

ANNUAL REPORT
of the Town Officers
for the year ending December 31, 2017
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TOWN OFFICERS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Selectmen

Edward Cutler (2018)
Zhenye (Zak) Mei (2019)
Robert Thibault (2020)

Treasurer

Darrel Gearhart (2018)

Moderator

Jim Collier (2018)

Lafayette School Board

Denys Draper (2020)

Cemetery Trustees

Kristina Pastoriza (2018)
Denys Draper (2019)
Richard Larcom (2020)

Town Clerk

Toni Woodruff (2018)

Tax Collector

Lisa Cutler (2018)

Trustees of the Trust Funds

John Hynes (2018)
Denys Draper (2019)
Claire Mei (2019)

Supervisors of the Checklist

Tambra Gearhart (2020)
Lisa Cutler (2021)
Ed O'Brien (2022)

Planning Board

Phil Reeder (2019)	Zhenye (Zak) Mei (Ex Officio)
Denys Draper (2019)	Tom Boucher (Alternate)
Anita Craven (2020)	Jim Collier (Alternate)
Robert Lamanna (2020)	Frank Woodruff (Alternate)

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: **Building Inspector:** Allan Clark

Ellen Pritham (2018)
Kris Pastoriza (2018) **Road Agent:** Presby Construction Co.

Dennis Ford (2019)
Greg Sorg (2019) **Recreation Committee:** John Hynes
John Hynes (2020) Matt Koehler

Deputy Town Clerk: Robert Thibault

Deputy Tax Collector:

Animal Control Officer: Richard Larcom

Conservation Commission

Kris Pastoriza (2019)	Inga Johnson (2020)
Finn Goodwin (2019)	Steve Sabre (Alternate) (2018)
Carl Lakes (2020)	

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Town of Easton continued to see improvements in Town infrastructure and administrative consistency in 2017.

The Select Board welcomed a familiar face, Bob Thibault, to his second stint as a Selectman. Bob promptly initiated an effort to better organize the various less well-known policies that the Board has created in the past few years, including the Investment Policy and the Winter/Inclement Weather Policy, as well as endeavoring to make the Building Permit routing procedures more efficient. The latter is particularly important as the Town had a sharp increase in building permit activity in 2017. We'd like to welcome the new residents and encourage their involvement with services provided by the Fire Department and local government.

The Town wrapped up a few on-going projects in 2017, the largest of all being the re-routing of Gibson Road. The road was completed on-time and on-budget, and the Select Board would like to thank Dr. Campbell McLaren for providing the easement to the Town so that the former highly deficient highway entrance could be relocated and redesigned for the safety of everyone using the road. Other Town roads such as Valley View and Paine Road also received much-needed attention, and further deep maintenance to identified roads and culverts are also planned, as storm damage to roads has built up over the years.

Regarding the topic of storms and life safety; the Fire Department owns a few portable gasoline-powered generators available for borrowing by residents who rely on life-saving medical equipment, during prolonged power outages. Similarly, the Fire Department also can provide homeowners, free-of-charge, with an unobtrusive (white-numbering-on-maroon-background), reflective road number sign for their driveway entrance so that emergency responders may quickly identify the residence. If you would like either of the above, please contact the Town Clerk or Fire Department.

The improvements to the common area around the Town Hall continue. A team led by Bob Thibault and John Hynes completed the Town Sign which has been immensely useful during the year. The former site of the Ashton House was cleaned up and is now a blank slate. The roof of the new Town Hall addition suffered a leak over the autumn and the Board is looking to replace the entire roof in 2018.

Finally, we enter the last few innings of the fight against the proposed Northern Pass Project. Sue Schibanoff and Kris Pastoriza continue to lead the efforts from Easton, with Ned Cutler and Bob Thibault representing the Select Board at the SEC hearings in Concord during 2017. Thank you to all who have helped the Town further its position against the project.

A word of appreciation for Mr. Edward "Ned" Cutler who is not seeking re-election to the Select Board. Ned was a steadfast mentor to new members and an expert at defusing delicate situations. In the past 6 years Easton's structural and financial stability has strengthened despite above-average demands placed on them by forces outside of our control. We thank Mr. Cutler, and you our taxpayers, for this.

We encourage any of you to attend the bi-weekly Monday Select Board meetings. They begin at 6pm, with the public input portion starting at 6:30. Please visit our website at www.townofeastonnh.org for more details and past minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
The Easton Select Board
Edward Cutler - Chairman
Zhenye (Zak) Mei
Bob Thibault

TOWN MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2017

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 14, 2017. Polls will open from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM for voting on Articles 1, 2 and 3. The Town's annual business meeting will follow at 7:00 PM.

The Ballot Clerks and assistant Moderator were sworn in at 2:30 pm by Town Clerk Toni Woodruff. Moderator Jim Collier read the above Warrant, presented to him by the Selectman Chairman, Ned Cutler, at 2:55 pm. The polls officially opened at 3:00 pm. Ballot voting commenced from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Election results are recorded below.

At the close of voting, ballot counters were sworn in by the Town Clerk to tally the votes for the first three articles. Town assistants to the Moderator were sworn-in to check residents into the 7:00 pm meeting, and provide yes/no ballots and colored file cards for hand votes (if necessary) and, if needed, to help with vote counts for the remainder of the Articles.

The deliberative session was called to order at 7:00 pm by the Moderator. All those in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Collier thanked the community for paying attention to their government (especially during a significant snow storm) and reminded them that "every vote counts." He then explained the voting procedures and set the rules for the meeting: fairness, civility, and the authority to challenge the Moderator.

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

The Moderator read the Article and announced the results of the vote as follows:

With 63 people voting:

Selectman - 3 year term:	Planning Board - 3 year term: (Vote for 2)
Bob Thibault 59	Anita Craven 49
Write-In - Scott Caron 1	Robert Lamanna 58
Blank 3	Write-In - Frank Woodruff 1
	Write-In - Gary Harwood 1
	Blank 3
Town Clerk - 1 year term:	Cemetery Trustee - 3 year term:
Toni Woodruff 58	Richard Larcom 59
Write-In - Bob Thibault 1	Write-In - Toni Woodruff 1
Blank 4	Blank 3
Tax Collector - 1 year term:	Trustee of the Trust Funds (Write-In)
Lisa Cutler 59	Ralph Brigida - 2 John Hynes - 2
Write-In - Frank Woodruff 1	Bunny Ford - 1 Lisa Cutler - 2
Blank 3	Tambra Gearhart - 1 Frank Woodruff - 2

James Collier - 1 **Zak Mei - 1**
Meg Caron - 1 **Shirley Boucher - 1**
Sonia German - 1 **Bev Lamanna - 1**
Greg Sorg - 1
Blank - 48 (2 Ballots had 2 Write-Ins)

Treasurer - 1 year term:
Darrel Gearhart **62**
Blank **1**

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of making the following changes **indicated in bold** to the Easton Zoning Ordinances? (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Warrant Article.)

The Moderator read the Article and announced the results of the vote as follows:

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE
Add the words
to protect water quality,

If approved, the first paragraph will read: “This Ordinance is designed to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of Easton, to protect the value of the property, to prevent the overcrowding of the land, to avoid undue concentration of population, to provide adequate air and light, **to protect water quality, and** to facilitate the adequate provisions of other public requirements.”

REASON: These words are on page 5 of the Master Plan, and in 604 C Groundwater Protection of the Zoning Ordinance.

YES - 51 **NO - 9** **Blank - 3**

ARTICLE 3. Are you in favor of adding a new paragraph to the Easton Zoning Ordinances? (The Planning Board recommends adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Ballot Vote)

The Moderator read the Article and announced the results of the vote as follows:

ARTICLE VI – FUTURE USES
SEC 604 WETLANDS CONSERVATION & SURFACE WATERS OVERLAY DISTRICT
A. TITLE AND AUTHORITY

3. The word “District” as used in this Section is meant to define lands that exhibit the physical conditions described herein.

REASON: This adds clarity to the word “District” in the Heading.

YES - 52 **NO - 8** **Blank - 3**

The Moderator read Article 4.

ARTICLE 4. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$247,947 for general Town operations as follows:

Executive	\$20,250.00
Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Stats	12,500.00
Financial Administration	12,750.00
Revaluation of Individual Properties	6,000.00
Legal Expenses	1.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	13,100.00
Cemetery	1,900.00
Insurance	3,200.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,970.00
General Government - Contingency	15,000.00
Police Department	0.00
Ambulances	5,804.00
Fire Department	22,550.00
Building Inspections	250.00
Emergency Management - Forest Fire	650.00
Emergency Management – Other Public Safety	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	70,000.00
Solid Waste	29,719.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Welfare Assistance	3,000.00
Parks & Recreation	8,896.00
Library	1.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Conservation Commission	1,750.00
Construction Bonds - Town Hall	5,681.00
Construction Bonds - South Common	<u>6,575.00</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$247,947.00

Ned Cutler moved Article 4, Zak Mei seconded.

Ralph Brigida questioned the \$1.00 amount in Legal Expenses and asked the Board to consider moving the \$15,000 in General Government-Contingency to Legal Expenses. Denys Draper questioned whether doing that would adversely affect future Articles. Selectman Cutler proposed placing \$7,500 of the \$15,000 in Legal Expenses and \$7,500 in Highway Maintenance. Ned Cutler made a motion to place \$7,500 of the \$15,000 into Legal Expenses and \$7,500 into Highway Maintenance. This would leave \$0 in the General Government Contingency Fund. (this motion amended the first motion). Zak Mei seconded. The wording of the amended Article 4 passed on a voice vote.

Ed O’Brien expressed his belief that \$10,000 should remain in the Government Contingency Fund. There was no further discussion.

The Moderator called for a vote on the content of amended Article 4. Voting on the amended Article resulted in it passing on a voice vote.

INDIVIDUAL WARRANTS:

The Moderator read Article 5.

ARTICLE 5. Budget for Health Agencies and Hospitals

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,011 for Health Agencies and Hospitals as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Ammonoosuc Community Health Services	\$500.00
North Country Home Health and Hospice	\$800.00
CASA	\$500.00
White Mountain Mental Health	\$211.00
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Total Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$2,011.00

Zak Mei moved Article 5. It was seconded by Deborah Stever.

Brenda Adam questioned whether Ammonoosuc Community Health Services was owned by Littleton Regional Health Care. Beth Harwood responded that Ammonoosuc Health is an independent Agency.

The motion to approve passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 6.

ARTICLE 6. 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 County Senior Citizens Council	\$300.00
Tri-County CAP	\$2,150.00
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Total Other Welfare	\$2,940.00

Deborah Stever moved Article 6, seconded by Ned Cutler.

The motion to approve Article 6 passed in a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 7.

ARTICLE 7. Budget for Other Culture and Recreation

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

North Country Boys and Girls Club	\$1,000.00
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Total Other Culture and Recreation	\$1,000.00

Ned Cutler moved Article 7. Article 7 was seconded by Zak Mei.

Ed O'Brien disagreed with giving \$1,000 to the Boys & Girls Club. Bob Craven spoke to the benefit of the Club and Gary Harwood added that the Club is a great investment in the youth of the area.

The motion to approve Article 7 passed in a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 8.

ARTICLE 8. Fee for Franconia Library

To see if the Town will vote to accept a special discounted patron rate of \$10 per Easton resident at the Abbie Greenleaf Library in Franconia, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 for payment to such library for this purpose. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Zak Mei moved Article 8, Deborah Stever seconded.

Denys Draper asked how many Easton residents belong to the Abbie Greenleaf Library? Zak Mei responded that there are 38 residents who belong. Of the 38, four residents joined this past year.

The motion to approve Article 8 passed in a voice vote.

SPECIAL WARRANTS:

The Moderator read Article 9.

ARTICLE 9. Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to add to the Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount \$10,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with the remaining balance of \$10,000 to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of the Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Ned Cutler moved Article 9; Zak Mei seconded. Zak Mei then moved to amend Article 9 to read:

ARTICLE 9. Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to add to the Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund: of this amount \$25,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with the remaining balance of \$10,000 to be raised from general taxation. (Ned Cutler seconded the amendment.)

The Moderator explained that it is legal for the Town to vote to change appropriations. First a motion, second, and vote are needed to accept the wording of the amendment. Then there is a motion, second and vote to accept the content of the amended motion.

Kent Butterfield asked the Select Board to break down the numbers for the Town's legal issues. Ned Cutler responded that the legal fees involve Gibson Rd., Paine Rd., Fairpoint, the Lafayette Recreation Commission Contract, and ordinance violations and gave an approximate amount spent on legal fees for each. Anita Craven questioned why there is both a budget line item and an Article for legal fees. Ned Cutler responded that the Town does not have an exact amount for what the fees might be and the Town needs to cover the costs. Bunny Ford commented that the Town should know what is involved with the Lafayette Recreation Commission contract.

The Moderator read the amended Article 9 and called for a vote to accept the wording of the Article. Passed on a voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote to accept the change in content of the amended Article. Passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 10.

ARTICLE 10. 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 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Zak Mei moved Article 10; Ned Cutler seconded. Ned Cutler then moved to amend Article 10 to read:

ARTICLE 10. 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 \$20,000 to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project; of this amount, \$12,500 would come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with the remainder of \$7,500 to come from general taxation. (Zak Mei seconded the amendment.)

Deborah Stever questioned why these changes were not discussed at Monday evening's Select Board Meeting. Ned Cutler responded that the information from legal counsel came after the Select Board Meeting was concluded.

The Moderator read the amended Article 10 and called for a vote to accept the wording of the Article. Passed on a voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote to accept the change in content of the amended Article. Passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 11.

ARTICLE 11. Payment for Expert Testimony Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project

To see if the Town will vote to contract for 2 years the George E. Sansoucy, P.E., LLC of 89 Reed Road, Lancaster, NH to provide engineering consulting, valuation, regulatory analysis, expert testimony, and technical support to the Town and to representing the Town's position regarding the Northern Pass Project; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for payment of the services contained in the contract; of this amount \$7,500 to come from the unassigned fund balance with the remaining balance of \$7,500 to be raised from general taxation. This Article is non-lapsing 12/31/18. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Deborah Stever moved Article 11; Ned Cutler seconded. Ned Cutler then moved to amend Article 11 to read:

ARTICLE 11. Payment for Expert Testimony Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project

To see if the Town will vote to contract for 2 years with George E. Sansoucy, P.E. LLC

of 89 Reed Road, Lancaster, NH to provide engineering consulting, valuation, regulatory analysis, expert testimony, and technical support to the Town and to represent the Town's position regarding the Northern Pass Project; and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for payment of the services contained in the contract; the total of this amount to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. This Article is non-lapsing 12/31/18. (Zak Mei seconded the amendment.)

Bob Craven questioned the meaning of "non-lapsing". The meaning was clarified by Zak Mei. Mike Kenney wanted to know how this firm was selected and who else is using this firm. Kris Pastoriza spoke to the excellence and quality of George Sansoucy's work. Bob Thibault and Ralph Brigida wanted to know if this firm will report back to the Town. Ned Cutler suggested inviting Sansoucy to Town to provide feedback. Mike McKeever asked if he will interact with residents?

The Moderator read the amended Article 11 and called for a vote to accept the wording of the Article. Passed on a voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote to accept the change in content of the amended Article. Passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 12.

ARTICLE 12. Conservation Capital Reserve Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be added to the Conservation Capital Reserve 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.)

Ned Cutler moved Article 12. Zak Mei seconded.

The Moderator put Article 12 to a vote.

Article 12 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 13.

ARTICLE 13. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount \$5,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with the remaining balance of \$10,000 to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority Vote required)

Zak Mei moved Article 13. Deborah Stever seconded.

Frank Woodruff asked why this amount of money is necessary for road maintenance. Zak Mei and Ned Cutler explained that it will fund large road projects such as culvert replacement.

The Moderator put Article 13 to a vote.

Article 13 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 14.

ARTICLE 14. 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 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)

Deborah Stever moved Article 14. Ned Cutler seconded the motion.

The Moderator put Article 14 to a vote.

Article 14 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 15.

ARTICLE 15. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 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)

Ned Cutler moved Article 15; Zak Mei seconded.

The Moderator put Article 15 to a vote.

Article 15 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 16.

ARTICLE 16. 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 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount \$2,500 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance with the remaining balance of \$7,500 to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Zak Mei moved Article 16; Deborah Stever seconded.

The Moderator put Article 16 to a vote.

Article 16 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 17.

ARTICLE 17. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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)

Deborah Stever moved Article 17. Ned Cutler seconded and then moved to amend Article 17 to read:

ARTICLE 17. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to add to the Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from the Unassigned Fund Balance. (Zak Mei seconded this amendment.)

Beth Harwood asked why so much money is coming out of the Unassigned Fund

Balance. Ned Cutler explained that our accountant, Tammy Letson, from Crane and Bell advised the Town on this matter.

The Moderator read the amended Article 17 and called for a vote to accept the wording of the Article. Passed on a voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote to accept the change in content of the amended Article. Passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 18.

ARTICLE 18. Animal Rescue Donation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Above the Notch Animal Rescue; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Ned Cutler moved Article 18; Zak Mei seconded.

The Moderator put Article 18 to a vote.

Article 18 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 19.

ARTICLE 19. Street Number Signage Ordinance

Are you in favor of making the following addition **in bold** to the Easton Town Ordinances?

The purpose of this ordinance is to safeguard the health and safety of the residents, businesses, and visitors to the Town of Easton by providing clear and accurate street address information to police, fire and emergency medical responders who may be dispatched to the location in an emergency.

a. Owners of all commercial and residential buildings shall post the street address number of the building in a location that is clearly visible from the road during all seasons of the year. For buildings not readily visible from the street the assigned street number(s) shall be conspicuously displayed at the driveway entrance. Street address numbers posted on mailboxes meet the requirement of this ordinance if the mailbox is located in close proximity of the driveway to the building. Numbers placed on mailboxes shall be visible from both directions of travel. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Zak Mei moved Article 19. Deborah Stever seconded.

Dennis Ford spoke to the street number signage saying, in his opinion, the formatting should be clear and everyone should have the same signage. After a back and forth discussion, Tom Boucher motioned to move the Article. Seconded.

The Moderator put Article 19 to a vote.

Article 19 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 20.

ARTICLE 20. Street Number Signage Package Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to purchase sign blanks, channel posts, and number packs for street number signage if needed; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend

adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Deborah Stever moved Article 20. Ned Cutler seconded. Ned Cutler moved to amend Article 20 to read:

ARTICLE 20. Street Number Signage Package Purchase

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 to purchase sign blanks, channel posts, and number packs for street number signage if needed; of this amount the entirety is to be raised from Unassigned Fund Balance. (Zak Mei seconded the motion to amend.)

The Moderator read the amended Article 20 and called for a vote to accept the wording of the Article. Passed on a voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote to accept the change in content of the amended Article 20. Passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 21.

ARTICLE 21. Town Information Sign

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 to complete the purchase and installation of the Town Information Sign, to be located between the Fire Department and Town Hall; of this amount the entirety is to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. (Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required.)

Ned Cutler moved Article 21. Zak Mei seconded.

The Moderator put Article 21 to a vote.

Article 21 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 22.

ARTICLE 22. Expert Highway Agent

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Select Board to appoint an expert Highway Agent pursuant to NH RSA 231:64, who, under the direction of the Selectmen, shall have the same power and perform the same duties as a Highway Agent elected by the Town. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Zak Mei moved Article 22. Deborah Stever seconded.

Zak Mei explained to those questioning the term “expert highway agent” that the result of the RFP with Presby negotiated by the Selectmen (as opposed to the Road Agent being elected by the Town) contractually, and as a formality, appoints Presby as the expert Road Agent.

The Moderator put Article 22 to a vote.

Article 22 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 23.

ARTICLE 23. Blasting Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a blasting ordinance that will require a 3-million dollar bond before blasting and forbids blasting within 500 feet of groundwater protection districts and 100 feet of wetlands. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Deborah Stever motioned Article 23. Ned Cutler seconded. Ned Cutler moved to amend Article 23 to read:

ARTICLE 23. Blasting Ordinance

To see if the Town will adopt a blasting ordinance that will require a 3- million dollar bond for non-residential construction before blasting and forbids both non-residential and residential blasting within 500 feet of groundwater protection districts and 100 feet of wetlands. (Zak Mei seconded the motion.)

Dennis Ford questioned if this Article was written specifically to target Northern Pass. Frank Woodruff questioned the impact of this Article on homeowners. Ralph Brigida stated that the State can override a Town Ordinance. Kris Pastoriza replied the State cannot preempt the Ordinance if they have no restrictions. Deborah Stever thanked Kris Pastoriza for all of the research and work she has done on behalf of the Town and cautioned the Town's residents not to act selfishly and to keep the best interests of the residents of Route 116 in mind with regard to Northern Pass's burial of lines down Route 116.

The Moderator read the amended Article 23 and called for a vote to accept the wording of the Article. Passed on a voice vote. The Moderator called for a vote to accept the change in content of amended Article 23. Passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 24.

ARTICLE 24. Borehole Sealing Standards

To see if the Town will adopt the National Cooperative Highway Research Program standards for sealing of geotechnical boreholes, with requirement of a bond equal to that required by the DOT in the case of DOT approved borings, and the requirement that applicants are required and will be responsible for the expense of the Town hiring an independent expert to oversee the filling/sealing of boreholes. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Ned Cutler moved Article 24. Zak Mei seconded.

Ellen Pritham inquired if this Article would apply to residential properties. The answer was yes, if the boring and sealing are done close to an aquifer. The purpose of this Article is to protect the Town's water sources.

The Moderator put Article 24 to a vote.

Article 24 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 25.

ARTICLE 25. Horizontal Directional Drilling

To see if the Town will adopt an ordinance prohibiting Horizontal Directional Drilling within 500 feet of the Groundwater Protection district, prohibit use of drilling additives other than bentonite, and prohibit discharges of Horizontal Directional Drilling fluid to surface of ground waters. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Zak Mei moved Article 25. Deborah Stever seconded.

Anita Craven asked if Article 25 applies to any horizontal drilling, or is restricted to

horizontal drilling on a road only. The answer was that it applies to any horizontal drilling.

The Moderator put Article 25 to a vote.

Article 25 passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator read Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. Thermal Backfill

To see if the Town will adopt an ordinance prohibiting Thermal Backfill or Thermal Concrete containing coal ash within the groundwater protection district. All fluidizing agents must be approved by the Town before Thermal Backfill may be used. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Deborah Stever moved Article 26. Ned Cutler seconded.

Ed O'Brien ask why coal ash should be prohibited. Kris Pastoriza responded that it contains heavy metals and mercury.

The Moderator put Article 26 to a vote.

Article 26 passed on a voice vote.

Having gone through all twenty-six Articles, Moderator Collier asked if there was any other legal business to come before the Meeting. Select Board Chairman, Ned Cutler, recognized former Town Road Agent, Bob Peckett, for his many years of outstanding service to the Town of Easton. Ned Cutler also recognized Deborah Stever, outgoing Select Board member, for her service. Zak Mei also spoke to Deborah's strong advocacy for the Town. To close, Ned Cutler thanked Jim Collier and Gary Harwood who have served the Town for many years on the Planning Board. They did not run for reelection this year. Ned told those gathered that Jim and Gary's assistance and commitment to the Town were invaluable.

Jim Collier made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Ned Cutler seconded. All were in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

**Toni Woodruff
Easton Town Clerk**

March 21, 2017

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2017	Actual 2017	Estimated 2018
Taxes:			
3185 Yield Taxes	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,176.00	\$ 0.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	34,964.00	34,964.00	34,964.00
3190 Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	1,000.00	8,191.00	1,000.00
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	45,000.00	66,184.00	45,000.00
3230 Building Permits	500.00	2,635.00	500.00
3290 Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	200.00	1,021.00	200.00
3311-3319 From Federal Government	0.00	0.00	0.00
From State:			
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	13,660.00	13,660.00	13,444.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	8,320.00	15,704.00	8,320.00
3359 Other State Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
3379 From Other Governments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
3401-3406 Income from Departments	500.00	1,644.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
3502 Interest on Investments	300.00	735.00	300.00
3503 Other Miscellaneous Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interfund Operating Transfer In:			
3915 From Capital Reserve Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
3916 From Trust & Fiduciary Fund	0.00	89,350.00	0.00
Other Financing Sources:			
3934 Proceeds from Long Term Bonds	0.00	7,044.00	0.00
9998 Amount Voted From Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	14,500.00
9999 Estimated Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	<u>67,100.00</u>	<u>67,100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Estimated Revenue & Credits	\$186,544.00	\$320,408.00	\$118,728.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATIONS	Estimated 2017	Actual 2017	Budgeted 2018
General Government:			
4130-4139 Executive	\$ 20,250.00	\$ 16,757.00	\$ 16,550.00
4140-4149 Election, Reg., & Vital Statistics	12,500.00	10,436.00	12,000.00
4150-4151 Financial Administration	12,750.00	10,301.00	14,750.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	6,000.00	7,253.00	6,000.00
4153 Legal Expenses	7,501.00	88,679.00	25,000.00
4155-4159 Personnel Administration	2,000.00	1,801.00	2,000.00
4191-4193 Planning & Zoning	2,500.00	1,024.00	2,500.00
4194 General Government Buildings	13,100.00	22,973.00	14,500.00
4195 Cemeteries	1,900.00	2,850.00	2,600.00
4196 Insurance	3,200.00	1,258.00	2,963.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	1,970.00	1,990.00	1,990.00
4199 Other General Government	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
Public Safety:			
4210-4214 Police	0.00	0.00	0.00
4215-4219 Ambulance	5,804.00	5,304.00	10,853.00
4220-4229 Fire	22,550.00	20,178.00	23,500.00
4240-4249 Building Inspections	250.00	0.00	250.00
4290-4298 Emergency Management	650.00	1,500.00	151.00
4299 Other (including communications)	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Highways and Streets:			
4312 Highways & Streets	77,500.00	63,920.00	70,000.00
Sanitation:			
4321 Administration	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4323 Solid Waste Collection	0.00	0.00	0.00
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	28,719.00	28,578.00	24,389.00
Health:			
4414 Pest Control	300.00	0.00	300.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Welfare:			
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance	3,000.00	750.00	3,000.00
4449 Other Welfare and Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Culture and Recreation:			
4520-4529 Parks & Recreation	8,896.00	7,203.00	13,601.00
4550-4559 Library	1.00	0.00	0.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	100.00	0.00	100.00
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conservation:			
4619 Other Conservation	1,750.00	114.00	1,500.00

Debt Service:

4711 Principal-Long Term Bonds & Notes	7,700.00	4,196.00	8,411.00
4721 Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>4,556.00</u>	<u>4,297.00</u>	<u>2,876.00</u>

Capital Outlay:

4909 Other Capital Outlay	<u>0.00</u>	<u>48,400.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
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OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$ 247,947.00	\$ 350,762.00	\$ 267,284.00
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SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4915 To Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$20,500.00
4916 To Exp. Trust Fund	96,000.00	96,000.00	62,500.00
4153 Expert Testimony on Northern Pass	15,000.00	0.00	0.00
4902 Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
4903 Land (Ashton Property)	<u>00.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Special Articles Recommended	\$111,500.00	\$96,500.00	\$83,000.00
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INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES

4312 Highway and Streets	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
4415-4419 Health Agencies, Hospital & Other	2,011.00	1,011.00	2,011.00
4449 Other Welfare & Donations	2,940.00	2,800.00	3,240.00
4449 Other Welfare & Donations	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
4414 Animal Control	500.00	0.00	500.00
4550-4559 Library	450.00	450.00	450.00
4589 Other Culture & Recreation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
4909 Improvements Other than Bldgs.	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
4191 Master Plan Update	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>

Special Articles Recommended	\$9,001.00	\$5,261.00	\$12,201.00
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BUDGET SUMMARY

	Prior Year <u>Budget</u>	Prior Year <u>Actual</u>	Ensuing Year <u>Budget</u>
Operating Budget Recommended	\$247,947.00	\$350,762.00	\$267,284.00
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	111,500.00	96,500.00	83,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	<u>9,001.00</u>	<u>5,261.00</u>	<u>12,201.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended	368,448.00	452,523.00	362,485.00
Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits	119,444.00	253,308.00	118,728.00
Less: Fund Balance Use	<u>67,100.00</u>	<u>67,100.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$181,904.00	\$132,115.00	\$243,757.00

PROFIT & LOSS
January through December 2017

		<u>Jan – Dec 17</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
3110-1	Property Tax Revenue	\$ 828,699.57
3185-0	Timber Taxes	12,175.64
3186-0	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	34,964.00
3190-0	Penalties & Interest	8,191.40
3220-0	Motor Vehicle Permits & Titles	66,184.00
3230-0	Building Permits	2,635.00
3290-0	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,021.50
3352-0	Rooms & Meals Tax	13,660.03
3353-0	Highway Block Grant	15,703.59
3401-0	Income from All Departments	1,643.54
3502-0	Bank Interest	734.92
3916-0	Transfers from Trust Funds	89,350.51
3934-0	Proceeds from Notes & Bonds	<u>7,044.20</u>
Total Income		\$1,082,007.90
Expense		
4130-0	Executive	
4130100	Salaries - Selectmen, Moderator	9,450.00
4130150	Secretary Pay	930.00
4130300	Outside Services - Tax Maps	2,735.00
4130600	Office Expenses	<u>3,641.90</u>
Total 4130-0	Executive	16,756.90
4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics	
4140100	Salary - Town Clerk	6,000.00
4140150	Deputy Town Clerk	1,500.00
4140200	Fees - Town Clerk	288.00
4140500	Election & Voter Registration	1,763.03
4140600	Office & Miscellaneous	<u>884.51</u>
Total 4140-0	Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Statistics	10,435.54
4150	Financial Administration	
4150100	Salaries - Tax Collector, Treasurer, Auditor	4,500.00
4150125	Financial Services	3,250.00
4150200	Fees & Miscellaneous	1,961.17
4150600	Office Expenses & Bank Charges	<u>590.16</u>
Total 4150	Financial Administration	10,301.33

**TOWN OF EASTON
TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 13, 2018**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton, in the County of Grafton, in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs: You are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Polls will 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.

ARTICLE 1. Elect All Officers

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

ARTICLE 2. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,284.00 for general Town operation as follows:

Executive	\$ 16,550.00
Election Registration, Town Clerk & Vital Stats	12,000.00
Financial Administration	14,750.00
Revaluation of Individual Properties	6,000.00
Legal Expenses	25,000.00
Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes	2,000.00
Planning & Zoning	2,500.00
Government Buildings	14,500.00
Cemetery	2,600.00
Insurance	2,963.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	1,990.00
General Government – Other	5,000.00
Police Department	0.00
Ambulances	10,853.00
Fire Department	23,500.00
Building Inspections	250.00
Emergency Management – Forest Fire	151.00
Emergency Management – Other Public Safety	1,500.00
Highway Maintenance	70,000.00
Solid Waste	25,389.00
Animal & Pest Control	300.00
Welfare Assistance	3,000.00
Parks and Recreation	13,601.00
Library	0.00
Patriotic Purposes	100.00
Conservation Commission	1,500.00
Construction Bonds – Town Hall/Ash	<u>11,287.00</u>
Total Operating Budget	\$267,284.00

ARTICLE 3. Budget for Health Agencies & Hospital

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,011 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	800.00
CASA	500.00
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>211.00</u>
Total Health Agencies & Hospitals	\$2,011.00

ARTICLE 4. Budget for Other Welfare

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,240 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 County Senior Citizens Council	300.00
Tri-County CAP	2,150.00
Tri-County Tyler Bain Homeless Shelter	<u>300.00</u>
Total Other Welfare	\$3,240.00

ARTICLE 5. Budget for Other Culture & Recreation

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Other Culture & Recreation as follows: (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

North Country Boys & Girls Club	<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Other Culture & Recreation	\$1,000.00

ARTICLE 6. Fee for Franconia Library

To see if the Town will vote to accept a special discounted patron rate of \$10 per Easton resident at the Abbie Greenleaf Library in Franconia, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450 for payment to such library for this purpose. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 7. Discontinue Library Memorial Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Library Memorial Trust Fund. Said funds, if any, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 8. Discontinue Northern Pass Legal Fees Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Expendable Trust Fund for Legal Fees Incurred Representing the Town's Position Regarding the Northern Pass Project created in 2012. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 9. Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$29,000 to add to the Legal Fees Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount \$15,000 is to come from general taxation with the remaining balance of \$14,000 to come from the Unassigned Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 10. Conservation Capital Reserve Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be added to the Conservation Capital Reserve 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 11. Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to add to the Town Roads Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund; of this amount \$10,000 is to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 12. 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 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 13. Town Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 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 14. Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to add to the Fire Department Major Equipment Replacement and Repair 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 15. Forest Fire Reimbursement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 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)

ARTICLE 16. Master Plan Revision

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the purpose of Town Master Plan Revision. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7. VI and will not lapse until the Town Master Plan Revision is completed or by December 31, 2019, whichever is sooner. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17. Other Ambulance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the purpose of donation to Franconia Life Squad; of this amount \$500 is to be raised from general taxation with the remaining balance of \$500 to come from the December 31, 2017 Fund Balance. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 18. Other Animal & Pest Control

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for Other Animal & Pest Control as follows. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Above the Notch Animal Rescue	<u>\$500.00</u>
Total Other Animal & Pest Control	\$500.00

ARTICLE 19. Discontinuance of Town Road

To see if the Town will approve the complete discontinuance of the approximately one-tenth mile long section of “Old” Gibson Road, so-called, from its intersection with the west side of Easton Valley Road (Route 116) westerly to the residence at 50 Gibson Road (Tax Map 3-13), which is no longer required by the Town for use as a public highway. The section of Gibson Road to be discontinued is described in the “Return of Highway Alteration Pursuant to RSA 231:8” dated September 16, 2013 by which the Selectmen altered Gibson Road to the new location shown on the plan attached thereto. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 20. Verify Classification of Paine Road

To see if the Town will vote to reclassify the approximately six-tenths of a mile unpaved section of Paine Road as a Class V Highway pursuant to RSA 231:22-a, and to designate that same section of Paine Road as a Highway to Summer Cottages pursuant to RSA 231:79-81. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

Explanatory Note: This article is intended to ratify the Town’s votes on Articles 9 and 10 at the 2016 Annual Meeting, to the extent there may be any uncertainty whether those votes were effective in reclassifying the above-referenced section of Paine Road as a Class V Highway to Summer Cottages.

ARTICLE 21. Rivers Management Protection Program

To approve the inclusion of the Ham Branch watershed in the Rivers Management Protection Program. (The Selectmen do not recommend adoption of this Warrant Article) (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 22. Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. Of this amount \$20,000 to be raised from general taxation. (The Selectmen recommend adoption of this Warrant Article.) (Majority vote required)

NOTES

4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property		
4152100	Revaluation	4,800.00	
4152200	Reval Software	1,166.00	
4152300	Reval of Individual Property	<u>1,286.85</u>	
Total 4152-0	Revaluation of Individual Property		7,252.85
4153-0	Legal Expenses		
4153200	Northern Pass Expenses	15,000.00	
4153-0	Legal Expenses – Other	<u>73,679.28</u>	
Total 4153-0	Legal Expenses		88,679.28
4155-22	Personnel Administration & Payroll Taxes		1,801.14
4191-00	Planning & Zoning		1,024.04
4194-0	Government Buildings		
4194400	Utilities	9,730.71	
4194800	Repairs, Maintenance & Supplies	11,396.14	
4194900	Mowing, Gardening & Wreaths	<u>1,846.18</u>	
Total 4194-0	Government Buildings		22,973.03
4195-0	Cemetery		
4195900	Mowing & Maintenance	<u>2,850.00</u>	
Total 4195-0	Cemetery		2,850.00
4196-0	Insurance		
4196100	Property Liability-NHMA	<u>1,258.00</u>	
Total 4196-0	Insurance		1,258.00
4197-0	Advertising & Regional Association		1,989.64
4215-0	Ambulances		5,304.00
4220-0	Fire Department		
4220100	Salary - Fire Chief	750.00	
4220110	Firefighters Call Pay	1,382.50	
4220200	Training, Dues, Other	1,345.00	
4220400	Utilities	4,615.51	
4220600	Office & Miscellaneous	595.39	
4220630	Truck Inspection, Maintenance & Repair	6,587.45	
4220635	Truck Fuel	546.03	
4220700	Equipment & Small Tools	3,261.00	
4220800	Building Maintenance & Supply	<u>1,094.64</u>	
Total 4220-0	Fire Department		20,177.52
4299-0	Emergency Management – Communication		1,500.00

4312000 Highway Maintenance		
4312100 Highway Maintenance General	<u>63,920.42</u>	
Total 4312000 Highway Maintenance		63,920.42
4324-0 Solid Waste		
4324100 Administration	1,000.00	
4324200 Disposal	<u>28,578.00</u>	
Total 4324-0 Solid Waste		29,578.00
4415 Health Agencies & Hospitals		1,011.14
4442 Welfare Direct Assistance		750.00
4449 Other Welfare		
4449100 Other Welfare & Donations	<u>2,800.00</u>	
Total 4449 Other Welfare		2,800.00
4520 Parks and Recreation		
4520100 Administrative Fees	1,000.00	
4520200 Tri-Town Recreation Program	<u>6,203.18</u>	
Total 4520 Parks and Recreation		7,203.18
4550 Library		450.00
4589 Other Culture and Recreation		
4589900 Boys & Girls Club	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total 4589 Other Culture and Recreation		1,000.00
4619 Other Conservation		113.89
4711 Construction Bond - Principal		4,196.28
4721 Construction Bond - Interest		4,297.03
4902 Capital Expenses		48,400.00
4915 Transfer to Capital Reserve		500.00
4916 Transfer to Trust/Agency Funds		96,000.00
4931 County Taxes		120,761.00
4933100 Lafayette Regional School District		273,343.00
4933200 Profile School District		<u>247,959.00</u>
Total Expense		<u>1,094,586.21</u>
Net Ordinary Income		<u>-12,578.31</u>
Net Income		<u><u>-12,578.31</u></u>

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 2017

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

1001 WGSB Checking Account

\$ 72,713.38

1002 WGSB Money Market Fund

196,933.51

Total Checking/Savings

269,646.89

Other Current Assets

1010.3 Cash on Hand

100.00

1080100 Property Taxes - Current Year

111,585.19

1110 Tax Liens Receivable

1,536.73

Total Other Current Assets

113,221.92

Total Current Assets

382,868.81

Other Assets

1670 Tax Deeded Property

29,368.41

Total Other Assets

29,368.41

TOTAL ASSETS

\$412,237.22

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Current Liabilities

Other Current Liabilities

2023 Property Taxes POA/Overpayments

\$ 2,194.96

2075 Due to School Districts

174,534.00

Total Other Current Liabilities

176,728.96

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176,728.96

Total Liabilities

176,728.96

Equity

2440 Nonspendable Fund Balance

29,368.41

2450 Restricted Fund Balance – Conservation

709.85

2530 Unassigned Fund Balance

205,430.00

Total Equity

235,508.26

TOTAL LIABILITES & EQUITY

\$412,237.22

TREASURER'S REPORT
for the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Bank Balance- January 1, 2017		\$ 355,707.55
Receipts:		
Tax Collector	\$811,038.21	
Town Clerk - Motor Vehicles, Fees, etc.	67,205.50	
From Federal & State Government	64,327.62	
From Capital Reserve Fund	62,386.78	
Bank Interest	734.92	
Other Sources	<u>11,322.74</u>	
Total 2017 Receipts		<u>1,017,015.77</u>
Total Available Receipts		\$1,372,723.32
Disbursements:		
Grafton County - County Taxes	\$120,761.00	
School Districts	535,773.50	
Selectmen Ordered Paid	<u>446,541.93</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,103,076.43</u>
Bank Balance as of December 31, 2017		\$ 269,646.89

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS
2017 TAX RATE CALCULATION**

Town Portion			
Appropriation	\$368,448.00		
Less Revenues	(119,444.00)		
Less Fund Balance Used	(67,100.00)		
Add War Service Credits	2,950.00		
Add Overlay	4,244.00		
Net Town Appropriation	<u> </u>		\$189,098.00
School Portion			
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	521,302.00		
Less Locally Retained State Education Tax	(138,870.00)		
Net Local School Portion	<u> </u>		382,432.00
State Education Tax			
State Education Tax	138,870.00		
Less State Education Tax Not Retained	0.00		
Net State Education Tax	<u> </u>		138,870.00
Approved County Tax Effort			<u>120,761.00</u>
Total Property Taxes Assessed			831,161.00
Less War Service Credits			<u>(2,950.00)</u>
Total Property Tax Commitment			<u>\$828,211.00</u>

2016 Tax Rate			2017 Tax Rate		
		%			%
Town	\$ 2.77	21	Town	\$ 2.99	23
County	1.74	13	County	1.90	14
School	4.90	37	School	6.03	46
State	2.44	19	State	2.22	17
	<u>\$11.85/1000</u>	<u>90%</u>		<u>\$13.14/1000</u>	<u>100%</u>

2017 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Value Only

Current Use	\$ 277,196.00
Residential Land	26,369,900.00
Commercial/Industrial Land	<u>262,200.00</u>
Total of Taxable Land	\$26,909,296.00
Tax Exempt and Non Taxable Land	(20,781,000.00)

Buildings Value Only

Residential	35,104,198.00
Commercial/Industrial	460,400.00
Discretionary Preservation Easements	<u>2,802.00</u>
Total of Taxable Buildings	35,567,400.00
Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	(312,800.00)

Utilities and Timber

Utilities	959,700.00
Valuation Before Exemption	\$63,436,396.00

Exemptions Applied

Elderly Exemption	(20,000.00)
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	<u>20,000.00</u>

Net Valuation	\$63,416,396.00
Less Utilities	(959,700.00)
Net Valuation Without Utilities	\$62,456,696.00
Change in Net Valuation Over 2016 (\$62,187,571.00)	\$ 269,125.00

TAX COLLECTOR

Just a reminder – property owners of Easton can look up their tax information on the internet. Access the “Tax Kiosk” by going to the Town website, townofeastonnh.org and clicking on the Tax Collector’s information. This will direct you step by step to your tax card, or you can go directly to www.nhtaxkiosk.com.

As always you can call the office (603-823-8017) Thursdays between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. If you have questions or concerns, email the Tax Collector at eastontaxcollector@gmail.com., or stop in for more personal assistance.

Lisa Cutler
Easton Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR – SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 2017

DEBITS

<u>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Levy for Yr. of This Report</u>	<u>2017</u>
Property Taxes	3110	\$	\$70,403.75
Property Tax Credit Balance		(1,364.81)	
<u>Taxes Committed This Year</u>			
Property Taxes	3110	828,210.00	
Yield Taxes	3185	12,175.64	
<u>Overpayment Refunds</u>			
Property Taxes	3110	714.00	
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	<u>346.91</u>	<u>3,642.25</u>
<u>TOTAL DEBITS</u>		\$840,081.74	\$74,046.00

CREDITS

<u>Remitted To Treasurer</u>			
Property Taxes		\$714,336.82	\$57,565.07
Yield Taxes		12,175.64	
Interest (w/ Lien Conversion)		346.91	3,200.71
Penalties			441.54
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)			12,805.82
<u>Abatements Made</u>			
Property Taxes			1.00
Current Levy Deeded		3,864.00	
<u>Uncollected Taxes - End Of Year</u>			
Property Taxes		111,553.33	31.86
Property Tax Credit Balance*		<u>(2,194.96)</u>	<u> </u>
<u>TOTAL CREDITS</u>		\$840,081.74	\$74,046.00

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

DEBITS

	2017	2016	2015
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$15,865.88	\$15,705.75
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	14,070.09		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	<u>121.80</u>	<u>1,249.26</u>	<u>2,831.18</u>
Total Debits	\$14,191.89	\$17,115.14	\$18,536.93

CREDITS

Remitted To Treasurer:

Redemptions	\$4,017.90	\$ 7,943.82	\$ 8,081.83
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	121.80	1,249.26	2,831.18
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens Liens Deeded to Municipality	8,515.46	7,922.06	7,623.92
Unredeemed Liens Balance #1110	<u>1,536.73</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Credits	\$14,191.89	\$17,115.14	\$18,536.93

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

Motor Vehicle Registrations & Titles	\$66,184.00
Dog Registrations	490.00
Penalties	16.00
Copies	10.00
Marriage License & Certified Copies	145.00
Miscellaneous	<u>360.50</u>
Transferred to Town	\$67,205.50

VITAL RECORDS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON
For the Year Ending December 31, 2017

BIRTHS

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Name
January 21, 2017 Littleton, NH	Trey Christopher Catapano	Christopher Catapano Erica Catapano

MARRIAGES

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
July 29, 2017 Sugar Hill, NH	Michael T. McKeever Amy E. Lawton	Easton, NH Easton, NH
August 26, 2017 Easton, NH	Daniel F. Thornton Angela C. Tsoumbanikas	Easton, NH Easton, NH
October 14, 2017 Lisbon, NH	Jason M. Arquitt Jane E. Tebeau	Easton, NH Easton, NH

DEATHS

Date & Place Of Death	Name of Deceased
April 28, 2017 Easton, NH	Albert Baker
July 13, 2017 Easton, NH	William Blankenship

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Woodruff, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

December 31, 2017

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	21,100.00
Furniture and Equipment - Fire Station	163,285.00
Furniture and Equipment - Police	<u>800.00</u>
Total Town Property	\$688,785.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT

December 31, 2017

**USDA Rural Development
Town Hall Addition from 2001**

	<u>Principal</u>
Original Amount	\$120,000.00
Balance December 31, 2016	37,407.00
Payments in 2017	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$ 35,407.00

**Woodsville Guaranty Savings Bank
Ashton Property from 2017**

	<u>Principal</u>
Original Amount	\$60,427.00
Additions from work in 2016 & 2017	60,427.00
Payments in 2017	<u>2,196.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2017	\$58,231.00

Town of Easton Report of Trust Funds

December 31, 2017

Funds	Type of Fund	Beginning Balance	Additions		Withdrawals	Ending Balance
			*Deposits	Interest		
Cemetery Maintenance	ETF	\$ 3,002.21	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 16.52	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,754.07
Cemetery Maintenance	TRUST	13,107.04	0.00	19.62	0.00	13,126.66
Conservation	CRF	1,504.00	500.00	0.83	0.00	2,004.83
Emergency Lane	ETF	6,939.05	0.00	7.47	0.00	6,946.52
Fire Dept. Equipment	CRF	110,527.38	0.00	101.48	0.00	110,628.86
Fire Dept. Major Equipment	ETF	26,449.16	10,000.00	39.13	4,498.49	31,989.80
Forest Fire	ETF	4,008.15	5,000.00	7.11	0.00	14,015.26
Legal Funds Northern Pass	ETF	16,402.98	20,000.00	16.80	22,259.63	14,160.15
Legal Funds Regular	ETF	15,014.49	35,000.00	5.97	33,128.66	16,894.10
Town Building Repairs	ETF	58,328.25	10,000.00	95.54	0.00	68,423.89
Town Roads Maintenance	ETF	127,775.75	15,000.00	384.74	50,900.00	94,794.39
		\$383,058.46	\$97,250.00	\$695.21	\$110,786.78	\$370,216.89

* Deposits are the amount appropriated at the 2017 Town Meeting. The only exception is 750.00 added to the Cemetery Maintenance ETF from Cemetery Plot Purchases.

A Trust Fund (TRUST) is a normal type fund. The Trustees share discretion over spending.
 An Expendable Trust Fund (ETF) is a fund over which the Selectmen have discretion for spending.
 A Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) is a fund which needs Town vote to spend.

All of these Trust Funds must receive written application from the Select Board and/or Trustees before any money is released from the fund, regardless of who has discretion over the actual spending.

Please note the Library Trust Fund has been closed at the recommendation of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office due to the zero balance, and henceforth, deleted from this report.

EASTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

2017 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 the Easton Volunteer Fire Department provides mutual aid to.

The Easton Volunteer Fire Department responded to a total of 24 calls in 2017 and these calls are broken down as follows:

Fire Alarm Activations	(5)	Trees on Power Lines	(1)	Flood/High Water	(2)
Motor Vehicle Accidents	(5)	Structure Fires	(7)	Forest/Brush Fires	(4)
Mutual Aid Calls:		Franconia	(3), Landaff	(1), Sugar Hill,	(3) Lincoln, (2) Bath (2)

The Department will continue to vigorously pursue any and all grant opportunities that are available. We have had success in the past and will again in the future. The ability to procure grants for small rural communities has become increasingly difficult. Therefore, we must redouble our efforts to be successful in the future.

The Easton Fire Department has continued to pursue training opportunities whenever possible as with the Spring fire training at the Blue Mountain School in Wells River, VT. Also, we hope to use the Ray Burton Training Center for hands on smoke drills and interior firefighting techniques which will help our interior firefighters be prepared if the unfortunate structure fire occurs.

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 fire fighting 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 p.m.

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

CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

The Cemetery Trustees have been very busy managing the Kinsman Cemetery and its various functions. Landscaping has been done and more is planned for The Cemetery this year. A service was held on Memorial Day. If you wish any information about the Cemetery, please feel free to contact the Trustees at any time.

We are in the process of hiring new landscapers for this upcoming summer and organizing the easiest possible management of the Cemetery.

Projects for this year include some new landscaping and some trimming based on the advice of the Grafton County Forester. Plans are still underway for the informational Kiosk and the lighting of the flag.

The Kinsman Cemetery is currently closed and will reopen in May. Unless we have a late blizzard, it is usually opened May 1.

Denys Draper
Richard Larcom
Kristina Pastoriza
Cemetery Trustees

EASTON PLANNING BOARD

This year has seen many changes in the Planning Board. Dr. Denys Draper was elected as the Chairperson this year and is ably assisted by Anita Craven as Vice Chairperson.

We are continually working on updating the CIP as we gather needed information and requests. Time making sure our Subdivision Regulations are current. Every year the Legislature in Concord or a significant court ruling by the New Hampshire Supreme court can set new laws and precedents which may impact our Subdivision Regulations. This is a vital job for the Planning Board.

Another significant project is beginning to review the Master Plan. State law provides that a Master Plan be reviewed at least every ten years, preferably more often. We are at the seven year mark of our current Master Plan and are beginning to gather preliminary information and to contract with a consultant to help us make this plan as timely and effective as it can be. According to the State of New Hampshire, all regulations, rules and ordinances should flow out of this particular planning process and tool. We hope to make that as easy and factual as we can.

Jim Collier chose not to run again but has agreed to serve as an alternate member. The Planning Board wishes to thank Mr. Collier for his many years of service to the Board. His knowledge is invaluable to us and we appreciate his staying on as an alternate member. For many years, he has ably guided the Planning Board through subdivision regulations, Master Plans and other planning projects. Thanks again, Jim.

Denys Draper, Chairman
Anita Craven, Vice Chairperson
Bob LaManna
Phil Reeder
Zak Mei, *ex officio*
Jim Collier, alternate
Frank Woodruff, alternate
Toni Woodruff, clerk

EASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Easton Conservation Commission spent the year fighting Northern Pass by attending many SEC hearings, submitting testimony and comments, and questioning witnesses. The Chair, Kris Pastoriza, with the Select Board, represented by Bob Thibault, and the Planning Board, represented by Jim Collier, were questioned on their testimonies by the Counsel for the Public, Intervenors, and Northern Pass lawyer, Barry Needleman. Members also attended the recent SEC deliberations.

Our goal for 2018 is to work on long-term plans for protecting Easton from any future projects incompatible with our Zoning, Master Plan and community desires.

Kris Pastoriza, Chair
Carl Lakes, Member
Steve Sabre, Alternate

Finn Goodwin, Member
Inga Johnson, Member

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD/AMBULANCE

The Franconia Ambulance currently has three members who are certified to provide Advanced Life Support, two of whom are nationally registered paramedics. The Franconia Ambulance at year's end has 11 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 20 hours of continuing education each year for a total of 40 hours after two years, at which time they must reapply for their national certification and state license.

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 are:

Chief Paul Schmucker - EMT	
Asst. Chief Mark Taylor - EMT	Capt. Pam Oakman - Paramedic
William Mead - Paramedic	Allan Clark - EMT
Bill McCarthy - AEMT	Ned Wilson - EMT
Susan Simpson - EMT	William McCarthy - EMT
Ron Baillargeon - EMT	Jeffrey Collins - EMT

The Franconia Ambulance responded to 291 calls for assistance during 2017. Of those, 185 required transport.

In 2017, the total operating expenses for the Franconia Ambulance were \$75,022.13. While income obtained from patient billing and subsidies from Sugar Hill totaled \$96,430.53. The net cost for the operation of the Franconia Ambulance to the Town of Franconia being no cost and a surplus of **\$21,408.40** was returned to the Town.

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.

Respectfully submitted,
Chief Paul Schmucker
Franconia Life Squad

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

In 2017, the Tri-Town Transfer Station staff recycled nearly 450 tons of various commodities, ranging from paper and plastic products to e-waste and glass. Without your willingness and effort, this would not have been possible.

Personally, I would like to thank the Tri-Town residents and my fellow employees for your friendship and cooperation over the past several years. A special thanks to Kevin, Erik and Tim.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Wells, Manager
Kevin Dauphine
Erik Rasmussen
Timothy Blake

Recyclable Material	2017 Amount Recycled	Environmental Impact
Electronics	9,124 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 1.2 houses for one year!
Scrap Metal	36.6 Gross Tons	Conserved 102,424 pounds of iron ore!
Steel Cans	7.9 Gross Tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 461,240 hours, or 52 days!
Tires	3 Tons	Conserved 2 barrels of oil!

By recycling the materials above, the Tri-Town Transfer Station prevented about 206 tons of carbon dioxide emissions from entering the atmosphere. This is the equivalent of removing 44 passenger cars from the road for an entire year. Thank you for your recycling efforts, Franconia, Easton and Sugar Hill!

LAFAYETTE RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Lafayette Recreation Committee and staff worked throughout 2017 to provide an array of engaging recreational activities for all ages for our community's three towns: Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton.

Over the past year, Lafayette Rec. hosted twice weekly adult basketball and partnered with the Arts Alliance of Northern New Hampshire to host a variety of events. We also continued our work to make Old Home Day, Earth Day roadside cleanup, and Halloween happenings successful community events. Holiday events included caroling through downtown Franconia, including a stop at the Lafayette Center, and a First Night party with the Ski Hearth Farm.

Our youth programs continue to engage children from all three member towns. We had 39 children involved in our baseball and softball teams last spring, 85 playing soccer, and 34 now involved in basketball. During the summer 55 Lafayette students – about half of the school's enrollment – joined us for the Summer Recreation program, visiting many of our area's fun spots, taking swim lessons, and learning about bike safety.

In addition to these regular programs, the Lafayette Recreation Department, in collaboration with other organizations and with a dedicated corps of volunteers, hosts the annual Top Notch Triathlon, Halloween Cup youth soccer tournament, Wobble-N-Gobble fun run, and the Franconia Scramble Color Run. Proceeds from these events, along with donations from community members, are providing funding for construction of a pavilion on the Dow.

We continue to strive to offer an array of programs and activities for residents of all ages in our communities and we welcome ideas for enhancing these. The Lafayette Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month in the conference room at Lafayette Regional School, and residents are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Lafayette Committee Members

Franconia: Adam Boyer, Meghan McPhaul, and Cindy Berlack

Sugar Hill: Haley Ireland and Launa Glover

Easton: Matt Koehler and John Hynes

Lafayette Regional School: Gordie Johnk

Kris Kappler, Youth Program Director

Kim Cowles, Parks & Recreation Director

TOWN OF EASTON

FEES

(As of January 2018 - Subject to Change)

Building Permit Fee

New Residence, Garage, Shed, Barn, Renovations, Solar Permit – Fees Vary
See Building Permit (online) – www.townofeastonnh.org

9-1-1 Building Numbering

\$30.00

Current Use Application

\$20.00

Driveway Permit for Town Roads

\$20.00

Reappraisal Charges

\$45.00

Major and Minor Subdivision Application Fee

Major or Minor Lot Line Adjustments and/or Boundary Agreement

\$200.00

Plus \$10.00 per Abutter

This Covers All Filing Fees

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 Prior to the Release of Information*

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Medical Emergency
9-1-1

New Hampshire State Police – Troop F
846-3333

Fire Chief
Art Rainville – 823-9558

Deputy Fire Chief
Darrel Gearhart – 823-7152

Fire Wardens
Warden – Art 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, 2018

**A current rabies certificate is required, in Easton,
in order to license a dog**

NOTES