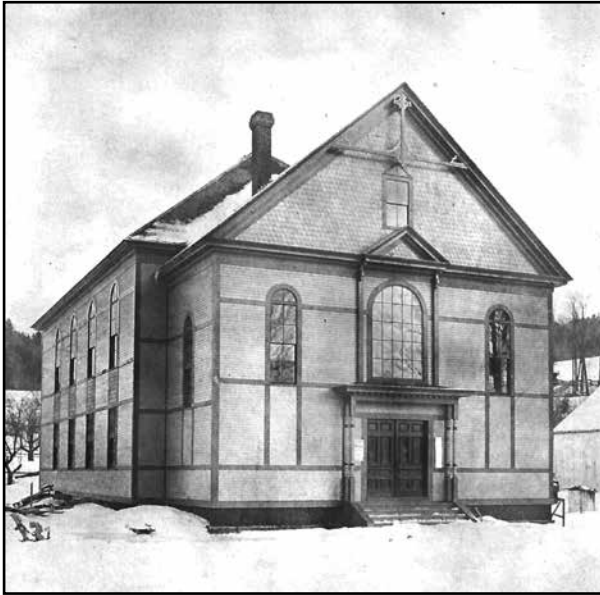


Annual Reports
Of The Selectmen And Other Town Officers of the Town of
ALSTEAD, NH



Town Hall dedicated February 26, 1891. Burned May 12, 1950.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

2015

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

TOWN INFORMATION
www.alsteadnh.org

Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Town Clerk – Tax Collector 835-2242
Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM - 5:45 PM

Planning Board – 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1st Monday of the month @ 7:30 PM
Zoning Officer: Hans Waldmann 835-6138

Health Officer: Michael Jasmin 209-4068
Asst. Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 835-9018 evenings

Conservation Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month @ 5:00 PM

Fire Department
Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month, 7:00 PM
Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 PM
Drills held on the 4th Monday of the month, 7:00 PM

Library Hours 835-6661
Wednesday 12 Noon to 5:00 PM
Thursday, 12 Noon to 7:00 PM
Friday, 12 Noon to 5 PM
Saturday, 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425
Wednesday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Saturday, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

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TOWN OFFICIALS 2015

Rock Wilson	Selectman	Term End 2018
Joel C. McCarty	Selectman	Term End 2016
Chris Rietmann	Selectman	Term End 2016

Susan Norlander	Moderator	Term End 2016
Gloria Seddon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term End 2018
Patricia (Trish) Anderson	Dep. Town Clk/Tax Coll.	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term End 2017
David Crosby	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Marcelo D'Alessandro	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief/Fire Warden	Appointed
Clarence Meyer	Emergency Management	Appointed
Shelli Huntley	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Health Officer	Appointed

Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2018
Reginald Clark	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2016
Ellen Chase	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2017

Susan Norlander	Library Trustee	Term End 2018
Heather Jasmin	Library Trustee	Term End 2016
Mary Lou Huffling	Library Trustee	Term End 2016
Jeff Smull	Library Trustee	Term End 2017
Matthew Gilette	Library Trustee	Term End 2017

Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2016
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2017
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2018

Inspector of Elections

Richard Miller	Holly Gay	Jodi Kercewich
Melissa Fredricksen	Gene Wilson	Cathy Moore

Alternate Inspector of Elections

Rachel Kilburn	Joanne Stevens	Sandy Greene
Frances Thibault	Lenore Irion	

Ellen Chase	Planning Board	Term End 2017
Peter Rhoades	Planning Board	Term End 2017
Joyce Curll	Planning Board	Term End 2018
Gloria Seddon	Planning Board	Term End 2018
Matthew Saxton	Ex-Officio Member	Term End 2018
Davis Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2016
Randy Rhoades	Alternate Member	Term End 2016
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2016
Hans Waldmann	Alternate	Term End 2016
Kevin Clark	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2017
Samuel Sutcliffe	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2018
Joseph H. Cartwright	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2018
David Konesko	Alternate	Term End 2018
Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term End 2016
David Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2016
Nan Montgomery	Conservation Commission	Term End 2017
Marilou Blaine	Conservation Commission	Term End 2017
John Mann	Alternate	Term End 2018
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2018
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2016
Reginald Clark	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2017
Ellen Chase	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2018
David Hogan	School Board Member Alstead Rep. FMRSD	Term End 2016
Alstead Advisory Budget Committee		
Bonnie Chase		Term End 2016
Glenn Elsesser		Term End 2016
Chris Hansen		Term End 2018
Marge Noonan		Term End 2018
Carol Reller		Term End 2017
Donna Sabin		Term End 2018
Priscilla Sawa		Term End 2017
Nick Sintros		Term End 2017
Juliana Stevens		Term End 2017
Samuel Sutcliffe		Term End 2017
Les Thomas		Term End 2016
Mary Ann Wolf		Term End 2016

TOWN OF ALSTEAD

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Place a cross (X) in either the YES or NO box after each article.

ARTICLE 2: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,588,210? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$1,551,624, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only? Said amount to be raised by new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (2-1) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 3: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the purpose of purchasing a combination Pumper/Rescue Truck, substantially consistent with the specifications published November 2, 2015. \$380,000 to be taken from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, and \$70,000 to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 4: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve established in 1992. The \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Selectman recommend this article. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (8-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 5: Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Alstead Selectmen unanimously. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014. This sum fo be taken from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised by taxation . Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (5-4) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 7: Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 8: “Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 9: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. \$5,000 to be raised by taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (6-1-2) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 10: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$252,000 for the purpose of paving roads (Walpole Valley and March Hill and any surplus of materials to be used for Homestead Rd and Drewsville Rd.).This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised by new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (7-1-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 11: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (8-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 12: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase an equipment trailer? \$15,000 to come from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 1988. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐

NO ☐

ARTICLE 13: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of repairing stonewalls in Slade Cemetery. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is not recommended (1-7-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 14: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of repairing the Stone Retaining Walls adjacent to the Town Offices. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (8-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 15: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of designing, specify, and permit a replacement for the red-listed bridge over Darby Brook on the Drewsville Road. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from new taxation. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (2-1) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (8-0-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 16: "Shall the Town of Alstead vote to discontinue the New Town Hall Capital Fund created in 2009. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (2-1) by the Selectboard. This Article is not recommended (2-5-2) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 17: "Shall the Town of Alstead modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$50.00 per year to \$300.00. If adopted by the voters the modified veteran's tax credit will go into effect on April 1, 2016. Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is recommended (9-0) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 18: "Shall the Town of Alstead agree to donate to the Fall Mountain Friendly Meal/Fall Mountain Emergency Food Shelf the use of a parcel of property on Bragg Lane to build an approximately 50' (added a space here) by 100' structure and provide access and parking for approximately 28 vehicles. Voting yes will have zero impact on your tax bill." By Petition. Majority vote required. This Article is NOT recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is not recommended (1-7-1) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

ARTICLE 19: Silvio O Conte Wildlife Refuge
The US Fish and Wildlife Service boundary for the Silvio O. Conte Wildlife Refuge includes the entire watershed of the Connecticut River. The US Fish and Wildlife Service's current goal includes 25% of the privately owned acreage in Alstead. Do you oppose this plan by US Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire this portion of the property tax base of the town of Alstead? Majority vote required. This Article is recommended (3-0) by the Selectboard. This Article is not recommended (0-4-5) by the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee.

YES ☐ NO ☐

Appropriations

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
General Government						
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	02	\$91,311	\$103,530	\$171,666	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$39,123	\$41,217	\$52,595	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$56,770	\$60,217	\$56,480	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	02	\$35,000	\$30,403	\$14,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$15,000	\$4,629	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$3,000	\$1,905	\$13,500	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$8,300	\$8,558	\$7,529	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$147,359	\$4,036	\$90,470	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$3,768	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$0
4196	Insurance	02	\$25,857	\$25,740	\$26,278	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	02	\$7,500	\$9,466	\$7,500	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	02	\$203,507	\$131,870	\$206,681	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	02	\$35,018	\$35,810	\$40,535	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$72,962	\$55,297	\$71,610	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	02	\$27,146	\$22,842	\$25,521	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	02	\$1	\$476	\$4,390	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	02	\$79,320	\$72,540	\$80,150	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$455,510	\$416,329	\$461,753	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$6,000	\$4,752	\$6,500	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	02	\$55,229	\$49,280	\$63,682	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$75,585	\$72,767	\$76,375	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment						
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338-4339	Water Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric						
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health						
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	02	\$12,880	\$9,500	\$10,000	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	02	\$30,260	\$21,586	\$25,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$18,995	\$10,660	\$14,495	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$600	\$486	\$3,000	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	02	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$130,081	\$126,170	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$181,000	\$165,911	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$1,871,582	\$1,525,977	\$1,588,210	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	03	\$0	\$0	\$450,000	\$0
	Purpose: To purchase a combination pumper/rescue truck					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: To purchase an equipment trailer					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	04	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	Purpose: To add to the Fire Department CRF					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$0	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
	Purpose: Add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
	Purpose: to add to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: To Add to the Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: Add to the Police Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	11	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: To add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund					
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$587,500	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	15	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose: To Design, specify, and permit a replacement of a					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$0	\$0	\$180,000	\$0
	Purpose: Pave Roads					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	13	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: To Repair Cemetery Stonewalls					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	14	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
	Purpose: To Repair Stone Walls on Millot Green					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$240,000	\$0

Revenues

Account Code	Source of Revenue	Warrant Article #	PY Estimated Revenues	PY Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	02	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$14,000	\$8,119	\$8,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$300	\$311	\$300
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$62,000	\$63,160	\$58,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$280,000	\$314,699	\$290,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$200	\$300	\$300
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$2,400	\$4,973	\$3,500
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$93,293	\$93,293	\$93,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$88,088	\$88,088	\$88,848
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$2	\$2	\$2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	02	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$30,000	\$62,925	\$38,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$1,500	\$2,058	\$2,000
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	03, 12	\$112,966	\$112,966	\$395,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	02	\$110,000	\$115,739	\$90,000
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	05, 10, 13, 07, 14, 08, 03, 11, 15	\$0	\$0	\$405,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$834,749	\$906,633	\$1,513,950

Budget Summary		
Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,493,500	\$1,588,210
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$165,941	\$587,500
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$336,081	\$240,000
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$1,995,522	\$2,415,710
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,218,223	\$1,513,950
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$777,299	\$901,760

Town of Alstead

New Hampshire

Warrant and Budget

2016

To the inhabitants of the town of Alstead in the County of Cheshire in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative Session):

Date: February 6, 2016

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Vilas Gymnasium

Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: March 8, 2016

Time: 8:00 am – 7:00 pm

Location: Town Hall/ Fire Station

Details:

Article 01: Elect Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 02: Operating Budget

Shall the Town of Alstead raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first

session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,588,210? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,551,624, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 03: To purchase a combination pumper/rescue truck

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 for the purpose of purchasing a combination Pumper/Rescue Truck, substantially consistent with the specifications published November 2, 2015. \$380,000 to be taken from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund, and \$70,000 to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, available on January 1. The Selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 04: To add to the Fire Department CRF

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve established in 1992. The \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05: Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. This article is recommended by the Alstead Selectmen unanimously. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06: Add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014. The \$2,500.00 to be raised from taxation. The selectmen unanimously recommend this article.

Required. (Majority vote required.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 07: to add to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988. This sum is to come from the unassigned fund balance available as of December 31 available for transfer on January 1. The selectmen unanimously agreed. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 08: To Add to the Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 09: Add to the Police Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. \$5,000 to be raised by taxation. The selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 10: Pave Roads

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of paving roads(Walpole Valley and March Hill).The sum of \$180,00 to be come from the unassigned fund balance as December 31 available to transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised by taxation. The selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 11: To add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund established in 2010. This sum to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Selectmen recommend this article. Yes - 2 No - 1 (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12: To purchase an equipment trailer

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to purchase an equipment trailer to come from the Highway Department Capital Reserve Fund established in 1988. The Selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13: To Repair Cemetery Stonewalls

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of repairing stonewalls in Alstead Cemeteries. The sum of \$5,000 to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, available on January 1. The Selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 14: To Repair Stone Walls on Millot Green

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of repairing the Stone Walls on Millot Green. The sum of \$5,000 to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, available on January 1. The Selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 15: To Design, specify, and permit a replacement bridge

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of designing, specify, and permit a replacement for the red-listed bridge over Darby Brook on the Drewsville Road. The sum of \$50,000 to come from unassigned fund balance as of December 31, available on January 1. The Selectmen unanimously recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 16: To discontinue New Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to discontinue the New Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund created in 2009. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The selectmen unanimously agreed. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 17: To modify veteran's credit

To see if the Town of Alstead will modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current tax credit of \$50.00 per year to \$300.00. If adopted by the voters the modified veteran's tax credit will go into effect on April 1, 2016. The selectmen unanimously agree. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 18: To donate town land to Fall Mountain Friendly Meal

"Shall the Town of Alstead agree to donate to the Fall Mountain Friendly Meal/Fall Mountain Emergency Food Shelf a parcel of property on Bragg Lane to build an approximately 50'by 100' structure and provide access and parking for approximately 28 vehicles. Voting yes will have zero impact on your tax bill." By Petition. Selectmen 1 - No 2 - abstained

☐ Yes ☐ No

Given under our hands, January 25, 2016		
We certify and attest that on or before January 25, 2016, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Municipal Offices, and delivered the original to the Alstead Town Clerk		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Joel C. McCarty	Chairman, Alstead Board of Selectmen	
Christopher Rietmann	Selectman	
Rock Wilson	Selectman	

2015 Annual Report Selectmen's Report

It's been a tempestuous year in 03602, but not without its rewards.

The smooth flow of data and dollars in and out of the Town Offices continued (not without a few hiccups) unabated throughout the year, to the extent that bills got paid on time and we passed our audit(s), both political and actuarial, without missing more than a beat or two.

So while the books are in good order, we found ourselves nearly continually awash in philosophical conversation, internal and external, about how much government is just the right amount of government. Having the debate at all is the important event, since the question will never be definitively answered as long as we live in as diverse a community as we do, and as long as other political entities (School, County, State and Federal) have a largish say in our affairs. Thanks to everyone who participated in these discussions; we managed to get through it all without so much as a single raised voice or pounded table. Some of you are able to recall when this might not always have been the case.

The Selectmen in particular, and the Town in general, have benefited significantly from the voluntary intellectual contributions of various boards, committees, study groups and coffee clubs. It is fair to say that this Selectboard would not have been able (and in some cases, not have been willing) to take on some of these topics had not champions for change stepped forward in an organized and consistent way. In the thick of it, not all of these changes were welcomed as 100% fits with the Selectboard's somewhat diverse worldview. In the longer view, it is impossible to overstate the value of these ideas and advocacies, even when not fully embraced, and it

would be churlish to miss an opportunity to express our gratitude. Having this all play out online has provided a few bumps and skips, but on balance has increased the levels of participation and (therefore) representation, which is all to the good. Thanks to all of you who have made this happen.

2016 will present us with changes and challenges anticipated and otherwise. Since 1679 Selectboards, regardless of makeup, have sworn to “manage the prudential affairs of the town and perform the duties by law prescribed.” Notwithstanding the hundreds of pages of commentary, court interpretation, and follow-on legislation applied to this standard, we probably weren't too wide of the mark in 2015, and given your continued participation, we anticipate the same in the year ahead.

Just remember that we get the government we deserve.

Respectfully Submitted by
Joel McCarty
Chris Rietmann
Rock Wilson



**2015 Annual Report
Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Please note that 2000 cars and up require a title to be registered. If you purchase vehicles in this age bracket from an individual make sure they have the title.

For older vehicles - in addition to the bill of sale you need one of the following documents:

- a. Previously issued N.H. Registration.
- b. Valid Out of State Title.
- c. Verification of VIN (Form 19A).

If you are doing a transfer from one car to another you need your previous registration on the vehicle you are transferring your plates from.

If you have any question regarding a new registration, you may call the office. It is important to have the proper paperwork. I can process renewal registrations by mail if necessary. Please call for the amounts due.

Reminder! Dog licenses are to be renewed by April 30. For a new license please bring a rabies certificate with you. Also if the dog has had an update of rabies vaccination since the last registration please bring a copy of certificate.

For those unable to pay all their taxes at once please note that any payment even if not the full amount due will reduce the interest to be paid.

I thank you for your support this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gloria Seddon
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

REPORT OF THE ALSTEAD TOWN CLERK
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$311,547.67
Dog Licenses	2,743.50
Vitals	845.00
ISF Fees	72.00
Misc.	103.00
Total Debits	\$312,580.67

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Remittance To Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$311,547.67
Dog Licenses	2,743.50
Vitals	845.00
ISF Fees	72.00
Misc.	103.00
Total Credits	\$312,580.67



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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012
Property Taxes	3110		\$374,977.11	(\$4.00)	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$8,967.31)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2014	2012
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,236,986.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$7,620.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$9,956.00		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$311.28		
Other Taxes	3189		\$57.00	
Add Line				

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	3110	\$186.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Cost before lien	3190		\$2,462.50		
Add Line					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,550.04	\$19,291.60		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$4,248,642.01	\$396,788.21	(\$4.00)	



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies 2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$3,858,683.57	\$236,039.04		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$3,000.00			
Yield Taxes	\$9,956.00			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,541.70	\$19,230.74		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$311.28			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$139,783.82		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>		\$57.00		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies 2013	2012
Property Taxes		\$2,537.00		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes		\$60.69		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="text"/>				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$381,501.10	(\$920.25)		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,620.00			
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$8.34	(\$0.03)		
Property Tax Credit Balance ?	(\$11,979.98)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits		\$4,248,642.01	\$396,788.21	



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Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2013	Year: 2012	Year: 2011
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$137,942.56	\$69,776.87	\$71,555.13
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$150,146.23			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$2,633.81	\$12,307.66	\$15,925.33	\$9,188.50
-				
Add Line				
Total Debits	\$152,780.04	\$150,250.22	\$85,702.20	\$80,743.63

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2013	2012	2011
Redemptions	\$33,976.74	\$50,334.03	\$39,556.70	\$21,405.43
-		\$12,308.53	\$15,529.33	\$9,421.00
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$2,718.06			
-				
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$116,085.24	\$87,607.66	\$30,616.17	\$49,917.20
Total Credits	\$152,780.04	\$150,250.22	\$85,702.20	\$80,743.63

2015 Alstead's Treasurer Report					
Alstead's Account	Starting Bal Jan. 1, 2015		"in"	"out"	Bal. Dec. 31 2015
MM & Ckg. & ICS	\$2,089,820.00		\$5,818,467.00	\$6,053,762.00	\$1,854,525.00
Vilas Pool					
MM	\$70,023.21		\$36,335.64	\$82,222.31	\$24,136.54
CD	\$52,077.00		\$184.00		\$52,261.00 approx.
Ckg.	\$294.99		\$13,000.00	\$12,480.80	\$814.19
CD,Ambulance, gift from Barbara	\$15,584.00		\$34.00		\$15,618.00
Conservation Comm.	\$67,814.42		\$3,482.25	\$0.00	\$71,296.67
Grant fund	\$0.00		\$106,831.00	\$106,831.00	\$0.00
The ICS account is used to "secure" funds above \$250,000.00, transfers are made to and from checking as needed.					
Major receipts are from Tax Collections, Town Clerk operations, and a combination of other incomes.					

Town of Alstead 2016-2024 (CIP Schedule and Budget)													
Department	C	Yr	Project	Accrued	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Bridge Repair			Bridge Repair CRF 2024	123172	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000
# 059/134			Bridge at the bottom of Hill Rd (230k) 2019					46000					
# 046/141			Comstock Bridge (140k) 2020						28000				
# 058/132			Drewsville Bridge (930k) (Town 186k) 2022								186000		
Road improvements			Road repairs (TBD)		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paving			Paving projects		240000	220000	130000	175000	150000	96000	210000	195000	210000
Police Department			Police Annual CRF	10262	9246	9246	9246	8000	8000	8000	8000	8000	7500
			2009 Police Cruiser (9 yr cycle) 2017										
			2016 Police Cruiser (9 yr cycle) 2025 (40k)				38000						
Fire Department			Fire department Annual CRF	392533	80000	85000	90000	95000	100000	105000	110000	115000	120000
			1987 Ford Engine (20yr cycle) 2016		450000								
			Rescue Truck (25yr cycle) 2018										
			2002 Scott Pack bottles (15yr cycle) 2030 + 2031 (40k)										
			2000 Pierce Contender (20yr cycle) 2025 (560k)										
			2006 International Tanker (25yr cycle) 2031 (728k)										
Highway Dept.			Highway Annual CRF	166580	145000	150000	155000	160000	160000	160000	160000	120000	120000
			1994 10 wheeler Truck (20yr cycle) 2016		190000								
			2005 6 wheeler truck (15yr cycle) 2017			125000							
			2006 Dept. head truck (10yr cycle) 2018				77250						
			1994 Grader (20yr cycle) 2019 (220k)					200000			70000		
			2012 Dodge 5500 Dump truck (10yr cycle) 2022 (70k)										
			2015 Dodge 5500 Dump truck (10yr cycle) 2025 (75k)										
			1997 Backhoe (30yr cycle) 2027 (180k)										
			2008 Dump truck 10 wheeler (20yr cycle) 2028 (290k)										
			2003 Excavator (30yr cycle) 2033 (220k)										
			2006 Loader (30yr cycle) 2036 (180k)										
			2006 Tractor 30yr cycle) 2036 (45k)										
Library			Library CRF (TBD)	71960	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000	15000
Ambulance Dept.			Ambulance Annual CRF	101591	50000	50000	36000	35000	35000	35000	35000	35000	35000
			2000 Ambulance (15yr cycle) 2018				200000						
Cemetery			Cemetery land fund	44257	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Repair Headstones		3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
Town Hall			Town Hall Annual CRF	67420	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfer Station			Transfer Station Annual CRF	5062	10000	15000	30000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
			2004 Roll off truck (15yr cycle) 2015					60000					
			Land Conservation	1691	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			Yearly CIP totals		\$577,246	\$572,246	\$493,246	\$521,000	\$501,000	\$452,000	\$571,000	\$521,000	\$540,521

**2015 Annual Report
Highway Department**

We did a road project on Cobb Hill Rd. We used the glass for the dump- 7" dense grade that we crushed a couple years ago, as well as crushed gravel. This went from the Acworth town line to Landry's driveway, approximately 1600 feet.

We replaced culverts on Walpole Valley road, and March Hill as well as a lot of ditching to prepare for 2016 paving.

We also replaced culverts on Pratt Rd, Homestead Rd, Corbin Rd and Gilsum Mine Rd. There was a lot of ditching done to these roads as well.

We did dead tree work on Thayer Brook and Pine Grove roads. We put up crushed gravel and winter sand for the year. Most of the gravel went on the dirt roads leaving us with a small pile to get started in the spring.

The transfer station ran well, we had 717.86 tons of trash in 2015.

Scrap Iron -61.71 tons
Mixed Paper - 70.23 tons
Cardboard - 35.41 tons
Aluminum Cans - 4.34 tons
Comingle - 24.71 tons
C+D -126.51 tons
Electronics - 10 tons

I would like to thank all who work for the DPW and the transfer station for a job well done.

Respectfully Submitted

David Crosby, supervisor DPW

Year	Paving schedule	<u>Approx.</u>	Approx. Per 1/10
2016	Walpole Valley rd. (Last paved 2000) and March Hill Rd (Last Paved 1996)	\$252,000.00	2.6
2017	Alstead Village & Parking lots, Fire Station/town Hall Library Ave, Summer St and Hill Rd to Cook Hill (2002)	\$229,609.00	2.35
2018	Drewsville Rd and Homestead Rd (last paved 2005)	\$133,666.00	1.3
2019	Hill Rd (From Cook Hill to 12A (State (Flood) Last Paved 2006)	\$180,047.00	1.7
2020	Pine Cliff Rd (Last Paved 2006)	\$152,712.00	1.4
2021	Pleasant St, Vilas Rd and Prospect St (Can't find any records)	\$101,124.00	0.9
2022	Thayer Brook Rd (Last Paved 2010)	\$219,887.00	1.9
2023	Lower end of Gilsum Mine Rd (Last Paved 2011)	\$202,640.00	1.7
2024	Second part of Gilsum mine rd. (Last paved 2012)	\$220,986.00	1.8
2025	North Road and Gilsum Mine to Pine Cliff (Last Paved 2013)	\$177,044.00	1.4
2026	Gilsum Mine from Pine cliff and North Road, firestation parking lot (Last Paved 2	\$260,500.00	2.0
		\$1,869,715.00	19.05

2015 Annual Report Police Department

I would like to take this opportunity give you the annual police statistics but first an update on Alstead police staffing and equipment. It has been about one year since I left the Alstead Police Department as the full-time Police Chief. I left the department to become the full-time School Resource Officer (SRO) for the Hinsdale Police Department. The choice was difficult to make but eventually I will be pursuing a career in education and working as an SRO gives me the ability to teach in the classroom and be a police officer simultaneously.

An Alstead Police Chief search committee was formed to hire a full-time replacement. Unfortunately, despite their hard work, my position was not filled. Therefore, I have offered to stay on part-time until a new Police Chief is appointed by the Selectmen's Office. Importantly, to address the immediate staffing needs of the police department I have recommended to the Selectmen that we hire a New Hampshire Academy certified police officer as soon as possible to assist the department. Currently the staff consists of a part-time chief, full-time Police Officer Landry and part-time Administrative Assistant Penny Gendron. The search and hiring process for the certified police officer is nearly complete and I'm hopeful to have us back to authorized staffing (2 full-time officers) within the next couple weeks. I am also hopeful that one of these two officers can eventually be mentored into our next Police Chief with Selectmen approval of course.

The Alstead Police Department handled over 500 police calls last year. A partial list of most frequent or significant call types are as follows:

Criminal Trespass (14), Check the Welfare (22), Harassment (12), Scams & Fraudulent Activities (20), Animal Complaints

(47), Manner of Operation (11), Neighbor Dispute (23), Alstead School Assist (17), Emergency Medical Services (22), Theft (13), Suspicious Incidents (32), Found and Lost Property (25) and Civil Issues/Civil Standbys (27). The department also made 196 Traffic Stops and handled 4 Motor Vehicle accidents, 41 Incidents and 28 Arrests, some of which resulted in Felony Indictments.

Police equipment and other stuff....as approved by warrant article last year, the police department entered into a lease agreement for a new Police Ford Interceptor. The vehicle is finally on the road and fully equipped with standard police safety features and equipment, which was a shortfall in the 2007 Ford Explorer it replaced. Officer Roger Landry is scheduled to attend police supervisor school in March and over the past year has attended the following courses: PBT (Instructor), Shotgun and Rifle Instructor and Glock Armorer. Administrative Assistant Penny Gendron has completed her first year of part time employment with the police department and has become certified as a Justice of the Peace. The Alstead Police Department is now working on updating our website and has a Facebook page, check it out for current information and links.

Sincerely Chief Marcello D'Alessandro

2015 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

Last year was a busy one for the Fire Department with an increase in calls of almost 10% for a total of 76.

Over the past year members attended training that included:

- Radios and their Usage in Alstead
- Leadership Class in Lempster
- Dartmouth Helicopter Ground Safety Class
- Clandestine Drug Lab Training
- Auto Extrication in Alstead
- Pump Operator Class in Alstead
- Big Wrecker Rescue, sponsored by S.G. Reed, in Lempster

Fire Prevention Training was held at the Alstead Primary School.

We had one new dry hydrant installation @ Kidder Pond (Morning Sun) off of Gilsum Mine Road. We would like to thank the folks from Morning Sun for their help with this installation.

I would like to remind everyone that if you do not have visible house numbers, it could result in a delay in our arrival, so please put your numbers up where they are visible from the road.

I would also like to remind everyone that with no snow cover (100' radius) permits are required to burn clean and untreated brush only. You may contact one of the following people to obtain a permit:

Kim Kercewich @ 835-2928

David Crosby @ 209-5353

Michael or Jodi Kercewich @ 835-2520

You may also obtain a permit online @ www.nhdf.org by clicking

on Fire Control and Law Enforcement – and then click on Fire Permits. There is a \$3 charge for the electronic permit.

I would like to list our present apparatus, including year of manufacture and location:

Engine 1-Manufactured in 1987-housed-Village Fire Station

Engine 3-Manufactured in 2000-housed-East Station

Both Engines carry 1000 gallons of water, have a 1250 gpm pump and carry assorted hose, hand tools and equipment.

Tanker 1-Manufactured in 2007-housed-East Station-carries 3000 gallons of water and has a 500 gpm pump.

Rescue 1-Manufactured in 1984-housed-East Station-carries Jaws of Life, cribbing, hand rescue tools and basic EMS equipment.

Brush 1-Manufactured in 1967-housed-East Station-carries 200 gallons of water, assorted Forestry hand tools and back pack pumps.

Brush 1 is on loan from the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forests and Lands to the Alstead Fire Department. It is insured and maintained by the town and registered by the State of New Hampshire.

I would like to thank the members of the department for their service and dedication to the department and the town of Alstead. Also, I would like to thank the community for their support and assistance over the last year, including the support to purchase a new engine. We are always looking to enlarge our roster and anyone wishing to join the department may contact a member or the Municipal Office for information and an application.

Activity Report 2015

Mutual Aid Calls-14
Trees and/or Wires Down-11
Illegal Burns-9
Motor Vehicle Accidents-6
First Alarm Fires-5
Assist the Ambulance-5
Smoke Investigations-4
Automatic Fire Alarms-3
Chimney Fires-3
Odor Investigations-3
Carbon Monoxide Alarms-2
Public Service-Snow Removal From Roofs-2
Brush Fires-1
Career Day-Vilas Middle School-1
Elevator Alarms-1
Funeral Coverage-1
Fire Prevention @ Alstead Primary School-1
Hazardous Material-1
Medical Helicopter Landing Zones-1
Subject Stuck in Elevator-1
Skidder Fire-1
Vehicle Fire-1
Water Through Ceiling-1

Fire Department Meetings-10
In-House Trainings-10

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Kercewich, Chief, Alstead Fire Department

2015 Annual Report Ambulance Squad

I would like to start by thanking Anton Elbers for his years as Captain of the Ambulance, his dedication is an inspiration to us all.

In 2015 our department experienced numerous changes. In July 2015, I was appointed to Captain of our Ambulance department. I would like to thank all the members of our department for their support during this time of change. In the coming year the Town of Alstead and its citizens will observe our new members though out the community. I will continue to move our department forward in the future. We will continue to train our members, bringing our residents the best possible care. The Alstead Ambulance members acquired new protective clothing (gear) in line with current industry standards.

The Alstead Ambulance Squad would like to thank our Select Board and Fire department for their continued support in 2016.

The Alstead Ambulance is always looking for new members. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in serving his or her community is invited to attend these meeting.

Respectfully,

Capt. Jesse Moore

Alstead Ambulance Squad

2015 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board held fourteen meetings this past year. The Board received two new Subdivision requests, one of which was for a major subdivision. A third subdivision was finalized, which had begun in 2014.

The regular meeting of the Alstead Planning Board is held on the second Monday of each month at the Alstead Municipal Building at 7:00PM. Work meetings are scheduled, as needed, on the fourth Monday of the month. Anyone interested in participating is welcome.

The Board still has openings, and a great need, for two Full Members and Alternate Members. If interested, please contact any Member of the Planning Board, or Members of the Select Board, for more information. We would welcome your participation and input! **This is a great time to get involved!**

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden/Administrative Assistant

Peter Rhoades, Chairman
Joyce Curll
Ellen Chase

Gloria Seddon
David Konesko
Matt Saxton/ex officio

Randall Rhoades - Alternate

2015 Annual Report Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had eleven meetings this year. There was one Variance Public Hearing, and two Special Exception Hearings. All three proposals passed. There were also a few preconceptual visits from people inquiring about possible upcoming proposals/projects.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome.

For a few years the Board has been looking for one additional Member, and at least one additional Alternate Member. Any citizen interested in becoming a Member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, a Member of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk. **Your participation would be welcomed, and is truly needed!** Please consider getting involved!!!!

Dennis Molesky, Chairman
Joseph Cartwright, Vice Chairman
Samuel Sutcliffe, Member
Kevin Clark, Member
Hans Waldmann, Alternate Member
David Konesko, Alternate Member

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Marsden, Administrative Assistant

2015 Annual Report

Alstead Conservation Commission

The Alstead Conservation Commission had a busy year with our ongoing programs and projects, which include the Arbor Day celebration and poster contest at the Vilas Middle School, Earth Day Road Cleanup, paying attention to our important wetland, water courses and shore lands to prevent any misuse and monitoring the Conservation Easements that the Town holds.

Arbor Day - A cloudy day couldn't dampen the spirits of the Vilas School and Alstead Elementary School students last April. Arbor Day went on as expected and with all the enthusiasm of the students who would start their spring break at the end of the school day.

Mitch Harrison stepped in for Principal Gail Rowe and recognized all the guests. They included David Moody, Sarah Webb, Joyce Campbell-Counts and Marilou Blaine of the Alstead Conservation Commission along with Selectman Chris Reitmann.

Moody lead the students, teachers and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance and talked about the history of Arbor Day. Reitmann read the Arbor Day proclamation and invited the students to fill in the regular "whereas" whenever it appeared in the proclamation. They did so with loud clear voices.

Marilou Blaine announced the winners of the Arbor Day Poster Contest. The theme was "What animals and Insects Use Trees?" There was a tie for the first-place winner: Serena Rathke and Paige Young. Fiori Mitchell came in second and Avery Stewart came in third. Judge observed what the students were studying in social studies as sloths, green frogs and tigers were present in the drawings.

Demonstrators were folk artist Art Anderson and his wife, Pat. Who can't love the wonderful animals and objects this pair showed to the students? My favorite is the cow with swinging udders.

Students took part in the demonstrations this year. Fifth-graders showed the rest of the classes how to make bluebird houses and a group of three 7th-grade science students – Avery Honey, Katie Nelson and Lianne Thompson – expertly demonstrated how an aquifer works. Even the youngest preschoolers were interested. Great job girls!

Commissioner Sarah Webb had a map of the Alstead watersheds, there are two, and asked students to select which watershed they lived in. Even the primary school students were eager to point out where they lived on the big map, even if they didn't know what a watershed was.

Fifth-and-8th-graders read original poems as well as ones appropriate for the occasion.

The elementary school students sang songs they learned in music class and did all the hand movements to accompany the song. The 5th-and 6th-grade chorus entertained the entire school. A very nice day was had by all.

Earth Day – The Earth Day road cleanup occurred on Saturday, April 25. Nine road sections were cleaned with approximately 10 to 15 miles covered. Many families and individuals participated including several who annually keep their adjacent roadside clean without actually signing up for a road section. The most active roads were Camp Brook, Pratt, Homestead and Hill Roads. Thank you to Alstead Highway Department as usual for picking up the blue bags.

Town Forest/Trails – A timber harvest was completed this fall over a portion of the Town Forest. The proceeds (\$14,795) will go to the town General Fund minus payment to the Forester. We are very happy that this has been completed and look forward to a walk in the Spring with forester Peter Rhoades. The Nature Trail was not touched by the harvest. The Farmstead Trail will need to be reworked and a reconnaissance of the logged area will be needed to connect to the Nature Trail still needs to be done.

Work was done on the Pratt Rock Trail by some of the commissioners, but large trees on either side of the trail still need to be cut.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilou Blaine
Sara Webb

January 2016



2015 Annual Report Cemetery Commission

Through the dedicated work of Reginald Clark, Kevin Beal, and Ernie Rhoades, our cemeteries have been maintained in excellent condition.

Three dead or dying trees at Slade Cemetery, four at Alstead Center Cemetery, and two at West Cemetery, were taken down and removed with the five thousand dollars approved under Article 12 in March, 2015. Removal of dead trees eliminates future damage to grave stones and monuments.

The new iron fence was installed by Taylor Welding at the North Cemetery. With money donated by Ann DeLancey, another section of stone wall at North Cemetery was rebuilt by Scott Taylor.

A dying large pine tree along Pine Grove Cemetery near the entrance was taken down by the Alstead Highway Department.

Cemetery Lots may be acquired by contacting Reginald Clark, Cemetery Commissioner, at 603-835-6007.

Respectfully,

Cemetery Commission
Reginald Clark
Ellen Chase
Bruce Bellows

2015 Annual Report Trustee of Trust Funds

2015 was a good year for returns on our investments, until the end of the year, but overall we realized a good return for 2015

New cemetery trust fund added for 2015. Virginia Curly – \$200.00 Alstead Center Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted
Trustee of Trust Funds
Bruce A. Bellows
Reginald Clark
Ellen Chase



2015 Annual Report

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee

In August 2014 the Alstead Select Board called for volunteers to join an advisory budget committee. This committee has no statutory power; we advise the Selectmen and inform Alstead citizens regarding budget and taxation matters.

The committee currently has 12 volunteers: Bonnie Chase, Glenn Elsesser, Chris Hansen, Marge Noonan, Carol Reller (Acting Chairman), Donna Sabin, Priscilla Sawa (Secretary), Nick Sintros, Juliana Stevens, Sam Sutcliffe, Les Thomas, and Mary Ann Wolf. Many thanks to the hard-working volunteers who left the committee this year: Chris Reitmann, Dan Curll, and Jonathan Wildes.

Much of the work done this year was done by the AABC sub-committees.

The **Financial Process, Tools & Reports** subcommittee defined a calendar for the annual budget process. We documented how data flows between the town and the Department of Revenue Administration. We evaluated the software currently used to track revenues and expenditures, designed new report formats, and drafted a Capital Improvement Plan.

The **Quarterly Report** subcommittee created three reports. The Q2 report explained why the tax rate in June is the same as the previous December and showed the sources of town revenue. The Q3 report explained the impact of property assessments on our tax bills. The last report showed how tax rates are set.

The **Emergency Management Study Group**, while technically not a subcommittee of AABC, included three members from the AABC's Public Safety subcommittee. The EMSG wrote the job description that was used in the search for a new Police Chief,

made recommendations to the Select Board regarding emergency preparedness and the position of Emergency Management Director, and worked with the Fire Department to create a proposal for a new fire truck.

The **DPW** subcommittee worked with the DPW on better recording of hours spent on tasks, and on better management of the trash compactor and trips to Claremont. We helped define high/low priority routes for snow-plowing.

The AABC worked with the department heads and with the Selectmen on the 2016 operating budget and warrant articles. Our goals were to keep the amount to be raised by new taxes to a minimum and to prioritize spending on infrastructure (bridges and highways) and public safety (replacing the old fire engine and rescue truck). We have posted a punch list of tasks for the coming year at <http://www.alsteadnh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Jan-2016-punch-list.pdf>.

We are always looking for new members. Check the town calendar (<http://www.alsteadnh.org/calendar>) for our next meeting, and come join us!

2015 Annual Report Emergency Management Study Group (EMSG)

In the spring of 2015, the Town of Alstead Board of Selectmen formed the Alstead Emergency Management Study Group (EMSG) to help determine what the Town of Alstead needs for Emergency Services and what it is willing to support financially.

In particular, the committee was tasked with reviewing the most urgent needs of the Police Department, the Emergency Management function, the Fire Department, and the Ambulance Squad. Major concerns of the Board of Selectmen are continuing to attract volunteer staffing where needed and to provide the necessary equipment in a cost-effective and efficient manner.

The EMSG has been composed of seven volunteers: - Bobbie Wilson, Anne Cartwright, Matt Saxton, Ed Reller , Priscilla Sawa, Bonnie Laffond-Chase, and Carol Reller.

The initial focus of the EMSG was the Alstead Police Department. The EMSG agreed that this was a priority based on the resignation of current Police Chief D'Alessandro. After reviewing numerous documents and statistics, the EMSG recommended that the Town maintain a Police Department staffed with a full time Police Chief, a Patrol Officer, and a Part Time Clerk, and that the Police Department continue to follow its current community-oriented policing policies and methods. The EMSG developed a job description for the Police Chief, which was used in a search to fill this position. The full list of recommendations for the Police Department presented to the Board of Selectmen in April 2015 can be found on the town webpage at <http://www.alsteadnh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/EMSG-PD-Recommendations.pdf>.

Emergency Management was taken up as our second topic mainly because the Emergency Management Director (EMD), Clarence Meyer, was ready to retire. The EMSG again reviewed a number of facts and documents. We also met with both Clarence Meyer and Craig Beaulac (Cheshire County Field Representative for NH Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HS/EM)).

To develop recommendations, the EMSG considered how to prepare and organize for disaster recovery and how to reduce the burden on the community and the EMD. We are concerned that the FEMA requirements imposed on communities and their EMD's might only increase over time, potentially requiring permanent employees or regionalization amongst neighboring towns. However, at this time, we identified three main concerns – replacing the outgoing EMD, ensuring manpower availability if an emergency occurs, and updating the plans required by FEMA. The full list of recommendations presented to the Board of Selectmen in June 2015 can be found on the town webpage at <http://www.alsteadnh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/EMSG-EM-Recommendations.pdf>.

Since July, the EMSG has focused on working with the Fire Department to discuss how best to meet the needs of the town in a cost-effective and safe manner. We have worked closely with Chief Kim Kercewich, Captain Matt Goodell, and Lieutenant George Moore. As a group, we determined that there was a need to replace Engine 1 and Rescue 1 and this should be our first priority. Again, after much research on the types of fire trucks available and their cost, the cost and feasibility of refurbishing existing trucks, or buying used, a joint recommendation of the EMSG and the Fire Department is that the Town purchase a single combination vehicle – a rescue/pumper engine – to replace both Engine 1 and Rescue 1. This will save on the purchase price, as well as on the cost of insuring and maintaining two vehicles. A specification was developed for this engine and sent out to eight vendors in November. Four vendors responded with bids that are currently being evaluated. A warrant article appears on the 2016 ballot for this truck. For more details on this recommendation, see <http://www.alsteadnh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/EMSG-FD-Recommendations.pdf>.

The EMSG will continue to meet to address other needs within the fire department and will then move on to review any areas where we can offer help and suggestions to the Ambulance Squad.

As always, we invite new members to join our committee at any time.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Reller, EMSG Chairperson

2015 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Memorial Librarian's Report

Small rural libraries can never compete with the funding of larger libraries. We will never have the same amount of new releases or trendy new gadgets that our sister libraries enjoy. However, at our best, small libraries can outpace larger libraries by providing personal customer service, by knowing our patrons well and by having a collection and programming which reflects this intimate connection between library and community. In 2015, our year was shaped and enriched by the talents, ideas, suggestions, participation and support of people from the towns of Alstead and Langdon.

Over the course of 2015, the library was supported by the community in these and many other ways:

- Volunteers worked 248 hours for the library— our thanks to regular volunteers Cynthia Phippen, Jessi Dussault, Eleanor Elbers and Margaret Perry for all they do.
- Noah Elbers at Orchard Hill Breadworks hosted a Pizza Night which benefitted the library. Orchard Hill Breadworks donated over \$1,200 to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library from this event.
- The Holmes family donated funds to support The Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Program. Their generous donations enable us to grow programming for area children.

In 2015, we hosted monthly events, many of which were presented by local volunteers:

- Hadrian's Wall – presented by Julie Stevens and Bob Brown
- Ernie Hebert discussed his books, his writing and his new creative efforts
- Poetry Party – local patrons gathered to share favorite poems
- Helen Frink discussed her latest book, *Oil, Ice and Bone*
- Over the Sea to Skye, Uist, and Canna- pictures, stories and songs from the Scottish Hebrides presented by Kathy Torrey
- Living and Working at the Mount Washington Observatory

- Saturday morning coffee and conversation – hosted by Joel McCarty on the final Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Children's events from 2015:

- Weekly Storytime with Jessi Dussault – Fridays at 3:30, September through June
- CLiF grant finale with storyteller Simon Brooks
- Mural Making with Eleanor Elbers
- Local Heroes - David Crosby, Bobbie Taylor Wilson, Louis Lemay and Kim Kercewich kicked off our summer programming for local children, sharing what the highway department, ambulance crew and fire department do for the town
- Mariposa Museum – Hanuman the Monkey Hero
- Collage Making with Jessi Dussault
- Magic Show with Peter Boie
- Family Concert with Will Buchan and Lois Buchan
- Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Club – 36 Prek-2nd grade children and 27 3rd-8th grade students tracked summer reading at the library
- Scarecrow Party
- Gingerbread House Party with the storytime crew

During 2015, we:

- Circulated 17,576 items, including 1,626 downloads from the New Hampshire Downloadable Books site
<http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/>
- Added 721 items to the shelves
- Enjoyed 11,804 patron visits
- Welcomed 76 new patrons
- Provided computer access to 1,428 visitors
- Made use of the state interlibrary loan system to borrow 1,180 items from other libraries and to loan 420 of our books to libraries across the state.

I would like to thank assistant librarians Gaale Klein and Jessi Dussault for all they do to help the library run smoothly. We are grateful to Laura LaMears for keeping our building both clean and beautiful.

Our trustees, Mary Lou Huffling, Matt Gillette, Jeff Smull, Heather Jasmin and Susan Norlander put in countless hours and careful consideration to their support and governance of the library. The town and the library are fortunate to have them as leaders and stewards of our cultural institution. Sadly, 2015 marks the final year of Mary Lou Huffling's trusteeship. She first joined the board in the 1970s and has remained a friend and supporter for all these years. The library was privileged to have her advocacy, knowledge, unwavering loyalty and devotion. She will be greatly missed.

We encourage all community members to come to the library in 2016. Your suggestions for purchases and programs are extremely valuable to us and the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is a better place for them.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelli Huntley, Director



Shedd-Porter Memorial Library **Financial Report of the Library Trustees** **For the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2015**

	Balance 01/01/15	Net Gain (Loss)	Balance 12/31/15
<u>Private Trusts</u>			
*John & Mary Shedd Trust	\$92,600.71	(\$2,404.86)	\$90,191.85
<u>Book Funds</u>			
Holmes Summer Reading Fund	4,750.55	(74.12)	4,676.43
Maxine Craig Fund	1,821.84	(13.62)	1,816.22
Ruth Gleason Lufkin Fund	14,533.59	(215.86)	14,317.73
Total Book Funds	21,113.98	(303.60)	20,810.38
<u>Operating Accounts</u>			
Reed Family Foundation	14,993.02	14,709.67	29,702.69
Mr. & Mrs. Pitcher Fund	25,272.08	(375.09)	24,896.99
Savings Account	16,858.59	(189.14)	16,669.45
Checking Account	3,976.40	(2088.22)	1,887.58
Total Operating Accts	61,100.09	12,056.62	73,156.71
Grand Totals	174,814.78	9,344.16	184,158.94

*The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library is restricted to receiving only earnings from this fund and cannot draw on the principal.
 Respectively Submitted, Jeff Smull (Treasurer)

2015 Annual Report

Shedd Porter Library Trustees

Libraries are inextricably linked to civilization. They store our accumulations of knowledge, holding it for posterity and cast it into the future. They teach our children, inform our opinions and inspire our poets and storytellers. They are muse for our arts, warehouses for our histories, and consistently stand as a reference as we refashion our philosophies through time. Our public library system guarantees that their contents are accessible to all.

Alstead is blessed to have one of the most beautiful public libraries in New England. More importantly, we are fortunate to have an engaged and diverse patronage without whom we would not have a library. We are grateful for the support you have shown through your tax dollars and your checkouts.

Two thousand and fifteen proved to be another exciting year, filled with challenges and rewards. Patron visitations continue to increase, a trend we have been pleased to witness since hiring Shelli Huntley as Director. The Trustees are truly grateful for Director Huntley's patient commitment to her duties and to the people of our community. Her leadership, perseverance and clear vision combined with her humor, humility and wisdom have uniquely transformed and modernized our library and we stand to applaud her service.

We also wish to extend our deepest appreciation for our staff, assistant librarians, Gaale Klein and Jessi Dussualt. Throughout our transformation these women have worked diligently and with true passion for our mission. Their commitment and affection for our library cannot be overstated. And we thank Laura LaMears who keeps our public space clean and inviting. Together these women make our library a second home for so many.

Of course, without volunteerism our library would undoubtedly be more expensive to operate. We offer a special thanks to all the generous folks who commit a few hours here and there to make a project or program run more efficiently. We are always looking for ways to improve services and programming, so committed volunteers can often make uniquely specialized or cultural contributions while mitigating the burden on tax payers. Thanks to everyone who volunteers their time in this busy world.

We wish to specifically acknowledge the Reed Family Foundation for continuing to support the legacy of the Shedd-Porter family and their commitment to public libraries. To all those that donate financial gifts to our library - you are the heart of our procurement and programming budgets and you have our perennial gratitude.

Fiscally, we believe the library is on a steady path, since moving our investments to our new fiduciary in 2014. Though the recent volatility in global markets has proved challenging, we are confident that our approach is reasonable and oriented towards long term growth.

Finally, it is with heavy hearts that we bear the news that Mary Lou Huffling has chosen not to stand for re-election this year. She is an inspiring yet gentle voice with an institutional knowledge that cannot be replaced. Mary Lou has served many long and tireless years in various roles in our community and we wish her well as she continues her work at the Friendly Meals and Fall Mountain Food Shelf. We know that she will remain committed to our mission and always advocate for public libraries. We will miss serving with her immensely. Thank you for your fellowship throughout the years, Mary Lou.

So, another year has come and gone, and the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library continues to grow and prosper. Our library has seen remarkable change over the last one hundred and five years. It is our great hope that the next hundred years our library will birth new generations of scholars, artists and leaders and remain the kindling of curiosity for young and old alike. Today, as we revere this institution and the sense of permanence made manifest

by its prominence in our village, we should not only remember its history, but also take good care that its future is secure and congruent with the needs of the patrons of tomorrow. Though our mission will inevitably evolve across the promenade of time, this great building will be with us for many centuries to come. And, just as its weathered granite and its storied mahogany and marble beckoned readers long since passed we take solace in knowing that these artifacts will continue to welcome their descendants in our ceaseless pursuit of understanding the worlds far away and deep inside. With these thoughts we forge ahead.

Take good care,

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library, Board of Trustees

Matt Gillette

Mary Lou Huffling

Heather Jasmin

Susan Norlander

Jeff Smull

2015 Annual Report

Alstead Historical Society

Our dedicated volunteers, as time permits, continue to organize, sort, research, and file our vast collection of photo's, documents, maps, letter and other materials. We are creating files of family names, which contain any information pertaining to that family, such as photo's, genealogy, deeds, wills, businesses owned, etc. This is a work in progress and we would like to add your family name to our files. Please stop by our office in the municipal building any Wednesday afternoon from 1: pm to 4:00 pm and help us add your family to our Alstead Historical Society file.

This past year we received historical material and items for our records and museum from Stanley and Robin Kmiec, Don and Barbara Porter, Ed and Carol Reller, Margaret Bost and Ann DeLancey.

Alstead Historical Society presented three program during 2015. In April, David Stewart-Smith presented "Native American History of New Hampshire Beyond Boundaries, circa 1700 – 1850". In July, Bruce Bellows presented a program with early photos of "150 Years of Mining in Alstead and Its Importance To Our Local Economy and The War Effort in WWII". In August, a program "Vanished Veterans and New Hampshire Civil War Monuments" was presented by George Morrison from the New Hampshire Humanities To Go Program.

In October, the Alstead Historical Society helped to organize a 10th anniversary remembrance of the Alstead Flood of 2005. We set up our large display of the before and after flood maps and hundreds of pictures and other flood memories at the town hall in Alstead.

We continue to share our collection with others and currently have a Lufkin Plow and other items on display at the Cheshire County Historical Society in Keene, NH thru June of 2016.

We also have loaned a model of our early paper mill to the Monadnock Center for History and Culture at the Peterborough Historical Society to be part of their Monadnock Trivia Exhibit that runs thru May 27, 2016.

By loaning these items to other organizations, more people get to see them and learn about some of Alstead's history.

During 2015, the Alstead Historical Society received a number of small donations and three grants, L-Chip \$200.00, Exon Mobile (thanks to Rich and Joy Nalevanko) \$500.00, and the MacDonald Foundation (thanks to Catherine MacDonald) \$500. We use these funds for archive materials, office supplies, office equipment, and for conservation projects.

The Board of Trustees of the Alstead Historical Society meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the municipal building. You are welcome to join us or stop by our office on any Wednesday from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Thanks you to the Town of Alstead and its residents for your support in our effort to preserve our history.

Respectfully,

Bruce A. Bellows, AHS President

2015 Annual Report

Vilas Pool Report

The Vilas Pool Committee is very happy to report a most Successful Season in 2015. First we would like to Thank the many Volunteers who came to help on Weekends in May to start our Annual daunting task of Spring cleanup after a rough winter! A special Thanks to Sonja & Mike Gallup for fitting us in your Spring Cleanup schedule at the last minute so we were able to complete the final task before opening Day, on June 3, 2015.

John Goodwin returned as Vilas Pool Manager at the beginning of the Season but due to failing health issues, sadly John had to resign. Thank you John for your dedication and Love you gave to Vilas Pool during your time. We wish you the very best with your medical Issues and pray for a speedy recovery. Please come back to visit us!

Ashley Buffum who had been hired as a Staff member for the Season was hired on as the new Manager. Ashley brought her previous Manager skills as well as her people skills to Vilas Pool. Her daughter and family are such a great addition to Vilas Pool. Ashley is experienced at Landscaping and has planted and re-done many eye sore spots around the facility. She brings youth, and great ideas & is all about the family unit spending time together. She excelled with wanting to make Vilas Pool a place to bring your family next Season. Ashley would love to see more community involvement and participation from all our surrounding communities. Other part time Staff members were Ethan Stewart, Hanna Rhoades & Myah Wilson. Thank You all for your help in making it a special Season.

Girl Scouts held a weekend Jamboree with a full house. John's Father's Day BBQ was a great success as well as Pool Day had over 300 signers to our guest book.

The Snack Shack, face painting, Animal Show, numerous local Vendors, ringing of the Bell Chimes and boating were all very popular that day. Alstead Fire Department and Ambulance crew also joined in this year's event, Thank you everyone who assisted in making this a special Community event for so many to enjoy! Children and Adult Yoga with Elizabeth Burnell was very Popular as well as Zumba with Ajlan LaRock & Wednesday Cribbage day. Jim Pecora held "Mines and Mining" an Open Forum that was well attended. 4 beautiful weddings took place as well as numerous birthday events. Everyone made Memories that will last them a lifetime.

Lots of excitement grew as ground breaking for the new playground equipment was taking place. Thank You Josh Perry for all your hard work and ideas & donation. A very special Thanks go out to Mr. & Mrs. Dan Shurburne for allowing the trucks to enter from your property. Thank You for your continued support! The playground could not have happened without your Support for allowing access to the large equipment.

Many families enjoyed camping and new electrical outlets and showers were installed this Season to better accommodate the campers.

The two big highlights for the Season was the installing of the new Playground and the dredging of debris and silt so we were able to

once again open the gate. Thank You to the Fuzzy Brothers LLC and everyone involved with this project.

The Season ended with the 3rd Annual Vilas Pool Music Festival and fireworks that were shot off over Vilas Pool, enjoyed by so many.

We would like to Thanks Gary Skillings and John Pasquarelli for their hard work & efforts at assisting us in making this event so successful. Thanks to all the Musicians and Vendor's who made it a special day for so many to enjoy. We would like to Thank Jessie Moore for overseeing the firework display ensuring safety for all. Vilas Pool is such a valuable asset to our Community, how lucky we are to have this spot in our back yards.

2016 Season. Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit us, enjoy a day with your family playing on our new playground, let the kids enjoy the giant sandbox. The family can play Horseshoes, Hockey, Ping Pong, & foes ball. Don't forget to visit the Historic Bell Carillon and play the chimes, boating, visit the Snack Shack or just enjoy a good ole fashion family Picnic or BBQ at the number One spot in Alstead!

We thank everyone who helped make 2015 such a successful year and look for to an exciting 2016 Season. We would like to Thank the Alstead Selectman and The Alstead Police department for your continued support as well as all our Supporters, without everyone working together to make Vilas Pool a fun Community spot, this wonderful Historic spot would not survive the times.

2016 Summer Season looks Exciting already! mark your Calendar & join us!

Vilas Pool Day - July 9th

Vilas Pool 4th Annual Music Festival - September 10th

5 scheduled Weddings and many Campers already booked for 2016 Season.

Respectfully submitted by,

Syrene Porter Secretary

Bobbie Wilson Chairman

Stephen Blake

A very Special Thanks to Kathy Rich - Volunteer Financial Record Keeper



2015 Annual Report Cold River Local Advisory Committee

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee (CRLAC) functions to advise the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole, New Hampshire on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River and its tributaries. It reviews river corridor projects that require state and federal permits and works to promote improvements to the river and its tributaries. It seeks to enhance public awareness of the issues affecting the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2015 included:

- **Membership:** Two longtime and valued members retired in 2015. Mike Heidorn(hydrologist, from Alstead). He tested the health of the Cold River at least three time per year, in 70 locations, and sent the results to DES for inclusion in their data... Sam Sutcliffe(also from Alstead), with his precise mind and extensive knowledge of science, will be missed. As will his gentle wit. And we are delighted that Sue Lichty from Lempster has rejoined CRLAC. Sue has volunteered to join river testing expeditions with Mitch Harrison and others. Gary Speed will replace Sam as our treasurer.
- **Warren Brook:** continued effort has been made to extend restoration work on Warren Brook by another 900 feet. Coordination with the Town of Alstead, our hydrologic engineer, contractors, and financial contributors has been ongoing. Without additional funds, this restoration will not be completed.
- **Water Quality:** water quality testing has continued in some 70 locations. Replacement of testing equipment is still under review. Testing includes conductivity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and turbidity.
- 36 eighth grade students from Walpole, as part of their science course, did benthic invertebrate studies to

determine the health of the Cold River behind the Alstead town office. Their research demonstrated that the river was free of pollutants and in excellent health.

- For seven years running the 7th grade science students in Alstead have taken part in the Brook Trout in the Class Room Program. Throughout the spring they evaluate the water quality of the Cold River using many different measurements and reporting them to CRLAC.
- Vilas Pool: its gates have been freed and opened after a significant buildup of sediment. The Town of Alstead is putting in place a maintenance plan; CRLAC has advised on when opening gates should occur to minimize wildlife damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Ernst (Chair), Deborah Hinman and Carol Wallace (Acworth), Mitch Harrison (Alstead), Catherine MacDonald (Langdon), Susan Lichty (Lempster), Fred Ernst, Gary Speed, and Kim Lewis (Walpole).

2015 Annual Report

Fall Mt. Emergency Foodshelf

2015 was a wonder filled year at the Foodshelf. The spirit of generosity, love, and caring exhibited by the local communities was very inspiring and heart warming. The spirit of kindness and the tremendous reaching out to help those in need was strongly felt by the Foodshelf volunteers and those we serve.

In 2015 we had a large number of people needing help with food. Thanks to all the wonderful donors we were able to provide good nutritious food to all who came to us for help. We are grateful for the many families, individuals, local businesses, churches (many who do monthly food collections, organizations, schools and their staff, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H Groups, foundations, and others who throughout the year did tremendous monetary and food collections for us. Generous monetary donations are received from the thrift shop at the Walpole Recycling Center. We also appreciate all of the banana boxes and plastic bags that are donated by the Recycling Center. It helps so much with our distribution of food. It is this inspirational community outpouring and outreach that made it possible for us to meet the food needs of our neighbors.

In 2015 14,503 times families came to the Foodshelf for food. These families included 56,099 individuals. We were very blest to be able to provide them with 1,746,788 nutritious meals. We also provided 1,028 families with wonderful Thanksgiving dinner boxes. It is exciting to be able to help so many needy families have a delicious holiday dinner with their loved one. Many left in tears of gratitude with their boxes. It is also so awesome all the help we have filling the boxes. We had so many wonderful high school student, 4H members, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and community members. It was such a beautiful heartwarming experience for all.

Everything we do at the Foodshelf to help our neighbors is because of the tremendous love, caring, and dedication of our

many volunteers who give so very much of themselves and their time to helping others. They all work hard together to make it all happen from trucking food, ordering, shopping, stocking shelves and freezers, loading and unloading trucks and shipments on pallets, helping the clients, and all that it takes for it all to come together so all the needs for food will be met. People feel welcome and cared for when they come for food. The wonderful way people are treated is food for their spirits.

We and those we serve greatly appreciate our towns for their continued support these many years. We are grateful to the towns of Langdon and Charlestown for providing space for our Foodshelf sites. Both sites serve us and our clients well. The sites are very accessible for clients and for the truck loads of food we bring in. With the need for food so great, we often have 9,000 to 12,000 pounds of food to unload. We appreciate the other town's monetary donations that help with the purchase of food. We are grateful for all the towns caring. We are thankful for the Foodshelf Advisory Committee with members from the towns who are working with our board to develop plans for the future of the Foodshelf.

Bread is a staple in almost every household and we have been so blest to receive weekly donations of bread and baked goods from Bouyea-Fassetts in Keene, Shaw's, Price Chopper, and the Alstead Village Market. We greatly appreciate the food donated to us and the food we can purchase from the NH Food Bank, the Discount Food Warehouse, Mr.G's, Ralph's Supermarket, and the Claremont Walmart. We also are blest to receive government surplus food every two months.

For the 8th year our "Grow a Row for the Foodshelf was a tremendous success. The local farm stands, many farmers, gardening groups, and local families regularly donated many varieties and large quantities of local grown produce. People were so happy and excited to receive fresh produce. Many canned and froze the fresh vegetables and fruit for the winter. The local grown produce is a wonderful gift to share with the

needy families. We are looking forward to another wonderful growing season and lots of wonderful donations.

We will be having two matching grant fund raisers this year. There will be one from March 1 until April 30th and the second from Labor Day to Thanksgiving Day. We are blest to have a NH family foundation willing to do this for the Foodshelf. They are very committed to providing food for the needy that come for help. We are very grateful for their support and generosity, and caring.

Thank you all so very much for you loving, generous support of the Foodshelf in 2015 and throughout our 36 plus years of caring for our needy neighbors. It is so wonderful to be part of such caring and generous communities that truly care about the well being of their neighbors. Many blessings to everyone in 2016! May you all have a wonder filled year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling, Director

2015 Annual Report Fall Mt. Friendly Meals

Our 28th year was another year of good fellowship, fun times, and good food as we break bread together every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 o'clockish at the Alstead Fire Station. People come to enjoy a nutritious, full-course, home-cooked meal cooked and served with love. Friendly Meals is food for the body and food for the spirit.

A wonderful spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at the Friendly Meals. Our dedicated group of volunteers has made the meals program successful these past 28 years. Many have been volunteering for all 28 years! Volunteers transport the food, help cook the meals, set up the meal site, serve the meals, prepare the meals on wheels, deliver the meals on wheels, and clean up. These wonderful, giving volunteers have brought good healthy meals and much joy and love into the lives of so many people.

In 2015 we provided 29,703 hot meals to individuals in the five towns in the Fall Mountain area. There has been a big increase in delivering meals this year. We average delivering 255 meals each Tuesday and Thursday to people in all the towns. The meals provide the people with a nutritious, healthy home cooked meal and helps them to be able to stay in their homes. It is also heartwarming to have someone stop by with a good full course meal and chat a bit. People look forward to having a good meal and a visit. We are blest to have so many wonderful folks who give of their hearts and time to deliver all the meals twice a week. It is a beautiful gift.

We are thankful to the Town of Alstead for the use of the Fire Station these 28 years and for our kitchen on Bragg Lane. It has been a magnificent gift that has touched the lives of so many people these many years. We are grateful to the Town of Langdon for the use of storage space next to the Foodshelf so we are able to store food before we take it to the kitchen.

During the summer we were blest with many delicious fresh vegetables donated by our local farmers and gardeners. Fresh produce is so healthy and tastes so good. The people loved them.

The Friendly Meals are entirely supported by local donations. Volunteers run Helen's Haven Thrift Shop at the Alstead Transfer Station and all donations goes to support the Friendly Meals Program. We do not receive any state or federal funding. We do receive some government surplus. All donations are used to purchase food and supplies for serving the food and for some vehicle maintenance. The Friendly Meals is an all-volunteer organization and has no administrative costs. We are very grateful for the many people and groups that donate to us and help to make the Friendly Meals available for all our folks.

We will have a matching grant fund raiser this year sponsored by a NH Family Foundation.

Thank you for your continued caring and support these 28 years. Many lives have been touched and blest by the meals program. It means so much to so many. Many blessings to all of you in 2016!

2016 will be another wonderful year of sharing meals together every Tuesday and Thursday.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling, Director

2015 BIRTHS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's/Partner's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
1/21	Keene, NH	Robarge, Addisyn Joan	Robarge, Joshua	Robarge, Nicole
1/23	Keene, NH	Cremonti, Logan Matteo	Cremonti, Nicholas	Faber, Monika
2/14	Lebanon, NH	Blodgett, Natalie Ann	Blodgett, Jeffrey	Perham, Steffanie
3/18	Keene, NH	Farnsworth-Perham, Lyle James	Farnsworth-Perham, Caleb	Brehio, Savanna
5/18	Keene, NH	Beer, Ellery Kathryn	Beer, Joshua	Beer, Ajjan
7/06	Keene, NH	Gauthier, Lillian Rylie	Gauthier, Aaron	Jenna, Marjorie
7/14	Keene, NH	Smith, Winston Philip Joseph	Smith, Alexander	Smith, Heather
8/18	Keene, NH	Moncrief, Griffin Henry	Moncrief, Henry	Stancliff, Courtney
8/22	Peterborough, NH	Black, Lyla Jean	Black, Corey	Black, Janelle
8/26	Swansey, NH	Ward, Isaiah Winter	Ward, Austin	Ward, Greer
10/3	Keene, NH	Lawlor, Kristi Ann	Lawlor, Steven	Lawlor, Alicia
10/9	Keene, NH	O'Brien, Ezra Francis	O'Brien, Laurence	O'Brien, Mariah
11/5	Peterborough, NH	Haefner, Genevieve Rose	Haefner, Mark	Haefner, Alyson
12/31	Keene, NH	Bowen, Nikola Grant	Bowen, Mark	Bowen, Julie

2015 MARRIAGES

Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence	Place of	Date
Silva, Matthew J	Alstead, NH	Savage, Leah J	Springfield, NH	Alstead, NH	6/28
Harnett, Timothy G	Alstead, NH	Smidutz, Alexandria L	Alstead, NH	Walpole, NH	7/05
Barnes, Matthew C	Alstead, NH	Brunelle, Molly L	Alstead, NH	Sunapee, NH	9/12
Preston, Richard G	Alstead, NH	Torrey, Katharine H	Alstead, NH	Alstead, NH	11/11

2015 Deaths

<u>Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date</u>
Dustin, Lorraine	Westmoreland, NH	1/04
Dickel, Barbara	Alstead, NH	3/14
Allen, Constance	Keene, NH	3/20
Tullar, Jessica	Keene, NH	4/13
Weil, Roger	Keene, NH	9/13
Trainor, John	Keene, NH	10/11
Putnam, Gertrude	Keene, NH	11/18
Adams, Robert	Alstead, NH	11/25
Holloway, Leslie	Lebanon, NH	12/05
Bishop, Susan	Alstead, NH	12/12
Brumaghim, Richard	Alstead, NH	12/20
Morgan, Jon	Lebanon, NH	12/22



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