924.73</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN FUNDS</b>					
TOTAL HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL FUNDS					\$ 713,616.75
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS					\$ 228,562.83
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER SCHOLARSHIPS					\$ 3,309.39
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>					<b>\$ 1,110,413.70</b>
Respectfully Submitted,					
Trustees of the Trust Funds					
Bonnie Hunt, Chair					
Maurice Lafreniere					
Peter Woodward					



## VITAL STATISTICS 2013 - BIRTHS

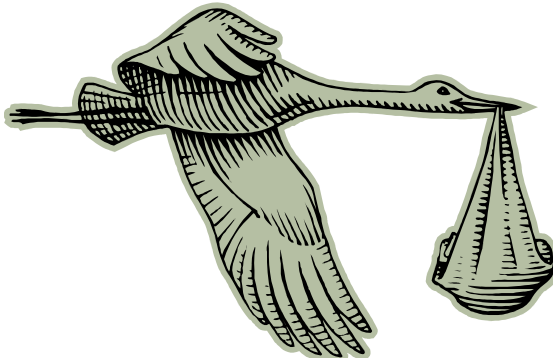
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January 18	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Parker Hartnett Sheppe</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Andrew Sheppe</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Lebanon, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Kristin Sheppe</b>
January 26	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Blaiden Ryan Devine</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Ryan Devine</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Lyndsay Devine</b>
February 2	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Charles Leo Schultz</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Damian Schultz</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Stephanie Schultz</b>
March 22	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Addison Rose Downey</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Seiyung Downey</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Jessica Downey</b>
April 27	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Piper Marie Sargent</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Christopher Sargent</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Hillary Piper</b>
June 9	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Winifred Josephine Eaton</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Derek Eaton</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Arianne Fosdick</b>
July 29	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Charles Wheeler Emmons</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Matthew Emmons</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Concord, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Heidi Emmons</b>
August 11	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Beatrice Roberts</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Peter Roberts</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Erin O'Donnell</b>

## VITAL STATISTICS 2013 – BIRTHS CONT'D

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August 16	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Hadley Lynn Lewis</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Tyler Lewis</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Renee Lewis</b>
December 27	<u>NAME OF CHILD:</u> <b>Ryan Nathaniel Fuller</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Nathaniel Fuller</b>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Kristen Fuller</b>



**Welcome New Residents of Holderness!**

## VITAL STATISTICS 2013 - DEATHS

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January 20	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Louis Francesco</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Frank Francesco</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Meredith, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Mary Romani</b>
February 24	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Milton Huckins</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Clarence Huckins</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Florence Chase</b>
April 5	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>William Brady Jr.</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>William Brady Sr.</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Meredith, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Sarah Fitzgerald</b>
April 14	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Edgar Simoneau</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Albert Simoneau</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Marie Hupee</b>
May 2	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Marguerite Brown</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Chester Clifford</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Laconia, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Myrtle Rollins</b>
May 9	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Clauvis St Cyr</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Joseph St Cyr</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Agnes Brown</b>
July 20	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Robert Elliott Jr.</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Robert Elliott Sr.</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Carole Lincoln</b>
August 1	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Edward Rogers</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Leon Rogers</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Henniker, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Delia Clancy</b>

## VITAL STATISTICS 2013 – DEATHS CONT'D

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August 3	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Clare Mowbray</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Serge Mejido</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Olga Samse</b>
September 18	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Larry Zimmer</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>William Zimmer</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Rose Avery</b>
October 14	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>Deloris Clark</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>George Schiabor</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Manchester, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Frances Smith</b>
December 27	<u>NAME OF DECEASED:</u> <b>William Dembiec</b> <u>FATHER'S NAME:</u> <b>Frank Dembiec</b>	<u>PLACE OF DEATH:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <u>MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME:</u> <b>Veronica Izworsky</b>



## VITAL STATISTICS 2013 - MARRIAGE

June 1	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>Griffin Lafleur</b> <b>Lindsay Hutchinson</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
July 8	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>Eleanor Mardin</b> <b>Linda Levy</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
July 13	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>George Bourbeau</b> <b>Bobbi Dross</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Amherst, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
August 9	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>Edward Swanson</b> <b>Jacquelyn Swanson</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
August 31	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>John Connolly</b> <b>Cora Downing</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
September 14	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>Ralph Reynolds</b> <b>Mary Bohn</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Plymouth, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
September 14	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>David Guyotte</b> <b>Kassi Duclos</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
October 5	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>Justin Preisendorfer</b> <b>Angela Uhlman</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>
December 24	<u>NAME &amp; SURNAME OF GROOM/BRIDE/SPOUSE:</u> <b>Kevin Waterhouse</b> <b>Jennie Sargent</b>	<u>RESIDENCE AT TIME OF MARRIAGE:</u> <b>Holderness, NH</b> <b>Holderness, NH</b>

## WELFARE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

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

Heat and rental assistance is always the greatest expense each year as this is most individual's largest monthly expense. Many clients pay for expenses that are the most manageable for their budget such 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

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In 2013, the Zoning Board heard 20 applications. This is an increase of 33% over last year's tally. The applications included 14 variances; 2 appeals of administrative decisions; and 4 motions for rehearing.

9 variances appeals: granted (1 partially)  
5 variance appeals: denied  
1 appeal of administrative decision: denied  
1 appeal of administrative decision: granted  
1 motion for rehearing: granted  
2 motions for rehearing: denied  
1 motion for rehearing: suspended

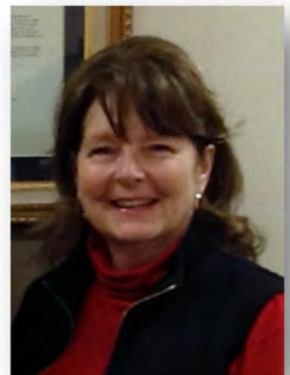
Zoning Boards have the authority to act on four types of appeals: Decisions by administrative officials in the interpretation or enforcement of the zoning ordinance; Special Exceptions for permitted land use as allowed by the zoning ordinance observing specific criteria; Variances to grant relief from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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

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



*Colleen Hannon,  
Land Use Administrative Assistant*

# OFFICERS OF THE HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## **School Board**

## **Term Expires**

Joseph Casey	2014
Carolyn Mello	2015
Bonni Acton	2015
Christina Gribben	2014
Kelly Schwaner	2016

## **CLERK**

Sara Weinberg

## **TREASURER**

Kathleen Whittemore

## **MODERATOR**

Laura Rollison

## **AUDITOR**

Grzelak and Associates

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mark J. Halloran

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Ethel F. Gaides

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Kyla A. Welch



# HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL ELECTION WARRANT

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said District on the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2014 at 8:00 in the morning to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
2. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing two years.
3. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing three years.

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

Given under our hands at said Holderness the 24th day of February, 2014.

Bonni Acton  
Joseph Casey  
Christina Gribben  
Carolyn Mello  
Kelly Schwaner

A true copy of warrant attest:

Bonni Acton  
Joseph Casey  
Christina Gribben  
Carolyn Mello  
Kelly Schwaner

# HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL WARRANT 2013

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## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at the Holderness Central School in said District on Wednesday, the twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) day of March, 2014, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

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

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2014-2015	\$7,247.00
2015-2016	\$6,752.00
2016-2017	\$6,690.00

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred forty-seven dollars (\$7,247.00) for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

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- Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for the purpose of technology upgrades. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the previously established capital reserve fund for building renovations. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$180,000) for renovations to the multi-purpose room at the school and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the School Board to withdraw said amount from the Capital Reserve Fund. **There will be no new taxes raised for this article.** The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 6: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million four hundred seventy-five thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars (\$4,475,486) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum does not include the sums found in Articles 2, 3, 4, and 5. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)
- Article 7: Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 198:4-b (II) and authorize, indefinitely until specific rescission, the school district to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current year's net assessment pursuant to RSA 198:5, for the purpose of having funds on hand to use as a revenue source for emergency expenditures and overexpenditures

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL WARRANT 2013

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under RSA 32:11, or to be used as a revenue source to reduce the tax rate? **There will be no new taxes raised for this article.** The School Board recommends this article.

Article 8: To transact any further business which may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen.

Bonni Acton  
Joseph Casey  
Christina Gribben  
Carolyn Mello  
Kelly Schwaner

Holderness School Board

A true copy of warrant attest:

Bonni Acton  
Joseph Casey  
Christina Gribben  
Carolyn Mello  
Kelly Schwaner

Holderness School Board



**HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014**

MS-2f Budget - School District of Holderness FY 2015

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	OP Bid WARR. for Year 7/1/12 ART. 3 to 6/30/13	Expenditures Approved by DRA (Recommended)	Appropriations Current Year As Approved by DRA (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Ending Fiscal Year (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Approp. Ending Fiscal Year (Recommended)		
<b>FACILITIES ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION</b>								
4100	Site Acquisition							
4200	Site Improvement							
4300	Architectural/Engineering							
4400	Educational Specification Develop.							
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction							
4600	Building Improvement/Services	0	0	0	33,000		33,000	
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services							
<b>OTHER OUTLAYS</b>								
5100	Debt Service - Principal	237,108	237,108	237,108	237,108		237,108	
5120	Debt Service - Interest	32,365	41,812	41,812	32,365		32,365	
<b>FUND TRANSFERS</b>								
5220-5221	To Food Service	6	14,700	60,000	30,000		30,000	
5222-5228	To Other Special Revenue	6	33,138	1	1		1	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects	6	47,500	47,500				
5254	To Agency Funds							
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Alloc.							
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL</b>								
<b>DEFICIT</b>								
<b>Operating Budget Total</b>			<b>4,497,972</b>	<b>4,570,266</b>	<b>4,475,486</b>		<b>4,475,486</b>	



## HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

MS-27 Budget - School District of \_\_\_\_\_ HOLDERNESS \_\_\_\_\_ FY 2014

1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues NSUING FISCAL YEAR
<b>REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</b>					
1300-1349	Tuition		26,400	24,000	20,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees				
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments		53	50	50
1600-1699	Food Service Sales		38,148	38,000	38,000
1700-1799	Student Activities				
1800-1899	Community Services Activities				
1900-1999	Other Local Sources		60,397	22,821	23,648
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>					
3210	School Building Aid		75,153	75,153	75,153
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid				
3220	Kindergarten Aid				
3230	Catastrophic Aid				
3240-3249	Vocational Aid				
3250	Adult Education				
3260	Child Nutrition		1,017	1,100	1,100
3270	Driver Education				
3290-3299	Other State Sources			1,227,169	
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants				
4540	Vocational Education				
4550	Adult Education				
4560	Child Nutrition		22,970	38,500	37,738
4570	Disabilities Programs				
4580	Medicaid Distribution		35,817	30,000	30,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (except 4810)			39,700	41,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		478		
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes				
5221	Transfer from Food Service-Spec.Rev.Fund		74,700	30,000	30,000
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds				
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds				
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		-	180,000	180,000



## HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

MS-27 Budget - School District of           HOLDERNESS           FY 2014

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART. #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Revised Revenues Current Year	Estimated Revenues ENSUING FISCAL YEAR	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES CONT.</b>						
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds		32,500			
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources					
5140	This Section for Calculation of RAN's (Reimbursement Anticipation Notes) Per RSA 198:20-D for Catastrophic Aid Borrowing RAN, Revenue This FY _____ less RAN, Revenue Last FY _____ =NET RAN					
<b>Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)</b>						
<b>Voted From Fund Balance</b>						
<b>Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes</b>						
			35,274	109,399		
<b>Total Estimated Revenue &amp; Credits</b>			<b>402,973</b>	<b>1,815,918</b>	<b>476,693</b>	

\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\*

	Current Year Adopted Budget	School Board's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
<b>Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 3)</b>	4,570,266	4,475,486	4,475,486
<b>Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)</b>	-	227,500	227,500
<b>Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 4)</b>	Included in Above	7,247	7,247
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>4,570,266</b>	<b>4,710,233</b>	<b>4,710,233</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	1,815,918	476,693	476,693
Less: Amount of State Education Tax/Grant	0	1266328	1266328
Estimated Amount of Local Taxes to be Raised For Education	2,754,348	2,967,212	2,967,212

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18:           \$5,154,309            
 (See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

# HOLDERNESS SCHOOL BUDGET 2013-2014

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT: Holderness

FISCAL YEAR: 2015

## BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

Total recommended by Budget Committee:	\$4,710,233
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes:	\$237,108
Interest: Long-Term Bonds and Notes:	\$32,365
Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	
Mandatory Assessments	
Total Exclusions	\$269,473
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting	\$5,154,309



*Preparation for" ice harvesting"*  
*Photo provided by Rockywold-Deephaven Camps.*

## HOLDERNESS SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

**2012-2013**

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Cash	265,902.02	(6,943.39)	(577.50)	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	27.00	0.00	0.00	228,562.83
Interfund Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	15,790.51	6,882.39	1,144.50	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	478.00	34.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>282,170.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>567.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>228,562.83</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
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	18,057.37	0.00	567.00	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>18,057.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>567.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Fund Equity</b>					
Res for Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Encumbrances	154,713.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	228,562.83
Unreserved Fund Balance	109,399.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<b>264,113.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>228,562.83</b>
<b>Total Liability &amp; Fund Equity</b>	<b>282,170.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>567.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>228,562.83</b>

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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The School Districts of SAU 48 continue to move forward with the charge of giving every student the opportunity to acquire the skills and abilities to be a successful citizen.

Preparing students to meet the challenges of the 21st century is a top priority in SAU #48. To achieve success, our students need to have the ability to think critically, apply knowledge at high levels, and use technology tools to access, evaluate, and communicate information. Innovative technology and media skills are integrated throughout the Common Core State Standards in order to prepare our students for future academic and workforce training programs. Students are beginning to develop interdisciplinary project-based digital portfolios that positively impact their higher order thinking skills, effective communication skills, and their knowledge of technology.

Just as student learning has changed, so has assessment of that learning. Our educators continue to engage in professional development opportunities, aligning curriculum maps with the Common Core State Standards, and documenting multiple measures of assessments including formative, summative and performance based assessments to evaluate student learning. Students are preparing for the Smarter Balanced Assessment for Spring 2015, which will be replacing the NECAP statewide assessment.

K-8 mathematics educators throughout SAU #48 have engaged in intensive professional development with our new mathematics series aligned to the Common Core. We continue to upgrade our technology tools, wireless, and network infrastructure to support the interactive online resources across all content areas.

We continue to update our school web sites so that all citizens have access to our resources. Many of our meetings and public hearings are broadcast on the public access channels of the Time Warner Cable system. As always, we welcome your comments.

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Mark Halloran  
Superintendent

Ethel Gaides  
Assistant Superintendent

Kyla Welch  
Assistant Superintendent

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL NURSE'S REPORT

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After Christmas break we are seeing an increase in the Norovirus. Hand washing is the most basic step in reducing the spread of germs. I have been going to the classrooms to teach proper hand washing. I use Glo-Germ and the students rub the gel on their hands and then look under ultra violet light to see the germs. Students wash their hands and look again with the UV light. They continue to wash until we can no longer see germs on their hands. It shows the students how long they have to wash their hands to get the germs off. We have tested light switches, sink handles, soap dispensers, pencil sharpeners, chairs, pencils and phones for germs. It has been an eye opener for the students.

The flu vaccine was offered at HCS for the students and staff in October.

Ruth Doane a dental hygienist sponsored by Speare Memorial Hospital continues to do dental screenings, cleanings, and oral hygiene education at the school. She comes twice a year to HCS.

Sau 48 school nurses meet once a month to discuss school health trends. There have been speakers on different topics related to school nursing responsibilities.

In November food baskets were provided to school families in need of extra help for the holiday. Canned goods were gathered by the HCS community. In December families also received help with Christmas from the staff.

All HCS students were in compliance with the state immunization laws.

We continue to promote wellness at HCS by encouraging healthy snacks and activity. We have yoga being taught in some of the classrooms. The students have several different options for outside activities. Snow Shoes are provided to students in the winter. We had several students from HCS participating in the Circle Triathlon this year.

I welcome community input, please call or stop by the HCS Health Office with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Johnstone,BSN,RN  
School Nurse

## HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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*December 18, 2013*



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 three new faculty members this year as the school had two veteran staff retire and a teacher who took a new position in another district. The school welcomed Mrs. Janna Swanson, guidance counselor, Mr. Silas St. James, Middle School Language Arts teacher and Mrs. Jadi Mercer, Art Teacher. Each of these individuals brings with them a renowned enthusiasm for teaching and being a part of Holderness Central School.

We are in the second year of the newly created intermediate team combining grades five and six and have continued to experience success with this model. 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. The middle school remains grades 7 & 8 while we still foster the climate of small classes in our elementary grades. We continue to use existing faculty members as we embrace the new Common Core State Standards and strive to improve the overall educational program.

The Middle School continues to provide a rigorous academic program designed to meet the needs of our middle level learners and their preparation for life beyond HCS. The team model remains the approach teachers use to meet the academic and social needs of our Middle School students. We remain focused on more teaching time in the content areas while embracing the new enrichment program that offers grade seven and eight students the opportunity to choose a class. The choices consisted of publishing, music, social studies and math. 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 students to examine a particular area of interest in more depth.

Our lower grade teachers and students continue to focus this year on the implementation of a new math program, In-Focus Math, commonly known as Singapore math. The implementation process has been introduced in stages, this year grades 3, 4, & 5 are being instructed using this new series. The series is designed to meet the new Common Core Standards and focuses on students mastering math concepts in more detail. Teachers will work closely with others throughout SAU#48 as this program is continues to be implemented throughout the school district. The implementation of this new program is a combined effort on the part of SAU#48 to meet the needs of all students as they eventually prepare for entry into Plymouth Regional High School.

In addition literacy education continues to be at the heart of HCS and the instructional program for our elementary level students. Holderness Central School has started the process of exploring options for a new reading series. The Common Core State Standards require many new literacy concepts to be taught at the lower grades. The full day Kindergarten program continues to be strong at HCS as well as the new combined grade levels allowing for improved social opportunities within each grade. In addition to the expertise and hard work of our core teachers, the Unified Arts Program at HCS remains a vital piece to the overall education for the children of Holderness. Holderness Central School continues to embrace the challenges facing public education. In response, HCS has initiated the process of developing a strategic plan. This plan will guide our school for the next five years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

*William J. Van Bennekum*

William J. Van Bennekum, Principal

**HOLDERNESS CENTRAL SCHOOL MEETING MINUTES  
OF MARCH 13, 2013**

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The annual Holderness School District meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Malcolm “Tink” Taylor was designated School District Moderator, pro tem, in the absence of Moderator Laura Rollison, without objection for the purpose of presiding over this meeting only. Moderator Tink Taylor asked Carol Snelling to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Moved by Dan Rossner, seconded by Earl Hansen. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 2:** To see if the School District will vote to 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 the salary and benefits:

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

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-seven thousand five hundred three dollars (\$37,503.00) for the 2013-2014 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent collective bargaining agreement. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Margaret “Peg” Winton. Martha Macomber asked what the percentage of these increases represent. Board member Joseph Casey answered that this agreement includes a less expensive prescription plan and an increase in medical deductibles by about 10 percent. Also included is a salary increase of 2 percent. A voice vote was taken and the article passed.

**Article 3:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$7,500.00) 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 Earl Hansen, seconded by Dan Rossner. 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 forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) 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)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Peg Winton. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 5:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000.00) for security system upgrades at the school. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget Committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Alden “Skip” Van Sickel. Board member Joseph Casey explained that some upgrades to school security were planned but the tragic events in Newtown, CT prompted additional security measures. These are to include surveillance cameras inside and outside the school building, the installation of panic button stations that will notify police and locks in each classroom. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

**Article 6:** To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four million four hundred forty thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars (\$4,440,263.00) for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials, employees and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the District, this sum does not include the sums found in Articles 2,3,4 and 5. The School Board recommends this appropriation and the Budget committee supports this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Dan Rossner. Martha Richards asked what the current student population is. Board member Joseph Casey answered that 204 students are currently enrolled. A voice vote was taken and the article passed unanimously.

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

Moved by Earl Hansen, seconded by Skip Van Sickle. Board member Joseph Casey recognized School Board members Jennifer Morris and Jonathan Stewart who are stepping down. Mr. Casey thanked them for their service to the board and the school. Mr. Casey also recognized retiring Assistant Superintendent Kathleen Boyle and thanked her for her support and guidance. With no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was accepted to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Weinberg  
School District Clerk, Holderness



*Winter snow cover!  
Photo taken by Amy Sharpe*

**Holderness School District**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION ACTUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT**

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	Fiscal Year <u>2011/2012</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2012/2013</u>
Expenditures	\$708,452	\$777,175
Revenues	<u>\$125,962</u>	<u>\$118,733</u>
Net Expenditures	\$582,490	\$658,442
\$ increase/decrease		\$75,952
% increase/decrease		13.04%



*Morning fog on Little Squam Lake, photo taken by Amy Sharpe.*

## TOWN AUDIT REPORT-2013

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To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Holderness  
P.O. Box 203  
Holderness, NH 03245

Dear Members of the Board:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, major general fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Holderness for the year ended June 30, 2013. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated August 23, 2011. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

### Significant Audit Findings

#### *Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices*

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Town of Holderness are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. As described therein, the Town changed accounting policies related to financial reporting by adopting Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, and applying early implementation of GASB Statement No. 65, *Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities* in 2013. The nature of reporting terminology differences from the prior year are described therein.

We noted no transactions entered into by the Town during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the Town's financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the capital asset useful lives is based on historical information and industry guidance. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives of the capital assets in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

#### *Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit*

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### *Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements*

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. Adjustments proposed and accepted were primarily of a routine nature which management expects the auditors to record as part of their year-end procedures. The adjustments in the general fund totaled \$3,411,760.

## TOWN AUDIT REPORT CONTINUED

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The government-wide financial statements were prepared by the independent auditors and likewise were approved by management.

### *Disagreements with Management*

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

### *Management Representations*

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter, which is dated February 7, 2014.

### *Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants*

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Town's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### *Other Audit Findings or Issues*

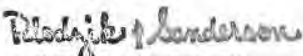
We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the Town's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

During review of the Town's investment policy, we noted that there was not any documentation showing that the policy was updated for the current fiscal year. The Town Administrator stated that the policy was reviewed at a Selectmen's meeting but was not reflected in the meeting minutes. We recommend that the Board of Selectmen show evidence of approval of policies in the meeting minutes, as well as on a physical copy of the document.

With respect to the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Selectmen and management of the Town of Holderness, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,



PLODZIK & SANDERSON  
Professional Association

## BALANCE SHEET- TOWN OF HOLDERNESS

*EXHIBIT C-1*  
**TOWN OF HOLDERNESS, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Governmental Funds*  
*Balance Sheet*  
*June 30, 2013*

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,085,553	\$ 24,302	\$ 4,109,855
Investments	1,207,255	14,041	1,221,296
Taxes receivable	1,444,924	-	1,444,924
Voluntary tax liens	13,483	-	13,483
Voluntary tax liens reserved until collected	(13,483)	-	(13,483)
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,737,732</u>	<u>\$ 38,343</u>	<u>\$ 6,776,075</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accrued salaries and benefits	\$ 54,103	\$ -	\$ 54,103
Due to other governments	3,799,614	-	3,799,614
Total liabilities	<u>3,853,717</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,853,717</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	1,001,654	-	1,001,654
Unavailable revenue - Donations	1,779	-	1,779
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>1,003,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,003,433</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	-	4,750	4,750
Restricted	-	9,291	9,291
Committed	984,145	24,302	1,008,447
Assigned	24,921	-	24,921
Unassigned	871,516	-	871,516
Total fund balances	<u>1,880,582</u>	<u>38,343</u>	<u>1,918,925</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,737,732</u>	<u>\$ 38,343</u>	<u>\$ 6,776,075</u>

## CADY

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Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth (CADY) would like to express our deep appreciation to the citizens of Holderness for your 2013 appropriation for youth substance abuse prevention. Since 1999, our community education, youth development programs, partnerships, trainings and outreach have been shattering myths about illicit drug use and underage drinking with science-based facts and building healthy foundations and promising futures for hundreds of local youth.

Substance misuse is directly linked our toughest social problems: Addiction; Homelessness; Domestic Violence; Larceny; and other forms of Crime. Some employers can't fill jobs because otherwise qualified candidates can't pass drug tests. We cannot afford to incarcerate our way out of this growing problem. Prevention is simply the most responsible and cost effective solution to substance abuse.

Our important work could not be accomplished without the participation and dedication of so many. As a non-profit we achieve progress through the efforts of dedicated volunteers and community investment from the towns we serve. We believe every child from Holderness deserves the opportunity to live up to his or her full potential and we dedicate ourselves to that end. One significant and noteworthy accomplishment in 2013 was the Grafton County adoption of a county-wide juvenile justice program under the auspices of the Grafton County Attorney's Office

To see detailed program numbers and pictures of local youth participating in skill building activities, youth conferences, and leadership programs, please go to our website at [www.cadyinc.org](http://www.cadyinc.org) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cadyinc](http://www.facebook.com/cadyinc).

Your municipal allocation to CADY helped to continue many vital programs and connections that build the potential and promise of Holderness youth. Our energy and commitment for continuing our work is strong. While we are proud of our many successes, we have a long way to go. Still too many young people are engaging in dangerous behaviors—the need for a local safety net against substance use is great. In these challenging economic times, support from the Town of Holderness is more important than ever and is greatly appreciated. This is our chance to thank you for your partnership

Sincerely,  
Deb Naro, Executive Director

## FRIENDS OF THE PEMI ~ LIVERMORE FALLS CHAPTER

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In August of 1992, the State of NH Department of Resources & Economic Development (DRED) purchased 41.8 acres using LCIP money to “secure permanent protection of Livermore Falls...in the towns of Holderness, Campton and Plymouth including over two miles of frontage on both sides of the Pemigewasset River around the gorge.” This site is beautiful and marked by historic features including the Nation's only remaining site of a Berlin Iron Works Co. "below deck" double lenticular truss ("pumpkinseed") Towne-type truss bridge built by the three towns in 1885. The remains of a pulp mill and the state's first fish hatchery (from 1788) are visible and invite historical inquiry.

The gorge and falls are bordered to the east by the Livermore Falls State Forest. The Holderness side with its sand outwash and island is a very popular recreation area with excellent fishing, swimming, and tubing down the river.

The challenge is to keep this area clean, safe, and enjoyable for public use. However, this state-owned property did not get enough attention from the state and enforcement issues increasingly fell to the three Towns. Toward that end, in April 2012 Police Chief Patridge enlisted Executive Councilor Ray Burton to coordinate a gathering of stakeholders to figure out how to deal with the increasing illegal activities. Since this first meeting, great progress has been made and the efforts have shifted from a focus on enforcement to stewardship and community engagement. Specifically a *Friends of the Pemi* – Livermore Falls Chapter was formed including over ninety stakeholders from all three towns – all determined to help preserve the land, water and environment along the Pemi River corridor. The section of the Pemi for this *Friends* group starts up at the top of the Livermore Falls with the historic Pumpkin Seed Bridge and meanders down to the Rotary Amphitheater in Riverside Park next to the Court House.

On August 3, 2013, forty members of the *Friends of the Pemi* gathered for a **Clean-Up Day** organized by the Plymouth Rotary. They dedicated their entire Saturday morning to an enthusiastic clean up of three areas along the river: the **Campton** side of the Pemi, the **Livermore/Holderness side** of the Pemi, and the “**South Beach**” **area in Plymouth**. Four truckloads of trash including glass, bricks and many tires were hauled to the transfer station. We expect this will be an annual event.



It is anticipated that the *Friends of the Pemi* will hold a “visioning” day in late March 2014 to invite the public to share their ideas about how this area should be used in the future. Local contacts for joining the Friends are Walter Johnson or Shelagh Connelly.

*“Friends of the Pemi” at Livermore Falls*



*Photo courtesy of Shelagh Connelly*



Respect    Advocacy    Integrity    Stewardship    Excellence

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

The appropriation we received from the Town of Holderness' 2013 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town.

During Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013), we served **43 Holderness residents** and provided emergency services to **6 Holderness residents**. We provided \$6,673.77 in charity care.

The mental health crisis in New Hampshire is real. We know firsthand that reduced access to mental health care leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities like yours. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than 100 billion dollars 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).

The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and contribute to their community. We work with your police and fire departments, as well as local hospitals, to provide emergency services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to **any resident of Holderness** experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

Your investment is an essential component of our funding and is critical to the sustainability of the emergency services program. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,274 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,  
Margaret M. Pritchard,  
Executive Director

## **GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.**

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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.

The council operates eight senior centers and sponsors the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center and RSVP and the Volunteer Center. Through these organizations, 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 2012-13, 83 older residents of Holderness were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center; 27 were assisted by ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Holderness enjoyed 1,322 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 855 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Holderness residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 91 occasions by our lift-equipped busses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 94 visits with a trained outreach worker and 84 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Holderness's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 689 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Holderness residents in 2012-13 was \$23,689.95. 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 US Census data from 1990 to 2010.

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

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

## HOLDERNESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

### **Programs**

- ❖ Daniel Webster: New Hampshire's First Favorite Son - Richard Hesse \*\*\*
- ❖ Margaret Bourke-White America's Eye - Sally Matson \*\*\*
- ❖ New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality - Steve Taylor \*\*\*
- ❖ Field Trip to visit with Bruce Carpenter and the Owl Brook Alpacas at the farm on Perch Pond Spinning Demonstration by Beverlee Carpenter  
\*\*\* *Supported by New Hampshire Humanities Council*

### **Museum Building**

- ❖ Dealt with the many problems of historic buildings.
- ❖ Wildlife removal to rid the building of critters that had taken up residence.
- ❖ Dodie Greenwood and Cynthia Murray washed and waxed our meeting room floor.
- ❖ Maintained and updated a research/library area to allow people to research families, cemeteries, camps, historical events, and places.

### **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 - The Summer Camps of Holderness and Squam Lakes.
- ❖ Expanded our photo collection with the donation of two leather bound albums documenting the summers of 1902 and 1903.

### **Community**

- ❖ Partnered with the Holderness Library to present programs sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council.
- ❖ Hosted the White Oak Pond Watershed Association. Our large meeting room and kitchen are available free of charge to Holderness community groups.
- ❖ Provided school tours of the museum in October to third graders of the Holderness Central School who expanded our scavenger hunt for visitors to the museum.
- ❖ Worked with Flowers on the Bridge and Summer Celebration.
- ❖ Have a new website as of June 2013 - [www.holdernesshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.holdernesshistoricalsociety.org).
- ❖ Added a new copy machine to our research/library area.

**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 a special display of photos and postcards will be available in the museum.

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

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Directors</u>
Linda Foerderer - President	Lynn Durham
Susan Kemp -Vice President	Dodie Greenwood
Missy Mason - Treasurer	Cynthia Murray
Connie Ross – Secretary	Mary Elizabeth Nielsen
	Joyce Rogers
	Tink Taylor

## LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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### FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS 2012 – 2013 (FY13)

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization enabled by state law and established by its local municipalities to provide communities and the region with the capacity to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to its members. As our economy and world change, so does the work we perform. The Commission offers direct and support services including, but not necessarily limited to, technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

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

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

For extensive information for local officials and the general public, please visit our website at [www.lakesrpc.org](http://www.lakesrpc.org).

## MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

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The annual Memorial Day Service took place on Monday, May 27, 2013 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 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 on the Monument. The three volley gun salute and final bugle rendition of taps was moving.

The Holderness Central School band played Armed Forces March and Majestica, and the chorus led the community in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

The event was respectful and ceremonious, and many people from our community took part in honoring our service members. The flag proudly waving overhead was donated to the Town by Peg Wynton to honor her husband Cy Wynton who had passed away, and who was a veteran and member of American Legion Dupuis-Cross Post #15.

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

We ended with children placing red carnations on all the veteran’s graves in the Bridge Cemetery.

The Holderness Central School 4<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## NORTHEAST RESOURCE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION

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Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402  
E-mail: [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) Web Site: [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)

Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 33-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

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

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

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 81,337 tons in fiscal year 2012-2013!

Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)



## PEMI-BAKER COMMUNITY HEALTH (PBCH)

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Pemi-Baker Community Health (PBCH) is a non-profit offering home health, hospice, outpatient rehab, aquatic & fitness memberships, and community services. Our mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities by providing excellence in health care services through outreach, in-home and facility based programming.

Health is not a moment in time, but an ongoing adventure. Decisions about being healthy happen from the day we are born until the day we die. PBCH's programs assist members of our community in this journey to become and stay healthy through life and with Hospice we can make the end of life journey one of hope, and dignity while putting the patient/family in the driver's seat. Most of our community members would choose to remain healthy at home and many have been able to realize this possibility.

Town funds are used to match grant funding, to provide services to those with limited or no ability to pay and to augment (as in Hospice care) the cost of services that are not covered through third party payers. The agency is dependent upon charitable donations and town funds to continue to provide services. Our website [www.pbhha.org](http://www.pbhha.org) is a resource for the many programs offered at PBCH.

The programs at PBCH are designed to interact with the community and strengthen the many things that make our community healthy. Communication and input is essential so please do not hesitate to call 536-2232 or email me [cengelbert@pbhha.org](mailto:cengelbert@pbhha.org).

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

Respectfully

Chandra Englebert, RN,BSN, MBA  
Executive Director

## PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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**Key Events – 2013:** PRLAC completed the multi-year effort to completely re-write the 2001 Pemi River Management Plan which no longer reflected current river conditions. We worked closely with the Lakes Region Planning Commission and North Country Council in this process. The Management Plan (MP) is to the river what a Master Plan is to a town in that it assesses a) where we are today, b) outlines a long term vision, and c) identifies issues we expect to deal with in implementing this vision. The MP can be accessed <http://lakesrpc.org/PRLAC/files/PemiCorrMgmentPlan2013.final.pdf>. The MP was introduced to corridor town Planning Boards by members providing a brief summary of what we have concluded are the major threats to both the quality and quantity of our water resources in the future.

Water Quality Testing – in 2013 we expanded our WQ testing program – number of test stations increased from 9 to 10; sampling for E coli/Phosphorous increased from 3 to 4 times per year; and we have added Nitrogen, Nitrates, and Chlorides (salt) to our lab testing effort. The river continues to be impaired for pH (acidity) which means it does not meet pH standards for a Class B river. The river segment near the Ayers Island Dam continues to be listed as impaired for Dissolved Oxygen. Both conditions are considered moderate and not in need of immediate attention. Lab testing results (E coli, Phosphorous, Nitrogen, Nitrates, Chlorides) were well below concern level limits. Lab tests are relevant to both public health and river health.

Permit Applications – PRLAC received 7 development permit applications in 2013 all of which had Pemi water quality implications. On-site reviews were conducted on 6 of the applications. All were approved, however, discussion continues on a PRLAC proposed change to one.

**Focus in 2014:** The extensive MP review process produced ~ 20 areas of concern which are covered in some detail in the Concerns/Recommendations section of the plan. The issue that rose to the top priority is Stormwater Runoff, which is already creating problems in our region such as flooding, erosion, and non-point source pollution. The source of the problem is *impervious surfaces* (paved, built, or otherwise altered areas where water cannot infiltrate) that prevent natural recharge and reduce natural groundwater recharge rates. There is already evidence that this issue is negatively affecting water resources in more developed parts of the state. The problem is complex because it can be caused by poor stormwater management anywhere in our 1000 square mile watershed. It contributes to 80% of surface water

impairments in the state. While the state does regulate some non-point sources of stormwater, reducing much of the stormwater runoff is left up to property owners and municipalities through thoughtful property management. Rivers and streams do not recognize town borders yet active participation by municipal entities today is the key to any comprehensive solution. PRLAC will work with corridor town Planning Boards to see what can be done to improve runoff management in our region. The initial focus will be on new development – finding ways to limit post-development runoff to pre-development levels. Encouraging the infiltration of runoff into our groundwater serves both to mitigate flooding and protect needed groundwater supplies. This is not a crisis issue in our region today but there is some urgency in getting runoff mitigation started in 2014.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Max Stamp,  
PRLAC Chair – 744-8223



*Little Squam Lake.  
Photo taken by Amy Sharpe*

## SQUAM LAKES CONSERVATION SOCIETY

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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 39 Holderness properties covering over 4,386 acres. Here are some of the highlights from 2013:

- SLCS contracted with Dr. Rick Van de Poll to compile a natural resources inventory on lands in the Mt. Prospect area.
- We continued to support the National Register of Historic Places in their continued effort to place Squam properties on the Register.
- SLCS is grateful to Camp Deerwood for hosting our 2013 Annual Meeting and to the Singing Eagle Lodge for entertaining the 200+ people in attendance.
- SLCS ended the year protecting 109 properties and 7,529 acres of land, contributing significantly to the 25% of land protected in Squam watershed, more than any other large-lake watershed in New England.

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

## SQUAM LAKES NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER

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Squam Lakes Natural Science Center encompasses a 232-acre campus, three miles of accessible trails, and a collection of more than 70 live animal ambassadors. In 2013, the Science Center reached over 50,000 trail visitors plus another 33,000 school students, program attendees, and lake cruise passengers. Approximately 350 volunteers donated more than 8,500 hours of service in 2013.

Noteworthy accomplishments and events that occurred during 2013 include:

- Construction began on a new Coyote Exhibit which will open to the public in spring 2014.
- Construction began on a new wood-burning fuel plant. The new plant will reduce fossil fuel usage and replace furnaces in the Welcome Center, Webster Building, Tamworth Pavilion, and Trailhead Gallery.
- The first Squam Summit was held at the Science Center with representatives from Squam Lakes Association, Loon Preservation Committee, PSU, Squam Lakes Conservation Society, Lakes Region Conservation, Rockywold-Deephaven Camps, National Register of Historic Places, and Squam Lakes Natural Science Center.
- The Science Center hosted Dreamnight for children who are chronically ill or disabled and their families.
- Squam Lakes Natural Science Center was featured on “NH Chronicle” on WMUR-TV. The Science Center received the 2013 Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor..
- The Science Center received the 2013 Parenting NH Family Favorite Award for Favorite Environmental Education Center.
- Blue Heron School began to offer a full day option (8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) for the 2013-2014 school year.
- The Horizon Award was given to Development and Communications Director Janet Robertson.
- In February, Project OspreyTrack truly went international. Executive Director Iain MacLeod was a guest speaker at a seminar in Israel. Surviving GPS-tracked Osprey, Art, returned to a media fanfare and huge public interest in April. Five more Ospreys were tagged and followed, including Art’s sons Bergen and Artoo.
- The Science Center began sponsoring New Hampshire's Young Birders Club, the Harriers, as its fiscal agent but allowing the Young Birders Club to operate largely independently.

Amanda Gillen  
Marketing and Visitor Services Manager

## STATE FOREST RANGER AND FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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

This past fire season started in late March with the first reported fire on March 26th 2013. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, started very dry with little measurable precipitation until the middle of the month. Approximately 70% of our reportable fires occurred during the months' of April and May. The largest fire was 51 acres on April 29th. 81% of our fires occurred on class 3 or 4 fire danger days. By mid-May, extensive rains began which provided us with a very wet summer overall. We had a longer fall fire season due to drier than normal conditions following leaf fall. Fortunately most of these fires were small and quickly extinguished.

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 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 2013 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org).

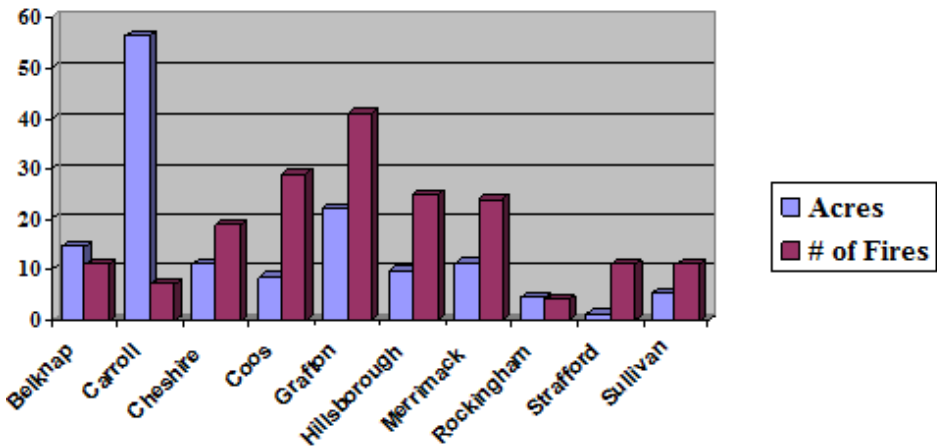
Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

## STATE FIRE STATISTICS- 2013

(All fires reported as of November 2013)

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

<b>COUNTY STATISTICS</b>		
<b>County</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b># of Fires</b>
Belknap	14.5	11
Carroll	56.5	7
Cheshire	11	19
Coos	8.5	29
Grafton	22.3	41
Hillsborough	9.5	25
Merrimack	11.2	24
Rockingham	4.3	4
Strafford	1	11
Sullivan	5.2	11



### CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		<b>Total</b>	<b>Fires</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
Arson	1	2013	182	144
Debris	69	2012	318	206
Campfire	12	2011	125	42
Children	1	2010	360	145
Smoking	10	2009	334	173
Railroad	0			
Equipment	4			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	85	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE**

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 year:

- A Memorandum of Understanding between the Grafton County Commissioners, the Executive Committee of the Grafton County Delegation and the University of New Hampshire was renewed.
- Deb Maes worked with a team of colleagues across the state to reach underserved clients as part of the Granite State Future project. Dave Falkenham completed a National Resources Inventory for the town of Easton and also completed site visits on 8000 acres of privately owned forestland throughout the county to help landowners manage their woodlots.
- Heather Bryant is collaborating with the Grafton County Farm to conduct a variety trial of late blight resistant tomatoes.
- Donna Lee worked to restructure 4-H club leader trainings that included on-line training modules.
- Michal Lunak organized statewide workshops on forage production and dairy feed focusing on growing new forage crops and innovative uses of old forages.
- Heather Bryant worked with a state-wide team to prepare for the implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act and its impact on local farms.
- Kathy Jablonski helped create a 4-H Healthy Living website as well as a 4-H Club Challenge, promoting the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award and healthy living resources.
- Lisa Ford is working in schools to teach good eating habits to students. As a result of her efforts teachers report that students are “connecting physical activity to their hearts and bodies being healthy.”
- Heather Bryant and colleagues worked to revamp the Pesticide Applicator Training program to become a “flipped classroom” to make it easier for participants to study information prior to the education session.
- Volunteer Master Gardeners worked on a Butterfly and Rain Garden Project at the newly remodeled Minot-Sleeper Library in Bristol.
- Volunteers serve on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and also provide local support for our programs as Covert Cooperators, 4-H Leaders and Master Gardeners.

**Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at [www.extension.unh.edu](http://www.extension.unh.edu).**

Respectfully submitted:  
Deborah Maes, County Office Administrator



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**Administrator's Office - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3 968-2145**

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Monday to Friday - 8:30AM to 4:30PM

*Open during lunch*

**E-mail: administrator@holderness-nh.gov Fax: 968-9954**

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(Building Permits/Septic Permits)

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**Town Clerk/Tax Collector - Town Hall – 1089 US RT 3 968-7536**

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*Open during lunch*

**PERMITS TO THE TRANSFER STATION & BEACH ARE AVAILABLE  
THROUGH THE TOWN CLERK**

**Transfer Station – 65 Tada Dump Road 279-6336**

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Tuesday & Thursday: CLOSED

Sunday - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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E-mail – recreation@holderness-nh.gov

*Hours varied per season*

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**Fire Department – 922 US RT 3 (non-emergency) 968-4491**

Volunteer Department

**POLICE EMERGENCY CALL 911 or 536-1626 (Police Dispatch)  
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