ANNUAL REPORT

of the

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

JEFFERSON, NH

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR Lynne Holland

SELECTMEN Norman Brown, Chairman

Kevin Meehan Thomas Brady

TREASURER Terri Larcomb

TAX COLLECTOR Mary L. Gross

TOWN CLERK Opal L. Bronson

SUPERVISORS OF Cheryl Meehan THE CHECKLIST Diana Lizak

Sally Brooks

EMERGENCY Paul Ingersoll, Director

MANAGEMENT

PLANNING BOARD Gordon Rebello, Chairman

BOARD OF Kim Perry, Chairman

ADJUSTMENTS

FIRE CHIEF Chris Milligan

TRUSTEES OF THE Jason Call
TRUST FUNDS Bruce Hicks

Michael Meehan

LIBRARY TRUSTEES Deborah Dubois

Cheryl Meehan Jeannie Kenison Bette Bovio Jane Holmes

CONSERVATION David Govatski, Chairman

COMMISSION

WARRANT 2016 TOWN MEETING

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM NOON TO 8:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Coos in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Jefferson on Tuesday, the Eighth day of March next, at 7:30 of the clock in the evening, to act upon the following subjects:

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

**ARTICLES 1 TO BE VOTED ON BY OFFICIAL BALLOT WHILE THE POLLS ARE OPEN.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$ 576,650 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Route 115B Reconstruction CRF created in 1994. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund Account. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 said funds to be added to the Highway Repair & Maintenance CRF. These funds to come from the unassigned fund balance. NO funds to be raised from taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$71,000 to be added to the Capital Reserve Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$ 2,000 Dump Closure CRF \$15,000 Fire Truck CRF \$40,000 Highway Vehicle CRF \$ 4,000 Building CRF

\$ 5,000 Highway Repair & Main CRF \$ 3,000 Fire Dept Equipment CRF

\$ 2,000 Transfer Station CRF

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Funds as listed. Selectmen recommend.

\$ 25,000 Town Library Fund \$ 2,000 Athletic Expendable Trust

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund and to authorize \$15,000 of the December 31, 2015 fund balance for this purpose. NO funds to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of having funds available to repair and maintain the Fire Station and/or to construct and addition or new Fire Station; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in this fund and to authorize the Selectmen to act as agents, and to authorize the withdrawal of \$15,000 of the December 31, 2015 fund balance for this purpose. NO funds to be raised by taxation. Selectmen recommend.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of such equipment of the Town as the Selectmen in their sole discretion deem equitable, just and subject to existing laws.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to allow the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes in accordance to RSA 80:52-a.

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may come before the meeting. Given under our hands and seal this 16th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand-Sixteen.

A True Copy: ATTEST

KEVIN M. MEEHAN THOMAS M. BRADY

Board of Selectmen Town of Jefferson, NH

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2016

Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year (Recom.)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	02	\$50,000	\$49,959	\$50,000
Election, Registration, and		, ,	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	, ,
Vital Statistics	02	15,000	14,506	15,000
Financial Administration	02	32,000	30,600	32,000
Revaluation of Property	02	18,000	17,412	18,000
Legal Expense	02	4,000	4,998	4,000
Planning and Zoning	02	6,000	3,896	6,000
General Government Buildings	02	17,000	15,666	17,000
Cemeteries	02	14,000	13,583	14,000
Insurance	02	36,000	32,967	37,000
Other General Government	02	8,000	18,810	10,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	02	10,000	9,384	10,000
Ambulance	02	16,000	16,000	16,000
Fire	02	39,185	39,130	35,000
Emergency Management	02	500	0	500
Other (Including Communication		2,000	2,055	2,000
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HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				
Highways and Streets	02	145,000	151,878	145,000
Bridges	02	50,000	50,000	5,000
Street Lighting	02	6,000	5,125	6,000
SANITATION				
Administration	02	10,000	8,893	10,000
Solid Waste Disposal	02	80,000	81,371	80,000
Sewage Collection and Disposal	02	1,000	1,464	0
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<u>HEALTH</u>				
Pest Control	02	500	0	500
Health Agencies, Hospitals,				
and Other	02	12,000	11,840	12,500
WELFARE				
Administration and		2 2 2 2		2 2 2 2
Direct Assistance	02	3,000	452	3,000

CULTURE AND RECREATION				
Parks and Recreation	02	5,000	3,972	5,000
Library	02	19,000	18,473	20,700
Patriotic Purposes	02	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other Culture and Recreation	02	15,000	6,785	15,000
CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPI Administration and Purchasing of	<u>MENT</u>			
Natural Resources	02	400	297	450
DEBT SERVICE				
Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	2,000	621	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY 4902 Machinery, Vehicles, and				
Equipment		5,000	4,450	0
Buildings		20,000	0	0
TOTAL PROPOSED				
APPROPRIATIONS		\$646,585	\$619,587	\$576,650

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Approp. Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Approp. Ensuing FY (Recommended)
To Capital Reserve Fund	04	0	0	\$11,000
Purpose: Highway R&M CRF				
To Capital Reserve Fund	05	0	0	71,000
Purpose: Add Funds to CRF				
To Capital Reserve Fund	08	0	0	15,000
Purpose: Fire Station CRF				
To Expendable Trusts/				
Fiduciary Funds	06	0	0	27,000
Purpose: Add funds to ETF				
To Expendable Trusts/				
Fiduciary Funds	07	0	0	15,000
Purpose: Cemetery ETF				
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMEN	IDED	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$139,000

REVENUES

Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
TAXES				
Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	02	\$15,000	\$17,589	\$2,000
Yield Tax	02	4,000	9,883	2,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	02	25,000	25,864	25,000
Excavation Tax		100	0	0
Other Taxes	02	3,000	3,474	3,000
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent T	axes 02	26,000	33,781	25,000
LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	200,000	252,224	210,000
Building Permits	02	100	396	400
Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	3,000	2,724	3,000
From Federal Government	02	17,764	17,764	15,000
STATE SOURCES				
Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	53,042	53,042	52,000
Highway Block Grant	02	43,153	43,801	42,000
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	02	300	0	200
CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
Income from Departments	02	1,000	1,010	1,000
Other Charges	02	5,000	5,448	5,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
Sale of Municipal Property		0	9,356	0
Interest on Investments	02	1,000	573	1,000
Other	02	14,000	18,526	8,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	5 IN			
From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		1,000	0	0
From Capital Reserve Funds		20,000	169,429	0
From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	02	31,000	18,725	35,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04, 08, 07	0	0	41,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$463,459	\$683,609	\$470,600

BUDGET SUMMARY

<u>ltem</u>	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$576,585	\$576,650
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	22,000	139,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	147,000	0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$745,585	\$715,650
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$555,430	\$470,600
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$190,155	\$245,050

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	Number of Acres	2015 Assessed Valuation
LAND		
Current Use (at current use value)	16,703.00	\$ 902,039
Residential (improved & unimproved)	3,702.78	30,611,000
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use	467.61	1,643,300
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND		33,156,339
BUILDINGS		
Residential		73,420,400
Manufactured Housing		3,621,200
Commercial/Industrial/Mixed Use		11,503,000
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		88,544,600
UTILITIES		
Public Service Company of New Hampshire		1,903,900
Portland Pipeline Corporation		3,719,600
TOTAL UTILITIES		5,623,500
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS		127,324,439
EXEMPTIONS		
Blind		0
Elderly (18)		612,500
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS		612,500
NET VALUE FOR LOCAL TAX COMPUTATION		126,711,939
Less Utilities		5,623,500
NET VALUE FOR STATE TAX COMPUTATION		\$121,088,439

Land tax exempt and non-taxable 9,378.94 acres Value \$12,702,500 Buildings Tax Exempt Non-Taxable Value \$2,333,100

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Gross Town Appropriations Less Revenues Net Town Appropriations Add School Appropriations Less Adequate Education Grant Less State Education Tax Add County Appropriations TOTAL	\$ 748,585 -550,907 197,678 2,244,325 -477,621 -273,452 589,265 \$2,280,195
Less Shared Revenues Add Veteran Credit Add Overlay LOCAL TAXES TO BE RAISED STATE EDUCATION TAX TO BE RAISED TOTAL TAXES BEING RAISED	0 5,100 11,047 \$2,296,342 273,452 \$2,569,794

PROOF OF COMPUTATION - local valuation 126,779,739 times \$18.11 per thousand equals 2,295,981, state education tax, local valuation less utilities 121,156,239 times \$2.26 per thousand equals 273,813 (18.11 + 2.26= 20.37)

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

TAXES	
Property Taxes	\$2,689,773
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	25,864
Excavation Taxes	- 2.474
Sewer Tax Yield Taxes	3,474 9,883
Interest and Penalties	33,781
Land Use Change Tax	17,589
LICENSES AND PERMITS	
Motor Vehicles	252,224
Building Permits	395
Other Licenses and Permits	2,724
FROM STATE AND FEDERAL	
Shared Revenue	42.001
Highway Block Grant Fire Warden Reimbursement 1/2	43,801
USF & W	17,764
NH Railroad	-
Rooms and Meals Tax	53,042
MISC. REVENUE SOURCES	
State Vital Records	529
Income from Departments	1,010
Interest on Investment	573
Legal Reimbursement	5,750 571
Sale of Scrap Metal Other Revenues	6,005
Town Clerk Fees Reimbursed	5,447
Police Special Duty Reimbursement	5,307
Refunds	563
SALE OF TOWN PROPERTY	
Tax Deeded Property	9,156
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	
Library Expendable Trust	6,495
Cemetery Trust Fund	4,317
Bridge CRF	4,800
Route 115B/Israel River Rd CRF	84,629
Highway CRF Athletic Trust Fund	80,000 7,913
	7,913
TEMPORARY LOAN Tax Anticipation Note	455,000
TOTAL REVENUE ALL SOURCES	\$3,828,379
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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
Executive	\$ 49,959
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics (6,310 reimbursed clerk fees)	14,506
Financial Administration	30,600
Revaluation	17,412
Legal	4,998
Planning Board	3,876
Zoning Board	20
Town Hall & Other Government Buildings	15,666
Insurance	32,967
Cemeteries	13,583
Tax Abatements & Refunds	5,586
Other Government Reimbursement	2,997
Other Government Expenses Taxes Bought by Town	10,227
Whitefield Regional Airport	103,177
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PUBLIC SAFETY	
Fire Department	39,130
Ambulance Service	16,000
Police	9,384
(4,620 Reimbursed)	
Animal Control	0
EMS	2,055
LUGUNAY AND CTREETS	
HIGHWAY AND STREETS	151 070
Highway Department	151,878
Priscilla Brook Bridge	134,367 5,125
Street Lighting	5,125
SANITATION	
Solid-Waste Disposal and Recycling	81,371
Sewerage Collection and Disposal	1,464
Landfill Monitoring & Groundwater Plans	8,894
HEALTH	
Senior Meals	570
Community Food Cupboard	100
Health Services	10,420
Red Cross	500
Tri County Transit	250

WELFARE Direct Assistance	451
	131
CULTURE AND RECREATION Park and Recreation	3,972
Library	18,473
Library Committee Planning	6,785
Patriotic Purposes	5,000
CONSERVATION	
Conservation Commission	297
CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Purchase Glass Container	4,450
Highway Maintenance	19,250
Starr King Cemetery Resurface Israel River Road	4,167 84,629
	0 1,025
DEBT SERVICES	455.000
Temporary Loans (TAN) Interest Tax Anticipation Note	455,000 621
interest rax Anticipation Note	021
PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBT	0
All Debt Retired	0
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	72,000
Transfer to Expendable Trust	30,000
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
Taxes Paid to County Taxes Paid to School District	589,265 1 766 704
TOTAL	1,766,704 \$3,828,146
IOIAL	\$3,828,140

BALANCE SHEET 2015

CURRENT ASSETS	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Cash Taxes Receivable Tax Liens Receivable Accounts Receivable	\$ 714,060 476,629	\$ 798,113 360,202 116,427
Other Funds & Assets	18,667	18,667
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,209,356	\$1,293,409
CURRENT LIABILITIES Warrants & Assounts Payable		
Warrants & Accounts Payable Due to School District	747,074	828,205
Deferred Revenue	339,431	339,431
Due to Other Funds	1,218	4,139
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$1,087,723	\$1,171,775
FUND EQUITY		
Restricted	0	
Committed	0	
Unassigned	121,633	121,634
TOTAL FUND EQUITY	\$ 121,633	\$ 121,634
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	1,209,356	1,293,409 (unaudited)

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Land and Buildings	\$	285,000
Furniture and Equipment		188,000
Library, Land and Buildings		89,500
Furniture, Equipment, Books		96,500
Police Department		2,500
Fire Department, Building		124,600
Equipment		725,000
Highway Department, Garage		117,500
Equipment		438,855
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds		95,000
Gravel Pit		57,800
Solid Waste Facility		49,700
Cemeteries		134,700
Deeded Property		92,500
Total	\$2	2,497,155

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

	LEVY FOR YEAR OF THIS REPORT	PRI0 2014	OR LEVIES 2013	2012+
DR. UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEGINNING OF YEAR Property Taxes Yield Taxes Other Taxes Property Tax Credit Balance	(3,167.32)	\$353,096.62 1,497.30 2,024.00		
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR Property Taxes Land Use Change Taxes Yield Taxes Other Taxes	\$2,563,165.00 21,489.00 8,385.34 3,148.00			
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS Property Taxes Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes TOTAL DEBITS	4,747.00 224.49 \$2,597,991.51	18,761.33 \$375,379.25		
	LEVY FOR YEAR OF THIS REPORT	PRI0 2014	OR LEVIES 2013	2012+
CR. REMITTED TO TREASURER Property Taxes Land Use Change Taxes Yield Taxes Interest (Include Lien Conver- Penalties Other Taxes Conversion to Lien (Principal	\$2,230,871.21 17,589.00 8,385.34 rsion) 224.49	\$259,569.11 380.39 17,094.33 1,667.00 326.00 94,964.42	2013	2012+
ABATEMENTS MADE Current Levy Deeded		1,381.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES END OF YEAR Property Taxes Land Use Change Taxes Other Taxes Property Tax Credit Balance TOTAL CREDITS	334,372.24 3,900.00 2,350.00 (498.77) \$2,597,991.51	\$375,382.25		

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Sale/Lien Accounts

	LAST YEAR'S	5	PRIOR LEVIES	
	LEVY	2014	2013	2012+
DR. Unredeemed Liens Balance Beginning of Year Liens Executed During			\$65,587.26	\$37,544.09
Fiscal Year		103,176.91		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) TOTAL DEBITS	\$0.00	1,189.45 \$104,366.36	3,554.84	9,734.86
	LAST YEAR'S	5	PRIOR LEVIES	
	LAST YEAR'S LEVY	5 <u>2014</u>	PRIOR LEVIES 2013	<u>2012+</u>
CR. Redemptions Interest & Costs Collected				2012 + \$33,119.39
Redemptions		<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	
Redemptions Interest & Costs Collected		2014 \$19,494.71	2013 \$27,488.91	\$33,119.39

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. GROSS Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

I hereby certify that during the year ending December 31, 2015, I issued 1,866 automobile registrations, which I collected for same \$242,736.00, which I turned over to the Town Treasurer.

I collected 1,820 Reclamation Trust Fund Fees, amounting to \$4,725.00, which I turned over to the Town Treasurer.

I issued 215 Dog Licenses, collecting \$1,219.00, which I turned over to the Town Treasurer.

I issued 4 Marriage Licenses, which I reported to the State Vital Records Bureau.

My expenses for postage and supplies was \$30.80.

Respectfully submitted, OPAL L. BRONSON Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND		
Cash on hand Jan 1, 2015		\$ 714,059.68
Received from Tax Collector	\$2,758,084.37	
Received From Town Clerk	264,278.00	
Received From Selectman	358,898.48	
Interest earned on N.O.W and HIFI Account	572.92	
Bank Loan-TAN(+interest) Reclamation Trust Fund	455,000.00	
	3,669.40	
Total	\$3,840,503.17	\$ 3,840,503.17
Total General Funds Receipts General Fund Disbursements:		\$4,554,562.85
Disbursements per Selectmens Orders	3,747,012.60	
Transfer to sewer	336.00	
Transfer to sewer	313.00	
Transfer to RTF	4,760.00	
Bank charges, closing account Conn. River	4,028.10	
Total	\$3,756,449.70	\$ 3,756,449.70
2015 General Fund Balance	. , ,	\$ 798,113.15
R.T.F		
2014 Balance	\$ 3,972.13	
2015 Deposits	4,760.00	
2015 interest	5.51	
R.T.F Total	\$ 8,737.64	\$ 8,737.64
R.T.F. Disbursements		
Tire Removal and Electronics		\$ 3,669.40
2015 R.T.F. Balance R.T.F. CD		\$ 5,068.24
2013 Balance		\$ 28,643.11
2014 Interest	\$ 73.34	\$ 73.34
2015 R.T.F. CD Balance		\$ 28,716.45
Sewer Fund 2014 Balance		\$ 14,639.22
2015 Interest	\$ 14.61	\$ 14.61
2015 Deposits	\$ 336.00	\$ 336.00
2015 Sewer Fund Balance		\$ 14,989.83
2014 Savard Memorial		\$ 956.14
2015 Interest	\$ 0.95	\$ 28,643.11 \$ 73.34 \$ 28,716.45 \$ 14,639.22 \$ 14.61 \$ 336.00 \$ 14,989.83 \$ 956.14 \$ 0.95 \$ 957.09
2015 Savard Memorial Balance Sewer CD		\$ 957.09
2014 Balance		\$ 7,075.31
2015 Interest	\$ 23.80	\$ 23.80
2014 Sewer CD Balance		\$ 7,099.11
2014 Balance Conservation Balance		\$ 2,988.91 \$ 3.18
2015 Interest	\$ 3.18	
Transfer		\$ 313.00
2015 Conservation Balance		\$ 3,305.09
2014 Balance Sewer CD		\$ 28,643.11
Interest	\$ 73.34	\$ 73.34
2015 Sewer CD Balance		\$ 28,716.45

Respectfully submitted, TERRI LARCOMB, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT OF JEFFERSON TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ended 12/31/2015

Deposits with Passumpsic Savings Bank		
Cemetery Care	\$ 89,390.68	
Jefferson Memorial Health Fund	2,670.83	
Friends of Ben Kenison Fund	6,385.00	
H. Hartley Conservation Fund	1,963.77	
Honor Roll Fund	1,825.30	
Nevers-Jefferson Scholarship Fund	30,357.81	ć122 F02 20
Total Deposits with Passumpsic Savings Bank		\$132,593.38
Deposits with NH Public Deposit Investment Pool Capital Reserve Funds		
#1 Highway Vehicle	201,810.91	
#3 Dump Closure	146,229.53	
#4 Bridge Repair & Maintenance	156.04	
#5 Reconstruction of Rte. 115B	11,821.20	
#6 Fire Truck	55,767.72	
#7 Buildings	57,314.74	
#9 Highway Repair	1,014.19	
#10 Transfer Station	6,002.75	
Perambulating Town Lines	16,616.45	
Town Library Fund Athletic Trust Fund	211,856.37 4,526.06	
Cemetery Maintenance	11,268.51	
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF	2,000.03	
Total Funds in PDIP	\$726,384.50	
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2015	, , _ s, s s	858,977.88
Total of all Trust Accounts as of 12/31/2014		948,127.43
Expenditures		2.0,2
Care of Cemeteries - Town of Jefferson	200.00	
White Mtns. Regional H.S. Library	9.90	
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarships	200.00	
Bridge Repair & Maintenance	4,800.00	
Reconstruct 115B	84,629.00	
Highway Repair Town Library Fund	85,000.00 6,494.75	
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	4,166.63	
Athletic Trust Fund	7,913.40	
Total Expenditures	\$193,413.68	
Additions to Funds	, ,	
Interest from Passumpsic SB	205.71	
Interest from PDIP	558.42	
Ben Kenison Fund Donation	1,000.00	
Nevers/Jefferson Scholarship Donations	500.00	
CR#1 Highway Vehicle	40,000.00	
CR#3 Dump Closure Fund CR#5 Reconstruction of 115B	2,000.00 2,000.00	
CR#6 Fire Truck	15,000.00	
CR#7 Buildings	4,000.00	
CR#9 Highway Repair & Maintenance	5,000.00	
CR#10 Transfer Station	2,000.00	
Town Library Fund	20,000.00	
Athletic Trust Fund	5,000.00	
Cemetery Maintenance Fund	5,000.00	
Fire Dept. Equipment CRF	2,000.00	
Total Additions	\$104,264.13	(00 140 EF)
Net Increase to all Funds Balance as of 12/31/2015		(89,149.55)
	DDI ICE LUCKS	\$858,977.88
Trustees of Trust Funds: JASON CALL MICHAEL MEEHAN	BRUCE HICKS	

DETAILED EXPENSES

EXECUTIVE Kevin Meehan Thomas Brady Norman Brown Lynne Holland, Moderator Employer FICA & Medicare Linda Cushman, Assistant Employer FICA & Medicare NH Retirement company match Printing Dues & Memberships Office Supplies Office Machine Repair & Maintenance Postage & Envelopes Phone Internet Advertising Avitar Software Service Contract Miscellaneous	\$ 1,500 1,500 1,500 100 344 30,505 2,334 3,349 1,805 1,163 1,229 436 329 405 205 1,864 1,391	¢ 40.050
TOTAL		\$ 49,959
Opal Bronson, Town Clerk Cheryl Meehan, Supervisor Diana Lizak, Supervisor Sally Brooks, Supervisor Employer FICA & Medicare Fees paid to Clerk Auto Registration Fees Municipal Agent Fees Title Fees Dog Licenses Fees Marriage Licenses Fees Vital Records Reclamation Trust Fees UCC Filing Fees Dog Licenses & tags Supervisors Expenses Clerk Convention, Meetings & Dues Miscellaneous External Firewall Postage & Supplies TOTAL	1,000 200 200 200 122 4,558 4,337 590 216 39 884 460 161 58 578 336 399 86	14,424
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION Tax Map Update	875	
Subtotal		875

Treasurer			
Terri Larcomb	2,000		
Employer FICA & Medicare Postage, Envelopes	153		
Expenses	588		
Subtotal			2,741
Tax Collector			2,7 1
Mary Gross	8,500		
Employer FICA & Medicare	650		
Avitar Software Service Contract	1,936		
Lien Filing	79		
Redemption's	95		
Postage & Envelopes	1,352		
Legal Lien Search Supplies	989 63		
Dues & Meeting	70		
Subtotal			13,734
Auditing of Town Books	13,330		13,734
Subtotal	13,330		12 220
TOTAL			13,330 30,680
TOTAL			30,000
PLANNING & ZONING			
Planning			
Charlene Wheeler	1,809		
Employer FICA & Medicare	138		
Advertising Office Supplies	100 84		
Office Supplies Abutters Hearings	248		
Abutters Notices	117		
Postage/Envelopes	148		
Training	60		
Training Materials	59		
Dues	1,113		
Subtotal			3,876
Zoning			
Charlene Wheeler	19		
Employer FICA & Medicare	1		
Postage	•		
Advertising	20		
Subtotal			40
TOTAL			3,916
AIRPORT OPERATIONS			
White Mountain Regional Airport	_		
·			244
TOTAL			344
INSURANCE			
Worker Compensation	-	(2804 credit)	
Property Liability - NHMA Trust	10,634		

Health Insurance TOTAL	19,895	32,966
POLICE Norman Brown Jason Desrochers Patrick Carr Employer FICA & Medicare Mileage Supplies/Uniforms Miscellaneous CASA	398	(3240 reimbursed) (240 reimbursed) (1140 reimbursed)
TOTAL		9,384
LIBRARY Joy McCorkhill Substitutes Employer FICA & Medicare Trustees Budget Heating Fuel Phone Electricity Miscellaneous TOTAL	9,554 47 735 5,000 1,859 455 573 250	18,473
STREET LIGHTING		
Public Service Company TOTAL	5,125	5,125
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		3,123
Dues Miscellaneous TOTAL	242 55	297
Payroll Employer FICA & Medicare Training Radio/Pagers TOTAL	713 54 185 1,103	2,055
LEGAL EXPENSES		
General Expenses TOTAL	4,998	4,998
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS Grounds Payroll Employer FICA Electricity Heating Fuel Sewer Rent Paid	5,105 391 1,547 3,378 146	

Town Hall Maintenance Furnace Cleaning & Repair Maintenance, Supplies & Fuel - Grounds New Tables & Stanchion Kits Miscellaneous TOTAL	1,902 - 1,141 649 1,407	15,666
CEMETERIES		
Starr King	2,856	
Indian	786	
Hillside	2,611	
Forrest Vale	3,009	
Riverton	1,449 1,447	
Kilkenny View Wentworth-Reed	1,447 375	
Applebee	294	
Supplies	756	
TOTAL		13,583
		. 5/5 55
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES 4th of July	5,000	
TOTAL		5000
		3000
PARK AND RECREATION	200	
Payroll	380	
Employer FICA & Medicare Electricity	29 214	
Heater Fuel	35	
Swim Lessons	400	
Skating Rink Maintenance	529	
Portable Toilets	1,573	
Maintenance Hicks Ball Field	26	
Maintenance Couture Field	365	
Miscellaneous	421	
TOTAL		3,972
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Mark Dubois	39,293	
Mike Kenison	27,575	
Rebeka Kenison	278	
Rodney Boudle	779 5 106	
Employer FICA & Medicare Employer NH Retirement	5,196 7,335	
General Highway Expenses	7,333	
Electricity	802	
Garage Fuel	4,186	
Building Repair & Maintenance	1,907	
International Repairs & Maintenance	5,059	
Excavator	241	
2012 Dodge Repairs & Maintenance	383	

Sander Repair Backhoe Repair & Maintenance Grader Repair & Maintenance Road Signs Vehicle Fuel Chloride Winter Sand Salt Pressure Cleaner Maintenance Supplies Road Maintenance Hired Equipment Miscellaneous TOTAL	230 207 1,346 432 14,161 9,854 14,822 2,733 813 1,027 5,815 4,240 3,164	151,878
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		•
Jimmey Howland	16,811	
Stephen Noyes	8,934	
Dan Mallet	812	
Employer FICA & Medicare	2,032	
Electricity	818	
Heater Fuel	296	
Hauling to Mt. Carberry Landfill	13,065	
Hauling to Recycling Ctr Berlin Disposal Mt. Carberry Landfill C&D	12,490 9,887	
Disposal Mr. Carberry Municipal Waste	13,201	
Miscellaneous	3,025	
TOTAL		81,371
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Chris Milligan, Chief	2,003	
Lawrence Coulter, Jr.	310	
Larry Kenison	230	
Mark Corrigan	142	
Taylor Simino	195	
Kevin Staines	421	
Larry Wells	301	
Jeff Wiseman	235	
Paul Ingersoll William Jones	253 223	
Jack Paschal	175	
Damon Kenison	142	
Dalton Kenison	183	
Joe Beliveau	102	
Alan Reynolds	100	
John Silver, Jr.	134	
Lucas Simino	446	
Barry Nelson	596	
Patrick Milligan	234	
William Patnaude	344	

John Ahern Kevin Meehan Shawn Coffield	109 56 380	
Employer FICA & Medicare Electricity Building Fuel Radio & Pager New Gear New Equipment Training	560 967 1,993 1,730 5,825 10,416	7,314
Air System General Maintenance Supplies Vehicle Fuel Telephone Regional Radio Project Building Repair & Maintenance Dues	861 503 672 417 4,185 231 500	
General Vehicle Maintenance Supplies Engine II Repair & Maintenance Engine III Repair & Maintenance Tanker I Miscellaneous TOTAL	663 132 - 141 	39,130
OTHER GOVERNMENT EXPENSES Refunds Over Payment Property Tax Abatements State Payment Vital Records(funds collected) Tire, Television & Computer Removal(paid by RTF) State Animal Population Control (funds collected) Hicks Ball Field Play Ground Equipment deposit(paid by ETF) Other Misc Expenses TOTAL	5,495 91 526 2,786 593 678 7,235 1,406	18,810
AMBULANCE Yearly Contract TOTAL	16,000	16,000
HEALTH AGENCIES Weeks Home Health North Country Senior Meals White Mountain Mental Health Tri County Community Action Center for New Beginnings Caleb Group Community Food Cupboard Tri County Transit	5,684 570 1,401 1,085 250 2,000 100 250	

Red Cross TOTAL	500	11,840
WELFARE		11,010
Direct Assistance	452	
TOTAL		452
REVALUATION		
Assessing Revaluation	17,412	
TOTAL		17,412
CAPITAL OUTLAY	04.620	
Israels River Road (Rt. 115B) Highway Maintenance	84,629 19,250	
TOTAL		103,879
LANDFILL CLOSURE PLANS		
Annual Report, Monitoring, Groundwater Permit	8,894	
TOTAL		8,894
BRIDGE WORK		
Precelia Brook Bridge Ingerson Rd.	134,367	124267
TOTAL		134,367
TAX ANTICIPATION	455,000	455.000
TOTAL		455,000
INTEREST PAID TAN Interest	621	
TOTAL		621
PAYMENTS TO TRUST FUNDS		021
Athletic	5,000	
Cemetery	5,000	
Library	20,000	20,000
TOTAL		30,000
LIBRARY COMMITTEE EXPENSES	6,785	6.705
TOTAL		6,785
PAYMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS	72,000	72.000
TOTAL		72,000
PAYMENT TO OTHERS County Tax	589,265	
WMR School District	1,766,704	
Taxes Bought	103,177	
TOTAL		2,459,146

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen Town of Jefferson Jefferson, New Hampshire

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 Jefferson, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 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 error or fraud.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit 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 error or fraud. 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 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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Jefferson, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary information on pages 4 through 7 and page 36 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Jefferson, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The combining and individual non-major fund finan-

cial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual non-major fund financial statements on pages 32 through 35 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. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic 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 and individual non-major fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated June 22, 2015 on our consideration of the Town of Jefferson, New Hampshire's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Corrette & Associates, P.C.

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Saint Johnsbury, Vermont

June 22, 2015

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New Hampshire License #879

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter Road Maintenance	
Salaries	
Mark Dubois	\$ 22,819.90
Michael Kenison	14,444.75

Total \$37,264.65

Summer Road Maintenance

Salaries
Mark Dubois \$16,473.00
Mike Kenison 13,318.25
Rebeka Kenison 278.00
Rodney Boudle 779.00

Total \$30,848.25

Hired Equipment

Mike Gray & Son Trucking \$1,530.00
David White Trucking 800.00
Jeffrey Heath - Mowing 1,710.00
Mark Dubois - Chipper 200.00

Total \$ 4,240.00

Central Paving

Paving Israels River Road \$84,628.80

Paving Ingerson Road

Hill, Swale and Cemetery Entrance 19,250.00

Total \$103,878.80

MARK DUBOIS, Highway Foreman MIKE KENISON, Driver/Laborer

TRANSFER STATION REPORT

We continue to encourage everyone to recycle. In doing so it reduces the cost to the Town. The tipping fees for the landfill per ton are \$67.00, every item that should be recycled and is not added to this tonnage costing the Town money. The Town is given credit for all material that is recycled which includes tin and aluminum cans, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, number 1 and 2 plastics and cardboard.

To assist in the operation of the Transfer Station please pre-sort your recyclables before you get to the Transfer Station. This will help keep the traffic flowing.

- 1. If you are not sure where something goes **ask** the attendant.
- 2. **Please** sort your items **before** you get to the Transfer Station. This will help keep traffic moving.
- 3. Corrugated cardboard flatten, remove all contents.
- 4. Light cardboard (cereal, cracker boxes, etc.) now go with the corrugated cardboard. This is a change from previous procedures.
- 5. Junk mail
- 6. Newspapers and magazines together
- 7. Check with attendant for proper disposal of mercury-containing products.
- 8. **CPU's** along with the other video display devices (computer monitors, televisions, liquid crystal displays and plasma displays) greater than 4 inches in diagonal measure, are being collected at the Transfer Station for disposal.

Hazardous Waste collection day is June 4, 2016. Check with the attendants for further details.

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Summer Hours (after Father's Day)		Winter Hours (after Columbus Day)		
Monday	3:00 to 5:00	Monday	Closed	
Wednesday	Noon to 5:00	Wednesday	Noon to 5:00*	
Saturday	8:00 to 5:00	Saturday	8:00 to 5:00	
		*new hours of operation		

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation.

JIMMEY HOWLAND STEPHEN NOYES

Transfer Station Attendants

JEFFERSON FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES 2015

The winter of 2014 and 2015 seemed to be a long season this past year, most of us thinking it would not end. But as always, the warm spring returned, and summer seemed to fly by. Our departments had a busy year as we responded to a combined seventy-eight (78) incidents. This year we responded to an increase of motor vehicle accidents, in which sadly there were three fatalities. We also responded mutual aid to the Lancaster fairground's circus tent incident, where there were also many injuries and one fatality. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families who have suffered these losses.

We were recipients of thoughtfulness from the staff of our Jefferson Elementary School, as we received as a gift, a pet saving oxygen kit, aptly named Waging Fur Life. The kit contains face pieces that will fit over the face that will supply oxygen. This is a great addition to our rescue tools we have and can be used in the event of a pet who has been overcome by smoke conditions.

This past year some of our members attended classes at the Ray Burton North Country Fire Training Academy in Bethlehem to participate in live fire/SCBA training and some lecture classes. This facility has been basically built from the ground up, having meeting and training rooms, with a concrete constructed three story burn building that is used for live fire training as well as other training exercises such as search and rescue, ladder operations and most anything else any department wishes to hone their skills on. It is nice to have this type of facility close by that gives us an opportunity to do different types of training.

Over the course of the year we focus on training and responding to incidents, but we are also involved in community service as our members help out other organizations, we help the Jefferson Athletic Association with the initial flooding of the skating rink as we pump the water to make the base and then the group maintains it through the skating season. We also helped out with the Fourth of July fireworks at the Waumbek Golf Course, which was well attended and Sherri Anderson and her crew, Anderson Pyrotechnics of Milan, NH put on another terrific show. Thank you Larry Fellows and staff of the Waumbek Golf Club for hosting this event. We also help out during the Christmas festival, providing traffic safety as things seem to get congested around the town hall area. In October, during Fire Prevention Week, we schedule a day as we do each year to visit with the students and staff at the Elementary and the Kids' Connection Schools, where we do programs on fire safety and fire prevention for the school children. These programs, through the years, I feel have been beneficial to the students of the schools as our youth related incidents are basically non existent. Our biggest benefit has been the support of the school's staff over years to emphasize the importance of fire safety and fire prevention. We really appreciate your assistance and your hospitality. A special thanks to Joe Beliveau for taking the time setting up these programs and we will see you all again in October 2016. As I have included in the past, the following information contains fire safety tips. Please feel free to contact the department with any concerns you may have.

Each year these safety tips are in this report, and may seem repetitive, but a safe home is all our responsibility. We all must take fire safety seriously. Each year thousands of people are injured or killed, with property damage in the millions across the country.

1. Fire Safety Is Fire Prevention:

How safe is your home? This can be simple things, such as not overloading extension cords and maintaining our heating systems by having them cleaned and inspected yearly. Burn wood? Or pellets? Please have your wood stove/pellet stove installation approved and inspected. Keep check on creosote build-up in pipes and chimneys and disposing of wood ashes properly. Improperly disposed wood ashes have caused fatalities and thousands of dollars in damages every year. Start by placing them in a metal container, take them outside and wet them down. Never place in a cardboard box or plastic container! Do not leave them in your home, or bring them back into your home!

Pellet stoves are good, affordable heat, but there is a misconception that they are maintenance free. This is not the case. These stoves, pipes should be checked and cleaned periodically through the heating season. **Do not operate** any unapproved, unvented heating system in the home. Never leave combustible items near any heating system. Make sure all vents for any heating system, dryer vents, doors leading to the outside are clear and clean, especially during the winter months. Always use open fire safely and responsibly. We should all have a check list and the entire family can get involved to help make us safer. Have an escape plan and practice it often, make sure everyone knows where the designated meeting place is. Never return into a building that has some type of problem.

2. Properly Operating Back-Up Generators:

As we all know from time to time we do lose power here in town. If we should have to rely on a generator to get by until the power is restored, please never run the generator in an enclosed area, meaning basements or garages. Refuel only after the generator has cooled down, and do not try to run more items than the generator is rated for. If you are using a transfer switch in your home, ensure it has been wired properly as this can cause dangerous feedback into the system.

3. Smoke/Co Alarms:

We cannot stress this enough. Every home needs to have adequate <u>Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Detectors</u>. These are our first defense should something go wrong. These need to be in all living areas. Test all you may have once a month. Change your clocks, change your batteries. Have at least 2 working ABC fire extinguishers easily accessible and know how to use them. If you need help in installing a detector, or how many you should have and proper placement, please feel free to contact the department.

4. The Only Number To Call For Fire, EMS, Police Is 911:

Keep this number and all Emergency Numbers posted near your phones. Teach your younger children the necessity of this number and only use when there is an emergency. Never let a small problem become a large one, and never feel you are bothering us. This is a service we provide our residents 24 hours a day.

5. Make Sure Your House Number Is Visible:

The number issued to your home is **your responsibility**, please be sure your number is in good condition and visible from the road. This will help us and other agencies find you that much faster should you need that service.

6. Permits For Outside Fires:

In accordance with the laws of New Hampshire Forests and Lands, any outdoor fire requires a written permit, when conditions allow. You must obtain a permit for campfires, and to burn brush. Permits are not required for charcoal and gas grills. Permits are only good for the time they are issued for. No exceptions. Any type of fire to do with wood requires a permit. No written permit is needed when there is adequate snow on the ground, covering the area completely where you wish to burn in. If you are not sure of the snow requirements, please call a permit issuer first, it might save a lot of aggravation later and it is also a good idea to call a permit issuer and advise us so we can call it into our dispatch center. This lessens the possibility of a well meaning citizen making an unnecessary 911 call.

It is Against The Law to Burn Any Type of Household Trash. This Act is Punishable By Fines. The transfer station will accept all our separated trash. Please call Forest Fire Warden Larry Wells, or any Deputy Warden for any questions you may have.

Knowing what to do during an emergency may have a better ending in a bad situation. For our residents, the fire department, free of charge, is willing to give your home a safety inspection, or please contact us with any concerns you may have.

I wish to extend my appreciation to all our members who serve our Fire and EMS departments. Thank you for giving up free and family time to attend meetings, train, to respond to emergency calls 365 days, 24 hours a day, and strive to give the best possible emergency services we can. I am grateful to have such dedicated people on these departments. Though we train for many types of incidents, we cannot possibly be totally prepared for everything that could happen. Our members really stepped up this past year dealing with the amount of incidents that had been more serious than we had had in some time. Thank you members for the professionalism you showed handling these incidents, be proud people, as you have served your community well.

I wish to express our gratitude for the continued support we receive from our Board of Selectmen and from our community members and to all the past members who helped make the department what it is today. Thank you to NHDOT District 1 Lancaster, for our fire department dispatching and assistance, and our mutual aid members for assisting us when we need it, and to Weeks Hospital for our EMS dispatching, with Lancaster Fire Department for providing ambulance service.

May we all have a safe and happy new year!

Respectfully submitted,
CHIEF CHRISTOPHER MILLIGAN

JEFFERSON FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION 2015

After what seemed to be the longest winter we have had in some time, the first Saturday in May, the 2nd was a beautiful day weather wise and we held our annual Soup, Chowder and Chili Cook-Off which is held at the fire station. This has been a very popular event for us and for everyone who attends. Awards are presented to the entries who place first, second and third in each category which are determined by those who attend. Though the entries were down from last year, all who attended had a good time. This event is opened to everyone and this year's event will be held Saturday, May 7th at 5 pm, at the fire station. Practice up on your favorite recipe and hope to see you there.

We had very good attendance at our pancake breakfasts, which are held in July and September, and we served over 600 guests. We wish to thank the Jefferson Odd Fellows Lodge #103 for the use of the hall and the Jefferson Christian Church Members for giving up your Sundays at the hall. We truly appreciate the generous donations from the Old Corner Store and crew, The Water Wheel Breakfast and Gift House and Shaw's Supermarket of Lancaster for the food products and supplies. We cannot thank enough all the good folks who donated muffins, beans, doughnuts and other items that help make our breakfasts a huge success. These events would not be successful or allow us to continue our projects without the hard work from the members, the generous donations we receive, or the great folks who attend.

Thank you members for all your hard work and dedication this past year, and to the behind the scenes people who help out. I would like everyone to know your efforts are greatly appreciated. Each year our Firemen's Association holds fundraisers to fund projects for the betterment of the association, the fire department and the Town of Jefferson.

May we all have a safe and healthy 2016!

Respectfully submitted,
President, TAYLOR SIMINO

JEFFERSON FIRE AND EMS INCIDENT RESPONSES JANUARY 01 - DECEMBER 31, 2015

Alarm Activations	
(check buildings)	3 - Fire Alarm
	2 - C0 Alarm
Assistance	1 - Flooded Basement
Cancelled Enroute	1
Chimney Fire	1
Cooking Grill Fire	1
Hazmat	1
JEMS (medical calls)	33
JFD Assist EMS	3
Motor Vehicle Accident	17
	3 - Car/Moose
	1 - T.T. Unit
	1 - 10 Wheeled Dump Truck
Mutual Aid Assists	1
Structure Fire	1
OHRV Accidents	3
Trees/Wires Down in Road	2
Vehicle Fire	2
Total to Date	78

OFFICER ROSTER 2015

Chief Christopher Milligan
Deputy Chief Mark Corrigan
Captain John Paschal
Lieutenant Lawrence Kenison
Lieutenant Lawrence Coulter, Jr.
Lieutenant Larry Wells
Lieutenant Kevin Staines
Membership 26 JEMS 5

Emergency Management Director Paul Ingersoll Jr.

NH FOREST AND LANDS TOWN OF JEFFERSON

Forest Fire Warden Larry Wells
Deputy Warden Mark Corrigan
Deputy Warden Lawrence Coulter, Jr.
Deputy Warden Lawrence Coulter, Sr.
Deputy Warden Fred Ingerson
Deputy Warden Lawrence Kenison
Deputy Warden Christopher Milligan

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 online was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit online, 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.

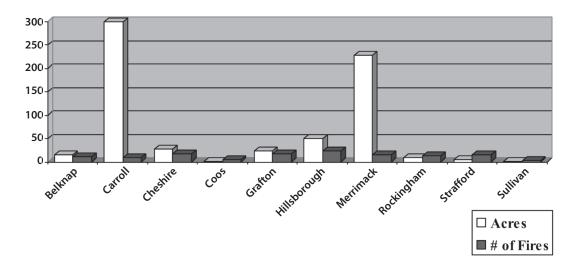
This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned 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 capabilities were 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 F	IRES REPORTED		Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2015	5 134	661
Debris	, 17	2014	112	72
		2013	182	144
Campfire	13	2012	318	206
Children	3	2011		42
Smoking	12			
Railroad	0			
Equipment	6			
Lightning	5			
Misc.*	71			
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(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

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2015 JEFFERSON LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

In 2015 we started the fundraising wheels turning for the library project, and by spring 2016 they should be really spinning. The Development Committee produced a video for a crowd-funding event in December, laying the ground work for a much larger happening later this year. The group also put a great deal of work into a donor database, readying it for the various fundraising events to come. A grant application for the Tillotson Foundation has been written and submitted, with many thanks to Cathy Conway for her expertise and guidance in this important part of the funding package. Obviously we are hopeful for a positive outcome with this grant. The town's unwavering support in funding the Library Trust Fund on a yearly basis plays a big role in any grant process, and has not gone unnoticed in our meetings with grant foundations. Several other grant applications are also in the works.

Another important part of moving forward is to keep the community informed with news of the project. We have sponsored a series of "house parties", inviting people of different neighborhoods in Jefferson to spend an hour or so learning about the new library. We have more planned for 2016, so if you haven't seen one yet, there could be one in a neighborhood near you soon! More mailings will be coming your way, and don't forget, a great deal of information is available at the library, on its website, and from any member of the committees involved with the project. If you have a question, we will make sure you get an answer; there is no reason for anyone to be in the dark about this.

We've talked with a number of people, and as with any large project there are concerns, but the overwhelming majority are enthused and understand the need of Jefferson's having a modern facility. An inviting, functional, and multi-purpose library further helps to keep Jefferson what it is at heart, a community. As society becomes less cohesive, having an anchor point for Jefferson's residents and visitors is a real basic need, as well as an investment in its future, and a source of pride.

In order to keep the project on track we will need your help! The need for monetary donations is obvious, but a volunteer effort of this nature succeeds when many people pitch in, putting the pieces of the puzzle together for a successful outcome. Have a skill, talent, or connection that would assist the effort? A couple hours of time a week to spend with your friends or neighbors to move the project forward? Let us know, there are plenty of opportunities to pitch in, you'll be glad you did. We are grateful for the town's continued support, in the yearly addition to the reserve fund as well as the encouragement and acknowledgment of the project's importance for the town's future.

Respectfully submitted,

The Jefferson Library Building Committee MARY GROSS - Chair DEBBIE DUBOIS - Library Trustee JOY MCCORKHILL - Librarian SHERRY MERROW HEIDI WELLS BIFF WYMAN JOE MARSHALL

2015 LIBRARY REPORT

We want to thank everyone who has contributed to the library in the past year. This includes: books and material donations, donations of monetary amounts, volunteering your time by supporting programs, getting involved in fundraising events or attending meetings. We want to thank you for recognizing the importance of the library's role in providing the opportunity for "knowledge and learning...essential to the preservation of a free government." (RSA 202-A:1).

The library continues to offer high speed wireless internet access to patrons who bring in their laptops or tablets to the library as well as three public access computers (one of which is a laptop). We also have a copier, wireless printer and laminator available to the public. Our collection contains approximately 10,000 items and includes several newspaper subscriptions and a variety of magazine subscriptions as well as audio books and movies. We have been automated for several years but this year we added the ability for patrons to search the collection from the internet. You can connect to Jefferson Public Library online catalog via our website. We are constantly taking suggestions on how to make the collection more useful for our patrons.

The library offers our patrons access to the New Hampshire Downloadable Book (NHDB) consortium. This subscription gives library patrons access to downloadable audio, e-books and magazines in the state collection. If you have an e-reader, PC, Mac, tablet, android device, smartphone or mp3 player you can borrow up to three books at a time from the NHDB for 14 days. To access this service you must be a Jefferson Public Library patron and have a library card that has a barcode.

The Friends of the Library continued their financial support of the library with newspaper subscriptions and other funds as requested. This past year they assisted with funding Heroes and Hercules as part of our summer reading program and a program for adults on WWII Songs and Stories. Friends raise funds to support the library by selling of the Community Calendar, doing the Thanksgiving Pie Sale and the Christmas Cookie Walk. Friends of the Library is also working in conjunction with the Library Building Committee to make a New Jefferson Public Library a reality. Friends used their funds to assist in purchasing two software products to help with the fundraising effort.

Every year we try to bring in additional funding to assist with materials and programming. In February, the library hosts a Valentine's Day Craft Fair and Chocolate Tasting and in August, we have our annual Library Book Sale. The book sale was held in conjunction with the Jefferson Historical Society's Annual Postcard Show. Special thanks to them again for letting us take advantage of the day. We want to thank everyone who donated to the fundraisers and who supported us by purchasing items at these fundraisers.

A couple of groups use the library as a central location and/or meeting place. Jefferson's Darned Needles, a crocheting and knitting group and a new Adult Coloring group both meet at the library approximately twice a month. The library book club selects and obtains books from the State of New Hampshire Reads to Go Kits so that they can meet approximately every two months to discuss a new book. All adult programs are open to anyone interested.

Saturdays at the library is all about the kids. Once a month there is a craft time and a hands on science program is held on an alternate Saturday. Twice a month the Lego Club meets for a building challenge. In addition, this year we started reaching out to the day-cares in the area with boxes of books. We deliver a box of books to any local daycare who would like this service and will even do a story time. Most of the children's programs are aimed at elementary school age kids. We would love suggestions on how to reach out to more ages in our community. All programs are offered free of charge.

In 2015, Jefferson Public Library received the Libri Grant for approximately \$1200 worth of children, juvenile and young adult books with a special selection of math and science books made possible by a foundation and worth an additional \$350. In July both kids and parents enjoyed a performance at the Town Hall by the Hampstead Stage Company on Heroes and Hercules which was part of our Summer Reading Program. This program was funded through the Kids, Books and Arts Grant and Friends of the Library. Additional library programming ideas are always welcomed and encouraged.

In the past couple of years, Jefferson Public Library has been rewarded with the Kids, Books and Arts Grant as well as the Clif Grant for rural libraries, and a New Hampshire Humanities Council Grant for programming. We were also fortunate to receive financial assistance from the John W. Weeks VFW post in Lancaster for the WWII musical program. Each year there are opportunities to expand our collection and activities through grants and Jefferson Public Library actively pursues these opportunities to expand what can be offered to our patrons.

Our library is open to every member of our community and surrounding communities as well. If you are unable to physically access the building feel free to contact us for assistance by phone at 586-7791 or by email at lookitup@ne.rr.com.

Yearly Totals:

Circulation – Adult Materials: 1700 Circulation – Children's Materials: 646 Circulation – Audio/Video Materials: 604

Computer and Wifi usage (during library hours): 439

Library Visits: 2007

Library Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 2:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Library Website: www.myjeffersonlibrary.com

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/pages/Jefferson-Public-Library/106775262771620

Library Trustees:

DEBBIE DUBOIS CHERYL MEEHAN
JEANNE KENISON JANE HOLMES
LESLIE SEPPALA

Librarian/Library Director: JOY MCCORKHILL

JEFFERSON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT

CHECKING ACCOUNT

1/1/2015 Balance	\$1,769.72
Deposits Copies, Donations, Sales, Craft Fair and Grants	995.96
Town Budget	5,000.00
Total	\$7,765.68
Expenses	
117 Books	\$1,471.63
42 DVD	580.52
13 Subscriptions	971.26
Supplies	1,366.68
Furniture/Equipment	612.50
Miscellaneous	926.73
Laptop	449.00
Total	\$6,378.32
12/31/2015 Checking Account Balance	\$1387.36
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
1/1/2015 Balance	\$1,679.36
Activity:	
Deposit: Craft Fair, Copies, Book Sales	569.60
Interest	1.98
Federal Withholding	53
12/31/2015 Balance	\$2,251.47

Respectfully submitted, CHERYL MEEHAN, Treasurer Library Trustees

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Jefferson Planning Board held fifteen meetings this past year. Four subdivisions of property, three boundary line adjustments, and four voluntary mergers of lots were approved. The Board also had eight consultations with property owners who either wished to subdivide property, adjust boundary lines of property, or discuss other land use questions. A hearing was also held at the request of Eversource who wanted to trim trees and brush along Ingerson Road, a town designated scenic highway. The Planning Board reviewed the state's 10-year transportation plan and the corridor management plan for the Woodlands Heritage Trail. Throughout their deliberations Board members, using the town's Master Plan and Land Use Ordinance for guidance, have tried to keep to this purpose: to avoid scattered and premature subdivision of land and to provide for the harmonious development of the municipality and its environs in general, which will create conditions favorable to health, safety, convenience, and prosperity while avoiding an excessive expenditure of public funds for the supply of public services.

Gordon Rebello and Jeffery Young ably served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the past year. Board members include Michael Meehan, Charles Muller, Donna Laurent, and Gilbert Finch. Jason Call and Cindy Silver serve as alternates. The Board accepted the resignation of Scott Guerin and we thank him for his service to the town. A representative from the Board of Selectmen, Kevin Meehan, serves on the Planning Board as well. Charlene Wheeler continues to serve as secretary to the Board. She attended a NH Municipal Association workshop in September on right-to-know laws. Vice-Chairman Jeff Young represented the Board at the NH Office of Energy and Planning's annual spring conference in Concord held in May. Information was shared with other Board members at subsequent meetings. Board members continue to expand their working knowledge of the state's planning regulations. There are current openings for alternate members on the Board. Citizens who may be interested in serving the Town in this capacity are encouraged to contact the Town office for information.

The Board has also worked reviewing the Land Use Ordinance and the Subdivision Procedures and Regulations. There were a number of discussions on issues arising from landlocked lots (having no road frontage) existing in the town, building roads, and installing utilities. All documents and application forms, as well as the Board's meeting minutes, are available on the town's website.

The Planning Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the town office. All meetings are open to the public and the Board encourages anyone who is interested to attend.

> GORDON REBELLO Chairman

The Jefferson Planning Board, pursuant to RSA 674:39-aa (Each municipality shall publish this notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.), is giving notice to property owners in Jefferson of the following information regarding involuntary merged lots:

674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots. -

I. In this section:

- (a) "Involuntary merger" and "involuntarily merged" mean lots merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.
- (b) "Owner" means the person or entity that holds legal title to the lots in question, even if such person or entity did not hold legal title at the time of the involuntary merger.
- (c) "Voluntary merger" and "voluntarily merged" mean a merger under RSA 674:39-a, or any overt action or conduct that indicates an owner regarded said lots as merged such as, but not limited to, abandoning a lot line.
- II. Lots or parcels that were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by a city, town, county, village district, or any other municipality, shall at the request of the owner, be restored to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the appropriate registry of deeds, provided:
 - (a) The request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016.
- (b) No owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be estopped from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots.
- III. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of RSA 676.
- IV. Any municipality may adopt local ordinances, including ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of this section, to restore previously merged properties that are less restrictive than the provisions in paragraph I and II.
- V. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.
- VI. Municipalities shall post a notice informing residents that any involuntarily merged lots may be restored to premerger status upon the owner's request. Such notice shall be posted in a public place no later than January 1, 2012 and shall remain posted through December 31, 2016. Each municipality shall also publish the same or similar notice in its 2011 through 2015 annual reports.

Source. 2011, 206:4, eff. July 24, 2011.

REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL

The Jefferson Zoning Board of Appeal held no meetings this past year since no applications were received. The Board, which usually schedules meetings for the second Thursday of the month, only meets when an application for an appeal is received requesting a variance, a special exception, or an appeal from an administrative decision.

A variance is an authorization, which may be granted under special circumstances, to use your property in a way that is not permitted under the strict terms of the Land Use Ordinance. Certain sections of the Land Use Ordinance provide that a particular use of property will be permitted by special exception if specific conditions are met. Some examples of permitted uses by special exception are operating a business, a clinic, or telecommunication facilities.

Anyone wishing to erect a new building or any landowner wanting to add on to or to modify an existing building must apply to the Selectmen for permission to build. The Selectmen will then study the case and, if it is not in violation of the Land Use Ordinance, will give written permission, or in any instance requiring subdivision, will refer the application to the Planning Board. In the case where the construction will be in violation of the Land Use Ordinance, the Selectmen must deny permission and will so notify the applicant in writing. At this time, if the applicant so desires, he or she may apply to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a variance or special exception. The applicant will be given the forms and instructions for applying to the Board and will be told when the Board meets.

Also if you have been denied a permit, or are affected by some other decision regarding the administration of the Jefferson Land Use Ordinance, and you believe that the decision was made in error under the provisions of the ordinance, you may appeal the decision to the Board of Adjustment. The appeal will be granted if you can show that the decision was indeed in error.

Forms and instructions needed by applicants are available on the town's website as well as the town office.

Kim Perry and Jason Call again served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively for the past year. Board members include Thomas Walker, Burleigh Wyman, and Kricket Ingerson. Charlene Wheeler serves as the Board's secretary. Currently, there are openings for alternate members on the Board to fill. Citizens who may be interested in serving the town in this capacity are encouraged to contact the town office for information.

KIM PERRY Chairman

REPORT OF THE JEFFERSON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dear Members,

Our 2015 season seemed to fly by. Our gift shop has expended slightly, and our merchandise sold well throughout the season We are continuing to sort and organize our files, photos, and memorabilia. It is a huge and very interesting job. Most of the Waumbek history is in order, thanks to the efforts of Nancy Greenlee. Sally Brooks is continuing to pursue her project of gathering information on the Meadows and its General Store. Judy Beliveau's efforts gathering information on Jefferson's farms is proving to be more and more informative.

Things we are doing:

Approximately 130 visitors stopped at the Museum. We have noticed a slowly increasing interest in our local history, as well as history in general. It makes us appreciate even more the value of our museum and its artifacts. Charlie Bond's docent book is a big asset to help answer questions from our visitors.

Joe Beliveau is truly our "cellar savior", totally restoring the walls and floor. Some bead board has been added to the walls, and a future closet is under construction. What an exhibit and storage space this will be when it is finished.

Lucille Cameron put together an exhibit consisting of books and pictures, and a CD about "TAPS". It illustrated the variety and breadth of TAPS played by the branches of our armed forces, starting from the Civil War to the present.

Wilma Corrigan, our COOS COUNTY DEMOCRAT correspondent, keeps our news in the public eye. We have a Facebook page, and are also featured in the Northern Arts Alliance Calendar. Our rack cards, displayed at various venues (like the Old Corner Store), give an overview with pictures of our collection.

Things already done:

On Friday, July 31, we were royally entertained by Bean sears, Brad connors and Cynthia Mork. Their theme was "TIN PAN OPERA" featuring popular opera melodies. There was the usual enthusiastic audience, donations were increased, and this marvelous trio continue to donate all proceeds to the JHS.

The 18th POST CARD SHOW was accomplished with the help of our numerous and dedicated volunteers. About 20 plus vendors participated and offered a huge variety of historic photos on numerous topics. Miscellaneous items of historic interest were also available. Grace and Peter Kawonczyk took on the challenging task of providing food and drink for the vendors and visitors. It was fantastic food! Other volunteers set up and took down needed hall furniture. Our "entrance desk" volunteers did a beautiful job greeting people and setting a relaxed atmosphere for browsing. Our crew, over the years, has become a great team. The work is actually fun and accompanied by much laughter.

Our new ornament of which we were so proud has not appeared. Our China connection has "dropped the ball". It may or may not appear. We are still hoping, is it is an especially beautiful design of Santa's Village.

We had a table, as usual, at the annual Christmas Bazaar on December 12th. We had an assortment of stationary with old Waumbek photos, and an assortment of books, maps and ornaments.

As always, we could not keep our museum up and running without our loyal volunteers. We want to express our sincere appreciation to all of you who keep our museum active and interesting. We definitely need MORE volunteers to augment the loyal ones we have. Being a docent and contributing to our work parties really is stimulating and full of comradery. Contact any of our officers if you would like to be part of us. We will put you to work and you will love it!

Extra donations which have come in (beyond membership fees) are much needed and appreciated. We have a huge old building requiring ongoing maintenance. We hope to come up with an innovative idea to have it painted next season.

We are asking you to renew your membership. Ask a non-profit organization your contributions help us to PRESERVE JEFFERSON'S PAST.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at our Museum from May to October, and in the Jefferson Library in November, March and April. The museum hours are: Sunday and Thursday 1:00 to 4:00 PM and by appointment. You are all invited to our meetings. We need your support, ideas, and enthusiasm.

Sincerely,
The Officers of The Jefferson Historical Society

WINIFRED S. WARD, President VALERIE GAUTHIER, Vice President MARJORIE DOAN, Secretary ADELE WOODS, Treasurer

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 2015 ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Our Materials Recycling Facility processed a total of 1,442.69 tons of recyclables for the period January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015, representing \$143,780.27 of marketing income to the District.

For calendar year 2015, our Transfer Station received 2,478 deliveries from District residents for a total of 556.84 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris. In addition, our 362 commercial accounts delivered 402.55 tons of bulky waste and construction and demolition debris and 303.25 tons of wood. Recycling at the Transfer Station consisted of 1,005.88 tons of wood that was processed through a grinder, 301.57 tons of scrap metal; 103.73 tons of leaf and yard waste and 320.60 tons of brush which was chipped. In addition, 354 refrigerators/air conditioners; 126 propane tanks; 5,739 tires; 12,252 feet of fluorescent bulbs; 309 fluorescent U tubes and HID lamps; 387 ballasts and 68.31 tons of electronics were recycled. We also received 1,750 gallons of waste oil from our residents which was used in our waste oil furnace to heat the recycling center. Transfer Station recycling income totaled \$28,402.37. The District owns and operates the Recycling Center and Transfer Station.

District Officers are: Chair Linda Cushman of Jefferson; Vice Chair Paul Grenier for the Coos County Unincorporated Places and Secretary-Treasurer Michael Rozek of Berlin. Other District Representatives are: Raymond Holt of Dummer, Yves Zornio of Gorham, Raymond Aube of Randolph, Larry Enman of Errol, Wade Goulet of Milan, Alan Rossetto of Northumberland and Colin Wentworth of Stark.

In June, the District conducted its twenty-fourth annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The collection was held at the District Transfer Station with 297 households participating. The project was funded through the AVRRDD Budget with no assessments to the member communities. In addition, a grant from the State of New Hampshire reimbursed the District \$3,510. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be held Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the District Transfer Station.

2015 was the thirteenth year of operations for the AVRRDD Mt. Carberry Landfill. Since purchasing the landfill in December 2002, no assessments have been made to the District municipalities for Mt. Carberry Landfill operations, with income raised through landfill tipping fees covering operating expenses. The landfill is operated, under contract with the District, by Cianbro Corp.

No assessments were made to the member municipalities for the 2015 AVRRDD Budget and there will be no assessments made for the 2016 AVRRDD Budget.

Respectfully submitted,
SHARON E. GAUTHIER, Executive Director

REPORT FROM YOUR NORTH COUNTRY SENATOR JEFF WOODBURN



Dear Constituent,

It is an honor to serve as your State Senator representing District 1, which includes 58-rural, northern communities, encompassing 27 percent of the state's landmass. It is a region larger than two states and 17 foreign countries and containing fewer than twenty people per square mile.

The North Country, including the White Mountains region, has a uniquely different culture, landscape, economy and history than the rest of the state. It is my focus to ensure that State

government understands this and doesn't forget us. Our needs, challenges and opportunities are different. At the top of my priority list is stabilizing our fragile economy while improving the quality of life for all our people.

First and foremost, this means advocating for policies and projects that expand business and entrepreneurial opportunities that will raise stagnant wages. I'm proud to have been the prime sponsor of the law that extends the same economic development opportunities available to all communities to our unincorporated towns. The so-called Balsams bill is an essential part of the redevelopment of the former grand resort in Dixville.

We've made important bipartisan investments that disproportionately benefited our region in the previous sessions and I will fight efforts to repeal them. I support our continued efforts to expand access to health care, reduce the burden of uncompensated care at local hospitals, invest in local road and broadband infrastructure and build a budget that reflects the needs of rural areas.

In the Senate, my goal has been to be practical and to work with everyone to get results for our region. But voting is only a part of my work, I have been accessible and available to my constituents, holding town hall meetings, office hours and tours for state leaders. I have tried when possible and appropriate to bend state government to meet the needs of rural people and rural communities. Over the course of my time in office, I have assisted thousands of individuals with issues large and small. I consider it a great compliment when someone feels comfortable enough to contact me and trust that I will intercede on their behalf when they are in a time of need.

I love being the voice for the North Country and am constantly inspired by our people and places that make our beloved home so special.

Be in touch, if I can be of assistance to you or your community.
Regards,
JEFF WOODBURN
North Country Senator
30 King Square, Whitefield NH 03598
Jeff.Woodburn@leg.state.nh.us
603.271.3207





2015 ANNUAL REPORT

As the regional planning commission serving the 51 municipalities and 25 Unincorporated Places of northern New Hampshire, North Country Council (NCC) continued to provide a wide range of services in 2015. Some of the highlights:

- Drop-in office hours around the region increased opportunities to provide assistance.
- Revolving loan fund helped several area businesses keep their doors open and workers employed.
- Traffic count program enabled municipalities, businesses and NHDOT to monitor trends and evaluate future needs.
- Administration of payments for volunteer driver program enabled many residents to access medical appointments and other basic needs.
- Assistance with day-to-day planning and zoning questions, master plans, zoning and regulation updates, and review of development proposals such as the Balsams redevelopment gave local officials and volunteer boards access to professional planning expertise.
- Staff support for the Connecticut River Joint Commission Local River Subcommittees enabled review and input on proposals such as the future plans of the Conte Refuge and Northern Pass.
- Assistance to businesses with disaster preparedness won a NADO Innovation Award.
- Advocacy on behalf of North Country communities resulted in inclusion of the region's top highway needs in the Ten Year Plan being presented to the Legislature.
- Development of plans for the region's scenic byways ensured continued designation of these important tourism resources under the state program.
- Training for transfer station operators increased efficiency and compliance with state rules.
- Collection of household hazardous wastes meant fewer toxic materials entering the region's groundwater.

The Council is comprised of Representatives from each member community. We look forward to hearing from your community's Representatives about emerging issues and needs that our staff should be focusing on in the coming years.



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Dear Selectmen:

Tri-County Community Action/Coos County is requesting \$1,085.00 in funding from the Town of Jefferson at your 2016 Town Meeting to help support its Community Contact programs. Community Contact is the field service's arm of the Tri-County CAP. Our purpose is to assist low-income, elderly and disabled persons to solve problems and meet their physical and financial needs. We accomplish this by providing information, counseling, referrals, budget counseling, guidance and organizational assistance and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and using community resources.

Below is the breakdown of assistance that the Coos County Community Contact office provided to the 100 residents of Jefferson who have been served over the last year from July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015:

Program	Households	Dollar Amounts
Fuel Assistance	47	\$37,510.00
Weatherization		
Electric Assistance	40	\$14,327.95
Total		\$51,837.95

Tri-County Community Action provides necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our communities who would otherwise have to seek help from the town. We are depending upon funding from your town and neighboring communities countywide. The local funds are used to make available local intake and support for federal and state programs including Fuel Assistance, Electric Assistance, Homeless Prevention, Weatherization and electric utility conservation programs. We are also the conduit through which the USDA Surplus food is distributed to the food panties throughout Coos County.

We greatly appreciate the support and look forward to continued cooperation and partnership with your town's residents, elected officials and staff. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 888-842-3835 x 103.

Sincerely,
LISA HINCKLEY
Community Contact



North Country Elder Programs

Senior Meals/Meals-On-Wheels
ServiceLink Resource Center
Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc.

NCEP Address: 610 Sullivan St. • Berlin, NH 03570 Phone: 603-752-3010 • www.tccap.org

Dear Board of Selectmen:

On behalf of North Country Elder Programs, I would like to respectfully request funding in the amount of \$570.00 for the Senior Meals Program to be included in the upcoming Town of Jefferson budget process.

During the time period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 (Fiscal Year 2015) we served Jefferson residents a total of 2,191 home delivered meals, an increase of 34% over Fiscal Year 2014 to 15 residents. The Senior Meals Program in Fiscal Year 2015 prepared and served 130,305 meals county-wide to senior citizens in need of nutritional assistance.

As evidenced in the figures above, the current need for hot, nutritious meals to the frail and home-bound is paramount and is likely to be amplified as the population continues to age and require nutritional assistance.

Each year towns throughout Coos County contribute financial support to help defray costs that directly impact the preparation and delivery of senior meals to local residents. However, the rising costs of food and consumables has made this commitment especially challenging. The Town of Jefferson's past support for this community-based program has been greatly appreciated and I welcome your questions and comments pertaining to this request for funding. Please call our administrative offices at 752-3010, Monday through Friday, and I'd be glad to speak with you.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

ANGELA JOHNSON, Programs Administrator North Country Elder Programs

JEFFERSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

Regular monthly meetings are held at the Jefferson Town Office at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of each month. There is no meeting in December due to the holidays. Interested Jefferson residents are welcome at any Conservation Commission meeting and are encouraged to contact any member with questions, help in filling out wetland permits or suggestions.

The members of the Jefferson Conservation Commission are:

- David Govatski (Chair)
- Charles Muller (representative to the Planning Board)
- Jennifer Mardin (Secretary)
- Jim Holmes
- Jamie Savage

Notable accomplishments of the Commission:

- Updating the Natural Resources Inventory for Jefferson.
- Continued water quality monitoring of Israel's River under the volunteer river assessment program.
- Maintaining the Starr King Trail.
- Conducting Whip-Poor-Will surveys.
- Invasive species monitoring and eradication at the Pondicherry National Wildlife Refuge.



A Division of Northern New Hampshire Healthcare Collaborative

On behalf of Northwoods Home Health & Hospice, we want to thank you for your continued support. Without your neighbors, we could not have served the health care needs of many of your residents. Although our expenses (and yours) have increased over the years, the dollars that we are requesting from your town has remained the same since 2010. I think it is important for you to know that our recent national recognition as one of the top 500 home care agencies in the United States of America - is a testament to our fiscal stewardship. We take great care, conservancy and management of our financial resources that we receive from all of the towns throughout Coos County.

The following is a breakdown of the three distinct continuum of care models that we proudly provide to your community: (1) medical skilled care professionals licensed by either the New Hampshire Board of Medicine, Nursing or New Hampshire Office of Allied Health, (2) specially trained hospice professionals focusing on end of life care and (3) long term care professionals who provide supportive services to community members to help keep patients living independently in their communities for as long as possible. All medically necessary services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Northwoods Home Health & Hospice is the <u>only</u> Medicare certified hospice agency in Coos County and the number of hospice patients and their families that we have been honored to care for has more than doubled over the last year. In 2015, Northwoods Home Health & Hospice was very proud to receive two national honors:

- Fazzi HHCAHPS Patient Satisfaction Award of Distinction was presented to Northwoods Home Health & Hospice for demonstrating superior performance in patient satisfaction in 2015. "Based on a comparative analysis of home health agencies, agencies named as national best practice agencies are proven leaders and have excelled in one or more of the most important measures of an agency's quality program - patient satisfaction" states Gina Mazza, HHCAHPS Director.
- For the fourth time in five years, Northwoods Home Health was named to the Top 500 of the 2015 HomeCare Elite™, a recognition of the top-performing home health agencies in the United States of America. The HomeCare Elite identified Northwoods Home Health as being one of the 5 percent of agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance.

mance measures in quality outcomes, best practice (process measure) implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS®), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. "The 2015 HomeCare Elite winners deserve credit for demonstrating high-quality care in their communities. As quality care initiatives become top-of-mind for healthcare providers, we recognize this as a remarkable achievement and are pleased to make this our 10th year of acknowledgement for top performing home health organizations," said Christine Lang, VP of Product Development for OCS HomeCare. "We congratulate Northwoods Home Health & Hospice on being one of the top 500 home care agencies in the country."

In conclusion, Northwoods Home Health & Hospice is committed to providing the best possible care to you and your community members. You and your neighbors can depend on us to always strive to provide the highest level of care possible in the comfort of your home. A very special thank you to all the residents of Jefferson for your continued support of our quality home care services.

Sincerely,
GAIL TATTAN-GIAMPAOLO
Executive Director



CALEB INTERFAITH VOLUNTEER CAREGIVERS

Enhancing independent living for seniors by relieving isolation and assisting with friendly visits, care and supportive services through a network of volunteers and the fostering of caring communities.

Caleb continues to fulfill its mission statement of "helping Seniors remain independent by providing friendly visiting, telephone reassurance, commodity food delivery and transportation." This despite staff and economic downsizing to more directly meet that mission.

With a small volunteer board of directors and only 1 ten-hour a week Volunteer Coordinator, our client list has remained stable as has our cadre of committed and trained volunteers and or service data.

For the past year we serviced 135 clients utilizing 41 volunteers. In total we amassed 23,000 hours of service, made 2,044 trips and piled up 22,752 miles in transportation mostly for grocery shopping, errands and meeting medical appointments including long-distance medical trips to Dartmouth Hitchcock, VA at White River and elsewhere. At a minimum of \$72,000 annually for nursing home residency, Caleb is a bargain at many multiples less costly and the way this area historically handled these problems.

Still, demand outstrips our capacity and Caleb carries a large waiting list of clients with unmet needs, mostly for friendly visiting. With population projections suggesting the 65+ age group will be half of the county's population by 2030 the demand will only increase for our services. We believe this is the most cost efficient means of allowing folks to remain in their own homes even when families are too distant to assist, they are too frail or impaired to retain a driver's license or live remotely and have no nearby neighbors to look out for them.

We are appreciative of town appropriations as our principal means of support and value our faith community partners who provide additional, steady support. Our Annual Appeal makes up about 20% of our operating revenue.

More than we need revenue to operate, we truly need volunteers to step up to call, visit or transport neighbors as few times as once weekly. If you can fill any of these roles as seldom as one day a week please call the Caleb line, 837.9179 and leave a message that you are interested in volunteering and Echo will respond to complete the enrollment and training process. Similarly if you or someone you know can use our services please call the same number and leave a message.

Any extra revenue or donations will be used to improve our volunteer recruiting outreach, marketing and connecting with the Senior population that needs our help.

We thank you for your continued public support.



White Mountain Mental Health

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2015 Director's Report Northern Human Services - White Mountain Mental Health

As the safety net provider of behavioral health services for the twenty-two towns in upper Grafton and lower Coos counties, White Mountain Mental Health strives to assure that everyone in the community, regardless of income or insurance status, has access to high quality services, delivered by caring and well trained mental health professionals. Services include evaluation in crisis situations, short-term, solution-focused counseling offered to adults, children and families, comprehensive life-long supports to persons suffering from severe and persistent mental illness, and treatment focused on recovery from addiction, with a special focus on the high percentage of persons dually diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse. Our goal is to make mental health treatment an accepted and easily accessible component of general good health.

As the world has become more complex, the possibility has increased that you or someone in your circle of family and friends will experience a serious emotional crisis. Town funding means that cost will not be a barrier to receiving the care needed to return to good health. Town funding also enables us to continue to offer local offices in Lancaster, Littleton, Lincoln and Woodsville, as well as 24/7 emergency evaluations from all of our offices and from local hospital emergency departments.

Some of the highlights of 2015:

- Several of our clinical staff members have completed advanced training in evidencebased practices which allow us to offer the most up-to-date interventions in the areas of Child-Parent Psychotherapy, Trauma-Informed Treatment, Substance Abuse Disorders and Mental Illness Recovery. We are extremely proud of our excellent and dedicated clinical staff.
- We have welcomed a new full-time psychiatrist, Dr. Megan Carman, who joins our Medical Director, Dr. Eric Van Leuven in the provision of psychiatric care.
- Our commitment to the Grafton County Mental Health Court continues, which allows persons suffering from a mental illness to get the help they need.
- We continue to offer home visits to the elderly as well as to persons who need support with daily activities. Most of our services, in fact, occur outside of our buildings.
- Children and families have been a focus this year, with expansion of our services to very young children, including consultation to pre-schools and daycare settings.
- Suicide Prevention is a key priority for us, as well as our partners at NAMI-NH, with many efforts underway to educate teachers, law enforcement, community caregivers and the general public regarding the importance of recognizing and appropriately reacting to potential suicide.

This year 27 people from the Town of Jefferson received 97.33 hours of services, thanks to your appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,
JANE C. MacKAY, Area Director

Center for New Beginnings

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A Special Place for Children & Families. Excellent Care <u>and</u> Caring.... Individual, Group and Family Psychotherapy ~ Employee Assistance

Dear North Country Neighbor:

For over 30 years the Center for New Beginnings has been quietly helping local individuals and families around the North Country, some of whom are your friends, family members, neighbors and employees, lead happier, more stable and productive lives. The Center was founded with a main focus of services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. Today our nonprofit organization is dedicated to improving the lives of people who struggle with depression, anxiety, grief, trauma, marital problems, and many other difficulties. The children and teenagers we see come to us with a myriad of challenges that reflect the social, cultural, and economic struggles of our time. We are also working hard to answer the need of those suffering with addiction – a widespread problem.

We are often asked "what makes you different from Northern Human Services?" We are not a federally funded community mental health center. We are an independent non-profit. We provide short term care for acute issues, rather than long term care for more chronic cases. There is a significant need for both types of services. We both have substantial wait lists. We are continuously looking to hire qualified providers.

Thankfully, with the Affordable Care Act, more and more of our clients have insurance coverage. However many of these policies carry high deductibles and co-pays. A deductible of three or five thousand dollars is not unusual – and for many this means getting help is out of their reach. This is when it is critical to offer a sliding scale program, which is where these charitable taxpayer contributions are used. With these funds, we are able to make treatment decisions based on mental health need, not financial consideration.

We are asking for your help to meet the needs of your community.

In 2015, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 600 individuals. We logged 8,200 patient appointments. Eight of our clients reside in Jefferson. We are asking for your help. We are requesting \$250 from the town for the upcoming year. When we do have extra funds available, such as these town donations, we have the flexibility to assist our clients who have difficulty meeting their high deductibles or co-pays.

When people are mentally healthy they are productive and have a positive

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impact on their communities. They are more conscientious and attentive parents. And, they have a more committed work ethic. Healthy children do better in school, control behaviors that are disruptive in class, and grow up to be resilient adults. Individuals who are mentally stable are much less likely to commit crimes or wreak havoc among their families, coworkers, and acquaintances. Everyone benefits form a population that is mentally healthy.

Please contact us if you would like to learn more about the counseling services we provide for individuals and their families, or our Employee Assistance Program, a confidential counseling and referral resource program for employees and their family members to help them deal with personal and work-related issues.

Good works have always relied upon the generosity of good people Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Board of Directors The Center for New Beginnings

TONY POEKERT, Board Chairman, Dalton NANCY DICKOWSKI, Bethlehem LISA ROMPREY, Bath ELLEN MALESSA, Easton SUSAN DUNN, Littleton

NEVERS-TOWN OF JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

This scholarship was established in 1981 by the family of Wilbur and Gurda Nevers in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. It is available to any Jefferson high school senior wishing to advance in higher education in any field. Any student wishing to apply for the scholarship may request an application from the Guidance Department at the White Mountains Regional High School.

The scholarship Committee consist of the Library Trustees, Librarian, and the Town Clerk. This year a scholarship was awarded to Abigail Call.

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Nevers family and to all that have contributed to their scholarship fund. Donations to the fund may be sent to the Nevers-Town of Jefferson Scholarship Fund in care of the Jefferson Trustee of Trust Funds, Jefferson, NH 03583.

Respectfully submitted,
DEBORAH DUBOIS, Library Trustee Chairman
CHERYL MEEHAN, Library Trustee
JEANNIE KENISON, Library Trustee
JANE HOLMES, Library Trustee
BETTE BOVIO, Library Trustee
JOY McCORKHILL, Librarian
OPAL BRONSON, Town Clerk

ENMAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2015 was the thirty-first year for the Scholarship honoring the late Charles and Dorothy Enman who were both active and highly regarded in the Jefferson Elementary School. The funds were able to provide a scholarship to Abigail Call.

Any Senior who is a resident of Jefferson attending either high school or private school, regardless of location and planning on continuing his or her education is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Donations may be made by taking or sending checks to Marietta Ingerson, checks should be made payable to the Charles Enman Scholarship Fund.

I would like to again thank all that have donated to the fund.

Sincerely,
MARIETTA INGERSON

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

Mother's Name	Avery, Leanna
Father's/Partner's Name	Paschal, Kyle
Birth Place	Littleton, NH
Birth Date	10/20/2015
Child's Name	Paschal, Kason Patrick

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015

				Mother's/Parent's Name Prior	
Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	To First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
Jones, June	04/30/2015	Jefferson	Ferreira, Peter	Brightman, Dorothy	z
Conway, Carolyn	05/10/2015	Whitefield	Lowe, Gordon	Daley, Norah	z
Estes, Phillip	05/18/2015	Jefferson	Estes, Allen	Waite, Mildred	z
Savage, Lena	05/27/2015	Lebanon	Pray, Charles	Brett, Edith	z
Szurley, James	05/28/2015	Jefferson	Szurley, John	Suslowicz, Victoria	>
Esteban, Adela	09/24/2015	Jefferson	Esteban, Francisco	Sesena, Adela	z
Doiron, Joseph	12/27/2015	Whitefield	Doiron, Andre	Landry, Marie	>

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF JEFFERSON, N.H. **FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015**

Person A's Name	Person B's Name			
and Residence	and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
Howland, Jimmey R. Jefferson, NH	Howland, Patricia A. Jefferson, NH	Whitefield	Jefferson	04/05/2015
Wiseman, Jeffrey N. Jefferson, NH	Fenoff, Elaine A. Whitefield, NH	Whitefield	Whitefield	06/06/2015
Judge, Iosif A. Jefferson, NH	Hatfield, Jordann M. Jefferson, NH	Jefferson	Jefferson	06/13/2015
Burnham, Darlene M. Jefferson, NH	Wheeler, Ted J. Jefferson, NH	Jefferson	Berlin	06/20/2015
Wasuta, Zachary W. Jefferson, NH	Foster, Heather L. Jefferson, NH	Jefferson	Jefferson	08/08/2015
Arnesen, Robert B. Jefferson, NH	Rexford, Katelyn M. Dalton, NH	Jefferson	Lancaster	08/15/2015