ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
for the year ending December 31, 2015
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TOWN OFFICERS
ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Selectmen
Zhenye (Zak) Mei (2016)
Deborah Stever (2017)
Edward Cutler (2018)

Treasurer
Darrel Gearhart (2016)

Moderator
Jim Collier (2016)

Lafayette School Board
Denys Draper (2017)

Cemetery Trustees
Kristina Pastoriza (2016)
Richard Larcom (2017)
Denys Draper (2018)

Library Trustees
Bernice Ford (2016)
Denys Draper (2017)
Amy Baker (2018)

Planning Board
Phil Reeder (2016)
James Collier (2016)
Gary Harwood (2017)
Samuel Brown (2018)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS & BOARD MEMBERS

Fire Chief: Arthur Rainville
Emergency Manager: Edward Cutler
Health Officer: Inga Johnson
Welfare Officer: Zhenye (Zak) Mei
Zoning Board of Adjustment: Road Agent: Robert Peckett
Dennis Ford (2016)
Greg Sorg (2016)
John Hynes (2017)
Ellen Pritham (2018)
Kris Pastoriza (2018)
(Ex Officio)
Kevin O’Brien (Alternate)

Recreation Committee:
John Hynes
Matt Koehler

Deputy Town Clerk:
Deputy Tax Collector:
Robert Thibault
Robert Thibault

Animal Control Officer: Richard Larcom

Conservation Commission
SELECTMEN’S REPORT

In the year 2015, the trend of formalization continued in the Town of Easton.

The building permitting process was strengthened with the reinstatement of a Building Inspector and a more rigorous set of inspection requirements which conformed better to state-wide standards.

With the help of the Kinsman Valley Club and its aim of improving the Town Hall, the Select Board adopted an updated Town Hall Rental Policy, and welcomes the use of the Town Hall as a forum for events providing benefit to the Town and its residents.

Another project is the possible purchase of the Ashton property next to the Town Hall for a conversion into a more green, public-friendly space for residents and Town Hall users. Further on the recreation front, the Town has made much progress in working with the Tri-Town Recreation Program to produce a formal agreement between the two entities.

A hearty thanks to all of our property owners for allowing the full-town property revaluation work by our assessors to be completed smoothly and on time. We are happy to report that despite the generally lower valuations, the Town tax rate is about the same as before.

As the Northern Pass proposals evolve, the Select Board has been staying vigilant over new issues that the burial of cable can cause in our Town and is working with other Towns to present a more unified front. A successful hearing was held in mid-November at the Town Hall where the residents had a chance to engage first-hand with representatives for the Northern Pass Project.

Also over the summer, our property owners came together and successfully prevented NHEC from spraying toxic chemicals throughout their rights-of-way in the Town.

Lastly but not least, the Select Board would like to thank Ralph Brigida (who stepped down this year) for his years of service as Trustee of the Town Trust Funds. The Board would also like to thank Toni Woodruff who stepped down from the Select Board secretary position in the fall. Your careful attention to details and thoughtful spirit will be missed in the meeting room!

We encourage any of you to attend our bi-weekly Monday meetings. They begin at 6, with the public portion starting at 6:30. Please visit our website, at www.townofeastonnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Select Board
Edward Cutler - Chairman
Zhenye (Zak) Mei
Deborah Stever
TOWN MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2015

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Polls will open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Articles 1 and 2. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

Ballot clerks were sworn in between 2:00 and 2:30 pm by Town Clerk Bob Thibault. Moderator Jim Collier read the warrant above officially opening the polls at 3:00pm. Ballot voting commenced from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Election results are below.

The deliberative session was called to order at 7:08 pm by the Moderator. The Moderator asked for the veterans present to stand and be recognized; they were given an energetic round of applause. The Moderator followed with the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions of the Select Board members, Town Clerks and Assistant Moderator. The Moderator recited from a past Selectman's report of many years ago in which the Select Board listed many problems it had to deal with at that time but ending with “Easton is still a desirable and beautiful place to live, filled with talented and energetic people”. He then thanked the current Select Board for all of their work on behalf of the Town.

This year’s check-in procedure with voting cards and yes-no ballots was explained to the assembly. In addition to the usual review of the rules of the meeting, Mr. Collier explained the reconsideration procedure to the body. He then introduced the law enforcement officer on duty for the meeting.

The Moderator then read the call to the warrant and announced the results of the election, warrant articles 1 and 2. As the Moderator was not given all the write-in names at that time, they were later posted.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot.

With 134 people voting:

Selectman - 3 year term:  Planning Board - 1 year term:
Edward Cutler 109  Sam Brown 119

Town Clerk - 1 year term:  Cemetery Trustee – 3 year term:
Toni Woodruff 119  Kristina Pastoriza 116

Tax Collector - 1 year term:  Supervisor of the Checklist - 6 year term:
Lisa Cutler 119  Lisa Cutler 115

Treasurer - 1 year term:  Library Trustee – 3 year term:
Darrel Gearhart 122  Amy Baker (write-in) 6

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town is in favor of amending the Easton Zoning Ordinance Section 604, WETLANDS CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT, by adding the following:
Protection of Ponds and Streams to provide pure water quality and protect aquatic life.

1) There shall be a fifty (50) foot no cut buffer from natural ponds, 1st, 2nd and 3rd order streams within the boundaries of the Town of Easton.

Conditions/Exceptions:
   a) Buffer may be interrupted by paths to the water that are no more than 6 feet wide. On one lot having greater than 200 feet frontage, similar paths, no greater than 6 feet in width, may be constructed at intervals greater than 200 feet along frontage.
   b) Existing lawns, gardens, or landscaped areas present prior to March 10, 2015 may continue but may only be expanded outside the no cut buffer zone.
   c) Minor pruning or trimming of vegetation in buffer zone no lower than three feet or higher than ten feet above the ground may be done to control growth and provide view-scape.
   d) Vegetative invasive species as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that are specific to New Hampshire may be removed by manual digging with care to minimize damage to root zone.

2) There shall be a one hundred (100) foot buffer from ponds, 1st, 2nd and 3rd order streams restricted from the use of pesticides/herbicides/chemical fertilizers.

Conditions/Exceptions:
   a) Pesticides/herbicides may be applied as a spot treatment for control of invasive species as defined by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture that are specific to New Hampshire by a professional applicator properly licensed by the N.H. Dept. of Agriculture.
   b) Permitted fertilizers: lime, wood ash, and residential compost.
   c) A 3-foot perimeter exempted zone around structures is created for control of household pests.

YES - 47          NO - 85

ARTICLE 3. Discontinuance of Easton Public Library
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Easton Public Library, and to authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of all books and materials therein, except those relating to Easton's history, and any costs incurred in so doing to be paid from the Library Memorial Fund.

Ned Cutler moved that the Town discontinue the Easton Public Library, and to authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of all books and materials therein, except those relating to Easton's history, and any costs incurred in so doing to be paid from the Library Memorial Fund, seconded by Debbie Stever.

Denys Draper, Library Trustee, spoke to the motion, giving a short history of the library and outlining a 3 year plan of improvements and achievements thus far. She asked that the library be given 3 years time and more money to achieve the goals of the trustees.

Ralph Brigida noted that there was no money in the Memorial fund mentioned in the motion.

Kathy Thibault spoke to say that budget hearing attendees were told that there were only 10 users of the library last year and that it was suggested then that town residents use the Franconia Library and possibly subsidize anyone who couldn't afford the $25
fee with the current library budget of $250. She also stated her concerns with the safety of the stairs for general public use and the fact that there is no second exit from the library.

Kris Pastoriza asked to amend the article as follows, "to see if the town will vote to keep the library open and fund it with an additional $1000.", seconded by Ellen Pritham. Barbara Collier pointed out that the new library budget would now be $1,250 under the amendment. Sue Ford expressed her concern about the library stairs and the danger of only one exit.

Denys Draper spoke saying that $1000 was not a lot for the town and that the stair issue had been resolved by the policy of tending to anyone who couldn’t handle the stairs by taking requests and delivering books to them. She also stated that she thought there were more than 10 users of the library. She further discussed the values of a library to towns in general.

Angela Brigida moved the question. The amendment failed on a hand vote.

Selectman Zak Mei moved to amend the article and after some suggestions by Mike Kenney and Steve Sabre about what should be preserved, the amended motion became: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Easton Public Library, and to authorize the Library Trustees to dispose of all books and materials therein, except those relating to Easton's history, operation and government and that any costs incurred in so doing to be paid from the general taxation. The motion to amend passed on a hand vote.

Kris Dobbins asked whether the Library currently has internet access available, the answer was there is not, but there is internet access through the town offices.

There being no further discussion, the amended motion passed on a hand vote.

ARTICLE 4. Town Operating Budget
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $238,768.00 for general Town operations as follows:

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Welfare Assistance 3,000.00  
Other Welfare 2,790.00  
Parks & Recreation 8,300.00  
Library 250.00  
Patriotic Purposes 100.00  
Other Culture and Recreation 1,250.00  
Conservation Commission 1,750.00  
Construction Bond - Principal 4,500.00  
Construction Bond - Interest 2,209.00  
Total Operating Budget 238,768.00

Debbie Stever moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $238,768 for general Town operations, seconded by Darrel Gearhart.  
Ned Cutler moved to dispense with reading the entire budget and deal only with specific lines with which there is a concern. Seconded by Sue Ford. That motion passed on a voice vote.

Discussion on the budget; Denys Draper asked the Select Board to consider changing highway maintenance contractors and then moved to amend the article by removing the funding of $55,000 from the Highway Maintenance fund and adding it to the Police Department fund. There was no second.

John Hynes, Recreation Committee representative, questioned why there was a $1000 administrative cost included in both the Parks and Recreation amount of $8,300 and the Solid Waste budget of $23,948 questioning whether it might be a double payment. Selectman Cutler answered that he would seek clarification from the Recreation Committee.

John Hynes questioned the increase in the Fire Department budget and the department's over spending of the budget the past 2 years. Kevin Low, Fire Department member, responded that he felt that the Department was not totally clear on its budget responsibilities. More discussion ensued with John Hynes and Select Board members Ned Cutler and Debbie Stever speaking about the effect that spending trust or reserve fund money has on the actual spent line of budgets and that it could look like a budget is overspent when actually the overage might have come out of a previously raised fund.

Ned Cutler made the point favor of the Easton Fire Department's overall budget by comparing it's $21,800 to Sugar Hill's $175,000 budget.

Ed O'Brien expressed his approval of the Fire Department and the purchase of a new fire truck now, stating that a town in northern New Hampshire just received a new truck for almost nothing with grants.

Inga Johnson, Easton Health Officer questioned the difference between the two welfare lines in the budget. Ned Cutler responded that one goes to welfare agencies and the other goes directly to town residents in need.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed on a hand vote.
ARTICLE 5. Darvid Farm and Forest Conservation Easement
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund to help meet expenses associated with the proposed conservation easement on 151 acres of the properties identified in the Town of Easton Tax Map 4 Lot 33, Map 4 Lot 34, Map 4 Lot 35, and Map 5 Lot 1; of this amount the entirety is to be paid to the easement holder: Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests.

Zak Mei moved that the Town appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 from the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund to help meet expenses associated with the proposed conservation easement on 151 acres of the properties identified in the Town of Easton Tax Map 4 Lot 33, Map 4 Lot 34, Map 4 Lot 35, and Map 5 Lot 1; of this amount the entirety is to be paid to the easement holder: Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Seconded by Ned Cutler.
Roy Stever, Conservation Commission Chairman, spoke to the motion, first thanking the Select Board for recognizing the Conservation Commission on the Town Report's inside cover. He informed the meeting that the property is Anna Darvid's property and gave a brief account of the long history of the Darvid family on the property. He also reported that it was Miss Darvid's sentiment that she would like the property to remain as a farm and that funds were being raised to make this happen.

Ed O'Brien spoke in favor of the conservation easement.
Howard Pritham questioned how much of the property would go into easement and noted that this property was probably an important headwaters site.
Roy Stever responded that 5 acres would be kept out and agreed that it was an ecologically important site.
Mike Kenney asked whether the goal was to get someone to live there and farm the area. The answer from Roy Stever was that it is unknown at this time, but possibly.
Trish O'Brien asked whether the property was an original kings land grant property. She was told that it was part of the original Kinsman property.
Kris Dobbins inquired as to the location of the property and was answered by many.

With no further discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.

ARTICLE 6. Conservation Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.

Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Debbie Stever.

With no discussion, the motion passed on a hand vote.

ARTICLE 7. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $10,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $20,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance.
Debbie Stever moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $10,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $20,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance. Motion seconded by Zak Mei. Denys Draper asked what this fund was going to be used for. Answered that it was to be used to help pay for the work on correcting the Gibson Road entrance onto Rt. 116. Ralph Brigida stated that he felt that the original intent of this fund was not to fix roads but for large expenditures of the highway fund. Debbie Stever explained the large scope of this project and NH DOT's involvement. Ellen Malessa questioned whether a similar correction could be made to Valley View Road. Ned Cutler answered that it was not as severe a problem and he thought it could be improved by trimming trees at the corner of Valley View and Sugar Hill Roads. Debbie Stever stated that any resident who thought they have a dangerous road situation should bring it before the Select Board. Nelson Crowe asked if the job would get done this year, Ned Cutler responded that we don't know.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.

ARTICLE 8. Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to create a Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 231:59-a and 31:19-a, for the purpose of repair of any class VI highway which has been declared an emergency lane. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount $2,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $2,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Zak Mei moved that the Town create a Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 231:59-a and 31:19-a, for the purpose of repair of any class VI highway which has been declared an emergency lane. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount $2,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $2,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. Seconded by Ned Cutler.

Zak Mei spoke to the motion explaining that as the center portion of Paine Road and all of Reel Brook Roads were designated as Class VI emergency lanes state law requires that any funds used to maintain these roads come from a separate designated fund.

Barbra Collier asked if Reel Brook Road crossed the river, and was answered no it does not.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed on a hand vote.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.
Ned Cutler moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Debbie Stever.
Ned Cutler explained that this was a standard Article required for building maintenance and repair costs.

*With no discussion, the motion passed on a hand vote.*

**ARTICLE 10. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund**
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.

Debbie Stever moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Zak Mei.
Debbie spoke to the motion stating that this is money put aside to maintain the Town cemetery.

*With no discussion, the motion passed on a hand vote.*

**ARTICLE 11. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project**
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount $2,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance.

Zak Mei moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount $2,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance.
Dennis Ford asked what the fund balance current was and was told $15,089.06.
Kris Dobbins asked what the Town's position was regarding Northern Pass and was told by a few that the Town voted to oppose it several years ago.

*There being no further discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.*

**ARTICLE 12. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the purchase of a firefighting vehicle; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.

Debbie Stever moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in
March 1997) for the purchase of a firefighting vehicle; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.
Seconded by Darrel Gearhart.
Denys Draper moved to amend the article to say that the $20,000 to be raised to be combined with the current fund balance of $40,404.06 to purchase a fire truck now. The motion was not allowed as the purchase of a fire truck was not a warned article. Ed O’Brien expressed his opinion that the Town should not wait to buy a truck.
Denys Draper asked how much a truck would cost and was answered by Ned Cutler that it could be $300,000 to $500,000 depending on specifications. Possible grant applications of 50 to 95% of the purchase price was discussed by Ned Cutler and Kevin Low with Kevin offering to apply for grants.
Denys Draper stated that she felt that the fund was not building fast enough and related that the Towns of Stark and Pittsburg both recently received new trucks for next to nothing with grants.

There being no further discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.

ARTICLE 13. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund.

Debbie Stever moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2014 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. Seconded by Zak Mei.
Ned Cutler explained that this is a different fund than the one discussed previously. This fund is to be used strictly to replace damaged or replacement type items, for example airpack maintenance.

With no further discussion, the motion passed on a hand vote.

ARTICLE 14. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation.

Zak Mei moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. Seconded by Darrel Gearhart.
Ned Cutler explained that Easton is responsible to reimburse other Towns that help fight forest fires in Easton and that the cost could be very significant.
Howard Pritham asked if we were financially responsible for forest fires in the National Forest.
Ned Cutler answered that Federal and State pay for those.
There being no further discussion, the motion passed on a unanimous hand vote.

At this point, with all warrant articles decided, Moderator Jim Collier asked if there was anything else to come before the meeting.

Ellen Malessa announced that the Easton Town Hall Improvement Committee, ETHIC, was having a Soup Supper on March 22 at 5:00 pm and invited everyone to attend.

Sue Ford commented on the great kitchen remodel and asked that the group responsible stand and be recognized for a job well done.

Ed O'Brien stood to recognize and thank outgoing Town Clerk Bob Thibault for his many years of service to Easton Residents and asked for a standing ovation which was well received.

John Hynes announced an "Adopt a Road" program coming in April and to see him for more information.

Ned Cutler informed the group that this year's Library report was written by trustee Treuman only and the other two trustee names should be removed from the report.

Ned Cutler thanked outgoing Town Clerk Bob Thibault for his help to the Select Boards over the years.

Ellen Pritham announced a Cooley-Jericho Community Forest Stewardship meeting at the Franconia Town Hall on April 9th at 5:30 pm.

Denys Draper reminded the group of the upcoming school annual meetings.

Moved to adjourn by Bob Thibault, seconded by Jim Collier, passed by many.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Thibault
Easton Town Clerk
## BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

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Special Articles Recommended  $ 84,000.00  $ 84,000.00  $ 393,500.00

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## PROFIT & LOSS

**January through December 2015**

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BALANCE SHEET  
December 31, 2015

ASSETS

Current Assets
Cash in Banks $199,848.60

Other Current Assets
Cash on Hand 100.00
Property Taxes Current Year 79,867.76
Tax Liens Receivable 19,667.12
Due From Trust Funds 565.00
Deposits held by Tax Collector 128,191.00
Prepaid Expenses 215.00

Total Other Current Assets 228,605.88

Total Current Assets 428,454.48

Other Assets – Tax Deeded Property 1,442.97

Total Assets $429,897.45

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities
Property Taxes POA $ 1,461.28
Withholding Taxes 3,638.52
Bills Payable 20,004.23
Due to School Districts 156,003.00
Total Other Current Liabilities 181,107.03

Equity
Restricted Fund Balance - Conservation 709.85
Assigned Fund Balance 1,442.97
Unassigned Fund Balance 221,024.57
Net Income 25,613.03

Total Equity 248,790.42

Total Liabilities and Equity $429,897.45
TREASURER’S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Bank Balance- January 1, 2015 $ 346,398.29

Receipts:
Tax Collector $552,004.95
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles, Fees, etc. 56,204.02
From Federal & State Government 55,508.72
From Capital Reserve Fund 1,500.00
Bank Interest 631.16
Other Sources 5,525.10

Total 2015 Receipts 671,373.95
Total Available Receipts $1,017,772.24

Disbursements:
Grafton County - County Taxes $110,529.00
School Districts 469,050.00
Selectmen Ordered Paid 238,244.64

Total Disbursements $817,823.64

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2015 $199,948.60
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
2015 TAX RATE CALCULATION

**Town Portion**
- Gross Appropriations: $324,268.00
- Less: Revenues: (118,855.00)
- Fund Balance Voted Surplus: (32,000.00)
- Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes: (15,000.00)
- Add: War Service Credits: 2,950.00
- Actual Overlay Used: 1,770.00
- **Net Town Appropriation**: 163,133.00

**School Portion**
- Net Local School Budget: 0.00
- Regional School Apportionment: 420,001.00
- State Education Taxes: (157,913.00)
- **Approved School(s) Tax Effort**: 262,088.00

**State Education Taxes**
- Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x $2.56: $61,743,306.00
- Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities): $62,646,306.00
- **Approved County Tax Effort**: 157,913.00

**County Portion**
- Due to County: 110,529.00
- Less: Shared Revenues: (0.00)
- **Approved County Tax Effort**: 110,529.00

- Total Property Taxes Assessed: 690,713.00
- Less: War Service Credits: (2,950.00)
- Add: Village Commitment(s): 0.00
- **Total Property Tax Commitment**: $687,763.00

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### 2015 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

#### Value Land Only

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Change in Net Valuation over 2014 (67,582,827.00) $ (5,842,323.00)
TOWN OF EASTON  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MARCH 8, 2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Article 1. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

To act upon the following subjects:

**ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, on the Official Ballot. (Ballot Vote)**

**ARTICLE 2. Town Operating Budget**  
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$212,635.00** for general Town operation as follows:

- **Executive**  
  $18,350.00

- **Election Registration, Town Clerk, Vital Stats**  
  14,200.00

- **Financial Administration**  
  12,700.00

- **Revaluation of Individual Properties**  
  7,300.00

- **Legal Expenses**  
  1.00

- **Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes**  
  2,050.00

- **Planning & Zoning**  
  2,500.00

- **Government Buildings**  
  12,200.00

- **Cemetery**  
  1,800.00

- **Insurance**  
  6,000.00

- **Advertising & Regional Associations**  
  1,900.00

- **General Government - Contingency**  
  7,500.00

- **Police Department**  
  0.00

- **Ambulances**  
  5,700.00

- **Fire Department**  
  20,550.00

- **Building Inspections**  
  600.00

- **Emergency Management - Forest Fires**  
  650.00

- **Emergency Management - Communication**  
  1,500.00

- **Highway Maintenance**  
  55,000.00

- **Solid Waste**  
  24,587.00

- **Animal & Pest Control**  
  300.00

- **Welfare Assistance**  
  3,000.00

- **Parks and Recreation**  
  9,134.00

- **Patriotic Purposes**  
  100.00

- **Conservation Commission**  
  1,000.00

- **Construction Bond - Principal**  
  3,000.00

- **Construction Bond - Interest**  
  1,013.00

**Total Operating Budget**  
$212,635.00
ARTICLE 3. Budget for Health Agencies & Hospitals
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,612.00 for Health Agencies & Hospitals as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

- Ammonoosuc Community Health Services $ 500.00
- North Country Home Health & Hospice 900.00
- White Mountain Mental Health 212.00

Total Health Agencies & Hospitals $1,612.00

ARTICLE 4. Budget for Other Welfare
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,940.00 for Other Welfare as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

- American Red Cross $ 100.00
- Burch House 140.00
- Center for New Beginnings 250.00
- Grafton Country Senior Citizens Council 300.00
- Tri-County CAP 2,150.00

Total Other Welfare $2,940.00

ARTICLE 5. Budget for Other Culture & Recreation
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for Other Culture & Recreation as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

- North Country Boys & Girls Club $1,000.00

Total Other Welfare $1,000.00

ARTICLE 6. Bond for purchase and demolition of Ashton House, to create common green space
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $75,000.00 (gross budget) for the purchase of the lot at 1070 Easton Valley Road (Map 3 Lot 14), and its demolition, removal and conversion into public space, and to authorize the issuance of not more than $75,000.00 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (2/3 ballot vote required.)

ARTICLE 7. Authorize Planning Board to Start a Capital Improvement Program
To see if the Town will vote to direct the Planning Board to begin and complete the process to create a Capital Improvement Program for the Town. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.)
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT:
ARTICLE 8. Fee for Franconia Library
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $450.00 for payment to the Abbie Greenleaf Library in Franconia, for a special discounted patron rate of $10.00 per Easton resident. (Majority vote required.)

SPECIAL WARRANTS:
ARTICLE 9. Paine Road Petition 1
Are you in favor of clarifying the status of the Town portion of Paine Road as a Class V road and designating the approximately six-tenths of a mile gravel section as a “Class V Highway to Summer Cottages” (New Hampshire RSA 231:79-81); and consistent with such designation, directing the Board of Selectmen as follows:

1) to close the gravel section of Paine Road for as many days before or after December 10 and April 10 as might be required because of early or late snowfalls;

2) to have the gates at each end of the gravel section remain open except in the event of a temporary emergency;

3) in consultation with the Road Agent, to make repairs and improvements to Paine Road, such as the installation of speed bump(s), to make it suitable for safe light travel; and

4) to appropriate and expend $13,000 to accomplish the above work as follows: $3,000 from the Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund, and $10,000 from the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

(The Selectmen do not recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 10. Paine Road Petition 2
Are you in favor of clarifying the status of the Town portion of Paine Road as a Class V road and designating the approximately six-tenths of a mile gravel section as a “Class V Highway to Summer Cottages” (New Hampshire RSA 231:79-81); and consistent with such designation, directing the Board of Selectmen as follows:

1) to close the gravel section of Paine Road for as many days before or after December 10 and April 10 as might be required because of early or late snowfalls;

2) to have the gates at each end of the gravel section remain open except in the event of a temporary emergency;

3) in consultation with the Road Agent, to make repairs and improvements to Paine Road, such as the installation of speed bump(s), to make it suitable for safe light travel; and

4) to appropriate and expend up to $13,000 to accomplish the above work from the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.

(The Selectmen do not recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)
ARTICLE 11. Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to create a Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of funding any legal expenses the Town may incur. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to add to such fund; of this amount $7,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $7,500.00 to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance; and to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 12. Deposit Land Use Change Tax into Conservation Fund
To see if the Town will vote to authorize 100% of the Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 to be deposited into the existing Conservation Capital Reserve Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted this article shall take effect March 10, 2016, and shall remain in effect until altered or rescinded by a future vote of the town meeting. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 13. To Fund the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to add to the Conservation Capital Reserve Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 14. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $15,000.00 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $10,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 15. Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,500.00 to add to the Town Emergency Lane Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $1,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $2,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 16. Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for the Maintenance and Repair of Government Buildings; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 17. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)
ARTICLE 18. Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town’s Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $7,500.00 to add to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town’s Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount $2,500.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 19. Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 to add to the Easton Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (established in March 1997) for the purchase of a firefighting vehicle; of this amount $25,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation, and $25,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 20. Purchase of New Fire Department Tanker
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200,000.00 for the purchase of a new Fire Department Vehicle, with $57,500.00 to come from the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, and $142,500.00 to come from FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant. This article is contingent on receipt of the grant. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 21. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount $5,000.00 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of $5,000.00 to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 22. Town Information Sign
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to purchase and install a Town Information Sign, to be located between the Fire Department and Town Hall; of this amount 50% or $2,500.00 is to be raise from general taxation, and 50%, or $2,500.00, to come from the December 31, 2015 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

ARTICLE 23. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Selectmen of Easton
Edward Cutler, Chairman
Zhenye (Zak) Mei
Deborah Stever
The Tax Collector’s office is continuing with an initiative we began two years ago. An Internet kiosk is available for you to look up taxes and view tax cards. This will greatly facilitate getting information, quickly, to those who express a need. The website is www.nhtaxkiosk.com.

As always, you can call the office (603-823-8017) Thursdays between 1:00 and 5:00 P.M. or stop in if you need more personal assistance or email eastontaxcollector@gmail.com.

Lisa Cutler
Easton Tax Collector
### TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

**Levies of 2015 and Prior**

#### DEBITS

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*This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a
### SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

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#### CREDITS

**Remitted To Treasurer:**

- **Redemptions**
  - 2015: $0.00
  - 2014: $1,989.01
  - 2013: $1,268.15
  - 2012: $0.00

- **Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190**
  - 2015: 0.00
  - 2014: 130.73
  - 2013: 153.18
  - 2012: 0.00

- **Abatements of Unredeemed Liens**
  - 2015: 0.00
  - 2014: 0.00
  - 2013: 0.00
  - 2012: 0.00

- **Unredeemed Liens End of FY #1110**
  - 2015: 0.00
  - 2014: 18,036.58
  - 2013: 1,630.54
  - 2012: 0.00

**Total Credits**

- 2015: $0.00
- 2014: $20,156.32
- 2013: $3,051.87
- 2012: $0.00
TOWN CLERK’S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles $55,169.00
Dog Registrations 452.00
Penalties 61.00
Copies 28.00
Marriage License & Certified Copies 95.00
Miscellaneous 399.02

Transferred to Town $56,204.02

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

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<tr>
<th>Date &amp; Place Of Birth</th>
<th>Name Of Child</th>
<th>Name Of Father &amp; Mother’s Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>October 17, 2015 Easton, NH</td>
<td>Oakley Lachlan Wells Miller Weed</td>
<td>Charles Weed Genesis Miller</td>
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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

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<th>Date &amp; Place Of Marriage</th>
<th>Name and Surname Of Groom &amp; Bride</th>
<th>Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage</th>
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<tr>
<td>July 18, 2015 Sugar Hill, NH</td>
<td>Patrick W. Plante</td>
<td>Easton, NH</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Kathleen P. Walsh</td>
<td>Freedom, NH</td>
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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2015

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<tr>
<th>Date &amp; Place Of Death</th>
<th>Name &amp; Surname Of Deceased</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>None Reported</td>
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Respectfully submitted,
Toni Woodruff, Town Clerk
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
December 31, 2015

Assessed Values:
Land - Town Hall and Fire Station $90,500.00
Land - Deeded 15,200.00
Land - Cemetery 92,300.00
Building - Town Hall 247,200.00
Building - Fire Station 58,400.00

Estimated Values:
Furniture and Equipment - Town Hall 18,900.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station 163,285.00
Furniture and Equipment - Library 2,200.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police 600.00

Total Town Property $688,585.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
December 31, 2015

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<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Principal</th>
<th>Interest</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Balance December 31, 2001</td>
<td>$120,000.00</td>
<td>$58,425.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payments through 2014</td>
<td>75,613.38</td>
<td>49,652.99</td>
<td>125,266.37</td>
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<td>Payments made in 2015</td>
<td>2,000.00</td>
<td>2,013.38</td>
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<td>Balance Remaining 12/31/15</td>
<td>$42,386.62</td>
<td>$6,758.63</td>
<td>$49,145.25</td>
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Note: Loan from the USDA Rural Development for the Town Hall addition dated December 14, 2001. 30 year loan with payout over 20 years at 4.75% interest.
# Town of Easton Report of Trust Funds
## December 31, 2015

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Funds</th>
<th>Type of Fund</th>
<th>Beginning Balance</th>
<th>Additions</th>
<th>Withdrawals</th>
<th>Ending Balance</th>
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<td>Cemetery Maintenance</td>
<td>T/F</td>
<td>$13,076.14</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
<td>$14.47</td>
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<td>Fire Dept. Equipment</td>
<td>CRF</td>
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<td>Emergency Lane</td>
<td>Exp/T/F</td>
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<td>4,000.00</td>
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<td>Conservation</td>
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<td>Cemetery Maintenance</td>
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<td>1,000.32</td>
<td>1,000.00</td>
<td>.79</td>
<td>2,001.11</td>
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<td>Town Building Repairs</td>
<td>Exp/TF</td>
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<td>Exp/TF</td>
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<td>Northern Pass Legal</td>
<td>Exp/TF</td>
<td>15,089.06</td>
<td>7,500.00</td>
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<td>Fire Dept. Major Equip</td>
<td>Exp/TF</td>
<td>6,398.81</td>
<td>10,000.00</td>
<td>17.17</td>
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<td><strong>Totals</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$200,307.05</strong></td>
<td><strong>$84,000.00</strong></td>
<td><strong>$448.64</strong></td>
<td><strong>$283,255.69</strong></td>
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T/F = Normal type fund. Trustees share discretion over spending.
CRF = Capital Reserve Funds. Needs Town vote to spend.
Exp/TF = Board of Selectmen have discretion over spending.
EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2015 was another great year for the Easton Volunteer Fire Department. The Fire Department has once again proven its effectiveness and value to the Town of Easton and the many surrounding Towns that Easton Volunteer Fire Department provides mutual aid to.

Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 19 calls in 2015 and these calls are broken down as follows:

- Fire Alarm Activations (4)
- Trees on Power Lines (2)
- Motor Vehicle Accidents (5)
- Structure Fires (4)
- Welfare Checks (1)
- Forest/Brush Fires (3)

Mutual Aid Calls: Franconia (3), Landaff (2), Sugar Hill (4)

This year was marked with the retirement of Chief Charles (Butch) Casey who dedicated over 25 years to the Department. Butch was instrumental in forming the Department in 1990. The Select Board has appointed Arthur Rainville as the new Chief and Darrel Gearhart as the Deputy Chief. The Easton Fire Department has an ongoing regimen of training with two new members attending a pre-level one structural firefighting class. This gives them a great start on the path to becoming competent firefighters.

The Easton Fire Department has applied for a FEMA grant in the amount of $150,000.00 Dollars. The grant is a 95% with a 5% match. With the townspeople's support we will use $50,000.00 from the Equipment Replacement Trust Fund. With this approach we will have a much greater chance of getting the grant. With $200,000.00 in funding we will be able to replace our 33 year old tanker that was built by the Department fifteen years ago.

The Easton Fire Department is always looking for new members (male & female) to join the Department. We need all types of volunteers; you do not necessarily need to charge into burning buildings. We need help operating equipment, fire engines and other firefighting apparatus. In addition to fighting fires, we typically respond to reports of downed power lines and traffic accidents. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Chief Art Rainville at 823-9558 or Deputy Chief Darrel Gearhart at 823-7152 or stop by the Fire Department during one of our meetings which take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm.

All of the Firefighters of the Easton Volunteer Fire Department would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of your support and we Thank You for allowing us to serve our great community. We stand ready to respond when called to action.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Volunteer Firefighters
Art Rainville, Chief
**EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET-2015**  
**January 1, 2016**

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<tr>
<th>Expenditure</th>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Budget</th>
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<td>Fire Chief’s Salary</td>
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<td>Fire Fighters Call Pay</td>
<td>110</td>
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<td>Training, Dues, Other</td>
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<td>Utilities</td>
<td>400</td>
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<tr>
<td>Office and Miscellaneous</td>
<td>600</td>
<td>300.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Truck Inspection, Maintenance and Repair</td>
<td>630</td>
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<tr>
<td>Truck Fuel</td>
<td>636</td>
<td>750.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment and Small Tools</td>
<td>700</td>
<td>4,250.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Building Maintenance and Supplies</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>1,800.00</td>
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**TOTAL**                                      | $20,550.00|

**Emergency Management/Forest Fire**           | 4290     |
| Labor                                          | 500      | $500.00 |
| Equipment                                      | 300      | 0.00    |

**GRAND TOTAL**                                  | $21,050.00|
EASTON LIBRARY REPORT

At the 2015 Town Meeting residents voted to close the Library and the Trustees were charged with disposing of the inventory. $250.00 was raised to facilitate this process.

In September the Trustees held a sale, in conjunction with the Kinsman Valley Club yard sale, which netted $226.00. The remaining books were purchased by Ragamuffins store in Bethlehem for an additional $122.10. So, a total of $348.10 was raised and the $250.00 appropriation was not used. Donations of books were also made to Copper Cannon Camp, Grafton County Nursing Home and Franconia Library.

The large room is now empty and the small room contains all the books which were saved. This included books by local authors and anything pertaining to New Hampshire, Easton or Conservation. Thanks to Kris Pastoriza for help with this project.

Thanks also to Bob Thibault for trash removal and book drop disposal.

Although it is sad to see our Library close after so many years, we do have a great option in Franconia. Currently we can use that Library for a $25.00 yearly fee and we have a proposal for lowering that cost, which we will discuss at this year’s Town Meeting.

The Franconia Library has handicap access from the parking lot and they have open hours every day except Sunday. Computers, laptops, WIFI access and Kindles are available. They do Inter-library loans and can get any book you might want (if it is available from another NH Library). There are subscriptions to many magazines as well as newspapers (NY Times, Wall Street Journal, The Courier and The White Mountain Record) with comfy chairs and large tables for reading and computing. Audiobooks, movies and puzzles are available and just added to their lending file are telescopes, microscopes, snowshoes and a Mah Jongg set.

There is a large children’s room with an extensive book selection, as well as toys, movies, games and puzzles. The Library recently received a CLIF grant and purchased many new books. Their motto is, “1000 books before kindergarten.” They have recently also established a Young Adult section and purchased several graphic novels, which appeal particularly to this age group.

Many Easton residents are already Franconia Library patrons. If you have not checked it out, we urge you to do so.

The Board of Trustees
Bunny Ford
Denys Draper
Amy Baker
CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Cemetery Trustees are pleased to report that the Cemetery continues to operate in good shape. This year we made arrangements for several dead and dying trees to be removed before they could fall and cause any damage. The boundaries of the Cemetery itself continue to be of paramount concern to the Trustees. Harry Burgess has been hired to mark the Cemetery boundaries with permanent markers. This enables us to monitor any development by abutters.

We are still working on a kiosk to be erected at the Cemetery as well as a new flagpole with appropriate lighting.

Please note that there are to be no pets in the Cemetery. The language allows for service animals and animals participating in a ceremony (i.e. a horse drawn hearse). Thank you all for your cooperation and understanding.

Denys Draper-
Richard Larcom
Kristina Pastoriza
The Easton Planning Board meets monthly, in the Town Hall, on the first Thursday at 7:00 p.m. We encourage anyone who has an interest in Town planning, including zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations to attend. Your property interests and concerns are important to this Board and we are very willing to discuss such matters with you. All ordinances, regulations, meeting minutes, and notices are found on the Town website: www.townofeastonnh.org.

This past year, the Planning Board was involved with a subdivision application for a property on the corner of Routes 116 and 112. After informal meetings, formalized presentations, and public hearings, a three parcel minor subdivision was approved. The Planning Board members worked to assist the property owner in this endeavor by familiarizing themselves with the property and analyzing the application and related documents to insure adherence to the ordinances and regulations of the Town.

This Board has continued to show a willingness to work with the public toward enhancing our Town for the benefit of all Easton residents, homeowners, and landowners and would welcome those interested in volunteering to assist us. Recently Anita Craven and Denys Draper joined the Planning Board as alternates. Their time and contributions are truly appreciated.

Easton’s Master Plan is scheduled for revision in three years. Even though three years seems a long way off, thinking of and building a vision for Easton’s future will take time, thought, consideration, and input from as many of you as possible. Please join us in our effort to ensure that Easton will remain our treasured Town for many years to come.

Sincerely,
The Easton Planning Board
James Collier, Chairman
Gary Harwood
Phillip Reeder
Samuel Brown
Zhenye (Zak) Mei – Ex Officio
Anita Craven, Alternate
Denys Draper, Alternate
In 2015, the Conservation Commission delivered on an ambitious work plan developed over the past three years. All efforts were inspired by the Town Master Plan, and were in support of the entire community.

- **Anna and Tonie Darvid Easement.** Commission members introduced Anna to representatives of the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) in 2014, assisting these selfless landowners in permanently preserving their family’s legacy in 2015.
- **Eversource Pole Removal.** Discovered and monitored by the Commission in 2014, continued pressure in 2015 resulted in a major helicopter operation to remove most of the poles abandoned in the Reel Brook watershed in the 1980’s.
- **Northern Pass.** Conducted community information sessions, offered testimony, wrote letters to the editor, and filed as interveners in the State’s Site Evaluation Committee process. The Commission is pleased to claim ownership in the broad-based effort to defeat the towers in Easton and White Mountain National Forest, and continues to represent the interest of the Town in supporting burial along Interstate 93.
- **NHEC Right-of-Way Spraying and Trimming.** Commission members met with NHEC to represent landowner concerns about aggressive trimming, and successfully mounted a landowner write-in campaign to postpone spraying.
- **Building Permit Reviews.** There were two new applications.
- **Landowner Issue.** The Commission forwarded a letter to the Select Board expressing concern on one landowner issue.
- **Telecommunications Proposal.** The Commission forwarded a letter to the ZBA, encouraging their due diligence in the review of a proposal for the Town’s first cell tower.
- **Energy.** The Commission continued work on informing Town residents on energy conservation and alternatives with a mailing and in preparation for Solarize Ammonoosuc, a regional initiative to encourage residential solar photovoltaic systems.

If you believe strongly in the importance of conservation in Easton, we need your help. The Commission will be looking for both new members and alternates as the 2016 term begins. Please join us!

Roy Stever, Chair
Kris Pastoriza, Vice-Chair
Deborah Stever, Member
Carl Lakes, Member

Beth Harwood, Member
Maria Hynes, Member
Anita Craven, Member
Steve Sabre, Alternate
Another busy year providing Emergency Services in our region. CALEX continues to provide the highest quality of pre hospital care to all the towns we serve providing 911 coverage at the Paramedic level 24/7/365. Serving 12 towns in Vermont & New Hampshire – Saint Johnsbury, Waterford, Barnet, Concord, Kirby, Victory, Danville, Peacham, Walden and in New Hampshire – Littleton, Sugar Hill, Easton.

We responded to 57 calls for service in the Town of Sugar Hill. Our busiest day is Wednesday and our busiest time is from 1200-1500. Our average response time for our entire service area in our NH operation is eight minutes and ten secs. Across our fleet of 6 Ambulances we put on 116,177 miles. Overall for our agency both VT & NH we responded to 3,623 up 270 responses over last year. CALEX provided 742 inter-facility transports throughout the year, 330 of these were Dartmouth-Hitchcock and the remaining to a variety of hospitals and facilities across VT & NH. CALEX continues to provide emergent and non-emergency transports from Littleton Regional Hospital to various facilities across the state.

We have started a fundraising effort for new ambulance purchases as our fleet is aging. Recommended replacement is 5 years and our fleet average is 8 years currently. Our newest truck purchased in 2012 has over 100,000 miles on it. We have placed an order for our newest ambulance which costs just over $160,000, it is expected to arrive early fall of 2016. We have incorporated new crew safety concepts into this design which will create the safest possible environment for our crews to work. You can help support our fundraising campaign or obtain more information by visiting us at www.buildanambulance.org

CALEX St. Johnsbury continues to serve as the area’s American Heart Association CPR and First Aid Public Training Center. Classes are offered monthly to the public, they can also be arranged to be held privately, and are also held for large and small businesses throughout the Kingdom. Of course, having seen first-hand the positive difference immediate CPR and First Aid can make to patient outcomes, we urge everyone, from teens to seniors to take part in these classes. Imagine the joy in knowing you made the difference in saving a life, easing fears, and/or discomfort. Those who have been able to make the difference in even the life of a stranger will tell you how wonderful the experience truly is. Visit us at www.calexambulance.org to sign up today!

As we end 2015, I look forward to another successful year of providing the very best of pre hospital care to our communities. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated and experienced team providing care for when it is needed to anyone who may need our service in the communities we serve.
In closing, I would like to thank all of our staff, their families, and the CALEX Board of Directors and our dedicated dispatchers for their continued support and dedication to the Agency’s mission.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Wright, NREMT-P
Chief Executive Officer

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

The Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance currently has four (4) members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, three (3) of which are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year’s end, has thirteen (13) active members. A membership well prepared to assist our citizens and visitors to our area with quality emergency medical care.

All members are Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technicians. They are continually training and improving their skills. Each member must have a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education each year plus every two years must take an additional 24 hour of classroom refresher, where members must demonstrate their proficiency to State examiners.

Many of the members have other specialized training including ice rescue, swift water rescue, high angle rescue and motor vehicle extrication certifications. All of our members are certified in advanced CPR and in the use of the heart monitor and defibrillator. Most importantly, all of our members are dedicated to providing compassionate emergency medical care from the scene to the hospital.

The Ambulance Service continues to seek its’ membership from the surrounding area by recruiting from the towns of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton, the same communities it provides service to. Anyone willing to volunteer is welcome to apply for membership. Each member is dedicated to providing the highest quality emergency care to the communities we serve.

The current list of active members of the Franconia Ambulance is:

Chief Paul Schmucker   EMT
Asst. Chief Mark Taylor  EMT
William Mead Paramedic
Steven Czarnecki Paramedic
Jennifer Liang EMT
Linda Mordhorst EMT
Ned Wilson EMT
Capt. Pam Oakman Paramedic
Allan Clark EMT
Bill Blackwell AEMT
Susan Simpson EMT
Zach Chicoine EMT
William Demers EMT
The Franconia Ambulance responded to 261 calls for assistance during 2015, of those 138 required transport.

In 2015, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were $65,664. Income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill totaled $81,413. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of $15,749.

Your Ambulance is currently operating at the Advanced Life Support- paramedic level. Again, I sincerely thank the townspeople for their continued support and the privilege of serving them. And I especially thank the men and women of the Franconia Ambulance for their countless hours of dedication and sacrifice, serving others in their community in their time of need.

In closing, I would like to pay special note to the retirement of John Ireland, who for many years donated countless hours of selfless, compassionate service to his neighbors and the community of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Schmucker-Chief
Franconia Life Squad
TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

2015 saw a drop in the market prices for recycled products but an increase of revenue in the special handling fees. We said goodbye to Nate Hartford who decided to make a career change and welcomed Corey Rush as a full time employee. To round out our staff we have brought aboard Don “Chipper” Dimick as a part time employee. As always we thank you for your continued support.

- Cardboard ------ 72.9 tons
- Newspaper ----- 27.7 tons
- Mixed paper --- 35.9 tons
- Magazines ----- 22.1 tons
- Aluminum ----- 12.4 tons
- Tin -------------- 7.5 tons
- Plastics --------- 10.3 tons
- Scrap Metal------ 18.6 tons
- Glass ---------- 163.8 tons
- Textiles--------- 5.7 tons
- Electronics------ 8.2 tons
- Tires ----------- 5.5 tons

Respectfully submitted,

Your Transfer Station Crew,
Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Corey Rush
Don Dimick
The Lafayette Recreation Committee saw a 2015 filled with events, activities, and sporting fun for residents of all ages. The Committee works hard to provide recreational opportunities to the residents and guests of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, and we’re continually striving to expand our activities in ways that engage our communities.

Lafayette Recreation sponsors or assists with several events each year: The Longest Day in June, Old Home Day, the Top Notch Triathlon, the Franconia Scramble Color Run, Community Harvest Potluck Dinner, the Wobble-n-Gobble and the Longest Night in December. This year also saw curling on the Lafayette ice rink, and dancing in the Franconia Town Hall with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire.

We are continuing work to inventory, maintain, map, and sign the many trails in our three towns. Anyone interested in adopting a trail may email recreation@franconianh.org. We also sponsor Earth Day activities in the spring, Old Home Day Fireworks, a series of summer concerts on the Dow, the Halloween bonfire, and the Community Holiday Party in December.

These events throughout the year bring our communities and residents together to visit and celebrate the beautiful place we call home. This year’s holiday party was expanded to include downtown Franconia businesses and activities for all ages, including caroling at the Lafayette Center and a visit by Santa at the Village Store.

Youth Programs Director Kris Kappler oversees our summer Recreation program of 97 enrolled campers and 13 counselors and orchestrates school-year sports through Lafayette Regional School. From fall soccer (including the hugely successful Annual Halloween Cup) to winter basketball and spring baseball/softball, these programs engage almost 95% of the Lafayette Regional School children with the essential assistance of over 20 dedicated volunteer coaches and officials. Information about our youth programs can be found at www.LafayetteRecreation.weebly.com.

Finally, the Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at the Lafayette Regional School; residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Lafayette Committee Members
Franconia: Beth Horan, Adam Boyer, & Meghan McPhaul
Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland & Launa Glover
Easton: John Hynes & Matt Koehler
Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk
Kris Kappler, Youth Programs Director
Kim Cowles, Park & Recreation Director - recreation@franconianh.org
COOLEY-JERICHOCOMMUNITY FOREST REPORT

The 840-acre Cooley-Jericho Community Forest is owned and managed by the Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust (ACT) on behalf of the towns of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, and Sugar Hill. With participation by these towns and numerous local residents, the property was acquired in 2013.

This year was devoted to recreation and education. Great progress was made in creating the first multi-use trails. Trail planning has been in the works for a couple of years. A consulting ecologist/forester, assisted by members of the Stewardship Team and other volunteers, explored the entire property, identifying and mapping wildlife corridors, bird nesting areas, wetlands, communities of various plants and trees, and identifying areas that are sensitive to disturbance and ought to be avoided by trails. Along with the topography, road access, and other natural features such as good view points, the team laid out a trail network.

To ensure that trail building followed best techniques, ACT partnered with the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC), which has been building and maintaining trails in the White Mountains for well over a century. AMC led trail building training for local adult volunteers, and also worked with a terrific group of students from Lisbon’s Panther Adventure Wilderness Program (PAWS). The students built a series of sturdy bog bridges through particularly wet areas. Summer teen crews from AMC continued the bog bridges and laid stone to harden other muddy sections of trail. Meanwhile, adult volunteers cut the new trails, cleared viewpoints, and put up trail markers. Eagle Scout candidate Asher Merrill of Sugar Hill designed, built, and installed a kiosk at the Trumpet Round access with the help of another volunteer team.

Now a loop trail (marked with blue blazes) originates from the Trumpet Round access that is suitable for hiking, and for the intrepid, mountain biking and cross-country skiing. A mountain bike trail (yellow blazes) originates not far from the beginning of the blue loop as it heads up the eastern side of the property. It is also found at the end of the Jericho Road by following a short trail. A map is at the kiosk and can be downloaded at www.cooley-jericho.org. Thanks to all the hardy volunteers who worked tirelessly on these trails!

Part of the reason for creating the Community Forest was to use the land for education. Last spring, ACT partnered with AMC to bring “A Mountain Classroom” to the Forest. AMC’s highly regarded environmental education program gets kids outside to combine hands-on discovery, problem solving, and lots of fun to learn about topics ranging from glacial history to stream ecology to map and compass use. Students from Bethlehem Elementary participated. This spring, we hope to work with additional schools, and to start a new effort to continue this vital work of reuniting kids and nature. We will be recruiting adults for a Community Conservation Corps, where AMC will train and mentor volunteers so that we may grow our local capability to lead the outdoor classrooms on the Community Forest and other conserved land. Please contact ACT (823-7777) if you’re interested in volunteering.

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

In 2015, The Center for New Beginnings provided services to 600 individuals. We logged 8200 patient appointments. Five of our clients reside in Easton.

AMMONOOSUC COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Ammonoosuc Community Health Services, Inc. (ACHS). We have been recognized by USDHHS HRSA as a National Quality Leader being in the top 1-2% in the country for our outcomes in prenatal care, preventive care and chronic care. As a Federally Qualified Health Center, ACHS provides comprehensive primary preventive healthcare to all, regardless of ability to pay.

As a community Health Center, many of our services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid and grants, funding sources at the federal, state and county level – this funding helps to offset the costs of providing care to all regardless of ability to pay. As you may be aware, these funding sources continue to be cut.

We offer a sliding fee scale for payment of services at ACHS as well as in the ACHS Dental & Oral Health Center, which opened in January. The sliding fee scale provides a vehicle for uninsured and under insured patients, preventing a possible costly emergency room visit, or, worse, hospitalization. We continue to work on new initiatives.

Last year we provided services to over 10,000 citizens of the 26 towns in northern Grafton and southern Coos counties. Healthcare was provided to 75 Easton patients.

SUPPORT CENTER AT BURCH HOUSE

The Support Center at Burch House is a private, non-profit agency that provides direct services and emergency shelter to victims of domestic and sexual violence and stalking in Northern Grafton County. In the fiscal year 2015, the Support Center at Burch House provided 413 victims of violence in our catchment area, which includes the Town of Easton. All of our services are provided free of charge to the recipient.
Last year we provided 11,635 support services, and spent 9368 hours of service to the community.

The Support Center at Burch House is a program of Tri-County Community Action, Inc., and a member of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS (New Hampshire and Vermont Region)**

The American Red Cross of New Hampshire and Vermont is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the New Hampshire and Vermont Communities prepare for, respond to and recover from local disasters. These services help thousands of residents each year.

In the past year, the American Red Cross responded to 354 local disasters, helping over 1,000 people in two states. We installed over 500 smoke detectors, helped 283 Nurse Assistants and 26 Phlebotomists graduate from training, held 510 blood drives and collected 120,000 units of blood, and connected with 317 military members with their families and loved ones. We currently have over 1,330 volunteers.

The American Red Cross provides *all its emergency relief services free with no support from federal or state governments.*

**NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE AGENCY**

North Country Home Health & Hospice Agency provides skilled services such as nurses, therapists, home health aides, medical social workers, and homemakers. Under our hospice program we also pay for medications for symptom relief, medical supplies and equipment, short term hospitalization and in-patient respite care, counseling and pastoral support. Hospice volunteers provide valuable support to those living with a life-limiting illness.

Although many of North Country Home Health & Hospice services are paid for through Medicare, Medicaid, and State grant programs, our reimbursement under these programs continues to fall significantly short of actual expenses. We have unfunded mileage reimbursement, and our hospice volunteer program depends largely on community donations to exist. Hard economic times are resulting in an increase in the number of uninsured and underinsured.

**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, INC.**

The Tri-County Community Action Program, Inc. (Tri CAP) serves Carroll, Coos and Grafton Counties with fuel and electric assistance, homeless prevention, and weatherization. We are also the conduit which the USDA Surplus Food is distributed to the food pantries throughout Grafton County.
Tri CAP/Grafton County assists low-income, elderly and disabled persons to solve problems and meet their physical and financial needs. We accomplish this by providing information, counseling, referrals, budget counseling, guidance and organizational assistance and by effectively linking households with CAP assistance programs and using community resources. Tri CAP provides necessary services for the less fortunate citizens in our community, who would otherwise have to seek help from the Town.

Last year we provided services to 12 residents of Easton, with services totaling $10,639.18.

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. (GCSCC) is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well-being of our communities’ older citizens. The Council’s programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible. The Council operates with senior centers throughout the North Country.

Through the centers, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, outreach and counseling, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

Last year, nine Easton residents enjoyed hot nutritious meals in the Littleton Area Senior Center dining room, and three hundred and sixty four meals were delivered to the homes of Easton residents by caring volunteers. In addition, on 56 occasions Easton residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources by our lift-equipped busses, and ServiceLink assisted Easton residents on 36 occasions. Easton citizens also volunteered 31.5 hours to GCSCC.

The cost to provide Council services for Easton residents in 2014/2015 was $5,127.71. Easton’s population over age 60 has increased by 79.6% over the past 20 years, according to the US Census data from 1990-2010.

NORTHERN HUMAN SERVICES – WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH

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

This past year, 3 people from the Town of Easton received 38.6 hours of services. Our cost for these services was $5,597.00.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTH COUNTRY

Approximately 200 children from Bethlehem, Littleton, Lisbon, Landaff, Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill are members of the Boys & Girls Club of the North Country (BGCNC). The after school programs and vacation camps that BGCNC offers are, in many cases, the key to the development of these children and we strongly believe that we are both preparing them for a happy and productive future and, in some cases, literally saving their lives.

The BGCNC is committed to our mission of providing a fun, safe and positive place for all children of the North Country under the guidance of caring adults, as well as connecting community members of all ages to the Club, providing healthy living initiative to keep our members fit and to making sure that both fun and education are a focal point to all our activities.

The BGCNC provides a safe and emotionally stimulating place to go after school.
TOWN OF EASTON

FEES
(As of January 2016 - Subject to Change)

**Building Permit Application Fee**
New Residents: $285.00
New electric and/or plumbing in existing building: $240.00
No electrical or plumbing in new construction (requires 1 inspection): $150
All others that require no inspection: $5.00

**9-1-1 Building Numbering**
$30.00

**Current Use Application**
$20.00

**Driveway Permit for Town Roads**
$20.00

**Reappraisal Charges**
$45.00

**Subdivision Application Fees**
Minor and Major Subdivisions: $200.00
   Plus $10.00 per Abutter
   This Covers All Filing Fees

Minor Lot Line Adjustment and/or Boundary Agreement: $10.00

**Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances**
Available on the Town of Easton Website - www.townofeastonnh.org
Planning Board Link
Paper Copies for Review Available at Town Hall

**Copies**
   Taxpayers - $0.10 per page
   Non-Taxpayers - $0.25 per page
   Non-Resident Tax Card - $2.00

**Faxes**
$1.00 per page

*Clerical Time to Meet Miscellaneous Information Requests*
$25.00 per Hour, Payable Before Information Is Released.*
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Medical Emergency
9-1-1

New Hampshire State Police – Troop F
846-3333

Fire Chief
Art Rainville – 823-9558

Fire Wardens
Warden – Arthur Rainville – 823-9558
Deputy – Darrel Gearhart – 823-7152
Deputy – Edward Cutler – 823-5050
Deputy – Zhenye Mei – 823-7264

Town Clerk and Tax Collector
Town Hall Telephone – 823-8017
Town Hall Fax – 823-7780

Hours
Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
and by appointment

A license for all dogs is required by May 1, 2016

A Current Rabies Certificate is required in order to obtain a dog license in the Town of Easton.