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Town of
SUGAR HILL
New Hampshire

Year ending December 31, 2001

This 2001 Town Report is dedicated to the men and women that make up the Emergency Services in our community. During this year of unsettling events we are reminded, once again, how fortunate we are to have such dedicated and caring personnel. We thank them for their time, loyalty and dedication they continue to devote to our Town.



Photo on front cover: Members of the Sugar Hill Fire Department, Franconia Life Squad and the Sugar Hill Police Department by GM Photography of Littleton, NH.



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of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 2001

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John J. Strasser, III, Chairman (Term Expires 2002)
Richard Bielefield (Term Expires 2003)
Harry L. Reid (Term Expires 2004)

TOWN OFFICE

Telephone 823-8468

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Jennifer P. Gaudette

TOWN CLERK

Elizabeth Coombs Andross

TAX COLLECTOR

Elizabeth Coombs Andross

TREASURER

Lissa M. Boissonneault

TOWN AUDITOR

William W. Pinney

CHIEF OF POLICE

Jose L. Pequeno (Appointed 10/01)
David W. Holland (Resigned 6/01)

FIRE CHIEF

Paul W. Pinkham

TO REPORT AN EMERGENCY

911

EMERGENCY ONLY

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

1-800-564-6911

Non-Emergency 823-8123

HIGHWAY AGENT

Douglas R. Glover

OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Lissa M. Boissonneault

HEALTH OFFICER

Margaret Peckett

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Walter Zandi
Paul S. Hayward, Deputy

MODERATOR

Roger Aldrich (2002)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2004)
Bruce Perlo (2003)
Richard Gagne (appointed) (2002)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dr. John Rowbotham, Chairman (2002)
Starcy Branch (2004)
Edith Aldrich (2006)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Irene Amsbary (2002)
Eleonore Card (2003)
Elaine Burpee (2004)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Laurence S. Ring, Chairman (2004)
Dr. John Rowbotham (2004) Nancy D. Aldrich (2003)
Jeanne Ring (2002) Lorraine S. Hunt, Secretary (2003)

PLANNING BOARD

June Chase, Chairman (2002)
Beth Perlo, Vice Chairman (2004) Michael Coyle (2002)
Lloyd Card (2002) David Thurston (2003)
John Strasser III (2002) Robert Hayward, Jr. (2003)
Amy Finnerty, Alternate (2002) Peter Szawlowski, Alternate (2003)
Norma Stewart, Alternate (2004)

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Michael Hern, Chairman (2004)
Sarah Pinney (2002) Janet Anderson (2003)
Walter Zandi (2002) Catherine Burke (2003)
Amy Finnerty, Alternate (2004) Trevor Presby, Alternate (2002)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Rebecca Brown, Chairman (2004)
Edna Glaessel (2002) Lynn Kenerson (2002)
John Gagel (2002) John McIlwaine (2003)
Margaret Connors (2002) Chester Smith (2003)
Tricia Rust, Alternate (2004) Robert Benson, Alternate (2002)

RECREATION PROGRAM

SUGAR HILL REPRESENTATIVES

Gordon Johnk
Laurie Henault

All 2001 reports from various agencies not printed in this Town Report are on file in the Selectmen's Office and available upon request.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING - RESULTS

March 13, 2001

Moderator Roger H. Aldrich declared the polls open at 11:00 AM for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers) and Article 2 (amendment to Article 5 of the Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance). Polls will close at 7:30 PM. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 PM. At the request of the Town Clerk, Moderator Roger Aldrich thanked Meri and Mike Hern from the Hilltop Inn for providing dinner for the Town Meeting. He also took this time to recognize Edna Glaessel for the many years of dedication she has given to the Town of Sugar Hill.

ARTICLE 1. To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year.
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- One Board of Adjustment Member to serve for a term of three (3) years.
- Two Cemetery Trustees to serve for a term of three (3) years.

Results of Article 1.

Selectman, Three Year Term	Harry L. Reid	97
	..... Fred J. Hunt, Sr	2
	..... Doug Glover	1
	..... Irene Amsbary	1
Town Clerk, One Year Term	Elizabeth C. Andross	103
	..... Pauline Aldrich	2
Tax Collector, One Year Term	Elizabeth C. Andross	103
	..... Pauline Aldrich	2
Town Treasurer, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	104
Overseer of Public Welfare, One Year Term	Lissa M. Boissonneault	105
Town Auditor, One Year Term	William Pinney	16
	..... Ralph Brigida	1
	..... Rebecca Brown	1
	..... Doug Amsbary	1
	..... Dick Pinney	1
Library Trustee, Three Year Term	Elaine R. Burpee	104

Trustee of Trust Funds, Three Year Term .. Larry Ring	100	
Zoning Board of Adjustment Member		
Three Year Term	Mike Hern	98
.....	Doug Glover	1
.....	Paul Pinkham	1
.....	Larry Ring	1
Cemetery Trustee,(Vote for Two)		
Three Year Term	Lucinda Bielefield Heuschkel .	44
.....	Laurence S. Ring	66
.....	John L. Rowbotham	60

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance relating to Changes of Non-conforming use or non-conforming structures. The official copy of the amendment is on file and available to the public at the Office of the Town Clerk and will be on display on the day of the meeting. The following question is on the Official Ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment which will replace Article 5, Section 502 and 507 of the existing Sugar Hill Zoning Ordinance and replace them with a clarified version of Section 502 as proposed by the Planning Board?”
 (The Planning Board recommends the adoption of this amendment.)

Results of Article 2.	Yes	97
.....	No	8
.....	Abstain	3

Moderator Roger H. Aldrich stated that he would read the following Articles slowly and if anyone had any questions, to raise their hand and he would recognize them. He also asked that anyone who wished to speak, to stand and identify themselves so the Town Clerk could record them correctly, and to speak loudly so that everyone could hear them. He stated that discussion would follow at the end with any amendments.

ARTICLE 3. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following budget:

Executive	\$ 25,480.00
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	14,740.00
Payroll Taxes	14,000.00
Financial Administration	16,000.00
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00
Legal Expenses	7,500.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	800.00
Insurance	19,000.00
General Government Buildings	33,000.00
Buildings and Grounds	25,500.00
Cemetery	2,500.00

Advertising and Regional Associations	6,851.00
North Country Council	851.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	6,000.00
Police Department	71,000.00
Fire Department	27,500.00
Ambulance	2,500.00
Ross Ambulance	1,500.00
Life Squad	1,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00
Airport	380.00
Town Maintenance	84,652.00
General Highway Department Expenses	78,340.00
Highway Block Grant	39,510.00
Street Lighting	29,500.00
Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00
Health and Hospitals	2,944.00
Hospice	294.00
GC Seniors	525.00
North Country Home Health	1,247.00
Red Cross	200.00
White Mountain Mental Health	678.00
Welfare	2,000.00
Tri County Cap	500.00
Unemployment	100.00
Library	13,000.00
Parks and Recreation	12,342.00
NC YMCA	150.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes	24,083.00
Interest Expense - Long-Term Notes	5,000.00
Interest Expense - Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$597,842.00

(The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.)

Moved by Bruce Perlo, seconded by James McCusker

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

(The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.)

Moved by William Pinney, seconded by Bruce Perlo.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Paul Pinkham, seconded by Priscilla Zandi

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Roadwork Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Bruce Perlo, seconded by Meri Hern.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Meetinghouse Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by William Pinney, seconded by Beth Perlo.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Edna Glaessel, seconded by Walt Zandi.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Harold Aldrich, seconded by Elaine Burpee.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the repair of the sidewalk on Sunset Hill Road.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation)

Moved by Mike Coyle, seconded by Beth Perlo.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$8,500.00) for the completion of repairs to the Meetinghouse clock.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation)

Moved by Sarah Pinney, seconded by Nancy Aldrich.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to install drainage in the Sunnyside Cemetery.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Larry Ring, seconded by Elaine Burpee.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty Dollars (\$640.00) to paint the front of the Sugar Hill Historical Museum.

(The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.)

Moved by Maxine Aldrich, seconded by George Foss.

A discussion followed.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town of Sugar Hill will vote to accept the deed to and assume the maintenance of Beaver Pond Trail.

(Article by Petition.)

Moved by Paul Pinkham, seconded by Meri Hern.

Amendment was made to have an engineer inspect the road and bring his recommendation before the Selectmen for approval.

All in favor "Aye," opposed "No." The "Ayes" have it.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) as its contribution to the North Country Work Camp sponsored by AHEAD.

(The Selectmen do not recommend this Article.)

Moved by Miranda Young, seconded by Carol Young.

A discussion followed.

All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No,” The “No’s” have it.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to designate as a scenic road Streeter Pond Road. The effect of the designation will be to restrict the repair, maintenance, reconstruction and paving work done and all the cutting or removal of trees and the tearing down or destruction of stone walls.

(Article by Petition)

Moved by Reggie Tarr, seconded by Edna Glaessel.

A discussion followed.

All in favor “Aye,” opposed “No.” The “No’s” have it.

ARTICLE 17. To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting. Moderator Roger Aldrich read the election results. He then stated, with no more business this Meeting would adjourn.

8:45 PM

Elizabeth Andross
Town Clerk

BALANCE SHEET
 (As at December 31, 2001)
ASSETS

Cash - Unrestricted Checking		\$362,199.28
Cash - Restricted Savings		10,085.66
Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 2001	\$169,497.51	
Yield Taxes	3,634.64	
Total Uncollected Taxes		173,132.15
Unredeemed Taxes:		
Levy of 2000	17,063.34	
Prior Years	39,921.00	
Total Unredeemed Taxes		56,984.34
Due From Trust Funds		5,000.00
Total Assets		<u><u>\$607,401.43</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Accounts Owed by the Town:		
School District Tax Payable	\$417,615.00	
Due State of NH	119,939.00	
Accounts Payable	650.46	
Property Tax Overpayments	410.12	
Total Liabilities		\$538,614.58
Reserved for Articles Carried Forward	5,000.00	
Reserved for Conservation Fund	10,085.66	
Fund Balance – Unreserved, Undesignated	53,701.29	
Fund Equity		<u>\$ 68,786.95</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		<u><u>\$607,401.53</u></u>

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land Under Current Use (At Current Use Values)	\$ 584,410.00
Land	22,227,500.00
Buildings	45,483,000.00
Public Utilities	1,096,869.00
	\$69,391,779.00
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	
Elderly and Blind Exemptions	70,000.00
	\$69,321,779.00
Net Valuation On Which Tax Rate Is Computed	

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 761,982.00		
Less: Revenues	342,117.00		
Less: Shared Revenues	6,235.00		
Add: Overlay	4,970.00		
War Service Credits	7,800.00		
	426,400.00		
Net Town Appropriations		426,400.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			6.15
Net Local School Budget	0.00		
Regional School Apportionment	921,934.00		
Less: Adequate Education Grant	0.00		
State Education Taxes	(318,705.00)		
	603,229.00		
Approved School(s) Tax Effort		603,229.00	
Local Education Tax Rate			8.70
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (no utilities) x	\$6.60		
66,461,268		438,644.00	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no utilities)			5.54
68,224,910			
Excess State Education			
Taxes to be Remitted to State		119,939.00	
Due to County	128,097.00		
Less Revenue and Credits	(1,397.00)		
	126,700.00		
Net County Tax Assessment		126,700.00	
County Tax Rate			1.83
Combined Tax Rate			23.11
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,594,973.00	
Less: War Service Credits		(7,800.00)	
		\$1,587,173.00	
Property Tax To Be Raised			

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Meetinghouse, Land and Buildings	\$ 199,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	64,247.00
Library Furniture and Equipment	15,000.00
Police Department Equipment	45,000.00
Fire Department, Land and Buildings	122,400.00
Equipment	464,500.00
Highway Department, Land and Buildings	176,600.00
Equipment	323,722.00
Materials and Supplies	2,000.00
Town Hall, Furniture & Equipment	50,000.00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	
Coffin Pond	26,000.00
Historical Museum	91,000.00
Woodland	
Creamery Pond	22,900.00
Cemeteries	13,900.00
Total	<hr/> \$1,616,469.00

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

	Transfer Station	Town Garage	Fire Station	Total
Beginning Balance 1/1/01	\$25,833.33	\$24,811.68	\$ 4,250.00	\$54,895.01
2001 Payment	12,916.67	8,666.67	2,500.00	24,083.34
Ending Balance 12/31/01	\$12,916.66	\$16,145.01	\$ 1,750.00	\$30,811.67

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Voters of the Town of Sugar Hill:

I herewith submit my first report of the financial doings of my office for the year 2001:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$118,287.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	617.00	
Marriage Licenses:	228.00	
Other Permits & Fees:	3,746.33	
Total		\$122,878.33

Remittances To Treasurer:

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:	\$118,287.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	925.00	
State Motor Vehicle Fees:	1,638.00	
Title Application Fees:	332.00	
Dog Licenses Issued:	617.00	
Dog License Fee:	100.00	
Dog License Penalty:	165.00	
Marriage Licenses Issued:	228.00	
Town Clerk Fees:	42.00	
Vital Statistics:	122.00	
Town Clerk Fee:	62.00	
UCC Filing Fees:	232.33	
Other Permits and Fees:	28.00	
Insufficient Funds Fees:	100.00	
Total		\$122,878.33

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Year:	Levies of 2001	Levies of 2000	Levies of 1999	Prior Levies
Property Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 160,045.86	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	4,810.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	296.12	289.73	0.00
Taxes Committed				
This Year:				
Property Taxes	1,587,736.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	18,840.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	5,878.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
Overpayment:				
Property Taxes	8,704.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Costs before Lien	0.00	951.83	0.00	0.00
Interest Collected				
On Delinquent Taxes	1,574.55	7,431.19	65.77	0.00
Penalties	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Debits	\$1,622,734.53	\$ 173,535.00	\$ 355.50	\$ 0.00

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer				
During Fiscal Year:				
Property Taxes	\$1,426,943.59	\$ 127,379.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Tax	18,840.00	4,810.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	2,244.24	296.12	289.73	0.00
Interest	1,574.55	7,431.19	65.77	0.00
Penalties	0.00	1,579.83	0.00	0.00
Conversion to Lien		27,546.24		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	0.00	4,492.01	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uncollected Taxes				
End of Year:				
Property Taxes	169,497.51	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	3,634.64	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Credits	\$1,622,734.53	\$ 173,535.00	\$ 355.50	\$ 0.00

SUMMARY OF LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2001

DEBITS

	2000	1999	1998	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance at				
Beginning of				
Fiscal Year	\$ 0.00	\$35,168.69	\$18,534.76	\$21,347.25
Liens Executed				
During Fiscal Year	30,368.66	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest & Costs				
Collected After				
Lien Execution	786.00	3,163.44	3,268.09	2,589.86
Total Debits	<u>\$31,154.66</u>	<u>\$38,332.13</u>	<u>\$21,802.85</u>	<u>\$23,937.11</u>

CREDITS

	2000	1999	1998	Prior
Remittances to Treasurer:				
Redemptions	\$13,305.32	\$18,135.01	\$10,445.37	\$ 6,049.32
Interest & Cost				
After Lien Execution	786.00	3,163.44	3,268.09	2,589.86
Abatements of				
Unredeemed Taxes	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00
Unredeemed Liens				
Balance End of				
Fiscal Year	17,063.34	17,033.68	7,589.39	15,297.93
Total Credits	<u>\$31,154.66</u>	<u>\$38,332.13</u>	<u>\$21,802.85</u>	<u>\$23,937.11</u>

UNREDEEMED PROPERTY TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	2000	1999	1998	1997-90
Burwell, Miranda	\$ 24.61	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Caporelli, Mary	1,326.87			
Corliss, Langford	1,890.85	1,838.25	2,288.53	4,671.61
Cyrs, Michael D. (Estate)	286.51	283.35	506.25	3,229.97
deRham, Anne M.	4,344.17	4,187.55		
Hayward, Jr. Robert S.	2,300.27	2,209.40	870.20	
Hayward, Paul	3,371.03	5,085.46		
Kiraly, Barbara E.	1,438.07	1,419.31	2,107.19	
Straus, Sandra Dudley	77.54	77.08	77.75	
Taylor, Karl & Lois	86.25	84.67	93.42	478.16
Young, Gary G., Jr. & Young, Steven M.	1,917.17	1,848.61	1,646.05	5,831.44
Totals	<u>\$17,063.34</u>	<u>\$17,033.68</u>	<u>\$ 7,589.39</u>	<u>\$14,211.18</u>

UNREDEEMED YIELD TAX LIENS

BY ORDER OF THE SELECTMEN THE FOLLOWING LIST IS
INCLUDED PER 1997 TOWN MEETING:

	1994
Young, Gary G., Jr.	\$1,086.75
Total	<u>\$1,086.75</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Year Ending December 31, 2001

Cash Basis

Beginning Cash Balance, January 1, 2001

Peoples Bank NOW Checking

\$ 302,616.82

RECEIPTS

Tax Collector	\$1,676,743.28
Town Clerk	122,878.33
Selectmen	97,258.28
Loan Proceeds (Tax Anticipation Notes)	325,000.00
Transfers from Trust Funds	90,880.00
Interest on NOW Account	1,062.07

Total Receipts

\$2,313,821.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Orders of Selectmen	\$1,929,284.35
Loan Repayments	325,000.00

Total Disbursements

\$2,254,284.35

Ending Cash Balance, December 31, 2001

\$ 362,154.43

Respectfully submitted,

Lissa M. Boissonneault

Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Cash Basis

Local Taxes:

Property Taxes, Current Year	\$1,426,943.59
Land Use Taxes, Current Year	18,840.00
Land Use Taxes, Prior Year	4,810.00
Yield Taxes, Current Year	2,244.24
Property Tax Interest, Current Year	1,574.55
Property Taxes, Prior Years	127,379.61
Property Tax Interest Prior Years	7,496.96
Lien Redemptions, Prior Years	47,935.02
Yield Taxes, Prior Years	585.85
Conversion to Lien	27,546.24
Lien Interest & Costs	9,807.39
Lien Penalties	1,579.83

Total Taxes Collected

\$1,676,743.28

From Local Sources and Miscellaneous, except Taxes:

Motor Vehicle Permits	121,182.00	
Dog Licenses, Fees, Complaints	882.00	
Marriage Licenses	270.00	
Business Licenses and Permits	242.33	
Vital Statistics	184.00	
Dump Decals	3.00	
Town Office Filing Fees	15.00	
Insufficient Fund Fees	100.00	
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Total Town Clerk		122,878.33
Rent of Town Property	50.00	
Police Department Revenue	525.00	
Building Permits	660.00	
Zoning Board Fees	540.00	
Planning Board Fees	1,071.00	
Cable TV Permit	528.50	
Selectmen	448.20	
Fire Department	1,285.68	
Highway Department	1,525.00	
Building & Grounds	30.21	
Cemetery	175.00	
Insurance Reimbursements	5,816.76	
Legal Settlement	16,500.00	
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Total Miscellaneous		29,155.35
From State:		
Highway Block	39,510.15	
Revenue Sharing Block	13,910.00	
Rooms and Meals	14,682.78	
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Total From State		68,102.93
Interest on NOW Account	1,062.07	
Withdrawals from Trust Funds	90,880.00	
Temporary Loans (TAN Notes)	325,000.00	
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Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue		416,942.07
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Total Receipts From All Sources		2,313,821.96
Cash on Hand, January 1, 2001		302,616.82
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Grand Total Of Receipts		<u>\$2,616,438.78</u>

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General Government:

Executive	\$ 25,342.84
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	12,325.48
Financial Administration	12,210.10
Legal Expenses	10,418.31
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00
General Government Buildings	32,859.90
Meetinghouse CRF Trees	3,680.00
Meetinghouse Clock	8,500.00
Museum Painting	640.00
Grounds and Maintenance	24,615.81
Planning Board	2,874.31
Zoning Board of Adjustment	507.02
Advertising & Regional Associations	6,851.18
Cemeteries	1,342.80
Cemetery Drainage	30,273.50
Insurance	18,216.32
Payroll Taxes	12,312.60

Total General Government Expenses		\$ 208,190.17
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Public Safety:

Police Department	64,673.02
Fire Department	28,162.49
Franconia Life Squad/Ambulance	2,500.00

Total Public Safety Expenses		95,335.51
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Airport:

Airport	380.00
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Total Airport		380.00
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Highways, Streets and Bridges:

Town Maintenance	86,343.40
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	72,930.35
Highway Block Grant	39,510.00
Highway Roadwork Fund	75,000.00
Street Lighting	29,495.78
Sidewalk	14,000.00

Total Highways, Streets and Bridges Expenses		317,279.53
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Sanitation:

Solid Waste Disposal	25,480.00
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Total Sanitation Expenses		25,480.00
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Health:

Health, Hospitals	2,943.30
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Total Health Expenses		2,943.30
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Welfare:		
Assistance	680.00	
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Total Welfare Expenses		680.00
Culture and Recreation:		
Library	11,972.74	
Recreation	9,891.00	
Patriotic	250.00	
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Total Culture and Recreation Expenses		22,113.74
Conservation:		
Conservation Commission	1,455.00	
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Total Conservation Expenses		1,455.00
Debt. Service:		
Principal of Long-Term Bonds and Notes	24,083.34	
Interest Expense – Long-Term Bonds & Notes	2,986.90	
Interest Expense – Tax Anticipation Notes	2,390.69	
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Total Debt. Service Payments		29,460.93
Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article #5 Highway Equipment	20,000.00	
Article #6 Highway Roadwork	75,000.00	
Article #7 Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
Article #8 Police Department	5,000.00	
Article #9 Fire Department	10,000.00	
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Total Capital Reserve Funds		115,000.00
Miscellaneous:		
Taxes Bought by Town	30,368.66	
Tax Refunds, Overpayments, Abatements	8,492.51	
Conservation Fund Article #7	5,000.00	
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Total Miscellaneous Expenses		43,861.17
Unclassified:		
Payments – Tax Anticipation Notes	325,000.00	
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Total Unclassified Expenses		325,000.00
Payments to Other Government Divisions:		
Taxes Paid to County	128,097.00	
Payments to School Districts	865,884.00	
Payments to State School Tax	73,124.00	
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Total Payments to Other Government Divisions		1,067,105.00
Grand Total Of Expenditures		<u><u>\$2,254,284.35</u></u>

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Executive:

Selectmen – Salary	3,300.00
Administrative – Salary	12,566.60
Intern	734.40
Moderator – Salary	100.00
Workers Compensation	156.02
Telephone	910.87
Computer Services	735.00
Mapping	1,415.00
Registry	98.72
Printing/Notices	1,846.38
Dues & Subscriptions	1,132.00
Office Supplies	1,432.94
Postage	566.32
Books & Periodicals	340.04
Miscellaneous	8.55

Total Executive Expenses

25,342.84

Election, Registration & Vital Statistics:

Town Clerk Salary	4,853.00
Checklist – Salary	225.00
Ballot Clerks – Salary	150.00
Computer Services	1,274.00
Workshops	140.00
Telephone	288.58
Printing/Notices	634.30
Dues	50.00
Office Supplies	215.60
Postage	68.00
MV Fees Town	1,461.00
MV Fees State	1,757.50
Title Fees	356.00
Vital Statistics	52.00
UCC Fees	262.00
Dog Licenses	398.50
Marriage Fees	49.00
Misc. Fees	16.00
Miscellaneous	75.00

Total Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

12,325.48

Financial Administration:

Tax Collector- Andross	3,759.50
Treasurer	1,200.00

Auditor	910.00	
Bank Fees	188.40	
Telephone	186.06	
Computer Services	1,388.00	
Assessing Software Support	2,288.00	
Registry	172.18	
Office Supplies	625.97	
Dues	75.00	
Postage	683.99	
Lien Fees - Andross	733.00	
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Total Financial Administration Expenses		12,210.10
Total Legal Expenses		10,418.31
Total Revaluation		5,220.00
Payroll Taxes:		
Sugar Hill FICA (Town Contribution)	9,679.38	
Sugar Hill Medicare (Town Contribution)	2,633.22	
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Total Payroll Taxes Expense		12,312.60
Planning Board:		
Secretary – Salary	905.00	
Workshops	100.00	
Grafton County Registry	154.34	
Printing/Notices	230.35	
Postage	209.64	
Books & Periodicals	135.00	
Miscellaneous -Forester	120.00	
Legal	1,000.00	
Office Supplies	19.98	
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Total Planning Board Expenses		2,874.31
Zoning Board:		
Secretary	90.00	
Legal	109.46	
Printing	214.10	
Postage	78.46	
Books & Periodicals	15.00	
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Total Zoning Board Expenses		507.02
Government Buildings:		
Custodian Salary	8,112.75	

Health Insurance	6,915.60	
Workers Compensation	252.85	
Telephone	609.50	
Medical	49.75	
Electricity	2,203.04	
Heating Oil	3,268.81	
Maintenance – Purchased	3,672.43	
Supplies	1,018.19	
Rent	6,000.00	
Maintenance & Repairs	756.98	
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Total Government Buildings Expenses		32,859.90
Meetinghouse Capital Reserve:		
Trees		3,680.00
Warrant Article #11 Meetinghouse Clock		8,500.00
Warrant Article #13 Museum Painting		640.00
Grounds & Maintenance:		
Lloyd Card – Salary	19,924.30	
Workers Compensation	421.42	
Telephone	313.32	
Purchased Maintenance	2,512.00	
Gasoline	586.17	
Groundskeeping	373.08	
Vehicle Repair	485.52	
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Total Grounds & Maintenance Expenses		24,615.81
Cemeteries:		
Maintenance	1,342.80	
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Total Cemeteries Expenses		1,342.80
Total Insurance Expenses		18,216.32
Total Advertising & Regional Associations Expenses		6,851.18
Ambulance:		
Ross Ambulance	1,500.00	
Franconia Life Squad	1,000.00	
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Total Ambulance Expenses		2,500.00

Police Department:

David W. Holland – Salary	15,970.30
Jose L. Pequeno	13,519.87
Scott McKinley	6,417.13
Special Details	1,512.50
Area Prosecutor	1,015.56
Health Insurance	5,013.80
Police Retirement	1,295.97
Workers Compensation	650.29
Workshops	281.00
Training (\$1,000 Grant Received)	2,193.00
Telephone (Pager, Cellular, Office)	1,375.83
Computer Services	2,032.48
Uniforms	3,333.78
Printing/Notices	264.90
Dues	100.00
Supplies	39.37
Office Supplies	184.79
Radio Maintenance	54.00
Equipment Maintenance	392.00
Postage	75.80
Gasoline	1,718.38
Vehicle Maintenance	1,181.91
Books & Periodicals	85.74
8123 Line	621.50
Dispatching Services	3,234.32
Miscellaneous-Background Fees	1,210.45
Personal Equipment	898.35

Total Police Department Expenses

64,673.02

Fire Department:

Salaries (Forest Fire Pay Reimbursement 675.68)	8,653.18
Workers Compensation	317.04
Training	704.39
Telephone	426.93
Information Line 8123	621.50
Computer Services	225.48
Dispatching Services	359.44
Electricity	681.31
Heating Oil	2,156.83
Building Maintenance	1,817.00
Uniforms & Protective Clothing	1,269.52
Dues	455.23
Supplies	101.08
Office Supplies	159.74
Postage	94.75
Diesel Fuel	416.33

Vehicle Maintenance	1,647.38	
Equipment Maintenance	697.04	
Radio Maintenance	1,235.58	
Books & Periodicals	21.50	
New & Replacement Equipment	6,068.95	
Miscellaneous	32.29	
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Total Fire Department Expenses		28,162.49
Airport:		380.00
Town Maintenance:		
Douglas Glover – Salary	40,395.16	
James A. Cyr	24,509.95	
Roger E. Odell	2,958.50	
Retirement	2,720.53	
Workers Compensation	2,395.16	
Health Insurance	13,364.10	
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Total Town Maintenance		86,343.40
General Highway Department:		
Tuition Reimbursement	15.00	
Engineering	3,557.50	
Telephone	1,376.66	
Computer	197.50	
Medical Services	137.75	
Electricity	1,685.93	
Heating Oil	1,325.15	
Building Maintenance	3,416.49	
Equipment Rental	5,240.00	
Uniforms	1,468.40	
Dues	45.00	
Office Supplies	16.96	
Shop Supplies	1,941.59	
Propane	145.26	
Diesel Fuel	6,226.76	
Vehicle Maintenance	12,510.36	
Equipment Maintenance	5,232.94	
Radio Maintenance	553.94	
Street Maintenance	21,366.23	
Street Signs	409.76	
New Equipment	6,061.17	
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Total General Highway Department		72,930.35
Total Street Lighting Expenses		29,495.78

Total Highway Block Grant Expenses		39,510.00
Total Solid Waster Disposal Expenses		25,480.00
Total Health & Hospitals Agencies Expenses		2,943.30
Total Welfare Expenses		680.00
Total Parks & Recreation Expenses		9,891.00
Library:		
Librarian – Salary	5,351.80	
Workmans Compensation	21.40	
Telephone	510.95	
Computer	142.99	
Dues	20.00	
Office Supplies	39.15	
Postage	69.00	
Books & Periodicals	5,591.98	
Miscellaneous	25.47	
Scholarship	200.00	
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Total Library Expenses		11,972.74
Patriotic Expense		250.00
Conservation Commission:		
Mapping	825.00	
Books & Periodicals	150.00	
Town Forester	480.00	
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Total Conservation Commission Expenses		1,455.00
Total Long Term Notes Payment		24,083.34
Total Interest – Long Term Notes		2,986.90
Total Tax Anticipation Notes Payment		325,000.00
Total Interest – Tax Anticipation Notes		2,390.69
Total Capital Appropriations – Cemetery		30,273.50
Total Capital Appropriations Roadwork		75,000.00
Total Capital Appropriations – Sidewalk		14,000.00

Transfer to Conservation Fund		5,000.00
Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds:		
Highway Department	20,000.00	
Highway Roadwork Fund	75,000.00	
Police Department	5,000.00	
Fire Department	10,000.00	
Meetinghouse	5,000.00	
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Total Transfers – Capital Reserve Funds		115,000.00
Total Taxes Paid – County		128,097.00
Total Taxes Paid – School District		865,884.00
Total Taxes Paid - State School Tax		73,124.00
Total Tax Refunds, Abatements, Overpayments		8,492.51
Total Taxes Bought by Town		30,368.66
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Total Detailed Expenses		\$2,254,284.35

To the Selectmen of the Town of Sugar Hill.

The enclosed reports are from the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the year 2001.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2001

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
06/19/76	Highway Dept. CRF	\$ 4,260.12	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,260.12	\$ 111.03	\$ 84.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 195.85	\$ 24,455.97
06/23/76	Police Department CRF	12,603.94	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,603.94	1,368.28	533.90	0.00	1,902.18	19,506.12
12/31/91	Meetinghouse CRF	9,026.56	5,000.00	0.00	2,619.61	11,406.95	1,060.39	383.92	1,060.39	383.92	11,790.87
07/19/93	Fire Department CRF	5,963.27	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	15,963.27	1,056.74	270.04	0.00	1,326.78	17,290.05
03/17/99	Highway Dept. Roadwork	555.19	75,000.00	0.00	74,864.74	690.45	135.26	47.65	135.26	47.65	738.10

TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ 32,409.08	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 77,484.35	\$ 69,924.73	\$ 3,731.70	\$ 1,320.33	\$ 1,195.65	\$ 3,856.38	\$ 73,781.11
RESERVE FUNDS										

All Funds Invested 100%.
All Funds are Bank Deposits at Connecticut River Bank N. A. or PDIP.

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2001

PRINCIPAL INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR
10/09/75	Sunnyside Care Fund - (1)	\$ 12,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,295.33	\$ 549.44	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,844.77	\$ 14,844.77
09/21/73	Louise Leavitt Trust - (1)	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	348.52	32.37	0.00	380.89	880.89
11/05/43	Annie Bowles Trust - (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	79.01	8.33	0.00	87.34	237.34
11/03/37	Frank E. Bowles Trust - (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	79.01	8.33	0.00	87.34	237.34
10/18/56	J. L. & Gertrude Bowles Trust - (1)	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	42.72	5.41	0.00	48.13	148.13
07/11/84	Hersom Murray Trust - (1)	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	44.18	7.43	0.00	51.61	201.61
10/09/75	Anker Trust - (2)	12,800.00	0.00	0.00	9,699.21	3,100.79	2,300.79	567.79	2,300.79	567.79	3,668.58
10/09/75	Sunnyside Cemetery Fund - (3)	15,248.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,248.09	2,878.70	688.92	0.00	3,567.62	18,815.71
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TOTAL CEMETERY		\$ 41,098.09	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 9,699.21	\$ 31,398.88	\$ 8,068.26	\$ 1,868.02	\$ 2,300.79	\$ 7,635.49	\$ 39,034.37

- (1) Interest only may be used for lot care.
(2) Funds may be used at discretion of Cemetery Trustees.
(3) Funds may only be used for Sunnyside Maintenance.
All Funds Invested 100%.
All Funds are deposited in PDIP.

LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS
Report of the Trust Funds - December 31, 2001

PRINCIPAL

INCOME

Date Of Creation	NAME OF TRUST	Balance Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses) on Sale of Securities	Withdrawals	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	GRAND TOTAL END OF YEAR	
											10/09/75	Gladys Jesseman Memorial Trust	$ 2,033.11	$ 0.00	$ 0.00	$ 191.88	$ 1,841.23	$ 8.12	$ 77.70	$ 8.12	$ 77.70	$ 1,918.93
09/21/73	Fredericka Harnes Fund	1,564.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,564.10	167.78	66.02	0.00	233.80	1,797.90
11/05/43	Alice Smith Fund	903.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	903.50	96.86	38.02	0.00	134.88	1,038.38
01/22/01	Richardson Memorial Trust	68,064.19	1,701.60	0.00	0.00	69,765.79	0.00	2,360.01	1,701.60	658.41	70,424.20
	NEW on 01/22/01 --*										
	TOTAL LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS	\$ 72,564.90	\$ 1,701.60	\$ 0.00	\$ 191.88	\$ 74,074.62	\$ 272.76	\$ 2,541.75	\$ 1,709.72	\$ 1,104.79	\$ 75,179.41

All Funds Invested 100%.
 All Funds are deposited in PDIP.
 * 2001 COLA of 2.5%.

Respectfully,
 Laurence S. Ring
 Chairman, Trustees of Trust Funds

TOWN OF SUGAR HILL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sugar Hill, in the County of Grafton, and the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, will be held at the Meetinghouse on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, at 7:30 p.m., to act on the following subjects:

Polls will open at 11 a.m. for voting by ballot on Article 1 (the election of Town Officers). Polls will close at 7:30 p.m. unless the Town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour. All other Articles will be presented, discussed and acted upon starting at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 1: To vote by nonpartisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

- One Selectman to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Treasurer to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Town Clerk to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Tax Collector to serve for a term of one (1) year
- An Overseer of Public Welfare to serve for a term of one (1) year
- A Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- A Town Auditor to serve for a term of one (1) year
- One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years
- Two Zoning Board of Adjustment Members to serve for terms of three (3) years
- One Board of Cemetery Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years
- One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six (6) years
- A Moderator to serve for a term of two (2) years
- And such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges and make appropriations of the same as set forth in the following Budget:

Executive	\$ 33,100.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	16,000.00
Payroll Taxes	14,000.00
Financial Administration	17,400.00
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00
Legal Expenses	8,000.00
Planning Board	3,000.00
Zoning Board of Adjustment	800.00
Insurance	47,380.00
General Government Buildings	41,525.00
Buildings & Grounds	18,500.00
Cemetery	2,500.00
Advertising & Regional Associations	6,932.00
North Country Council	932.00
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce	6,000.00
Police Department	82,500.00
Fire Department	27,500.00
Ambulance	3,000.00

Ross Ambulance	1,500.00	
Life Squad	1,500.00	
Civil Defense		100.00
Town Maintenance.....		68,250.00
General Highway Department Expense		65,600.00
Highway Block Grant		40,405.00
Street Lighting		11,000.00
Solid Waste Disposal		25,000.00
Welfare		2,000.00
Tri County Cap	500.00	
Unemployment		100.00
Library.....		13,000.00
Parks and Recreation		13,400.00
Patriotic Purposes		300.00
Conservation Commission		2,000.00
Principal of Long-Term Notes		24,083.00
Interest Expense-Long-Term Notes		3,000.00
Interest Expense-Tax Anticipation Notes		4,000.00
Total Appropriations		\$599,595.00

The Selectmen recommend these Appropriations.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to withdraw the accumulated income from the Cemetery Trust Funds.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to be used for Highway Department Roadwork. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3,VI and will not lapse until the Fund is expended or in 3 years, whichever is less. (Majority vote required.)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00) to engage an architect to study and proceed with the guidelines as submitted by the Sugar Hill Meetinghouse Restoration Committee.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the Town Employee Health Insurance Deductible Trust Fund, for the purpose of paying employee health insurance deductibles and to appoint the Selectmen as Agents to expend from this Trust Fund, and furthermore, to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in said Fund. (Majority Vote required.) (This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article.)

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 10: Polling hours in the Town of Sugar Hill are now 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Shall we place a question on the State Election Ballot to change polling hours so that the polls will open at 11:00 AM and close at 7:30 PM for all regular State Elections beginning in 2004.

The Selectmen recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six Dollars and Thirty Cents. (\$1,246.30) in support of the North Country Home Health Agency.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) in support of the North Country YMCA.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Five Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$225.20) in support of the American Red Cross. (563 residents @.40)

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Twenty Two Dollars (\$422.00) for the Mount Washington Regional Airport. (563 residents @.75)

The Selectmen do not recommend the Appropriation.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars (\$678.00) in support of the White Mountain Mental Health and Development Services.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty Six Dollars (\$366.00) in support of the Hospice of the Littleton Area.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00) in support of the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council Inc.

The Selectmen do no recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in support of Littleton Regional Hospital.

The Selectmen do not recommend this Appropriation.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to become a Member of the Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District, and to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a Membership Agreement on terms agreeable to the Selectmen.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the New Hampshire Model Floodplain Development Ordinance For Communities with Special Flood Hazard Areas.

ARTICLE 21: To transact any other business that may legally come before this Meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 25th day of February, Two Thousand and Two.

Harry L. Reid
John J. Strasser, III
Richard Bielefield
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

RETURN OF POSTING

We hereby attest that the within Warrant is a true copy of the Warrant for the Town Meeting described therein, and further certify that we have caused to be posted an attested copy of this Warrant at the place of the Meeting and a like copy in one other public place in the Town of Sugar Hill, namely the Sugar Hill Post Office fourteen (14) days before the day of the Meeting on Tuesday, March 12, 2002, not counting the day of posting or the day of the Meeting.

Harry L. Reid
John J. Strasser, III
Richard Bielefield
Sugar Hill Board of Selectmen

This Warrant and Return of Posting has been duly recorded in the Office of the Town Clerk of Sugar Hill, New Hampshire, this 25th day of February, 2002.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - REVENUE
(Modified Accrual Basis)

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2001	Actual 2001	Estimated 2002
Taxes:			
Yield Taxes	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,879.00	\$ 2,500.00
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	15,000.00	20,351.00	15,000.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,000.00	18,840.00	10,000.00
Excavation Tax	46.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernmental Revenues - State:			
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	6,278.00	13,910.00	13,000.00
Highway Block Grant	39,510.00	39,510.00	40,405.00
Rooms & Meals	14,683.00	14,683.00	10,000.00
Licenses and Permits:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	115,000.00	121,131.00	115,000.00
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	1,500.00	1,928.00	1,500.00
Building Permits	400.00	660.00	600.00
Business Licenses & Permits	0.00	242.00	0.00
Charges For Services:			
Income From Departments	3,500.00	5,600.00	4,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenue:			
Interests on Deposits	1,000.00	1,148.00	1,000.00
Sale of Municipal Property	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Refunds & Insurance Reimbursements	20,200.00	22,367.00	5,250.00
Other Financing Sources:			
Withdrawals - Capital Reserve	0.00	0.00	0.00
Withdrawals - Trust/Agency Funds	25,000.00	12,200.00	200.00
From Surplus	90,000.00	90,000.00	0.00
Total Revenues and Credits	<u>\$342,117.00</u>	<u>\$368,449.00</u>	<u>\$218,455.00</u>

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - EXPENDITURES
(Modified Accrual Basis)

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation 2001	Actual 2001	Estimated 2002
General Government:			
Executive	\$ 25,480.00	\$ 25,103.00	\$ 33,100.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	14,740.00	12,144.00	16,000.00
Financial Administration	16,000.00	12,180.00	17,400.00
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	5,220.00	5,220.00
Personnel Administration	14,000.00	12,313.00	14,000.00
Legal Expenses	7,500.00	10,680.00	8,000.00
General Government & Buildings & Grounds	58,500.00	56,962.00	60,025.00
Cemeteries	2,500.00	1,343.00	2,500.00
Planning & Zoning	3,800.00	3,381.00	3,800.00
Insurance	19,000.00	18,216.00	47,380.00
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6,851.00	6,851.00	6,932.00
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department	71,000.00	63,971.00	82,500.00
Fire Department	27,500.00	28,165.00	27,500.00
Life Squad - Ross Ambulance	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Airport:	380.00	380.00	0.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance	84,652.00	85,156.00	68,250.00
General Highway	78,340.00	72,931.00	65,600.00
Highway Block Grant	39,510.00	39,510.00	40,405.00
Street Lighting	29,500.00	29,496.00	11,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00	25,480.00	25,000.00
Health:			
Health and Hospitals	2,944.00	2,943.00	0.00
Welfare:			
Town Poor	2,000.00	680.00	2,000.00
Culture and Recreation:			
Library	13,000.00	11,693.00	13,000.00
Parks & Recreation & YMCA	12,342.00	9,891.00	13,400.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	250.00	300.00

Conservation:			
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,455.00	2,000.00
Debt Service:			
Principal on Long Term Notes	24,083.00	24,083.00	24,083.00
Interest Long Term Notes	5,000.00	2,987.00	3,000.00
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	2,391.00	4,000.00
Capital Outlay:			
Machinery, Vehicles, Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Improvements/ Roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out:			
To Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grand Total	<u>\$597,842.00</u>	<u>\$568,355.00</u>	<u>\$599,595.00</u>
Special Warrant Articles Recommended			95,000.00
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended			<u>0.00</u>
Total Appropriations Recommended			\$694,595.00
Less Estimated Revenues and Credits			<u>-218,455.00</u>
Amount Of Taxes To Be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes)			<u>\$476,140.00</u>

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF
APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
(Year Ending December 31, 2001)**

	Appropriation 2001	Actual 2001	Unexpended or Overdrafts
Executive	\$ 25,480.00	\$ 25,342.84	\$ 137.16
Election, Reg & Vital Statistics	14,740.00	12,325.48	2,414.52
Financial Administration	16,000.00	12,210.10	3,789.90
Revaluation of Property	5,220.00	5,220.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes	14,000.00	12,312.60	1,687.40
Legal Expenses	7,500.00	10,418.31	(2,918.31)
Government Buildings	33,000.00	32,859.90	140.10
Buildings & Grounds	25,500.00	24,615.81	884.19
Cemeteries	2,500.00	1,342.80	1,157.20
Planning Board	3,000.00	2,874.31	125.69
Zoning Board	800.00	507.02	292.98
Insurance	19,000.00	18,216.32	783.68
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	6,851.00	6,851.18	(.18)
Unemployment Compensation	100.00	0.00	100.00
Police Department	71,000.00	64,673.02	6,326.98
Fire Department	27,500.00	28,162.49	(662.49)*
* Forest Fire Reimbursement			
Life Squad-Ambulance	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Civil Defense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Airport	380.00	380.00	0.00
Town Maintenance	84,652.00	86,343.40	(1,691.40)
General Highway	78,340.00	72,930.35	5,409.65
Highway Block	39,510.00	39,510.00	0.00
Street Lighting	29,500.00	29,495.78	4.22
Solid Waste Disposal	25,000.00	25,480.00	(480.00)
Health & Hospitals	2,944.00	2,943.30	0.70
Welfare	2,000.00	680.00	1,320.00
Library	13,000.00	11,972.74	1,027.26
Parks & Recreation, YMCA	12,342.00	9,891.00	2,451.00
Patriotic Purposes	300.00	250.00	50.00
Conservation Commission	2,000.00	1,455.00	545.00
Principal Long Term Notes	24,083.00	24,083.34	(.34)
Interest Long Term Notes	5,000.00	2,986.90	2,013.10
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	4,000.00	2,390.69	1,609.31
Budget Total	597,842.00	571,224.68	26,617.32
Capital Reserve Funds	115,000.00	115,000.00	0.00
Article #10	15,000.00	14,000.00	1,000.00
Articles #11 & #13	9,140.00	9,140.00	0.00
Article #12	25,000.00	30,368.66	(5,368.66)**
**12,000 Cemetery Trust			
Grand Total	<u>\$761,982.00</u>	<u>\$739,733.34</u>	<u>\$ 22,248.66</u>

CEMETERY TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have worked on and finished several of their goals for the Town.

The major task of reviewing each and every lot and entry for the Sunnyside Cemetery has been completed and compiled into a report. The report has one section that contains an alphabetical listing by surname for all individuals in Town Cemeteries. (Includes information to find individuals on detailed maps that follow.) Other sections contain maps for all of the Town Cemeteries. Following each map, there is a numerical listing of the individual lots within that map with a listing of the family name, individuals by name, year of death, age at death and whether a veteran.

Copies of this information is available at the Selectmen's Office for a fee.

The Trustees make an annual review of the Cemeteries and have had several monuments repaired or straightened this year. In the Sunnyside Cemetery, the large pine tree (about five feet in diameter at the base), northeast of the shed, has had severe damage due to old age and weather. Many large lower limbs have fallen in past years. The top region appeared to be dead for many feet. Concern for the severe damage to monuments in that region if a section broke off and fell, resulted in the Trustees calling over an expert that the Town was using at that time for other problems. He stated that the problem should be fixed and agreed to promptly remove the dead sections and trim off other problems. This has been done. We do not know if the more stringent solution of removing the tree will be necessary.

Did you visit the Sunnyside Cemetery last fall? WOW!! It has a finished look. The drainage system has been installed and we think the contractor did an exceptional job while not interfering with the existing arrangements, for putting a finishing touch to the interface between both areas and preparing it for us to identify the final road and lot arrangements. We are all very pleased with the work and it was all done well within the allowed Town allocation. The Trustees openly thank the Contractor for an excellent job and an exceptional working relationship.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurence S. Ring
Chairman

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The only reason I again agreed to do the audit with my good friend Ralph Brigida is that at 81 it keeps me from getting in trouble.

The books are in good shape. We finally, after much work and heartbreak, have the Tax Collectors work on the computer.

Again I thank Jennifer Gaudette and Bit Andross for doing a great job. It makes the job a pleasure. Also I want to thank Ralph Brigida for filling out all the horrible State Reports. Without Ralph, I wouldn't do the damn job.

Respectfully submitted,
William Pinney
Volunteer Town Auditor

P.S.: A list of a few minor changes has been submitted to the Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Looking back at the business that came before the Selectmen during the first year of the new millennium, we find that although the topics remain as diverse as always, the overall volume of documentation and regulations steadily increases.

Two of the most visible improvements involve the town streets that we travel every day.

- The Town Highway Department continues to upgrade drainage and road surfaces. The monies that have been approved for these purposes are being carefully expended so that we have improved roads at a reasonable cost. Additionally, this year we are pleased to have the services of a Professional Engineer to evaluate new road design and construction.
- We are well into the long overdue replacement of the old street lights. The new light placement was established in a joint Police Department/Public Service effort and continues as a work in progress. Any alteration to the recommended light placement is being carefully studied from practical as well as legal standpoints.

This past year also marked the Police Department's proverbial "changing of the guard" by wishing our former Chief David Holland well as he headed toward the upper Midwest to continue his work in law enforcement. As of today, many of the Town's residents have met our newly appointed Police Chief Jose Pequeno. We are very confident that Chief Pequeno will continue to provide the Town with the level of safety and security that we all have come to expect.

As you can see by the number of new homes and renovations in many areas of Town, we are frequently faced with building permit applications that require careful interpretation of the existing regulations. In order for the Selectmen's Office to assist with approval of permits, we strongly request that any contemplated construction be brought to our attention before work starts. Cooperation always needs to be a two way street. The Town Officers do recognize that our Zoning Ordinance and building regulations exist to keep Sugar Hill's appearance intact while understanding that some changes are necessitated by progress. To that end, we have improved our road constructions standards and are currently reviewing and upgrading other regulations.

On a related topic, 2001 saw the Town awarded a favorable judgment against the former owner of a local Bed and Breakfast establishment. It was necessary to take such action after repeated attempts by the Town, over several years, to request compliance with multiple regulations were completely ignored by that owner. Cooperation.....

As for dealing with larger issues that originate outside our Town, we recently joined two so called coalitions in order to amplify our voices. The State mandated funding of schools has reached such proportions that we found it our fiduciary responsibility to join other Towns in an effort to block this type of funding. We currently send over \$100,000 to Concord for other towns to use as they wish. There must be a better way. On a lesser note, we have joined several other towns so that we present stronger input when our cable television franchise agreement is renewed over the next two years. We expect to receive greater distribution throughout the Town as well as improved program selection.

Finally, we wish to thank all those who perform for the Town, whether as paid employees, in appointed or elected positions, or as volunteers. Our greatest appreciation goes to Jennifer Gaudette, the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant. It is Jennifer that keeps us from being buried alive by the paperwork and has just about every answer or suggestion on where to get that answer when the tough questions appear. We couldn't do it without her. Thanks Jennifer.

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

Thanks to the efforts of the citizens of Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton, 2001 was the year in which the Tri-Town Recycling Program came into its own. Overall the amount of materials recycled went from 224 tons to 331 tons, a 48% increase. Paper products led the charge, jumping 58% from 111 tons in 2000 to 176 tons in 2001. Green-bag material (trash to be landfilled) rose 5% to 494 tons, not an unusual increase for three growing towns. For the first time, the recycling rate for our three towns met the state goal of 40%.

We recycled:

- 176 tons of paper products;
- 10.4 tons of plastic;
- 2.3 tons of aluminum cans;
- 4.4 tons of steel cans;
- 36 tons of scrap metal; and
- 102 tons of glass.

Our recyclables earned us \$9,158 in a year of soft recycling markets. Additionally, if you assume that our customers still would have needed to dispose of newspaper, glass, and all the other items that we recycled, the cost of the other option (dumping them in the landfill in Bethlehem with the green-bag trash) would have amounted to \$23,736. This cost avoidance figure plus recycling revenue makes the total value of our recycling program \$32,894.

A *thank you* to Greg Wells for establishing the collection of Box Tops for Education at the Transfer Station. To date we have collected 3,450 coupons for the Lafayette Regional School. We also collect empty printer, copier, and fax toner cartridges as a fundraiser for the school. A *thank you* to Jeff Phillips who has moved up to another job with the Town of Franconia. And a *welcome* to Sonny Ouellette who joined the crew in November. We miss the willing hand and frequent smile of our “go to” fill-in guy, Steve Ray.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Marshall,
Transfer Station Manager

**TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Beginning Balance		\$ 45,559.00
Income		
Town of Franconia	41,539.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	23,846.00	
Town of Easton	11,538.00	
Interest Earned	471.20	
PAYT Fees	68,405.00	
Special Handling Fees	14,188.35	
Recycled Material	9,158.03	169,145.58
		169,145.58
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	4,454.61	
MSW Tipping	30,553.02	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	2,877.76	
Roll Off Tipping	11,900.22	
Utilities	2,056.35	
General Expenses		
Dues	50.00	
PAYT Bags	7,534.90	
Insurance	318.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	1,369.44	
Printing & Advertising	147.10	
Oil & Gas	766.63	
Training & Certification	325.40	
Uniforms	640.73	
Hazardous Waste	851.00	
Equipment Maintenance	449.47	
Building & Site Improvements	1,929.90	
New Equipment	3,450.00	
Wages	78,988.05	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	20,096.16	
Retirement	1,802.40	
Workers' Compensation	1,629.31	
Payroll Taxes	6,042.59	178,233.04
		178,233.04
Ending Balance		\$ 36,471.54

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

This past year, meeting time was devoted to review and approval of three minor subdivisions, three lot line adjustments, and two voluntary mergers. There were no major subdivisions proposed. In addition to review of proposed subdivisions, the Board engaged in a number of proactive planning projects that will help to ensure responsible development and future planning.

The Board, in conjunction with the Selectmen, Town Road Agent and an engineering consultant, finalized a project that sets forth a revised standard for road construction. In April, the Board approved and incorporated the updated standards for town road construction into the Town subdivision regulations. The Board also worked to refine the requirements of a development tool known as a Conceptual Master Plan. The Conceptual Master Plan is implemented when the subdivision of large tracts of land is considered. The Conceptual Plan acts as a guide to ensure that the planning is in accordance with the Sugar Hill Master Plan. A new project that is underway, and will culminate in 2002, involves the review and redrafting, with legal counsel, of the town Zoning and Subdivisions Regulations. Board Members have been generous with their commitment of time to this major undertaking.

The Board meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Crapo Memorial Building. Townspeople are welcome to attend meetings and public input is appreciated. Individuals who are interested in serving on the Planning Board shall write the Selectmen a letter and express their interest for an appointment as an alternate or regular member. Appreciation is due to all the members who generously volunteer their time and work to maintain the quality and beauty of our Town.

Respectfully submitted,
June Chase
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Jose Pequeno and I was appointed in October as your new Chief of Police. I have worked for the Police Department on a part-time basis since December of 2000 and have had the opportunity to meet some of you already. I am looking forward to working with the community and the residents of Sugar Hill and would encourage all residents to contact me if you have any questions or issues that I can be of assistance with.

Below is a list of activities that the Department has dealt with over the past year. There is a drop in activity from the year 2000 as a result of the fact that the Town was without a full time Chief for over four months. During this time the New Hampshire State Police answered a great many calls which are not reflected in this report. This is only a summary of calls answered by our Department. Criminal cases include cases dealing with assaults, thefts, criminal mischief (vandalism), drug related offenses, domestic disturbances, and various other calls for service.

Criminal Cases	54
Arrests	6
Aid to Other Agencies	24
Aid to Citizens	22
Motor Vehicle Stops	119
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Medical Assist	5
Alarms	9

Being relatively new to the area, I am still attempting to familiarize myself with the different residences in Town. I have noticed that there are a great many homes that do not have 911 numbers visible from the roadside. I cannot stress how important these numbers are to your local emergency services personnel. Having these numbers helps any unit responding, to identify your home quickly and reduces your waiting time for our services. If you have any questions about the placement of these numbers or the purpose behind them, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me in making the transition to the Sugar Hill Police Department on a full time basis. I look forward to working with everyone and hope to have a long healthy relationship with the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jose L. Pequeno
Chief of Police

SUGAR HILL FIRE DEPARTMENT

The year 2001 was both a busy and eventful year for our Department, and as a result, this report will be somewhat longer than previous years.

During the year the Department responded to 41 calls for assistance. This compares with 40 calls in 2000, 53 in 1999, and 33 in 1998. Below is the breakdown of the runs in 2001.

Electrical problems (lightning)	2
Fire Alarm Activations (no fires)	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents	8
Mutual Aid Rendered	18
Oil burner	1
Miscellaneous	3

We responded to several notable calls in 2001, including the most serious and challenging motor vehicle accident that either this Department or the Franconia Life Squad has ever responded to in which an extrication was required. In January, a vehicle containing four people left the highway, rolled several times, and ended up in a clump of trees, upside down, with the roof partially crushed. With the help of the Littleton and Bethlehem Fire Departments, we were able to extricate all four victims in about an hour. Only one victim was hospitalized overnight with a shoulder injury.

A lightning storm in June caused extensive damage to electrical equipment in both the Sugar Hill Museum and the Fire Station, however no fire resulted.

We assisted Franconia at a working house fire at Forest Hills, Twin Mt. at a two alarm fire at the Mt. Washington Hotel, and Bethlehem with a contractor's garage fire, as well as a forest fire on Haystack Mt. We also assisted Littleton with a stubborn three day forest fire, and Franconia with an unusual lightning strike on a wire fence, which caused numerous small brush fires over a wide area.

We also covered vacant fire stations during a major forest fire in Woodsville, a two alarm fire at the Lisbon School, and a condo fire in Lincoln.

Although we often give more aid than we receive, these mutual aid fires give our members excellent training and experience, as well as upholding the New Hampshire tradition of helping our neighbors when they are in need.

On September 11th, the State Fire Marshall's Office made a statewide appeal for a list of resources available to respond to New York City. Franconia, Sugar Hill, and Easton had an emergency fire officers meeting, put together a task force of apparatus, equipment, and manpower from the three Towns, and faxed this info to the Fire Marshall's Office that night. Although not called upon to respond, our task force was available and ready to go.

We continued our emphasis on training, especially the handling of motor vehicle accidents. We utilized training videos, a state instructor, and also conducted a joint drill with the Franconia Life Squad in the removal of victims from a wrecked vehicle at Hunt's junk yard using live "victims."

Several of our members attended the annual Twin State Mutual Aid Fire School in Wells River and took courses in handling carbon monoxide incidents, hazardous materials and assistance to EMS personnel at medical emergencies.

In response to the Anthrax concerns, we developed a response kit, made it available to our surrounding Towns and trained our members in its use. Sugar Hill experienced one suspected incident, which was handled by our Police Department.

This year our Department adopted a unique security system called Knox Box and several other fire departments have followed our lead. The system uses a small miniature safe, called a Knox Box, which is installed on a building and which contains the key to that building. A master key which opens all the Knox Boxes in Town is kept in a locked box which is bolted to the floor of one of our fire trucks. This box can only be opened by a special radio tone sent over the apparatus radio by the Sheriff's Department Dispatch Center, thus assuring security for the master key. This system is particularly effective for buildings equipped with automatic fire, burglar, or medical alarms, where entry into the building may be necessary. Our Police Department also has this capability.

The Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton initiated a new effort in 2001 to improve inter-department cooperations, and met on three occasions during the year to discuss problems and ideas of mutual interest.

We are pleased that our membership remains high, and that our members are active and dedicated. Each year we award a Firefighter of the Year Award to recognize a member who has contributed exceptional time and effort to the Department during the year. It has become difficult to pick one person for the award, because so many are worthy of it. This year Eric Chase was the Firefighter of the Year.

Our Department could not function effectively without the support of our citizens, and the help of the Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Association, particularly the Franconia Life Squad and the Fire Departments of Franconia and Easton. We sincerely appreciate the support.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul W. Pinkham
Fire Chief

COMMUNITY FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for any open burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding areas) is completely covered with snow. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs. Open burning is a privilege, **NOT** a right. Help us to protect you and our forest resource! Build small brush piles that can be quickly burned and extinguished.

New Hampshire experienced over 940 wildland fires in 2001. Most of the fires were human caused. Due to dry conditions fires spread quickly impacting more than 20 structures. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. **Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fires.** Contact your local Fire Department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands website at www.nhdfi.com or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2001 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported through November 26, 2001)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

	<u># of Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>		
Belknap	89	18	Illegal	279
Carroll	62	12	Unknown	201
Cheshire	147	41	Smoking	86
Coos	53	16	Children	69
Grafton	109	99	Campfires	49
Hillsborough	198	68	Rekindle of Permit	45
Merrimack	70	20	Arson	31
Rockingham	135	90	Lightning	24
Strafford	57	54	Miscellaneous *	<u>158</u>
Sullivan	22	10		942

* Miscellaneous: (powerlines, fireworks, railroad, ashes, debris, structures, equipment, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2001	942	428
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452

REPORT OF FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD 2001

This report of the Franconia Life Squad (FLS) will serve as a year-end report and will also contain some reflections of the 9/11 tragedy and its far-reaching effects.

This has been the busiest year thus far for the all-volunteer Squad. We have responded to a total of 233 incidents in the three communities we serve as well as mutual aid calls to outlying communities in our mutual aid system.

We have lost some members but have been fortunate to find replacements. Some of our other members have gone on to further their EMS skills and become EMT-1's or entered the Paramedic Program. This was a recertification year for some others at the EMT level. Through gracious donations and some budgeted monies, we were able to fund most of these certifications.

On another note, we in this EMS service ask that people take a few moments to remember those who were lost on 9-11-01. Many do not realize how something so distant from us affects our daily lives—those very lives which are forever changed by those terrorist acts of war. We in the FLS were put on a 24-hour call up to assist either the New York EMS and Fire Squads or to augment those departments to the south of us who sent workers to New York City. It was gratifying to see the members' willingness at the FLS and Franconia Fire Department (FFD) to serve if they were to be called upon, no matter where or for how long. Fortunately our assistance was not required, so no one from our communities had to leave their homes or jobs. Had we been asked, though, the call would have been answered.

The FLS, along with the FFD, were able to raise close to \$3,000 that will be given to the NYFD Emergency Department. That department lost 12 members of their unit, the most lost from one single department. This money will be hand-delivered to that department in the near future.

In closing, I ask you all to keep your heads high and the patriotic flag flying, for no one will ever put us down. We stand as one. United.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel N. Peabody, Chief

<u>Emergency Description</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fran</u>	<u>S. Hill</u>	<u>Easton</u>	<u>Other</u>
Motor Vehicle Accidents	43	33	7	3	0
Medical Emergencies	27	18	7	2	0
Trauma Emergencies	32	27	5	0	0
RV Trauma Emergencies	3	3	0	0	0
Bicycle Accidents-Trauma	9	9	0	0	0
Misc. Health Problems/Assists	5	5	0	0	0
Cardiac/Stroke Emergencies	16	11	2	3	0
Respiratory Emergencies	7	6	1	0	0
Alcohol/Drug Emergencies	4	4	0	0	0
Working CODE-Med. Trauma	1	1	0	0	0
Deaths	1	1	0	0	0
Burn/Thermal/Chemical/Liquid	2	2	0	0	0
Mt. Rescue/Medical Trauma	7	7	0	0	0
Attempted Suicide	2	2	0	0	0
Gun Shot Wound	1	1	0	0	0
MV Accidents/Moose & Deer	9	8	1	0	0
Seizures—Pediatric & Adult	6	6	0	0	0
Minor Trauma Emergencies	4	3	0	1	0
Minor Medical Emergencies	4	4	0	0	0
Fire Department Assists	41	39	2	0	0
Skiing Accidents-Trauma	3	3	0	0	0
Psychiatric/Behavior/A.M.S.	4	4	0	0	0
Life Line Activation Call	2	1	1	0	0
TOTAL RUNS	233	198	26	9	0
Patient Statistics:					
# Pediatric/Adolescents	40	35	4	1	0
# Adults	179	145	24	10	0
TOTAL PATIENTS	219	180	28	11	0
Patients Transported to Littleton Regional Hospital By FLS:					
9% of Medical Patients	17	15	2	0	0

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

During the year 2001, Richardson Memorial Library supported the community's needs with many resources.

Many visitors from New Hampshire and other states came to the Library during the year, all were impressed with the resources available in a "small-town" Library. Several people worked on research of the Sugar Hill area.

Many donations have been made to our book, audio, and video collections. All donations are certainly appreciated.

Our collection of audio tapes has grown considerably over the past year. There is a wide range of subject matter in nonfiction and fiction titles.

Use of the internet continues to grow. Patrons have use of the computer during Library hours for both research and enjoyment.

The Inter-Library Loan, lending and borrowing of materials from libraries throughout NH, has grown steadily. We have borrowed books and lent other libraries our books.

Our Story Lady, Amy Mitz, organized four separate sessions of Story Time this year. Each session consisted of eight Monday afternoons when the Library has between 5 and 15 children in attendance. The children enjoyed listening to stories about various topics read to them. We would like to thank Amy for her generous contribution of time and effort to our Library.

Chris Bohjalian, author of "Midwives," "Water Witches," and several other novels lectured at the Library about his works and other literary topics. In a world premier, he read an excerpt from his latest book (to be published in March 2002), entitled "A Buffalo Soldier." The lecture was very well attended.

We encourage residents of Sugar Hill to use the services of the Library. It is with community support that the Library continues to expand to serve the literary and cultural needs of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharyn McGuigan
Librarian

Trustees of Richardson Memorial Library
Irene Amsbary
Elaine Burpee
Eleonore Card

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This year we continued to work on improving the Town Forest and trails. The Phil Robertson Memorial Trail is now marked with orange blazes. We also removed hazardous trees and removed brush and other obstacles. If you haven't visited the town forest, look for the entrance, marked with a sign, on the right side of Center District Road about a mile up from Route 117. There are about six miles of trails that are great for walking and cross country skiing. This year, we will do GPS mapping of the trails, and if we are successful in winning a state trails grant, publish a map and guide.

We are also well along on the process of compiling a town Natural Resources Inventory. This statutory obligation of State Conservation Commissions may be accomplished in various ways. After interviewing several consultants and seeking the advice of UNH Cooperative Extension, we decided to use Geographic Informations Systems (GIS) digital mapping technology through the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. We now have maps of the Town showing key natural resources such as wetlands, large forested areas, and hydric soils. Another map depicts development trends over the last several decades. These maps are intended as tools for getting a good snapshot of the Town for planning purposes. They are available to all the Town boards and residents. Paper copies may be seen at the Town Office and will be at Town Meeting. The maps are also in a digital form, as a database that can be updated as needed. This year, we plan to develop a scenic resources map and conduct a survey of residents' views on conservation matters as part of drafting a Town Conservation Plan.

The Commission's ongoing work includes reviewing wetlands permits and subdivision proposals where conservation easements, wetlands or other natural resource issues are involved. The Commission also funds the work of the Town Forester, who works on an as-needed basis reviewing Intents to Cut and timber harvesting jobs. Commission members also serve as the "trash crew" on Route 117 from Sunset Hill Road down to the Gale River as part of the State's adopt-a-road program. The Commission also does maintenance work at the Coffin Pond.

The Commission's booklet "Birds of Sugar Hill" lists all the nesting and migratory bird species sighted in Town. The checklist includes sighting frequency for Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Copies are at the Town Office and will be available at Town Meeting.

The Commission meets monthly at the Town Building. Everyone is welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Brown
Chairman

THE WILLING WORKERS SOCIETY

The Willing Workers Society is a non-sectarian, charitable organization whose purpose is to serve the community.

We started this year with a bake sale held at the Crapo Town Hall, during Frostbite Follies. The July and November sales were a success. I want to thank all the members and especially friends that contributed food and those that donated articles for our twice used table. Thank you to Lloyd Card, Larry Ring and Warren Havens for setting up tables for our sales. Thank you to Jeanne Ring and Nancy Smith for their imagination and work collecting articles to be made by a few members.

The Franconia Heritage Museum exhibited a photo album of pictures of our sales and interesting articles of members and friends.

A plaque was installed on the bench located on the front lawn of the Crapo Town Offices, so ALL members will be remembered in the past and future.

The scholarship was not given this year because the person appointed did not meet the requirements.

We had Jane Vincent as guest speaker at the April luncheon and Nancy Aldrich at the December pot luck Christmas luncheon held at the Meetinghouse. All enjoyed a delicious meal. Plants were given to shut-ins at home and in rest homes.

At the memorial service held for Mr. Bowdoin, a town resident, Elaine Burpee and I helped serve refreshments. Members attended the memorial service for Leni Lindblade, who contributed many hours of sewing for us, and for Alice Stewart a member who for many years made her delicious butternut cake.

We also furnished and served refreshments for memorial services for Katherine Whipple and Pauline Hannah.

We are thankful to all those families who gave contributions. We are especially thankful for Mary Winn Foss' donation of a PA system for use at the Meetinghouse.

We made contributions to the following organizations: North Country Home Health, Franconia Life Squad, Sugar Hill Community Church, David's House, Bancroft House and the Littleton Senior Center. With the help of friends and family a donation was made to help a member who needed cooking and cooling appliances.

We gave 70 presents to babies up to and including sixth grade and guests for the Town Christmas party.

Officers for 2002 are:

President	Sylvia Hutchinson
Vice President	Elaine Burpee
Treasurer	Edna Glaessel
Secretary	Lorraine Hunt
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Smith

Sylvia Hutchinson
President

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM REPORT

Friends and neighbors in this unique small Town in the mountains have come together once again to support the efforts of the Trustees and the Staff in preserving and presenting local history for visitors and Townspeople.

Lupine Festival started off the season and our first event was a 25th Anniversary celebration featuring local Historian Roger Aldrich giving a brief history of the Museum and the presentation of a commemorative plaque to Mitchell Vincent for being a founder, Director for 14 years and faithful Trustee for 20 years. The Bake Sale and Attic Sale brought in needed funds.

Our thirty-three wonderful volunteers welcomed 720 visitors that came from 22 states and 5 foreign countries. Those visitors enjoyed the Peckett's-on-Sugar Hill -Act II Exhibit and the refurbished Meeting House Clock. Dick March and Donn Lathrop restored the clock and Don Boissonneault made sure the clock was operational every day we were open. Also, Don and son Ryan painted several areas at the Museum in the Spring.

The Spring School Outreach Program was taken to five area schools. In September, 76 students from Franconia, Lisbon and Bethlehem schools visited the Museum for a tour.

Children's History Day brought over 300 visitors to see many local artisans demonstrate their crafts and enjoy a day on the green with music and games.

Many hands make light work, so they say...and it was true of the Annual Wreath-Making Project which netted the Museum \$2297.00. Many thanks to Jane Vincent and Sarah Pinney for coordinating this fund-raising event over the years and to all those volunteers who made it such a success.

We will be open for the season June 13 with special events for the Lupine Festival. This year's exhibit will be "Comin' Round the Mountain," featuring local railroad history.

Our open hours will be 1-4 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you would like to support your community Museum, please become a Member today and/or volunteer to serve this summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Winnie Harwood
Executive Director

SUGAR HILL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

While the year 2000 will be remembered as the year when the Crapo Building was re-dedicated, the year 2001 will never be forgotten because of the pseudo-recession and the terrorist bombings on September 11th. Despite this, the Improvement Association has come through the year in very good condition.

Early in the year the Association working funds were almost depleted, but an urgent request for individual contributions was so well received that over \$6000 quickly appeared. Also, the Trustees of the Crapo Memorial Trust Fund were able to change their distribution so that the Improvement Association began receiving \$3000 each month, while still maintaining \$450,000 in the money market account.

The figures presented by the Association at its annual meeting in August indicated that the normal expenditures, including bank interest, run approximately \$27,500 annually. Our income from the Town is \$10,000 and we receive \$36,000 from the Fund, a total of \$46,000 per year. This leaves close to \$20,000 per year to pay down the principal balance of the loan which was approximately \$312,000 on August 31, 2001.

The Annual Meeting brought changes in officer personnel. Treasurer Larry Ring resigned after six years of devoted service, and was replaced by David F. McPhaul, Jr. President John L. Rowbotham resigned for personal reasons, but agreed to remain on the Board of Directors. Barbara Serafini stepped up to President, from Vice-President to take John Rowbotham's place.

The Trustees of the Carolina Crapo Trust replaced Jack Tilton with Greg Connors, and re-elected Bruce Perlo to join James McCusker, Richard Gagne and Henry King, thus completing the required group of five members.

At the end of this year the SHIA is well and active, but we still need safety improvements on the playing field, electric EXIT signs in the main building and magnetic safety door holders in some places. Lloyd Card is an indispensable worker who constantly makes the Improvement Association aware of the necessary things to be done.

Finally, the landscaping of the front has been completed, thanks to the effort and contributions of many.

Respectfully submitted,
John L. Rowbotham, M.D., President
Sugar Hill Improvement Association

TRI-TOWN RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation Program had a busy year. The summer program was again offered for eight weeks. Our home base, the Lafayette Regional School, was a great central location for lots of fun and adventure. Speaking of adventure, did you know that our Adventure Program is in its *sixth year*? This program is geared for the older student (grades 6-8). This year they enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, swimming, tubing, and an overnight camping trip to Six Flags Theme Park in Agawam, Massachusetts.

Soccer saw another busy year. Kindergarten through 6th grade had a wonderful soccer season, thanks to our energetic volunteer parent coaches who Mike Kenney led in basic coach training. Baseball and softball also drew eager participants, and several towns commented on how well organized our teams are and how knowledgeable our players are. Many skills were learned, and all had a great time.

A new swim program was added to the menu. Jean Serino led our 4th through 6th graders in a stroke development swim program. It ran through the month of November, and the Franconia Village Resort generously donated the use of their indoor pool. Jean offers a wonderful program. The kids love her, and we are very fortunate to have her on staff.

The committee works to continue to strengthen the basketball program. This year Bob Gorgone and Tim Cowles coached our 5th and 6th grade team. The kids love the sport and learn many valuable skills. They will begin playing other teams in January. This is the least-attended program due to scheduling conflicts with other winter sports; however, the participants really enjoy it.

The rink saw another active year. Several committee members and community volunteers braved the cold to dig holes, pour concrete, and put up the posts for the basketball backboards. This is a major step toward making the rink a year-round all-season facility. The rink resurfacing work was made possible by private donations and by the efforts of those who put together the Top Notch Triathlon. Those who use the rink will remember with fondness Steve Ray, our icemaking person, who passed away this year. Our thoughts are with his family. Richard MacLachlin will be making ice this year. Thanks, Mac!

Our program is especially great because of the support and enthusiasm of our volunteers.

We are very thankful for the parents and community friends who come out to help make these sports possible. Our youth appreciate all that you do.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at the Franconia Town Building. The public is invited to attend. Watch for our community survey in April. We will be looking for your input on new ideas to help our program change and grow. Please let us know what you think! We look forward to an exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Tri-Town Recreation Committee

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the tri-town area for its continued support. During this past year the Chamber has produced a colorful new brochure which highlights many features of our area. We also updated our web page to make it more user-friendly. We have noticed an increase in the numbers of hits that our site has been getting. You can check out our updated website at www.franconianotch.org. During 2001 we have continued to staff the Franconia Information Booth from May until October. We have assisted over 3500 visitors with information, directions, area reservations and many other services. We continue to respond to many phone and mail inquiries for area information services and referrals. We organize and conduct the following events and festivals:

The 31st Annual Frostbite Follies
The 14th Annual Old Men of the Mountain Rugby Festival
The 8th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival
The Antique Show

These events highlight our beautiful area. They have attracted more visitors to our towns and subsequently provide jobs, economic growth and tax revenues to our communities. We welcome input and ideas. We are hoping to involve more businesses that aren't just hospitality related. The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM at area businesses. Please join us in helping improve our area's Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber operates on a cash basis and not all expenses have been booked as of year end. Other than funds received from dues and Town funds the remainder of the income is from members to support the Chamber's other activities as outlined above.
(See next page)

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Year End 2001

BEGINNING BALANCE (Jan. 1, 2001) \$13,230.24

INCOME

Membership Dues		\$17,810.00
Brochure Mailings		2,225.00
Town Funds		
Franconia	10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,000.00	
Easton	365.00	16,365.00
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Interest Earned		193.87
Fundraisers:		
Antique Show	1,342.00	
Frostbite Follies	2,022.50	
Lupine Festival	7,716.50	
Mountain Country	5,395.00	16,476.00
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Total		\$53,069.87

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:		
Payroll		\$12,069.01
Telephone		2,345.04
Telephone Answering Service		2,673.91
Electricity		147.00
Office		338.18
Postage		3,813.45
Advertising		9,704.00
IRS (Payroll Taxes)		1,071.33
Bank Fees		150.20
Insurance		769.00
Internet		2,524.62
Non-Booth Expenses:		
Salary		9,888.52
Payroll Taxes		817.88
Administrative Office Expense		771.67
Telephone		427.88
Postage		253.00
NHLRA Membership		100.00
Frostbite Follies		496.86
Lupine		3,890.81
Miscellaneous		799.20
One Time Expenses (Red Cross Relief Fund Donation)		200.00
Services (H&R Block)		150.00
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Total		\$53,401.56
ENDING BALANCE (Dec. 31, 2001)		\$12,898.55

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2001

It has been another busy year at North Country Council. We continued to complete a number of local and regional projects for all of our 51 communities throughout the region. Summaries of some of these projects are as follows:

Transportation:

- Reviewed, and submitted to the Department of Transportation 13 transportation enhancement projects and four Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality Improvement proposals for the North Country
- Completed Phase 1 of the US Route 2 Corridor Study with the corridor communities and various state and private agencies
- Provided technical transportation assistance to the majority of the communities in our region
- Coordinated the North Country Transportation Committee
- Scenic Byways Committee Coordination
- Rt. 16 Citizens Advisory Committee Coordination
- Conducted 205 traffic counts in 47 communities
- Coordinated with Bureau of Rail and Transit to promote public transportation in the North Country
- Participated in the update of the Statewide Aeronautics Plan with the NH Dept. of Transportation-Division of Aeronautics

Economic Development:

- Providing grant administration for several regional projects such as the City of Berlin EDA Public Works grant, the Mountain View Hotel project, Town of Woodstock EDA project, Town of Colebrook project, to name just a few
- Updated the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the region
- CEDS Committee meetings are held on a quarterly basis allowing for a continuous coordinated planning process
- Published the Availability of Living Wage Jobs in NH Study for the North Country
- The second Thursday of each month nearly every business technical assistance provider in the region (representing nearly ten organizations) coordinate activities and share ideas
- NCC has been solicited by the NH Community Development Finance Authority to lead a joint North Country seed capacity application by coordinating a work program and grant application among five of the region's largest development organizations

Community/Regional Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to 34 towns throughout the region
- Updated several master plans and zoning ordinances for member communities
- Coordinated the Law Lecture Series for the Office of State Planning
- Hazardous Mitigation Planning
- Assisted communities in reviewing and preparing LCHIP Applications

Environmental Planning:

- Provided technical assistance to over 33 communities in the area of solid waste and hazardous waste management
- Served on the Governors Solid Waste Task Force
- Coordinated the Household Hazardous Waste Management collections for 22 communities
- Provided technical assistance in the National Flood Insurance Program throughout the region
- Provided technical assistance to three watershed councils as part of the REPP program
- Completed the American Heritage Adjustment Project funded by EDA

Many of these programs will continue into the year 2002. We continue to enhance our staff capacity and will be looking to provide additional technical assistance and planning support to all our communities. Major programs for the year 2002 will be our five-year update of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), the development of a Regional Plan (transportation, natural resources, economic development, community planning) and the continued assistance of solid waste management with an emphasis on conducting town audits on their solid waste management practices.

Our overall goal, however, remains the same: to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses and citizens.

Sincerely,
Michael J. King, Executive Director

NH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL - DISTRICT ONE REPORT

The Governor and five member Executive Council are very much like an elected "Board of Directors," who along with 294 Commissioners and Directors, administer the laws and budget as passed by the New Hampshire General Court (House and Senate).

We perform a variety of Executive Branch functions, such as, general supervision of all state departments and state expenditures, pardon matters, eminent domain, state contracts and leases, public waters, the planning of the Transportation 10-year plan, and confirmation of the Governor's nominations to the Judicial Branch of your NH State Government (for a complete explanation, please contact my office).

As we look into the immediate future, I would encourage all citizens to be in contact with all of us in your elected representative bodies, at the local, state and federal levels. We cannot truly represent you if we do not know of your ideas, concerns and aspirations.

If you are interested in serving on a volunteer commission or board, please contact my office at 271-3632 or Kathy Goode, Director of Appointments and Governor Shaheen's Liaison to the Council at 271-2121. The District Health Councils are always looking for members; if interested, please call Lori Real at 1-800-852-3345 ext. 4235 and request a packet of information about what this key planning process is all about. All of the Governor and Council appointments to Boards and Commissions are listed in the Webster System at webster.state.nh.us/sos/redbook/index.htm.

We need to work our NH Congressional Delegation in Washington. Senators Judd Gregg and Bob Smith and Congressmen Charlie Bass and John Sununu all have strong and powerful committee assignments and are well connected to do more for NH. We need to let them know what is needed for our localities and regions, so ring their bell . . . Senator Gregg at (603) 225-7115; Senator Smith at 1-800-922-2230; Congressman Bass at (603) 226-0249; and Congressman Sununu at (603) 641-9536.

It is a pleasure to serve you. Please contact my office for a listing of toll free 800 numbers and a copy of the newly printed NH Constitution. Always know that I am ready to assist you, your town and region.

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2001 WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

White Mountain Mental Health and Developmental Services has experienced a year of both optimism and anxiety. Optimism regarding the strides that have been made in serving people with mental illness and developmental disabilities, and anxiety regarding the fragile status of funding for mental health agencies within the state and nation.

Highlights of this year have included the following:

- The growth of our services to children with serious emotional disturbance through our collaboration with the Division of Behavioral Health, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, local school districts, human service agencies and, most importantly, families. Twenty children, who would otherwise be in costly placements, are being maintained in our community. This represents a significant investment of resources and intensive collaboration between all parties involved, as well as the beginning of "system change" in the way we serve these children.
- The expansion of our services to school age children with developmental disabilities. Again, many of these children would otherwise be placed away from their families. We have worked creatively with schools to provide the best possible mix of academic and "real world" experiences to prepare these children for a full and productive life as citizens of their community.
- Adventure-based programs for middle school children have been provided through our ACUDO Program, which will celebrate its tenth year in 2002. This Program was one of the first in the State to work with high-risk and adjudicated children in an outdoor/experiential setting. Throughout its existence, the Program has been successful in using one of the North Country's greatest resources, our incredible environment, to develop another great resource, our children.
- Our services to persons with serious mental illness have been recognized as some of the best, and most comprehensive, in the State. These services include many components beyond "therapy," including state-of-the-art medications, housing assistance, benefits planning and the opportunity to be part of a client-directed business. We are proud of the services provided by this business, Clean and Green Enterprises, which offers high quality janitorial and grounds maintenance to several local businesses and individuals.

Challenges this year include:

- The events of September 11 have had a profound impact on all of us. The sense of uncertainty and concern regarding personal safety and security is particularly intense for people who have already experienced serious emotional upheaval in their lives. White Mountain Mental Health has struggled to stretch our resources to meet the needs of people in our area who need support at this time. This is an area where Town funding is particularly appreciated.

- Like any business, we have had a difficult time doing more with less. This issue has become acute during 2001, and we have made several changes in the benefits we offer our staff, our use of psychiatric time and our collection policies to try to address the widening gap between what it costs us to provide services and what we are able to collect. We continue to provide reduced-fee services for up to 10 sessions for every person who needs them. *In 2001, we have provided 65.5 hours of free or reduced-cost services to 2 Sugar Hill residents.* Without the generosity of the Town, this would be impossible.

We look forward to working closely with the community in 2002 to assure the continued good health of all of our citizens. In view of the fact that a recent study by the National Institute of Health found that 70% of physical illness has some emotional/mental component, it is becoming clear that mental health is a crucial component of our overall well being.

Thank you for your support of our services.

NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, INC. TOWN OF SUGAR HILL - 2001

Home care is critical to serving the growing health care need of this country. It provides care for the sick, disabled and dying in their own home where they can be provided the highest quality of life, the greatest amount of freedom possible, and the highest degree of human dignity. These people include seniors who need help to stay in their own homes, adults who are caring for aging relatives, young people with chronic illness and people of all ages who are discharged from the hospital following stays that are still becoming shorter and shorter.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency staff assist people who are recuperating from surgery, individuals coping with chronic illnesses, and families and community members caring for loved ones and friends. Expensive hospital stays are reduced, moves to nursing homes are eliminated or delayed, and families are supported through the competent and comprehensive care provided by North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency staff.

North Country Home Health and Hospice Agency relies on Town support and individual donations to help underwrite the cost of providing home care services to people with limited or no health benefits. Because of your generosity and support, North Country Health and Hospice continues its 30-year tradition of responding to the home health and hospice needs of North Country residents.

As we struggle to deal with the difficult and time consuming issues facing home care today, the staff of North Country Health and Hospice Agency wants to thank you for your continued support so vital to helping people in your Town be assured of continuing quality medical care at home.

Explanation of Services:

Skilled Services - shorter hospital stays and new technology allow many treatments to be done in the home, provided and administered by skilled professionals, such as nurses and therapists.

Supportive Care Services - home health aides, homemakers and companions ensure ill and disabled persons can live in healthy households, have clean clothes, nutritious meals and help with their activities of daily living.

Hospice Care - a holistic, family supportive, medically directed, team-oriented program that seeks to treat and comfort individuals and families coping with terminal illnesses.

Services provided to the Town of Sugar Hill in FY2001 included:

Type of Care	# of Visits
Nursing	37
Physical/Occupational/Speech Therapy	36
Medical Social Service	1
Home Health Aide/Homemaker/Companion	<u>134</u>
Total	208

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Jurasek
Executive Director

HOSPICE OF THE LITTLETON AREA 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

In this, our 12th year of Town funding, Hospice of the Littleton Area provided services to a total of 156 patients and families in our service area, which includes the Towns of Littleton, Bath, Bethlehem, Carroll (Twin Mountain), Franconia, Sugar Hill, Easton, Lisbon, Lyman, Landaff, Monroe, Woodsville/Haverhill, Woodstock and Lincoln.

Our Director, Volunteer Coordinator and Hospice volunteers provided supportive care in patients' homes, at Littleton Regional Hospital, or in nursing homes to 104 individuals and families coping with the advanced and final stages of illness. In addition, our Bereavement Care Program supported a total of 52 clients through mailings, phone contact, one-on-one counseling sessions and a bi-monthly grief support group.

Hospice of the Littleton Area continues its partnership with two (2) area programs. We provide volunteer and bereavement services to the North Country Home Health Agency's Medicare Hospice Program and we offer supportive care to patients and families in the Hospice Room at Littleton Regional Hospital. In all our efforts this year, the Hospice of the Littleton Area volunteers gave over 4500 hours in services.

Our Volunteer Coordinator conducted an annual six-week (18-hour) Hospice Volunteer Training Program for individuals interested in becoming volunteers or increasing their knowledge about hospice care. Eleven people completed our 2001 Spring Training Program. Since 1983, we have trained 258 people and currently we have 80 active volunteers available to support area residents.

Two changes occurred within our Program this year. First, the administration of the three cancer support groups (breast, prostate and cancer) was turned over to each respective group. They continue to meet monthly at the same time and place. In addition, the administration of the Ray of Hope Van service to Dartmouth was transferred to the North Country Transportation group of Tri-County CAP and that service continues Monday through Friday from Littleton Hospital.

There is *no charge* to patients or families for the services of Hospice of the Littleton Area, which was founded in 1983. This service is made possible through the generous support provided by the Towns that we serve. Without the support of Town funding, we would be unable to continue to provide services to the many patients and families we serve.

Your support of Hospice of the Littleton Area is greatly appreciated as we continue to provide care to residents of area communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha A. Hill
Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2001

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private non-profit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our 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 eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs and volunteer opportunities.

During 2001, 24 older residents of Sugar Hill were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Littleton Area Senior Center:

- Older adults from Sugar Hill enjoyed 85 balanced meals in the company of friends in the Center's dining room.
- They received 299 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Sugar Hill residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 9 occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through 14 visits by a trained social worker.
- Sugar Hill's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 139 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Sugar Hill residents in 2001 was \$2,506.59.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Sugar Hill's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin
Executive Director

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2001**

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
April 10, 2001	Mackenzie Taft Caulifield	Douglas Caulifield	Virginia Alvord

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2001**

DATE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE
February 3, 2001	Robert V. Dallas Carol A. Brown	Sugar Hill, NH Norwich, VT
June 23, 2001	Marc A. Venezia Amy E. Finnerty	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
July 21, 2001	Brian J. Frenkiewich Michele L. Grodzicki	Sugar Hill, NH Suncook, NH
October 13, 2001	Katharine H. Kirwan John E. Bigelow	Sugar Hill, NH Sugar Hill, NH
December 22, 2001	Loring P. Strout Darlene L. Record	West Paris, ME Sugar Hill, NH

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF SUGAR HILL, NH
for the Year Ending December 31, 2001**

DATE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME AND SURNAME OF FATHER	MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
January 14, 2001	Henry J. Bowdoin	George Bowdoin	Harriet Gibbs
March 14, 2001	Catherine E. Whipple	George Humes	Lucy Higgins
April 12, 2001	Winfred C. Bloom	Winfred Bloom	Ida Tonyes
September 2, 2001	Alice H. Stewart	Simon Hayes	Georgia Labonte
October 10, 2001	Pauline A. Hannah	John Lee	Susan Shaw

I hereby certify the above information is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Elizabeth Coombs Andross
Town Clerk

NOTES

BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
for the Year Ending December 31, 1967

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
January 1, 1967	Balance forward	100,000.00
January 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
February 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
February 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
March 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
March 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
April 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
April 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
May 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
May 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
June 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
June 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
July 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
July 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
August 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
August 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
September 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
September 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
October 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
October 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
November 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
November 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
December 1, 1967	Transfer from fund 10	2,000.00
December 15, 1967	Interest on bonds	5,000.00
December 31, 1967	Balance forward	100,000.00

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the account as shown on the books of the Board.

Elizabeth County Auditor
John Clark

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-8468

Monday 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

823-8516

Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

PLANNING BOARD

First Tuesday of each month 7:30 PM

ZONING BOARD

As needed 6:30 PM

TRANSFER STATION

Sunday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Monday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday and Thursday CLOSED
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

RICHARDSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

823-7001

Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Thursday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SUGAR HILL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

823-8431

Thursday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Friday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

OPEN: June 15th - October 15th

**FIRE, POLICE, LIFE SQUAD
EMERGENCY ONLY
911**

Non-Emergency Police

823-8725

823-8123

Non-Emergency Fire Department

823-8415

823-8123

Highway Department

823-8788

Meetinghouse

823-7011

