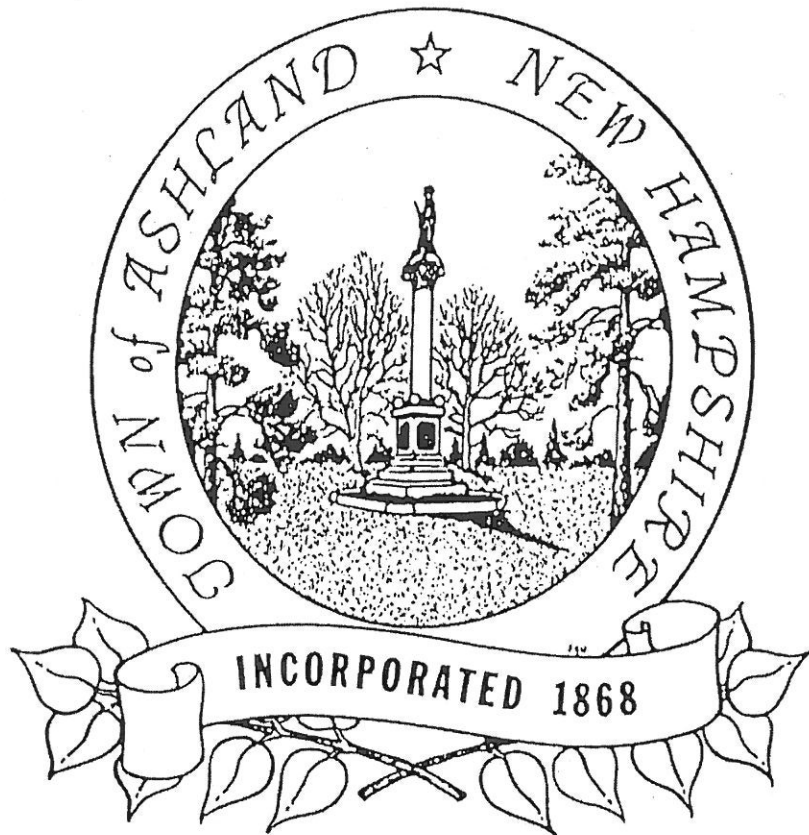


ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF ASHLAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2015

INFORMATIONAL

TOWN OF ASHLAND – GRAFTON COUNTY

POPULATION – 2075

DATE OF INCORPORATION – 1868

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TELEPHONE COMPANY – FAIRPOINT

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TOWN OFFICE – 20 HIGHLAND STREET

HOURS – MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4, THURS 8-5

WELFARE OFFICE HOURS – TUESDAYS 5:00 TO 7:00 pm

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – MON, WED, & FRI 10:00 – 12:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
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ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
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LAND USE – PLANNING/ZONING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
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ROAD MAINTENANCE	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
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PROPERTY TAXES	TAX COLLECTOR	968-4432
VITAL RECORDS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	BILLING OFFICE	968-4002
	TREATMENT PLANT	968-7193
WELFARE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

FOOD PANTRY	COMMUNITY CENTER	968-9698
PEMI BAKER HOME HEALTH		536-2232
ASHLAND POST OFFICE		968-7511
FUEL ASSISTANCE – TRI COUNTRY CAP		968-3560

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WE REMEMBER.....

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

-Author Unknown

With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year:

Patricia Holland
George Young
Ernest Hutter
Margaret Duguay
Robert Chesnis
Kendall L. Hughes
Alphonse Plante
Robert Doucette
Rebecca Brackett

Jerome McCart
Doris Hill
Arthur Marcroft
Eleanor Benjamin
Edward Blaisdell
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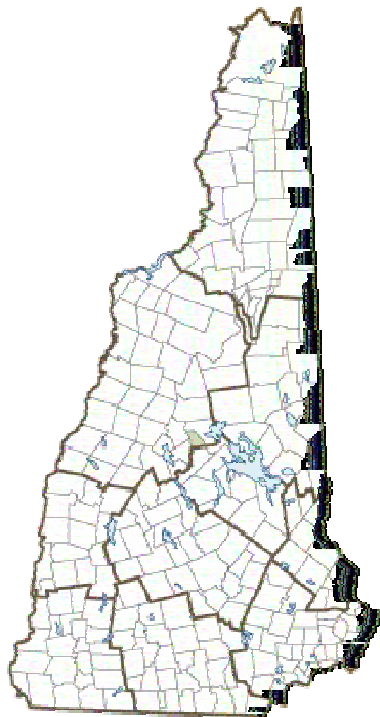
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TOWN OF ASHLAND 2016 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Years Day	Monday	January 1, 2016
President's Day	Monday	February 15, 2016
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2016
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2016
Labor Day	Monday	September 5, 2016
Columbus Day	Monday	October 10, 2016
Veterans' Day	Friday	November 11, 2016
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24, 2016
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 25, 2016
Christmas	Monday	December 26, 2016



Ashland, NH

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Web Site	www.ashland.nh.gov
Municipal Office Hours	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm
County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Plymouth, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County Districts 9, 17

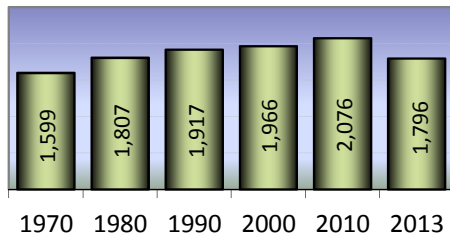
Incorporated: 1868

Origin: Once the southwest portion of Holderness known as the village section, Ashland was not incorporated until 1868. The name Ashland was in honor of the birthplace and Kentucky estate of Henry Clay, Secretary of State and Senator from Kentucky. The name was suggested by Colonel Thomas Cheney, who had been assistant Sargent-at-Arms in Congress during Clay's service in Washington, and an active participant in the formation of the Republican party in New Hampshire. The geographic center of New Hampshire is located three miles east of Ashland.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 885 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Ashland totaled 1,796 over 53 years, from 1,473 in 1960 to 1,796 in 2013.



The largest decennial percent change was a 13 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the only decade that population increased over ten percent. The 2013 Census estimate for Ashland was 1,796 residents, which ranked 146th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 158.7 persons per square mile of land area. Ashland contains 11.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, October 2015. Community Response Received 6/12/2015

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015		\$6,812,731	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016		\$3,299,365	
Zoning Ordinance		1985/10	
Master Plan		2014	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	Ashland Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		7 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Ashland Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Ashland Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		BayRing; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2014 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.97	
2014 Equalization Ratio		96.6	
2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$22.91	
2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		15.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		1,383	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		757	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		319	
Five or More Units in Structure		245	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		62	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2013	1,796	89,268
2010	2,076	89,118
2000	1,966	81,826
1990	1,917	74,998
1980	1,807	65,806
1970	1,599	54,914
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013		
Population by Gender		
Male	767	Female 1,029
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		148
Age 5 to 19		165
Age 20 to 34		524
Age 35 to 54		298
Age 55 to 64		292
Age 65 and over		369
Median Age		39.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		91.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher		27.5%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2009-2013)		
Per capita income		\$22,083
Median family income		\$50,266
Median household income		\$39,390
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$36,773
Female		\$26,302
Individuals below the poverty level		18.3%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2004	2014
Civilian labor force	1,079	1,149
Employed	1,051	1,099
Unemployed	28	50
Unemployment rate	2.6%	4.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	156	272
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 621	\$ 749
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	480	481
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 500	\$ 631
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	636	753
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 530	\$ 674
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	87	85
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 559	\$ 710
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	722	838
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 533	\$ 677

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Ashland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, District: SAU
Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	163			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rochester Shoe Tree Co., Inc.	Shoe trees	90	1979
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals & custom molded products	50	1949
Common Man	Restaurant	50	
Belletetes	Lumber sales	35	
Town of Ashland	Municipal services	21	

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	132, 175
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 24	
Distance	Local access	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Plymouth Regional	Runway	2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	52 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		86 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		311 miles
Montreal, Quebec		217 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2009-2013)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	10.5%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	1.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	20.5
Commuting to another NH community	78.9
Commuting out-of-state	0.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon, Waterville, & Ragged Mountains
	Other: Little Squam Lake

TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS

Board of Selectmen	Normand DeWolfe, Chairman	2017
	Stephen Felton, Vice Chairman	2017
	Philip Preston	2016
	Frances Newton	2018
	Leigh Sharps	2018
Town Administrator	Heather Thibodeau	
Administrative Assistant	Patricia Crowell	
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Patricia Tucker	2018
Dep. Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Anne Abear	
Town Treasurer	Linda Guyotte	2017
Dep. Town Treasurer	Linda Eastman	
Town Moderator	Roberta Hoerter	2016
Trustees of the Trust Funds	Thomas Peters	2018
	Richard Pare	2017
	Elliott Dupuis	2016
	Mardean Badger	2018
Library Trustees	David Ruell	2017
	Alice Staples	2016
	Beverly Ober	2018
Supervisors of the Checklist	Teri Linden	2020
	Patricia Bickford	2016
	Sandra Coleman	2018
Electric Commissioners	Daniel Vaughn	2017
	David Fucarile	2016
	David Toth	2018
Water & Sewer Commissioners	Ellison Badger	2017
	Alan Cilley	2016
	Susan MacLeod	2018
Planning Board	Frances Newton (BOS)	
	Mardean Badger	2018
	Normand DeWolfe (BOS Alt)	
	Carole Fucarile	2017
LRPC Representative	Cheryl Cox	2017
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Zoning Board of Adjustment	Elaine Allard	2016
	Michelle Fistek	2016
	Ellison Badger	2018
	Susan MacLeod	2018
Code Enforcement Officer	Robert Flanders	
Building Inspector	Robert Flanders	
Electrical Inspector	Robert Flanders	
Plumbing Inspector	Robert Flanders	

Public Works Department	Timothy Paquette – Director	
	Raymond Dow	
	Daniel Thompson	
	George Chase	
Transfer Station	Laura Lamson	
	Douglas Ober	
Town Mechanic	Lee Huckins	
Park and Recreation Dept.	Anne Barney – Director	
Police Department	Chief Anthony Randall	
	Lt. Donald Marren – Retired	
	Lt. William Ulwick	
	Sgt. Daniel Hamilton	
	Officer Bruce Cote	
	Officer Ryan Beausoleil	
	Admn. Cecil Cooper	
Scribner Trustees	Richard Pare	2017
	Thomas Peters	2018
	Elliott Dupuis	2016
	Richard Ogden	2016
	Alfred Salvoni	2017
Conservation Commission	Renee Liebert	2016
	Harold Lamos	2017
	Kathleen DeWolfe	2016
	Walter Durack	2018
Health Officer	Frances Newton	2015
	Normand DeWolfe, Deputy	
Welfare Director	Suzanne McCormack	
Housing Standards Board	Ellison Badger	2016
	Kendall B Hughes	2017
	Kathleen Maher	2018
	Health Officer Frances Newton	
Electric Department	Fire Chief Stephen Heath	
	Superintendent Lee Nichols	
	Devin Anderson	
	Dale Weeks	
	Paul Rossi	
	Linda Pack	
	Karen Wheelock	
Water/Sewer Department	Utility Partners – Operator	
	Russell Cross Jr – Manager	
	Nate Cook	
	Anne Sullivan	
Memorial Park Trustees	Mark Liebert	2016
	Stephen Jacquith	2017
	Liz Stevens	2017

Joint Loss Management	Patricia Crowell	2018
	Craig Moore	2016
	Devin Anderson	2017
	Timothy Paquette	2016
	George Chase	
Fire Department	Daniel Hamilton	
	Phil Preston (BOS Alt)	
	Chief Stephen Heath	
	Dep. Chief Timothy Joubert – Resigned	
	Dep. Chief Robert Bousquet	
Emergency Management	Lee Nichols	
Budget Committee	Stephen Heath	
	Roberta “Bobbi” Hoerter	2018
	David Ruell	2015
	Christine Cilley	2016
	Sandra Coleman	2017
	Harold Lamos	2017
	Sherrie Downing	2018
	Walter Durack	2016
	Normand DeWolfe, BOS ex officio	
	Glenn Dion, School Board ex officio	
	Stephen Felton, BOS alternate	
	Jamie Lyford, School Board Alt.	
Capital Improvement Committee	Stephen Felton	
	Ingrid Heidenreich	2017
	Kendall B. Hughes	2017
	Susan MacLeod	
	David Toth	2017
Pemi Baker Solid Waste District Cemetery Trustees	Timothy Paquette	2016
	Michael Myshrall	2016
	Sherrie Downing	2017
	Anthony Hoerter	2018
Economic Development	Cheryl Cox	2017
	Stephen Felton	2017
	Benoit Lamontagne	2017
	Susan MacLeod	2017
	Jill White	2017
Heritage Commission	Kathleen Maher	2018
	Kathleen DeWolfe – resigned	
	David Ruell	2017
	Leigh Sharps	2016
	Frank Stevens	2018
Transportation Advisory	David Toth	
	Walter Durack – Ellison Badger – Frances Newton	
	Timothy Paquette – Carol Fucarile – Leigh Sharps	

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DEDICATION

The 2015 Report is dedicated to the Volunteers of Ashland. They demonstrate daily - resilience, perseverance, and commitment to make Ashland a desirable community for all the residents of Town. When speaking with the Volunteers you learn a little about how each individual person fits into the jigsaw puzzle that makes the Town unique and special, the Volunteers do not just care- they act! Each person is remarkable in the way they dedicate their time and knowledge so passionately to the Town. The Volunteers work tirelessly to set goals and achieve the established objectives for the good of the Community. Thank you one and all for all you time and for being a part of the family of the Town of Ashland.



2015 ELECTION RESULTS



**TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
2015 WARRANT**

AS AMENDED AT JANUARY 31, 2015 DELIBERATIVE SESSION

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

First Session – You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire, on the 31st day of January 2015, being Saturday at 1:00 pm. The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of each of the following articles and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law.

Second Session – You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect Town Officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the William J. Tirone Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street, Ashland, New Hampshire on the 10th day of March 2015, being Tuesday, the polls to be open at 8:00 am and may not close prior to 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

ARTICLE 1- ELECTION OF OFFICER - – Moderator Hoerter read the slate of officers
To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen-3 year term-2 positions

Jeanette I. Stewart – Lorna Leigh Sharps – Frances Newton

Town Clerk/Tax Collector-3 year term

Patricia Tucker

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds-3 year term

Thomas Peters

Library Trustee-3 year term

Mardean S. Badger

Electric Commissioner-3 year term

David Toth – Sandra Coleman

Water and Sewer Commissioner-3 year term

Budget Committee-3 year term-3 positions

Sherrie Downing

Budget Committee-1 year term

David Ruell

Cemetery Trustee-3 year term

Anthony Hoerter

ARTICLE 2-ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

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

Question #1- Are you in favor of amending the wording of “obnoxious use” and “junkyard” in Article 3 and deleting the definition of “junkyard” in Article 10 of the Ashland Zoning Ordinance?

No discussion regarding this article- Moderator declared that the question would appear on the Zoning ballot

ARTICLE 3- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease / purchase agreement to obtain a new Fire Engine/Pumper which has a total purchase price of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) plus interest and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the down payment, which sum shall be funded by withdrawal from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013. The annual lease payments to be paid in future years will be Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars (\$79,962). This lease/ purchase agreement will not have an escape clause and is non-lapsing until December 31, 2020 (60% Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Presentation made by Chief Heath and Deputy Chief Joubert; discussion; if passed no tax impact this year but would be in budget for 2016-2020; no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 4- Estimated Tax impact is \$8.15

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$6,294,256? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,202,044 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

General Operating Budget Town	\$2,595,278
Electric Department	\$3,119,358
Water	\$202,550
Sewer	\$377,070

Discussion – default tax impact \$8.03; no new positions in the default; no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article will appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 5- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.06

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,750) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars (\$12,938) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – escape clause means that the payment for each year of the lease will be a warrant article; Motion to change the article to read not to have an escape clause - Abear; this motion was declared to be out of order by Legal Counsel Whitley stating that the Deliberative Session cannot change the wording; no further amendments were proposed; Moderator declared that article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 6- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the third year payment of the five year lease / purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – if not passed we would lose the \$56,000 already spent on this equipment and will have to turn the loader back; no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 7- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 8- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.14

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$29,478) to obtain a police vehicle for the Police department and to raise and appropriate the sums of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$7,370) for the first year's payment and Twenty Five Thousand Three hundred Dollars (\$25,300) for outfitting the vehicle (a total appropriation of \$32,670). This lease / purchase agreement will not contain an escape clause. (60% majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Discussion – Chief Randall spoke of the need for the continued rotation of cruisers; no amendments were made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 9- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.135

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

Discussion in support of this appropriation – Motion to change the word “vehicles” to “equipment” – Lee Nichols – Legal Counsel Whitley stated that this motion was no legal because you cannot change the purpose of the capital reserve fund in this way; Motion to change \$20,000 to \$30,000 – Richard Pare; second – Abear; discussion; vote passed in the affirmative by showing of hands with dissent; tax impact figured to change to \$0.135 – Moderator declared that the article as amended will appear on the ballot

ARTICLE 10- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion – Moderator declared that article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 11- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.17

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

Discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 12- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.26

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$60,700) for the purpose of purchasing and installing custom fit windows for the Town Hall.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

Discussion – replacement for better air quality and energy efficiency – no amendments – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 13- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Building Maintenance and Repair fund for the purpose of maintaining and repairing all Town Buildings and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion – no amendments – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 14-

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Explained that the Selectmen need to have the authority to increase certain fees so that the town is not paying out more for cost items than the town gets to cover them. – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 15-

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2015.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

Discussion – this is a way to increase revenue for road improvement projects – no amendments made; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 16-

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5; one member of the Heritage Commission shall be a selectman, and up to three additional citizens shall be appointed as alternate members. An advisory entity, a Heritage Commission is for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. Powers and duties of a heritage commission include: To advise and assist other local boards and commissions on matters related to historic resources; To work in tandem with the Ashland Historical Society to survey and inventory historic resources; To assist the Planning Board in writing or updating the historic and cultural resources chapter in the Master Plan; To propose and implement other preservation planning; To assist in coordinating and fundraising for cultural events for the Town.

Upon approval of this article the present Ashland Historic Commission, which was established in 1970 for the limited purpose of taking responsibility for the Whipple House, will be terminated and the duties and functions of that Commission will be assumed by the Heritage Commission.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Discussion – no amendments – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 17- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

Petition Article: We the undersigned registered voters of Ashland, do hereby petition that the following article be placed on the warrant of the 2015 annual Ashland Town Meeting: Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Ashland Library Building Fund for the purpose of purchasing, building and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) towards this purpose, and to further appoint the Ashland Library Trustees as agents to expend from the fund.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

Library Trustees made presentation supporting this warrant article; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

ARTICLE 18- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2015 Town meeting, the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a minimum of \$3,000 to support ongoing services at the Bridge House, which specializes in comprehensive services for veterans.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 19- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.04

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$9,478) for the Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 20- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.00

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last six years, CADY has served eight juvenile offenders from Ashland (one in 2014), providing services that have saved the Town considerably more than the sum request in this article.)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 21- Estimated Tax impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$3,500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay.

Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,642 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2014, 75 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 13 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2014. We provided \$6,510.85 in charitable care to Ashland residents and \$514,902.81 in charitable care to the community.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 22 - Estimated Tax impact is \$0.03

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2015 Town of Ashland Warrant.

Shall the voters raise and appropriated Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to Grafton County Senior citizens council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2015. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more, in FY 2014, Graft County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 126 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 36 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$78,562.40.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0

Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

No discussion – Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written

ARTICLE 23

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of decreasing the board of selectmen to 3 members?

Discussion – Motion to add after “members” “to be determined at a later date” – Kathleen DeWolfe; no second- Legal Counsel Whitley declared that this was not a valid amendment; Sue MacLeod challenged the attorney’s opinion that all warrant articles can be amended; Whitley further explained that the language in the article is determined by statute; Moderator declared that the article would appear on the ballot as written.

Moderator Hoerter allowed David Toth to state that he had intended to run for Water and Sewer Commissioners not Electric Commissioner.

There being no further business to come before this session the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned.

Taken by Patricia Tucker, CTCTC

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 10, 2015

BALLOT 1 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☒
 B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
 C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

SELECTMEN

three-year term vote for not more than two
 JEANETTE L. STEWART 178 ☐
 FRANCES NEWTON 195 ☐
 LEIGH SHARPS 191 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

three-year term vote for not more than one
 PATRICIA TUCKER 301 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

TOWN TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

three-year term vote for not more than one
 THOMAS PETERS 273 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one
 MARDEAN S. BADGER 283 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one
 DAVID TOTH 139 ☐
 SANDRA COLEMAN 157 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER

three-year term vote for not more than one
 (Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

three-year term vote for not more than three
 SHERRIE DOWNING 277 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐
 (Write-in) ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

BUDGET COMMITTEE

one-year term vote for not more than one
 DAVID RUELL 295 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

CEMETERY TRUSTEE

three-year term vote for not more than one
 ANTHONY HOERTER 272 ☐
 (Write-in) ☐

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 3 Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00.
 To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease / purchase agreement to obtain a new Fire Engine/Pumper which has a total purchase price of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) plus interest and to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the down payment, which sum shall be funded by withdrawal from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013. The annual lease payments to be paid in future years will be Seventy Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty Two Dollars (\$79,962). This lease/purchase agreement will not have an escape clause and is non-lapsing until December 31, 2020 (60% Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1
 Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

FAILED
 60% = 199

YES ☐
 NO ☐

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 142

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 4

Estimated Tax Impact is \$8.15

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$6,294,256? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$6,202,044 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES ☐

NO ☐

158

198

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Electric Department	\$3,119,368
Water	\$ 202,550
Sewer	\$ 377,070

ARTICLE 5

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.06

To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$51,750) for the purpose of purchasing a Transfer Station mini loader for the Public Works Department and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars (\$12,938) for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. (Majority vote required)

YES ☐

NO ☐

200

155

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 6

Estimated Tax impact is \$0.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars (\$28,189) for the third year payment of the five year lease / purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

YES ☐

NO ☐

257

100

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 7

Estimated Tax impact is \$0.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.

YES ☐

NO ☐

235

122

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

ARTICLE 8

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.14

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a four year lease purchase agreement with a total cost of Twenty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$29,478) to obtain a police vehicle for the Police department and to raise and appropriate the sums of Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Dollars (\$7,370) for the first year's payment, and Twenty Five Thousand Three hundred Dollars (\$25,300) for outfitting the vehicle (a total appropriation of \$32,670). This lease / purchase agreement will not contain an escape clause. (60% majority vote required).

YES ☐

NO ☐

194

165

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0

FAILED
60% = 215

ARTICLE 9

Estimated Tax impact is \$0.135

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.

YES ☐

NO ☐

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169

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-2
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 4-2

ARTICLE 10

Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

YES ☐

NO ☐

207

148

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

ARTICLE 11

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.17

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

YES ☐

NO ☐

169

187

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 6-2

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 10, 2015

BALLOT 2 OF 2

Patricia Tucker
 TOWN CLERK

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 12

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.26

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$60,700) for the purpose of purchasing and installing custom fit windows for the Town Hall.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 5-3

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ARTICLE 13

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.11

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YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 4-1
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

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ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

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 178

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, 1-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2015.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1

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ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5; one member of the Heritage Commission shall be a selectman, and up to three additional citizens shall be appointed as alternate members. An advisory entity, a Heritage Commission is for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts. Powers and duties of a heritage commission include: To advise and assist other local boards and commissions on matters related to historic resources; To work in tandem with the Ashland Historical Society to survey and inventory historic resources; To assist the Planning Board in writing or updating the historic and cultural resources chapter in the Master Plan; To propose and implement other preservation planning; To assist in coordinating and fundraising for cultural events for the Town.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Upon approval of this article, the present Ashland Historic Commission, which was established in 1970 for the limited purpose of taking responsibility for the Whipple House, will be terminated and the duties and functions of that Commission will be assumed by the Heritage Commission.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0

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TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

SAMPLE BALLOT

ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE 17

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.11

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YES ☒
 NO ☐

183
169

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0*

ARTICLE 18

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Ashland request you to insert in the warrant for the 2015 Town meeting, the following article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a minimum of \$3,000 to support ongoing services at the Bridge House, which specializes in comprehensive services for veterans.

YES ☐
 NO ☐

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101

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0*

ARTICLE 19

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.04

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$9,478) for the Pemi-Baker Community Health (a non-profit organization) for the purpose of providing uninsured and underinsured residents of the Town with quality home health care. The sum amounts to Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$4.50) per resident based upon recent census data and it represents a small fraction of the cost of providing these services to our residents in their home. (Home care provided by Pemi-Baker Community Health to uninsured and under-insured patients helps the Town limit welfare payments for medical services.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

237
146

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0*

ARTICLE 20

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.00

Petitioned Article: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol and Drug-free Youth, a non-profit organization) for the purpose of supporting the only local court diversion program to reduce juvenile delinquency by increasing offender accountability, ensuring restitution to victims and potentially saving the town many thousands of dollars in placement costs at juvenile detention facilities. (During the last six years, CADY has served eight juvenile offenders from Ashland (one in 2014), providing services that have saved the Town considerably more than the sum request in this article.)

YES ☐
 NO ☐

247
104

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 5-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1*

ARTICLE 21

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.01

Petitioned Article: The following registered voters in the Town of Ashland respectfully request that the below article be placed on the town warrant: The Town of Ashland will raise and appropriate funds totaling \$3,500 to Genesis Behavioral Health for the delivery of Emergency Mental Health Services. These services include access to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals, police, fire, schools, hospitals and others 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Services are provided to anyone in need, regardless of their ability to pay. Genesis Behavioral Health is the community mental health center serving Belknap and Southern Grafton Counties. We served 3,642 children, families, adults and elders in Fiscal Year 2014, 75 of whom were Ashland residents. Genesis Behavioral Health provided Emergency Services to 13 Ashland residents in Fiscal Year 2014. We provided \$6,510.85 in charitable care to Ashland residents and \$514,902.81 in charitable care to the community.

YES ☐
 NO ☐

227
124

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 7-1*

ARTICLE 22

Estimated Tax Impact is \$0.03

Petitioned Article: We registered voters in the Town of Ashland present this petitioned article to be included in the 2015 Town of Ashland Warrant. Shall the voters raise and appropriate Seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland residents in 2015. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support and more. In FY 2014, Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services for 128 Ashland residents, and ServiceLink provided services for 36 residents. The cost of providing these services was \$78,562.40.

YES ☐
 NO ☐

277
77

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen vote 3-0
Recommended by the Budget Committee vote 8-0*

ARTICLE 23

Petitioned Article: Are you in favor of decreasing the board of selectmen to 3 members?

YES ☐
 NO ☐

116
230

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, DEPARTMENTS



BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Submitted by Norm DeWolfe, Steve Felton, Phil Preston, Fran Newton and Leigh Sharps

2015 was again a busy and productive year for the Ashland Board of Selectmen (BOS). The year was marked by a significant increase in communication and collaboration among town departments, across committees and commissions, with other towns, and various state and Federal agencies. This has been a positive step in moving the Town forward and helping to facilitate a variety of accomplishments.

The current board consists of Norm DeWolfe, Steve Felton, Fran Newton, Phil Preston and Leigh Sharps, who was newly elected in March. Norm DeWolfe was chosen as chairman during the March reorganization, with Steve Felton as vice chair. Our accomplishments are as follows:

Accomplishments

Personnel

Town Administrator: The BOS hired a new Town Administrator Heather Thibodeau in September of this year. The Board, along with a department head, interviewed six candidates over a period of three weeks before making our final selection.

Parks and Recreation: We oversaw the complete reorganization of Parks and Recreation this year. We hired a new director Ann Barney; a director of the After School Program, DeDe Connor; and a director of the Summer Program, Barbara Sharrow. With the new folks onboard, we have seen growth in the after school program and some much needed improvements to the Booster Club, including cleaning and reorganization working with the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA). The campground leases have also been reviewed and compared with those from other town's leases to ensure that ours are appropriate and up to date.

Committees and Commissions: The BOS made appointments to several existing committees and commissions, including Planning, Conservation, and Economic Development. The BOS also approved the formation of two new groups as follows:

ATAC: The Ashland Transportation Advisory Committee looks at an integrated transportation plan for the town, including streets, sidewalks, and alternate transportation. This committee, under the direction of Dave Toth, has built new positive and productive relationships with NHDOT and the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). Projects under development or discussion include the plans to assume ownership Highland Street in 2020 with the state assuming 80% of the cost of repair. ATAC will also be applying for a grant for a Safe Routes to School study and submitting a Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant for sidewalks and crosswalks in the downtown area.

Heritage Commission: The Heritage Commission was established by warrant article this year. It was established for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, valued for historical, cultural, aesthetic or community significance. The commission is now serving as an umbrella for the 4th of July Committee, Historical Society, 150th Anniversary Committee and Whipple House.

Financial

The Board started the year by finalizing the budget and warrant articles, preparing for the January 31 Deliberative Session and developing a new voters' guide. Given that the voters rejected the proposed 2015 budget, the Town had to operate with a default budget for the second year in a row. This presented the BOS and Finance Officer with the challenge of allocating limited financial resources to provide essential town services, meet contractual obligations and begin new initiatives. At year's end, the Board again finalized a budget and warrant articles for 2016

GIS - An early and important accomplishment of the BOS was to enter into a contract to begin the process of developing a town GIS (Geographical Information System), starting with new tax maps. This system will allow us to digitize our tax map information and allow for easy electronic access to view and update the information. Phase 2 of this project to be done in 2016 will allow us to have important information from all departments accessible through this system. This will be a benefit to the town's ability to professionally pursue grant opportunities and better manage our infrastructure needs. The Water and Sewer department has already set up much of their infrastructure in the GIS system.

Public Works – The Board reviewed Requests for Proposal (RFPs) for the paving of a section of River Street. We further requested and reviewed engineering proposals from three firms for Smith Hill Road drainage issues to ascertain if it was feasible to being the overall engineering planned for the eventual reconstruction of Thompson Street and Smith Hill Road.

Issue Log: The Board continued to use the Current Issue Log to ensure that important issues and projects are monitored and tracked through completion and follow up. These issues included the following:

- Phase I Brownfield Study and exploration of Phase II for the Ashland Properties section of the LW Packard Mill. Phase I was completed and we are actively pursuing grants for the phase II study.
- Land Use Review committee – this committee comprises chairs of land use boards (Planning and Zoning), the Health Officer, the Fire Chief, a representative from the Conservation Commission and the Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. The committee meets informally on a monthly basis to ensure communication and identifications of issues affecting each group.
- Ordinance review and updates – the Board reviewed several town ordinances, first having been reviewed by legal, to ensure that they were appropriate and to update or eliminate as necessary.
- RFPs for legal and auditing – The Board sent out RFPs to several legal firms to ensure that we have the best and most cost effective representation. We also sent out RFPs to several municipal auditing firms and selected a new firm based on best and most relevant experience as well as cost.
- IT – We reviewed and updated as necessary, our IT services. We had a presentation from Virtual Town Hall, who could provide a more sophisticated, and robust web site as well as implementing a new email system.
- Concerned Citizens Log – Reviewed this log, which tracks concerns raised by citizens through a form available on the Town web site to ensure appropriate response and follow up.
- Town Hall – We approved some improvements, upgrades, and repairs at town hall, including the heating and cooling system, asbestos tile mitigation, and repairs to the fire escape.

- Parking – We implemented a winter policy for parking at the Town Hall similar to that at the Mechanic Street lot. We explored a variety of parking options for increasing the number of spaces available.
- Town Beach – We followed up on a DES permit application for sand replenishment at the town beach and also responded to a request for information from the Army Corps of Engineers. The application was approved and the sand will be replenished in the spring of 2016.
- Campground Issues – We reviewed the existing campground lease language as well as comparing it to similar campgrounds to ensure that the wording is appropriate and enforceable.
- Insurance – We looked at other health insurance options and compared coverage and costs to ensure that we have the best policy for our needs. We further submitted appropriate paperwork to our insurance carrier, Primex, to upgrade our status to Prime, which saves the town an additional 5%.

The Board of Selectmen would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many unelected and unpaid volunteers, who have worked with tireless dedication providing countless benefits and helping to keep this town running and making it a better place to live in.

Town Administrator's Report 2015

I was honored and delighted to join your community serving as your Town Administrator in September of 2015. In this capacity, I have been the recipient of good will and support from countless residents, employees and elected officials. Since coming to Town I have been engaged in learning about the rich history of this community, discovering the dynamic natural resources, and embracing the nuances that you the residents have cultivated to make Ashland a secret gem, in the geographical center of the state.

Budget season afforded me the opportunity to get to know my Department Heads. I spent time learning about the individual characteristics of their department, as I would review each of their line-by-line budget requests. It was impressive to hear them speak of their passion for serving the community and the knowledge of what the Towns specific needs are. It was notable to realize that all were mindful of the impact that their request had on the tax rate. As we worked to draft the Town budget, I had the opportunity to get to know the employees who perform the operational aspects that run the Town. They shared in length, their plans, or the vision they have for their department and the Town they love.

The Town Hall is your building, the people who work in the Town Hall are doing business on behalf of the residents, therefore; we welcome your visits to Town Hall and embrace your suggestions and communication. I have installed a suggestion box at the front of Town Hall as well as at the Transfer Station-I am trying to actively solicit your input. As your Town Administrator, I want to hear from you and I welcome you to stop in, or send me an email at townadmin@ashland.nh.gov, please let me know what ideas you may have to enhance the community or what services we can offer in a cost efficient manner. We are ever mindful of the sacrifices the taxpayers make to support our annual budget.

This past Fall, new faces joined the Town Staff. Ann Barney was hired as the new Park and Recreation Department Director; she has new staff joining her within that department. Ann has plans to expand programming for adults and youth in 2016. I would encourage you to stop down in the afternoon to speak with Ann if you have ideas; she is always looking for new program ideas and ways to increase the revenue and enrichment activities for her Department.

In establishing goals for 2016, my hope is that the entire community will play a larger part in the life of the community. One fact is abundantly clear in Ashland-its volunteers, and a few loyal long serving employees run Ashland. I hope we can expand upon that volunteer pool, which needs to include the native Ashland residents as well as the people who have come to cherish their newly adopted community. If you look through the list of names of

volunteers on committees and boards, you will notice a commonality or theme of names, we need fresh perspectives as well as a depth of experiences, and community knowledge to enhance and broaden the potential role Ashland can play in the region.

The past few months have gone by very quickly and while I am proud to have been selected to serve you, there is much to learn, and I ask your patience while I continue on this steep learning curve. I would be remiss if I did not Thank all the people who have helped me enormously over the past few months and whom have spent literally countless hours giving me the gift of their knowledge about the Town, its processes and procedures. Patsy Tucker is a wealth of institutional knowledge and she has taken the time to direct me, guide me and aid me in figuring out what and where things are, what needs to be done, and how to make things happen in Ashland. Pat Crowell has worked diligently to provide me with answers to all the questions that I have, and to provide pleasant aid to all who come into the office. Brenda Paquette is reliable and knowledgeable about the budget and has taken the time to assist me in the budget preparation. Chief Randall has provided the comic relief and common sense feedback one needs from time to time to accomplish tasks and put things into perspective- he is a solid person and a caring Chief. Chief Heath is extremely detail oriented, and takes pleasure in educating others about the Fire Service; he is a delightful educator and competent Chief. Tim Paquette demonstrates that he is willing to do all he can to ensure the safety of the residents of Ashland, he is conscientious in keeping communication open between the Town office, all Departments and his Department- he takes great pride in serving his home town. These individuals and all the town employees have aided me enormously over the past few months and I wish to thank them publically for their efforts to aid the Town and myself personally.

In closing, Ashland has a very active, engaged, Board of Selectman; they are a valuable asset to the town. As your Town Administrator I have been able to depend upon them to advise, counsel, and point me in the right direction. In many towns the Selectman are not as active, in Ashland the Board is very involved and this is immeasurably helpful for a new Town Administrator. I am looking forward to an active 2016, working in collaboration with the dedicated caring employees, elected officials, volunteers, and the experienced Board of Selectmen. Thank you everyone for all your help in 2015!

Heather Thibodeau, M. Ed.
Town Administrator

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Police Chief Anthony L. Randall

The following is Police Activity for 2015

Dispatched Service Calls	3,628 (includes all calls communicated with dispatch)
Incidents	1,275
Arrests	65
Warrants	17
Citations/warnings	617
Parking Tickets	55

In 2015 Your Police Department consisted of the following individuals: Chief, Anthony Randall, Lieutenant William Ulwick, Sergeant Daniel Hamilton, Senior Patrolman Bruce Cote, Patrolman Ryan Beausoleil, Part-time patrolman and Administrative Assistant Cecil Cooper and Part-time patrolman Donald Marren.

In 2015 the Department accepted the resignations of two part-time patrolmen Seth Learned and Gary Carter along with the retirement of a 20 year veteran of the Ashland Police Department Lieutenant Donald Marren.

Lt. Marren served the Town from 1995 to 2015 stepping up a few times to serve as interim chief when the position was vacant. I would like to thank him for his years of service and his willingness to be a mentor and support me during my first years as the Chief.

The Department hired William Ulwick as the new Lieutenant in April. Lt. Ulwick has been a positive influence to the department showing his knowledge of police work along with effective leadership skills. His dedication to the profession and the Town of Ashland is impeccable.

As we all know heroin use is on the rise and is becoming more common place. The department has been making attempts to surveil suspected drug locations when time allows. We are fortunate to have connections with the DEA and NH Drug Task Force assistance with drug activity. We encourage the public to report drug activity to us. That information is then relayed to the members of the NH Drug Task Force in an effort to coordinate successful drug arrests and surveillance. Due to the Departments limited resources and manpower this working relationship is needed.

The Department utilizes a community policing model requiring a partnership between the police and its residents in order to keep Ashland a safe community.

Training continues to be a major factor for the Police Department in many areas such as active shooters, domestic violence, sex assaults, drug crimes, accident reconstruction and interviews and interrogations. Training is important in order to prepare officers to handle

police situations in order to better serve the community making Ashland a safe place to live.

I would like to thank the tax payers, residents, all Ashland Departments and surrounding town police departments for their support. I also would like to thank my personnel at the Ashland Police Department for their support, hard work and sacrifices they make on a daily basis to keep the town as safe as possible.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy 2016 with a reminder that car break-ins are crimes of opportunity so please lock your vehicles.

ASHLAND FIRE RESCUE

Submitted by Chief Stephen L. Heath

The emergency response and administrative demand on the department continues to increase. The total incident count for 2015 was 413 as compared to 397, 407, and 377 over the previous three years. The following is a break-down by incident type:

• Medical	249
• Fire	108
• Motor Vehicle Accident	37
• Service Calls	19

Our personnel continue to log many hours; responding to emergency incidents, attending regularly scheduled department training, (2 fire and 1 EMS training sessions per month), participating in numerous fire and EMS certification programs, live fire training exercises, apparatus and equipment checks, pre-planning, fire prevention programs, fire safety inspections, and our recently initiated program on fall prevention, and fire safety for seniors.

We continue our struggle with the difficulties many departments such as ours encounter with retaining members and enticing new members to make the time commitment required to become a firefighter, EMT, or both. We did welcome two new members during the past year. Natasha Bondarchuck and Tyler Ford have been hired as probationary firefighters. Natasha has previously served in the Lower Marion Fire Department in New York State, and is a Level I Certified Firefighter. She recently started training to renew her EMT certification. Tyler Ford has previously served in the Bristol Fire Department, and is a Level II Certified Firefighter. He has completed an EMT course, and is working toward certification. Unfortunately, we said goodbye to three valued members and friends. Deputy Tim Joubert, Firefighter/Paramedic Kevin Pierce, and Firefighter/EMT-A Retta Brown have moved away from Ashland. Tim and Kevin have a long history with the Ashland Fire Department. They were contributors to the success of the department, their contributions and expertise will be missed.

An air conditioner/heat pump was installed in the meeting room. This greatly improves our ability to regulate temperature throughout the year, and should reduce energy costs in the future. A portion of the project cost was covered by a rebate from NH Coop.

Continuing our efforts to keep costs down, we again worked with other local departments to schedule our pump testing, and our aerial and ground ladder testing. We also watch for opportunities to participate in group purchases with neighboring communities.

Once again we were able to complete the mandatory equipment testing on the department's self-contained breathing apparatus, fit testing of the SCBA masks, pumps, aerial and ground ladders. As our equipment ages, testing becomes critical to keeping personnel safe, and reducing liability. At times we have a piece of equipment that does not pass, and requires repair or replacement. With this in mind, I have requested funds in the appropriate budget lines to allow us to keep equipment in service.

Once again we are asking the voters of Ashland to pass a warrant article for the purchase of a new engine to replace the 1994 Smeal (engine 2). Although this isn't the oldest engine, it has fared far worse than engine 1 during annual apparatus evaluations. I feel that it is important to move forward with this project without delay. Every single piece of equipment we have in the department ages with each year of service, and somewhere down the road will need to be replaced. We have worked with the CIP committee to develop a long range plan so that we aren't faced with having to do this all at once.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2015 looked like it was going to be a repeat of 2014 with the January snow fall we had, but with record high temperatures in November and December the winter maintenance budget was spared with some money left over.

The major project for the year was a shim and overlay of pavement on the first 3000 feet of River Street which was done by Bryant Paving. The plan for this year is to finish the rest of River Street over to the beach. As for other future road projects the town is in the process of working to get engineering done in coordination with the Water and Sewer to do a total reconstruct of Thompson Street.

The Public Works Department assists many other departments and outside organizations throughout the year- police dept., fire dept., electric dept., park and rec, town office, water and sewer, garden club, 4th of July committee, Christmas night in Ashland etc. In return we receive much thanks and appreciation which is never taken lightly by myself and the crew.

We continue with our general maintenance of ditches, gravel roads, catch basins, culverts, tree work, mowing and many other duties.

I would like to thank my crew, all other departments, and Patsy and Pat in the office who help me throughout the year.

The town saw some changes this year with people moving on and new ones coming in. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Heather Thibodeau, Will Ulwick and Ann Barney who I believe have already made a positive impact on the town. As for the people who have left I wish good luck to Paul Branscombe and Jim Gliech in their future endeavors. Finally I would like to recognize Lt. Don Maren who retired this past May after a twenty year career with the Ashland Police department. Don was respected by all who worked with him and he served this town well. I am glad to call him a friend and wish him a long and happy retirement.

Thank you to all who support the Public Works Department

Timothy Paquette
Public Works Director

TRANSFER STATION

2105 brought a few changes to the transfer station. We received new equipment and saw one employee leave and a new one step in.

The trash shipped out this year averaged around 535 ton which is down 15 ton from last year. The construction debris was at 215 ton which is up 45 ton from last year, this increase is due to a lot of construction in town.

Recycling markets are still not very good at this time but we continue to collect a large amount of recyclable material that would otherwise go into the trash and cost us money.

The revenue from the transfer station came in at \$29485 for the year, this is from recycling, transfer slips and sticker fees.

We took delivery of new Wacker Mini Loader which replaced the 1984 skid steer. Thank you to all the voters who supported this purchase.

Rick Hutchinson moved on and the town hired Laura Lamson. We welcome Laura, and wish good luck to Rick.

Ashland is a mandatory recycling town so please do your part to keep our cost down.

Thank you

Timothy Paquette
Public Works Director

Parks & Recreation – 2015

Submitted by Director Ann-Marie Barney

General

The end of the 2015 year has brought about many changes for the Parks & Recreation Department. After the conclusion of the 2015 summer camp season, I took over as the director of the department. Virginia Conner was hired as the head of the After School Program and Barbara Sharrow was hired as the director of the 2016 Summer Camp.

In addition to staffing changes, we have had several improvements to the facility. Due to some leakage, and with the help of the AARA , the Board of Selectmen and community members, the Booster Club received a needed clean up. Jeremy Hilts has graciously donated the equipment and resources needed to complete the remaining repairs in the spring.

Edward N Doggett Campground and Beach

The Edward N Doggett campground operated at full capacity this past summer. We are again looking to have a full camp for the 2016 season. In addition, the beach operated without lifeguards this summer but we are looking to bring lifeguards back to the beach for the safety of our community. We have also acquired fresh, clean sand to be put at the beach for the 2016 season.

After School Program

The After School Program has 22 kids registered. The After School Program gives kids the opportunity to get their school work done and then enjoy games and other activities with their friends. We are happy to announce that we have partnered with the NH Food Bank to supply health snacks and drinks to the kids in our program.

Summer Camp

The numbers for the summer camp were not as high as they had been in the past. With many new ideas and staff we are confident that our numbers will significantly increase for the 2016 season.

Community

In conjunction with the AARA, the movie night in the park series was another great success this summer. There were a total of 6 movies, two each month for the months of June, July, and August. The AARA has also been assisting with Kids Night Out. Kids Night Out is a great opportunity for kids to spend time with their friends while enjoying many activities including: indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts, and there is always a snack. I would like to thank Dunkin Donuts and Moulton Farm for their gracious donations to our Kids Night Out Program.

Water and Sewer Departments 2015 Report

In 2015 the Water and Sewer Department focused on reducing long-term costs while developing, replacing, and maintaining infrastructure. The 2014 Capital Improvement Plan projected costs of \$5,800,000 million over 10-years. By re-evaluating the long-term plans and researching alternative solutions, the commissioners were able to reduce the projections to \$4,000,000. Projects completed this year, GIS Mapping, the Asset Management Plan, and office reorganization, will help to reduce the cost of operations and provide better services.

The Business Plan is to make Water and Sewer self-sustaining and use the revenues from Septage Receiving to fund capital improvements. Previous commissions have kept rates artificially low by using Septage receiving revenues to support daily water and sewer operations. In recent years, the commissions have gradually increased rates to the point at which rates almost cover the cost of operations. Rates in the future will be based on Asset Management Plans, which use objective data and computer modeling to project operating costs.

Most of the reduction in long-term expenses comes from the redesign of the Septage Receiving Station. The initial design would have cost nearly \$1,400,000. The new design will cost approximately \$800,000, and it will extend the useful life of lagoons almost indefinitely without cleaning. Cleaning is estimated at over \$1,000,000. The new station will also help increase revenues which are now about \$250,000 per year.

Another project that may help to reduce long-term costs is the plan to reduce sodium chloride levels in the town's drinking water. The plan would involve installing a new pump at the current well head rather than relocating the well or building a water treatment plant. This year we submitted a grant to NHDES to explore the feasibility of the project.

Projects completed this year that will help reduce the cost of operations include repair and modifications to the Waste Water Treatment Building, GIS mapping of the water and sewer systems, developing the Asset Management Plan for above ground water assets, and installing transponders for remote water meter reading. The office has been reorganized and will now perform billing and bookkeeping to improve service and efficiency. Other projects completed in 2015 include Riverside Drive sewer line repair and the design for the new Water and Sewer office.

The department actively pursues grants to help fund projects. This year a grant was obtained for the Asset Management Plan, and applications were made for leak isolation and the Septage Receiving Station. Relationships with major funding organizations were established, and representatives from NHDES, the Rural Development Agency (RDA) and the Northern Borders Regional Commission (NRBC) toured the facility, and the commissioners held meetings with state and Federal representatives.

Projects for 2016 include final design and construction of the Septage Receiving Station, repair of the water system on Winona Road, Asset Management Plan for below-ground water assets, engineering for Thompson Street water and sewer lines, the feasibility study for reducing sodium chloride levels in the town's drinking water, and water infusion isolation for the sewer system. The department will be applying for grants from NHDES, RDA, and the NRBC.

Eli Badger, Chair
Alan Cilley
David Toth

Report for 2015
From Building Inspector/
Code Enforcement Officer

The purpose of Building Codes is to protect Public Health and Safety

I started in Ashland on April 1st 2015 so this report covers the period of the last 8 Months of 2015.

In that time period I issued the following Permits:

Building	48
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Demolition	10
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Electrical	30
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Mechanical	17
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(includes Gas & Heating)*

Plumbing	19
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Sign	5
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I have worked with the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Fire Chief and Selectman on Code enforcement as needed.

***Please note inspections on the mechanical permits were done by the Fire Dept.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Flanders

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS REPORT

Submitted by Katie Maher and Kathy Jaquith

The Ashland Fourth of July celebration continues its unbroken tradition since 1961 with some highs and lows in 2015. This year, Ashland celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the end of the Civil War as the parade theme with special attention to our Civil War Monument dedicated in 1899. The 2015 Mary Ruell Citizen of Ashland Award was bestowed on David Ruell who has served on various committees for the town of Ashland since 1977.

The Parade enjoyed great weather and increased participation with a return to awards for the best floats and new organizations joining the march. The Parade Marshalls were Pat Provencher and Phyllis Reitsma who have both donated countless volunteer hours to the Town of Ashland. The Fireworks display was large and loud and long but launched very late, after 10:30PM. Missing staff, a late start in the set up and an overabundance of shells provided to make up for the missing finale shells of 2014 all conspired to delay the start.

Fundraising in 2015 brought in \$22,440 and expenses totaled \$18,770 (lower because of the \$2500 credit from Atlas for the missing finale fireworks in 2014) leaving a \$25,740 fund for the 2016 display. Money raised through t-shirt and button sales, canisters, field collections, parking, the 50/50 raffle, Midway Vendor fees and the Common Man Pancake Breakfast on July 4th and BBQ on July 5th represented 61% of the funds raised while the program advertising and banner sales provided 39% of the funds raised (up 11% from 2014). Expenses included the fireworks at \$11,000 (because of the \$2500 credit), printing \$935, food \$1,500, entertainment \$2,650, and services \$2,685. The 2016 fireworks are budgeted at \$13,500.

The 2016 Parade is scheduled for Monday, July 4th at 10:00 AM Rain or Shine and Fireworks on Saturday, July 2nd at dusk (rain date Sunday, July 3rd).

We are making significant changes to the 2016 Fireworks Display. State regulated set-backs have made the Packard Ball Field too small to accommodate both fireworks display and spectators. After considering many alternatives, we are working on plans to shoot the display from the Ashland Elementary School. This will free up the ball field for spectators, a larger midway with food vendors, an entertainment area and more activities for children. This annual event brings in thousands of visitors from across the region and needs many hands and hearts to plan and execute this signature event for Ashland. Please consider joining in the effort. Meetings are every 2nd Monday at 6PM at the Firehouse from January through August. Everyone is welcome!

The 2014 Ashland Fourth of July Committee included Katie Maher, Chair; Amanda Loud, Secretary; Kathy Jaquith, Treasurer; Bob Baker; Glenn Dion; Caroline Gosse; Patty Heinz; Cathy Landroche; Jerome Landroche; Jane Sawyer; Jason Lyon, COO Common Man; Alicia Wendelboe, Manager, Ashland Common Man; Steve Heath, Ashland Fire Chief; and Tony Randall, Ashland Police Chief.

Once again, the Committee offers special thanks to the Gosse family who manage button sales, donations and 50/50 raffle ticket sales on the field during the fireworks. Thanks are also offered to Kendall Hughes & Steve Jaquith who assist in organizing the parade participants. The Common Man Team has supported these celebrations since the 1970s and raise money, recruit volunteers and provide food and entertainment for our spectators. Most importantly, many thanks to the sponsors, donors, advertisers and participants who financially support this memorable annual event in Ashland NH.

The Ashland Fourth of July Committee (A4JC) continues to operate as a sub-Committee of the Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA), a NH 501c3 not-for-profit corporation. The Town

of Ashland sponsors all Fourth of July events executing all legal agreements & payments, engaging volunteers and overseeing all rules of conduct and safety. The Fourth of July Committee handles all fundraising & publicity. Plans to move the committee under the newly established Heritage Commission as an official Town of Ashland Committee are underway for 2016.

**Ashland 4th of July Committee
Financial Report
December 31, 2015**

Balance on hand, January 1, 2015	\$22,411.08
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Income

Donations	\$150.00
Field Collection	\$152.00
50/50 Raffle	\$2,463.00
Canister Donations	\$1,934.00
Button Sales	\$769.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$56.00
Stickers	\$4.00
Pancake Breakfast	\$2,622.00
Food Booth	\$1,715.00
Vendors	\$3,100.00
Parking (AARA)	\$800.00
Ads / Banners	\$8675.00

Total Income	+\$22,440.00
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Expenditures

Fireworks	\$11,000.00
Parade	\$1,350.00
Port a potties	\$1,300.00
Buttons	\$246.00
Business Letters	\$205.00
Ad Booklets	\$790.00
Banners	\$135.00
Decals	\$100.00
Food Costs	\$1,500.00
Postage / Box Rent	\$203.00
Engraving	\$10.00
Cable Ties for Banners	\$29.99
Insurance	\$1901.00

Total Expenditures	- \$18,769.99
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Balance on hand, December 31, 2015	\$26,081.09
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Ashland Town Library Annual Report for 2015

Ashland Town Library “by the numbers” for 2015:

- ☐ **Patron visits:** 8,579
- ☐ **Programs offered:** 65, attended by 556 people
- ☐ **Items circulated:** 12,970
- ☐ **Items downloaded(audio and ebooks):** 507
- ☐ **Computer users:** 1,373
- ☐ **Home visits:** 10

The Ashland Town Library continued to explore plans for expansion while providing excellent service to the town in 2015.

The trustees have continued to work to purchase the old school. The current building has housed the library for 78 years. There is an urgent need for more space for material and for people. Most programs necessitate the moving of furniture. Four computer workstations are not enough to meet the demand. There is very little collaborative space and no quiet reading areas. In the 2015 election, voters voted to establish a capital reserve fund with the amount of \$25,000. A fundraising concert was held in July, featuring local musician Art Harriman. The library website can now accept donations for a building fund via PayPal. The library trustees hired a consultant to work on needs assessment and are awaiting the final report. In December the price for the old school was lowered to \$700,000. The trustees are once again bringing a bond issue to the voters for \$800,000, including the purchase price plus \$100,000 for renovations and furnishing. If the bond issue does not pass, there is also a petitioned warrant article to add another \$25,000 to the capital reserve fund. The trustees also applied for a USDA grant that may help with the price of the furnishing.

Programs included:

- ☐ Reading with Willow, a program from Therapy Dogs International that encourages children to read by providing a non-judgmental listener. Willow visited 15 times this year.
- ☐ Pre-school story times (12)
- ☐ Adult Book Discussion Groups (10)
- ☐ Special programming (15)
- ☐ Affordable Care Act (help with signing up for health insurance, grant-funded from Mid-State Health) (9)

The library also hosted community events such as trick or treating for the Halloween Parade, and photos with Santa Claus during Christmas Night in Ashland. This year, 80 photographs were taken with Santa! Books were given to children from Pond and Peak Reading Council.

The Friends of the Ashland Town Library are an organized group of volunteers that help support the Library through fundraising, donating materials for the library’s collection and supporting programs and other services for the community. In June of last year The Friends sponsored the Humanities Council program “Adam Boyce: The Old County Fiddler”. The Friends sold bottled water during the 4th of July parade, held a book sale in July and another book sale in September during the Town Wide Yard Sale. The Friends raffled a quilt donated for this purpose in memory of Katherine Edie. The Friends donated to the library several books, audio books, DVDs and materials for children. They also purchased an H.P. Chrome box for public use and headphones for the public computers. The Friends sponsored a subscription to the Heritage Quest online genealogy database for use by library patrons. The Friends have helped sponsor the “1,000 books Before Kindergarten” program at the library. This program encourages children and families to read 1,000 books before the child enters Kindergarten. The Friends of the Library also sponsor pictures with Santa at the library during Christmas Night in Ashland. The Friends of the Library are a registered non-profit with the state of New Hampshire. Membership is free and the Friends of the Library welcome new members!

Many thanks to the Scribner Memorial Trustees for their work on the library building and grounds. Thanks also to Meredith Village Savings Bank for their sponsorship of passes for the Squam Lakes Science Center and the Book of the Month club that actually donates 2 books every month to the library. Thanks to Art Harriman for his entertaining evening on the library lawn and to the volunteers that made that fundraising event happen. Special thanks to Paul Proulx for his various carpentry projects and expert burger flipping!

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Lisa Rollins, Adam Di Filippo, Sophie Sanborn, and Kayley Fouts, and also the many volunteers that donated a total of 42 hours to the library this year. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to a commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

**ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY
2015 FINANCIAL REPORT**

SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

DONATIONS

Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$7,555.02
Donations deposited	1,758.47
Interest	7.67
Transfers to General Fund	(1,863.51)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$7,457.65

COMPUTER FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$3,340.29
Deposit from Appropriation	750.00
Restitution for stolen computers	115.93
Interest	3.52
Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$4,209.74

PATRON FEES

Balance, Dec.31,2014	\$1,169.59
Patron Fees Deposited	530.00
Interest	1.41
Transfer to General Fund	(116.00)
Balance, Dec.31,2015	\$1,585.00

COPIER FEES

Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$487.04
Copier Fees Deposited	458.24
Interest	.47
Transfers to General Fund	(488.85)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$456.90

LOST BOOK FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$738.93
Deposits for lost materials	180.38
Interest	.82
Transfers to General Fund	(16.95)
Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$903.18

LIBRARY BUILDING FUND

Balance, Dec. 31, 2014	\$1,549.80
Donations deposited	478.25
Interest	.20
Balance, Dec. 31, 2015	\$2,028.25

GENERAL FUND

Balance, start of fiscal year	\$2,468.61
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INCOME

Town Appropriation	\$59,605.00
Transfer from Donations	1,863.51
Transfer from Copy Fees	488.85
Transfer from Patron Fees	116.00
Transfer from Lost Book Fund	16.95
Gifts	115.00
Overdue Fees	3.00
Refunds	18.61
Sales of Books	29.00
Interest	.38

Total Income	\$62,256.30
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Total Available Funds	\$64,724.91
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EXPENDITURES

Wages	\$36,808.50
FICA	2,282.21
Medicare	533.61
Audios	1,390.40
Books	8,187.05
Subscriptions	479.75
Videos	1,283.82
Downloadable Books	400.00
Equipment	638.81
Furniture	31.22
Public Access Computer Fund	750.00
Software	169.98
Tech Support and Web Catalog	1,678.00
Cleaning	2,316.00
Dues	185.00
Education	25.00
Mileage	48.15
Misc.	188.04
Postage and PO Box rental	278.79
Lead Inspection	400.00
Programs	916.81
Supplies	2,081.87
Utilities	1,441.75

Total Expenditures	\$62,514.76
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Balance, December 31, 2015	\$2,210.15
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Health Officer

The goal of Ashland's Health Officer is to support New Hampshire's overall public health goal of maintaining and improving the health and well-being of all residents. As such, the Health Officer is responsible for three critical functions.

- 1) To enforce applicable New Hampshire and laws and regulations as well as local ordinances and regulations.
- 2) To serve as a liaison between state officials, local elected officials, and our community on issues concerning local environmental and public health.
- 3) To be a leader and active participant in efforts to develop regional environmental and public health capacities.

In Ashland, the Health Officer (HO) also serves as a permanent member to the Housing Standards Board, engaging in dialogue with the Fire Chief and three other community members who collectively seek to improve the health and well being of Ashland residents, specifically concerning rental units to ensure that they meet standards.

The HO also serves as a member of the ad hoc Land Use Advisory Board along with chairs of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA), Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Chief, Conservation Commission representative and Town Administrator. The Assessor is brought in when appropriate. The group meets monthly to discuss ongoing issues related to land use to ensure communication among relevant departments and to review processes for efficiency and transparency.

During 2015, the HO attended New Hampshire Healthy Homes training. The HO responded to numerous calls from residents, businesses and town buildings. Resident/landlord concerns included lead paint, substandard housing, lack of heat, self-neglect, septic issues, obnoxious use and black mold. In addition several concerns over excess refuse were addressed. When appropriate, meetings were held with the Ashland Welfare Director, Police Department, Fire Chief, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer to discuss noted life safety and code violations.

In 2015, Normand DeWolfe was appointed as a Deputy Health Officer to ensure coverage for any emerging issues.

During 2016, in addition to responding quickly to citizen health concerns, a primary goal will be the critical work with the Ashland Housing Standards Board and Land Use Advisory Board. In addition, it will remain important to seek out state training opportunities and to stay abreast of state and national health concerns.

Fran Newton
Ashland Health Officer

HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD

Year in Review: 2015

The HSB met several times over the year and received updates from both Fire Chief Steve Heath and the Health Officer, Fran Newton.

There were no incidents reported to the Board that required action.

The inspection of all rental units is a continuing project.

Eli Badger, Chair

Members: Katie Maher
Fran Newton, Health Officer
Steve Heath, Fire Chief
Kendall B. Hughes

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY – 2015

Submitted by David Ruell, President

In 2015, the Ashland Historical Society continued with some success its efforts to preserve, display and communicate the history of our town.

As always, the maintenance and operation of our museums was a major focus. The Reuben Whitten House, although owned by the Society since 1969, has never been shown to the public, as its restoration has never been completed. Thanks to the efforts of the Reuben Whitten Committee, real progress has been made on that restoration, particularly of the exterior. The cedar shingle roof has been replaced. The portion of wall bashed in by a runaway truck before the building was moved to the Whipple House property has finally been repaired. The restoration of the window sashes is now underway. More money is needed to complete the exterior and to begin work on the interior. Donations can be sent to the Historical Society at PO Box 175 in Ashland, or can be made through the committee's website www.reubenwhitten.org, which also provides information on the project. As 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of Whitten's generous donation of wheat to his neighbors, the committee is planning events and other commemorative activities in the coming year, including the harvesting of the modest wheat field that was created near the Whitten House last fall. We also much appreciate the naming of the new conservation area on Highland Street as Whitten Woods in honor of Reuben Whitten.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum saw the construction of a heated room in the upper story to store items that are sensitive to changing temperatures. A new dehumidifier in the basement and a rear storm door were also installed. The Toy Museum held a Christmas Dollhouses exhibit in July and an Appraisal Day in September.

The Railroad Station Museum saw several improvements. The kiosk was completed with displays on local railroad history and our other museums. The street sign was refurbished and the flagpole painted. A large national railroad map was framed, the old Railway Express sign was repaired and both were hung up for display. The Station hosted three Society programs and nine fall foliage train rides.

Save for upgraded smoke detectors and minor electrical changes in the apartment required after a safety inspection, the Whipple House Museum saw little physical change. The summer exhibit was Transportation in Ashland, with many historic photographs. The kitchen served as a gift shop for the benefit of the Whitten House project.

The Archives collection in the Whipple House continued to grow, most notably the collection of Ashland newspaper items. We added folders of items from local newspapers for three more years to a collection that now covers the years from 1848 through 1942. Another ten years of local items in the Plymouth paper from the

1950's and 1960's were copied. All but one of the scrapbooks of news items collected by the Society from 1986 to 2008 have now been indexed.

The Society's outside exhibits are enlarged copies of historic photographs. Four exhibits at the Utility Office this year featured Early Automobiles in Ashland, The Civil War Remembered (through the GAR Post, Memorial Day and the Civil War Monument), the Baptist Church, and Union Bridge. Our Christmas Night exhibit recalled the building of the Squam River Covered Bridge 25 years ago.

The Society sponsored five free public programs. Two N.H. Humanities Council programs were Jeff Warner's performance of old New Hampshire songs and J. Dennis Robinson's talk on the archaeology of the Isles of Shoals. A Canterbury Shaker Village guide spoke on the Shakers of New Hampshire. A living history performance presented Victorian mourning practices. A local program explored the military service of the soldiers listed on the Ashland Civil War monument.

The only fundraising campaign of the year was for the Whitten House. We also raised money from membership and business sponsor drives and appeals, donations and sales at the museums, a donation from the local tourist railroad, and the rent of the Whipple House apartment.

The Historical Society supported the warrant article to establish a Heritage Commission, and the voters approved the new Commission in March. The Heritage Commission began meeting in September. We look forward to working with the Commission in the future, and with the 150th Anniversary Committee, which is preparing for the 2018 celebration of the creation of Ashland.

In closing, we must again thank all who gave their time, money, treasures and effort to the Society's museums, exhibits, programs and projects during the past year. The Society could not succeed without the generous support of many people, businesses and organizations.

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Regular Members: Mardean Badger, Cheryl Cox, Carol Fucarile, Susan MacLeod, and Frances Newton *ex officio* Selectman; Alternate members: *ex officio* Norm DeWolfe

The Board was fortunate to have two new members and minute-taker, Paula Hancock, join this past year. There are still openings for two alternates.

In 2015, the Planning Board accomplished seven site plan reviews for businesses that came before us. Most were straight forward with the decision to waive a complete site plan as the businesses were located in existing buildings within the commercial zone. The review process ensures that the buildings are inspected for current life and safety code compliance. We welcomed the Fig Tree Gallery, The Giving Tree, a Time Warner Cable office, Scott & Deb's, Quince & Quail, and an expanded Lisa's Training along Main Street, and Scott's Pit Stop on Winter Street in the Industrial zone. The full site plan review of the Northern Lakes Veterinary Hospital was a court-ordered re-do of the expansion of use case originally before the Planning Board in December of 2013. In addition, a home occupation, Ken's Small Engines & Fix-it Shop, opened on Sanborn Road. Squam River Landing's development continues to build new homes and some of the lots have had to be reconfigured, so three lot line adjustments have come before the Planning Board this past year. The Planning Board also conducted several consultations with entrepreneurs exploring diverse business options and looking for locations in town to suit their needs.

In accordance with the *Site Plan Review Regulations*, any proposed change of business (by a landowner or tenant), expansion, or change of use of a non-residential building is required to come before the Planning Board for review. It is recommended to come for a no-cost, pre-application consultation where any requirements and waivers would be outlined. Home Occupations can be submitted in writing for review. Information and all forms are available on the Town website, www.ashland.nh.gov and available at the Town Office.

In the ongoing effort to simplify and streamline the processes regarding land use, the Planning Board reviewed and revised the home occupation form to be more informative, succinct, and user friendly.

The Planning Board began researching design standards for building or renovating in the downtown commercial zone with a goal to keep the historic and traditional style. A zoning amendment for 2016 was crafted to address storefronts on Main Street, particularly in the "lower village" area as a step in maintaining the historic and traditional business district. Work will continue on design standards in 2016 as well as reviewing Master Plan chapters for updating.

In this past year, communication has continued to improve amongst all of the boards, committees and officials in town to bring more comprehensive information into the decision-making process. The Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, the Building Inspector, the Fire Chief, the Housing Standards Board, the Town Administrator, the Ashland Economic Development Committee, the CIP Committee, the Transportation Advisory Committee and the newly-formed Heritage Commission all keep each other and the public informed about issues, activities and opportunities that affect Ashland.

Along with other Town boards and officials, the Planning Board kept up to date with the "Whitten Woods" project on Highland Street. It was a private sale of land to the New England Forestry Foundation that will actively manage it for forestry with an easement for recreational use held by Squam Lakes Conservation Society. The Squam Lakes Association will be establishing and maintaining an all-access trail system, facilitating access for people of all abilities to experience the woodlands, nature and the stunning views. The Planning Board acknowledged that it was in keeping with the recommendations

in the Master Plan and saw that it offers a great opportunity for the community to enjoy as well as becoming a recreation destination that can contribute to the economic growth of Ashland.

We will continue to work on determining what impact the Northern Pass Project will have on Ashland as the proposed plans have the above-ground electrical towers running across the Pemigewasset River into Ashland and closely passing the Town wellhead and sewage lagoons. An application to request “intervener status” with the SEC needs to be submitted by early February to afford the Town the ability to officially have any input with comments, suggestions and concerns regarding the NP Project’s impact to Ashland. The Planning Board is working in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and the Water & Sewer Department to address all impacts to land use, the environment and the infrastructure in the Project area.

The Planning Board’s regular meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Ashland Elementary School Library, and work sessions are the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Town Office. Please refer to our website for further information, or feel free to contact the Planning Board at landusepb@ashland.nh.gov. We are here to provide assistance and to answer any questions you may have.

As Chairman, I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board for their professional assistance and their service to our community. They are so often called upon to make difficult or unpopular decisions to preserve the rights of individuals as well as uphold the Town’s zoning ordinance and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan MacLeod, Chairman

Zoning Board Year in Review: 2015

The Zoning Board met and adjudicated the following cases:

Granted a Variance and Special Exception for 83 Depot Street,
Northern Lakes Veterinary (Dr. Lester);

Denied a request from Mr. McBournie and Mr. Bell for a rehearing of
the Dr. Lester Variance;

Granted Variances from setback restrictions to Mr. Brian T. Benton,
320 Scenic View Drive;

Granted a Variance from setback restrictions to CCL, LLC at 73
River Street;

Denied an incomplete Application for Special Exception by Mr. Keith
Philbrick, Route 175.

Patsy Tucker resigned her position on the Board this year, and will be
sorely missed

The Board updated the Application Form and adopted Rules of Procedure.
A regular meeting time was established for the second Thursday of each
month at 6:30 pm.

The Board currently needs one additional regular member and two
alternate members. The alternates should attend all meetings and be
prepared for all cases.

Eli Badger, Chair
Elaine Allard
Michelle Fistek
Susan MacLeod

Conservation Commission

In 2015, the Conservation Commission welcomed three new members: Kathleen DeWolfe, Harold Lamos, and Walter Durack. We are currently looking for a fifth member. Anyone who is interested in joining the Commission can do so by filling out a volunteer form in the Town office.

Over the summer, members of the Commission attended an invasive species seminar. They learned about Japanese knotweed and best management practices. Anyone who would like more information on invasive species can contact the Conservation Commission, and we can provide you with information.

The Commission worked with other Town departments to file a wetlands permit with the NH Department of Environmental Services to replenish the sand on the Town Beach. The permit was approved, and the current plan is to apply sand to the beach prior to the 2016 beach season.

The Conservation Commission was happy to provide support to the Squam Lakes Conservation Society in their efforts to purchase and conserve Whitten Woods. Whitten Woods is a 414 acre parcel of land on Highland Street. It is open to the public. There is a small parking lot on Highland Street, and the trails lead to a lovely view of Squam Lake.

Currently, the Conservation Commission is working with the Selectmen, Planning Board, and other Town boards/commissions to intervene in the SEC hearings on the Northern Pass permit applications. The Commission believes that it is important that the State know about any concerns that the Town has about Northern Pass before they are granted the permits they need to go ahead with construction.

We are always interested in hearing from the citizens of Ashland. We want to know what is important to you when it comes to conservation. Please feel free to email us at ashlandconcom@gmail.com, or please come to one of our meetings. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashland Town Hall. We hope to see you there!

Town of Ashland Conservation Commission
Renee Liebert, Chair
Kathleen DeWolfe
Harold Lamos
Walter Durack

Ashland Memorial Park - 2015

Memorial Park Trustees: Phil Preston, Steve Jaquith, Mark Liebert, Liz Stevens

Let us begin by acknowledging Phil Preston for his numerous years of service to Ashland's Memorial Park, as a Trustee, and a valuable contributor. Phil stepped down from his position of Park Trustee in April this year; his absence will be felt by all. We all are very grateful to Phil for his dedicated and selfless service to the Park, and to Ashland as a whole.

This year also marked the passing of Ernest Hutter, who not only served our Country, but gave his time for many years to Memorial Park, and Ashland as a whole. Ernie was a man of dedication, loyalty and hard work and it was a pleasure to have served with him as a Trustee. We all are very grateful for his service.

In 2015 Memorial park has seen quite a bit of improvement.

Tim Paquette and the Department of Public Works continue to be valuable assets to the park. They are always available when needed, and the hard work they provide saves the Town and the Park time and money.

This year, Pat Mazzone and the Ashland Garden Club Beautification Committee did quite a bit of work in the park. To begin, in April they asked for and received donations from a number of Club members, and Ashland residents to purchase Arborvitaes to replace the dying trees that lined the chain link fence near the Ashland House of Pizza. The tree donations were made by: Jennifer Alba, Ed and Louise Bernard, Caroline Gosse, Liz Greason, Kendra Kenney, Katie Maher in memory of Jane Maher, Pat Mazzone, Linda Pare and Frank Stevens. Later in the season, they did a complete redesign of Flag Island in order to make cars and pedestrians more visible from all points. Some of the plants from Flag Island were replanted in Memorial Park, where they can grow to their full potential, without creating any obstructions.

Joe Mazzone secured two bike racks from the Bike Pedestrian Committee under HEAL, which were installed this year in the Park.

Lee Nichols and his crew from the Ashland Electric Department were very helpful in trimming, and taking down some dead trees in the Park. The work they did was instrumental, and had to be done before we could plant the arborvitaes that had been donated. Mark Liebert and his crew at Tree Solutions ground the stumps left by the Electric Crew. Mark also removed some of the overgrown shrubs in the Park.

There was a work party in May, where the Trustees and a few extra hands got together to plant the Arborvitaes, and do some general sprucing up of the area.

In an effort to keep the grass area down by the river clean, it was decided to put up a fence to try to keep the geese at bay. This did create a little inconvenience for the local fishing folk, and we do appreciate their patience. However for the most part it did appear to keep the geese off the grass.

It was decided to keep the benches at the park as they were still in good shape, but needed cleaning and painting. The benches were sent to Finishing Touches by Mark, in Plymouth where they were sand blasted, and repainted.

Later in the summer, Renee Liebert and her crew from Joyful Earth Gardening came to help the Ashland Garden Club do some landscaping at the park. Her crew concentrated on the foundation circle and also worked on the pathways that were sorely in need of attention.

In September there was another work party by the Trustees and a few willing citizens, where the crumbling wooden steps closest to the Ashland House of Pizza were removed. The area was filled with loam donated and delivered by Jeremy Hiltz. The area was worked and reseeded in the hopes of becoming a grassy knoll in the spring. Many of the pavers were removed, to be cleaned and reused in the Park.

Our biggest hope for the coming year is a new set of granite steps that will go in the Park, on the side closest to the parking area (near the old Bike Shop). Since the price of granite has been on steadily on rise over the last few years, the necessary number of steps have been located, and purchased at 2015 prices. These will be delivered in the spring of 2016, to be installed hopefully by the middle of May. There is some prep work that still needs to be done prior to installation of the steps. The Trustees are hoping to be able to get some or all of the work needed to ready the area for installation, volunteered to the park.

There were many changes, lots of hard work by various people and town groups, and innumerable hours of volunteer time to make these changes. We, the Trustees could not have done all that was accomplished without all the volunteers that we had, so willing to help, to come together to care for, improve, and beautify Memorial Park.

In closing, this year was a very good year for Memorial Park. It was used for a plant sale, a yard sale, a wedding, as well as a place to feel the grass beneath your feet, to pause and enjoy the river, do some fishing in the shade, to share a pizza and a laugh with a loved one, or to read a book. As you drive by and see it decked out in all its holiday finery, it truly is a place of beauty and community for all the townspeople of Ashland.

Respectfully submitted,

Memorial Park Trustees

Ashland Memorial Park
2015 Financial Statement
Kathryn E. Jaquith, Treasurer

Balance on hand - Jan. 1, 2015		\$3,400.52
Income: AARA-Town Wide Yard Sale	\$90.00	
Interest	\$.29	
Total Income		+\$90.29
		\$3,490.81
Expenditures: U.S.P.S. – Box Rent	\$56.00	
P.F. Property Maintenance- Spring clean up	\$682.50	
Steve Jaquith - Chicken Wire & Grade Stakes	\$68.00	
Steve Jaquith – Chicken Wire	\$19.99	
Steve Jaquith – Nuts & Bolts	\$61.77	
Steve Jaquith – Grass Seed	\$12.99	
Swenson Granite – Deposit for granite steps	\$1,000.00	
P.F. Property Maintenance – Fall clean up	\$315.00	
Finishing Touches – Painting of park benches	\$350.00	
Steve Jaquith – Lamppost light bulb	\$19.37	
Total Expenditures		-\$2,585.62
Balance on hand - Dec. 31, 2015		\$905.19

HERITAGE COMMISSION REPORT

Submitted by Katie Maher

In March 2015, the Town of Ashland passed Warrant Article 14 establishing a Heritage Commission in accordance with RSA 673 and RSA 674 and established a segregated revolving Heritage Fund in accordance with RSA 674. The Commission's duty is to monitor, preserve and advise on matters related to historic resources & cultural events. Additionally, the Commission assumed responsibility for oversight of the Whipple House from the now defunct Ashland Historic Commission. The Board of Selectmen appointed five Commissioners as follows:

Katie Maher, Chair (April 2018)
David Ruell, Recording Secretary (April 2017). President, Ashland
Historical Society
Kathleen DeWolfe, Corresponding Secretary (April 2017)
Frank Stevens, Treasurer (April 2018)
Leigh Sharps, Board of Selectmen (annual appointment)

The Commission established a regular meeting schedule of the 2nd Tuesday each month (always held on 1st month of each quarter with other months held as needed) at 4PM at the Fire Station and held five meetings between August and November 2015.

The initial focus of the Commission has been on establishing the structures necessary to perform defined duties and operate effectively. A Rules of Procedure was adopted on November 10th, 2015; mail, email, files and web page updates were coordinated with the town office; RSA 79-D Community Revitalization and RSA 79-E Easements were considered for future adoption; a \$1000 2016 budget request was made to cover administrative expenses; a segregated revolving account was established with the Town of Ashland with funds under the full control of the Commission; a request was made to the Board of Selectmen granting permission to the Commission to accept donations; and extensive research undertaken regarding the Whipple House property and the defunct Historic Commission's responsibility for it, now the new Commission's responsibility. This included a review of the 1970 Warrant Article 10 accepting Whipple House, 1970 Town Meeting Minutes, 1970 Whipple Deed, 1976 Ashland Historical Society lease, 1976 Warrant Article 14 on the Ashland Historical Society lease & 1976 Town Meeting Minutes. A tour of the Whipple House was undertaken by the Fire Chief and followed by a thorough inspection by the new Ashland Historical Society Board of Directors and two members of the Commission. A document detailing repairs needed to be undertaken by the Society is being prepared. A future review by the building inspector is planned.

Initial discussions were held regarding retention of required legal documentation, accounting procedures, Whipple House monitoring and reporting procedures and town committees eligible to reform under the Heritage Commission including the Fourth of July Committee, Town Wide Yard Sale, Christmas Night in Ashland and the Ashland 150th Committee. These topics will continue to be pursued in 2016. For more information, please contact the commission at heritage@ashland.nh.gov.

March 2015 Warrant ARTICLE 14 - - Heritage Commission - - Passed

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with the provisions of RSA 673 and RSA 674 and a Heritage Fund in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:44-a to 44-d and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint five citizens as members of the Heritage Commission pursuant to the provisions of RSA 673:4-a and RSA 673:5; one member of the Heritage Commission shall be a selectman, and up to three additional citizens shall be appointed as alternate members.

An advisory entity, a Heritage Commission is for the proper recognition, use, and protection of resources, tangible or intangible, primarily man made, that are valued for their historical, cultural, aesthetic, or community significance within their natural, built or cultural contexts.

Powers and duties of a heritage commission include:

1. To advise and assist other local boards and commissions on matters related to historic resources;
2. To work in tandem with the Ashland Historical Society to survey and inventory historic resources;
3. To assist the Planning Board in writing or updating the historic and cultural resources chapter in the Master Plan;
4. To propose and implement other preservation planning;
5. To assist in coordinating and fundraising for cultural events for the Town.

Upon approval of this article the present Ashland Historic Commission, which was established in 1970 for the limited purpose of taking responsibility for the Whipple House, will be terminated and the duties and functions of that Commission will be assumed by the Heritage Commission.

ASHLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (AEDC)

Steering Committee: Susan MacLeod, Chair, Cheryl Cox, Ex Officio Planning Board, Steve Felton Ex Officio Selectman, Jill White (resigned), Benoit Lamontagne, Fran Newton, Ex Officio alternate

Ad Hoc Committee: Jae Demers, Businessperson, Eli Badger, Housing Standards Board, David Toth, Water & Sewer Commissioner; Lee Nichols, Electric Department Director; Scott Stephens, Central NH Chamber of Commerce; Kathleen DeWolfe, Ashland Conservation Commission

2015 was a year of continuing to lay groundwork for projects. Subcommittees were formed to address the various aspects of this work.

The Marketing Committee, Cheryl Cox, Jae Demers, Fran Newton and Lee Nichols got busy making contact with the business community and held a “meet and greet” event on September 22. It was hosted by Barry Gaw at the Riveredge Marina with refreshments donated by Bob’s Shurfine, Common Man and Dunkin’ Donuts. It was well-attended with over 40 people representing about 18 Ashland businesses. There was a lot of good discussion, with stories of the past and ideas about how Ashland should progress into the future. To build on the positive energy that came out of that meeting, it was decided to ask businesses how they would like to participate in “Christmas Night in Ashland” festivities. This town-wide event held on the first Friday in December is organized by the Community Council. A meeting was held in October with Community Council and Ashland Area Recreation Association (AARA) members to learn about the event, who currently contributes to it and to define how the AEDC could facilitate business participation other than the funding, goods or services already donated. A special thanks to Sue Woods for allowing the use of Dot’s Bread and Butter for the meeting. Everyone agreed the best thing to do was encourage businesses to decorate and light up their storefronts. Jae Demers, to help raise funds for lights, offered to create holiday ad banners for businesses not directly on Main Street. She quickly had the windows on the corner of Main and Gordon Streets filled with banners (space thanks to Rick Ash and Lisa Young). A subsequent meeting was held for business owners to raise awareness and support for the Christmas Night in Ashland festivities. Thank you to the Common Man Restaurant for the use of a room for that meeting. The Committee will continue its work on marketing Ashland as a destination and keeping our current businesses engaged. Other accomplishments included: Jae Demers created a brochure funded by ads listing available commercial real estate in Ashland. Cheryl Cox launched a Facebook page, Destination Ashland, which has been quite actively viewed. Jae also worked on improving the look of the information kiosks in Town. At various times Beno Lamontagne, Cheryl Cox, Norm DeWolfe and Lee Nichols visited and toured businesses in town to make personal

contact to promote Ashland as a site for expanding here and for prospective new businesses to locate.

The GIS Mapping Committee, Eli Badger, Steve Felton, Norm DeWolfe and Michelle Roberts have been working steadily to get the tax maps in digital form for greater accessibility. The next step is to determine what information from all departments needs to go onto layers and how best to format that.

The Asset Mapping Committee, Eli Badger, Susan MacLeod, Lee Nichols and Paul Branscombe went through the current tax maps and rolls to create a spreadsheet of all commercial and industrial properties. Lakes Region Planning Commission supplied overlay information on details of those properties as well as larger maps of those zones. This information will be incorporated into the overall GIS, and the Committee will work on a readily-available listing of possible sites for development. An assessment of current zoning boundaries will also be done.

Grants will be needed for any large project, and a committee will form to focus on this, with Mardean Badger, Beno Lamontagne and the new Town Administrator put forth as knowledgeable participants. Throughout the year, several people attended our meetings bringing information on resources for funding: Glenn Coppelman, a planner from North Country Council, Brien Ward from Littleton, and Taylor Caswell and Mike Long from Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). The Board of Selectmen is moving forward on the application for Brownfields phase two funding for one of the mill buildings. If successful, this effort should lead to a new focus on the entire mill area. Working with the owners on a vision for the area's next best use will be a long-range project.

It has been a busy year of activity and sorting through a vast amount of information to begin a purposeful 2016. Please come and participate. We need everyone's ideas and talents.

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VITAL STATISTICS



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2015-12/31/2015

--ASHLAND--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
STEWART, KEN ALEXANDER	02/19/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH	STEWART, BENJAMIN	TACKA, AUBREY
ZUMBACH, BROOKS ROBERT	03/27/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH	ZUMBACH III, JOHN	ZUMBACH, REBECCA
ZUMBACH, WADE HESSLAR	03/27/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH	ZUMBACH III, JOHN	ZUMBACH, REBECCA
BROWN, NATALIA IVY	07/19/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH		CONWAY, TRICIA
HICKS, ZOEY JHENE	08/11/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH	HICKS, CHRISTOPHER	NEWCOMB, SADIE
EFTHIMIOU, ALEXANDER ROBERT	10/09/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH	EFTHIMIOU SR, ADAM	ARMES, CHRISTINA
HAAS, SOPHIA HAMEL	11/03/2015	CONCORD,NH	HAAS, TAYLOR	POWERS, KAYLA
WHITCHER, LAURYN MARIE	11/25/2015	PLYMOUTH,NH	WHITCHER, ADAM	WHITCHER, SARA
				Total number of records 8

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

- ASHLAND -

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
CAISSIE, ADAM A ASHLAND, NH	SARGENT, WILLOW J ASHLAND, NH	PLYMOUTH	TILTON	05/16/2015
MARTINEZ, PAUL J ASHLAND, NH	PEABODY, MACIE A ASHLAND, NH	PLYMOUTH	LINCOLN	06/27/2015
ABJORNSON, MEGAN A ASHLAND, NH	SOUSA, NATHAN E ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	HOLDERNESS	03/08/2015
MELEEDY, MARY E MEREDITH, NH	MURDOCK, ERIC P ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	08/10/2015
DENARDO, MICHAEL A ASHLAND, NH	GRAY, ANITA E ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	09/20/2015
MARCROFT, VERONICA G ASHLAND, NH	CUTTER, DANIEL R ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	09/26/2015
ZHANG, WEI AKRON, OH	LIU, XILAN ASHLAND, NH	ASHLAND	LINCOLN	10/10/2015
BORGES, JEREMY A ASHLAND, NH	AUBERT, SABRINA K PLYMOUTH, NH	ASHLAND	CAMPTON	10/10/2015
CHAPMAN, JOSHUA J ASHLAND, NH	BENNETT, HAILEY N ASHLAND, NH	PLYMOUTH	ASHLAND	12/19/2015
Total number of records				9

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2015 - 12/31/2015

--ASHLAND, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
HOLLAND, PATRICIA	02/06/2015	ASHLAND	DOYLE, WILLIAM	PRESTON, IRENE	N
MCCART, JEROME	02/09/2015	ASHLAND	MCCART, WILLIAM	CUNIFF, GERTRUDE	Y
YOUNG, GEORGE	02/19/2015	ASHLAND	YOUNG, JOHN	BERNARD, SLYVIA	Y
HILL, DORIS	03/18/2015	NORTH HAVERHILL	BISHOP, WALTER	OUELLETTE, EVA	N
HUTTER, ERNEST	04/12/2015	LACONIA	HUTTER, OTTO	TURNER, AUDRY	Y
MARCROFT, ARTHUR	04/22/2015	PLYMOUTH	MARCROFT, SAMUEL	CROSS, EMMA	Y
DUGUAY, MARGARET	05/07/2015	FRANKLIN	MC CLEAR, KENNETH	BOWKER, MARGARET	N
BENJAMIN, ELEANOR	05/27/2015	ASHLAND	BURY, EDGAR	WARNER, HELEN	N
CHESNIS, ROBERT	06/07/2015	ASHLAND	CHESNIS, MICHAEL	UNKNOWN, LUCILLE	Y
BLAISDELL, EDWARD	07/22/2015	LEBANON	BLAISDELL, RAYMOND	LANGTON, MARION	Y
HUGHES, KENDALL	07/29/2015	ASHLAND	HUGHES, BERT	MORRISON, MARY	Y
SHERBURNE, BARBARA	08/09/2015	ASHLAND	SULLIVAN, HOMER	FRYE, DORIS	N
PLANTE, ALPHONSE	09/02/2015	ASHLAND	PLANTE, HENRI	TURMELLE, YVONNE	Y
LYFORD, RALPH	09/20/2015	LACONIA	LYFORD, RALPH	LYFORD, IRENE	Y
DOUCETTE, ROBERT	10/11/2015	ASHLAND	DOUCETTE, ALFRED	THERRIEN, HELEN	U
STEWART JR, HARRY	10/18/2015	ASHLAND	STEWART SR, HARRY	GIANFERANTE, EDITH	Y
BRACKETT, REBECCA	12/11/2015	FRANKLIN	ROBBINS, HERBERT	CAREY, WINIFRED	N

Total number of records 17

STATISTICAL AND TOWN FINANCIAL REPORTS



2015 TOWN CLERK REPORT

Pat Crowell and I have had a great year serving you, our residents. It has been our pleasure to assist you with your vehicle issues, vital record issues, registering voters, answering any type of questions that you may have.

We continue to offer payment by credit card, the customer is charged a 2.95% fee for this convenience. We also implemented the one check system, meaning that registrations can be done with one check made out to the Town of Ashland that includes for the state and town fees. Residents are able to renew vehicle registration online by credit card or echeck. We continue to have training through the state and the town clerk's association.

The following is a partial listing of a town clerk's duties and functions that are performed throughout the year:

- Issue motor vehicle registrations and titles
- Issue dog licenses [due April 30]
- Issue marriage licenses
- Produce certified copies of death, birth, marriage, divorce records
- Record and preserve public records of the Town
- Record and certify minutes of Town Meeting
- Accept voter registrations and forward them to the Supervisors of the checklist
- Assist in conducting Federal, State and Local Elections
- Administer Oath of Office to elected and appointed officials
- Receive service of writs of actions against the town
- Record Articles of Agreement
- Work with Department of Environmental Services

In addition to the responsibilities mandated by the state for town clerks, we at this office:

- Issue decals and plates - within the limits permitted by the State of NH
- Provide notary services
- Pursue payment for checks returned by financial institutions for non-sufficient funds
- Issue transfer station permits
- Aid the public in genealogy searches
- Respond to inquiries from the general public

This office is governed by the following state and federal agencies

- NH Department of Safety - Motor Vehicle Division
 - Bureau of Registration
 - Bureau of Title and Anti-Theft
 - Bureau of Financial Responsibility
- NH Department of Agriculture [Animal Industry Division]
- NH Secretary of State
 - Division of Vital Records Administration
 - Division of Archives and Records Management
 - Election Division
 - US Compliance with HAVA and ADA
- NH Department of Environmental Services
- NH Office of Information Technology
- NH Department of Revenue Administration

This office is audited by the town auditors and the town clerk's office is also audited by the state auditor.

Our hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8-4 and Thursday 8-5. This office is where you come if you wish to declare residency, register to vote, register vehicles, search vital records or town records or if you have any general questions we will do our best to get you pointed in the right direction.

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

Town Clerk 2015 Monthly Activity

	REGISTRATIONS	DOGS TOWN	*unaudited DOGS STATE \$	VITALS TOWN	VITALS STATE \$	MISC REVENUE	MV STATE \$
JAN \$	18,684.25	\$ 75.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 77.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 5.75	\$ 8,428.77
FEB \$	23,055.66	\$ 57.50	\$ 33.50	\$ 178.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 138.45	\$ 9,384.28
MAR \$	25,364.16	\$ 148.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 160.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 10,066.40
APR \$	29,833.00	\$ 555.00	\$ 258.50	\$ 115.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 10,970.61
MAY \$	28,594.33	\$ 361.00	\$ 205.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 147.00	\$ 6.60	\$ 11,399.73
JUN \$	46,626.00	\$ 226.50	\$ 84.50	\$ 110.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 452.40	\$ 14,794.62
JUL \$	29,158.00	\$ 418.50	\$ 52.50	\$ 119.00	\$ 226.00	\$ 109.60	\$ 12,487.15
AUG \$	36,633.66	\$ 68.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 138.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 1.15	\$ 11,574.26
SEP \$	29,882.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 72.00	\$ 113.00	\$ 1.15	\$ 10,968.53
OCT \$	25,635.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 3.50	\$ 177.00	\$ 223.00	\$ 4.60	\$ 11,556.73
NOV \$	24,058.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 87.00	\$ 93.00	\$ 167.30	\$ 8,541.67
DEC \$	25,499.00			\$ 43.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 3.45	\$ 9,339.51
TOTAL \$	343,023.06	\$ 1,937.00	\$ 785.50	\$ 1,404.00	\$ 1,776.00	\$ 897.35	\$ 129,512.26



Tax Collector's Report

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

Instructions

Cover Page

- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: ASHLAND

County:

GRAFTON

Report Year:

2015

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

PATRICIA

Last Name

TUCKER

Street No.

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Street Name

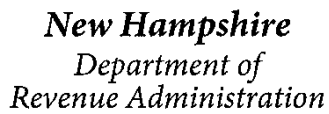
HIGHLAND STREET

Phone Number

(603) 968-4432

Email (optional)

ptucker@ashland.nh.gov



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2015 ANNUAL REPORT



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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	
Property Taxes		\$5,395,878.07	\$243,352.38	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes			\$1,090.27	
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)		\$4,627.95	\$19,008.01	
Penalties				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes			\$300.90	
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)			\$112,949.41	
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	
Property Taxes		\$297.38	\$416.59	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	
Property Taxes		\$464,098.84		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance ②				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ②				
Total Credits		\$5,864,902.24	\$377,117.56	



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Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$96,990.30	\$52,203.58	\$30,990.42	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$122,473.59			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,420.23	\$11,766.51	\$9,325.29	
-				
Add Line				
Total Debits	\$125,893.82	\$108,756.81	\$61,528.87	
Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	2014	Prior Levies 2013	2012	
Redemptions	\$70,870.52	\$51,399.27	\$36,958.82	
-				
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$3,420.23	\$11,766.51	\$9,325.29	
-				
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$489.75		
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$51,603.07	\$45,101.28	\$15,244.76	
Total Credits	\$125,893.82	\$108,756.81	\$61,528.87	



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1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

PATRICIA

Preparer's Last Name

TUCKER

Date

Jan 11, 2016

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Services Advisor:

- Michelle Clark: michelle.clark@dra.nh.gov
- Jamie Dow: jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov
- Shelley Gerlarneau: shelley.gerlarneau@dra.nh.gov
- Stephanie Derosier: stephanie.derosier@dra.nh.gov

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Patricia Tucker, Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title



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Tax Rate Breakdown Ashland

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,031,791	\$235,797,101	\$8.61
County	\$411,618	\$235,797,101	\$1.75
Local Education	\$2,899,193	\$235,797,101	\$12.30
State Education	\$533,564	\$230,737,745	\$2.31
Total	\$5,876,166		\$24.97

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$5,876,166
War Service Credits	(\$28,100)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$5,848,066

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

10/26/2015

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 2015			
		BLD VALUE	CONTENTS
EDWARD DOGGETT CAMPGROUND	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 149,910.00	\$ 14,350.00
BATH HOUSE - BEACH	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
BATH HOUSE - CAMPGROUND	284 RIVER STREET	\$ 20,700.00	\$ 1,000.00
EQUIPMENT LOCK BOX/SHED	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	\$ 1,746,000.00	\$ 245,900.00
GATEHOUSE	19 LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 1,000.00	
GAZEBO	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,500.00	
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	\$ 1,031,000.00	\$ 115,300.00
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	\$ -	\$ 451,000.00
BOOSTER CLUB BUILDING	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 77,900.00
PARK AND REC EQUIPMENT SHED	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
PUMP STATION #1	148 RIVER STREET	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
PUMP STATION #2	242 RIVER STREET	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
PUMP STATION #3	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	\$ 102,500.00	\$ 118,000.00
SALT SHED	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 159,700.00	\$ 40,000.00
SEWER PLANT BLOWER BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 421,000.00	\$ 187,000.00
SEWER PLANT CHEMICAL FEED	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
SEWER PLANT CLARIFIERS	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 14,860.00	\$ -
SEWER PLANT EAST INFLUENT BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 181,000.00	\$ 92,700.00
SEWER PLANT PUMP ROOM	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 153,000.00	\$ 213,700.00
SNACK SHACK - EDWARD DOGGETT	LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 54,623.00	\$ 2,412.00
STORAGE GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 39,700.00
SUBSTATION	18 COLLINS STREET	\$ 59,000.00	
TOWN GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 1,059,000.00	\$ 313,100.00
TOWN HALL	20 HIGHLAND STREET	\$ 1,898,000.00	\$ 345,000.00
TOWN SHED	6 COLLINS STREET	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 17,000.00
TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING BUILDING	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 101,000.00	\$ 48,100.00
TRANSFER STATION COMPACTOR CONTROL BLD	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
TRANSFER STATION STORAGE BUILDING	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 72,900.00	\$ 32,900.00
TWO DUGOUTS	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,400.00	\$ -
WATER TANK	68 HAROLD AVERY ROAD	\$ 977,000.00	\$ -
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 419,000.00	\$ 362,900.00
WWTP ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 536,000.00	\$ 492,200.00
GRINDER PUMP STATION	299 RIVER STREET	\$ 2,500.00	
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 2,500.00	
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD	\$ 6,000.00	
COVERED BRIDGE	RIVER STREET	\$ 290,000.00	
*SOURCE - PRIMEX PROPERTY SCHEDULE			

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION 2015

VALUE OF LAND ONLY

CURRENT USE	\$	178,845.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$	-
RESIDENTIAL	\$	69,181,450.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	11,962,250.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$	81,322,545.00

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

RESIDENTIAL	\$	122,566,300.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$	3,060,400.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$	24,811,550.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$	150,438,250.00

PUBLIC UTILITIES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY	\$	4,693,956.00
SQUAM RIVER POWER LLC	\$	323,250.00
NORTHWOODS RENEWABLES	\$	42,150.00
TOTAL UTILITIES	\$	5,059,356.00

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$	75,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$	355,000.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$	430,000.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY
AND LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED \$ 235,797,101.00

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX
IS COMPUTED \$ 230,737,745.00

*INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS 1 FORM
(2015 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)*

2015 GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS					
		DUE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL
		DATE	YEAR 2015	YEAR 2015	BALANCE
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS PAYABLE					
\$235,631 - Water System Bond	01-4711-20-981	March	\$ 6,041.83	\$ 3,132.55	\$ 145,004.00
Due Annually @3.99%		Sept	\$ 6,041.83	\$ 3,012.69	
Payable to Northway			\$ 12,083.66	\$ 6,145.24	
Final Payment 9/10/2027					
\$1,188,561 - Water Project	01-4711-20-984	Jan	\$ 32,123.26	\$ 15,381.00	\$ 706,712.00
Interest @ 3.99%		July	\$ 32,123.26	\$ 14,718.40	
Payable to Northway			\$ 64,246.52	\$ 30,099.40	
Final Payment 7/16/2026					
\$944,000 - River St Improvement R1 /R2	01-4711-20-986	Jun	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 18,305.00	\$ 893,000.00
Interest @ 2.753%		Aug	\$ -	\$ 18,305.00	
Payable to NH MBB - Peoples United Bank			\$ 46,000.00	\$ 36,610.00	
Final payment 8/15/2029					
Sub Total long Term Debt			\$ 122,330.18	\$ 72,854.64	\$ 1,744,716.00
UNAMORTIZED BOND PREMIUM: CAPITAL LEASE					
\$132,096 - PW Loader Lease\Purchase	01-4902-40-500	April	\$ 27,963.86	\$ 224.48	\$ 54,857.85
Interest @ 3.30%					
Payable to John Deere Financial					
Final Payment 4/10/2017					
\$48,719 -TS Lease Purchase Mini Loader	01-4902-40-600	Annual	\$ 8,625.20		\$ 40,093.80
Payable to Wells Fargo Equipment Monthly					
Final Payment 06/07/2019					
Sub Total Capital Lease			\$ 158,919.24	\$ 73,079.12	\$ 94,951.65
Total Debt			\$ 281,249.42	\$ 145,933.76	\$ 1,839,667.65

Comparative Statement of Appropriations / Expenditures

APPROPRIATION TITLE	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	(OVER)
	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	ENCUMBERED	UNDER
	2015	2015	2015	EXPENDED
Executive Office	198,512	174,726	1,000	22,786
Elections & Registrations	37,388	33,953		3,435
Financial Admin	109,782	106,010		3,772
Property Taxation	47,550	43,024	2,000	2,526
Legal & Judicial	15,000	19,899		(4,899)
Land Use Boards	3,305	12,025		(8,720)
General Government Bldg	45,536	46,305		(769)
Cemeteries	50	46		4
Insurance	128,271	113,664	5,365	9,242
Other - Uncatgorized	1	1,074		(1,073)
Police Department	565,155	530,654	3,173	31,328
Detail Wages	3,230	1,721		1,509
Ambulance Contract	47,500	47,097		403
Fire Department	222,625	198,203		24,422
Building Inspection	12,342	12,416		(74)
Emergency Management	1,000	3,193		(2,193)
Highway Administration	245,578	235,363		10,215
Highways & Streets	184,189	182,753		1,436
Town Mechanic	78,711	79,127		(416)
Street Lighting	42,000	42,000		-
Transfer/Recycling Facility	138,542	128,384	3,875	6,283
Health	2,353	2,255		98
Animal Control	2,000	1,800		200
General Assistance Administration	8,701	8,568		133
General Assistance Services	55,000	2,569		52,431
Park & Recreation	45,949	49,119		(3,170)
P&R Campground	8,923	8,816		107
P&R Summer/Vaca Programs	29,887	27,033		2,854
P&R After School Program	6,224	10,985		(4,761)
P&R Community Activities	501	440		61
Library Expenses	59,605	59,605		-
Patriotic Purposes	25,039	22,355		2,684
Conservation Commission	1,000	1,000		-
Principal Long Term Debt	122,331	122,330		1
Interest Long Term Debt	72,878	72,851		27
Interest Tax Anticipation	500	-		500
Capital Outlay	41,127	36,814		4,313
Capital Reserve Transfer to Trustees	255,000	255,000		-
Petitioned Agency Warrant Articles	23,978	23,978		-
TOTAL	\$ 2,887,263	\$ 2,717,157	\$ 15,413	\$ 154,693
ENCUMBRANCES				
Prior Year - MP Carry Over 2010-2012	\$ 4,603	\$ -		4,603
Appropriations Carried into 2015	\$ 1,000	\$ -		1,000
Total Previous Years Encumbered	\$ 5,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,603
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,892,866	\$ 2,717,157	\$ 15,413	\$ 160,296
GRANT - Encumbrance				
HEAL GRANT-2013	\$ 1,640	1,640		-
HEAL GRANT-2014	\$ 5,085	5,085		-
HEAL GRANT-2015	\$ 4,531			4,531
TOTAL GRANT PENDING	\$ 11,256	\$ 6,725	\$ -	\$ 4,531

Scribner Memorial Trust

December 31, 2015

Balance as of December 31, 2014 \$125,487.25

Expenses:	2014	2015
Maintenance	2418.20	1871.28
Supplies	285.00	295.05
Insurance	974.00	974.00
Bookkeeper	519.13	0.00
Fuel	3151.20	2536.42
Misc.	393.00	777.45
Telephone	376.55	428.95
Security Fire	337.08	357.36
Scribner Trustees	<u>1250.00</u>	<u>1250.00</u>
Total	\$ 9704.16	\$ 8490.51

Income

MVSB Interest	\$.45	\$.22
MVSB Deposits	\$ 22.86	\$.00
Transferred Funds-Stock	\$ 8000.00	\$ 9500.00

Account Balances:

MVSB	\$ 326.62	\$ 1336.02
Brokerage Money Mkt	58.01	7.00
Alliance BernStein	13771.34	10832.80
Income Fund of America	9385.24	9246.17
AF Capitol World Growth	31225.03	28080.67
First Eagle FDS-Inc	32402.44	27154.63
Permanent Portfolio FD	14754.94	13784.30
Prudential Jennison	8926.24	6319.14
Sabrient Bakers Dozen	<u>14637.39</u>	<u>13284.29</u>
TOTAL	\$125487.25	\$ 110045.02

Balance as of December 31, 2015 \$ 110,045.02

Submitted by:

Richard Pare'
 Thomas Peters
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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 2015
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2015	\$ 2,199,207.33	\$ 459,987.81	\$ 93,484.99	\$ 375,944.46
DEPOSITS	\$ 6,567,349.94	\$ 3,070,966.82	\$ 205,521.14	\$ 538,240.95
EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,502,926.83	\$ 2,935,379.45	\$ 186,399.33	\$ 465,196.65
INTEREST	\$ 3,508.84	\$ 405.90	\$ 128.16	\$ 1,047.31
TOTAL	\$ 2,267,139.28	\$ 595,981.08	\$ 112,734.96	\$ 450,036.07
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2015				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 180,973.06		\$ 112,734.96	
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	\$ 2,086,166.22	\$ 44,126.23		\$ 33,185.44
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT		\$ 225,723.76		\$ 256,721.51
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	\$ 2,267,139.28	\$ 269,849.99	\$ 112,734.96	\$ 289,906.95
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 190,697.52		\$ 160,129.12
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		\$ 135,433.57		
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK		\$ 326,131.09		\$ 160,129.12
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 2,267,139.28	\$ 595,981.08	\$ 112,734.96	\$ 450,036.07
ESCROW ACCOUNT LEAVITT HILL PROJECT (PRIVATE FUNDS)				
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5.00			
DEPOSITS	\$ -			
EXPENDITURES	\$ -			
ENDING BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 5.00			



Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire 03217

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the proprietary funds, which represent 100 percent of the assets, net position, and revenues of the business-type activities and the enterprise funds. Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the business-type activities and the enterprise funds, is based on the report of the other auditors.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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Opinions

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Ashland, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

The Town of Ashland has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Supplementary Information

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

May 18, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners
Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities, by major fund, and the remaining information of the Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements on the business-type activities as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Ashland Water, Sewer and Electric Departments, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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OUTSIDE AGENCIES



ANNUAL REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR JOSEPH KENNEY, DISTRICT ONE



January 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Serving you,

Joe

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

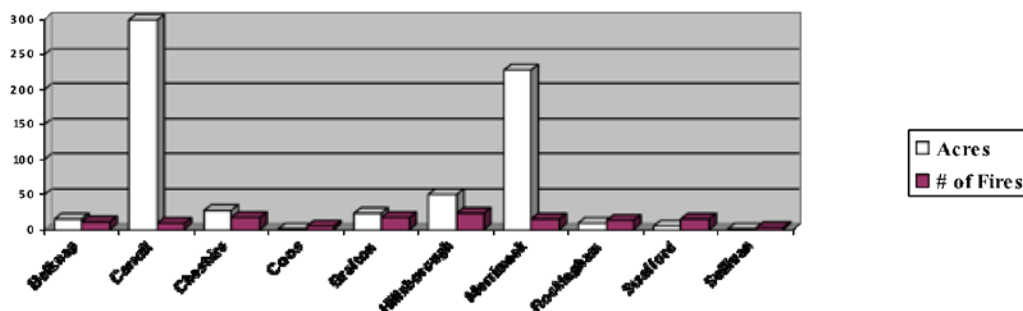
This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2015 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2015)

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

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



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

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

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



Supporting Aging in Community

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 877-711-7787)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 866-634-9412)

*Grafton County
Senior Citizens Council, Inc.
is an equal opportunity provider.*

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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2015

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

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

During 2014-15, 120 older residents of Ashland were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center and 25 were served through ServiceLink:

- Older adults from Ashland enjoyed 1,869 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Plymouth center's dining room.
- They received 3,636 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Ashland residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 1,154 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 188 visits with a trained outreach worker and 70 contacts with ServiceLink.
- Ashland's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 391 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Ashland residents in 2014-15 was \$74,282.53.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. *Ashland's population over age 60 has increased by 57.6% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.*

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

Roberta Berner, *Executive Director*

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LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

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FOR TOWN ANNUAL REPORTS LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION 2014 – 2015 (FY15)

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

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

OUTREACH

- Completed geo-referencing of As-Built documents; performed quality control of data; prepared data for delivery to Sewer Commissioner; collected GPS data points for monitoring wells.
- Delivered Town's Master Plan to the Town Hall.
- Provided direct outreach to Town on Northern Border grant application administered through NH Department of Resources and Economic Development.
- Provided a more up-to-date zoning map at a Town representative's request.
- Attended Packard Mill building Brownfields site assessment with Credere Associates on April 13.
- Returned call to Ashland's new Commissioner regarding Commission meetings.
- Met with Planning Board Chair to discuss local planning processes.
- Communicated with Utility Partners, Area Manager regarding NASSCO standards and GIS compatible pipe inspection programs.
- Assisted and discussed Ten Year Plan projects and process with Town Officials.
- Discussed Transportation Technical Advisory Committee membership with municipal officials, corresponded regarding membership questions, and provided supporting documents for new member awareness of role and responsibilities.
- Assistant Town representatives with development of their Transportation Alternatives Program application.
- Met with Town Official to discuss sidewalk and roadway project improvements status.
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the Town at considerable savings.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- Hosted the June 29, 2015 Annual Meeting held at the Chase House in Meredith, with featured speaker Dr. Lindsey Rustad, Research Ecologist for the USDA Forest Center for Research on Ecosystem Change in Durham. Over 130 attendees socialized, enjoyed the awards presentations and Dr. Lindsey Rustad's speech.
- LRPC hosted NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions' inaugural RPC Commissioner convening at Lake Opechee Inn and Spa with RPC Commissioners attending from around the state.
- Continued development of the Winnepesaukee Gateway Website featuring the region's first online dynamic

Watershed Management Plan.

- Provided Geographic Information System Services and Technical Land Use Assistance to communities.
- Assisted over 15 Lakes Region communities in developing and updating Hazard Mitigation Plans for acceptance by NH Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Completed the comprehensive Lakes Region Plan in accordance with NH RSA 36 which was adopted by the full Commission on September 29, 2014.
- Convened several Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) meetings.
- Completed the Suncook River Fluvial Erosion Hazard Study.
- Completed the Draft Crosswalk Report, which connects the Regional Plan to local Master Plans.
- Continued Circuit Rider assistance to enrolled communities.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

EDUCATION

- Convened six Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: NH Wetland Program – Summer 2014 Listening Session; LRPC FY15 Budget; LRPC FY15 Annual Report; FY15 Membership Appropriations; Public Hearing – Lakes Region Plan; Draft Lakes Region Broadband Plan; Local Hazard Mitigation Plans – Panel Discussion; Regional Transportation Update: State Ten Year Plan Update; Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP); Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway; and established a new Commissioner Roundtable.
- Hosted Citizen Education Workshops on issues of local and regional importance, e.g. housing, water quality, law lecture series, economics, etc.
- Provided valuable environmental consulting assistance through Phase I and Phase II Brownfield Assessments and redevelopment activity on nearly a dozen Lakes Region sites.
- Maintained a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning.
- Prepared strategic planning reports such as demographic studies, build-out analyses, and attitude surveys, etc.
- Offered facilitation and consensus building on pressing local and regional issues.
- Provided access to LRPC resources through our website www.lakesrpc.org.
- Created monthly E-News Blast to keep our communities informed of upcoming events and other regional activities.
- Participated in NH Watershed Manager's Roundtable.
- Participated in Winnepesaukee Public Health Council Directors Meetings.
- Participated the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions directors' meeting in Concord.
- Staffed the NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions booth at the NH Municipal Association Conference in Manchester.
- Participated in Weathering Climate Change for business meeting with state business leaders.
- Represented LRPC at NHEDA annual meeting, Gubernatorial debate, and Belknap Economic Development Board meetings.
- Staff attended Road Safety Audit training held in Virginia.
- Attended all-day erosion control workshop in Moultonborough.
- Attended Local Public Agency training a NHDOT in Concord.
- Attended National Highway Institute conference on September 26 regarding FHWA's construction and maintenance greenhouse estimation.
- Participated in "Let's Talk Performance" webinar discussing transportation performance measures.
- Attended Integrated Transportation Planning and Performance Based Planning and Programming Workshop at NHDOT in Concord.
- Participated in Federal Highway Administration webinar regarding non-traditional performance measures (Accessibility, Economic Development, Health) on October 28.

- Attended training workshop in Laconia presented by U.S. Census Bureau about the functionality of the American FactFinder online data querying tool.
- Attended Social Vulnerability Index training in Concord.
- Participated in Safety Analyst computer software training in Concord.
- Attended Green Infrastructure and Flood Resiliency – Land Use Management webinar on January 29.
- Participated in Transportation Planners Collaborative meeting at NHDOT in Concord.
- Attended regional Winnepesaukee Rail Trail meeting in Laconia on January 7 to discuss kiosk map project.
- Participated in Federal Highway Administration Land Access Program as local Programming Decision Committee member.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Supported the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) completed by LRPC in FY14.
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region.
- Completed a Regional Broadband Plan with updated Broadband coverage maps which was adopted by the full Commission on November 17, 2014.
- Continued to work with area economic development organizations, and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration.
- Received Environmental Protection Agency award of \$200,000 for clean-up grants under LRPC's Brownfields Program. Completed, published and distributed the RFP; selected and signed agreement with engineering consultant. Performed outreach and collected site nomination forms; assisted with set up of project meeting with site owners and consulting firm; facilitated eligibility determination process.

TRANSPORTATION

- Completed the Regional Transportation Plan which was adopted by the full Commission on March 30, 2015.
- Formed the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to preserve regional the scenic quality and visitor experiences.
- Updated and distributed the Lakes Region Development Trends Report which documented an increase in housing activity throughout the region.
- Providing Geographic Information System services and technical land use assistance to our communities.
- Conducted annual traffic counts at approximately 170 locations around the region.
- Completed and distributed a Travel Demand Management Plan.
- Coordinated and conducted meetings of the regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.
- Assisted communities with Road Safety Management Systems analysis.
- Conducted substantial work on the Lakes Region Scenic Byway.
- Provided assistance to two public transportation groups: the Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council, and the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council.
- Updated a Regional Transportation Chapter for the Lakes Region Plan.
- Developed and launched a Regional Transportation resources webpage.
- Initiated piloting a regional asset management inventory.
- Completed a Regional Travel and Tourism Livability Report.
- Printed materials, delivered extra outreach brochures and holders to Regional Coordination Council Transit members for distribution to sites.
- Attended Transportation Planning Collaborative meeting in Concord with Regional Planning Commission planners' statewide, NHDOT, and Federal Highway Administration staff.
- Finalized and distributed NH Route 140 Study Report.
- Completed Route 16 Road Safety Audit Report.

Annual Report 2015

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

Here are some of our noteworthy impacts during the past calendar year:

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

Be sure to look for us on Facebook and Twitter and on-line at www.extension.unh.edu

Respectfully submitted: Heather Bryant, County Office Administrator

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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2015 Annual Report

This past year, the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and to provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. A total of 269 households participated in the program - our highest turnout since 2006. It was estimated that over 17,000 tons of material was collected. Total expenses for this year's program (disposal costs, advertising, & insurance) were \$24,671. The District was awarded a grant from the State of NH for \$5,572, received a \$5,000 donation from Casella Waste, and received \$4,000 from North Country Council to off-set coordination expenses. The net expenditures for the program were \$10,099 (a cost of \$.31 per resident).

In 2016, the District will once again hold collections in Littleton (Sunday, August 28th) and in Plymouth (Saturday, September 24th). Individual residents can help to minimize the District's disposal costs and reduce the toxicity of the waste stream by remembering a few of these helpful tips; Buy only what you need. If you have leftover product, properly store it so it will last. Use biological controls and organic products for pests and diseases in the garden when feasible. Apply chemical pesticides only as a last resort and be sure to follow the directions on the label. Lastly, air-dry your leftover latex paint. When completely dried, latex paint may be disposed of in your household trash.

2016 could be challenging for many recycling facilities. The slump in prices paid for processed recyclables is likely to have ramifications on everyone's budget. When selling your recyclables, be sure to call multiple brokers as prices can vary between brokers. Even small differences can add up to significant dollars over the course of a year. Brokers also can offer a wide array of collection options (single-stream, co-mingled, split loads, etc) to best suit your recycling facility. What works for one town may not work for another, but no matter the circumstances, there are many possibilities for members to decrease waste and increase recycling efforts. We are very fortunate to have some of the best municipal recycling programs in the State as well as a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address, please use the resources you have available. New Hampshire the Beautiful offers grants to NH communities to help with the purchase of recycling equipment. Grants may total up to one-half of the purchase price of such things as balers, roll-off containers, collections bins, or other equipment that will assist a town in achieving a higher diversion rate. More information on the grant program is available at www.nhthebeautiful.org.

As always, citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District's meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regards to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email at pemibakerswd@yahoo.com

Respectively Submitted,
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2015 Financial Statement

Income

Item	\$'s
District Dues	\$23,364.00
*NHDES HHW Grant	\$5,611.00
Interest	\$3.01
Casella HHW Donation	\$5,000.00
NCC Agreement	\$4,000.00
Total	\$37,978.01

Expenses

Item	\$'s
One-Day HHW Collections	\$23,460.50
Fluorescents Recycling	\$4,082.17
NRRA Dues	\$1,800.00
Liability Insurance	\$410.50
Coordination Services	\$3,525.00
Advertising	\$950.00
Misc.	\$0.00
Total	\$34,228.17

*** This is the District's 2014 HHW Grant – received in February of 2015. The District's 2015 HHW Grant had not been received as of December 31, 2015.**



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

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234
Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402
E-mail: info@nrra.net Web Site: www.nrra.net

Dear NRRA Member,

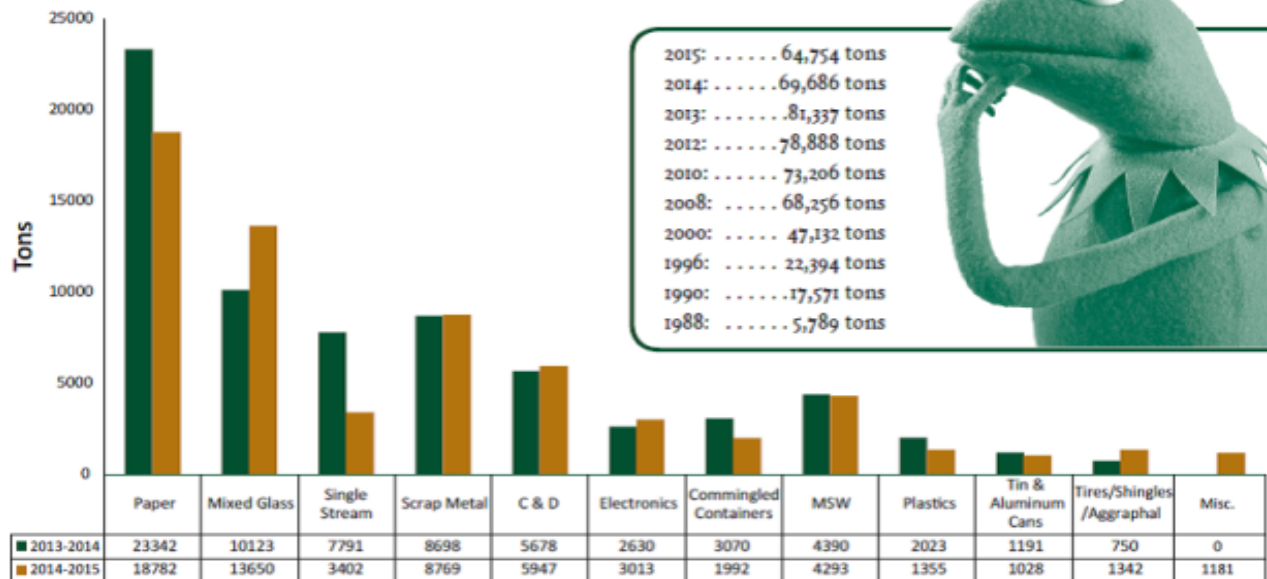
As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 35-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

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

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

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 63,573 tons in fiscal year 2014-2015!

NRRA Marketing Tonnages



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



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Town of Ashland, NH

Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

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

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

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2015	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources (raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Electronics	18269 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 3.0417885 houses for one year!
Paper	101.7 tons	Saved 1730.4 trees!
Plastics	32253 lbs.	Conserved 24189.75 gallons of gasoline!
Steel Cans	2.4 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 143,000 hours!



Respect

Advocacy

Integrity

Stewardship

Excellence

December 21, 2015

To the Residents of Ashland:

"A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire's future well-being."

~ 2014 Sentinel Event Review Report

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health!

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

During Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), we served **74 Ashland residents and provided Emergency Services to 11 Ashland residents**. We provided **\$3,105.13 in charity care**.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	23
Ages 18 – 61	43
Age 62 and over	8

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard".

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

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

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

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

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

Max Stamp, PRLAC Chair

CADY 2015 ANNUAL REPORT TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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

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

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

Our unique *Alex's Story* collaborative educational project with Plymouth State University TIGER Program is helping kids to make better choices statewide. To see details on this exciting project and local youth participating in skill-building activities as part of our acclaimed LAUNCH Youth Entrepreneurship Program and Youth Advisory and Advocacy Council (YAAC), please go to our website at www.cadyinc.org. Our youth leadership programs are proven effective at developing goal setting, strong leadership skills, healthy choices, and life success. While we are very proud of the accomplishments of our youth leaders, we also know that sometimes good kids make bad choices. For confidentiality reasons, we cannot show you the faces of the youth who have transformed their lives as a result of our state-accredited Restorative Justice Program, but please know that this vital juvenile court diversion program continues to give high-risk youth from our local communities and Plymouth a second chance to make restitution to the victims of juvenile crime and turn their lives around.

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

Sincerely,
Deb Naro
CADY—Executive Director

2016 WARRANT AND BUDGET



TOWN OF ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
MARCH 8, 2016

ARTICLE 1- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen-3 year term-1 position	Harold Lamos
Town Moderator – 2 year term – 1 position	
Town Trustee of the Trust Funds-3 year term – 1 position	Mark W. Ober
Library Trustee-3 year term – 1 position	Alice Staples
Supervisor of the Checklist – 6 year term – 1 position	Patti Bickford
Electric Commissioner-3 year term – 1 position	David Fucarile
Water and Sewer Commissioner-3 year term - 1 position	Alan Cilley
Budget Committee-3 year term-3 positions	David Ruell
Cemetery Trustee-3 year term - 1 position	

ARTICLE 3 - Estimated Tax impact is \$.53

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five year lease / purchase agreement to obtain a new Fire Engine/Pumper which has a total purchase price of Four Hundred Eighty Five thousand one hundred sixty three Dollars (\$485,163) and to raise and appropriate the sum of One hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) for the down payment, which sum shall be funded by withdrawal from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013. The annual lease payments to be paid in future years will be Seventy Nine Thousand and Seventy Eight Dollars (\$79,078). This lease/purchase agreement will not have an escape clause and is non-lapsing until December 31, 2021 (60% Majority vote required).

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0
Budget Committee recommend this article 6-3

ARTICLE 4 ~~Petitioned Article~~ [received 12/22/15] Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) for the purchase, renovation and furnishing of the former elementary school property (41 School Street) from Tri-County Community Action Program for the use of the Ashland Town Library, of which seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) is for the purchase of the building and one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) is for the renovation and

furnishing of the building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$775,000) of bonds and notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) for that purpose; and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest there on; and to authorize the receipt and expenditure of any Federal, state or private funds that may become available for that purpose, and to authorize the withdrawal of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the Ashland Library Building Capital Reserve Fund for that purpose. (60% Majority vote required).

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 3-1

Budget Committee does not recommend this article 6-3

ARTICLE 5 Estimated Tax impact is \$8.07

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Town General Government operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$2,594,644** Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$2,621,162** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

ARTICLE 6

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Electric Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$3,162,531**. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$3,162,531** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.

ARTICLE 7

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Water Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$250,000**. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$374,143** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.

ARTICLE 8

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as the Ashland Sewer Department operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the First Session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling **\$390,000**. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be **\$1,199,212** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Budget offset by user fees.

ARTICLE 9 Estimated Tax Impact \$.05

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Eight dollars [\$12,938] for the second year payment of the four year lease purchase of the Transfer Station mini loader as authorized by vote on March 10, 2015.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0
Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

ARTICLE 10 Estimated Tax Impact \$.12

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Eight thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars [\$28,189] for the fourth year payment of the five year lease/purchase for the PWD Loader as authorized by vote on March 12, 2013.

Board of Selectmen recommend this article 5-0
Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

ARTICLE 11 Estimated Tax impact is \$.53

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) to be placed into the Road Improvements Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012 for the purpose of repairing Roads.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0
Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

ARTICLE 12 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.13

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) to be placed into the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing Police department vehicles.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0
Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

ARTICLE 13 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.21

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2013 for the purpose of repairing or purchasing fire department vehicles.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2

ARTICLE 14 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.15

To see if the town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 to be known as the Department of Public Works Fund for the purpose of vehicle or equipment purchase, replacement or repair and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be added to the fund and to further appoint the Ashland Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1

Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

ARTICLE 15 Estimated Tax impact is \$0.11

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the Town Building Maintenance and Repair fund established by town vote in March 2015.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish or amend fees pursuant to RSA 41:9-a. This authority shall continue in effect until rescinded. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen, following a public hearing, may establish or amend fees or charges for the issuance of any license or permit which is part of a regulatory program, and/or for the use or occupancy of any public revenue-producing facility.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Article 17

To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of RSA 261:153, VI to authorize the collection of an additional fee for motor vehicle registrations in the amount of \$5.00, to be deposited in a Capital Reserve Fund established by this vote to be known as the Ashland Municipal Transportation Fund, to be used for the purpose of municipal transportation improvements, to fund, wholly or in part, improvements in the local or regional transportation system, including roads, bridges, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, parking and intermodal facilities and public transportation; and further to designate the Selectmen as agents to expend from this fund. Registrations for motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles (as defined in RSA 215-A: 1, I-b) and antique motor vehicles (as defined in RSA 259:4) are exempt from this fee. This fee shall be collected starting with motor vehicle registration permits on or after May 1, 2016.

Budget Committee does not recommend this article 5-4

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Article 18

To see if the town will vote to authorize increasing the annual Edward Doggett Campground fees from \$2700 to \$2900 effective for the 2017 season.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 4-1

Article 19 – Estimated Tax Impact \$0.00

To see if the town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund to be known as the Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars [\$1000] to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

Article 20

To see if the town will vote to ratify the Recycling and Use of Recycling/Transfer Center Ordinance originally adopted by the Board of Selectmen on December 5, 2005.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Article 21

To see if the town will vote to rescind the town's juvenile curfew ordinance [town ordinance #9] as its content is inconsistent with decided federal court cases.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to amend the second paragraph of Ordinance #6 "Disorderly Actions" to read: "Pursuant to RSA 31:39, RSA 41:11 and RSA 41:11-a it is hereby ordained by the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as follows":

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Article 23 **Petitioned Article** [received 11/12/15] Tax Impact \$0.01

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$2400) for the fiscal year 2015-2016 to support Voices Against Violence, a non-profit Crisis Center and shelter providing emergency shelter, court and hospital accompaniment and general support to women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 3-2

Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2

Article 24 **Petitioned Article** [received 12/22/15] Tax Impact \$0.11

Shall the Town vote, if the article for purchasing and renovating the former elementary school for the use of the Town Library fails, to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to be placed into the "Ashland Library Building Fund" Capital Reserve Fund established in 2015 for the purpose of purchasing, building, and/or renovating a facility (including furnishing and equipment) for the Ashland Town Library.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 5-4

Article 25 **Petitioned Article** [received 12/18/15] Tax Impact \$0.00

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for CADY (Communities for Alcohol-and drug-free Youth), a non -profit organization serving Ashland and nearby towns.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 7-2

Article 26 Petitioned Article [received 12/18/15] Tax Impact \$0.04

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-eight Dollars (\$9,478) for Pemi-Baker Community Health, a non-profit organization serving Ashland residents with home health care and hospice.

Board of Selectmen recommend this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

Article 27 Petitioned Article [received 12/30/15] Tax Impact \$0.03

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) to support the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 9-0

Article 28 Petitioned Article [received 01/04/16] Tax Impact 0.01

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) for the Day Away Program, a non-profit day center for those people having Dementia or a related form of Dementia whose purpose is to provide the caregiver a time of respite and help the "participant" to maintain their independence and encourage socialization.

Board of Selectmen does not recommend this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 8-1

Article 29 Petitioned Article [received 01/11/16] Tax Impact \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand One Hundred and Seven Dollars (\$3,107) for Tri-County Community Action Grafton County for the purpose of continuing services of the Fuel Assistance Program for the residents of Ashland.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 8-1

Article 30 Petitioned Article [received 1/11/16] Tax Impact \$0.01

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500) to support the Emergency Mental Health Services provided by Genesis Behavioral Health.

Board of Selectmen recommends this article 5-0

Budget Committee recommends this article 6-3



New Hampshire
Department of
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2016
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Budget of the Town of Ashland

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT

This form was posted with the warrant on: JANUARY 25, 2016

For assistance please contact the NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
P: (603) 230-5090 F: (603) 230-5947 <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
DAVID RUBEL	<i>David Rubel</i>
Walter Durack	<i>Walter Durack</i>
Christine Colley	<i>Christine Colley</i>
Harold S. Lewis	<i>Harold S. Lewis</i>
NORMAN DEWOLF	<i>Norman Dewolf</i>
Glen Diod	<i>Glen Diod</i>
Sherrie Downey	<i>Sherrie Downey</i>

A copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

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

Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	05	\$198,512	\$175,667	\$208,526	\$0	\$206,675	\$1,851
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$37,388	\$33,953	\$44,214	\$0	\$44,014	\$200
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	\$109,782	\$106,011	\$113,765	\$0	\$112,023	\$1,742
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	\$47,550	\$45,024	\$48,110	\$0	\$48,110	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$15,000	\$16,088	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	\$3,305	\$12,025	\$9,213	\$0	\$8,857	\$356
4194	General Government Buildings	05	\$45,536	\$46,115	\$38,856	\$0	\$37,356	\$1,500
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$50	\$46	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$0
4196	Insurance	05	\$128,271	\$119,029	\$128,407	\$0	\$128,407	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	05	\$1	\$1,074	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	05	\$568,385	\$535,548	\$560,974	\$0	\$560,974	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	05	\$47,500	\$47,097	\$48,510	\$0	\$48,510	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$222,625	\$198,076	\$234,745	\$0	\$233,245	\$1,500
4240-4249	Building Inspection	05	\$12,342	\$12,416	\$13,996	\$0	\$13,996	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	\$1,000	\$3,193	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration	05	\$324,289	\$314,490	\$252,875	\$0	\$252,875	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$184,189	\$182,773	\$278,674	\$0	\$278,674	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$42,000	\$0	\$42,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	\$138,542	\$135,960	\$139,646	\$0	\$139,646	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration	05	\$2,353	\$2,255	\$2,354	\$0	\$2,354	\$0
4414	Pest Control	05	\$2,000	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$23,978	\$23,978	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	05	\$8,701	\$8,568	\$9,939	\$0	\$9,508	\$431
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	05	\$55,000	\$2,519	\$25,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$5,000
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	\$91,484	\$96,358	\$111,145	\$0	\$103,812	\$7,333
4550-4559	Library	05	\$59,605	\$59,605	\$61,340	\$0	\$61,340	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$10,689	\$8,705	\$28,839	\$0	\$28,839	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$14,350	\$13,650	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	05	\$0	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	05	\$122,331	\$122,330	\$123,331	\$0	\$123,331	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	05	\$72,878	\$72,851	\$67,747	\$0	\$67,747	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	\$500	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric	06	\$3,119,358	\$3,119,358	\$3,162,531	\$0	\$3,162,531	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer	08	\$377,070	\$377,070	\$1,206,037	\$0	\$390,000	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water	07	\$202,550	\$202,550	\$375,190	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$6,290,114	\$6,139,182	\$7,357,515	\$0	\$6,396,375	\$19,913

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	23	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$0
	Purpose: Petition: Voices Against Violence							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	25	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	Purpose: Petition CADY							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	26	\$23,978	\$23,978	\$9,478	\$0	\$9,478	\$0
	Purpose: Petition Pemi-Baker Community Health							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	27	\$0	\$0	\$7,000	\$0	\$7,000	\$0
	Purpose: Petition Grafton County Senior Citizens							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	28	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
	Purpose: Petition Day Away Program							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	29	\$0	\$0	\$3,107	\$0	\$3,107	\$0
	Purpose: Petition Tri County Community Action/Grafton Cty							
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	30	\$0	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0
	Purpose: Petition Genesis							
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	04	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
	Purpose: Purchase, renovation & furnishing of former elemen							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	03	\$12,938	\$8,625	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
	Purpose: New Fire Engine Pumper							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	12	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to Capital Reserve Police vehicles							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$0	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$125,000	\$0
	Purpose: Road Improvements							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	13	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to Capital Reserve Fire Department							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	14	\$255,000	\$255,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$35,000	\$0
	Purpose: Establish Capital Reserve Fund Public Works							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	15	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Added to Town Building Maint and Repair Fund							

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4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	19	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purpose: Establish CRF Emergency Management									
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	24	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Petition: Add to Library Building CR Fund									
Special Articles Recommended			\$292,916	\$288,603	\$1,240,085	\$3,900	\$443,985	\$800,000	

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	10	\$0	\$0	\$28,189	\$0	\$28,189	\$0
		Purpose: Lease/purchase 4th payment PWD Loader						
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	09	\$0	\$0	\$12,938	\$0	\$12,938	\$0
		Purpose: 2nd year Lease Payment escape clause mini loader						
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$41,127	\$0	\$41,127	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	05	\$0	\$1	\$1
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	05	\$1,090	\$500	\$500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	05	\$59,485	\$58,340	\$58,340
3187	Excavation Tax	05	\$0	\$19	\$19
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	\$55,086	\$53,000	\$53,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	05	\$2,418	\$1,850	\$1,850
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	\$349,612	\$321,000	\$321,000
3230	Building Permits	05	\$9,034	\$7,450	\$7,450
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	\$4,237	\$4,200	\$4,200
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	\$100,169	\$100,169	\$100,169
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	\$53,024	\$54,831	\$54,831
3354	Water Pollution Grant	05	\$14,215	\$14,147	\$14,147
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	05	\$29	\$29	\$29
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	05	\$34,040	\$33,054	\$33,054
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	05	\$38,861	\$38,550	\$38,780
3409	Other Charges	05	\$161,340	\$158,327	\$158,327
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	05	\$3,294	\$3,500	\$3,500
3503-3509	Other	05	\$12,124	\$101	\$101

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Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	06	\$3,102,772	\$3,162,531	\$3,162,531
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	08	\$314,422	\$1,206,037	\$390,000
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	07	\$217,692	\$375,190	\$250,000
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	03, 04	\$7,488	\$150,000	\$125,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$4,540,432	\$5,742,826	\$4,776,829

Budget Summary				
Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget	
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$6,294,256	\$7,357,515	\$6,396,375	
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$416,648	\$440,085	\$443,985	
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$101,827	\$41,127	\$41,127	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$6,812,731	\$7,838,727	\$6,881,487	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$4,613,673	\$5,717,826	\$4,776,829	
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,199,058	\$2,120,901	\$2,104,658	

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$6,881,487
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$123,331
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$67,747
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions (<i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i>)	\$191,078
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$6,690,409
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$669,041
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 9 and 10</i>)	\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):	
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount (<i>Difference of Lines 12 and 13</i>)	\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)	
	\$7,550,528

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	Fiscal Year Begins
January 30	Deliberative Session 1 PM – Ashland School Gym
March 1	Deadline for Tax Abatements
March 8	Official Balloting Day 8AM – 7PM – Ashland School Gym
April 1	All Real Property Assessed to Owner
April 15	Deadline for religious, educational, and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials
April 15	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
April 15	Last day to file Report of Cut for 2014-2015 year
April 15	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2015 year
April 30	2015 Dog Tags expire
July 1	First Issue 2016 Tax Bill due
December 1	Second Issue 2016 Tax Bill due
December 31	Fiscal Year Ends

MEETING SCHEDULES

Subject to change with notice

Board of Selectmen	First Monday of the Month
Work Session	Second Monday of the Month
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the Month 7PM at Ashland School Library
Work Session	Third Wednesday 6:30PM Town Hall
Zoning Board	Scheduled as Needed – Posted at Town Hall and Post Office
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of the Month 6:30PM – Town Office
Housing Standards	Second Wednesday of the Month 4PM – Fire Station
Budget Committee	Second Thursday of the Month – 6PM – Location TBA
Electric Commissioners	Second/Fourth Tuesday – 7PM-Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First /Third Tuesday – 7PM –Utility Office