



# CANTERBURY NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2014



## *Apple Blossoms*

*Of all the lovely blossoms  
That decorate the trees,  
And shower down their petals  
With every breathe of breeze,  
There is nothing so sweet or fair to me,  
As the delicate blossoms of the apple tree.*

HATTIE HOWARD



SHAKERS HAPPILY PREPARE TO GO APPLE PICKING.

## The Orchards of Canterbury

There are few among us who have not found great joy in visiting an apple orchard in the autumn. The special smells and colors of approaching autumn, combined with the simple pleasures of harvesting the fruits of the orchard, creates a sense of celebration marking Nature's gift to us all. Orchards have been an important element in Canterbury's life from its earliest days. There were plantings of fruit trees scattered about Canterbury by families for their own use. There were also some notable orchards.

## David Morrill Orchard

Historian, James Otis Lyford discusses the settlement of the Borough following the Revolutionary War in the 1770s. He notes that the Borough was "...an excellent farming community" and that "...there were no better farms in town as those created by just a handful of early settlers," one of whom was David Morrill, who owned the largest orchard in Canterbury. Lyford notes, "Some years, between one and two thousand barrels of apples were shipped to market" (3,000 to 6,000 bushels). The Morrill homestead burned and the orchard disappeared. All that is left today is the house foundation, scattered apple trees, and a family burial plot.

## The Shakers

Eldress Bertha Lindsay recalled, "Our orchards were situated around the village in a great many places. Our orchards have been a source of pride with the Shakers, as the apples were sold for a great many years and marketed as far as England. For many years we dried apples for sale and made it into the famous applesauce, the dried applesauce. These made very good pies, too." According to Elder Henry Blinn, a six-acre orchard was set out from 1795 to 1798, three years after the village was organized in 1792. In 1838, the *Farmer's Monthly Visitor* wrote that the First Family reported 30 acres in orchards. Peter Foster, a Canterbury native and Shaker Peter Ayers were credited with creating outstanding orchards. The "New Orchard," located at the top of Meeting House Field, was set out in 1917, planted in 1918 and consisted of 140 trees. This is the last remaining Shaker orchard and is owned and managed by Shaker Village.

## Sam Lake Orchard

In 1894, Sam Lake purchased land on Baptist Hill Road (currently owned by Tyson Miller) and in 1895 staked out ground for setting out apple trees, which he planted with Baldwin Apple Trees. His journals reveal that he harvested 33 barrels in September, 1902. In October, he recorded drawing 4 casks of cider from his mill. Records are not clear as to how long or

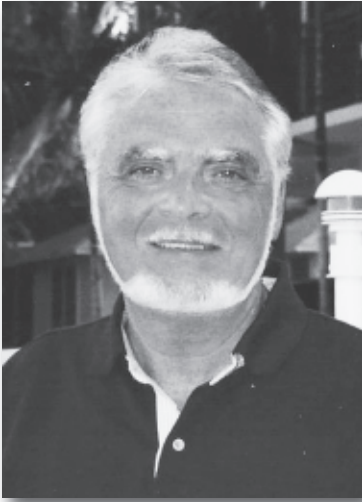
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2014 ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
**CANTERBURY**  
New Hampshire



COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN,  
TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR,  
LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS,  
PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT,  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION, CEMETERY TRUSTEES,  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY, POLICE, FIRE, AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.



## DEDICATION



*The 2014 Annual Report of the  
Town of Canterbury, NH is  
dedicated to:*

***Bob Scarponi***

The 2014 Annual Report of the Town of Canterbury is dedicated to Bob Scarponi in recognition of his many years of service to our community.

At the risk of making him appear more venerable than his customary exuberance would admit, Bob's service to our town began in 1975, continued with only a few interruptions for the ensuing 40 years and he still contributes today. During this time, Bob devoted 4 years to the Conservation Commission, 2 years to the Planning Board, 6 years to the Board of Selectmen, and has served for the last 6 years on the Historical Society and the last 12 years on the Budget Committee. He has also selected the historical theme, researched and written the history presentation, and designed the covers of numerous town reports over the years.

Bob is currently leading the effort to update the history of Canterbury, picking up the tale where Lyford's history left off in 1912 and bringing it up to the present day. We can only hope that some of Bob's own numerous historical (and hysterical) anecdotes make it into print.

Bob — *Thank you from a grateful community.*

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# TOWN OFFICES GENERAL INFORMATION



Web Site: [canterbury-nh.org](http://canterbury-nh.org)

***Town Administrator's Office***  
[kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org)

***Selectmen's Office & Welfare Administrator***  
[jstout@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:jstout@canterbury-nh.org)

***Assessing Office***  
[mirving@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:mirving@canterbury-nh.org)

783-9955  
Monday — Wednesday — Friday  
9:00–1:00

***Town Clerk/Tax Collector***  
[bbynum@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:bbynum@canterbury-nh.org)  
783-0153

Monday 9–3 — Tuesday 12–7 — Thursday 3–7

***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer***  
783-9033

***Selectmen's Meetings***  
1st & 3rd Monday of the month

***Planning Board Meetings***  
2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

***Zoning Board of Adjustment***  
As needed

***Conservation Commission***  
2nd Monday of the month

***Recycling Committee***  
1st Thursday of the month

***Historic District Commission***  
As needed

## TOWN OFFICERS — ELECTED



### ***SELECTMEN (3 years)***

Robert Steenson, *Chairman* (2016)

Cheryl A. Gordon (2015)

George Glines (2017)

### ***TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)***

Benjamin Bynum (2016)

### ***TREASURER (3 years)***

Albert Edelstein (2016)

### ***MODERATOR (2 years)***

Wayne Mann (2016)

### ***PLANNING BOARD (3 years)***

Art Rose, *Chair* (2017)      Jim Snyder, *Vice Chair* (2017)

Chris Blair (2016)      Duncan McCallum (2015)

Joshua Gordon (2016)      Alice Veenstra (2015)

*Alternates:*

Seth Cohn (2016)      Tyson Miller (2017)

Kent Ruesswick (2017)      *Secretary:* Lori Venie

*Selectmen's Representative:* George Glines

### ***CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)***

Hugh Fifield (2015)      Kent Ruesswick (2016)

John Goegel (2017)

### ***SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)***

Brenda Murray (2018)      Denise Sojka (2020)

Mary Ann Winograd (2016)

### ***LIBRARY TRUSTEES***

Claudia Leidinger, *Chair* (2015)      Anne Nute, 3 years (2016)

Paul Lepasqueur, 3 years (2016)      Florence Woods, 2 years (2016)

Linda Riendeau, 2 years (2015)      Deborah Snow, 2 years (2016)

Mark Stevens, 3 years (2017)

### ***TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)***

Greg Heath, *Chair* (2017)      Laurie Lockwood (2015)

Tiffany Cryans (2016)



## TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED



### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Kenneth Folsom

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Janice L. Stout

### **ACCOUNTING CLERK**

Mary Hauptman

### **ASSESSOR**

Mandy Irving

### **DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Lisa Carlson

### **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

James Sawicki, <i>Road Agent</i>	David Heath
Donald O'Connor	Richard Niolet

### **TRANSFER STATION**

Adrienne Hutchinson, <i>Manager</i>	
Warren Hardy	David Bowles

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

<i>Chief</i> John LaRoche	<i>Sergeant</i> Ernest Beaulieu
Cpl. Randy DiFruscio, <i>Part-time Officer</i>	Thomas Bibeau, <i>Part-time Officer</i>
Kyle DiFruscio, <i>Part-time Officer</i>	

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Peter Angwin, <i>Chief</i>	Jon Camire, <i>Deputy Chief</i>
Don Janelle, <i>Deputy Chief</i>	Scott Ruesswick, <i>Captain</i>
Don Maurer, <i>Captain</i>	Jeremy Slayton, <i>Lieutenant</i>
Adam Angwin, <i>Captain</i>	David Nelson, <i>EMT</i>
Geoff Hubble	Dale Caswell
Tyler Dymont	Nick Baker
Ned Witham	Kevin Landry
Evan Hauptman	Paul O'Keefe
Jim Gagnon	Jim Griffin
Brett Chagnon	Sean O'Brien
Nick Brien	Briell Grant

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John Michno      Zachary Powell  
Patrick Donohue      Collin Evans  
Eric Roth

### ***FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR***

Peter Angwin

### ***HEALTH OFFICER (PUBLIC HEALTH)***

Nadine Dahl

### ***DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER***

Vacant

### ***ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)***

Joseph Halla, *Chair* (2015)      F. Webster Stout (2015)  
Barbie Tilton (2015)      Gary Spaulding (2017)  
Jim Wieck (2016)      Christopher Evans (2017)  
Lisa Carlson, *Secretary & Alternate* (2017)

### ***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

Kelly Short, *Chair*, 3 years (2017)  
Tom Osmer, *Vice-Chair*, 3 years (2017)  
Jennifer Taylor, 3 years (2017)      Fred Ficken, 3 years (2016) (resigned)  
Bob Fife, 3 years (2016)      Ken Stern, 3 years, (2016)  
Steve Seron, 3 years (2015)

#### ***Alternates:***

Teresa Wyman (2016)      Faith Berry (2015)  
Linda Fife (2016)      Chris Blair (2016)  
Jon Nute (2017)

### ***LIBRARY***

Susan LeClair, *Director*      Debi Folsom, *Circulation Mgr.*  
Rachel Baker, *Children's Librarian*      Mary Ann Winograd, *Assistant*  
Roseanne Howe, *Circulation Services*

### ***BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER***

Jim Snyder

### ***HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION***

Mark Hopkins, *Chair*      Ted West  
Virginia LaPlante      Anne Emerson  
Jeffrey Leidinger

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**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Bob Scarponi, <i>President</i>	Sandy Scripture, <i>Vice-President</i>
Roger Klose, <i>Treasurer</i>	Pam Jackson, <i>Recording Secretary</i>
Jan Cote, <i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Sam Papps, <i>Archivist</i>
Anne Emerson	Mary Jane Bergman
Brian Braskie	Brian Titilah
Mary Ann Winograd	

**CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN**

Mark Stevens

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Seth Cohn, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jill McCullough
Jim Higgins	Bob Stump
Adrienne Hutchinson, <i>Trans. Sta. Mgr.</i>	Robert Steenson, <i>Selectmen's Rep.</i>

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Deke Jackson	Tyson Miller
Kelly Short	John Carr
Robert Scarponi	Seth Cohn
Frank Tupper	Briggs Lockwood
Chris Blair	Art Rose

**AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Naomi Scanlon, <i>Chair</i> (2015)	Dave Emerson (2017)
Jill McCullough (2013)	Barbie Tilton (2015)
<i>Alternates</i>	
Don Burgess (2016)	Luke Mahoney (2015)

**SAM LAKE HOUSE COMMITTEE**

Ken Folsom	Beth Blair
Nancy Roy	Mark Hopkins
Ted West	Bob Reed
Bob Steenson, <i>Selectmen's Representative</i>	

# 2015 WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



*The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.*

*You are hereby notified to meet at the Canterbury Town Hall in said Canterbury on said Tuesday, the tenth day of March, 2015 at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects.*

**Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote on the following Zoning Amendment proposed by the Planning Board to be voted upon by official ballot:

**Question 1.** *Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? Strike the phrase “on farm” from the definition of an Agricultural Retail Outlet in the Canterbury Zoning Ordinance Article 3, Definitions.*

**Question 2.** *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment re-adopts the existing Article 11.9, changing the date from **March 31, 2014 to March 31, 2020**. This amendment changes the sunset date of the growth management plan building permit cap.*

## SECOND SESSION

*The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday, the thirteenth day of March, 2015, at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:*

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of Two Million Four hundred thirty five thou-

sand two hundred and twenty dollars (\$2,435,220) for the same. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$7,920) to fund Canterbury's share to acquire the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) said funds to be withdrawn from the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing air conditioning compressors for the HVAC system at the Municipal Building. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$59,800) to pay principal (\$40,000) and interest (\$19,800) on the Gold Star bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unreserved Fund Balance. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of providing funds necessary to the Canterbury Historical Society to research, compile, write and publish a History from 1900 to the present time. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of purchasing and installing a garage door at the Fire Department as proposed in the original Municipal Building plans, said amount to be removed from the Town's unreserved fund balance. ***Recommended by the Selectmen.***

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:  
*RESOLVED, that the People of Canterbury, New Hampshire join with communities in New Hampshire and across the country to defend democracy by calling for an amendment to the United States Constitution to establish that:*

- 1. Only human beings, not corporations, are endowed with constitutional rights; and*
- 2. Money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the People of Canterbury, New Hampshire hereby call upon our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort.*

THE RECORD OF THE VOTE approving this article shall be transmitted by the Canterbury Board of Selectmen to Canterbury's State Senator and Representatives and to the members of New Hampshire's Congressional delegation. ***Petitioned Warrant Article.***

**Article 10:** To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 2nd day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand fifteen.

*Robert J. Steenson, Chairman*

*Cheryl A. Gordon*

*George R. Glines*

2015 BUDGET — TOWN OF CANTERBURY



EXPENSE BUDGET		2014	2014	2015	+ /(-) 2014	Percent	Revenue
4130 — EXECUTIVE		Budget	Actual	Proposed	Budget	+ /(-)	Offset
4130.1	Selectmen Salaries	6100	6,100	7,500	1,400		
4130.10	Office Supplies	3,000	2,996	3,000	—		
4130.11	Health Insurance	33,218	33,218	29,832	(3,386)		12,941
4130.12	Postage	900	832	900	—		
4130.21	Admin Wages	24,000	22,881	24,480	480		
4130.22	Assessing Wages	29,361	28,808	29,948	587		
4130.3	Town Administrator Salary	35,000	16,154	35,700	700		
4130.31	Town Admin Health Insurance	—	1,845	—	—		
4130.4	Office Equipment Repairs	500	535	800	300		
4130.5	Selectmen Seminars	1,000	1,376	1,000	—		
4130.6	Telephone	2,500	3,179	3,000	500		
4130.7	Printing	200	114	200	—		
4130.25	Misc Other Expense	—	73	1	1		
4130.8	Office Equipment	—	—	300	300		
TOTAL 4130 — EXECUTIVE		135,779	118,113	136,661	882	0.6%	12,941
4135 — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY							
Executive							
4135-1e	Network Server & Installation	1	—	1	—		
4135-2e	Computers/Hardware	1,000	414	1,000	—		
4135-3e	Software/Licensing	5,525	4,655	4,486	(1,039)		
4135-4e	Offsite Data Backup	600	308	400	(200)		
4135-5e	IT/Network Support	7,500	10,187	8,280	780		
Sub-Total Executive		14,626	15,564	14,167	(459)		

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EXPENSE BUDGET						
	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed	+ /(-) 2014 Budget	Percent + /(-)	Revenue Offset
<i>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</i>						
4135-6t Computers/Hardware	400	299	400	—		
4135-7t Software/Licensing	5,200	5,299	5,400	200		
4135-8t Computer Repair	1	—	1	—		
<b>Sub-Total Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>5,598</b>	<b>5,801</b>	<b>200</b>		
<i>Police</i>						
4135-9P Computers/Hardware	1,200	—	1,200	—		
4135-10P Software/Licensing	600	730	800	200		
4135-11P Computer Repair	400	—	400	—		
<b>Sub-Total Police Department</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>200</b>		
<i>Fire</i>						
4135-12F Computers/Hardware	1,000	—	—	(1,000)		
4135-13F Software/Licensing	1,390	1,455	1,400	10		
4135-14F Computer Repair	1	—	—	(1)		
<b>Sub-Total Fire Department</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>(991)</b>		
<i>Highway</i>						
4135-15H Computers	1	—	1	—		
4135-16H Software/Licensing	1	—	1	—		
4135-17H Computer Repair	1	—	1	—		
<b>Sub-Total Highway Department</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>		
<i>Conservation Commission</i>						
4135-15H Computers	1	—	1	—		
4135-16H Software/Licensing	175	—	1	(174)		
4135-17H Computer Repair	1	—	1	—		
<b>Sub-Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(174)</b>		
<b>TOTAL 4135 — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>24,998</b>	<b>23,347</b>	<b>23,774</b>	<b>(1,224)</b>	<b>(4.9%)</b>	<b>0</b>



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	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed	+ /(-) 2014 Budget	Percent + /(-)	Revenue Offset
<b>4130-1 — TOWN REPORT</b>						
4130.1a Printing Town Report	2,300	3,469	3,600	1,300		
<b>TOTAL 4130-1 — TOWN REPORT</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>3,469</b>	<b>3,600</b>	<b>1,300</b>	<b>56.5%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4140 — ELECTION, REG &amp; VITAL STATS</b>						
4140.10 Town Clerk Seminars	1,200	599	1,200	—		
4140.11 Dog Tags	150	246	150	—		
4140.12 Election Wages	1,500	1,508	600	(900)		
4140.14 Election Advertising	150	162	50	(100)		
4140.15 Election Misc. Supplies	500	2,979	250	(250)		
4140.16 Voting Machine	1,500	1,939	250	(1,250)		
4140.7 Town Clerk Salary	13,005	12,599	13,265	200		
4140.19 Vital Statistic Fees	600	348	500	(100)		
4140.2 Marriage License Fees	350	532	550	200		
4140.3 Deputy Town Clerk Wages	19,000	17,807	18,500	(500)		
4140.31 Deputy Town Clerk Health Ins	11,073	11,073	9,955	(1,118)		995
4140.7 Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,500	654	1,500	—		
4140.8 Town Clerk Office Equipment	200	340	200	—		
<b>Total 4140 ELECTION, REG &amp; VITAL STATS</b>	<b>50,728</b>	<b>50,786</b>	<b>46,970</b>	<b>(3,758)</b>	<b>(7.4%)</b>	<b>995</b>
<b>4150 — FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
4150.1 Tax Collector Salary	24,449	23,582	24,938	489		
4150.11 Tax Collector Health Insurance	11,073	11,073	9,955	(1,118)		995
4150.10 Registrar of Deeds	600	529	600	—		
4150.4 Outside Auditing	15,000	14,500	14,500	(500)		
4150.6 Tax Map Maintenance	1,650	1,650	1,650	—		
4150.7 Tax Collector Seminars	1,000	1,182	1,200	200		

<b>EXPENSE BUDGET</b>							<b>Percent + / (-)</b>	<b>Revenue Offset</b>
	<b>2014 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Proposed</b>	<b>+ / (-) 2014 Budget</b>				
4150.91 Tax Collector-Liens	500	526	600	100				
4150.93 Treasurer-Salary	3,000	3,000	3,500	500				
4150.931 Bookkeeper wages	17,000	15,854	17,340	340				
4150.95 Tax Collector Office Supplies	725	804	800	75				
4150.96 Tax Collector Postage	4,500	4,540	4,500	—				
4150.98 Treasurer Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	773	800	(200)				
<b>TOTAL 4150 — FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>80,497</b>	<b>78,013</b>	<b>80,383</b>	<b>(114)</b>			<b>(0.1%)</b>	<b>995</b>
<b>4152 — REVALUATION OF PROPERTY</b>								
Rolling Reval	16,980	16,980	26,600	9,620				
4152.1 Property Update/Pickups	1,000	—	1,000	—				
<b>TOTAL 4152 — REVALUATION OF PROPERTY</b>	<b>17,980</b>	<b>16,980</b>	<b>27,600</b>	<b>9,620</b>			<b>53.5%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4153 — LEGAL EXPENSES</b>								
4153.3 General Municipal	19,000	18,669	17,000	(2,000)				
<b>TOTAL 4153 — LEGAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>19,000</b>	<b>18,669</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>			<b>(10.5%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4155 — PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>								
4199.0081 Medicare	13,000	11,735	12,000	(1,000)				
4199.0082 Social Security	49,500	39,769	40,000	(9,500)				
4155 Personnel Admin. — Other (UC)	1,000	—	—	(1,000)				
<b>TOTAL 4155 — PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>63,500</b>	<b>51,504</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>(11,500)</b>			<b>(18.1%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4191 — PLANNING/ZONING BOARD</b>								
4191.1 PB Postage	600	281	600	—				
4191.10 PB Seminar	180	—	—	(180)				
4191.2 PB Secretary Wages	5,000	3,588	5,000	—				

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4191.5	PB Professional Services	1,000	—	1,000	—		
4191.6	PB Advertising	500	673	500	—		
4191.7	PB Printing	250	—	250	—		
4191.8	PB Supplies	500	140	500	—		
4191.11	ZBA Secretary Wages	2,500	2,099	2,500	—		
4191.13	ZBA Postage	500	506	500	—		
4191.14	ZBA Advertising	1,000	1,026	1,000	—		
4191.15	ZBA Supplies	1,200	—	100	(1,100)		
4191.16	ZBA Seminar	50	—	50	—		
<b>TOTAL 4191 — PLANNING BOARD</b>		<b>13,280</b>	<b>8,312</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>(1,280)</b>	<b>(9.6%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4194 — GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>							
4194.19	Janitorial Services	11,400	10,780	12,200	800		
4194.17	Meeting House Maintenance	2,000	595	500	(1,500)		
4194.1	Center Electricity	400	452	678	278		
4194.12	Historical Society Electricity	900	1,064	1,596	696		
4194.13	Town Buildings Heat/Oil/Propane	35,000	33,892	35,000	—		
4194.14	Municipal Building Electricity	5,500	7,523	11,285	5,785		
4194.16	Municipal Building Alarms	500	330	500	—		
4194.17	Municipal Bldg Maintenance	10,000	6,186	5,000	(5,000)		
4194.2	Town Hall Maintenance	1,000	1,196	500	(500)		
4194.3	Town Hall Electricity	700	921	1,381	681		
4194.5	Town Building Emergency Fund	1	924	1	—		
4194.11	Historical Society Maintenance	500	—	500	—		
4194.7	Sam Lake Maintenance	1,000	1,319	1,000	—		
4194.8	Sam Lake Electricity	650	759	1,139	489		
4194.18	Sam Lake Security System	800	587	800	—		
4194.21	Transfer Station Security System	240	771	500	260		
<b>TOTAL 4194 — GENERAL GOV. BUILDINGS</b>		<b>70,591</b>	<b>67,300</b>	<b>72,580</b>	<b>1,988</b>	<b>2.8%0</b>	<b>0</b>

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<b>4195 — CEMETERIES</b>						
4195.1 Cemetery Wages	10,000	3,963	5,000	(5,000)		
4195.2 Sub-Contractor	1	30	1	—		
4195.3 Equipment Repairs	500	195	500	—		
4195.4 Gas & Oil	—	10	1	1		
4195.5 Parts & Supplies	1	617	1	—		
4195.6 Headstone repairs	1,500	1,450	1,500	—		
4196.7 Tree Removal	1,000	2,075	1,000	—		
4196.8 Record Keeping & Software upgrades	500	956	500	—		
<b>TOTAL 4195 — CEMETERIES</b>	<b>13,502</b>	<b>9,297</b>	<b>8,503</b>	<b>(4,999)</b>	<b>(37.0%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4196 — INSURANCE</b>						
4196.2 Worker's Compensation	43,513	39,488	40,022	(3,491)		
4196.3 Liability	33,324	27,916	28,078	(5,246)		
<b>TOTAL 4196 — INSURANCE</b>	<b>76,837</b>	<b>67,405</b>	<b>68,100</b>	<b>(8,737)</b>	<b>(11.4%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4197 — ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL DEV.</b>						
4197.1 Local Government Center Association	1800	1,994	1,926	126		
4197.10 Town Clerk Dues	60	20	20	(40)		
4197.11 Tax Collector Dues	20	20	20	—		
4197.2 Central NH Planning	2603	2,603	2,594	(9)		
4197.3 NH Resource Recovery	120	—	120	—		
4197.4 Assoc. of Assessing Dues	20	20	20	—		
4197.5 Reg/Conc Solid Waste	1	—	1	—		
4197.6 Upper Merrimack River	100	—	100	—		
4197.8 NH Health Association	25	—	—	(25)		
4197.9 Federal DOT Drug Testing	750	1,008	750	—		
4197.12 NH Local Welfare Admin. Assn.	30	—	30	—		
<b>TOTAL 4197 — ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL DEV.</b>	<b>5,529</b>	<b>5,665</b>	<b>5,581</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0</b>

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		Budget	Actual	Proposed	Budget	+ /(-)	Offset
<b>4240 — BUILDING INSPECTION</b>							
4120.10	Code Enforcement	4,110	4,185	4,192	82		
4120.2	Supplies	800	800	800	—		
4120.3	Seminars	100	—	100	—		
4120.4	Gasoline	400	400	400	—		
4240.1	Salary	3,400	3,400	3,468	68		
<b>TOTAL 4240 — BUILDING INSPECTION</b>		<b>8,810</b>	<b>8,785</b>	<b>8,960</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>							
		<b>583,330</b>	<b>527,644</b>	<b>563,713</b>	<b>(19,618)</b>	<b>(3.4%)</b>	<b>14,932</b>
<b>4210 — POLICE</b>							
4210.1	Wages	193,433	185,472	197,000	3,567		
4210.1a	Overtime	3,000	3,847	3,000	—		
4210.1b	Administration	19,175	11,365	1	(19,174)		
4210.10	Sub-Contractor	35,000	59,603	40,000	5,000		50,000
4210.11	Seminars/Dues/Subscriptions	250	456	300	50		
4210.12	Prosecutor	2,000	1,530	2,000	—		
4210.13	Telephone	4,700	5,110	4,700	—		
4210.14	Training	1,100	414	1,100	—		
4210.16	Retirement	34,901	31,320	32,500	(2,401)		
4210.17	Disability Insurance	1,000	1,098	1,000	—		
4210.2	Cruiser Maintenance						
4210.2 a	Tahoe	2,000	1,062	—	(2,000)		
4210.2 c	Expedition	1,000	1,635	1,400	400		
4210.2 d	Interceptor	1,000	1,453	1,400	400		
4210.2 e	F-150	—	1,360	1,200	1,200		
4210.3	Health Insurance	43,469	36,087	39,726	(3,743)		2,983
4210.5	Radios & Repairs	800	521	600	(200)		
4210.6	Dispatch	8,900	8,852	9,500	600		

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4210.7	Gas/Oil	11,500	10,150	10,500	(1,000)		
4210.8	Office Supplies	2,000	2,802	2,200	200		
4210.9	Uniforms	4,000	3,294	4,000	—		
4210.91	Supplies/New Equipment	1,200	1,199	1,200	—		
<b>TOTAL 4210 — POLICE</b>		<b>370,428</b>	<b>368,630</b>	<b>353,327</b>	<b>(17,101)</b>	<b>(4.6%)</b>	<b>52,983</b>
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<b>4215 — EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/ CIVIL DEFENSE</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>		
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<b>4220 — FIRE</b>							
4220.00	Full Time EMT	44,370	43,514	45,257	887		
4220.01	EMT Health Insurance	22,145	22,145	19,877	(2,268)		1,988
4220.02	EMT Retirement	5,000	4,685	5,000	—		
4220.11	Part-Time Fire Chief	31,000	30,155	31,620	620		
4220.03	Disability	550	612	544	(6)		
4220.13	Weekend Standby	10,400	7,075	10,000	(400)		
4220.1	Reimbursement	16,000	16,000	16,000	—		
4220.10	Dry Hydrants	2,800	3,234	1,800	(1,000)		
4220.2	Forest Fire Costs	1,500	—	1,500	—		
4220.3	Vehicle Maintenance	200	461	300	100		
4220.3 a	Fire Engine # 1	2,400	2,522	2,400	—		
4220.3 b	Fire Engine # 3	4,500	4,018	4,500	—		
4220.2 c	Rescue Truck	1,200	2,989	1,200	—		
4220.3 d	Forestry Tanker 1	1,000	633	1,000	—		
4220.3 e	Forestry 1	500	128	500	—		
4220.3 f	Utility	800	251	800	—		
4220.3 g	New Tanker	1,000	398	1,000	—		
4220.3 h	Command Vehicle	—	659	1,000	1,000		

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4220.4	Training & Prevention	3,000	3,083	3,000	—		
4220.5	Dispatch	21,048	21,048	20,808	(240)		
4220.6	Communications	8,000	5,941	8,000	—		
4220.8	Gasoline & Oil	7,000	4,226	4,000	(3,000)		
4220.9	Fire & Rescue Equipment	7,600	6,192	7,600	—		
4220.11	Office Supplies	1,400	2,370	1,400	—		
4220.91	Office Equipment	300	246	400	100		
4220.92	Medical Training	2,600	3,725	2,600	—		
4220.93	Medical Supplies & Equipment	4,600	3,787	4,600	—		
4220.94	Equipment Maintenance	2,500	2,008	2,500	—		
4220.95	Forest Fire Equipment	1,000	956	1,000	—		
4220.12	Uniforms	2,000	1,937	2,000	—		
4220.96	Turn Out Gear	8,000	8,483	8,000	—		
4220.21	Fire Chief Mileage Reimbursement	—	930	—	—		
<b>TOTAL 4220 — FIRE</b>		<b>214,413</b>	<b>204,411</b>	<b>210,206</b>	<b>(4,207)</b>	<b>(2.0%)</b>	<b>1,988</b>
4415.2	Penacook Rescue	30,000	24,979	30,000	—		
4415.3	Belmont Rescue	5,000	5,000	5,000	—		
<b>TOTAL 4155 — RESCUE</b>		<b>35,000</b>	<b>29,979</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>							
<b>TOTAL = Police + Fire + Rescue</b>		<b>619,842</b>	<b>603,020</b>	<b>598,534</b>	<b>(21,308)</b>	<b>(3.4%)</b>	<b>54,971</b>
<b>4311-1 — HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>							
4311.1	Wages	193,000	183,528	193,000	—		
4311.2	Sub-Contractor	2,000	—	2,000	—		
4311.3	Equipment Repairs	600	161	600	—		
4311.3 a	Truck 1 2011 International	1,500	1,887	1,500	—		
4311.3 b	Truck 2 2005 Sterling	3,000	3,701	3,000	—		



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4311.3	Truck 3 2014 International	1,200	1,347	1,500	300		
4311.3 c	Truck 4 2008 F-350	1,200	505	1,200	—		
4311.3 e	Truck 6 Water Truck	400	545	500	100		
4311.3 f	Truck 7 2007 Truck 7 F-550	2,000	2,420	2,000	—		
4311.3 g	Volvo Grader	10,000	9,625	10,000	—		
4311.3 h	Backhoe	2,000	2,721	2,000	—		
4311.3 j	Bob Cat	500	—	500	—		
4311.3 k	Loader	4,500	582	4,500	—		
4311.4	Health Insurance	63,115	63,114	57,136	(5,979)		5,713
4311.12	Disability Insurance	2,000	2,052	2,200	200		
4311.5	Retirement	18,000	19,743	18,000	—		
4311.6	Telephone	2,200	2,163	2,500	300		
4311.7	Supplies	15,000	14,757	15,000	—		
4311.8	Gasoline & Diesel	35,000	35,728	35,000	—		
4311.9	Tires	3,500	3,451	3,500	—		
4311.11	Equipment	1,500	—	1,500	—		
4311.12	Mowing Town Lands	3,500	2,587	3,500	—		
4311.14	Seminars	—	40	—	—		
<b>TOTAL 4311-1 — HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>		<b>365,715</b>	<b>350,656</b>	<b>360,636</b>	<b>(5,079)</b>	<b>(1.4%)</b>	<b>5,713</b>
4312.6	Uniforms	1,500	1,457	1,500	—		
4312.1	Salt	26,000	23,493	28,000	2,000		
4312.3	Road Tar	160,000	151,118	160,000	—		
4312.4	Road Improvements	22,000	12,156	20,000	—		
4312.4T	Tree Removal	—	650	1,000	1,000		
4312.4G	Summer Gravel	10,000	10,230	10,000	—		
4612.2	Winter Sand	25,000	33,185	28,000	3,000		
4612.5	Subcontractor	12,000	13,271	12,000	—		
<b>TOTAL 4312-1 — HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>		<b>256,500</b>	<b>245,560</b>	<b>260,500</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	

EXPENSE BUDGET		2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed	+ /(-) 2014 Budget	Percent + /(-)	Revenue Offset
<b>4313 — CULVERTS &amp; BRIDGES</b>							
4313.1	Culvert/Bridge Maintenance	5000	1,472	5,000	—		
<b>Total 4313</b>	<b>CULVERTS &amp; BRIDGES</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4316 — STREET LIGHTING</b>		<b>2,250</b>	<b>2,238</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>250</b>		
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>		<b>629,465</b>	<b>599,926</b>	<b>628,636</b>	<b>(829)</b>	<b>(0.1%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4321-1 — SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>							
4321.1	Wages	43,000	41,865	43,000	—		
4321.2	Recycling Services	13,000	15,009	13,000	—		
4321.4	Telephone	1,400	1,576	1,700	300		
4321.5	Supplies	1,000	947	1,000	—		
4321.6	Electricity	2,000	2,713	4,070	2,070		
4321.7	Gas & Oil	1,500	1,683	1,500	—		
4323.10	Seminars	400	474	400	—		
4323.11	Health Insurance	22,146	22,304	19,910	(2,236)		1,994
4323.12	Truck Repairs	—	173	—	—		
	Packer Truck	2,200	99	3,500	1,300		
4323.15	Hazardous Waste	2,500	—	2,500	—		
	Ground Water Testing	7,650	2,170	3,930	(3,720)		
4323.16	Equipment Repair	1,500	—	250	(1,250)		
4323.8	Central NH Waste	1	—	1	—		
4323.9	Building Maintenance	—	632	1,500	1,500		
	PAYT Bag Purchases	5,000	5,478	5,500	500		
4321.18	Hazardous Clean-up	3,500	3,875	1	(3,499)		
4321.18a	Hazardous Waste Day	—	—	1	1		
<b>TOTAL 4321-1 — SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>		<b>106,797</b>	<b>98,998</b>	<b>101,763</b>	<b>(5,034)</b>	<b>(4.7%)</b>	<b>1,994</b>

<b>EXPENSE BUDGET</b>						
	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Proposed	+ /(-) 2014 Budget	Percent + /(-)	Revenue Offset
<b>4324 — SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>						
4324.1 Co-op Tipping Fee	35,000	33,204	33,000	(2,000)		
<b>TOTAL 4324 — SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>33,204</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>	<b>(5.0%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENSE</b>	<b>141,797</b>	<b>132,202</b>	<b>134,763</b>	<b>(7,034)</b>	<b>(5.0%)</b>	<b>1,994</b>
<b>4411 — HEALTH</b>						
4411.2 Health Officer	100	—	100	—		
4414.1 Animal Control	200	75	200	—		
<b>TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4441 — WELFARE</b>						
4441.1 Welfare Administrator	1	—	1	—		
4441.2 Aid/Disabled VNA	1	—	1	—		
4441.3 Community Action Program	2,192	2,192	2,192	—		
<b>TOTAL 4441 — WELFARE ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>2,194</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
4442.1 Direct Assistance	17,000	17,853	18,000	1,000		
<b>TOTAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>19,194</b>	<b>20,045</b>	<b>20,194</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4550 — LIBRARY</b>						
4550.1 Wages	87,600	84,008	89,352	1,752		
4550.10 Health Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,500	—		
4550.2 Maintenance	3,600	3,865	5,100	1,500		
4550.21 Cleaning	4,400	3,000	3,500	(900)		
4550.3 Books/Mag/Tapes/Prog	7,000	6,475	7,000	—		
4550.4 Dues/Mtgs/Educ	350	367	350	—		
4550.5 Telephone	1,400	1,283	1,400	—		
4550.7 Electricity	3,000	3,724	5,586	2,586		

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4550.8	Postage	200	210	200	—		
4550.9	Equipment Supplies	4,600	4,593	4,600	—		
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>114,650</b>	<b>110,024</b>	<b>119,588</b>	<b>4,938</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>From Library Trusts</i>							
4550.31	Program/Passes	3,200	2,571	3,000	(200)		
4550.32	Books/Mags/Tapes	3,000	3,479	3,000	—		
4550.33	Other Expenses	300	352	350	50		
4550.34	Contracts	1,800	1,433	1,500	(300)		
4550.35	Technology Labor	2,000	1,822	2,000	—		
4550.36	Capital Improvements	1,000	2,213	4,000	3,000		
4550.37	Gifts/Items for Resale	500	—	—	(500)		
4550.38	Continuing Education	100	30	100	—		
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>11,900</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>13,950</b>	<b>2,050</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>13,950</b>
<b>TOTAL 4550 — LIBRARY — Grand Total</b>		<b>126,550</b>	<b>121,924</b>	<b>133,538</b>	<b>6,988</b>	<b>8.25%</b>	<b>13,950</b>
<b>4583 — PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>							
4583.1	Memorial Day	250	171	250	—		
4583.2	Fourth of July	4,500	4,369	4,500	—		
<b>TOTAL 4583 — PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>		<b>4,750</b>	<b>4,541</b>	<b>4,750</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4589 — HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>							
4589.1	Preservation Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	—		
4589.2	Misc. Supplies	150	170	150	—		
<b>TOTAL 4589 — HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>		<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4651 — HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>							
4651.1	Secretary Wages	0	—	—	—		
4651.2	Postage	50	—	50	—		

EXPENSE BUDGET		2014	2014	2015	+ /(-) 2014	Percent	Revenue
		Budget	Actual	Proposed	Budget	+ /(-)	Offset
4651.3	Printing	50	—	50	—		
TOTAL 4651 — HISTORICAL DISTRICT COM.		100	0	100	0	0%	0
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION		132,550	127,635	139,538	6,988	5.3%	13,950
4520 — PARKS & RECREATION							
4520.1	Repairs	1	—	1	—		
4520.2	Equipment	1	—	1	—		
TOTAL 4520 — PARKS & REC		2	0	2	—	0%	0
4590.1 Boscawen/Canterbury Bridge Removal							
4590.1	Boscawen/Canterbury Bridge Removal	1	0	1	—	0%	0
4611 — CONSERVATION							
4611.1	Dues	500	570	500	—		
4611.2	Postage	75	—	75	—		
4611.3	Printing & Advertising	75	49	275	200		
4611.4	Supplies	300	—	100	(200)		
4611.5	Professional Services	500	65	500	—		
4611.6	Training	300	170	300	—		
4611.7	Environmental Monitoring	400	—	400	—		
4611.8	Land & Easement Stewardship	3,000	3,183	3,000	—		
4611.9	Software	—	—	—	—		
4611.10	Rocky Pond Treatment	—	—	—	—		
4611.11	Cushman Elm	200	180	375	175		
TOTAL 4611 — CONSERVATION		5,350	4,217	5,525	175	3.3%	0
4711 — LONG TERM DEBTS							
4711.2	2003 Bond Principal (municipal bldg)	115,000	115,000	115,000	—		
4711.4	2002 Hildreth Field Note Prin	13,000	13,000	13,000	—		

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4711.5	2005 Gold Star Bond (principal)	1	—	1	—		
4711.6	2005 Bond Principal (Culvert)	35,000	35,000	—	(35,000)		
4711.7	2010 Fire Truck	25,767	25,767	—	(25,767)		
<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>		<b>188,768</b>	<b>188,767</b>	<b>128,001</b>	<b>(60,767)</b>	<b>(32.2%)</b>	<b>0</b>
4721.80	Tax Anticipation Note	1	—	1	—		
4721.7	2003 Bond Interest (municipal bldg)	51,750	44,830	41,380	(10,370)		
4721.8	Hildreth Field Note	2,633	2,611	2,633	—		
	Bond Interest + Fees						
4721.9	2005 Gold Star Interest	1	—	1	—		
4721.11	2009 Culvert Bond Interest	1,365	1,365	—	(1,365)		
4721.12	2010 Fire Truck	2,319	2,322	—	(2,319)		
<b>TOTAL INTEREST</b>		<b>58,069</b>	<b>51,129</b>	<b>44,015</b>	<b>(14,054)</b>	<b>(24.2%)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4915 — PAYMENTS TO CAPITAL RESERVE</b>							
4915.1	Conservation Comm.	10,000	10,000	6,000	(4,000)		
4915.10	Revaluation						
4915.11	Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge						
4915.3	Highway Truck	40,000	40,000	40,000	—		
4915.4	Highway Grader	10,000	10,000	10,000	—		
4915.5	Landfill Closure						
4915.7	Fire Apparatus	50,000	50,000	50,000	—		
4915.15	Firefighting Equipment	—	—	20,000	20,000		
4915.8	Rescue Apparatus	6,000	6,000	6,000	—		
4915.9	Highway Equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000	—		
4915.12	Sam Lake Capital Reserve	15,000	15,000	25,000	15,000		
4915.14	Town Building Maintenance Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	—		
<b>TOTAL 4915 — PAYMENTS TO CAP. RES.</b>		<b>146,000</b>	<b>146,000</b>	<b>172,000</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>17.8%</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SUB-TOTAL ALL DEPT EXPENSE</b>		<b>2,524,668</b>	<b>2,400,659</b>	<b>2,435,222</b>	<b>(89,446)</b>	<b>(3.5%)</b>	<b>91,559</b>

EXPENSE BUDGET		2014	2014	2015	+ /(-) 2014	Percent	Revenue
WARRANT ARTICLES		Budget	Actual	Proposed	Budget	+ /(-)	Offset
Gold Star Bond Payment		57,800	58,298	57,800	—		
WA-2014 AFG Matching Grant for Air Packs		7,533	—	7,920			
WA-2014 Department/Response Vehicle		20,000	19,910	—			
WA-2014 Zoll Replacement		15,000	15,000	—			
WA-2014 Thermal Camera		12,381	10,780	—			
WA-2014 Clough Pond Bridge		60,000	60,000	—			
WA-2014 Canterbury-Boscawen Bridge		175,000	131,360	—			
WA-2014 Update Canterbury History		5,000	5,000	10,000			120,029
WA-2014 Police Cruiser		37,881	37,846	—			
WA-2015 HVAC Municipal Building		—	—	15,000			
WA-2015 Fire Department Garage Door		—	—	5,000			
<b>TOTAL OF WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		<b>390,595</b>	<b>212,411</b>	<b>95,720</b>			
<b>SUB-TOTAL WITH WARRANT ARTICLES</b>		<b>2,915,263</b>	<b>2,613,070</b>	<b>2,530,941</b>	<b>(384,321)</b>	<b>(13.2%)</b>	<b>203,713</b>



# REVENUE TO OFFSET 2015 BUDGET



	<i>Proposed 2014 Revenue</i>	<i>Actual as of 12/31/2014</i>	<i>Proposed 2015 Revenue</i>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Yield Tax	20,200	24,578	22,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	55,000	46,724	45,000
Payment in lieu of Taxes	7,000	9,300	9,300
Excavation Tax (.20 per CY)	0	0	0
Excavation Activity Tax	0	0	0
Overlay	0	0	0
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>82,200</b>	<b>80,602</b>	<b>76,300</b>
<b>FROM STATE</b>			
Shared Revenues			
Meals & Rooms Tax	105,500	113,681	110,000
Highway Block Grant	83,000	81,308	81,000
Reim. State & Federal Forest Land	0	0	0
Other State Revenues	0	661	0
Voter Checklist Town Portion	0	125	0
<b>Total State Revenue</b>	<b>188,500</b>	<b>195,775</b>	<b>191,000</b>
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	400,000	428,510	425,000
Municipal Agent Fees	17,300	18,075	18,000
Other License & Permit Fees	4,000	5,125	4,500
<b>Total Licenses &amp; Permits</b>	<b>421,300</b>	<b>451,710</b>	<b>447,500</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Bag Sales	48,500	43,524	43,500
Recycling Income	14,000	25,801	25,000
Transfer Station Fees	10,500	9,078	10,000
Bestway Chargeback	15,000	16,168	15,000
<b>ENTERPRISE FUND</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>94,571</b>	<b>93,500</b>
Building Permit Fees	4,000	5,126	4,500
Planning Board fees	1,000	258	500
ZBA fees	600	861	600
Police Subcontractors	41,300	83,275	50,000
Pistol Permits	500	560	500
Police Department rev	500	1,075	500
Copier income	400	201	200
Assessing Reports	0	75	0
Assessing Income	0	75	0
Miscellaneous income	800	211	200
Fire Department inspections	0	75	0
Historical District Commission	0	0	0

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	<i>Proposed 2014 Revenue</i>	<i>Actual as of 12/31/2014</i>	<i>Proposed 2015 Revenue</i>
Forest Fire Reimb	300	0	0
Fire Department Inspections	0	75	0
Safe Routes to School	0	2,775	0
Beach Violations	500	0	0
Town Hall Rental Income	300	375	300
<b>Sub-total without Ent Fund</b>	<b>50,200</b>	<b>95,018</b>	<b>57,300</b>
<b>Sub-total with Enterprise Fund</b>	<b>138,200</b>	<b>189,589</b>	<b>150,800</b>

## MISC REVENUES

From Surplus	0	0	62,800
Interest on deposits	1,000	1,062	1,000
Proceeds of Long-Term Bond	0	0	0
Sale of municipal property	20,000	4,500	2,500
Health insurance reimbursement	11,083	15,802	27,350
NSF Fee	100	120	100
Library offset — Trust funds	11,900	11,900	13,950
Insurance Claim Money	0	1,011	0
Miscellaneous Revenue	0	35,190	2,000
	<b>44,083</b>	<b>69,585</b>	<b>109,700</b>
Transfers from Capital Reserves	0	0	7,920
Sale of Highway Truck	12,500	12,500	0
Amount Voted from Fund Balance	57,800	58,298	62,800
State Bridge Aid	160,000	120,029	—
<b>Sub-total transfers</b>	<b>230,300</b>	<b>190,827</b>	<b>70,720</b>
<b>Total Misc Revenues</b>	<b>274,383</b>	<b>260,412</b>	<b>180,420</b>

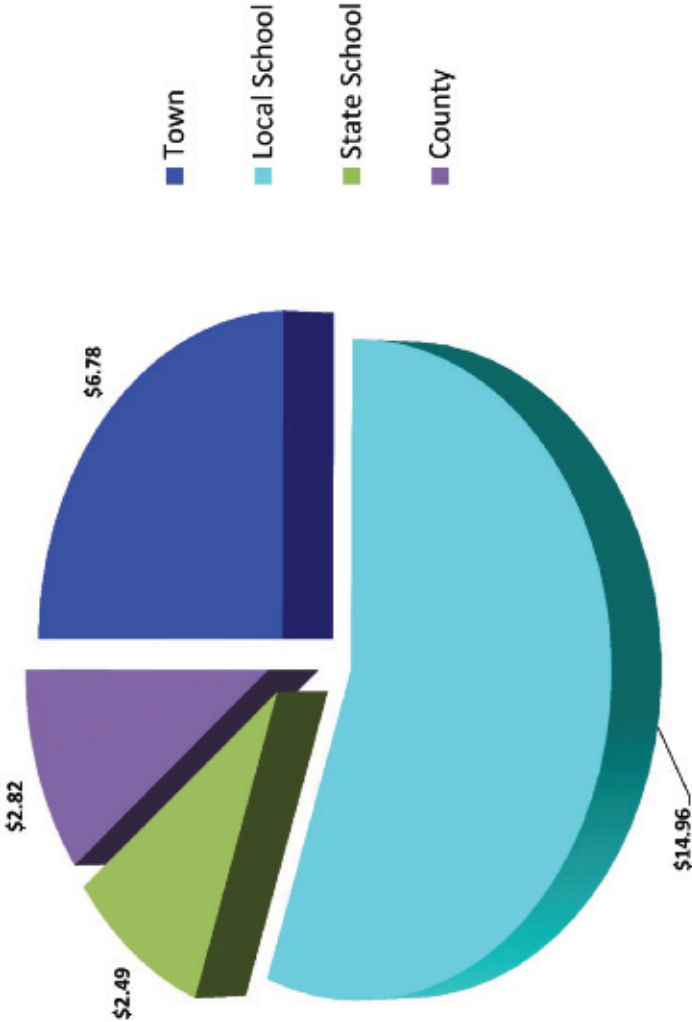
<b>Town Revenue Sub-total</b>	<b>\$1,104,583</b>	<b>\$1,178,087</b>	<b>\$1,046,020</b>
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Appropriations Recommended	\$2,435,220
Individual Warrant Articles	95,720
Total Appropriations	2,530,940
Less: Amount of Proposed Revenues & Credits	1,046,020
	<u>\$1,484,920</u>

# 2014 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN



TOTAL RATE = \$27.05



2014 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value. Total Assessed Valuation = \$247,615,750

# 2014 TOWN EXPENSES

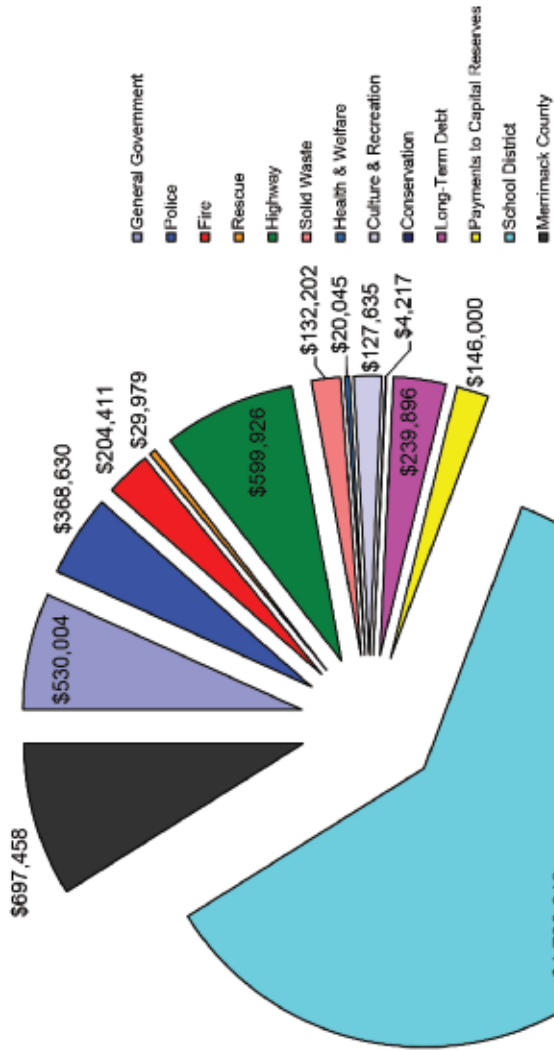


Chart represents monies paid by the selectmen in 2014 for the operating budget, school and county appropriations. The amounts shown do not include warrant articles.

# TOWN OF CANTERBURY LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS



## *TOWN BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT BOND*

Rate of Interest	3%–6%
Amount of Original Issue	2,500,000
Date of Original Issue	7/7/03
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15 & August 15
Payable at	State Street Bank & Trust CT

### *Maturities*

<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
2004	\$120,735	114,399.75	2014	\$115,000	51,750.00
2005	\$115,000	98,900.00	2015	\$115,000	41,380.00
2006	\$115,000	94,300.00	2016	\$115,000	37,630.00
2007	\$115,000	89,700.00	2017	\$115,000	33,880.00
2008	\$115,000	85,100.00	2018	\$115,000	27,196.00
2009	\$115,000	80,500.00	2019	\$115,000	21,642.50
2010	\$115,000	74,750.00	2020	\$115,000	16,180.00
2011	\$115,000	69,000.00	2021	\$115,000	10,361.50
2012	\$115,000	63,250.00	2022	\$115,000	7,200.00
2013	\$115,000	57,500.00	2023	\$115,000	3,580.00



## *GOLDSTAR*

Rate of Interest	4%-5%
Amount of Original Issue	\$800,000
Date of Original Issue	7/21/05
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15 & August 15
Payable at:	State Street Bank & Trust CT

<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
2006	39,900	38,165.08	2016	40,000	14,297.76
2007	40,000	34,183.76	2017	40,000	12,297.76
2008	40,000	32,183.76	2018	40,000	10,681.76
2009	40,000	30,183.76	2019	35,000	9,041.76
2010	40,000	28,183.76	2020	35,000	7,598.00
2011	40,000	25,799.76	2021	35,000	6,228.00
2012	40,000	23,799.76	2022	35,000	6,142.50
2013	40,000	21,799.76	2023	35,000	3,235.50
2014	40,000	19,799.76	2024	35,000	1,704.26
2015	40,000	16,297.76	2025	35,000	874.00



**HILDRETH'S FIELD**

Rate of Interest 4.5 %  
 Amount of Original Issue \$130,500  
 Date of Original Issue 5/1/08  
 Principal payment date November 15th  
 Interest payment date May 15th & November 15th  
 Payable at: Citizen's Bank

<i><b>FYE</b></i>	<i><b>Principal</b></i>	<i><b>Interest</b></i>	<i><b>FYE</b></i>	<i><b>Principal</b></i>	<i><b>Interest</b></i>
2008	13,500	2,936.25	2014	13,000	2,632.50
2009	13,500	5,568.75	2015	13,000	2,047.50
2010	13,000	4,972.50	2016	13,000	1,462.50
2011	13,000	4,387.50	2017	13,000	877.50
2012	13,000	3,802.50	2018	13,000	292.50
2013	13,000	3,217.50			



**CULVERT**

Rate of Interest 3.9 %  
 Amount of Original Issue \$175,000  
 Date of Original Issue 4/19/08  
 Principal payment date August 19  
 Interest payment date February 19 and August 19  
 Payable at: TD Bank

<i><b>FYE</b></i>	<i><b>Principal</b></i>	<i><b>Interest</b></i>	<i><b>FYE</b></i>	<i><b>Principal</b></i>	<i><b>Interest</b></i>
2010	35,000	6,825.00	2013	35,000	2,730.00
2011	35,000	5,460.00	2014	35,000	1,365.00
2012	35,000	4,095.00			



**FIRE TRUCK**

Rate of Interest 4.5 %  
 Amount of Original Issue \$128,836  
 Date of Original Issue 2/22/10  
 Principal payment date September 22  
 Interest payment date March 22 & September 22  
 Payable at: TD Bank

<i><b>FYE</b></i>	<i><b>Principal</b></i>	<i><b>Interest</b></i>	<i><b>FYE</b></i>	<i><b>Principal</b></i>	<i><b>Interest</b></i>
2011	25,767.20	5,781.52	2014	25,767.20	2,319.04
2012	25,767.20	4,638.10	2015	25,767.20	1,159.52
2013	25,767.20	3,478.58			

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**Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2014**

Name and Purpose of Trust	How Invested - Account #	Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Principal		Income		Total Principal & Income
				Capital Gains (Losses)	Balance at End of Year	Balance at Beginning of Year	Income Expense	
Nonexpendable Trusts:								
Benjamin Wnalden - Cong Church	0564-0006	200.00			200.00	48.75		248.75
Lacia Elkins - Library Books	0564-0007	4,000.00			4,000.00	23.87		4,023.87
Lacia Elkins - Elkins Mem Bldg Repairs	0564-0008	1,000.00			1,000.00	255.28		1,255.28
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	0564-0009	3,000.00			3,000.00	768.88		3,768.88
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	0561-0010	424.00			424.00	106.22		530.22
Lacia Elkins - Sick & Widely Poor	0564-0011	6,987.00			6,987.00	199.37	1.06	7,187.63
John Kezar - School District	0564-0012	3,702.10			3,702.10	949.68	0.04	4,651.82
Benevolent Fund - Glasses & Dental	0564-0013	700.00			700.00	2,681.23		3,381.23
Canterbury Youth Fund	0564-0014	751.00			751.00	2,179.74		2,930.74
Thompson Memorial - 4th Scholarship	0564-0015	750.00			750.00	751.58		1,501.58
Cemetery Improvements	0564-0016	12,075.00			12,075.00	319.41	1.88	12,396.29
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	0564-0017	36,225.00			36,225.00	467.62	6.84	36,699.46
Subtotal		69,814.10		-	69,814.10	8,751.81	9.82	78,575.73
Expendable Trusts:								
Capital Reserve Funds								
Highway Equipment	0561-0003	8,000.00	10,000.00		18,000.00	2,572.75	1.99	20,574.74
Highway Trucks	0564-0004	34,000.00	40,000.00		74,000.00	3,349.08	7.17	77,356.25
Road Grader	0564-0005	105,000.00	10,000.00		115,000.00	3,679.09	20.29	118,699.38
Rescue Equipment	0564-0018	39,000.00	6,000.00		45,000.00	5,408.34	7.97	50,416.31
Fire Equipment	0561-0019	215,000.00	30,000.00		245,000.00	2,387.15	41.09	247,428.24
Fire Equipment (2)	0564-0029	20,000.00			20,000.00	0.20	4.30	20,004.50
Conservation	0564-0020	12,000.00	10,000.00		22,000.00	882.03	2.07	22,884.10
Transfer Station	0564-0022	-			-	5,810.78	0.46	5,811.24
Landfill Closure	0564-0024	80,723.00			80,723.00	12,330.75	18.10	93,071.85
Bridge Renovation / Removal	0564-0025	4,462.98			4,462.98	2,216.44	0.79	6,680.21
Industrial Park	0564-0026	12,648.75			12,648.75	1,182.92	1.95	13,833.62
Building Maintenance	0561-0027	11,556.08	5,000.00		16,556.08	238.83	1.88	16,796.79
San Lake House	0561-0027	83,700.00	15,000.00		98,700.00	51.22	15.50	98,769.72
Subtotal		626,090.81	146,000.00	-	772,090.81	40,112.58	123.56	812,326.95
Total		695,904.91	146,000.00	-	841,904.91	48,864.39	133.38	890,902.68

\* How Invested - All funds are invested with the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool of MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp.



## LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND



At the 1988 Canterbury Town Meeting the townspeople voted to “*deposit all revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A: 5 as authorized by RSA 79-A: 25 II.*”

<b>Balance on Hand as of 01/01/2014</b>	<b><u>\$ 118,179.30</u></b>
Deposits	\$ 14,000.00
Withdrawals	\$ -738.00
Interest	\$ 23.40
<b>Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2013</b>	<b><u>\$ 131,464.70</u></b>

## SAM LAKE TRUST FUND



The Town of Canterbury is a beneficiary of the Sam Lake Trust and in this capacity is entitled to funds according to the terms of the trust.

Under the terms of the trust:

*“...the **income** only is to be used by the Town of Canterbury, NH...for the betterment, improvements or other purposes that might be brought about on (testator’s) home place, but not for other purposes.”*

<b>Balance of Principal on Hand as of 01/01/2014</b>	<b><u>\$223,531.67</u></b>
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### Net Gains/Losses

<b>Principal Distributions:</b>	\$ 18,552.56
Charitable Trust Filing Fee	\$ -660.00

<b>Balance of Principal on Hand as of 12/31/2014</b>	<b><u>\$241,424.23</u></b>
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<b>Balance of Interest on Hand as 01/01/2014</b>	<b><u>\$ 41,884.54</u></b>
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### Interest Disbursements:

Dividends and Interest	\$ 5,130.45
Canterbury Center Sunday School	\$ -25.00
Administration Fees	\$ -75.00
Dividend Transactions	\$ -2,499.96

<b>Balance of Income on Hand as of 12/31/2014</b>	<b><u>\$ 44,415.03</u></b>
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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER — 2014



<b>Beginning Balance 01/01/2014 .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,507,429.02</b>
Tax Collector .....	\$ 7,104,057.19
Town Clerk .....	615,977.78
State of New Hampshire .....	199,503.43
Income from Departments .....	125,846.72
Income from other Sources .....	32,259.00
Library Offset .....	11,900.00
Interest on Investments .....	1,039.50
Tax Anticipation Note .....	0.00
Enterprise Fund .....	94,571.07
Transfers from Capital Reserve .....	0.00
Payroll Account Deposits .....	916,821.79
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$ 9,101,976.48</b>

**\$11,609,405.50**

Selectmen's Orders Paid .....	\$ 2,586,339.64
Payroll Disbursements .....	916,237.54
ACH Transfers to State .....	168,660.78
Tax Anticipation Note .....	0.00
Capital Reserve .....	146,000.00
School Tax .....	4,169,650.16
County Tax .....	697,458.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$ 8,684,346.12</b>

**Ending Balance 12/31/14 ..... \$ 2,925,059.38**

## NH Public Investment Pool

Conservation Commission Fund .....	\$ 131,464.70
<b>TOTAL NHDPID FUNDS .....</b>	<b>\$ 131,464.70</b>

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK — 2014



<b>MOTOR VEHICLE FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>ACCT. #</b>	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
	3220.8	4,648	\$ 168,660.78
	3220	4,800	\$ 428,509.50
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>9,448</b>	<b>\$ 597,170.28</b>
Motor Vehicle Renewals Total		2,896	
New Registrations		507	
Renewals by Mail		640	
Transfers		202	
Online Renewals		243	
<b>TOWN CLERK FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>ACCT. #</b>	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Agent Fee	3240	7,646	\$ 15,870.50
Vital Statistics	3290.4	122	\$ 785.00
Marriage License	3290.3	15	\$ 105.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>7,783</b>	<b>\$ 16,760.50</b>
Marriages		15	
Vital Records		61	
<b>DOG LICENSE FEES COLLECTED</b>	<b>ACCT. #</b>	<b>COUNT</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Dog overpopulation fee	3290.1	622	\$ 1,922.00
Dog complaint	3401.11	5	\$ 125.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>627</b>	<b>\$ 2,047.00</b>
Dogs Registered		334	
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			<b>\$ 615,977.78</b>

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Benjamin A. Bynum, Town Clerk

# RECONCILIATION — TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER



Property Tax Remitted to Treasurer	\$6,616,068.79
Interest & Penalties Remitted to Treasurer	30,000.66
Converted to Liens — Principle Only	196,879.92
Redemptions (Payments on Liens)	220,804.27
Interest & Costs Collected (on Liens)	31,872.53
Returned Checks Reserved	81,431.02
<b>TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	<b>\$7,104,057.19</b>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT



Summary of Tax Warrants  
For the Year Ending December 31, 2014

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		Levy For Year 2014		Prior Levies 2012		2011 +
DEBITS		2013		2012		2011 +
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	\$ 521,853.70	\$ 14.70	\$ 0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	xxxxxx	\$ 25,123.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	\$ 410.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**						
This Year's New Credits		(\$ 18,081.21)				
TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 6,624,224.00	\$ 0.00			
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 0.00			
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 29,844.35	\$ 0.00			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS						
Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 21,782.48	\$ 6,057.00			
Land Use Change	#3120					
Yield Taxes	#3185					
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187					
Interest — Late Tax	#3190	\$ 5,821.74	\$ 24,178.12	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 6,677,591.36	\$ 577,623.08	\$ 15.50	\$ 0.00	0.00

CREDITS REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy For Year 2014	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011 +
Property Taxes	\$ 6,229,252.09	\$ 343,648.66	\$ 14.70	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 123.68	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 28,619.08	\$ 410.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest	\$ 5,771.74	\$ 21,296.62	\$ 635.57	\$ 0.00
Penalties	\$ 50.00	\$ 2,881.50	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 196,879.92	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.00
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$ 31.94	\$ 12,325.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 259.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
UNCOLLECTED TAXES — END OF YEAR #1080				
Property Taxes	\$ 398,611.47	\$ 57.06	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 1,225.27	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance*	(\$ 229.23)	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 6,677,591.36	\$ 577,623.08	\$ 15.50	\$ 0.00

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

DEBITS UNREDEEMED & EXECUTED LIENS	Prior Levies			
	2014	2013	2012	2011 +
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 127,321.06	\$ 75,286.73
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 212,029.43	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,034.52	\$ 11,255.81	\$ 17,582.20
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 215,063.95</b>	<b>\$ 138,576.87</b>	<b>\$ 92,868.93</b>
REMITTED TO TREASURER	Prior Levies			
	2014	2013	2012	2011 +
Redemptions	\$ 0.00	\$ 89,138.66	\$ 71,460.35	\$ 60,205.26
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,034.52	\$ 11,255.81	\$ 17,582.20
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 481.60	\$ 506.07
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$ 0.00	\$ 585.31	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,100.73
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 122,305.46	\$ 55,860.71	\$ 13,980.74
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 215,063.95</b>	<b>\$ 138,576.87</b>	<b>\$ 92,868.93</b>

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief

Benjamin Bynum, Tax Collector

# TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2014 SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY



Current Use Land Assessed Value.....	\$ 1,604,335
Conservation Restriction Assessment.....	\$ 6,115
Land (Improved and Unimproved) .....	\$ 87,505,200
Residential Buildings .....	\$ 140,325,852
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D.....	\$ 41,248
Commercial/Industrial .....	\$ 13,561,500
Public Utilities.....	\$ 6,137,000
<b>Total Gross Valuation .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>249,181,250</u></b>

Less Elderly Exemptions .....	\$ 836,000
Solar Exemptions .....	\$ 98,350
Blind Exemptions .....	\$ 60,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions.....	\$ 600,050
Improvements to Assist Person W/ Disabilities .....	\$ 4,000
<b>Total Gross Exemptions .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,598,400</u></b>

Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is computed .....	\$ 247,582,850
Less Public Utilities .....	\$ 6,137,000
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax computed .....	\$ 241,445,850

Veteran's Tax Credit.....	\$ 55,000
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit .....	\$ 4,200

## 2014 Tax Rate

Town Tax Rate .....	\$ 6.78
County Tax Rate .....	\$ 2.82
School Tax Rate.....	\$ 14.96
State Education Tax Rate .....	\$ 2.49
<b>TAX RATE PER \$1,000 .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>27.05</u></b>

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY



	Acres	Assessed Value
Town Hall & Land .....	5	\$ 149,900
Elkins Library .....		\$ 282,300
Meeting House Building .....		\$ 102,000
Historical Society Schoolhouse.....		\$ 114,600
Sam Lake House .....		\$ 133,900
Municipal Building and Land.....	4.98	\$ 671,200
Transfer Station Building and Land .....	6.3	\$ 106,900
Gazebo and Land.....	0.31	\$ 33,000
Elkins Historical Building and Land .....	0.84	\$ 135,600
	<b>17.43</b>	<b>\$ 1,729,400</b>

Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value	Conser- vation Ease- ment
101	002		Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest	0.69	\$49,100	
101	009	41	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.27	\$20,100	
101	010	37	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$20,000	
101	012	33-35	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.02	\$1,300	
101	019	12	Nottingham Road	Sherwood Forest	0.54	\$20,900	
101	036	99	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.71	\$21,400	
101	058	26	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$19,800	
101	062	39	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.31	\$32,700	
101	073		Shaker Road	Lyford Cemetery	0.08		
101	076	641	Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$19,600	
102	003	10	Sherwood Forest Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$19,600	
102	016	2	Flowage/Dam Rights	Sherwood Forest	0.00		
102	017	24	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$50,000	
102	037	84	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.39	\$40,400	
102	043	Island	New Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$25,000	
102	052	85	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$18,000	
102	071	65	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.28	\$20,100	
102	081	37	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$21,600	
102	094	10	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$19,800	
102	107	15	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$19,600	
102	109	11	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$19,600	
102	111	7	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$20,000	
102	118	44	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$14,700	
102	120	48	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$14,700	
102	149		Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.04	\$13,800	
102	150	Island	Lyford Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.40	\$25,500	
107	024		Kimball Pond Road	Kinter Lot/CCC	3.11	\$32,500	



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Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value	Conser- vation Ease- ment
107	025		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC	15.09*	\$107,500	
107	026		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC	30.00*	\$129,800	
107	029		Center Road	Center Cemetery	2.40		
203	008		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	7.00	\$15,400	
203	009		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	9.00	\$17,700	
203	016		Mountain Road	Wooded	2.30	\$11,000	
203	017		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	2.50	\$11,600	
203	018		Mountain Road	Wooded	4.30	\$16,400	
203	019		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	5.25	\$19,000	
203	020		Mountain Road	Topography/CCC	4.00	\$15,600	
203	022		Mountain Road	R-0-W RD Thru Center of Lot	45.00	\$70,500	
203	023		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	5.40	\$19,400	
203	024		Mountain Road	Wooded	3.00	\$12,900	
203	029		Harmony Lane	Gilmanton Town Line	6.26	\$82,600	
205	005		Misery Road	Northfield Town Line	20.00	\$96,300	
208	009		Baptist Hill Road	Irregular shaped lot	1.60	\$39,300	
208	018		Baptist Hill Road	Mathews Cemetery	0.04		
209	004		Shaker Road	Corner Lot	0.43	\$22,900	
210	009		Mountain Road	CCC	3.70	\$11,100	
211	006	ES	Route 106	Backland/NHMS & Soucook River	0.63	\$1,900	
216	003		Ayers Road	Backland	0.04	\$100	
216	016	NE	Ayers Road	Northfield Town Line	13.90	\$67,700	
216	018	ES	Ayers Road	Off Ayers Via ROW	19.00	\$41,100	
218	003		Off Oak Hill Road	Backland	2.90	\$8,700	
218	004		Intervale Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	8.00	\$20,600	
218	005	Off	Oak Hill Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	0.21	\$600	
219	009	NS	Intervale Road	Backland/Northfield Townline	0.24	\$700	
219	017	381	Intervale Road		5.30	\$58,900	
221	002		Borough Road	N/F Peck	0.43	\$1,300	
221	014		Borough Road	Smith Morrill Cemetery	0.05		
222	003		Borough Road	Backland/Access	22.00	\$45,500	
223	013		Briar Bush Road	Wooded	20.00	\$115,500	
227	006		Asby Road	Brown Cemetery	0.04		
229	004		Baptist Hill Road	Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery	0.52		
232	008		Borough Road	Osgoodite Family Cemetery	0.11		
233	012		Rum Brook Road	Bordered by I-93	5.80	\$44,700	
234	014		Off Intervale Road	Backland/RR/ PSNH/ROW	81.00	\$157,500	

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Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value	Conser- vation Ease- ment
236	003		Intervale Road	Merrimack River Frontage	5.10	\$106,100	
237	019		Big Meadow	Backland/Wetland	11.00	\$27,100	
238	003		Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland	7.40	\$19,300	
238	004		Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland CCC	11.70 *	\$28,400	
240	007		Abbott Road	Hannah Moore Lot	25.00	\$50,200	
241	023		Baptist Hill Road	Maple Grove Cemetery	6.20		
241	031		Baptist Road	Peverly Meadow/ Old Rangeway	5.20	\$22,000	
243	006		Shaker Road	N/F Berry, Viola Estate	3.70	\$11,100	
245	003	OFF	Welch Road	Backland/Access	12.70	\$51,500	
245	004	R-O-W	Welch Road	Backland/Access	15.00	\$53,700	
245	005		Baptist Road	Backland/Access/ Pond	20.00	\$42,600	
245	007		Baptist Road	Backland/Access/ Pond	23.00	\$46,900	
245	008		Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/ CCC	10.70	\$19,700	
245	009		Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/ CCC	20.50 *	\$43,700	
245	010	SE	Baptist Road	Spender Meadow/ Crane Neck Pond	16.00	\$27,400	
245	011		Baptist Road	Backland/CCC	66.00	\$74,300	
246	013		Baptist Road	Wetlands/ROW/ Access/CCC	3.90	\$46,200	
247	032		Southwest Road	Unknown ROW	0.27	\$9,100	
248	001		West Road	Unknown	0.89	\$2,700	
249	017		Hall Road	Industrial Park	5.03	\$57,100	
249	018		Hall Road	IndustrialL Park/ RR & I-93	33.00	\$147,600	
250	005		Island	Island on Merrimack River	0.61	\$56,600	
252	033	WS	Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC	19.06 *	\$114,000	
253	039		Pickard Road	Kimball II West Cemetery		0.08	
253	042	WS	Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC	22.20 *	\$118,900	
254	001		Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow	12.50	\$30,000	
254	003		Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow	10.80	\$26,600	
255	014		Whitney Hill Road	Whitney & Lovejoy Roads Triangle	12.80	\$65,800	
256	003		Whitney Hill Road	N/F Samual Lovering Heirs	22.00	\$114,800	
257	008	W OF	Whitney Hill Road	Backland/wetlands	19.00	\$21,600	
258	027		Old Schoolhouse Road	Side of Class VI Road	0.20	\$51,100	
261	003		West Road	Canterbury/ Boscawen Bridge	5.40	\$107,000	

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Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value	Conser- vation Ease- ment
262	003		Along Merrimack	N/F Elbridge Carter Heirs	16.50	\$37,100	
263	017		Abby Drive	Open Space	0.52	\$20,500	
263	021		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	3.00	\$43,500	
263	026		Layton Drive	Open Space	0.44	\$23,200	
263	031		Layton Drive	Open Space	14.40	\$68,900	
263	035		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.97	\$36,900	
263	040		Cambridge Drive	Pond/Open Space	3.80	\$45,900	
263	043		Abby Drive	Open Space	0.63	\$28,900	
263	044		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.66	\$23,800	
264	011		New Road	Concord Frontage/ CCC	28.00	\$89,300	
267	051		Oxbow Pond Road	Riverland Conser- vation	68.73*	\$195,400	
<b>Totals</b>							
Acres				949.96			
Parcel Values						\$4,074,700	
Town Building Values						\$1,729,400	
<b>Town Owned Building and Parcels</b>						<u><b>\$5,804,100</b></u>	

## THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



The year began with the Town Administrator position vacant and your selectmen serving as day-to-day managers of town business, much as we used to do in years past. Of course the complexity and scope of local government these days is such that we could never have done it for nearly 8 months without the experience and professionalism of Jan Stout, Mary Hauptman, and Mandy Irving, our administrative staff. Last year in this report we thanked them in advance for pitching in while the Board re-examined the town administrator's role and updated the job description prior to filling the position. Jan, Mary, and Mandy cheerfully delivered extra effort to keep the wheels of government turning and we are truly grateful for their expertise and dedication. Even so, the Board was very happy to welcome long-time Canterbury resident and former selectman Ken Folsom as our new Town Administrator in August. His energy and relentlessly positive attitude have already made a big difference in only a few short months.

In other personnel changes, we bid farewell to Tyson Miller after three energetic and action-packed years on the board and welcomed new selectman George Glines. Jason Barry left the Highway Department after 10 years of hard-working service to pursue other opportunities and Adrienne Hutchinson expanded her role to include some of Jason's responsibilities.

The Canterbury-Boscawen Bridge finally came down! Having defied predictions of its demise for nearly 40 years, the old bridge succumbed to the wrecking ball in just 5 days. Actually the old bridge was carefully braced, partially disassembled, tethered with cables, cut in half, dropped into the river, and then dragged out over the abutments on each side. All that remains are the pier in the middle of the river and the abutments on each shore. The low-bid contractor, Apollo Dismantling of Buffalo, NY, was particularly efficient and the cost of demolition was over \$100,000 less than estimated last year. The total cost to remove the bridge, including engineering, environmental studies, permitting, and demolition was \$300,073. The State Bridge Aid Program covered 80% and the remainder was split 50/50 with Boscawen. The net cost to Canterbury was \$30,007. One of the conditions attached to the state funding by the NH Division of Historical Resources is that each town must put up a historical marker or other commemorative installation on the shore where the bridge used to be. We will be working with the Canterbury Historical Society in the coming months on the design and welcome input from the public.

Beyond the bridge project, 2014 was a year of tackling the basics. The information technology and telecommunication upgrades to Sam Lake House completed in 2013 improved both productivity and data security. We underspent the operating budget by 4.8%, a savings of \$121,649, due to responsible stewardship of their budgets by Fire Chief Pete Angwin, Police Chief John LaRoche, Road Agent Jim Sawicki, and Transfer Station Manager Adrienne Hutchinson, along with careful scrutiny of overall expenses by the selectmen. Ken and Jan completed an exhaustive (and mind-numbing) analysis of health insurance options last fall. The result of this work enabled us to preserve good coverage for our employees, add dental benefits for the first time, minimize the increase in employee contributions, and still reduce the total cost to the town.

On the revenue side, we have continued our 2013 focus on tax collection. The improvements in the general economy have translated into fewer foreclosures and more timely payments. However, as of this writing there are still \$309,699 owed from the 2014 tax year and \$227,488 outstanding from 2013 and prior years. We strongly encourage property owners who are behind on their tax payments to contact the selectmen, the town administrator or the tax collector to discuss their options.

The board also spent time in 2014 reviewing town buildings, infrastructure, each department's current equipment, and evaluating future capital requirements against the status of the various capital reserve funds and the town's bonding capacity. The most pressing big-ticket purchase we face in the near future is for fire apparatus. As you will note in the Fire Chief's report, Engine 1 is nearly 30 years old. Engine 3 is approaching 20. For the safety of our townspeople and our firefighters we will need to invest in new equipment at the appropriate time. The type and cost of that equipment and the timing of the purchase must be a data-driven decision that is the product of an open-minded, objective needs analysis. Chief Angwin, Deputy Chief Camire, and Ken Folsom, who was a Battalion Chief in the Concord Fire Department until his retirement last year, have been conducting research and devoting significant hours to this project.

Many people have commented in recent months on the condition of the Sam Lake House. Our town office has been variously described as dreadful, an eyesore, and a poor reflection on our community. In addition to its woe-filled appearance, Sam Lake's old place has structural problems along with building and accessibility code deficiencies. It also has little-to-no insulation, no storage for vital records, no place for confidential conversations, squirrels in the attic, and, occasionally, skunks in the basement. Recognizing that we would eventually have to do something about it, the town established a capital reserve fund for renovations in 2011 and began making annual contributions. That fund now has a balance of \$98,770, which along with the \$44,416 interest income in the Sam Lake Trust Fund should allow

us to address the situation without significant impact to the tax rate. To that end, we formed the Sam Lake House Renovation Committee in November to study our current and future space needs, evaluate the building and propose solutions. In 2015 we will engage in preparatory work, architectural design, and engineering with the goal of presenting a fully developed plan for consideration at Town Meeting in 2016.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Bob Steenson*  
*Cheryl Gordon*  
*George Glines*

## **RESTORATION OF INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS PURSUANT TO RSA 674:39-aa**



Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their pre-merger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the pre-merger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:

- (a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.
- (b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANTERBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT



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*Chief John La Roche   Sgt. Ernest “Ernie” Beaulieu Jr.  
Cpl. Randolph “Randy” DiFruscio   Officer Kyle DiFruscio  
Officer Thomas “Tom” Bibeau*

This past year brought about a change to the personnel of the Canterbury Police Department. Our Administrative Assistant, Janet Emerson, left to take full time employment with the State of NH. The remainder of the staff is the same as last year and they remain as ever ready to provide service to the residents and visitors to Canterbury, NH.

I would like to take this opportunity to mention that crimes against property is the primary crime committed in Canterbury. This category consists of vandalism and theft of items from vehicles and houses. I understand and appreciate the rural nature of Canterbury but ask you to remember that the Interstate to the west and Route 106 to the east make this a very easy town to get into and out of. Combine this with the very obvious residential makeup of town can make it a very attractive place for this kind of crime. As such I would implore you to secure your property and record the serial numbers of the sorts of property that often gets stolen such as electronic goods and firearms.

I would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of a new law that is going to come into effect on July 1, 2015. It began life as House Bill 1360 (*NH’s Hand-Free Electronic Device Law*). It prohibits the use of hand-held electronic devices capable of providing voice or data communication while driving or while temporarily stopped in traffic, at a stop sign or red light. This includes cell phones, GPS, tablets, iPods and Pads or other devices that require data entry. Emergency calls to 911 or public safety agencies will be allowed, as will Bluetooth or other hands-free electronic devices. One hand non-cellular 2-way radio use will be allowed. Teen drivers under the age of 18 will not be allowed to use any electronic devices except to report an emergency.

This law is an important step in making the roads safer. According to information I have seen over the past 4 years, 116 fatal crashes in NH were caused by a distraction. While texting, a driver is 23 times more likely to



crash. Sending or receiving texts distracts a driver for almost 5 seconds, which, at 50 mph, *you will travel over 100 yards*. I think it is safe to say that most of us have been behind or next to a car that is wandering all over the place because the driver is texting. I do not know about you, but it scares me to death to see it. That manner of operation is a crash waiting to happen. If you have any questions about this law, feel free to call. If we cannot answer the question we will find the answer for you. Just remember this law goes into effect on July 1, 2015.

Below are some statistics from 2014 and 2013.

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Accidents	30	29
Arrests	39	19
Calls for Service	532	594
Citations	98	54
Incidents	93	64

I want everyone to know that my staff and I often talk about how nice it is to work in this town and hope to do so for awhile. I want to thank both the Canterbury Fire Department and the Canterbury Highway Department for their help over the past year and also look forward to continuing to work with them. Please have a happy and safe 2015.

*Respectfully,  
Chief John F. LaRoche  
Canterbury Police Department*

## CANTERBURY FIRE RESCUE DEPARTMENT



The Fire Department challenges are many, from response to emergency calls to training our personnel and maintaining our fleet. When there is a natural disaster such as heavy snow wind and rain it can turn all of our lives upside down. We all experienced the power outages of late. I have left emergency numbers at the town store as well as put them in the newsletter in hopes that it will give us a quicker response from the utility companies. The Fire Department is always here for you should need our help, we will make every effort to respond to your needs.

This year we have increased our roster with two new recruits Zackary Powell and Collin Evans who are in training and doing well. I have written a Fire Act Grant to replace our SCBA'S (Air Packs) and there is a warrant article for matching funds for this purpose under the warrant section. The total grant is for \$166,320.00 with our match being \$7,920.00. I don't have to tell you this is a great deal if we are awarded the grant, we have missed out the last few years. I hope we will get it this year.

We are continuing to evolve as time goes on to respond to and train for all the new technology out there which may become a danger. There are a number of alternate fuels being used today. A couple of them are CNG (compressed natural gas vehicles) and electric cars, these pose unique hazards. We have to adjust our training schedule to accommodate for these types of emergencies.

This year we put in service the used command vehicle and the used AED monitors that we purchased from Penacook Rescue last year. The command vehicle has worked out very well and carries a variety of equipment and has been very useful on many calls. The AED Monitors have also worked out very well call after call

Our Engine One is 28 years old. It has served the town well and is still in service but in need of replacement. The new engine will provide for safer and more efficient operations at all emergencies. We will be working with the Selectmen and Budget Committee on a warrant article for next year for the purchase of a new engine.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT 2014 CALL STATISTICS**

<b>Call type</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Fire Calls	102	70
EMS Calls	145	112
Car Accidents	35	37
Public Assist & Service calls	259	250
Hazardous Conditions	48	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>531</b>

*Sincerely,  
Chief Peter Angwin  
Canterbury Fire Rescue Department*

## CANTERBURY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



Welcome to 2015 and we hope you are well. This past year the bridge on Clough Pond Road received a new deck. The project came in budget and was completed in less time than planned. This work took the bridge off the State's red list. You may have noticed we contracted to have some of the roadsides mowed and cut back. The power companies have trimmed trees and brush around their power lines this past year. They have trimmed one side of the road and we will trim the opposite side. We hope that will allow us to trim and mow a little more this year as we will not have to trim where the power companies have worked. The other change we made this winter was to add half-inch stone to the sand used on the dirt roads. Our goal was two-fold. One, to give you better traction on the ice and the other was to add stone to the dirt roads.

Last year we paved the short dirt section of Oak Hill Road. This will alleviate the mud and pothole problems we have had to deal with in the past. This work was also done to complement the anticipated paving project by the State on the dirt section of Intervale Road. The Intervale Road project is scheduled for paving this year.

This year, one of our paving projects will be the sidewalk from the school to the bottom of the hill. Attempts to acquire grant money have fallen through over the last couple of years. The top section nearest the school has deteriorated to the point where the time to fix it is now.

We will continue to add gravel to the dirt roads as needed and as budget allows. If you have a complaint or other issue with a road that you travel, please call the office at 783-4123. My hope is that you will call, one, before you become agitated and two, so it can be scheduled. We are a small department and your calls will be helpful in addressing a problem. Your police department patrols all over town and is very helpful by reporting road problems.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that when weather events bring trees down in the road, be careful of the power lines. The storm that came in last Thanksgiving brought numerous trees and branches down. Trees in or across the power lines are dangerous and should be reported to the power company. Stay away from them until those crews can safely clear the trees from the wires. The Highway Crew does not clear trees from the wires.

Be safe driving the roads this year. Please slowdown when you see us working out on the roads for your safety and ours.

*Jim Sawicki*  
*Road Agent*

## ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES



Over 16,000 patron visits marked our year at Elkins Library. This averages out to 1,352 visits per month, up from 1,200 visits in 2013. Our increased patronage is directly related to the many programs run by dedicated professionals at our library.

The summer reading program this year was “Fizz, Boom, Read,” with an emphasis on science and technology. Catapults launched marshmallows, tops spun, and buildings were engineered, all involving children from babies to 13 in fun and thoughtful explorations.

Working with the Historical society, Humanities-To-Go programs came to the library with the help of State Library grants. Some of these programs included “White Mountain Huts,” “A Walk Back in Time,” and “The Guitar and the Devil.” A celebration of Mexican holiday traditions with a candy-filled piñata was the highlight of the library’s holiday open house. Quilters, knitters, Lego builders, Scrabble players, and book discussion groups (both adults and teens) used the library on a regular basis.

Early childhood literacy research stresses the importance of a changing library story hour for children’s reading. Our librarians have responded to the research with a lively “Rock and Read” and Story Hour. Activities involve movement, singing, crafts, and play, as well as an engaging story. On Big Truck Day children got to explore town equipment courtesy of the police, fire and highway departments.

Our free passes to NH attractions like the Planetarium continue to be used and appreciated by our patrons. Donations from patrons, book sales, and raffles have all raised money to help offset the library’s costs. We have welcomed Mark Stevens and Deb Snow to the library board. We feel we have a wonderful library as a result of our dedicated staff, great programming, and strong community support.

*Claudia Leidinger,  
Chairperson Elkins Library Trustees*

## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



*January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014*

<b>Total Circulation of Materials:</b> .....	<b>20,469</b>
Adult Fiction .....	4,202
Adult Non-Fiction .....	962
Youth Fiction .....	3,590
Young Adult Fiction .....	1,098
Youth Non-Fiction .....	637
Magazines .....	329
CD's .....	1,210
DVD's .....	4,416
Inter-Library Loans .....	2,153
Downloadable Audio Books .....	1,872
<b>Materials Purchased</b>	
Adult Fiction .....	214
Adult Non-Fiction .....	58
Youth Fiction .....	217
Young Adult .....	78
Youth Non-Fiction .....	56
Books on CD .....	76
DVD's .....	154
Donations (Books, CDs & DVDs) .....	72

The library is pleased to offer a variety of books, recorded books on CD, Downloadable Audio Books, periodicals and DVDs. WIFI and five public computers are open to the public. The Mary Hutchins meeting room is available for non-profit groups. Patron visits totaled 16,223, a 7% increase over 2013. Library programs had a 30% increase. There were 148 programs including Story Hour, Rock N' Read, Lego Club, Summer Reading, Book Discussion for adults, teens and grades 4-6, the Elkins Library Knitters, Humanities programs and other special events which resulted in a total of 1066 children, 95 teens and 1368 adults in attendance. Additionally, the Children's Librarian made 33 Outreach visits to the classrooms at Canterbury Elementary School.

We wish to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who have presented or assisted with programs and donated materials and professional services over the past year.

*Susan LeClair, Director*

*Rose Howe, Circulation Services*

*Mary Ann Winograd, Circulation Services*

*Rachel Baker, Children's Librarian*

*Debi Folsom, Circulation Manager*

## PLANNING BOARD



As 2014 comes to a close we have appreciated the addition of Tyson Miller and Kent Ruesswick as alternates to the board.

As always the board is looking for new members and alternate members to serve in the coming years — it is a great way to be involved in your community.

A look back at 2014 —

We had:

- 7 public hearings
- 2 site plan reviews
- 3 lot line adjustments
- 2 lot mergers

We have also been working on an amendment to the farm stand zoning ordinance relative to clarification of a farm stand that will come to the voters at town meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Arthur W. Rose*

*Chairman*

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## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



Case #	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
2014-1	Anne Berry/Canterbury Hall	Special Exception	Granted
2014-2	Frederick & Teresa Kramer	Variance	Granted
2014-3	Jeffrey & Carol Owen	Special Exception	Granted
2014-4	Dinah Martell	Special Exception	Granted
2014-5	Louis Pichette	Variance	Denied
	Wentworth Financial, LLC		
2014-6	Michael Moore	Variance	Denied

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Lisa Carlson, Clerk*

*Board of Adjustment*

## BUILDING INSPECTOR REPORT



During the calendar year 2014, 24 permits were issued, 5 of which were new residential. Among other permits were numerous additions, decks, and pools. Solar projects continue to be installed and while they do not yet require a permit, I do inspect them for code compliance. These numbers are very similar to the previous year, but slightly increased as the economy continues to improve.

*Respectfully submitted*  
*Jim Snyder*

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## RECYCLING COMMITTEE



Trash delivered to the incinerator increased 3.7% over 2013, to 570.85 tons (13 month year to accommodate CRSWC fiscal year), including trash from private dumpsters, which accounts for 41 % of the total solid waste. A breakdown of materials recycled is listed below:

<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled in 2014</b>	<b>Recyclable Material</b>	<b>Amount Recycled in 2014</b>
Aluminum Cans	7,860 lbs	Lead Batteries	3,040 lbs
Paper	208,580 lbs	Clothing & Shoes	14,807 lbs
Plastics	32,240 lbs	Electronics-excl. CRT's	1,440 lbs
Scrap Metals	62,840 lbs	Glass & Ceramic	99,840 lbs
Steel Cans	22,160 lbs	Propane Tanks	51 units

Some substantial changes took place in how the facility operates. Volumes collected of many recyclable materials continue to decrease, while trash is on the rise: as a town we are simply throwing away more and recycling less. Paper/cardboard collection decreased by 73,000 lbs, down 26%, instead of making money with full containers of paper, it unfortunately cost the town to recycle it; scrap metal recycling was down 36%; plastic recycled volume increased, but represents 18 months instead of 12, due to our consolidation point closing mid-year. This closure necessitates an increased need for storage: it is much more difficult to ship partial loads with other towns and share shipping costs, and as a small generator it takes us much longer to make a full load of material than a larger municipality, this will make it more difficult to track annual recycled volumes because we may not ship some materials for up to 18 months.



Due to significant changes in the DES Environmental Rules we must also ship some materials within a year of starting to collect them, regardless of whether we have a full load. Although this causes increased shipping charges, we must do it to make sure we aren't stockpiling potentially hazardous materials and avoid unwanted sanctions. The two biggest stores that purchase our bags for resale changed ownership and have decreased how many bags they keep on hand, accounting for about \$4,500 in decreased bag sales. And the CRSW Co-op that negotiates disposal rates on our behalf is nearing the end of its' existence as well, kicking back \$26,000 in 2014 from fees and accounts not used throughout our membership, \$6000 of which is included in recycling revenue in the budget, and \$20,000 of which went directly to the general fund.

The numbers prove that a large and increasing volume of recyclable material is being thrown in the trash instead of recycled. This pushes the long-standing goal of having the facility and program be self-sufficient (no longer a tax burden) further from our grasp. I urge every resident to support the program by vigilantly separating recyclables. I am constantly researching new markets, looking for ways to recycle things we have never been able to, and new markets are emerging as raw materials become scarcer in our consuming-focused society.

A resident recently told me that he feels we "recycle too much" and "spend too much time separating things. In the old days we would have just thrown it over the bankin' and been done with it!" I have to disagree: even though our recycling volumes are down overall, profits are up. We practice "source-separation" here in Canterbury, meaning staff tirelessly resorts recycling once you drop it off, sorting out all but the most miniscule contaminants. This two-tier sort system makes our recycled commodities much more valuable to vendors, they want clean aluminum, plastic, metal, and paper, and the cleaner we can keep it, the more it is worth. Not to mention the thousands we spend annually to monitor that old landfill, which seems to indicate that the old idea of being "done with it" was far too shortsighted.

Separating materials and keeping them clean is working financially to Canterbury's benefit. In a volatile industry like waste-management, source-separation has kept the revenue coming in despite dramatic changes in markets. A heartfelt thank-you to those of you who show support in words and in the generous donation of your time, I sincerely hope some of you will consider joining the recycling committee as we take on the daunting task of outlining a beneficial 10-year plan for the program, facility, and growing storage and equipment needs.

*Adrienne Hutchinson,  
Transfer Station Manager*

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY



After much study and careful consideration, the trustees of the Society made the momentous decision in January to chronicle Canterbury's history from where *Lyford's History* (1727-1912) ended. Thus, a Town History Committee was formed, working under the aegis of the Trustees, having responsibility for bringing the history (circa 1900 to now) to fruition. The Committee developed and recommended to the Trustees a strategic plan for the writing and publishing of the history, established a budget and recruited a writer, Kathryn Grover, who had most recently completed a history of Rochester, New Hampshire. Ms. Grover officially assumed her duties on October 1st. A Finance Committee was formed in late summer having the responsibility for raising the necessary funds to publish the history. The committee confirmed the project budget at \$75,000 and intends to complete their fundraising efforts in the third quarter of this year. A warrant article appropriating \$5,000 was unanimously approved at town meeting to provide "seed-money," which was an auspicious beginning for the project. The Society would like to thank the Town History and Finance Committee members for their efforts, as well as town residents for their support.

During the year we presented three programs in cooperation with the New Hampshire Humanities Council under their "Humanities To Go" program. Also, Dr. David Waters presented a wonderful program at our annual meeting in May focusing on N.H. cemeteries and particularly, Canterbury's Center Cemetery. As part of the festivities we were pleased to host the annual meeting of the N.H. Old Graveyard Association.

Our One Room Schoolhouse program entered its seventh year of operation with the invaluable support of Principal Mary Morrison, Karen Gingrich, and the entire staff of the elementary school. This year's subject was "Canterbury, 1955" and focused on the closing of the one room schoolhouses, the building of the elementary school, and life in Canterbury during the 1950s. All students in grades K-5 attended. This program is organized and taught by a great many volunteers and the staff of the elementary school. Our sincere thanks to all!

Our exhibit at the Elkins Memorial building highlighting 100 years of Canterbury History (1900-2000) continued to draw attendance over the year and proved to be an interesting stop for folks attending the Fair. The Houser One Room Schoolhouse was open on Fair day and attracted a record number of visitors. Also, as part of our Fair activities, the Town History Committee hosted a booth where writer Kathryn Grover was able to meet and talk with many town residents, while committee members talked with folks about the new town history project.

Efforts to enhance our Archive Collection and its use continued as a result of the much appreciated efforts of Roger and Lou Ann Klose who worked tirelessly on systems allowing us to properly catalogue the collection, organize it to make it more accessible, and developed and published policies and procedures to ensure its proper future use. We thank you.

Sam Papps has been an invaluable member of our board and we were pleased to appoint him as our Archivist in the spring. He has worked to catalogue a backlog of items waiting accessioning and is our resident expert on archive contents.

In December, we were pleased to host a presentation ceremony and reception for Norma Glines, recipient of the Boston Post Cane. The event was recorded and will be placed in our Archive Collection.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to Sue LeClair and the library staff for their support and cooperation over the past year.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Bob Scarponi, President*

*Roger Klose, Treasurer*

*Jan Cote, Corresponding Secretary*

*Anne Emerson*

*Brian Braskie*

*Mary Ann Winograd*

*Sandy Scripture, Vice-president*

*Pam Jackson, Recording Secretary*

*Sam Papps, Archivist*

*Mary-Jane Bergman*

*Brian Titilah*

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION



**Conservation Easement Completed:** The Conservation Commission is very excited to report that in 2014 we completed the permanent conservation of the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area (RSFCA, formerly known as Hildreth's field) by donating an easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. The property contains 48.4 acres of field along Kimball Pond Road and forestland on the west side of Burnham Brook. The easement permanently protects the water quality, wildlife and open space values that residents sought to protect by purchasing the field and woods in 2008.

At the Selectmen's request, the easement excludes the first 30 feet of the field running parallel to Kimball Pond Road, so that safety and utility improvements can take place as necessary in the future. Many thanks to Web Stout who volunteered his services to survey this excluded section. Bob Fife reports that conserving this beautiful approach to the center of

Canterbury has been a CCC goal since the 1970s. Thanks to residents and the Board of Selectmen for supporting this project.

**LCHIP Grant Funds New Project:** We launched a new project to help landowners Jim and Sandy Carter permanently conserve 118 acres of forestland, wetlands and wildlife habitat off Morrill Road known as Spender Hill Farm and Spender Meadow. The Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) fully funded the CCC's application for a \$52,750 grant to assist with the project.

The Town is partnering with NH Fish & Game to conserve the property, which links the existing NHF&G Morrill Pond Wildlife Management Area and the town-owned Schoodac Conservation Area. The total cost of the project is \$264,800. The Town's contribution from the Land Use Change Tax Fund (\$18,300) is matched more than 14 times over by funding from Fish & Game, LCHIP and a contribution from the landowners. Current and future owners of the property will be able to continue timber harvesting, wildlife management and other uses of the property, which will forever remain open to the public for non-motorized uses recreational uses.

**Open Space Planning:** The CCC advanced its open space planning by completing an index and map of all conservation property in town, and continuing Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) work on town-owned properties. The NRIs are documenting rare plants and creatures on the town lands, as well as important habitat. The information will be used for property management plans and as context for setting open space conservation priorities.

**Wetland Permits:** The CCC reviews all wetland permits for projects that will have more than minimal impact on wetlands, which this year included the permit for removing the old Canterbury-Boscawen bridge at long last!

The Commission wants to thank everyone who helped out with major maintenance on conservation land in 2014, including Briggs Lockwood, Eric Hauptman and Bob Fife for mowing properties around Kimball Pond and the field; Web Stout for surveying the easement on the RSFCA; and Molly Sperduto for running the bluebird program with CES students again.

The CCC is seeking new members to fill vacancies — please speak to a current member if you are interested in joining. We welcome your questions about our work or about participating as a CCC member or volunteer.

*Kelly Short,  
Chairman*

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES



2014 turned out to be quite a productive year for the Cemetery Trustees. A list of notable items, events, and accomplishments for the year include:

- A “lost” headstone belonging to Dr. Robert Smith Morrill was found in Boscawen and returned to Canterbury. This “lost” headstone was likely a temporary headstone and had been discarded once a more substantive headstone had been carved and erected. Dr. Morrill lived a brief but interesting life.
- Considerable work has been performed on the Center Cemetery by *Canterbury Landscape Limited* (Gordon Jackson, Dale Caswell, and Sandy Morris) Thanks are due to these volunteers who, under the unofficial leadership of Gordon Jackson, have made significant progress in improving the appearance of the Center Cemetery. They have cut back a lot of the brush and sapling growth that has been creeping in for many years. Previously forgotten headstones/graves that were swallowed up by the encroaching wood line have now reappeared. These volunteers have also straightened up and stabilized several leaning headstones, and have pried loose rocks that were tough on our lawn mowers.
- A Tulip tree that began as a seedling at Shaker Village was transplanted into the Center Cemetery on April 23 by volunteer Gordon Jackson. This seedling came from the Tulip tree planted by Bud Thompson in the Sister’s Court at Shaker Village in the 1960s. The six-inch seedling was given to Kate Goegel in 2009 and in 2014 the six-foot “adolescent” tree was given to Gordon Jackson for this Center Cemetery restoration project.
- The cemetery keeper program remains strong with 42 volunteers maintaining 32 of the town cemeteries. Volunteers do varying levels of cleanup, maintenance, mowing, raking, spruce-up, etc. on some of the smaller outlying graveyards around town. Our Cemetery Keepers are too numerous to mention by name, but we’d like to thank all of them for their efforts.
- Alan Ashey reconstructed and rehung the gate at the Smith-Morrill Cemetery. Alan has proven to be a valuable asset to the Cemetery Keepers. He is not only maintaining the Huntoon Cemetery but is also mowing the Lyford Cemetery with Hillary Horton, and also welded washers onto the tops of the hinge pins on the remaining iron gates to prevent future thefts.

- The gate on the Ham cemetery that was stolen early in the year was eventually returned but with the “*Ham*” plaque removed. Dave Court and Dave Emerson are fashioning a new *Ham* plaque and when completed and installed the gate will be re-hung.
- We continue to receive requests from historical and genealogical researchers from all over the country looking for information on the final resting place of various submitted names. We were fortunate to be able to call on local historians Mark Stevens and Sam Papps to address these requests. This year Mark met with a woman from California and was able to guide her to the graves of her great-great-grandparents who had left Canterbury for the California gold fields back in the 1800’s.
- Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Beth Blair and Ted West, a new TOWN POUND sign has been hung at the lower entrance of the Center Cemetery. Blacksmith David Court created and installed a unique chain fastening mechanism for this lower entrance, and also built an iron bracket frame for the new sign. Thanks are also due to Gil Gordon for donating the chain. Stop by and check it out sometime.
- Chance Anderson repaired or re-erected seven old fallen and broken headstones in the Center Cemetery, and we are quite pleased with the final product.
- Gordon Jackson and others undertook and completed the project of obtaining GPS coordinates on all of the remote cemeteries around town so that they can be added onto, or more accurately plotted on the Town Tax Maps.
- There were five internments at Maple Grove Cemetery this year; no new plots were sold.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Hugh Fifield, Chairman*

*Kent Ruesswick, Secretary-Treasurer*

*John Goegel, Trustee*

*Mark Stevens, Cemetery Historian*

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING  
FIRST SESSION  
March 11, 2014**



Wayne Mann, Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing were chosen by ballot. The meeting was recessed at 7:00 p.m. Ballots were counted and the results follow:

*Board of Selectmen: 1 position, 3 years*

Miller, Tyson .....238      Glines, George .....295

*Library Trustees: 1 position, 3 years*

Stevens, Mark .....489

*Library Trustees: 2 positions, 2 years*

Woods, Florence .....419      Snow, Deborah .....440

*Trustees of the Trust Funds: 1 position, 3 years*

Heath, Gregory .....479

*Moderator: 1 position, 2 years*

Heath, Gregory .....477

*Planning Board: 2 positions, 3 years*

Snyder, James .....358      Rose, Arthur .....412

*Supervisors of the Checklist: 1 position, 6 years*

Sojka, Denise .....459      Murray, Brenda .....84

*Cemetery Trustee: 1 position, 3 years*

Goegel, John .....487

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote on the following Zoning Amendment proposed by the Planning Board to be voted upon by official ballot:

**Question 1.** *Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance definition of Farm Stand as proposed by the Planning Board as follows?*

In Article 3.0 DEFINITIONS, AGRICULTURAL RETAIL OUTLET, Farm Stand (roadside stand): remove the words “A structure from which agricultural, horticultural, or silvicultural products are offered for sale” and replace them with



the words, “Means an on-farm, agricultural retail operation, not to be considered commercial, provided that: (A) at least 35 percent of the product sales in dollar volume is attributable to products produced on the farm or farms of the farm stand owner or farm stand operator; and (B) product sales not attributable to the farm or farms of the farm stand owner or farm stand operator shall be agriculturally related and may include, but not necessarily limited to, the sale of garden accessories, cheese, home crafts, cut flowers, dried flowers, value added products such as jams, jellies and baked goods from a farm stand kitchen”.

And in 5.2 B.5 AGRICULTURAL RETAIL OUTLET SETBACK. Remove the words “Products for sale shall be locally grown and a majority shall be grown on the site or grown on other land of the owner of the stand.”

The absentee ballots were cast at 1:00 p.m.

Moderator Mann closed the polls at 7:00 p.m.

## **SECOND SESSION**

### **MARCH 14, 2014**

The second session of the 272nd Canterbury Town Meeting held at the Canterbury Elementary School was called to order at 7 PM by Moderator Wayne Mann. Norwich Academy Cadet Bailey Beltramo and Specialist Kevin Mendiola presented the flags followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moderator Mann reviewed safety rules and pointed out fire exits. Chairman Bob Steenson spoke to the transition in the selectmen for the next term. He expressed appreciation to Tyson Miller for his service to the town. Present on the dais were Selectmen Robert Steenson, Tyson Miller and Cheryl Gordon; Town Clerk and Tax Collector Ben Bynum and Deputy Town Clerk Lisa Carlson. Moderator Mann addressed the cover and pictures within the town report depicting the cemeteries of Canterbury worked on by Bob Scarponi and Kent Ruesswick. He pointed out the dedication of this year’s town report was to James Bassett. Moderator Mann spoke to volunteerism in our community. He thanked the police department for their service and highway department for their care to our roads this challenging winter. He reported the town has 1,816 registered voters. We registered 22 new voters on Tuesday. 538 people voted a turnout of 30 %. He announced the results of voting on Tuesday, 12 March 2014.



## Article 2

**Zoning Ordinance** regarding farm stands passed.

Moderator Mann explained that he is following Town meeting guidelines as referenced from the Local Government Center's Town Meeting Handbook.

## Article 3

*To See if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) for the replacement of three bridges located on Clough Pond Road, Randall Road and Clough Tavern Road and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$180,000) worth of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize Municipal Officials to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. **Two Thirds Ballot Vote Required — Recommended by the Selectmen.***

BRIGGS LOCKWOOD MOVED THE ARTICLE.

DOUG RUSSWICK SECONDED

Chairman Steenson spoke to the article stating the Selectmen want to make a motion to amend Article 3 as follows: to see if the Town will raise the sum of \$60,000 to replace the Clough Pond Road Bridge, said amount to be removed from the Town's unreserved fund balance.

BOB STEENSON MOVED THE MOTION.

SUMNER DOLE SECONDED THE MOTION

Chairman Steenson reviewed the three bridges deemed in need of attention by the State and the history of what the Town has done on other bridges and their costs. He gave a review of bridges in need of attention. He reviewed new information from DOT about the deterioration of the bridges. The Board is suggesting a revised warrant article for next year. Chairman Steenson wants to revisit the bridges in the spring when the snow has melted off and the underpinnings can be examined. He continued to describe the conditions of the other two bridges and how long we might hold off working on them. He stated that the Board would like to amend the warrant article down to \$60,000 and only address one bridge this year.

Judy Nelson asked who would be doing the work on the one bridge and how long would it take. Bob Steenson replied that we have not awarded the contract yet. We think we will want to use contractor MA Dean from Sanbornton. He explained that they got a second quote that was considerably higher. It would be a lot faster than using the town crew and wouldn't beat up our equipment. MA Dean thinks it would take 3 day but in reality maybe a week. Ginger Laplante expressed concerns about the pot holes where the concrete deck meets the dirt road on Old Tilton Road. Chairman Steenson thought paving would help. Road Agent Jim Sawicki advised pot holes come with the transition of paving and dirt. Adrienne Hutchinson asked about the \$120,000.00 tax impact in the first question and asked for an

opinion of the Town road agent on the original article and the amendment. Chairman Steenson explained that the amended article will have no tax impact since it comes from the unreserved fund balance. If we did a bond it still wouldn't because we will have paid off a \$175,000 bond before we would start paying for this one. Chairman Steenson responded. Jim Sawicki advised Clough Pond road is the best choice at this point; the abutments are in good shape. Randall Road needs more information on the abutments and stream bed. DES and others will get involved with the other two. Russell Wright asked regarding Old Tilton Road if an apron with ledge pack could be created to address the pot holes. Hugh Fifield offered that he is the culprit that built that bridge, they did do good abutments and thinks cutting back to \$60,000 this year is a good idea. Put a cap on it and be done with it. Emily Preston asked if \$60,000 is a part of the package deal and wants to make certain the deal is still the same. The \$60,000 would be the price for the Clough Pond Bridge; the discount came on the other two bridges. Laurie Lockwood spoke saying she understands putting money aside for the one we can work on right away, but if another one is in rougher shape might we be able to work on it later in the spring if we have enough money set aside. Discussion of bridges' conditions ensued. No further discussion. Amendment to article 3 read aloud.

**Vote on amendment: motion carried with majority of votes.**

Moderator returned to original article as the amended.

**Article 3 as amended passed.**

*Point of order question by Jim Snyder. The book says we need a ballot vote for the original; do we not need one for the amended question? Moderator Mann stated that you only need a ballot vote if it is over \$100,000 dollars.*

Moderator Mann stated Article 4 is the budget and he believes we have a motion. Chairman Steenson made a motion to table Article 4 until such time as Article 6 is disposed of.

SUMNER DOLE SECONDED THE MOTION. Moderator called for discussion.

Chairman Steenson spoke saying should Article 6 the Fire Department command vehicle fail,

The Selectmen would like to amend the Fire Department's operating budget to restore mileage reimbursement for the Fire Chief to use his personal vehicle. The Moderator confirmed that everyone understood Article 4; the budget is being tabled until Article 6 regarding the Fire Department command vehicle has been resolved. The Moderator called the motion to table Article 4. The motion carried.

## Article 6

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of purchasing a used four wheel drive SUV to be used by the Fire Department as a Command Vehicle. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator Mann advised he has a petition to make this a secret ballot. RSA 40:4 with signatures from 6 registered voters present tonight. The disposition of this article will be by secret ballot. Moderator called for discussion.

JIM SNYDER MOVED THE ARTICLE.

KELLY SHORT SECONDED

Chairman Steenson spoke to the article. There is a command vehicle at every incident. Up until now that vehicle has been the personal vehicle of Chief Angwin and Dale Caswell before him. He described the compensation coverage and that it has not fully covered the wear and tear on any vehicle. He stated it would be more cost effective in the long run to have a command vehicle. Chief Angwin spoke saying it is another tool like the cruisers the police use. He described the use the chief's vehicle has for calls. It will be for the officers in charge and not the chief exclusively. Judy Nelson asked if the command vehicle will be housed at the station or at the home of the person in charge. It will be housed in Town. It needs to be immediately ready to respond. Beth McGuinn asked what \$20,000 is buying.

Chief Angwin advised they are looking at a used vehicle and plans to use the lights and siren stripped off the old Tahoe the police are trading in. Teresa Wyman asked how long it will last. Chief Angwin hopes 5-6 years. Sharon Sheedy asked if fire and police vehicles are covered for property and liability and if so how is his personal vehicle being covered. Chief Angwin stated that it is covered by his personal insurance. Mindy Beltramo questioned the articles being out of order, that Article 5 concerns a police vehicle we have not voted on yet. If the chief is saying the lights, siren and equipment are going to come off of that, what will be the added cost of all the things needed to outfit a command vehicle if Article 5 does not pass? Chief Angwin explained it would be taken out of the fire budget. He has several radios from state purchases that can be used, but it would need lights and a siren. Chairman Steenson concurred these are good points of concern, but whatever the outcome of this vote the Tahoe will no longer pass inspection, it is going out of service, therefore the lights, etc. can come off it. Fred Norton, former member of two volunteer fire departments and retired paramedic, respects the Chief's desire to have a command vehicle, but we have a vehicle that could be utilized if reoutfitted; the rescue vehicle that has space to house the equipment necessary and is a reasonable alternative. While the economy might be improving, many people in town are still suffering financially. Howard Moffett requested a response from the

Chief about this. Chief Angwin said this is not feasible. The rescue truck is being used for what it was intended. Adrienne Hutchinson stated you have two forestry vehicles and one that has been outfitted with a flatbed in the back. Could any of these other three vehicles be repurposed? Chief Angwin, these vehicles are being used for what they are intended already. They would not be feasible either. Joshua Gordon asked if the rescue truck leaves the scene if someone is hurt and the command vehicle would not. Chief Angwin, every incident is different and couldn't see how it would work if there is an accident on 93 and a second event occurred. Brian Magoon asked for figures from the chief. Chairman Steenson reviewed the numbers of the command vehicle versus paying the chief to use his own vehicle. The Chief drove 8,000 miles and was paid \$4,700 dollars in mileage re-imbursement. He also stated the tax impact would be about .08 cents per thousand if the article passed. Adrienne Hutchinson asked about the discrepancy in the mileage increase. Chairman Steenson explained that the mileage budget started in April of last year so it wasn't a full year. Moderator Mann asked for any other questions or comments and seeing none explained how the secret ballot was going to work and called for the vote. While ballots were being counted the meeting returned to Article 4, the budget.

### Article 4

*To see if the town will vote to raise such money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of Two million five hundred twenty three thousand two hundred sixty eight dollars (\$2,523,268) for the same. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

DOUG RUSSWICK MOVED THE ARTICLE.

ROBERT SCARPONI SECONDED

Chairman Bob Steenson presented an overview of the budget. Overall the budget is up 2.2%. The budget in the past years has been very tight with very small increases. Town Administration budget is down 4% due to changes in health insurance. The technology budget is down 11% because the Sam Lake House server installation is finished. The reval line is up \$17,000 dollars because we are starting our required Town re-evaluation. There is a 6% increase in General Government Buildings because of propane cost and maintenance on the municipal building. The Police budget is up 10% primary on wages. After discussions last year it was decided to go to a 3rd full time police officer, there has always been difficulty in covering shifts with part time officers. We have added more patrols on the beaches in town which has cut down on the crime there. The fire department has an increase of 2.6% and there is an all-time high of volunteers at 24. Highway department changed to a 5 day work week last year which cut down on overtime and saved money.

Moderator Mann announced the outcome of the Article 6 ballot vote: 155 ballots cast.

No: 53 Yes: 102

Article 6 passed.

Judy Haigh asked for an explanation on subcontracting in the police budget.

Priscilla Lockwood noted legal expenses are up, are we anticipating any problems? Chairman Steenson explained, we as well as many other towns are involved in the Fairpoint lawsuit. Al Edelstein asked about the 2014 budget item for a town administrator salary. Chairman Steenson explained the new part-time positions will not be eligible for health insurance coverage. James Miller asked why so little was spent on road improvements and about the winter sand budget line item and he asked about the reduced number of town reports printed. Bob Steenson explained that there are now two buckets of money that sand comes out of one for summer and one for winter and that we always have Town Reports left over so we didn't need to print so many. Cathy Donahue asked about property re-evaluations this year. It was explained that we are required to do a re-evaluation every five years and this is the first year of the three years we will be using an outside contractor. Barbara Bois noted the conditions of Shaker and Baptist Roads are deplorable. Chairman Steenson encouraged her to speak with her state representative and he explained that we cannot work on state roads, only the NH DOT can make repairs.

Chairman Steenson made a motion to amend the library budget because they were over allocating cleaning expenses to the Library: one number 4550.21 decrease that line from \$4400 dollars to \$3000 dollars and increase the general building janitorial line 4194.19 to \$11,400 with no overall change in the budget.

JAN STOUT SECONDED

**Amendment was voted on and passed.**

**Article 4 was voted on and passed as amended.**

### **Article 5**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty seven thousand eight hundred eighty one dollars (\$37,881) for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a 2014 Ford F-150 or similar police vehicle. This is a replacement for the 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator received a signed petition by six registered voters present to vote by secret ballot.

SUMNER DOLE MOVED THE ARTICLE.

JIM SNYDER SECONDED

Selectwoman Cheryl Gordon spoke to the article. The police department has three vehicles now but the 2003 Tahoe has 130,000 miles and will not pass inspection, an expedition with 74,000 miles and the Taurus that we

received in August already has 17,000 miles on it. She provided a review of vehicle uses by shifts. Normally a vehicle will last 6 to 7 years. Our roads take a toll on these vehicles. Tax impact is .15/\$1,000. Emily Preston said a pick up truck is not very good for putting passengers in. It is a 4x4 four-door, crew cab truck. It can carry four passengers.

Vote was done by secret ballot. Article 7 will be discussed while the votes are being tallied.

### **Article 7**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve thousand Three Hundred Eighty One Dollars (\$12,381) for the purpose of purchasing a Thermal Imaging Camera for the Fire Department. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

JOHN LAPLANTE MOVED THE ARTICLE.

DALE CASWELL SECONDED

Selectman Tyson Miller spoke to the article explaining the use of equipment. The current camera is 14 years old and the battery runs down quickly. Chief Angwin explained that it is used a lot for people lost in the woods, by state police for locating fugitives and to find chimney fires. It is really needed and used a lot. Joshua Gordon asked about the \$12,000 for a camera? Chief Angwin explained that the prices vary a lot. We need to get one that is as good as the one we have now, it needs to last ten years. Mark Hopkins asked if we are going to spend \$12,000 for a camera, could it be used for energy assessments around town...as least in town owned buildings. Chief Angwin commented that he does not want it out of his engine checking a house leak when he might have to respond to an emergency. Jan Cote she thinks \$12,000 is small price to pay if it can locate a body.

**Article 7 voted on and passed.**

Moderator Mann announced the outcome of the Article 5 ballot vote:

**No: 39 Yes: 118**

**Article 5 passed.**

### **Article 8**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the purpose of purchasing two Zoll Heart Monitors for the Fire Department. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

SUMNER DOLE MOVED THE ARTICLE.

JUDITH NELSON SECONDED

Chairman Steenson spoke to the article. The current monitors are old and reaching the end of their certification ability. We would be getting the ones Penacook Rescue is getting rid of. We would get them refurbished. Laurie Lockwood asked why they are not coming out of Rescue Equipment/Capital Reserve Fund. Chairman Steenson explained they do not want to empty the fund this year. A discussion ensued about the necessity of numerous



pieces of equipment for each fire fighter. Teresa Wyman spoke in favor of it. As an RN it would be much more effective to have one versus not having it as a tool. It would be money well spent.

**Article 8 voted on and passed.**

**Article 9**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty nine thousand eight hundred dollars (\$59,800) to pay principal (\$40,000) and interest (\$19,800) on the Gold Star bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unreserved Fund Balance. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

JOE HALLA MOVED THE ARTICLE.

AL EDELSTEIN SECONDED

Chairman Steenson spoke to the article. This is a housekeeping article with the town paying the original bond with the proceeds of the sale of the sod farm.

**Article 9 voted on and passed.**

**Article 10**

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three Dollars (\$7,533) to fund Canterbury's share to acquire the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG). **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

DOUG RUSSWICK MOVED THE ARTICLE.

ROBERT SCARPONI SECONDED

Selectwoman Gordon explained if the chief gets the grant it will be spent to replace air packs. Chief Angwin explained the costs. Laurie Lockwood asked if the grant doesn't come through what happens to what we appropriate. It was explained that if that happens the money won't get spent. Lucy Ann Zeller asked if this is an application fee. It was explained that it is a matching fund.

**Article 10 voted on and passed.**

**Article 11**

*To see if the Town of Canterbury will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen to negotiate and convey conservation easement on Town lands for the following 2 parcels: Tax Map 107, Lots 25 and 26, the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area previously known as Hildreth field, said easement to be held by the Society for the Protection of NH Forests or other NH qualified conservation organization. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

EMILY PRESTON MOVED THE ARTICLE.

RUTH SMITH SECONDED

Tyson Miller spoke to the article. This is meant to amend the conservation easements that are all around the Hildreth piece to make it into one parcel. Kelly Short advised they are not asking for money. In 2008 we voted to purchase the Hildreth property (about 49 acres) and that Town owner-

ship does not guarantee no building in perpetuity. The cost of the project, about \$7,500 would come from the land conservation tax fund, Town funds reserved for conservation, so no affect whatsoever on the tax rate. It would insure public access, no residential building, used for Ag purpose, hunting and recreational use. The strip along Kimball Pond Road would be held in the event the Town wants to improve Kimball Pond Road or make safety improvements. She explained the negotiation process and participants (Conservation Commission, Selectmen and hopefully The Forest Society) who would negotiate the details. They are asking that the article be approved to authorize this process. Judy Nelson asked who owns the Kimball Pond easement. The Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (The Forest Society) does.

**Article 11 voted on and passed.**

### **Article 12**

*To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 36-A: 4-a, I (b) to authorize the conservation commission to expend funds for contributions to “qualified organizations” for the purchase of property interests, or facilitating transactions related thereto, where the property interest is to be held by the qualified organization and the town will retain no interest in the property.”* **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

DOUG RUSSWICK MOVED THE ARTICLE.

JAMES BASSETT SECONDED

Tyson Miller spoke to the article. This is a housekeeping article. It involves RSA's and authorizing the Conservation Commission to become involved in negotiations about easements. Kelly Short advised there is no money involved. It would enable the town to spend less money and achieve some of its goals. She provided a detailed explanation of the process and the benefits to the Town. Most conservation projects allow public access. Each parcel would be negotiated individually. Public hearings would be held about contributions or purchasing of individual projects. Briggs Lockwood asked if this would be limited to lands within the Town borders or could it be used legally on projects that are outside Canterbury. Kelly Short explained this would only be for land within the borders of Canterbury. Laurie Lockwood asked if the project would allow public access since public funds would still be being used. Conservation projects in New Hampshire have tended to allow public access; it's been a tradition of land use history in our state. Each project would be negotiated individually with public hearings. Ruth Mann asked if a hearing was held whether a vote would be taken at that time by those present. It was explained that the public hearing would be for the purpose of taking information from the public. The deliberation process would be by the commission. It is not an opportunity for everyone to vote. Emily Preston said that she endorses it.

**Article 12 voted on and passed.**



### Article 13

*To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the purpose of providing funds necessary to the Canterbury Historical Society to research, compile, write and publish a History from 1900 to the present time. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

JOE HALLA MOVED THE ARTICLE.

ROBERT SCARPONI SECONDED

Selectwoman Gordon deferred to Bob Scarponi of the Historical Society who explained article. The Historical Society wants to update Lyford's history and gave a detailed description of what they want in the content of the continued history. He read a long and very humorous letter written by Oliver R. Fifield regarding Charlie Dean by way of example. It was greatly appreciated.

**Article 13 voted on and passed.**

### Article 14

*To see if the Town will authorize the appropriation of One hundred seventy five thousand dollars (\$175,000) for the purpose of expending funds for the demolition and removal of the Boscawen -Canterbury bridge at the end of West Road. Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) from general taxation and One hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) shall be reimbursed from the NH Department of Transportation, State Aid Bridge Program. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

AL EDELSTEIN MOVED THE ARTICLE.

JIM SNYDER SECONDED

Tyson Miller spoke to the article. This bridge seems to have a life of its own. We've already voted to tear it down. We need to appropriate money for our share of the expenses to actually remove it once and for all. Boscawen has already voted to approve their share. No discussion.

**Article 14 voted on and passed.**

### Article 15

*To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.*

Bob Reed said that listening to Bob's wonderful reading made him think of two words: fire and archive. He asked if someone from the Historical Society could address how the archives are being protected and then if the Selectmen could address how well the records of our town business are being protected. Robert Scarponi explained that the archives are located in the library in a thematically designed room to protect them. Chairman Steenson advised the town records in the Sam Lake house have no protection. They are in the attic being eaten by squirrels. The current financial records are stored offsite and in the computer server. It's the historical records and town clerk data that is upstairs. It's something that needs to be addressed but the costs have been found to be prohibitive.

Greg Meeh proposed that a change be made in the ZBA Table of Uses regarding issues of residential treatment facilities.....copy given to clerk.

Ginger Laplante asked about the long list of properties that belong to the Town. Can we not do something with them? Chairman Steenson said many are conservation properties. We have been selling lots in Sherwood Forest to abutters as opportunities arise. Ginger thinks a lot of the others are not conservation lots. Conservation Committee is researching to see if any can be conserved. The Assessing Office is going to determine what the actual value of the properties might be.

Al Edelstein asked about upkeep work on the Sam Lake House. The longer we put off work the more expensive it is going to become. Chairman Steenson responded we started a number of years ago with the Capital Reserve Fund. It seems everything you touch either breaks or creates another problem. Steve Fifield gave a proposal years ago for doing foundation work. It is on the project list when the Board of Selectmen reconvenes. They are willing to accept all good ideas. Al Edelstein asked if there is money in the Sam Lake fund that could be used to start working on it. Bob Steenson said there is about \$38,000 in interest in the fund that could be used. We cannot use the principal.

Kent Russwick thanked Mark Stevens for his work on the Cemetery Trustees in the last three years and mentioned that they still need people to maintain cemeteries.

Howard Moffett gave a tribute to Priscilla Lockwood. She has served as our State House Legislative Representative for 16 years and has announced that she is stepping down at the end of this term.

Bob Scarponi mentioned that Sam Papps suggested each board and committee have a photograph taken for historical purposes and our archives.

Beth McGuinn reminded everyone to visit the Farmers Market Table in the back of the room and join it as a member.

The Boy Scouts are providing home baked goods; please visit them before leaving tonight.

Judy Elliott spoke about the tar sands issue with a pipeline that runs across northern New Hampshire and asked that we please make ourselves aware of it. She has information about it and has with her tonight a hand-out.

A motion was made to end the meeting. Seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*A true copy attests:*

*Lisa Carlson, Deputy Town Clerk*

*and*

*Benjamin Bynum, Town Clerk*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014



Date	Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence
1/18/14	VICTORIA P. CHASE	CANTERBURY NH	THOMAS J. BRADLEY	CANTERBURY NH
5/1/14	L.C. WEGER	CANTERBURY NH	PATRICK AHERN	CANTERBURY NH
7/5/14	DANA R. FLANDERS II	CANTERBURY NH	COLLETTE M. ST. GERMAIN	CANTERBURY NH
7/25/14	SALLY J. HYSLOP	CANTERBURY NH	JOHN A. DYER	CANTERBURY NH
8/23/14	RACHEL ROBAK	CANTERBURY NH	MARK PERREAULT	CANTERBURY NH
9/6/14	AMANDA L. DOWNS	CANTERBURY NH	REID VANBENTHUSEN	CANTERBURY NH
9/27/14	TAYLA D. CARR	CANTERBURY NH	CHRISTOPHER B. WRIGHT, JR.	CANTERBURY NH
10/4/14	MATTHEW A. HORSFALL	CANTERBURY NH	DOMINIQUE C. GIBEAU	CANTERBURY NH
10/11/14	SARAH B. HOPKINS	CANTERBURY NH	MICHAEL J. MELASECCA	CANTERBURY NH

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RETURN IS CORRECT,  
ACCORDING TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

BENJAMIN A BYNUM, TOWN CLERK

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014**



Date	Child's Name	Birthplace	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1/13/14	EMERSON PATRICK GLINES	CONCORD NH	STEPHEN GLINES	MEGHAN O'BRIEN
2/6/14	JAMIE KEENAN TAYLOR	CONCORD NH	JESSE TAYLOR	JENNIFER TAYLOR
3/25/14	KOEN JOSEPH BEST	CONCORD NH	CHRISTOPHER BEST	KAITLYN BEST
3/28/14	GRAYDEN SAMUEL VAUGHAN	CONCORD NH	PATRICK VAUGHN	ISABEL VAUGHN
4/1/14	MOLLY GRACE DONOHUE	CONCORD NH	PATRICK DONOHUE	GRACE CANARY
4/6/14	KENZIE MAE KOPRESKI	CONCORD NH	MARC KOPRESKI	ELISABETH KOPRESKI
4/14/14	TALON MICHAEL MOYNIHAN	CONCORD NH	DEREK MOYNIHAN	MEGAN MOYNIHAN
4/15/14	TAYLOR AVIS MITCHELL	CONCORD NH	ALLAN MITCHELL	LAURA MITCHELL
5/13/14	MAGGIE MARIE LEPESQUEUR	CONCORD NH	THOMAS LEPESQUEUR	JUSTINE LEPESQUEUR
6/4/14	CAMERON BRETT WALSH	CONCORD NH	ERIC WALSH	KRISTIN WALSH
7/2/14	OWEN RENARD STICKNEY	PETERBOROUGH	DANIEL STICKNEY	SARAH STICKNEY
9/19/14	NORAH LUCILLE GERBER	CONCORD NH	DARREN GERBER	DEBORAH GERBER
10/23/14	BENNET COLE AHERN	CONCORD NH	PATRICK AHERN	CATE WEGER

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OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.  
BENJAMIN A. BYNUM, TOWN CLERK

# DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014



Date	Place of Death	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1/21/14	CONCORD NH	LLOYD CRYANS	LLOYD CRYANS	PEARL DAHLING
3/8/14	CANTERBURY NH	ALICE MELANSON	THOMAS KEANE	MARGARET CURRAN
3/19/14	CONCORD NH	VINCENT GOWLIS JR	VINCENT GOWLIS SR	MARION KRUNGLEVICH
5/12/14	FRANKLIN NH	GEORGE DANEAULT	DESIRE DANEAULT	JOSEPHINE HOULE
5/24/14	CONCORD NH	JOHN TELLER	CLIFFORD TELLER	ALYCE KELLEY
5/27/14	CONCORD NH	DENNIS KEIFER	DAVID KEIFER	ANNIE BURNS
6/17/14	CONCORD NH	ROBERT DUSTIN	THOMAS DUSTIN	THELMA KNUDSON
8/3/14	CONCORD NH	JAMES LILLY	ALFRED LILLY	DOROTHY MATLOCK
8/15/14	CONCORD NH	MILDRED CARBONNEAU	ERNEST VACHON	MARY FOURNIER
9/21/14	CONCORD NH	GEORGE SINCLAIR JR	GEORGE SINCLAIR SR	DOROTHY FORTIN
9/27/14	CANTERBURY NH	MARJORIE BRUNER	WILLIAM PARKER	EDITH ROWELL
10/19/14	CANTERBURY NH	DONALD TEMPLE II	DONALD TEMPLE	KATHRYN BOLGER
12/13/14	CANTERBURY NH	ARTHUR GILBERT JR	ARTHUR GILBERT SR	HELEN LAPAGE
12/13/15	CONCORD NH	HARRY TAYLOR	LYNLEY TAYLOR SR	BESSIE JOHNSON
12/18/14	CONCORD NH	MARILYN WILLIAMS	FREDERICK PHILLIPS	INA MARDEN
12/22/14	LAND O' LAKES FL	ROBERT MAXFIELD	FRANK MAXFIELD	VIRGINIA DAVIS

\*Buried in Canterbury

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## THE HISTORY OF GREAT BROOK FARM APPLE ORCHARD



In May of 1974, Ben Ladd bought the old Albi Cass homestead for \$300 per acre. On it was the then-dilapidated colonial that Jeff and Claudia Leiding have since turned into one of the spectacular homes in Canterbury. Walls were missing, sills were rotten, and chimneys needed to be rebuilt. Legend has it that Albi would sit in one of the downstairs rooms next to his wood stove and push long lengths of firewood into the stove, door open.

The first winter Ben and I lived there was cold, windy, damp and an adventure. We began to dream of what Great Brook Farm could become.

The acreage had been reclaimed by poplar, oak, maple, and juniper. The raspberry patch right off the road, which exists today, was the only real evidence that someone had tended the land, except of course for the rock walls: telltale signs of old timers with horses and stone boats and a patience it's hard to imagine in current times.

*The Ladd family at Great Brook Farm. Left to right: Ariel Stephens-Ladd, Ben Ladd, Melanie Stephens, and Kiva Stephens-Ladd.*





With an old Case tractor, we began to clear the fields back to the stonewalls. Many cords of wood, much mill-able timber and endless amounts of brush were stacked, hauled and dragged to expose the fields that had once been. Over six years we brought 15 acres back to field land.

Shameful as it is to say, we unceremoniously dumped hundreds of tons of rocks on the stonewalls of old. The “rocking,” as with any New Hampshire land that isn’t bottomland by a riverside, was endless. The dumped piles sat like insults to the care and diligence of the old stonewalls, but at least they spoke of effort and intention on our parts.

What would we grow on these fields? Hay, wheat, soybeans, oats, rye, and vegetables. But by 1980, Ben was looking for a crop with potential earnings. He took some ag classes at the University of New Hampshire and met Bill Lord, the Fruit Tree Extension Agent. Bill became Ben’s mentor and friend. Ben studied Pomology with Bill. Apples would become part of the landscape of the farm.

The first orchard plot was made up of 500 semi-dwarf McIntosh, Cortland, and Delicious apple trees planted in our farthest field. It was the hottest May I can remember. Each day we put on long pants, tucked into socks, turtleneck shirts with rubber bands at the wrists, and bee hats to protect us from the blackflies: New Hampshire’s notable method of population control.

That was also a summer of gypsy moths, and so we watched in horror as those voracious caterpillars defoliated our baby trees. Ben learned quickly that many insects loved apple trees and his spraying career began. He practiced IPM, Integrated Pest Management, that included scouting, recognizing thresholds, and doing targeted spraying. IPM was a fairly new concept at that time, one that has become widely accepted today.

It took nine years for those semi-dwarf trees to produce a decent crop. That crop was a bonanza — big, blemish-free McIntosh and Cortland apples. For the first time the signs with the hand picking the apple went up around Canterbury directing people to Great Brook Farm Apple Orchard. I remember watching cars travel out to the orchard and feeling the thrill of growing something that people felt was worth the trip on our back dirt roads.

Ben committed more land to apples, this time planting dwarf trees, which would bear sooner and be easier to prune, spray and pick. Eight new varieties were planted across Hackleboro Rd., 1,000 trees this time.

Robert Colby, “Bob,” had been a neighbor, friend, and mentor during these years. His ever-present pipe and ready pieces of advice were an endearing part of his charm. His death was a loss for us, and his orchard showed the signs of a keeper who was past his ability to prune and pick and make his legendary cider. When we decided to build the Apple House,

we purchased Bob's 100-year old cider press, which Road Agent Phil Stone helped us bring from Baptist Hill Road to 355 Hackleboro Road. We built the Apple House around that piece of history and it was on display, restored, for customers to see.

Ben managed Colby's Orchard for a few years, pruning the overgrown trees back into shape. These were standard trees, with a mix of old-time varieties: Cortlands, Winesap, Baldwins, all of which made up Bob's special blend of cider.

Ben also took over the management of the Shaker Orchard at Shaker Village for about 5 years. These were heritage varieties: Arkansas Red, 20 Ounce, Pippin, Jonathan — all standard trees. We loved the numerous varieties we could offer. For a few years, Ben tried to manage that orchard organically, not an easy feat in New Hampshire.

The last orchard planting was done using an innovative new technique called Y-trellis planting. Ben had visited Yakama in Eastern Washington State with Bill Lord and seen apples grown like grapes, on trellises that allowed more trees per acre, more sunshine and easier picking for all ages. 1,500 dwarf trees were planted with this method. A new range of varieties was added, including some little-known (at that time) new varieties like Honeycrisp, Fortune, Mutsu, and Jonagold.

As the orchard grew, the seasonal business at Great Brook Farm grew as well. There were school group trips with apple picking, hayrides, honeybee stories, and cider tasting. On the weekends, many activities were created for families to enjoy. Ben put up a 20-foot granite post and built a 4-person swing. I created the "Haymazing Haymaze," with themes throughout the fall. People could pick their own apples and pumpkins, ride the hay wagon, picnic, play with the mini-farm, and fill their own jug of cider. The Apple House sold various items, many of them made or grown by local talent.

Ben and I took special pleasure in introducing visitors to different varieties of apples. Everyone came asking for McIntosh. But we had samples to taste, displayed on Kate Goegel's custom-made pottery plates, labeled with each variety's name. We liked nothing better than watching people try a few varieties and go out for a mix of Gala, Fuji, Macoun, Hampshire or Northern Spy, looking proud and adventurous as they strayed from the typical Mac or Cortland.

I remember the Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001. Just before 10, opening time for the orchard, I heard that the Twin Towers had been struck in New York City. That morning, a young mother came in with her 5-year-old son, shaken and upset. She had come to the orchard because she needed something positive to do to counter the horror of that day. That weekend, I realized what a visit to an apple orchard could do for the soul. The attack was on everyone's mind and families needed the escape and



relief of being outside, enjoying the fall weather, connecting with each other and picking something delicious from a tree rooted in the earth.

After twenty-five years of tending apple trees, Ben's shoulders started to give out. Apples are a year-round chore: pruning every year, fertilizing, spraying, mowing undergrowth, picking, and selling, and then all over again. Cheap, imported apples challenged the wholesale market for apples. Ben was ready to take time for other things.

For a year we tried to lease the orchard and even had a cooperative made up of friends and neighbors who couldn't bear to see the orchard close. In 2006, we stopped tending the trees. Ben immersed himself in photography and I got a Masters in mediation.

Today, most of the trees are gone. Pasture and hay land take their place. No regrets, they had their moment, and now something less demanding keeps the farmland productive. What remains, I am constantly reminded by others, are wonderful memories of a beautiful spot where families enjoyed each other outside, down a back dirt road.

*Great Brook Farm Orchard early in the spring.*



## NOTES

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who managed the orchard. Doctor Dearborn, who purchased the land in 1944, reported the orchard was decimated in the 1938 hurricane.

## Baptist Hill Apple Orchard (Colby's Orchard)

Robert "Bob" Colby owned and operated the Baptist Hill Orchards from 1954 until his death in 1993. He purchased the land from James McElroy, but it is unclear how large the orchard was at the time. It is clear that Mr. Colby was an accomplished orchardist who enjoyed greeting folks of all ages with his ever-present pipe and cap. He took great pleasure in creating his famous cider. Sadly, the orchard ceased to exist and was eventually sub-divided after his death.

## Great Brook Farm

In May of 1974, Ben Ladd and Melanie Stephens purchased the Albi Cass home-  
stead on Hackleboro Road (now the Leidingers') with the idea of creating Great Brook Farm. The acreage had been reclaimed by poplar, oak, maple, and juniper. With an old Case tractor, they began to clear the fields back to the stone walls. Over 6 years they reclaimed 15 acres of field land. In 1980, they planted 500 semi-dwarf McIntosh, Cortland, and Delicious apples, which, after nine years, produced a decent crop. More land was committed to the orchard with plantings first of 1,000 trees and then 1,500. They built an "Apple House" to accommodate Bob Colby's cider press. In 2006, after 25 years, and finding no other solutions, Ben and Melanie stopped tending the orchard. Today, most of the trees are gone. (For photos, see pages 80 and 83.)



BOB COLBY LOVED APPLES. PHOTO BY KEN SORLIN.



## Hackleboro Orchard

According to daughter, Hattie McGraw, in November, 1941, Robert and Dorothy Burroughs, seeking their dream farm, drove to 81-year-old Charles Eliot Morrill's farm. He was sitting in his kitchen asleep, with his feet in the oven of a big wood stove. On that day, the Burroughs bought the farm and Hackleboro Orchards was founded. There was an existing small orchard that was expanded in 1948 and thrived under the ownership of the Burroughs. The Weiser family has been farming at Hackleboro since 1992. The orchard is about 37 acres, has 3,500 trees, presses cider, grows and sells peaches, plums, nectarines, pumpkins, tomatoes, blueberries, strawberries, and soon, asparagus. The apple harvest is usually between 12,000 and 18,000 bushels. The orchard has thousands of visitors each year and continues to be a wonderful place to be.

LINDA WEISER PREPARES MULLED CIDER.  
PHOTO BY KEN WILLIAMS.



SHAKER VILLAGE ORCHARD. PHOTO BY KATHIE FIFE.



HACKLEBORO ORCHARD. PHOTO BY HATTIE MCGRAW.