

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the **SELECTMEN** and other **TOWN OFFICERS**
of the

TOWN OF ALSTEAD NEW HAMPSHIRE



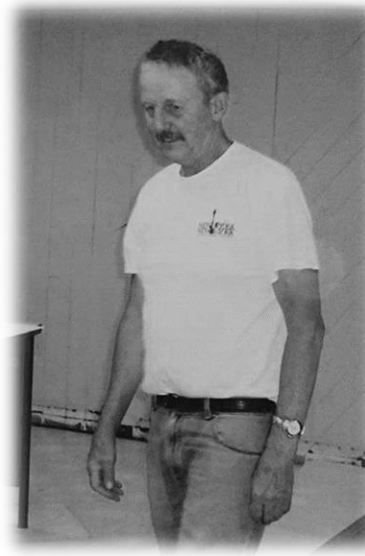
Three Town Fair Parade 1921

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

TOWN MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

DEDICATION



Reginald Clark

Reginald Clark lived his life in Alstead and contributed in many ways to the town he loved and called home.

In 1986, Reginald was instrumental in forming the Park's and Recreational Department and became the chairman. Always involved with the youth of Alstead, he coached soccer and basketball, began the tradition of the Christmas Tree lightings on Millot Green, organized band concerts on the Millot Green and town parades.

Reginald served as Trustees of Trust Funds for thirty-two years, worked in our cemeteries for over fifty years and was sexton for fourteen years.

Thank you, Reginald, for your dedication to the Town of Alstead. It will not be forgotten.

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Selectmen 835-2986 Meeting on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk – Tax Collector: 835-2242
Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Planning Board – 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment – 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
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 at 5:00 p.m.

Fire Dept. – Regular Meeting – 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Ambulance/Rescue Squad – 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Library Hours 835-6661

Wednesday 12 Noon – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday 12 Noon – 7:00 p.m.
Friday 12 Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Transfer Station Hours 835-2425
Wednesday 7:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Town Highway Garage 835-2428

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Town Officials 2016

Chris Rietmann	Selectman	Term End 2017
Rock Wilson	Selectman	Term End 2018
Tim Noonan	Selectman	Term End 2019
Susan Norlander	Moderator	Term End 2018
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
Robert Bromley	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Chris Rietmann	Emergency Management	Appointed
Shelli Huntley	Librarian	Appointed
Hans Waldmann	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Michael Jasmin	Health Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Asst. Health Officer	Appointed
Ellen Chase	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2017
Bruce A. Bellows	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2018
Jodi Kercewich	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term End 2019
Jeff Smull	Library Trustee	Term End 2017
Matthew Gilette	Library Trustee	Term End 2017
Susan Norlander	Library Trustee	Term End 2018
Heather Jasmin	Library Trustee	Term End 2019
Matt Saxton	Library Trustee	Term End 2019
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2017
Ethel Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2018
Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term End 2022

Inspector of Elections

Richard Miller	Holly Gay	Jodi Kercewich
Erin Heidorn		

Alternate Inspector of Elections

Rachel Kilburn	Margaret Perry	Ellen Chase
Val Moore		

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
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term End 2019
Randy Rhoades	Alternate Member	Term End 2019
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
Dennis Molesky	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term End 2019
David Konesko	Alternate	Term End 2018
Hans Waldmann	Alternate	Term End 2019
Nan Montgomery	Conservation Commission	Term End 2017
Donna Sabin	Conservation Commission	Term End 2018
Sarah Webb	Conservation Commission	Term End 2018
Joyce Campbell-Counts	Conservation Commission	Term End 2019
David Moody	Conservation Commission	Term End 2019
John Mann	Alternate	Term End 2018
Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term End 2019
Ellen Chase	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2017
Bruce Bellows	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2018
Jodi Kercewich	Cemetery Commission	Term End 2019
David Hogan	School Board Member Alstead Rep. FMRSD	Term End 2019

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee

Carol Reller	Term End 2017
Priscilla Sawa	Term End 2017
Nick Sintros	Term End 2017
Samuel Sutcliffe	Term End 2017
Chris Hansen	Term End 2018
Marge Noonan	Term End 2018
Donna Sabin	Term End 2018
Juliana Stevens	Term End 2018
Les Thomas	Term End 2018
Mary Ann Wolf	Term End 2019
Bonnie Chase	Term End 2019
Glenn Elsesser	Term End 2019

Town of Alstead

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

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 \$1,589,575, 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. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). AABC (8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 03: Paving

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175,000.00 for the purpose of paving roads (Prospect, Pleasant, Vilas Rd, Library Ave, Main St, and maybe a portion of Hill Rd, Breakneck Hill and Town Office parking lots, both upper and lower, Millott Green and the fire station parking lot)? This sum is to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. No amount to be raised by new taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). AABC (8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

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the withdrawal of \$191,000 from the Highway Capital reserve fund established in 1988 and created for that purpose? No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). AABC (6 yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05: Police Cruiser Lease

Shall the town vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement in the amount of \$30,348 for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,852.00 for the first year's payment for that purpose? This lease agreement contains an escape clause. \$6,852.00 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). AABC (4 yes, 0 No, 4 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06: Outfitting Police Cruiser

Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of outfitting the new leased police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$7,500 from the Police capital reserve fund established in 2011 created for that purpose? No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required). AABC (4 yes, 0 No, 4 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 07: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 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 Board of

Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). AABC (8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 08: Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with the sum of \$10,000 to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1? \$5,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required). AABC (8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 09: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992? \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required). AABC (8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 10: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established 2009? \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (majority vote required). AABC (8 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 11: To repair the Cobb Hill radio tower power.

Shall the Town of Alstead vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of repairing the Cobb Hill radio tower power? The \$0 to be raised by taxation. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). AABC (1 yes, 0 No, 7 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12: To discontinue the New Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the town vote to discontinue the New Town 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. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required). AABC (5 yes, 0 No, 3 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13: To discontinue the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the town vote to discontinue the following Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund? Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required). AABC (7 yes, 0 No, 1 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 14: To include the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee's Recommendations on Ballot

Shall the Town vote to include a numerical tally of the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee (AABC) Recommendations be included on the ballot next to each warrant article per RSA 40:13 for the 2018 and hence forward? AABC (6 yes, 1 No, 1 Abstentions).

☐ Yes ☐ No

MS-636
2017

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	\$171,666	\$145,233	\$140,227	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$52,595	\$50,197	\$46,810	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	02	\$56,480	\$57,457	\$62,727	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	02	\$14,000	\$13,466	\$14,000	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$10,000	\$7,988	\$15,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	02	\$13,500	\$14,815	\$14,321	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	02	\$7,529	\$7,197	\$7,551	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$90,470	\$84,768	\$117,417	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$4,000	\$8,329	\$10,003	\$0
4196	Insurance	02	\$26,278	\$26,278	\$26,278	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	02	\$7,500	\$5,780	\$4,500	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety						
4210-4214	Police	02	\$206,681	\$192,857	\$207,274	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	02	\$40,535	\$40,142	\$38,100	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	02	\$71,610	\$78,101	\$75,515	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	02	\$25,521	\$23,597	\$36,398	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)	02	\$4,390	\$3,535	\$601	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Administration	02	\$80,150	\$72,770	\$79,164	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$461,753	\$420,260	\$463,893	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$6,500	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Administration	02	\$63,682	\$63,618	\$63,330	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$76,375	\$76,034	\$66,382	\$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	\$10,000	\$12,217	\$12,818	\$0
Welfare						
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	02	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$25,000	\$6,402	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation						
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	02	\$14,495	\$8,754	\$14,497	\$0
4550-4559	Library	02	\$40,000	\$38,301	\$40,002	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$3,000	\$2,733	\$1,001	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development						
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	02	\$1,500	\$1,332	\$1,401	\$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		\$465,000	\$440,660	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$317,000	\$263,802	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$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			\$2,370,210	\$2,172,623	\$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	04	\$0	\$0	\$191,000	\$0
	Purpose: Purchasing a 10- wheeler truck for the Highway					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	\$0	\$0	\$11,281	\$0
	Purpose: Outfitting Police Cruiser					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	11	\$0	\$0	\$17,000	\$0
	Purpose: To repair the Cobb Hill radio tower power.					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Bridge Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$15,000	\$0
	Purpose: Shedd Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	Purpose: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund					
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
	Purpose: Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund					
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$294,281	\$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)
4210-4214	Police	05	\$0	\$0	\$6,852	\$0
	Purpose: Police Cruiser Lease					
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	03	\$0	\$0	\$155,000	\$0
	Purpose: Paving					
Individual Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$161,852	\$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	\$2,000	\$0	\$1,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	02	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$700	\$0	\$500
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$60,000	\$0	\$40,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$290,000	\$0	\$295,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$400	\$0	\$400
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$3,500	\$0	\$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	\$100,834	\$0	\$100,834
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$95,578	\$0	\$95,578
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$1	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments	02	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	02	\$30,000	\$0	\$40,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$37,200	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$700	\$0	\$1,000
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	06, 04	\$395,000	\$0	\$202,281
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	02	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000
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	03, 07, 08	\$0	\$0	\$180,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$1,165,913	\$0	\$1,110,093

Budget Summary		
Item	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$1,588,210	\$1,588,210
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$587,500	\$294,281
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$240,000	\$161,852
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$2,415,710	\$2,044,343
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,513,950	\$1,110,093
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$901,760	\$934,250

**Town of Alstead
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2017**

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: 2/4/2017

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Vilas Middle School

Details:

Second Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: 3/14/2017

Time: 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Location: Town Hall

Details:

Article 01: Election Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

☐ Yes ☐ No

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement in the amount of \$30,348 for the purpose of leasing a police cruiser, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,852.00 for the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. \$6,852.00 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06: Outfitting Police Cruiser

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,281 for the purpose of outfitting the new leased police cruiser and authorize the withdrawal of \$11,281 from the Police capital reserve fund established in 2011 created for that purpose. No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 07: Bridge 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 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 Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 08: Shedd Porter Library 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 Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with the sum of \$10,000 to come from December 31 fund balance available for transfer on January 1. \$5,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 09: Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

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 Fund previously established in 1992. \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 10: Ambulance 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 Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established 2009. \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 11: To repair the Cobb Hill radio tower power.

To see if the Town of Alstead will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of repairing the Cobb Hill radio tower power. The \$17,000 to be raised by taxation. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 12: To discontinue the New Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town 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. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-0). (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 13: To discontinue the Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Cemetery Capital Reserve Fund. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

No amount to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Board of Selectmen (2-1). (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 14: To include the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee's

We, the undersigned, do herby petition that a numerical tally of the Alstead Advisory Budget Committee (AABC) be included on the ballot next to each warrant article per RSA 40:13 for the 2018 and hence forward.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Given under our hands, January 30, 2017		
We certify and attest that on or before January 30, 2017, 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 Town Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
Christopher Rietmann	Chairman	
Rock Wilson	Selectmen	
Timothy Noonan	Selectmen	

2016 Annual Report Selectmen's Report

As every year seems to do, 2016 brought its share of challenges, advances and rewards to the Town of Alstead. In comparison to the recent history, the Town found itself with a comparatively fresh Select Board; with sometimes differing ideas, goals and vision for what the role of town government should be.

Despite unexpected and sometimes costly challenges, we finished the year under budget and with some longstanding issues addressed. This certainly cannot be wholly attributed to the Select Board; as in recent years the deeper dives into specific issues, debate, planning and solutions could not have been accomplished without the dedicated contributions of groups and individuals who never sought political office or compensation. The time and energy of these groups, committees and individuals deserves all of our utmost thanks. With more eyes on more issues, better solutions arise.

There exists ideological differences within our community; viewpoints on every issue vary and some become hotbed topics that will never see complete agreement with everyone. While we must recognize this, we believe that everyone has the right to have their opinions heard and considered. As we move forward in 2017 and beyond, we encourage each of you to share your opinions, concerns and ideas with your elected and appointed government officials. We certainly don't have all the answers and we firmly acknowledge this truth.

Great ideas are everywhere; we must not only hear them, but consider, debate and take action upon them. As has been demonstrated time and time again, this is how we end up with a better town and a better local government.

We ended 2016 with another contribution to our Fund Balance - meaning we spent less than the town received through taxation and revenues. We have attempted to challenge every expense; reviewing its need and whether there are ways to reduce it. With that said, the Town of Alstead has a relatively high level of services compared to many communities. This level of service does not come free; as we move forward we anticipate a continued debate on exactly what those town services should look like. These discussions will certainly bring spirited debate; we hope to continue a high level of respect, civility and

consideration as we decide the best size and scope of government. As with other topics our town has successfully addressed, we hope that we resist letting ideological differences keep us from finding common sense and responsible solutions.

We must all continue to be vigilant in challenging the status quo; it is far too easy to fall back on “that's how we've always done it”. As in all aspects of our lives, change is an immutable force often with significant advantage if we choose to seize it. Failing to do so is at our own peril, and to believe that we've identified every best practice and most economical method in our town operations we are fooling ourselves at literally our own expense. While these changes are rarely easy, we must call on every town employee and official to keep an open mind; to be willing to look within from the outside and to act as an instrument of constant improvement and efficiency. Every single one of us owes this to our neighbors.

In the grand scheme of things (and for better or worse), your town government plays a relatively minor role what our town looks like. We do not have Home Rule; virtually everything we can do locally is based on whether it has been granted to us by the state government. State law and regulations sometimes restrict us from taking what many of us may consider the best path forward, yet in many ways protects every New Hampshire citizen from hasty and short sighted decisions. As a town, we do not have direct say in decisions at the county or school board level; two powerful bureaucracies that weigh significantly on us and are best demonstrated by taking a look at your tax bill. The checks on the county and school district reside within each of you - we encourage everyone to involve ourselves not only in our town's government, but what compromises a much greater percentage of your tax bill.

Regardless of who sits on your Select Board, each of us is sworn to “manage the prudential affairs of the town and perform the duties by law prescribed.”. Each of us takes that oath with the respect and diligence it is due, and with your involvement, we hope to look back at the end of 2017 as a year where we can all be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,
Chris Rietmann
Rock Wilson
Tim Noonan

2016 Annual Report Town Clerk/Tax Collector Report

We have been implementing new programs for this office and improving procedures for Alstead residents.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2017. The 2016 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1st, a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed.

There is now the option of renewing your registration and/or dog license on the Internet as well as requesting copies of vital records. To do this, go to the Town Clerk section on the website, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to make out two checks for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation. Make out one check to The Town of Alstead and the other to The State of NH DMV. Mail the confirmation in with your checks and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. You are able to renew your registrations up to four months in advance. If you do not have a computer and would like to access the Internet for these services, you could go to the library. As always, if you wish to do these in person, we are here for you.

We want to take the opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. We are responsible for registering and titling vehicles. We complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland permit applications, pole licenses and dog licenses. We accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Notary Public services are also available. There is more detailed information as well as various printable forms on the Town Clerk section of the website at www.alsteadnh.org.

The office hours are Monday through Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. unless posted otherwise. If we close the office during these hours, we will post this information ahead of time either at the town office and on the Town Clerk section of the website.

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.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-2242.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Seddon
Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector

**2016 Annual Report
Alstead Town Clerk
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016**

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Motor Vehicle Permits Issued	\$324,681.97
Dog Licenses	2,603.00
Dog Fines	75.00
Vitals	950.00
ISF Fees	108.00
Misc.	2.00
Total Debits	\$328,419.97

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Remittance to Treasurer

Motor Vehicle Fees	\$324,681.97
Dog Licenses	2,603.00
Dog Fines	75.00
Vitals	950.00
ISF Fees	108.00
Misc.	2.00
Total Credits	\$328,419.97



Tax Collector's Report

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

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- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

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

ENTITY'S INFORMATION ?

Municipality: ALSTEAD

County:

CHESHIRE

Report Year:

2016

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

Patricia

Last Name

Anderson

Street No.

15

Street Name

Mechanic Street

Phone Number

(603) 835-2242

Email (optional)

alsteadtownclerk@comcast.net



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Debits					
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Property Taxes	3110		\$369,521.12	(\$920.25)	
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$4,620.00		
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$8.34	(\$0.03)	
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$129.00)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2015		
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,324,454.49			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$16,249.00			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$783.64			
Other Taxes	3189				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	3110				
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Costs Before Lien			\$2,000.00		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>					
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,082.87	\$23,891.65		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

Total Debits		2015	2014	2013
	\$4,343,441.00	\$400,041.11	(\$920.28)	



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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$3,994,660.28	\$255,798.48	(\$920.28)	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes		\$4,620.00		
Yield Taxes	\$15,555.00			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,047.67	\$24,737.23		
Penalties				
Excavation Tax	\$783.64			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$112,457.84		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Charges				
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies 2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$5,846.00	\$2,121.71		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
<input type="checkbox"/> Interest		\$533.56		
<input type="button" value="Add Line"/>				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$347,045.96	\$1,143.09	\$0.03	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$694.00			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$35.20	(\$1,370.80)	(\$0.03)	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$23,226.75)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits		\$4,343,441.00	\$400,041.11	(\$920.28)



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Summary of Debits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
	Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year	\$116,169.49	\$87,607.66	\$80,533.37	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$123,674.71			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$154.00	\$12,830.52	\$17,134.88	
Add Line				
Total Debits	\$123,828.71	\$129,000.01	\$104,742.54	
\$89,406.13				

Summary of Credits				
Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies			
	2014	2013	2012	
Redemptions	\$18,414.91	\$39,987.59	\$42,842.30	
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$154.00	\$12,273.25	\$17,142.46	
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$767.99		
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$105,259.80	\$75,971.18	\$44,757.78	
Total Credits	\$123,828.71	\$129,000.01	\$104,742.54	
\$89,406.13				



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1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Patricia

Anderson

Feb 16, 2017

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Patricia Anderson Deputy Tax Collector
Preparer's Signature and Title

2016 Alstead's Treasurer Report					
Alstead's Account	Starting Bal Jan. 1, 2016	"in"	"out"	Outstanding Checks	Ending Bal. Dec. 31, 2016
*Town Ckg. & ICS	\$1,854,525.00	\$5,968,450.00	\$6,089,395.00	\$244,350.00	\$1,489,230.00
Vilas Pool					
MM	\$24,136.54	\$36,863.56	\$46,229.60		\$14,770.50
CD	\$55,261.12	\$444.03	\$0.00		\$55,705.15
Ckg.	\$814.19	\$15,585.92	\$13,544.59		\$2,855.52
CD, Ambulance, gift from Barbara Derry	\$15,618.00	\$21.64	\$15,639.64		"0" Closed out to Amb.
Conservation Comm.	\$71,296.67	\$645.67	\$26,300.00		\$45,642.34
Community Development "Grant Fund"	\$0.00	\$72,197.00	\$72,197.00		\$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 2017-2025 (CIP Schedule and Budget)											
C	Yr.	Project	Accrued	2017	2018	2019	2020	Updated 10/31/2016			
		Bridge Repair CRF 2024	152847	25000	25000	25000	25000	75000	25000	25000	25000
		Bridge at the bottom of Hill Rd (230K) 2019					46000				
		Hill Road in center of hill (140K) 2020						28000			
		Drewsville Bridge (930K) (Town 186K) 2022							186000		
		Road repairs CRF		5000	10000	25000	30000	0	55000	35000	70000
		Crack Sealing		10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
		Paving projects		221000	226000	180000	153000	220000	203000	221000	177000
		Police Annual CRF	15743	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
	2009	Police Cruiser (8 yr. cycle) 2017		38000							
	2016	Police Cruiser (8 yr. cycle) 2025 (40K)									40000
		Fire department Annual CRF	33756	20000	30000	40000	80000	25000	35000	40000	50000
	2000	Pierce Contender (20yr cycle) 2025 (560K) replace could make it last until 2030									
	2000	Pierce Contender (20yr cycle) 2021. referb possibility (200K)						200000			
	2015	Scott Pack bottles (15yr cycle) 2030 + 2031 (40K)									
	2006	International Tanker (25yr cycle) 2031 (300K)									
	2016	Pumper Rescue truck (20 yr. cycle) 2036									
		Highway Annual CRF	197633	50000	55000	55000	60000	80000	65000	65000	65000
	1994	10 wheeler Truck (7yr cycle) 2017 (200 k)		98000	Lease						
	2005	6 wheeler truck (15yr cycle) 2018 (125k)			125000	Purchase					
	2006	Dept. head truck (10yr cycle) 2019 (77k)				77250	Purchase				
	2008	10 wheeler Truck (7 yr cycle) 2021 (225 k)						32000	Lease		
	2012	Dodge 5500 Dump truck (10yr cycle) 2022 (70k)									
	2017	10 wheeler truck (7yr cycle) 2024 (246k)							70000	Purchase	
	1994	Grader (20yr Cycle) 2025 (300K) Lease									38000
	2015	Dodge 5500 Dump truck (10yr cycle) 2025 (75k)									105000
	1997	Backhoe (30yr cycle) 2027 (180k)									75000
	2021	Dump truck 10 wheeler (7yr cycle) 2028 (275k)									
	2003	Excavator (30yr cycle) 2033 (220k)									
	2006	Loader (30yr cycle) 2036 (180k)									
	2006	Tractor 30yr cycle) 2036 (45k)									
		Library CRF	89703	15000	15000	20000	25000	15000	30000	30000	20000
		Ambulance Annual CRF	120268	45000	35000	60000	40000	20000	25000	25000	25000
	2000	Ambulance (15yr cycle) 2020					300000				
		Cemetery land fund	45651	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1997	Repair Headstones	69543	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000	3000
		Town Hall Annual CRF		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Transfer Station Annual CRF	7782	10000	10000	15000	15000	5000	5000	10000	10000
	2004	Roll off truck (15yr cycle) 2019					60000				
		Land Conservation	1744	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Yearly CIP totals		\$405,000	\$420,000	\$434,000	\$442,000	\$454,000	\$457,000	\$460,000	\$469,521

2016 Annual Report Highway Department

In the spring, we started off with the March Hill upgrade at intersection of Valley Road to the traffic set level with Valley Road. Also, set a catch basin and 300' of under drain. We then paved March Hill and Valley Road. That side of town is done for a while.

We also installed 39 cross culverts and 3 more catch basins on various roads in town. We did a lot of ditching to make the water go to the new culvert.

There was a lot of grading done this year to keep roads smooth and passible. I was told I was doing too much grading. I just want to say "we" the highway department take a lot of pride in our roads.

I returned \$71,000.00 to the town this year due to the lack of winter last year.

We also mowed most of the town this year, between our mower and a contracted one.

I would like to thank all those on the Highway Parks & Rec. and Transfer Station for a job well done, despite what a small handful of others might think.

Respectfully submitted,
David Crosby
Road Agent



*Highway Work Corner of Main and Mechanic
Circa 1914*

Year	Paving Schedule	Approx. Cost	Miles	Approx. per 1/10 of mile
2017	Alstead Village & Parking lots, Fire Station/town Hall,	\$221,000.00	2.35	\$9,983.00
	Pleasant St, Vilas Rd and Prospect St, Library Ave and Hill Rd (2002)			
2018	Hill Rd to Cook Hill Rd, Drewsville Rd and Homestead Rd (last paved 2005)	\$226,204.00	2.2	\$10,282.00
2019	Hill Rd (From Cook Hill to 12A (State (Flood) Last paved 2006)	\$180,047.00	1.7	\$10,591.00
2020	Pine Cliff Rd (Last paved 2006)	\$152,712.00	1.4	\$10,908.00
2021	Thayer Brook Rd (Last paved 2010)	\$219,887.00	1.9	\$11,573.00
2022	Lower end of Gilsun Mine Rd (Last paved 2011)	\$202,640.00	1.7	\$11,920.00
2023	Second part of Gilsun mine rd. (Last paved 2012)	\$220,986.00	1.8	\$12,277.00
2024	North Road and Gilsun Mine to Pine Cliff (Last paved 2013)	\$177,044.00	1.4	\$12,646.00
2025	Gilsun Mine from PineCliff and North Road, firestation parking lot (Last paved 2015)	\$260,500.00	2.0	\$13,025.00
2026	Walpole Valley Rd and March Hill Rd (Last paved 2016)	\$348,816.00	2.6	\$13,416.00
		\$2,209,836.00	19.05	

<u>PAVING ALSTEAD ROADS</u>						
				Cost	Miles	Average Cost per 1/10 of mile
1996	Paved	Walpole Valley rd. from Walpole line to the Mclean Inc March Hill		?	1.4	
1997	Paved	Repair and reconstruction North Road and paving North Road, Gilsium mine to Pine		\$94,000.00	2.1	
1998	Paved	Lower end of Gilsium Mine Rd		\$41,208.00		
1999	Paved	Completing Gilsium Mine Rd to 123		\$68,000.00		
2000	Paved	Walpole Valley Rd from 12A to the Walpole line and apron on Mclean Rd		\$87,000.00	2.3	\$3,782.00
2001	No Paving			\$0.00		
2002	Paved	Main St, Library Ave, Fire Station Hill rd. to Cook Hill, Summer St		\$101,462.00	2.35	\$4,317.00
2003	No Paving	Warrant failed Drewsville Rd, Homestead and Cook Hill to the top of hill		\$105,000.00		
2004	No Paving					
2005	Paved	Drewsville Rd and Homestead		\$104,900.00	1.3	\$8,069.00
2006	Paved	Pine Cliff Rd		\$80,000.00	1.4	\$5,714.00
2007	No Paving	Hill Rd from the Cook Hill Rd to 12A (state paved in 2005)		\$0.00	1.7	
2008	No Paving	Built first half of Thayer Brook Rd at the Acworth end		\$183,874.00		
2009	Paved	Built second half of Thayer Brook Rd to Gilsium line		\$130,625.00		
2010	Paved	Thayer Brook rd. Base		\$186,512.00	1.9	\$9,816.00
2011	Paved	Thayer Brook Rd Top coat		\$130,625.00	1.9	\$6,875.00
2012	Paved	Lower end of Gilsium Mine Rd		\$130,000.00	1.7	\$7,647.00
2013	Paved	Second part of Gilsium mine rd. to meet end of paving from 2011		\$130,000.00	1.8	\$7,222.00
2014	No Paving	Gilsium Mine to Rte. 123 and North road shim and top coat still need to shim a little and top coat .5 miles		\$130,000.00	1.4	\$9,285.00
2015	Paved	Warrant was 0 out at the deliberative session.				
		North Road .5, parking lot on east station .7 miles Walpole valley		\$130,000.00	1.2	74.30 per ton total of 1750 tons
		North Road 1130 tons, Walpole valley rd. 620 tons. .7 miles	70,000 per mile			Walpole Valley \$46066
2016		Walpole Valley rd. and March Hill Rd	4219 tons @ 59.70 per ton	\$252,000.00	2.6	\$9,692.00

2016 Annual Report Alstead Police Department

2016 was a busy year for the Alstead Police Department. Chief D'Alessandro resigned at the end of December and the Board of Selectmen asked me to return as Chief for a temporary period of time. I have agreed and will continue to prepare the department for a full-time Chief of Police.

At this time, Sergeant Roger Landry and Office Adam Howard are working full-time to supply coverage for the needs of the town. Administrative Assistant Penny Gendron continues to work part-time hours chosen to make her available to the residents.

Sergeant Landry will continue training in supervision and leadership classes. Officer Howard will continue his involvement with the elementary and middle schools. I will continue guiding and developing the department and will be in and out of the office on a regular basis.

Last year's statistics indicate that there were 535 calls for service handled by our department:

- Accidents (3)

- Arrests (20)

- Criminal Investigations (50)

- Citations (178), which break down to 102 for speed, 11 for unregistered vehicles, 20 for defective equipment, 18 for uninspected vehicles, and the remainder for other miscellaneous violations. In addition, requests for service that were handled by other agencies, mostly State Police (200)

Finally, the department is requesting the replacement of our 2009 Ford Explorer. It has served us well for over eight years, however the wear and tear is showing with increased repairs. Rather than spending taxpayers money on a failing vehicle, we are requesting replacement with a new four wheel drive SUV which will include a three year warranty against any major failures.

Respectfully,

Robert L. Bromley
Chief of Police

2016 Annual Report Alstead Fire Department

2016 was a busy one for the Alstead Fire Department with a 20% increase in call volume. There was a marked increase in Forest Fires in town with over 40 acres burned and numerous mutual aid calls for manpower and equipment to other area towns. Two of the fires which burned over 37 acres are considered arson and are under investigation by the State of New Hampshire.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the purchase of the new Engine 1 to replace the old 1987 Engine 1 and also the 1984 Rescue Truck. At this time, we have had two trainings put on by Lakes Region Fire Apparatus, the company who sold us the engine. We will continue in house training for driving and operation of the pump and equipment carried on this new piece of apparatus, including the jaws of life and other auto extrication equipment which was formerly carried on the rescue truck. Below is a list of our current apparatus and its location.

Engine 1-Manufactured in 2016-HME Ahrens-Fox-housed in the Village Station-1000 gallons of water with a 1500 gpm pump

Engine 3-Manufactured in 2000-Pierce-housed in the East Station-1000 gallons of water with a 1250 gpm pump.

Both pieces carry assorted hand tools, hose, and equipment.

Tanker 1-Manufactured in 2007-International chassis, Body by Valley Fire Equipment-housed in the East Station, carries 3000 gallons of water with a 500 gpm pump.

Brush 1-Manufactured in 1967-Jeep-M715 (military 5/4 pick up)-housed in the 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 Forest and Lands to the Alstead Fire Department. It is insured and maintained by the town and registered by the State of New Hampshire.

Members of the department attended trainings in 2016 which included: Radio Training, SCBA Classes, Warden and Deputy Forest Fire Warden Training, Barn Fire Prevention, Clandestine Drug Labs Training, Rural Water Supply Training, Big Wrecker Rescue Training, Active Shooter Seminar and helped with the CAT Shock prior to the Fall Mountain High School Prom. These are in addition to our regular monthly trainings which are conducted in house and cover various topics and skills.

We 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. If we cannot find your numbers, we cannot find you.

We would also like to remind everyone that with no snow cover (100' radius) permits are required to burn clean and untreated brush, under 5" in diameter only. You may contact one of the following people to obtain a permit:

Kim Kercewich-835-2928

Michael or Jodi Kercewich-835-2520

You may also check at the Highway Barn during normal working hours or at the Transfer Station on Wednesday or Saturday if Jodi is working.

It is possible to obtain an electronic permit online @ www.nhdf.org and clicking on Fire Control and Law Enforcement-and then click on Fire Permits. There is a \$3.00 charge for the electronic permit.

Activity Reports 2016

Mutual Aid Calls-32

Brush Fires-10

Motor Vehicle Accidents-9

Illegal Burns-7

Trees and/or Wires Down-7

Carbon Monoxide Alarms-6

First Alarm Fires-5

Automatic Fire Alarms-3

Smoke Investigations-3

Car into building-1
Chimney Fire-1
Elevator Alarm-1
Assist the Ambulance-1
Furnace Malfunction-1
Medical Helicopter Landing Zone-1
Feller-buncher Fire-1
Assist with propane tank removal-1

Fire Department Meetings-12
In House Training-17

I would like to thank the members of the department for their service and dedication to this department in the Town of Alstead. We are always looking to enlarge our roster and anyone wishing to join this department may contact one of our members or stop at the Municipal Office for information and an application.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim J. Kercewich
Chief, Alstead Fire Department



New 2016 Fire Engine

2016 Annual Report Ambulance Squad

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Alstead for their support and to all the department members for their dedication to the EMS community. A “special” thank you goes out to everyone that help provide water and refreshments to the Ambulance department and to the many Fire departments fighting the brush fires in Alstead this year.

We responded to 124 calls during 2016. The calls included motor vehicle accidents, medical emergencies including many cardiac arrests, fire standbys, traumatic injuries, mutual aid calls including one to Bellows Falls VT.

We are always looking for new members. We have a monthly meeting/training every 3rd Wednesday at the Alstead Village Fire station starting at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining the Alstead Ambulance Department, please attend a meeting or contact the Alstead Selectmen’s office for further information.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Moore
Chief, Alstead Ambulance Dept.

2016 Annual Report Alstead Planning Board

The Alstead Planning Board held fourteen meetings this past year. The Board received four new Subdivision requests, one of which was for a driveway modification. An Earth Excavation Public Hearing also took place, extending the terms of operation for a gravel pit here in town. There was also a Public Hearing held on the possible future uses of the town's Bragg Lane property.

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
Gloria Seddon
Joyce Curll
David Konesko
Ellen Chase
Matt Saxton/ex officio
Randy Rhoades-Alternate

2016 Annual Report Alstead Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had ten meetings this year. There was only one new Special Exception Public Hearing this year, and it passed. There was one preconceptual visit regarding an upcoming proposal/project. Three Public Hearings, carried over from 2015, were finalized by early Spring – all of which were approved.

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!!!!**

Respectfully submitted,

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

2016 Annual Report Alstead Conservation Commission

2016 was a busy and productive year for the Conservation Commission. The commission collaborated with Cold River Local Advisory Committee, NH Department of Environmental Services and others to fund the restoration of the Warren Brook floodplain. The Commission voted to contribute \$26,000 from our Conservation Fund toward the restoration. Students from five schools, including Alstead's Vilas, Walpole, Acworth, Langdon and Lempster, under the guidance of teachers, provided the digging power to plant hundreds of trees and shrubs. Plants were provided by Maple Hill Nursery.

The Lake Warren Association continued to work with the Conservation Commission and South West Region Planning Commission to keep Lake Warren, one of Alstead's most precious natural and recreational assets, free of invasive weeds and to work toward maintaining and improving its water quality. To date, the Lake Warren Association and the Alstead Conservation Commission, in cooperation with SWRPC, have produced a Comprehensive Lake Inventory and Management Plan, a Nutrient Loading Study and Watershed Survey Report, and a Lake Warren Watershed Management Plan. The Lake Management Plan was incorporated into the Town of Alstead Master Plan in 2012. In 2016, the Lake Warren Watershed Management Plan was completed. It is expected to be incorporated into the Master Plan early in 2017.

All of these reports and plans were supported by federal grants administered by NH Department of Environmental Services. These grants were matched by volunteers from the Alstead Conservation Commission and the Lake Warren Association, and by the work of the Town Public Works Department maintaining the roads and culverts within the Watershed. More than 35 volunteers contributed more than 600 hours of work and more than \$4600 in donations to this effort. The total volunteer contribution to the federal grant match was more than \$18,400.

One of the roads most affecting the water quality in the Lake is Pine Cliff Road, which runs adjacent to the Lake for one half mile. Stormwater runoff from the road contributes significantly to the excess

phosphorus in the Lake. The excess phosphorus and chlorophyll-a are the reason that Lake Warren is listed as impaired for water quality. A joint volunteer effort by the Conservation Commission and the Lake Warren Association in 2016 was a demonstration planting project improving the buffer between the road and the lake, showing what individual landowners can do to minimize stormwater runoff from private property.

Both the Lake Warren Association and the Alstead Conservation Commission will continue to work to improve the water quality and to protect the Lake so that it remains a valuable resource for all Alstead citizens.

Vilas School students continued the tradition of celebrating Arbor Day by making posters, the subject of which was “Trees in Cities”. Winners of the poster contest were: First Prize – Melodee Chambers, Second Prize- Grace St.Pierre, Third Prize- Kaleb Houle-Lawrence, and Honorable Mention – Tyler Vose, Ella Livengood and Destiny Brewer. Students also read poetry and participated in mini-workshops prior to the Arbor Day ceremonies.

The Commission also sponsored Earth Day Clean Up Activities on April 23. Eight miles of roads were cleaned up by 10-12 volunteers on that day. Numbers of others cleaned up the roads near their homes over the course of the week. Thanks to all who participated.

The Commission provided an enriching and educational opportunity to two Alstead children to attend an Orchard School environmental or farm summer camp experience.

Commissioners attended four site walks, three of which were at KROKA Adventure Camp, to look at a farm field for possible conservation easement designation. The other site walk was for a driveway culvert and wetlands restoration off of Rogers Road. Stewardship inspections were made at two properties with conservation easements.

Alstead Conservation Commission has two funding sources: 1. The Operating Budget, used for small expenditures like NH Association of Conservation Commissions dues and workshops, Arbor Day and some educational programs, and 2. the Conservation Fund, made up of funds

that have been donated. Monies from the fund support such projects as the Warren Brook Restoration project, support for conservation easement fees as allocated by vote of the commissioners, and Orchard School Camp scholarships.

The Conservation Commission extends a warm thank you to all who have given to the Conservation Fund, those who participated in the Warren Brook Restoration Project and the Pine Cliff Road Demonstration Planting Project. Working together, we will ensure clean water for all to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Curll

David Moody

John Mann

Sarah Webb

Nan Montgomery

Marilou Blaine

2016 Annual Report Cemetery Commission

With the passing of Reginald Clark, our Alstead Cemetery Sexton, and commissioner, we experienced a tremendous void. Reginald had worked in cemetery maintenance over 50 years and had been sexton following in his father's footsteps since 2002.

Jodi Kercewich was elected to the cemetery commission in March of 2016, and with the help of Kevin Beal, began the process of learning the cemetery maintenance routine. Kevin Beal resigned in July, 2016 to pursue other work and Michael Kercewich stepped in to fill the void. Bruce Bellows filled in for Reggie as sexton temporarily until this position could be filled. As Michael Kercewich became more involved, it became evident that he would be a good choice for Alstead Sexton. The cemetery committee asked Michael if he would be willing to accept the position of Sexton. He said yes, so the committee held a meeting on November 3, 2016 and appointed Michael Kercewich as our new Sexton.

Work started on rebuilding the stone wall at Slade Cemetery, but we were unable to finish as it took a long time to get a company to grind the large maple stumps that were imbedded in this wall. By the time the stumps were ground down, the stone mason did not have time to complete the project. We have every intention of completing the wall in 2017.

Ann DeLancy donated money again, to continue rebuilding the stone walls that surround North Cemetery.

Work on the wall is progressing nicely.

Respectfully submitted,

Alstead Cemetery Commission
Bruce A. Bellows
Ellen Chase
Jodi Kercewich

2016 Annual Report Trustees of Trust Funds

We were saddened by the sudden illness and death of Reginald Clark in 2016. Reggie had served as a Trustee of Trust Funds for 32 years.

We welcomed Jodi Kercewich to the Trustees of Trust Funds Board as she was elected in March, 2016 to fill the vacancy.

We have been informed by our investment firm (Bearing Point Wealth Partners) that we cannot continue to expend monies from the cemetery perpetual care funds as we have in the past. This is because of stipulations contained in RSA 31:22. We have scheduled a meeting with Terry Knowles of the Attorney General's office to discuss and resolve this matter. In the meantime, 2017 becomes a transition year and therefore, you will see a larger contribution from the Town of Alstead for cemetery maintenance.

As a note of interest: Alstead has seven cemeteries, consisting of 12 plus acres, 2,050 gravestones, markers, and monuments (plus or minus). These comprise approximately 1,500 burial lots of which only 265 are perpetual care lots. The perpetual care lots comprise only 9% of the acreage maintained as cemeteries. It averages \$15,000.00 a year to maintain the cemeteries.

New funds established in 2016:

02-29-16	Reginald and Louis Clark	\$200.00	West Cemetery
05-19-16	Lawrence Taylor	\$200.00	Alstead Center Cemetery
05-19-16	Richard L. & Ann M. Taylor	\$300.00	Alstead Center Cemetery
06-16-16	Raymond & Sandra Kimberly	\$300.00	Slade Cemetery
06-16-16	Loren & Donna Livingood	\$400.00	West Cemetery

Cemetery lots may be acquired by contacting Michael Kercewich,
Alstead Cemetery Sexton, at 603-499-5650.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trustees of Trust Funds:
Bruce A. Bellows
Ellen Chase
Jodi Kercewich



Alstead Center Cemetery

2016 Annual Report
Alstead Advisory Budget Committee

The Alstead Advisory Budget Committee (AABC) was established by the selectmen to advise the selectmen and voters on the town budget and fiscal affairs. Members are appointed by the moderator for staggered three year terms. While limited to a maximum of 12 members (currently there are 11, but three terms will expire this March) there is unlimited opportunity for associate members. The two most recent members served previously as associate members. There are opportunities for anyone interested in the intricacies and mysteries of town finance. Meetings are held weekly during budget season (September to March) and bimonthly thereafter.

Aside from a continuing review of town expenditures throughout the year, the AABC has through its own subcommittees and joint subcommittees with the selectmen participated in activities as diverse as public safety and emergency management planning, transfer station operation and finances to long term capital planning. The most notable achievement this year has been a thorough review of transfer station operations and finances which have already reduced costs. A detailed report of this activity is included elsewhere in the town report.

For the coming year, the AABC intends to study the status and operation of town trust funds and continue the development (with the Planning Board) of the capital improvement plan. Of course, the committee will continue its review of the town budget and expenditures. The mission of the committee remains to advise the selectmen and educate voters on the fiscal affairs of the town of Alstead.

Respectfully submitted,

Alstead Advisory Budget Committee

2016 Annual Report

Shedd-Porter Memorial Librarian's Report

The Shedd-Porter Memorial Library enjoyed a successful, busy year. It was a year marked by increases in both our circulation and patron usage. In 2016, we checked out 19,180 items to our patrons, which represents an 8.3% increase over our 2015 circulation numbers and an increase of 47.66% over our 2010 circulation numbers. We enjoyed 12,445 visits from our patrons, up 5.1% from the 2015 tally of 11,804 and up 52.56% from the 2010 visit tally of 5,904.

Over the course of 2016, the library was supported by the community in these and many other ways:

- Volunteers worked 287.5 hours for the library— our thanks to regular volunteers Cynthia Phippen, Jessi Dussault, and Margaret Perry for all they do.
- Nick Preston has been volunteering his time and expertise to help patrons with computer hardware and software questions. He's at the library on Thursdays from 2:30-4:30.
- Noah Elbers at Orchard Hill Breadworks hosted a Pizza Night which benefitted the library. Orchard Hill Breadworks donated over \$1,500 to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library from this event.
- Sharon Lozzo, Ellen Chase, Tafi Brown and Dakota Benedetto organized the three art shows we enjoyed this past year.
- 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.
- An anonymous donor provided funds for a subscription to the *New York Times*.
- We received several monetary donations from patrons. All tax-deductible donations are used to purchase new materials and to support our programming budget.

In 2016, we hosted monthly events, many of which were presented by local volunteers:

- Renaissance Music – performed by John Hodgkins, Bill Toomey and Jennie Holan
- Art Show – Fall Mountain Regional High School Students
- Landscaping for Wilderness – Michael Nerrie
- Poetry Reading and Discussion – Lesle Lewis, Alice Fogel and Betsy Snyder
- Poetry Party – Community gathering to read, share and celebrate poetry
- Local Art Show – summer 2016
- Why the i? – Jim Pecora
- Introduction to Permaculture – Marty Castriotta
- SAQA Quilt Trunk Show – Quilts from around the world
- Saturday morning coffee and conversation (affectionately known as Cinnamon Bun Saturday) – hosted by Joel McCarty on the final Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome!

Children's events from 2016:

- Weekly Storytime with Jessi Dussault – Fridays at 3:30, September through June
- 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten – ongoing open enrollment to promote literacy
- Simon Brooks – storyteller – Marion K. Holmes Summer Program kick-off
- Ilze Luneau – basketball tricks
- Book Olympics – fun and games with Jessi Dussault
- Zumba for Kids – Ajlan Beer
- Live Animal Show – Wildlife Encounters
- Ice Cream Party
- Marion K. Holmes Summer Reading Club – 55 students tracked summer reading at the library
- Scarecrow Party
- Ornament Craft

During 2016, we:

- Circulated 19,180 items, including 2,071 downloads from the New Hampshire Downloadable Books site <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com/>

- Added 761 items to the shelves
- Enjoyed 12,445 patron visits
- Welcomed 85 new patrons
- Provided computer access to 1,391 visitors
- Made use of the state interlibrary loan system to borrow 1,472 items from other libraries and to loan 511 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. During 2016, Laura took some time off from her work at the library. We look forward to her return this month. Our thanks go out to Kristin Caminiti for taking care of the library while Laura was out.

Our trustees, Matt Gillette, Jeff Smull, Heather Jasmin, Susan Norlander and Matt Saxton 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 stewards of our cultural institution. Matt Gillette is resigning from the board at the end of his term in March. During much of his tenure, he has served as Chairperson for our Board of Trustees. He has been a wonderful leader, spokesperson and advocate for the library and he will be missed.

We encourage all community members to come to the library in 2017. 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

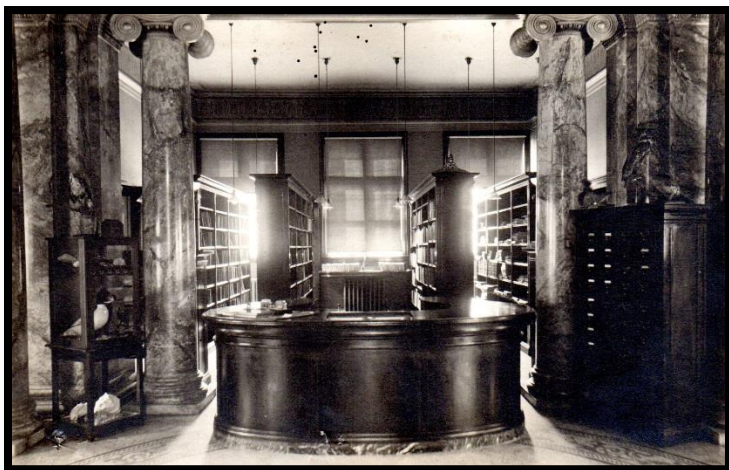
**2016 Annual Report
Shedd-Porter Memorial Library
Financial Report of the Library Trustees
For the Calendar Year ending December 31, 2016**

	<u>Balance</u> <u>01/01/16</u>	<u>Net Gain</u> <u>(Loss)</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/16</u>
<u>Private Trusts</u>			
*John & Mary Shedd Trust	\$92,965.56	\$4,118.70	\$97,084.26
<u>Book Funds</u>			
Holmes Summer Reading Fund	4,757.43	276.35	5,033.78
Maxine Craig Fund	1,832.51	122.54	1,955.05
Ruth Gleason Lufkin Fund	<u>14,554.64</u>	<u>857.22</u>	<u>15,411.86</u>
Total Book Fund	21,144.58	1,256.11	22,400.69
<u>Operating Accounts</u>			
Reed Family Foundation	30,014.62	1,071.28	31,085.90
Mr. & Mrs. Pitcher Fund	25,308.68	1,490.93	26,799.61
Savings Account	16,883.10	(513.71)	16,369.39
Checking Account	<u>1,887.58</u>	<u>(119.25)</u>	<u>1,768.33</u>
Total Operating Accounts	74,093.98	1,929.25	76,023.23
Grand Totals	188,204.12	7,304.06	195,508.18

*The Shed-Porter Memorial Library is restricted to receiving only earnings from this fund and cannot draw on the principal

Respectively Submitted,

Jeff Smull (Treasurer)



2016 Annual Report

Shedd-Porter Library Board of Trustees

The Trustees of the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library are pleased to report that 2016 was another year of growth for our beloved library. The fact that we have enjoyed such strong community support over the years is a testament to the allure that this beautiful public space offers the citizens of Alstead and Langdon. Given all the alternatives for gathering information in today's digital landscape, it is heartening to know that the spirit of the public library is alive and well in our community.

In the past year, we have once again seen increases in patronage and circulation as detailed in Director Shelli Huntley's report. Shelli's leadership and commitment is inspiring. Her work ethic is outstanding, her attitude is always cheery and customer-focused. She and her brilliant staff provide the engine that moves our library forward. To Shelli, Assistant Librarians, Gaale Klein and Jessi Dussault and Custodian, Laura LaMears, we extend our gratitude for all they do to make our library great.

We also would like to thank every volunteer who commits such precious time in assisting with library operations. Your efforts help to keep library cost down while providing an exemplary spirit to the wider community. This year's largest fundraising event, Pizza Night at Orchard Hill, simply would not have been possible without the generosity of volunteers. Thank you all.

Financially, the library continues to move in a positive direction. The various investments overseen by the Board have grown year over year since moving fiduciary management to Bearing Point Wealth Partners (formerly, Mackensen & Company) in 2013. The Board has been generally pleased with the overall performance of this investment strategy and will continue keep a conservative and vigilant eye towards monitoring how our monies are invested to ensure future generation get to enjoy the fruits of the generous donations of so many. The Shedd Family continues to support our library through the original trust monies, so many decades ago, and through more recent donations which have helped to fund building improvements, technology upgrades and the broader programming we all enjoy.

We are always grateful for the many local families that donate to our mission. Such benevolence, no matter the size, shows a commitment to public libraries that would make our Founders proud. It all adds up.

Of course, we also give perpetual thanks to the tax payers of Alstead and Langdon for their continued support through the budget allocations that provides continuity in funding from year to year.

Without this support, we would have a very different library. If you are new to town or have lived here all your life, the library welcomes everyone, and will work to continue the level of services folks have come to expect. Stop by some Saturday, meet your neighbors, grab a book and take pride in this cultural treasure we will pass on to the next generation. With respect and gratitude,

The Board of Trustees,
Shedd-Porter Memorial Library

Matt Gillette
Susan Norlander
Jeff Smull
Heather Jasmin
Matt Saxton

2016 Annual Report Alstead Historical Society

2016 found our dedicated volunteers continuing to organize our collection of historical materials and items. Marie Harlan and Syrene Porter spent many hours at the museum, cleaning and arranging our exhibits. Joanne Wildes continued updating our cemetery records and clipping articles relative to Alstead from the large amount of newspapers saved over the past decades and setting up appropriate files to enable people now and in the future to access this information. Marie Harlan spent many hours organizing the Vilas High School materials from the time Charles Vilas bequeathed money to build a high school until 1966, when Alstead's Vilas High School transitioned into the Fall Mountain Regional High School.

Margaret Perry, our experienced curator of archives in our office at the municipal building, works with and helps volunteers to establish a filing system that will enable retrieval of information easy for future generations. Katy Koster, Ann DeLancy and Joanne Wildes helped to verify our cemetery records by spending many hours checking names and dates inscribed on grave stones in our cemeteries.

The society presented three programs during 2016. April 21, 2016, Kevin Gardner presented "Discovering New England Stone Walls", a New Hampshire Humanities To Go Program. August 11, 2016, Gail Golec presented a program "Archeology Of The Bellows Falls Area", pertaining to early native inhabitants. On November 3, 2016, we hosted "Antiques and Old Stuff Show" presented by Matt Saxton. Over thirty people brought items to display and Matt enlightened everyone as to their origin, use and approximate value. Matt also gave a short history of the antique market and how it has changed over the years.

The Alstead Historical Society had a replacement sign made and installed at Paper Mill Park depicting the date and site of our first paper mill. A stone bench inscribed 1763 – 2013 in recognition of our Sestercentennial (250 years) was also installed in Paper Mill Park.

Thru the efforts of Sam and Peg Sutcliffe, we received a Moose Grant in the amount of \$5,385.00 to be used for the conservation of Alstead's Book A, our first record book dating from 1763 to 1800. The Historical Society would like to acknowledge and thank Sam and Peg for all their efforts in this project. Works On Paper, located in Bellows Falls, Vermont, will be working on the completion of Book A.

An oak desk belonging to Cyrus K. Vilas and engraved with his name on the front is now on display in our museum. This desk was found and purchased by David and Jeanne Moody at an antique shop in the Keene Area. They in turn donated the desk to the Alstead Historical Society and the Historical Society trustees voted to have Matt Saxton restore the desk to its original condition. Matt did a wonderful job and it now represents Cyrus K. Vilas and his pharmacy that was located from 1862 thru 1887 in the Masonic Block by the bridge in Paper Mill Village.

Works On Paper are also performing conservation work on a map of Cheshire County cartographed by Chauncy J. Newell of Alstead, New Hampshire circa 1900. This map was donated to the Alstead Historical Society by Don and Barbara Porter.

Kathy Bascom donated a number of items that had belonged to her grandparents, George and Ruth Benware. Ruth was a 3rd and 4th grade teacher at the Village School in Alstead for approximately twenty years beginning in 1944. George Benware operated a garage on Main Street in Alstead between 1935 – 1944 and later portable sawmills.

We are pleased the Mill Hollow Heritage Association was able to carry out its goal of purchasing Chase's Mill in October and has been awarded a substantial LCHIP matching grant toward the rehabilitation of the building. The removal of threatening trees has already happened. Some students from Kroka Expeditions in Marlow helped remove heavy materials from a sagging floor. Construction is expected to start in the spring.

If you are interested in helping preserve Alstead's History, we would like to invite you to attend a Board of Trustees Meeting held on the third Thursday of the month or drop by our archival office at the municipal building on Wednesdays between 1:00 P. M. and 4:00 P. M.

Thanks to everyone for your support of the Alstead Historical Society.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce A. Bellows
Alstead Historical Society President

2016 Annual Report Vilas Pool Report

The Vilas Pool Committee is very happy to report another very Successful Season in 2016.

Clean ups have become easier with each Season by being continuous with a through Spring & Fall clean up. Thanks to all our dedicated Volunteers & staff who assisted with the daunting task of clean up. We send a special Thanks to Sonja & Mike Gallup for assisting in Spring & Fall clean ups, your service & appreciation is valuable to our goals of beautification at Vilas Pool park!

A very special thanks goes out to Stephen Blake for his continued dedication & love to Vilas Pool for 35+ years. Steve is very committed to Vilas Pool Park and likes to see School & community involvement and participation from all our surrounding communities. His dedication & commitment as Park Host this Season was very much appreciated.

Other part time Staff members were Dan Gendron, Faith Wilson & Matt Gendron, thank you all for your help in making it a special Season.

Girl Scouts held a weekend Jamboree with a full house.

Alstead Elementary school children returned after many absent years to enjoy an end of year play day, they enjoyed the Vilas Pool Clown & ice cream social, they had a great time!

Vilas Pool day was a huge success with the Nostalgic 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.

The Community Worship Service & Pot Luck was a full house enjoyed by everyone, thanks to our Community churches for providing such a fun service!

9 beautiful brides held their weddings at Vilas Park as well as numerous birthday/family events. Everyone made memories that will last them a lifetime.

Lots of excitement grew as the pool was drained again & the gate was opened. Water test came back allowing us to bring swimming back in a roped off area as suggested by our insurance agent, the kids really enjoyed the return of swimming!

Children's activities were very popular along with Monadnock Arts paint night. Many families enjoyed camping through-out the season.

The season ended with the 4th Annual Vilas Pool Music Festival and fireworks that were shot off over Vilas Pool, enjoyed by so many. Thanks to John Pasquarelli for his hard work & efforts in 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.

Everyone is welcome to stop by and visit, enjoy a day with your family playing at the new playground & sandbox. The family can play horseshoes, hockey, ping pong, foosball & volleyball. Don't forget to visit the Historic Bell Carillon play the chimes, boating, nostalgic Snack Shack or just enjoy a good old fashion family picnic or BBQ at the number one spot in Alstead!

We thank everyone who helped make 2016 such a successful year and look forward to an exciting 2017 Season.

We would like to thank the Alstead Selectman and the Alstead Police Department for your continued support as well as all our supporters.

A special thanks to Rock Wilson for the new donation box at the entrance, a huge thanks to all those who donated.

Without everyone working together to make Vilas Pool a fun community spot, this wonderful historic spot would not survive the times.

Respectfully submitted by,

Syrene Porter Secretary
Bobbie Wilson Chairman
Stephen Blake
John Parrott



2016 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 seeks to enhance public awareness of the issues affecting the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2016 included:

Membership: three new members joined the committee replacing previous retirees: Shawn Brodeur-Stevens from Alstead who is a science teacher in Charlestown and Betsy Stacey also from Alstead who teaches science in the Keene School System. Shawn Bowman comes from Acworth and is chair of their Conservation Commission. He replaces Debby Hinman who was one of the founding members of CRLAC some fifteen years ago, and whose knowledge, and commitment has been a great strength of our organization.

Warren Brook: restoration of 900 feet of the brook has been completed. CRLAC was instrumental in identifying the contractor, putting together the bid proposal, and putting together the funding necessary to complete the project. In an effort to make this project as community oriented as possible, CRLAC members got one hundred and twenty 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students from all five towns to spend a morning planting 1100 live plants along the stream bed to protect the banks from erosion.

The construction entailed restoring the serpentine shape of the brook and its wildlife habitat. The results of this project are expected to lower the speed of water at high flows and to improve the habitat for fish and other wildlife.

We are grateful for the contribution made by many donors, particularly the Alstead Conservation Commission, NHDES, NH Fish and Game, NH Charitable Foundation, NH Moose Plate, NH Corporate Wetlands Restoration Partnership, and the Cold River Local Advisory Committee.

Water Quality: two members received training this year for testing. We are currently exploring the idea of using an Antioch student to be an intern to test water quality. Also, the Cold River is part of a water quality study being conducted by a Yale University Lab which results will be made available to us.

Bridge carrying 123A over Warren Brook: we have been asked to comment on its design.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frederick Ernst (chair), Deborah Hinman (Acworth), Mitch Harrison, Betsey Stacey, Shawn Stevens (Alstead), Catherine MacDonald (Langdon), Sue Lichty (Lempster), Fred Ernst, Kim Lewis, Gary Speed (Walpole).

2016 ANNUAL REPORT FALL MOUNTAIN FOODSHELF

2016 was another wonderful inspiring year filled with love, generosity, and so much caring for the well-being of others. We had good nutritious food to offer everyone who came to us for help with food.

Our shelves remained well stocked because of the generosity of the communities. We are grateful to the towns, individuals, families, churches, businesses, our schools and their staffs, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the 4H groups, the Walpole Reuse Center Thrift Shop, and our many local organizations that did tremendous food and monetary collections throughout the whole year.

We are grateful to the town of Langdon for the use of the space in the municipal building in 2016 and to the town of Charlestown for paying the rent for our space for the Foodshelf site in Charlestown. Both sites are wonderful and we are thankful for them. We are grateful for the monetary donations from the Town of Acworth and the Town of Walpole.

We successfully met the two \$10,000 fund raising challenges. Everyone's generosity has made a huge difference in the quality of life for so many families. Their continued generous gifts to help the Foodshelf are so heartwarming. We know we will meet the two \$10,000 challenges again this year. What a blessing they will be.

In 2016 12,470 times families came to the Foodshelf for help. They included 50,430 individuals of all ages. We were so blest to be able to provide them with 1,549,820 nutritious meals. Everyone who came to us for help with food left with a good supply of food and feeling very much cared for. It is very sad and very discouraging not to have food to feed your family. The Foodshelf provides much needed food for the body and food for the spirit. Our client's spirits are very uplifted by the food they receive and by the caring and help given them by our volunteers.

We provided 1,106 families with wonderful Thanksgiving dinner boxes. We had so many wonderful high school students, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4H members, and community members helping us fill and deliver some of the boxes to shut-ins. The people were excited to have such a delicious meal to share with their loved ones. They were all very thankful.

Our 9th year of “Grow A Row for the Foodshelf” was awesomely successful. Farmstands, local farmers, gardening groups, and many local families regularly donated many varieties of beautiful locally grown produce. Our clients were thrilled and grateful to have so many beautiful vegetables and fruits. It is such a wonderful gift to share. Many of our clients canned and froze the produce for the winter months. Our 10th year 2017 will be very successful too. People are already planning on growing a row for us. We will receive lots of delicious donations.

Everything we accomplish at the Foodshelf is made possible by the many volunteers that give so much of themselves to helping the Foodshelf and all the families we serve. They are a very dedicated group of loving and caring people. They give so, so much of themselves to make coming to the Foodshelf a very positive experience for our clients. We are very grateful for their dedication and hard work. If you are interested in volunteering even for a couple of hours let us know. It will be a very rewarding experience in so many ways. Try it you will like it.

We are grateful to our Foodshelf Advisory Committee, Chaired by Lou Beam with representatives from all of the towns. They have been wonderfully supportive. They will be helping us find a permanent place to move to in five years. All will proceed in a very positive way.

We are blest we were able to sign a five-year lease for our current space from the Town of Langdon. We will be paying the rent and utilities. Dennis McClary, a member of the Advisory Committee and a resident of Langdon, helped get a grant from Sullivan County to help for these expenses. Dennis also was able to get several other grants to pay for a walk-in freezer. This will save on the electric bills as we were able to give the 16 older freezers away.

Thank you all so very much for your tremendous, generous caring and support in 2016 and throughout our 37 years of helping our neighbors who are in need of help with food. It is very wonderful to be part of such caring and generous communities that truly care about the well-being of their neighbors. Many blessings to everyone for 2017. May you have a wonder filled year!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling, Director

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2016 Annual Report

Fall Mountain Friendly Meals Report

2016 was another truly wonderful and fun year at the Friendly Meals. Our 29th year was a year of good fellowship, fun times, and wonderful home cooked food. It is wonderful to break bread together every Tuesday and Thursday at 11 o'clockish at the Alstead Fire Station. People come to enjoy being together and to savor a delicious meal made and served with love. Friendly Meals is food for the body and food for the spirit.

A wonderful spirit of volunteerism has made this program successful for the 29 years. Our dedicated volunteers transport the food from the storage area in Langdon, cook the food at the kitchen, set up the meal site, serve the meals, prepare the meals on wheels, deliver the meals on wheels, and clean up the kitchen and fire station. These wonderful, giving volunteers have brought wonderful nutritious meals and much joy and love into the lives of so many people.

In 2016 we provided 27,976 full course meals to homebound people in all the area towns. Having a good meal helps people to be able to stay in their own home and stay healthy. It is also heartwarming to have someone stop by and visit. People look forward to the meal and the visit. We are so very blest to have so many caring folks who give of their hearts and time to deliver meals to others twice a week. It is a beautiful gift.

We are truly grateful to the Town of Alstead for the use of the kitchen on Bragg Lane and the Fire Station. It is a gift that has touched the lives of so many people over these 29 years. We appreciate the Town of Langdon allowing us to store our food in their building before we take the food to the kitchen to cook. We are grateful for the monetary support from the towns of Acworth and Walpole.

The folks enjoyed getting the fresh produce from the farms and local gardeners. Local grown fresh produce is so delicious. We are looking forward to the fresh veggies and fruits in 2017.

The Friendly Meals is supported by local donations. The donations we receive at Helen's Haven our thrift shop at the Alstead Transfer Station all benefit the Friendly Meals. We do not receive any state or federal funding. All donations are used to provide the food and the necessary supplies to serve the meals and for the meals on wheels. A very small portion is spent on our share of gas for food pickup and insurance and, repairs for the van. We share these expenses with the Foodshelf.

Hopefully once again this year we will have a \$10,000 matching grant from Memorial Day to July 4th. It will help so much with the cost of food having escalated. We are so blest to have so many generous people who support the meals and care about the well-being of our people.

Thank you for your continued caring and support these past 29 years. Many lives have been touched and blest by the meals program; It means so much to so many to have good nutritious meals. 2017 will be another great year of sharing meals together every Tuesday and Thursday. Many blessings to all of you in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Huffling, Director

2016 Annual Report Alstead Recycling & Transfer Center

Let's talk trash – specifically compactor trash. We're all aware that not everything thrown into the compactor is garbage. It should be. Why? The cost of emptying the compactor is pricey; we pay over \$1100 per week and that doesn't include labor and trucking costs. So, anything kept out of the compactor saves money. Simply put – we're talking about recycling. Recycling is the one area where each property owner and each renter can help keep our town's costs down. Recycling either ① generates income for the town thereby reducing costs or ② the disposal fee for some recyclables is significantly lower than the disposal fee for compactor trash.

FACT: Income is generated by recycling the following:

⇒ **Corrugated Cardboard**

⇒ **Aluminum Cans**

⇒ **Mixed Paper & Boxboard** (newspapers, cereal boxes, junk mail etc)

⇒ **Scrap Metal**

In 2016, **191.18 tons** of the above recycled materials **generated \$10,197.79 in income.**

FACT:

⇒ The disposal fee for compactor trash was (until recently) \$87 per ton.

⇒ The disposal fee for #1 & 2 plastics and metal cans is a mere \$15 per ton.

Let's Do The Math

Last year, residents recycled 24.29 tons of plastics and metal cans (such as soup cans). At \$15/ton, the total disposal costs = \$264.35. Had this same 24.29 tons of plastics and metal cans gone into the compactor and disposed of at \$87 per ton, the cost would have been \$2113.23.

RECYCLING SAVED \$1748.88

FACT: In 2016, 708.40 tons of stuff was thrown into the compactor. The disposal costs totaled a whopping \$59,416.07.

FACT: In 2016, 215.46 tons of plastics, metal cans, aluminum cans, scrap metal, corrugated cardboard, mixed paper and boxboard were recycled. **These recycling efforts SAVED over \$17,000** in disposal fees because these recyclables did NOT end up in the compactor.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RECYCLE.

We encourage those who do not yet recycle for ecological reasons, to please start recycling for financial reasons.

The Transfer Center is the one place in town where each resident has a direct impact on keeping costs down. The lower the town's costs, the lower your costs.



Last summer, a Transfer Station Committee formed at the request of the Board of Selectmen. Four members of the **Alstead Advisory Budget Committee** (Glenn Elsesser, Chris Hansen, Marge Noonan, Mary Ann Wolf) and two Alstead employees (Trish Anderson, Jodi Kercewich) looked at current operating procedures as well as the financial side of our facility. They also explored ways to reduce costs while providing the same quality service. From their extensive research, several changes have been and will be made.

- **Payment is now required at the time of disposal for appliances, C & D, tires, electronics, fluorescent bulbs** and all other items that require a disposal fee. Payment may only be made by credit card, check or the NEW punch card (available at the Town Clerk's office). If you prefer to pay the above fees in cash, please plan ahead as the town's auditors prefer only the town clerk accept cash. Punch cards are available in any denomination.
- **Contract signed with a new disposal facility** - The committee recommended the Select Board sign a contract with Naughton & Sons. Their 'tipping fee' for compactor trash & the C & D bin is, for the next two years, \$72.50 per ton (a \$14.50 per ton savings from the previous facility.) At our current disposal rate, this change will save over \$12,000 per year in disposal costs.
- **Second compactor** – Langdon's compactor was obtained at no direct cost to taxpayers. There was the one-time cost of pouring the concrete slab and for the electrical hookup. Why do we need two? Typically, Alstead's DPW transports the compactor bin to the disposal facility on Mondays & Thursdays. Analysis of our 3-year average bin weight showed that the optimal bin weight (10-12 tons) was difficult to achieve without swapping out the bin on a busy Saturday. This would cause delays for residents who arrived when the swapping out of bins occurred. The 2nd

compactor should ensure that each compactor bin is full when trucked to the disposal facility and this should reduce trucking and labor costs.

- **New name** (see heading), **new signage** (courtesy of NH the Beautiful) & **new closing time** (4:45 pm)
- **What didn't the committee recommend?** Pay-as-you-throw bags or mandatory recycling. Why not? Well, there were a lot of reasons, but foremost we first wanted to inform residents about the dollars and cents benefits of recycling. We're starting with these pages in the Town Report which will be followed by a Town website page and an informational tri-fold flyer (available from the facility's attendants). It is our hope that in the coming year the majority of our residents will voluntarily recycle because it makes financial sense.

Respectfully submitted,

Jodi Kercewich and Mary Ann Wolf

2016 Annual Report Vital Records

Alstead Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2016

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Bley, Elsa	Alstead, NH	01/19
Mousley, Paulene	Alstead, NH	01/30
Horan, Linda	Alstead, NH	02/01
Clark, Reginald	Lebanon, NH	03/06
Guerriere, Thomas	Alstead, NH	03/11
Maddocks, Jeffrey	Alstead, NH	04/26
O'Brien, Mildred	Westmoreland, NH	05/16
Binder, Oscar	Alstead, NH	07/07
Castellano, Jeanne	Keene, NH	07/08
Moran, Judith	Alstead, NH	07/18
Limoges, Daniel	Claremont, NH	07/23
Buschbaum, Charles	Alstead, NH	07/24
Burroughs, John	Alstead, NH	08/04
Garatoni Jr., Paul	Alstead, NH	10/17
Arkinstall, Eva	Westmoreland, NH	10/19
Manwaring III, Robert	Lebanon, NH	12/04
Haas, Charles	Alstead, NH	12/20

Alstead Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2016

<u>Person A</u>	<u>Person B</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Peters, Tarvarance A	Blake, Nickole A	Alstead, NH	01/17
Graves, Samuel L	Shaw, Emma E	Walpole, NH	05/28
Millette, Shyanne M	Allbee, Brandon K	Conway, NH	06/26
Holloway, Heather A	Smith, Wade	Alstead, NH	10/22
Russell, Brett W	Weick, Alisha M	Keene, NH	12/31

Alstead Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2016

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Verar Martin, Ramses Steven	08/05/16	Alstead	Verar, Ramses Verar, Sharee Lynn



Three Town Fair - 1921

