

Town of Newbury  
New Hampshire

2016 Annual Report



*View from the top of Mount Sunapee over Newbury to Mount Kearsarge  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

# **Annual Report**

**of the  
Selectboard, Treasurer and other Town Officers  
for the  
Town of Newbury  
New Hampshire**



*A view of Town Center from the Newbury Trail.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

**For  
the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2016  
with  
Vital Statistics for the year 2016**

*Cover photo – A winter sunrise over Lake Sunapee  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

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**Town Officers**

**Selectboard\***

Edward Thorson, chair, term expires 2017  
Russell Smith, term expires 2018  
Joy Nowell, term expires 2019

**Town Administrator\*\***

Dennis J. Pavlicek

**Moderator\***

Nancy Marashio, term expires 2018

**Assistant Moderator**

Steve Winter  
Rob Hemenway

**Representative to the General Court**

Karen Ebel  
Dan Wolf

**Town Clerk and Tax Collector\***

Linda Plunkett, term expires 2018

**Deputy Town Clerk and Deputy Tax Collector\*\***

Martha von Redlich

**Treasurer\***

Jennifer Goin, term expires 2017

**Deputy Treasurer\*\***

Debbie Johnson

**Trustees of Trust Funds\***

Clayton Johnson, term expires 2019  
Claire Vannatta, term expires 2018  
Daniel H. Wolf, term expires 2017

**Library Trustees\***

Pat Sherman, term expires 2017  
Brad Sherman, term expires 2019  
Lynne Tuohy, term expires 2018  
Lisa Correa, term expires 2018  
Cheron Barton, term expires 2017

**Newbury Member,  
Kearsarge Regional School Board\***

Tom Vannatta, term expires 2018

**Newbury Member,  
KRSD Municipal Budget Committee\***  
Robert Hemenway, term expires 2018

**Supervisors of the Checklist\***  
Al Bachelder, term expires 2021  
Clayton Johnson, term expires 2019  
Sue Russell, term expires 2017

**Cemetery Trustees\***  
Paul Riley, chair, term expires 2019  
William Weiler, term expires 2018  
Deane Geddes, term expires 2017

**Planning Board\***  
Bruce Healey, chair, term expires 2018  
Russell Smith, term expires 2017, Selectboard, ex-officio  
Ron Williams, term expires 2017  
William Weiler, term expires 2019  
Michael Beaton, term expires 2019  
Deane Geddes, alternate, term expires 2017

**Zoning Board of Adjustment\***  
Peter Fichter, chair, term expires 2018  
Dave Blohm, term expires 2017  
Nancy Marashio, term expires 2017  
Armen Tarbassian, term expires 2017  
Gary Budd, alternate, term expires 2019  
Reed Gelzer, alternate, term expires 2019  
Alex Azodi, alternate, term expires 2017  
Hank Thomas, alternate, term expires 2019

**Conservation Commission\*\***  
Katheryn Holmes, chair, term expires 2018  
Eric Unger, vice-chair, term expires 2018  
Deane Geddes, term expires 2017  
Bob Stewart, term expires 2018  
William Annable, alternate, term expires 2017  
Sue Russell, alternate, term expires 2017

**Chief of Police\*\***  
Robert Lee

**Chief of Fire Department\*\***  
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.

**Officer of Emergency Management\*\***  
Wayne R. Whitford

**Health Officer\*\***  
Wayne R. Whitford

**Code Enforcement Officer\*\***  
John Greenwood

**Highway Administrator\*\***  
Calvin Prussman, Jr.

**Family Services Director\*\***  
Gail Bostic

**Inspectors of Election\*\***  
Doris Newell  
Claire Thomas  
Jane Moss  
Cindy Peterson  
Marcia Surette  
Cindy Peterson, alternate  
Steve Russell, alternate  
Margo Steeves, alternate

**Forest Fire Warden\*\*\***  
Dave Smith

**Deputy Forest Fire Wardens\*\*\***  
Michael Bascom  
John G. Croteau  
Henry E. Thomas, Jr.  
Ed Thorson

- \* Elected at town meeting
- \*\* Appointed by selectmen
- \*\*\* State appointment

## Newbury Poet Laureate

This year, Newbury named its first Poet Laureate. Dianalee Velie was sworn in by the Selectboard on October 3, 2016 to the position of Newbury Poet Laureate for a two year term. Newbury joins a handful of other towns in the state that have established Poet Laureate positions in recognition of individual contributions by resident poets.

Velie, a longtime Newbury resident, is internationally recognized for her poetry and manages the John Hay Poetry Society program at the Newbury library. Also, she teaches poetry for the Children's Literacy Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to instilling a love of reading and writing among low-income, at-risk, and rural children up to 12 years of age throughout NH and Vermont.

During her tenure as Poet Laureate, Velie plans to implement a variety of community events pertaining to poetry. Below is one of her poems about Newbury.



*Dianalee Velie being sworn in as Poet Laureate.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

### **Chicken Farmer I Still Love You**

*Newbury, New Hampshire*

I want to live here forever, stop time  
near the graffitied rock still declaring,  
“Chicken Farmer I Still Love You.” Sublime,  
in this town where efforts at removing

this undying sentiment meet with wild  
unexpected protests, though no one knows  
when this vow first appeared. My bold child,  
you stand, icon of love, with golden rows

of flowers beneath hard stone words. Lovers  
stop, smile or weep, every passing day,  
wishing for passion on four leaf clovers,  
each one hopeful, in their own private way,

like me, the poet, singing out your name,  
clutching a photo, my heart still aflame.

## The Newbury Community

Newbury is the small treasure you happen to find along life's journey. Perhaps you have lived here all your life, or you have moved away only to return to your roots. Or, you may have moved here from elsewhere. No matter how you found your way to our town, one thing holds true: When you make Newbury your home, you are always welcomed!!

Newbury offers a wealth of welcomes, whether you live here or are just visiting. Here's what to expect:

- A friendly conversation wherever you may go.
- Children making new friends at the playground.
- Neighbors checking on elderly neighbors.
- Business owners helping out the local community with fundraisers and donations.
- Newbury employees working to make the community a safe and happy place.
- A summertime party with all the neighbors.
- Celebrating Christmas caroling as a community and then sharing some sweets.
- Residents sharing stories of Newbury's past.
- Pot luck gatherings.
- Pet sitting for a neighbor.
- Gathering for an awesome night of fireworks.
- Being among folks who give to others who are in need.
- Experiencing a "feel good" community.

People love to visit Newbury and enjoy our community. Any area can have all the picturesque settings for a beautiful town but without welcoming people in the community, it wouldn't be Newbury. It's the people of Newbury who make it a special place.

*Pam Bryk*  
*Administrative Assistant*



*Welcome to Newbury Harbor. Dive in and enjoy it!*  
*Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

## Newbury Selectboard

Newbury operates under the traditional Town Meeting/Selectboard form of government. The “legislative body” is the Town Meeting and the “governing body” is the Selectboard. Per state statutes, the Town Meeting may exercise all powers of the town except those that are assigned to the Selectboard and other boards (Planning, Zoning, etc.). In the absence of specific action on an issue at Town Meeting, it is the Selectboard’s duty to act to protect the town interests under its power “to manage the prudential affairs of the town.”

This year, your Selectboard, as guided by the votes taken at the March 2016 Town Meeting, has implemented your legislative decisions on all the 2016 Warrant Articles. We meet in public session in the Town Office meeting room every other Monday at 6:00 p.m. The schedule of all our meetings is on the town website along with a wide range of current information. On Friday, before the scheduled Monday meeting, the agenda is posted at the Town Office and on the town website, [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org). The first item on every agenda is always “public input”.

At the Selectboard meetings, we handle all decisions and duties delegated to us by Town Meeting and/or state statute. With the aid of our most knowledgeable Town Administrator, Dennis Pavlicek, we conduct the daily business of the town.



*Our Selectboard (left to right) – Russ Smith, Ed Thorson, and Joy Nowell  
on Old Home Day 2016.  
Photo courtesy Pam Bryk*

After consideration of value and cost, this year we installed handicapped access doors for both the Town Office and the library, had air conditioning installed in the Veterans Hall, and upgraded outdoor town lighting by qualifying for a grant from Eversource. For the taxpayer’s convenience, property taxes, licenses and fees can now be paid online using valid credit cards.

We are all very fortunate to have such capable and conscientious town employees. Police Chief Robert Lee, Fire Chief Henry Thomas, and Highway Administrator Cal Prussman help to keep us aware of their departments’ needs. In addition to expressing our appreciation for the job the town employees do, we must acknowledge all the volunteers who serve on Town Boards and Committees without whom Newbury could not function and improve.

*Ed Thorson, Chair  
Russell Smith and Joy Nowell*

## **Town Administrator**

The economy in Newbury followed the general economic uptrend in the region. Newbury set new records in Town vehicle registration receipts and a sharp increase in building permits and revenues. We expect this trend to continue in 2017 – a trend that typically translates into a lowering of the town’s portion of the tax rate.

### **2016 Projects**

A number of small projects were completed throughout the year.

The Town received grants from Dartmouth-Hitchcock and Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission that were used to purchase two outdoor pieces of exercise equipment. The equipment was strategically placed in the scenic area by the gazebo so that, while working out, you can enjoy the beautiful views of Lake Sunapee. Many thanks to the folks who gave the grants to us and our thanks to Rosie Johnson who selected the equipment.

The Town voted to place monitors in the large meeting room for all the Boards to use so that residents would be able to see materials that the Boards were discussing. The monitors also offer a crystal clear enlarged view of documents, images and pictures. They have been utilized extensively in the Master Plan Update discussions and for all land use board meetings.

The Town also received another grant from Eversource (our energy provider) to place new LED fixtures in town. Over 85 street lights were replaced with bulbs that provide better illumination. The lights also have the added benefit of energy savings of more than 50%. That means the budget for that line item was reduced from \$13,000 to \$7,000. The fixtures have an average lifespan of 23 years. This is a win-win solution for the town and environment.

During the fall, our Selectboard voted to replace the existing front doors to the Town Office and library with handicap accessible doors. The new doors allow for easy entrance for all of our residents. We also added a ramp to the gazebo in the harbor for easier access to all residents.

In the fall, credit card implementation in the Town Clerk/Tax Collectors office was completed. Residents may now pay for many fees and taxes with their credit card if they wish. The fee to utilize the service is charged only to those that use them. The following items are payable by credit cards: motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, vital statistics, recreational programs, building permits, and property taxes. Please contact the applicable office or check out the town website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) if you have any questions.

In spring 2017 the town website will be revamped. It will be larger and easier to navigate. Please give us your feedback – we are always interested in how we can help make it better.

### **2017 Budget**

Once again, I want to thank the Selectboard and the Budget Committee for preparing the 2017 budget. At the end of fiscal year 2016, our net assets increased and we had no general fund long term debt.

Warrant Article #2 is the article pertaining to the budget. It shows an increase of \$125,441 in the appropriation amount. However, we have increasing revenues which will offset this amount. I expect the budget article to reflect a \$.03 decrease from the 2016 tax rate. The major increases to the budget include the following:

- Financial Administration – software support, increase in accounting programs, and additional hours for the deputy Town Clerk and file clerk.

- New London Hospital Ambulance cost.
- Library expenditures.

Warrant Articles #3 and #4 are asking residents to add to the existing capital reserve and expendable trust funds. The amounts are determined during the annual planning process conducted by the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee. This annual process is an integral part of keeping our tax rate stable.

Warrant Article #5 appropriates funds for a new police Ford Explorer utility interceptor for \$33,952. We plan to dispose of the 2011 Ford Taurus, at auction or trade-in, and expect to receive \$4,000. The mileage on the Taurus is more than 85,000 miles.

Warrant Article #6 is a housekeeping article that the Town has most years. We take the amount of the sale of cemetery lots and transfer that amount into the cemetery expendable trust fund.

Warrant Article #7 is to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$47,125 for repairs and renovations to the existing second and third bridges on Mountain Road. We are fortunate that there are no “Red Listed” bridges in Town and this article ensures that we continue down that path.

Warrant Article #8 is to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000 to fund a facilitator to guide discussion among our residents for new safety services facilities.

Warrant Article #9 is to see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 to hire an architect to consider a building expansion for the library.

Warrant Article #10 is a request by the Planning Board to authorize preliminary reviews of site plans.

Warrant Article #11 is a request by South Newbury Union Church that the Town grant an easement of Town-owned property adjacent to their property for parking.

If all of the articles pass, I expect that the tax increase will be approximately \$.07 for 2017 tax rate. Our tax rate for the town portion had been quite stable over the past few years.

This year, our Town named our first Poet Laureate. Dianalee Velie was appointed at a Selectboard meeting in October 2016. We are very happy to have Dianalee represent Newbury. We have included some of Dianalee’s poetry in this year’s report.

I want to thank the folks I work with every day – they make my job much easier. My thanks to Debbie Prussman, Pam Bryk, Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Meg Whittemore and Donna Long. Our town is very fortunate to have such a team of high-caliber and dedicated professionals.

As always, thanks again to all employees and officials of the town who devote their time, talent and dedication to the community. Their efforts make Newbury the special place it is.

Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions on how your town can better serve the needs of its residents. If you would like to be involved, consider volunteering to serve on one of the Town boards. Our citizen volunteers are critical to us, so I hope you will think about volunteering in 2017.

*Dennis J. Pavlicek*  
*Town Administrator*

**Town Clerk**

**Debits**

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued .....	\$481,947.11
Dog Licenses Issued .....	3,388.00
UCC Filings .....	405.00
Boat Registrations .....	9,951.54
Vital Records .....	1,555.00
Miscellaneous .....	223.20
<b>TOTAL DEBITS .....</b>	<b>\$497,469.85</b>

**Credits**

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<b>TOTAL CREDITS .....</b>	<b>\$497,469.85</b>

*Linda Plunkett  
Town Clerk*

**Treasurer  
General Fund 2016 Receipts**

Received from Tax Collector	\$ 12,097,759.50
Received from Town Clerk	\$ 497,469.85
Received from Selectmen's Office	\$ 595,558.45
Interest	\$ 5,080.28
Total	\$ 13,195,868.08
Transfers to/from Investment Accounts	(\$ 935,021.64)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 3,122,085.25
Total Receipts & Beginning Balance	\$ 15,382,931.69
Selectmen's Orders Paid	(\$ 12,751,834.66)
Balance on December 31, 2016	\$ 2,631,097.03

*Jennifer J. Goin  
Treasurer*

## Investment Accounts

### NH Public Deposit Investment Pool

Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 1,279.00
Plus: Interest	\$ 7.53
Plus: Deposits	\$ 0.00
Less: Transfers	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 1,286.53

### Blodgett Sewer Money Market Account

Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 118,061.36
Plus: Deposits	\$ 0.00
Plus: Interest	\$ 379.09
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$ 52,386.33)</u>
Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 66,054.12

### Conservation Commission

Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 90,303.48
Plus: Interest	\$ 472.04
Less: Transfers	\$ 0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 27,601.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 118,376.52

### Recreation Revolving Fund

Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 29,067.71
Plus: Interest	\$ 9.26
Less: Transfers	<u>(\$ 32,962.49)</u>
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 17,020.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 13,134.48

### Lake Sunapee Savings Account

Balance January 1, 2016	\$ 134.57
Plus: Interest	\$ 1,082.61
Less: Transfers	\$ 0.00
Plus: Transfers	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</u>
Balance December 31, 2016	\$ 1,001,217.18



**Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Newbury, NH  
December 31, 2016**

DATE OF FUND CREATION	TRUST NAME	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	% OF TOTAL	PRINCIPAL			INCOME			GRAND TOTAL 12/31/15				
					2016 TOTALS			2016 TOTALS							
					BALANCE 01/01/16	NEW FUNDS GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 01/01/16	GROSS INCOME	MGMT FEES		EXPENDED DURING YEAR	BALANCE 12/31/16		
<b>CEMETERY FUNDS:</b>															
Various	Various Cemetery Fund Names	Perpetual Care	Stocks & Bonds	3.02%	15,400.65	-	64.57	0.00	23,914.99	836.86	(297.79)	(3,000.00)	21,454.06	36,919.28	
<b>Total Cemetery Funds:</b>					3.02%	15,400.65	-	64.57	0.00	23,914.99	836.86	(297.79)	(3,000.00)	21,454.06	36,919.28
<b>LIBRARY FUNDS:</b>															
1954	Jennie J. Folsom	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.25%	2,992.70	-	5.00	0.00	36.91	65.16	(22.74)	(36.91)	42.42	3,040.13	
1966	Shirley Powers	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.08%	1,000.05	-	1.67	0.00	12.34	21.77	(7.60)	(12.34)	14.18	1,015.90	
2000	Patricia W. Steinfield	Library	Stocks & Bonds	1.30%	15,592.74	-	26.06	0.00	192.33	339.50	(118.46)	(192.33)	221.04	15,839.84	
2002	White Library Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	0.40%	4,750.22	-	7.94	0.00	58.59	103.43	(36.09)	(58.59)	67.34	4,825.50	
2004	Marion Smith Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	2.60%	31,307.48	-	52.33	0.00	386.17	681.66	(237.85)	(386.17)	443.81	31,803.62	
2006	Perkins Library Fund	Library	Stocks & Bonds	2.60%	31,257.52	-	52.25	0.00	385.56	680.57	(237.47)	(385.56)	443.10	31,752.87	
<b>Total Library Funds:</b>					7.23%	86,900.71	-	145.25	0.00	1,071.90	1,892.10	(660.21)	(1,071.90)	1,231.89	88,277.86
<b>CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS:</b>															
1962	Town of Newbury	Highway Equip	Money Market	8.58%	119,696.97	100,000.00	0.24	(115,400.00)	88.91	709.35	(330.33)	-	467.94	104,765.15	
1971	Town of Newbury	Fire Equip	Money Market	36.68%	346,186.70	100,000.00	1.01	-	181.12	2,926.70	(1,497.41)	-	1,610.41	447,998.12	
1984	Town of Newbury	Safety Service Buildings	Money Market	1.02%	10,097.82	-	0.03	-	2,280.77	94.91	(49.91)	-	2,325.77	12,423.63	
1993	Town of Newbury	Ambulance Fund	Money Market	3.95%	44,498.70	-	0.11	-	3,562.54	368.51	(193.79)	-	3,737.26	48,236.07	
1996	Town of Newbury	Recreational Facility	Money Market	1.83%	10,307.25	11,000.00	0.05	-	975.98	116.32	(56.59)	-	1,035.71	22,343.02	
1997	Town of Newbury	Bridges	Money Market	0.03%	408.72	-	0.00	-	(0.15)	3.13	(1.65)	-	1.33	410.05	
<b>Total Capital Reserve Funds:</b>					52.09%	531,196.17	211,000.00	1.44	(115,400.00)	7,089.17	4,218.92	(2,129.66)	-	9,178.43	635,976.03
<b>GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:</b>															
1977	Town of Newbury	Dock Repairs	Money Market	8.10%	86,551.29	12,000.00	0.22	-	18.00	696.28	(361.15)	-	353.12	98,904.64	
1964	Town of Newbury	Town Bldgs	Money Market	4.32%	61,497.29	20,000.00	0.14	(29,115.00)	117.52	498.85	(268.60)	-	347.77	52,730.21	
1995	Town of Newbury	Office Equip	Money Market	2.24%	21,236.63	6,000.00	0.06	-	12.52	179.18	(91.73)	-	99.98	27,336.67	
2002	Town of Newbury	Miffoil	Money Market	0.25%	3,079.49	5,000.00	0.01	(5,000.00)	0.35	27.73	(12.42)	-	15.66	3,095.16	
2004	Town of Newbury	Cemetery Maint	Money Market	1.23%	14,897.16	-	0.03	-	5.60	114.27	(60.09)	-	59.78	14,956.96	
2006	Town of Newbury	Fire Dept - PPE	Money Market	9.20%	100,003.49	10,000.00	0.25	-	1,874.88	808.24	(420.86)	-	2,262.26	112,266.00	
2014	Town of Newbury	Paving Fund	Money Market	12.32%	75,001.29	75,000.00	0.34	-	44.77	778.63	(378.21)	-	445.19	150,446.82	
<b>Total General Trust Funds:</b>					37.66%	362,266.64	128,000.00	1.06	(34,115.00)	2,073.65	3,103.18	(1,593.07)	-	3,583.76	459,736.46
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>					100%	995,764.17	339,000.00	212.32	(149,515.00)	34,149.71	10,051.06	(4,680.73)	(4,071.90)	35,448.14	1,220,909.63



**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Property Taxes	3110		\$490,261.69		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$2,805.00		
Yield Taxes	3185		\$815.47		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189		\$31,448.05		
Property Tax Credit Balance <span style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 0 2px;">?</span>					
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance <span style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 0 2px;">?</span>					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2015	
Property Taxes	3110	\$11,566,803.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$56,895.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$10,634.35		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$117.10		
Other Taxes	3189	\$269,280.00		
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	3110	\$16,895.69	\$2,950.89		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
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Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$10,603.80	\$28,402.81		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				

<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$11,931,228.94</b>	<b>\$556,683.91</b>		
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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies	
			2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$11,179,865.89	\$493,212.58		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$52,195.00	\$2,805.00		
Yield Taxes	\$4,936.64	\$815.47		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$10,541.36	\$28,352.81		
Penalties		\$50.00		
Excavation Tax	\$117.10			
Other Taxes	\$236,551.65	\$31,448.05		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)				
-				
Add Line				
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2015	Prior Levies	
			2014	2013
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$202.43			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded	\$669.00			



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Property Taxes	\$403,163.80			
Resident Taxes	\$32,728.35			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,700.00			
Yield Taxes	\$5,495.28			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$62.41			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$11,931,228.91</b>	<b>\$556,683.91</b>		



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Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2015	Year: 2014	Year: 2013
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$126,147.41	\$73,925.66	\$4,882.69
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$180,053.80			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$3,441.56	\$13,155.07	\$24,945.44	\$1,673.40
- Mortgage Research Costs	\$1,590.75	\$1,064.06	\$1,727.06	
- Interest/Insufficient Funds		\$8.49		
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<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$185,086.11</b>	<b>\$140,375.03</b>	<b>\$100,598.16</b>	<b>\$6,556.09</b>

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2015	2014	2013
Redemptions	\$71,084.10	\$60,785.73	\$67,225.75	\$2,986.54
Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$4,076.81	\$13,742.94	\$26,386.00	
- Interest/Costs Deeded to Municipality	\$73.50	\$73.00	\$232.00	\$1,673.40
Add Line				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$1,497.49	\$1,428.27	\$1,050.51	
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$108,354.21	\$64,345.09	\$5,703.90	\$1,896.15
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$185,086.11</b>	<b>\$140,375.03</b>	<b>\$100,598.16</b>	<b>\$6,556.09</b>

## Newbury Assessor's Office

In 2016, the department completed a revaluation of all 2,514 properties in Newbury. This entailed a detailed analysis of all arms-length sales over the previous two years. The analysis allowed us to adjust our assessment model and apply those adjustments to all non-sold properties. The result was to produce new values based on market activity over the past few years. We then took the assessment cards with preliminary values into the field and physically viewed each property to ensure that the data was as accurate as possible. Where needed, further adjustments were made. The results were then mailed to all property owners with an opportunity to schedule an informal review with myself or Kris McAllister.

After the informal reviews were completed, we made any final adjustments and submitted this to the Selectboard for their approval. Following Selectboard approval, the results were sent to the State of NH for the setting of the tax rate. The overall change was an increase of 2.4% in the taxable value. This past year saw the highest single sale on Lake Sunapee. The property sold for \$5,774,000 and is located on Bowles Road.

The next revaluation will take place in 2021 barring any unforeseen interim adjustments in any neighborhoods or various strata (residential, commercial, waterfront, etc.). Any taxpayer wishing to appeal their most recent assessment is required to do so by March 1, 2017. As always, we work for you and are available to discuss your assessment, review your property on site, or explain any exemptions or credits you may be entitled to under the law.

We also ask that you visit our website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org) and proceed to the assessing department where there is ample information to help you understand the assessing process, or to view all the publicly available data.



*Our assessors, Kris McAllister and Norm Bernaiche.  
Photo Courtesy Patricia Sweet MacDonald*

We would like to thank Patricia Sweet-McDonald, Land Use and Assessing Administrator, for her hard work and dedication which enables us to deliver a superior assessment program. We would also like to thank the entire Newbury Town Office staff for their support, as well as with the Newbury Selectboard. Lastly, we thank the taxpayers of Newbury for making Newbury what it is - a great place to work and a great place to live.

*Normand G. Bernaiche, Chief Assessor  
Kristen McAllister, Assessor*

**Summary Inventory of Valuation  
2016 Assessed Valuation**

<b>Value of Land Only</b>			
	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Current Use	11,970	\$659,838	
Residential	5,351	\$381,013,986	
Commercial/Industrial	1,605	\$8,634,560	
Farm Land	2	\$654	
Total of Land	18,777		<b>\$390,309,038</b>
Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable	2,665	(\$35,421,196)	
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>			
Residential		\$314,741,600	
Manufactured Housing		\$325,700	
Commercial/Industrial		\$21,374,000	
Farm Structures	12	\$87,300	
Total of Buildings			<b>\$336,528,600</b>
Tax Exempt & Non Taxable		(\$13,516,100)	
<b>Public Utilities</b>			
Electric			<b>\$4,683,500</b>
Water			
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			<b>\$731,521,138</b>
Blind Exemptions (Number: 0)		\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Elderly/Disabled Exemptions (Number: 5)		\$330,000	<b>\$330,000</b>
Wood Heating/Wind/Solar Exemptions (Number: 13)		\$65,000	<b>\$65,000</b>
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions			<b>\$395,000</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed</b>			<b>\$731,126,138</b>
<b>Revenues Received From Payments in Lieu of Taxes</b>		\$26,000	
State and Federal Forest Land Recreation and/or Flood Control Land		\$425	

## Tax Credit

	<b>Limit</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Tax Credit</b>
Totally and Permanently Disabled	\$2,000	6	\$12,000
Veterans, Spouses, and Widows	\$500	122	\$61,000
Total War Service Credits		128	\$73,000

## Inventory of Town Property

Location	Assessed Value	Use
Newbury Traffic Circle	\$ 31,800	Cemetery
365 Bowles Road	2,600,100	Sewer treatment lagoons
Chestnut Road	1,700	Vacant land
Park 10 Road	1,800	Vacant land
937 Route 103	937,700	Town Office/Library
Route 103A	437,500	Lakeside Cemetery
Off Route 103	1,100	Old Railroad Bed
952 Route 103	768,600	Safety Services Building
967 Route 103	719,800	Parking and Docks
977 Route 103	739,200	Beach/Train Station
Route 103	1,275,900	Info Booth/Caboose
Lakeview Avenue	17,700	Vacant land
Stoney Brook Road	20,500	Bean Cemetery
Baker Hill Road	23,800	Baker Hill Cemetery
Off Chalk Pond Road	500	Vacant land
Chalk Pond Road	34,900	Vacant land
Blodgett Brook Road	33,900	Vacant land
Old County Road South	17,400	Vacant land
Bartlett Road	38,100	Vacant land
Off Province Road	30,100	Cemetery
Old Post Road	582,000	Fishersfield Park
Route 103	6,800	Vacant land
Route 103/Colburn Farm Rd.	4,800	Vacant land
Mountain Road/Route 103	46,800	Vacant land
Newell Road	29,800	Marshall Cemetery
Pleasant View/South Roads	32,900	Booth Sherman Cemetery
20 Sutton Road	170,200	Old Highway Shed
Sutton Road	1,000	Simon's Cemetery
Sutton Road	19,000	Vacant land
Pleasant View Road	13,800	Vacant land
Stone Wall Lane	4,300	Vacant land
44 Pine Street	95,400	Blodgett Fire Station
7 Sutton Road	109,200	Storage Shed
133 Village Road	320,300	Sherman Hall/Grange Hall
Southgate Road	13,900	Fire Pond
Washington Street	89,400	Town Park
Washington Street	89,400	Town Park
201 Old Post Road	123,900	Transfer Station
Brookside Road	29,100	Vacant land
Chalk Pond Road	43,800	Vacant land
33 Lake Avenue	192,300	Blodgett Docks
Skytop Drive	22,500	Vacant land
50 South Road	812,900	Highway Garage
Village Road	41,300	Vacant land
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,626,900</b>	

*Note: Vacant land includes dry hydrant locations, easements, retention ponds, etc.*

## Budget Committee

The Newbury Budget Committee is responsible for the preparation of the town budget and its attendant warrant articles for the ensuing fiscal year. The Committee meets bi-weekly, in public session, and as a portion of the regularly scheduled Selectboard meetings from mid-October until the public hearing in February of the following year. It is comprised of the Selectboard, the Town Administrator, and three appointed Newbury residents.

The Committee reviews the individual line item budget proposals as submitted by each of the municipal heads, boards, trustees and commissions. In most cases, the department head or representative chairperson is present during the scheduled budget proposal and review session to provide clarity and rationale. During the procedure, the budget proposals undergo a comparative analysis with previous and current budgets. The proposals may or may not be adjusted by the consensus of the Committee.

A properly noticed public hearing on the 2017 proposed budget and warrant articles will be held in February 2017. The final budget and warrant articles are then approved by the Selectboard for presentation at the annual Town Meeting.

The 2017 proposed budget and warrant articles will reflect a projected town tax rate of \$3.89, an increase of \$.07 from last year's rate if all warrant articles pass.

Thank you to all the department heads, boards, trustees and commissions for your thoughtful and thorough budget presentations.

The Budget Committee hereby recommends the passage of the proposed 2017 budget and all attending warrant articles as submitted by the Selectboard.

*Ed Thorson, Russell Smith, Joy Nowell, Newbury Selectboard  
Dennis J. Pavlicek, Town Administrator  
Ivor Freeman, Tom Vannatta, Christine McDaniels, At-Large Members*



*Coming into Newbury Harbor from the lake.  
Photo Courtesy Patricia Sweet-MacDonald*

## **Newbury Public Library**

*“Google can bring you back 100,000 answers.  
A librarian can bring you back the right one.”  
– Neil Gaiman*

### **Newbury Public Library Board of Trustees Report**

This was a landmark year for the Newbury Public Library. For the first time in the library’s history, we began the year with two MLS-certified librarians - Director Lea McBain and Assistant Director Laura Pezone. We ended the year by launching a survey on what the community would like to see if the library were to expand. The results thus far indicate that our library patrons want more programming and meeting room space that would allow ongoing projects (such as painting classes and Lego robotics) to be stored and revisited during multi-week sessions.

We are seeking a warrant article at Town Meeting this spring, asking voters to approve up to \$50,000 to hire an architect to help assess and plan our space needs. This is a punctuation point to our 2013 consultant’s report that outlined many steps we should take before reaching this point, and the trustees and library staff have fulfilled most of them. Some steps, such as creating more programming and space for teens, have proven elusive because of what the consultant deemed our “space crunch” at the library. Whether the warrant article passes or fails, we will continue to expand our programming and efforts to respond to patron needs and keep pace with the rapidly evolving technology. As Director McBain notes in her report, we coordinated nearly 180 programs in 2016, attended by almost 2,500 people (including adults who have to sit in children’s seats for the increasing popular mahjonn games!) We consider these programs the epitome of what we deem to be our place as a hub of the community.

By extension, the library director undertook a special endeavor to deliver books to those with mobility or transportation issues. This has been warmly welcomed and has brightened the days of many patrons who might have otherwise been overlooked if our library staff did not invest the time, energy and enthusiasm in serving them. Our so-called “little libraries” in South Newbury, the harbor and soon, Blodgett’s Landing, have also been much appreciated and connected those communities to our mission to serve all townspeople and visitors.

The Director’s Report details what the library has done in the past year. We, as five trustees who are passionate about libraries and community service, vow to continue doing whatever we can to support our committed staff and their endeavors to better serve you - the true owners - of our vibrant library.

#### **Library Trustees**

Lynne Tuohy, Chair  
Patricia Sherman, Treasurer  
Brad Sherman, Secretary  
Lisa Correa and Cheron Barton, Members

### **Director’s Report**

#### **Patrons**

The library would like to thank the community for their generous support and for their continued patronage. The library had 2,089 registered patrons this year, and served 236 other public libraries through the NH interlibrary loan program.

Patron visits totaled 17,606 and checkouts totaled 23,817. In addition to physical items, 2,253 downloadable eBooks and audio books were checked out by Newbury residents using the NH statewide downloadable database. The library loaned 490 items and borrowed 1,315 items through the interlibrary loan program.

### **The Collection**

At year's end, the library had 15,441 items on its shelves. During the year, 1,194 items were added and 2,758 withdrawn. The collection includes 40 periodical titles, 1,451 videos/DVDs, and 912 audio books.

### **2016 Programs**

In 2016, we held a total of 176 programs, attended by 2,489 people. A wide range of adult programs included book groups, The John Hay Poetry Society, and author visits. Hands-on classes consisted of craft programs, writing workshops, cooking classes, and musical performances. In addition, we hosted stimulating discussion with the Discovery Café, along with engaging presentations from speakers on history, literature, poetry and nature. Summing up, there was something for everyone! For children, we offered dynamic STEAM-based afterschool programs, weekly Storyhour, a Summer Reading Program, and programs throughout the school year and vacations.

### **Guest Author Events**

The Newbury Public Library welcomed a variety of visiting authors:

***Dan Szczesny's Alaska Adventures:*** Szczesny presented a lively and entertaining look at his adventures in Alaska, all captured in his book *Mosquito Rain*.

***Michelle Albion*** presented her latest book *The Quotable Eleanor Roosevelt*, and walked us through the life and times of this iconic First Lady. With quotes, humorous stories, and tales of personal and political struggles, Albion enthralled listeners and gave us a glimpse into the life of Eleanor Roosevelt.

***Marina Duntzmann Kirsch's Flight of Remembrance:*** Kirsch presented the true story of her parents' formative years growing up and starting a family in Germany during Hitler's rise to power. This perspective took us behind the Axis lines, and into the post-war years, as Kirsch described her family's life in Germany and eventual move to the United States.

***Allison Gilbert*** hosted a "Memory Bash" to introduce us to her new book *Passed and Present*. Gilbert taught us creative ways to remember loved ones who have passed on, and included visits from two of the contributors of her book.

***Photographer Becky Field's Different Roots, Common Dreams*** presented us with the lives, hopes, dreams and struggles of new American families. Field's portraits of refugee and immigrant families were coupled with stories that illustrate our commonalities.

### **Poetry**

Newbury Poet Laureate Dianalee Velie acted as moderator of the monthly meetings of the John Hay Poetry Society. Members write poetry every month based on a prompt, and take turns at the meeting reading aloud to the group. In April, Dianalee hosted a poetry reading with guest poet Rodger Martin. This group meets the second Monday of every month. New members are welcome.

### **Reading Discussions**

Open to everyone, this group meets on the first Monday evening of each month. Copies of the books are available in advance at the library. The 2016 discussion list included the following:

January: Favorite Winter Read

February: *Passing Strange* by Martha Sandweiss

March: *Blood from a Stone* by Donna Leon

April: *William Shakespeare*

May: *Euphoria* by Lily King

June: *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

July: *Mistress Shakespeare* by Karen Harper

August: *Snow in August* by Pete Hamill  
September: *Another Roadside Attraction* by Tom Robbins  
October: *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr  
November: *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis  
December: *Standing in the Rainbow* by Fannie Flagg

### **Community Programs**

***Becoming Wolf: Coyote in New England*** - Christine Schadler, a wild canid ecologist, presented a fascinating presentation on Eastern coyotes. We learned about the amazing predators that live throughout New England and the ways in which we can coexist.



*Paint night at the library with Mia Marzelli.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

***Paint With Mia Marzelli:*** Mia Marzelli walked participants through the process of creating two locally-themed paintings. Participants went home with their own creations.

***The Power of Place Screening:*** Jerry Monkman joined us for a screening of his documentary, “The Power of Place”, about the Northern Pass Project and its impact on both the landscape and the people of NH.

***The Hardtacks Present Global Banjar!:*** Woody Pringle and Marek Bennett brought us an evening of music and history as they explored the diverse sounds of mid-19<sup>th</sup> century folk music.

***Feasts from Literature:*** Chef Liz Barbour walked us through the process of cooking three dishes inspired by her favorite books, followed by a tasting of each dish. This wonderful workshop was held in collaboration with the Newbury Beautification Committee.

***Journey With Me: A Creative Writing Workshop:*** Journey With Me founder Fran

Lyons presented a 5-week introductory course in creative writing that will continue again in 2017.

***Grapevine Wreath Making:*** Cheron Barton and Judy Healey presented a wreath-making workshop using grapevines, and participants decorated wreathes for fall and the Holiday season.

***Needle-Felting:*** Lea McBain presented a basic needle-felting workshop, where participants made felted acorns and other tiny creations.

***Card-Making:*** Kathy Clark, from Stampin’ Up, taught participants how to make three different Holiday cards.

***Discovery Café:*** An ongoing monthly series where we view TED talks, and discuss the topics explored - everything from robots, astronomy, art, musical therapy, and genealogy.

***Craft Social:*** Our monthly craft group, where participants bring crafts they are working on, to create a fun, social, and productive environment.

***Mahjongg:*** Run by Shannon Storm, our monthly Mahjongg meetings fall on the last Wednesday of every month, and are for beginners and the most experienced alike. This fun evening event is open to everyone.

***Lake Sunapee VNA*** - The VNA held a Flu Shot Clinic on September 26th. It was attended by 32 people.

## **Children and Young Adult Programming**

### ***Story Time***

Every Wednesday morning at 10:30, infants and toddlers gather at the library for story time. This year we ran an ABC-themed story time that lasted most of the year. Each week we would read books, play games, sing songs, and do crafts - all corresponding to words that began with the letter of the week. It was a great learning experience for all and the children looked forward to each new letter every week.

After story time, many of the children would utilize other aspects of our library - including playing with our giant step-on piano, Legos, and stuffed animals, and, of course, checking out books. Story time is a great place to meet new friends and we always welcome new families! This year, we had 51 sessions, with an average of eight children and six adults per week.



*Charlotte and Presleigh with their homemade lava lamps.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

### ***After-school Programs***

Our after-school program continues to be a huge success! On Tuesdays and Thursdays, students in grades 1-3 and grades 4-5, respectively, came to the library to participate in activities that relate to the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) initiative. From marble runs to needle felting, homemade lava lamps to Buddha boards, the children tried their hand at several crafts and science experiments.

We had some special presenters during our fall after-school session. Former educators Barry and Deb Connell brought their WeDo Lego Robotics program to the

library and it was wildly popular! Over the course of five weeks, children followed step-by-step instructions to build land rovers, helicopters, race cars and more out of Legos, and then used iPads to program their Lego creations to move and explore. This program really encouraged teamwork and allowed children to move at their own pace.

After-school programming consisted of 31 sessions, with an average of 10 children and four adults attending. This year's after-school programming was paid for by a generous grant from the Byrne Foundation. Next year, we plan on bringing in more presenters to vary the type of content offered during our after-school programming (including another round of Lego Robotics) - so be on the lookout!

**A side note:** We are always looking for volunteers to help with our after-school and children's programming. If you have any interest, please contact Laura at the library.

### ***School Vacations***

During February vacation, we held one of our most-attended programs ever with the return of Wildlife Encounters. Animals were brought into the library for an interactive program on animals from around the world. Children enjoyed being able to touch and see the animals up-close. Program attendees numbered 57 children and 30 adults that day.

During April vacation, we had a program for each day of the week. Daily programs included the life of a frog and the sounds of nature presented by the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), a drop-in

game day, origami making, and a screening of “Star Wars: the Force Awakens.” April vacation programming brought in 17 children and 20 adults.

### ***Summer Reading***

“On your mark, get set, READ!” was the theme for this year’s summer reading program for children up to grade 5. The theme focused on movement, exercise and getting outside, so the library brought in a variety of programs that encompassed these ideas.

Beginning in July, and running for six weeks, theme-based events were held each Wednesday afternoon. The library had visits from the Yo-Yo Guy, John Higby, who performed many yo-yo tricks for our audience - even balancing on a giant yo-yo! This was our most popular program of the bunch with 51 children and 17 adults. Next, we had kite making and decorating, culminating with a perfect summer day to take the kites for a run. This was followed by the Library Olympics – where children participated in trash-can basketball, soda bottle ring toss, book balancing, a water relay, and Olympic trivia. One week, Stardancer Studios visited with us for two one-hour dance classes. Children learned a fun aerobic dance routine, step-by-step, to perform on National Dance Day – a day in which people from all over the country perform the same dance in unison. Children had a lot of fun with this event, and got out a lot of energy as well! We also had Malik the Magic Guy – who stunned audiences with some great magic tricks. Many children enjoyed being invited on stage to participate.

Finally, we partnered with Mount Sunapee Adventure Park for an end-of-summer reading bash. Children who participated in our reading contest earned prizes, played a round of miniature golf, and enjoyed some ice cream. It is an event we hope to repeat each year for the summer reading program.

Over the course of these six weeks, we had 206 children and 59 adults attend our programs. There were 42 children participating in our summer reading contest, reading for a total of 286 hours! We would like to thank the local businesses that contributed prizes, supplies and their time to help make our 2016 summer reading program a success. A big THANK YOU to: Bubba’s Bar and Grille, Meg’s Cut Above, Mount Sunapee Adventure Park, Hannaford Supermarket, and Stardancer Studios.

### ***Teen Summer Programs***

Two events were held during the summer for children ages 11-14. Back by popular demand, the Great Egg Drop returned, as well as the creation of Bristlebots – tiny battery-operated robots made from toothbrush heads. The Great Egg Drop challenged teens to engineer the perfect containers to protect their egg from cracking as it plummeted from the top of a fire truck! For surviving eggs, we upped the ante to have them build a device to protect two eggs. Our teens put on their thinking caps, used problem solving strategies, and excelled at creating devices to save their eggs. Big thanks to the Newbury Fire Department for allowing us to use their truck for this experiment! We had a total of 16 teens and seven adults for these programs.

### ***Movie Day***

As a celebration to the start of the school year, we had an ice cream social and movie day in September. Children were invited to watch the new “Jungle Book” movie after school and enjoy some popcorn and ice cream with all the fixins’ they could imagine! We had 24 children and four adults attend.

### ***Family Fun Day***

Family Fun Day is a townwide event in early December that concludes with the town tree lighting, carols and yummy home-baked treats at the Veterans Hall. As part of this event, the library invited children in to make a variety of holiday ornaments and listen to storyteller Ed Fayle, who performed “The Night Before Christmas” and “The Polar Express.” Carol singing and hot cocoa were also a big part of the performance,



*Our storyteller Ed Fayle reading on Family Fun Day.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

and children were invited to come in their pajamas! It was a great way to end the year. Between the two library events, we had 48 children and 30 adults.

### ***Reading Buddies***

Reading buddies continue to be a success. If your child needs some extra help with reading, all ages are welcome to come to the library and read with Laura. Call or email, and we'll find a time that works for you!

### **Other Services and Amenities**

#### **Wireless Internet Access**

Wireless access is available on library computers, patrons' laptops, and other electronic devices. Our Wifi is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Computer Lessons**

Ken Tentarelli of Newbury offered free individualized computer and Internet lessons.

### **The Little Free Libraries**

Two Little Free Libraries were installed this summer, donated by both the Friends of the Newbury Public Library and the Newbury Beautification Committee. Placed in two locations - South Newbury at the South Newbury Union Church, and Newbury Harbor - these boxes feature artwork from Kearsarge Regional High School senior Breanna Sowle. The Little Free Libraries are free book exchanges where the community is invited to take or leave books. These library boxes have been wonderfully received and we are excited to see them used and shared.

### **Museum Passes**

The library has a wide array of museum passes available to check out, including passes to The Fells, The Currier Art Museum, VINS, the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, the See Science Center, and Billings Farm. These passes were generously donated by the Friends of the Newbury Public Library and the Newbury Beautification Committee.

### **Disabled Access**

The library is wheelchair accessible, and our new door now has an automatic opener for increased accessibility.

### **Homebound Delivery**

The Newbury Public Library offers free delivery to anyone who has difficulty getting to the library due to short-term disability, or long-term health issues. The library brings books, movies, audiobooks and even lends out CD players to those patrons who have visual-impairment. Deliveries are on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The Library is accepting applications from any eligible patron interested in this service, and we can hand-pick items based on patron interests, or get specific titles you have been looking for.

**Volunteers**

Volunteers helped with many aspects of library operations. Volunteers in 2016 were Judy Hale, Joan Dickey, Cheron Barton, Don Falkowski, Paula Falkowski, Bob Bergeron, Susan Giaccotto, Mike Moss, Bill Moulton, Liz Moulton, Jeff Duquette, Kaden Von Kannenwulff, Matthew Noyer, Mickey Noyer, Linda Porter, Ken Tentarelli, Liz Tentarelli, Mark Tentarelli, Sharon Tentarelli, Richard Gosselin, and Dianalee Velie. For the year, volunteers contributed 250 hours of labor, or about 4.8 hours per week.

**Friends of Newbury Public Library, Inc.**

The Friends are a 501-©3 non-profit organization that holds quarterly meetings at the library. Meeting dates are posted in the library and we encourage all library patrons to attend. It is our mission to cooperate with and support the library in the development and promotion of library services, resources and programs for the community. We actively fundraise, encourage and receive gifts, endowments and bequests to the library to provide supplemental financial assistance in an effort to expand library offerings and increase enjoyment of the library.

Thanks to a successful year of fundraising through our annual community appeal letter and through several book sales held on Memorial Day, Old Home Day and in December, we were able to support many library programs that were well attended. The library hosted musical performances from the Hardtacks, as well as author visits from authors like Dan Szczesny, Michelle Albion, and photographer Becky Field. The Friends also funded workshops on crafts and cooking, as well as a wide array of children's programming throughout the year, including our vibrant Summer Reading Program.

The Friends of the Newbury Public Library also purchased the South Newbury Little Free Library, which was installed this past summer, and has remained a popular book exchange throughout the year. A second Little Free Library was installed at Newbury Harbor, and was donated by the Newbury Beautification Committee.

All of these programs and initiatives were sponsored by the Friends, and we cannot do this without the generous support of the community. Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual campaign, and thank you for another great year!

**Friends**

Liz Moulton, President

Mike Moss, Treasurer

Paula Falkowski, Secretary

Judy Healey, Heather Jacques, Mickey Noyer, Margo Steeves, Directors

## **Newbury Historical Society**

The Newbury Historical Society continued to stay busy in 2016. The History Committee meetings were particularly active.

A member of one of Newbury's prominent early families visited the group to share photos, stories and interesting data on the Blodgett family. There were also other citizens of the town who opened up their historic homes for group tours. In the summer, we had several carloads of people meet at old railroad sites. In November, Joyce LaPorte and Maralyn Doyle were kind enough to open up the South Newbury Union Church and Friendship House for a tour, since many people had never been inside those buildings.

The annual meeting was held on August 14, 2016 at the Center Meeting House. Following the business meeting, Bill Weiler introduced the guest speaker, Paul Wainwright, who presented "New England Colonial Meetinghouses." Using photography of surviving meetinghouses, Wainwright told the story of the society that built and used them and the lasting impact they have had on American culture. The presentation was co-sponsored by the Center Meeting House and made possible with a grant from the NH Humanities Council.

We continued to be part of Partners Around Lake Sunapee (PALS), which collaborates with seven other area organizations in the annual publication of lectures, events, exhibits, programs and celebrations.

Bill Weiler stepped down as president in late August but continues to be on the Board and serves as archivist for the group. We thank him for his diligent hard work in helping to preserve the Town's history.

Everyone is welcome to attend our history committee meetings, which are held at 9:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Town Office. Board meetings are currently held at 2:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of January, March, May, September and November at the Town Office.

### ***Board of Directors***

*Paula Falkowski, Ashley Geddes, Deane Geddes*

*John Lyons, Gay Sheary*

*Bill Weiler, Margie Weiler*

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House Markers:	Gay & Marty Sheary
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## Center Meeting House

2016 was a very special year for the Center Meeting House (CMH). Our season kicked off Memorial Day weekend with the Grand Opening of the Art Gallery, mounted by Maureen Rosen, to showcase the wealth of local artists in our area. Adding to the event was a reception and concert by a group from the Kearsarge Chorale. The Art Gallery was open every Sunday afternoon throughout the season.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual June Saturday Speaker Series featured “Spirits of New Hampshire”, an exploration of the spirits distilled or brewed in NH from colonial days to the present. Included in the lecture series were presenters who make rum, beer, wine and hard cider. One lucky member of each Saturday’s audience won a sample! In 2017 our June Saturday Speaker Series will be held in the mornings at 9:00 a.m.

July events included an open house for Old Home Day and the CMH Annual Meeting on July 31. The NH Humanities Council presented Maggie Stier’s program “On This Spot Once Stood: Remembering the Architectural Heritage of NH” at the CMH Annual Meeting. Attendees remembered that the Center Meeting House still stood thanks to all our supporters. The Annual Meeting also witnessed a celebration of BURN THE MORTGAGE! Now it is time to fund an endowment to preserve and maintain the Center Meeting House which is at the heart of the town.



*Chuck Kennedy, Joy Nowell, Bill Weiler, Dan Wolf, Judy Healey  
burning the Center Meeting House Mortgage.  
Photo Courtesy Joy Nowell*

In August CMH joined the Newbury Historical Society to cosponsor a NH Humanities Council program on “New England’s Colonial Meeting Houses & Their Impact on American Society.” September events included a book reading and signing by Dianalee Velie, author of *Ever After*. Halloween festivities included the NH Humanities program “A History of Native Burial Looting, Destruction, & Protection.”

The annual CMH “Thanks for Giving” program honored past Town Selectmen. It was both fun and informative to hear from so many who had served over the years. Attendees continued the reminiscing over refreshments at the Veterans Hall!

Our busy year concluded with town residents gathered at the Center Meeting House in early December for holiday caroling before bundling up and gathering around “Alice’s Tree” for the lighting of the tree. The CMH bell rang to welcome in the holiday season as we crossed over to the Veterans Hall for warmth, food and friendship.

Our thanks to the Newbury Beautification Committee for joining us in our annual events and we invite everyone to join us for your own events and celebrations.

Thank you for your support.

*Joy Nowell, Chair  
Ivor Freeman, Vice Chair  
Patricia Sherman, Treasurer  
Kathy Bashaw, Secretary  
Jay Gamble, Judy Healey, Maureen Rosen, Dan Wolf*

## Transfer Station

The Newbury Transfer Station continues to offer efficient and accessible service to all town residents. 2016 was a busy year without any changes to our operation. Following is a listing of what we are able to take at the Transfer Station and what we do not take, along with information on Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections.

### Items Accepted at the Transfer Station

- Latex paint: Dried up with kitty litter, sand or sawdust and placed in the trash compactor.
- Syringes: Must be inside a thick plastic container (like laundry soap container) with stickers that say *Medical Sharps – Not for Recycle*. We have stickers available here. These can go into the trash compactor.
- Batteries: Alkaline, 9 volt alkaline with the two terminals taped to prevent sparks. These can go into the trash compactor.
- Lead Cell batteries: Car, motorcycle, etc. These can be placed inside next to the office.
- Rechargeable batteries: These contain mercury, lithium or cadmium. We take any size. Please place them inside next to the office.
- Aerosol cans: Only empty cans can go in the trash, compactor or metal bin. If full take to HHW day.
- Fire Extinguishers: Empty extinguishers go into the metal bin. If anything is inside please give extinguisher to an attendant.
- Fluorescent Bulbs: Contain mercury. All sizes are collected inside next to the cardboard baler.

We don't charge for any of these items and there is a flyer in the office for items that require a fee. When in doubt, read the sign or ask one of the attendants.

### Items Not Accepted at the Transfer Station

- Upholstered furniture, mattresses, box springs, or any cushions with springs are not accepted at the Transfer Station unless they are completely broken down into their various parts; springs/metal into the metal bin, and cloth/stuffing into the trash compactor. If you do not want to tear it down yourself, Naughton & Son in Bradford will take them for a fee. We have a list of furniture banks in New England on the bulletin board inside. There is also a swap board at the Transfer Station if you would like to advertise something or if you are looking for something.
- Used oil or antifreeze. Household Hazardous Waste Collections do not take oil or antifreeze either. Check with your local service station to see if they will take it.
- Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors contain mercury and these detectors can be sent back to the company at no cost. Most of them have addresses or phone numbers on them.
- Thermometers and thermostats have a mercury ampoule inside. Please do not throw any of these items in the trash or leave them anywhere at the Transfer Station (which includes the swap pile).
- Bring the above items to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. As the summer approaches a list of HHW collection days will be posted - they typically run May through September.
- Old medications that you don't need or have expired. Do not flush medication down your sink or toilet.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** is anything that is corrosive, explosive, reactive, flammable or toxic. We have recently put up a list of HHW at the Transfer Station. It includes waste from kitchens, bathrooms, garages and gardens. Residents are allowed to have HHW, but as a Transfer Station, we are not permitted to take any HHW. Please do not leave any HHW in the swap area, even if it is a fertilizer that you think someone may want. All these products can be brought to one of our HHW Collections Days.

Finally, we ask that you please be courteous and move your car from high traffic areas if you chatting or picking through the swap area. Let's have a great year!

*Churchill Hesselton, Chief Operator  
MaryEllen Wright, Attendant*



*Aim High Canines performing at OHD 2016.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*



*Chris Poulos, bicycle stunt rider at OHD 2016.  
Photo Courtesy Hillary Foster*



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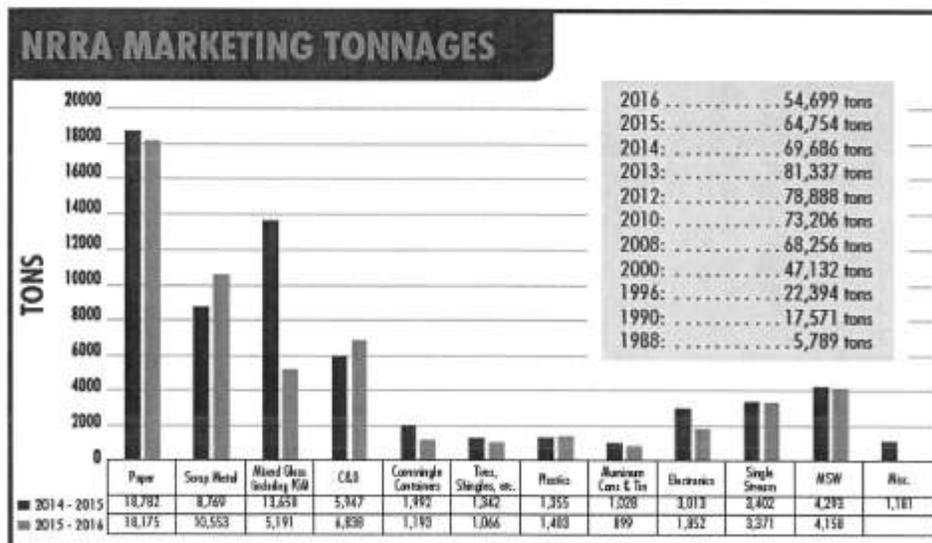
Dear NRRA Member,

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 36-year old recycling cooperative. Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide;**
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our Monthly "Full of Scrap" email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits;**
- **NH the Beautiful Signs, Grants, Bins and Recyclemobiles.**

NRRA membership has grown to include more than 400 municipalities, businesses and individuals in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine. NRRA, as a non-profit organization, is unique in that we do not charge a "brokerage fee" or work to maximize profit gains, but rather has a minimal "Co-op" Fee" which is re-invested to further your recycling programs and solid waste reduction efforts in schools and municipalities.

Through your continued support and dedication, NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 54,699 tons in fiscal year 2015-2016!



Please contact NRRA at 800-223-0150 / 603-736-4401 or visit our website at [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)



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## Town of Newbury, NH

### Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact your recycling has had on our environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2016	Environmental Impact! Here is <u>only one</u> benefit of recycling materials rather than manufacturing products from virgin resources
Aluminum Cans	7,980 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to run a television for 812,364 hours!
Electronics	18,705 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 2.4 houses for one year!
Paper	75 tons	Saved 1,291 trees!
Scrap Metal	51.6 gross tons	Conserved 144,400 pounds of iron ore!

#### **Avoided Emissions:**

Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, and using less energy means fewer greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, you have avoided about **563 tons** of carbon dioxide emissions  
 This is the equivalent of removing **120 passenger cars** from the road for an entire year

## Information Booth

2016 proved to be a challenging year for our summer visitors in terms of weather. Not only did we have beautiful summer days filled with blue skies and sparkling clear air, but also chilly, rainy days that defied the summer season. Our closing day of the information booth was cold with whitecaps on the lake.

Nevertheless, we had over 2,632 visitors recorded in our log and they hailed from 21 states and 17 countries. Here is the breakout list of states: Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, Washington State, Michigan, Florida, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Arizona, Utah, Oregon, California, Texas, Ohio, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Maryland, Virginia, South Carolina, and Oklahoma. Our international visitors came from the following countries: Germany, Japan, Italy, Holland, Canada, Russia, France, England, Sweden, India, Israel, Brazil, Scotland, Denmark, Romania, Switzerland, and Turkey!

This year we had groups of visitors! One large group included Russian teenaged campers with their counselors and kayaks. Another was a mass of motorcyclists who filled all the parking lots with their bikes. One Sunday we had a large family reunion fill the entire lakeside park from the marina to the caboose with their grills, tables, laughter and fun.

What did people want to know about Newbury? The queries ranged from where to swim, restroom locations, to hiking trails (we have a great map for that!), and where the covered bridges are located. This year, we fielded questions about the best place to book a wedding and where the historic cemeteries are located (and we have a brochure for that, too).

This year, a mystery hunt for a fabled plane crash on Blood Mountain prompted two very earnest young men to arrive with printouts from the Internet claiming Newbury as the location. Extensive research left all concerned none the wiser – but the fun was in the informational pursuit.

As usual, we met many fascinating people from all over the world, reminding us that our little booth offers a welcoming moment to all who stop to enjoy our special and beautiful community.

*Martha von Redlich, Jane Johnsen, Charles Killam*



*Santa's Helpers (Judy & Stu Hale, Judy Healey) setting up the Giving Tree.*

*Photo Courtesy Judy Healey*

## **Recreation Department**

2016 marked another year of inventive and fun programming that included new program curriculum supported by a truly wonderful staff. The Newbury Recreation Department accomplished a great deal: improvements to our parks were completed, spring soccer celebrated its 4<sup>th</sup> year of success, and a hiking and camping program met with robust attendance. This year also saw the running of the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Chicken Farmer 5k, which was a really fun time and was well attended. Our Hiking and Ecology Camp at The Fells was deeply enriched by our great collaboration with LSPA environmental educators Kathleen Stowell and Nancy Heckel, and Pat Baldissard from The Fells who provided content and experience to the program. To accommodate the growing popularity of our programs, a second multi-purpose athletic field was finished and utilized in the upper field area at Fishersfield Park to alleviate the overuse pressure on the lower field. It was such a benefit to have the second field available for all of our athletic programs and soccer camps. Also, it is a beautiful addition to the park.

### **Summer Programs**

Our schedule of Summer Programming saw its sixth year of a shorter-term early July soccer camp to complement our August full-week soccer camp and was very successful. We had an amazing week at Adventures in Nature Camp at Fishersfield Park building forts, catching frogs, exploring the woods, and playing outdoor games. Ecology Camp at the Fells saw the fifth year of partnership with Kathleen Stowell, the education director for the LSPA, who helped guide many changes to the camp content for 2016. LSPA's Nancy Heckel helped with camp teaching and leadership. We also had a challenging wilderness camp experience for the second time. Campers met at Chalk Pond and hiked the Fishersfield Trail (a leg of the SRK Greenway) to Fishersfield Park, where they camped out overnight. We had two weeks of very successful swim lessons again this summer with many local children becoming more comfortable in the water and becoming better swimmers in the process. Some even learned to jump or dive off the dock for the first time! All traditional Newbury rites-of-passage.

### **Summer Concert Series**

The Summer Concert Series was a seven week series focused on local talent and new “up and coming” acts. The Thursday night shows were again very popular and brought lots of folks down to the harbor during the week for a great musical evening on the lake. We really enjoy showing off the harbor area with such great bands coming to town and playing in such a beautiful setting.

### **Summer Staff**

The summer staff had two exemplary employees who helped to make camps enjoyable and safe for all who participated. Lexi Bryk was our new addition to the staff and she specialized in camper happiness from “boo-boo's” to a sick child. Lexi was always there to lend a helping hand and provide a smile. DJ Smith, now in his first year of college in Maine, is a favorite among the boy campers who enjoy learning all of his outdoor specialty skills. Our two summer staffers are tremendous examples to our campers and help provide a safe and enjoyable camp experience each and every day. A big thank you to Lexi and DJ for their exemplary efforts.

### **Fisherfield Park**

Fishersfield Park had another year of increased popularity. The hiking trails were improved with two new bridge crossings which protect the wetlands area and help to keep feet dry. Over 60 fallen trees were removed from immediate trail areas and 24 standing dead snags were cut down. The dead snags endanger the trail areas but, as a rule, we try to avoid removing snags because they create important habitat for woodland raptors. However, we cannot leave them hanging dangerously over the trails. The Fisherfield soccer field is a truly beautiful facility and players have consistently shared their appreciation of the field conditions. There were 148 days of competition on the field this spring, summer and fall, as well as 11 days of soccer camp. Regular usage of the field has increased as well. With seven teams playing on the field

space in the spring, and three more in the summer and fall, we had major competition for practice space for our teams this year.

We anticipate seven teams in spring 2017 and we are receiving new requests for summer and fall field space. We now have several daily walkers in the park and have a great number of hikers using the facility on a weekly basis. With over 300 guidebooks being used this summer, it was great to see people out and enjoying the over five miles of family-friendly hiking, as well as enjoying the 25 interpretive stations spread throughout the park. We also welcomed the Bradford Fish and Game Club to host its annual Kid's Fishing Derby at the pond in the park. This was the sixth time in eight years that the pond was stocked for that event. It was a great day had by all. The Council on Aging, Kearsarge Elementary School at Bradford, and the SRK Greenway also hosted events at the park.

### **Covered Bridge**

A highlight of 2016, a covered bridge was finished at the main stream crossing on Farmstead Trail on the way to the pond. This bridge replaces an existing 3-foot wide deck bridge spanning the stream. The new covered bridge provides emergency safety access to the pond area and deeper into the park and provides emergency storm coverage for users of the park pond and trail system. The design for the bridge was researched by former Selectman Richard Wright, who constructed a scale model to aid in the construction. A call was put out for volunteers to work on the project and construction of the bridge base was completed in fall 2013. In fall of 2016 the roof was finished and the covered bridge is now an iconic addition to the park. The final part of this project is to add porthole windows to the interior at some time in the future.

### **Volunteers**

The covered bridge project demonstrates the spirit of volunteerism that punctuates our community. The Newbury Recreation Department greatly appreciates our volunteers. Many thanks to Kristie Lacombe, Kellie Spinney, Sarah Christie, Helen and Richard Wright, Stuart Hale, Bob Wilkonski, George West, Bob Blohm, Mary Thayer, Maureen Dezotell, Cheron and Bruce Barton, Theo Selby, and Matt and Jessica Mattice.

The heart and soul of the recreation department is the citizenry we serve, especially the children of our community whose voice is seldom heard in these types of reports. What better way to hear about this year's program's than in their words:

“I liked the nature camp because we got to make forts and go to the ropes course at Mount Sunapee. I also did the soccer camp. The coaches were very fun and I loved the World Cup.  
-Simone, age 9, from Newbury

“Swimming lessons were so much fun, we dove for bricks and learned to tread water for twenty minutes. The blow-up swim balls were so much fun. I love it at the dock.”  
-Michael, age 7 from Newbury

*Travis Dezotell  
Recreation Director*

## **Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports**

Bradford Newbury Sutton Youth Sports (BNSYS) had a fantastic 2016. We were recognized by two different organizations as the “Non-Profit of the Year” by Sotheby’s and Old Hampshire Designs of New London. We were also showcased on Kearsarge Chronicle which can be seen on the Yankee Cable Network. This could not be possible without all the hard work that goes into BNSYS by its many volunteers.

If you have driven past our fields this past year, you may have noticed that there has been a lot of work completed there. At the end of the fall, the soccer fields still looked great and the baseball fields will be ready to go in the spring. A big part of this work was done by Dave Yazzie and Jesse Griffin. Our fields would not be where they are without all of their hard work. Thank you to both of you!

2016 was a good year for our wrestling team. We had one state champion, two second place finishers, and three third place finishers. We also hosted the Middle School State Wrestling Tournament at KRMS. This was a huge event with over 400 wrestlers from around the state. 2017 is starting off very well with the number of participants continuing to grow.

Baseball teams thrived in 2016. There were four T-ball teams, two Rookie teams, one Minors team (with enough participants to make two teams), one Majors, and one Babe Ruth team. Our goal going into 2017 is to keep up the number of participants and to put together a softball team with some of the t-ball players.

Soccer season was very successful. Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys’ team won the championship. Congratulations to all involved! We also had a large number of participants at all levels. During the summer we ran our annual British Soccer camp, which was a success. Thank you to Carrie Guerrette for organizing and running this program!

BNSYS is a 501©-3, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide quality sports opportunities to area youths while reinforcing the concepts of sportsmanship and team participation. BNSYS owns and maintains the structures and facilities at Warren Brook Park, located on Old Warner Road in Bradford. Our revenue is derived from fundraising events, donations, program participation fees, and contributions from the towns. The expenses incurred yearly are insurance and equipment. Funds are also used for league fees, uniforms, field/building maintenance, toilet rental, and scholarships.

All aspects of our program are dependent on volunteers. Without the countless volunteers, BNSYS would not be able to offer as much to the community. Thank you to everyone who continues to volunteer and support BNSYS!

If you would like to get involved please visit our website, [www.bnsyouthsports.org](http://www.bnsyouthsports.org), or contact one of the directors. We would love to have you involved in BNSYS.

*Theo Selby*  
*President*

### **Board of Directors**

Kristen West, Treasurer  
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Jesse Griffin, Softball Director  
David Spinney, Soccer Director  
Erik Croto, Wrestling Director:  
Robert Zielinski, Equipment Director

Andrew Spiegel, Fundraising Director  
Jesse Griffin, Field Director



*Reflection of clouds on Lake Sunapee.  
Photo Courtesy Katheryn Holmes*

## The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens

The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens (The Fells) is proud to be located in Newbury and to be part of the Town of Newbury, New Hampshire. There is a wealth of history that comprises so much of the area's townspeople, businesses and geographic location. It is most certainly a destination point for visitors of all ages.

### Mission

The Fells has a mission to welcome people of all ages, making each visit an enriching experience with opportunities to explore and learn from our natural lakeside setting, renowned gardens, and the historic achievements of statesman John Milton Hay. The Fells protects approximately 3,100 feet of undeveloped natural shoreline on Lake Sunapee and maintains the structures, gardens, meadows and woodlands throughout the property. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a recipient of the NH Preservation Alliance Achievement Award. The Fells is also a Preservation Project of the Garden Conservancy.

### History

After the Civil War, John Milton Hay established a summer home in Newbury to escape the pressures of a demanding career. He named his retreat "The Fells" (a Scottish term for "rocky upland pasture"). He served as President Lincoln's private secretary and gained experience in Europe as a diplomat. He later served as Secretary of State under Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt and crafted many important foreign policies. After Hay's death in 1905, his son Clarence and daughter-in-law Alice, transformed the rustic retreat into an elegant estate and working farm. Hay's grandson, John, also summered here. His experiences at The Fells inspired him to become a naturalist and nature writer, for which he was nationally known. In 1997, after managing the estate for two years, volunteers formed a nonprofit known today as The Fells. In 2008 the organization became the owners of 84 acres of the original 1100-acre site.

### 2016 Highlights

- The Fells hosted a number of well-attended educational and ecological programs during the summer of 2016 to include our "Bus Stops Here" elementary school program and an Ecology Camp sponsored and led by the Town of Newbury's Recreation Department with collaboration and educational programming also from the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA). Our partnering with the Town of Newbury and LSPA is very important to us and we greatly appreciate the support.
- The Fells traditionally hosts Newbury Free Days in conjunction with Newbury's Old Home Day. Additionally, The Fells hosts many popular signature events such as Concerts on the Veranda, Artists Weekend, The Fairy Festival, Hay Day Family Festival, the Plant Sale, and our beautiful *Christmas at the Fells* Decorator Show House held in November.
- In September, The Fells celebrated its over 300 volunteers who help to keep the gardens, the plant nursery, the house, and all other areas on the property in optimal condition. New volunteers are always welcome.
- The season concluded with The Fells signature event, *Christmas at The Fells* Decorator Show House. This year's event entitled "Let It Snow" hosted more than 22 talented and creative decorators and designers from our area and beyond. The Fells Boutique featured over 85 vendors who consigned lovely, one-of-a-kind handmade designs for the shop.

The Fells welcomes visitors who come to absorb the beauty of nature and the rich history of the property. Many of our programs and events are free. Also, a number of our educational programs offer scholarships to ensure as many of our at-risk and under-served children are included in the educational opportunities.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.thefells.com](http://www.thefells.com). The Fells Historic Estate and Gardens is located at 456 Route 103A, Newbury, New Hampshire, 03255, phone (603) 763-4789. For program and event information, email us at [info@thefells.org](mailto:info@thefells.org).

*Susan Warren  
Executive Director*



*The Clarence Hay Rock Garden at The Fells.*

## **Newbury Beautification Committee**

At the beginning of the year, the Newbury Beautification Committee (NBC) set up a schedule of events to not only beautify Newbury with flowers, plantings and holiday “greening,” but also to work with other organizations in Newbury to offer joint programs of interest for the community.

At Town Meeting in March we made our traditional ham and bean supper for a record number of attendees. Joy Nowell and her volunteers served up the ham, beans, coleslaw and desserts amid many compliments, which were gratefully received.

In April, we met at Fisherfield to clean up the winter debris on the trail to the pond and the area around the pond. All of the fallen limbs, branches and leaves were cleared and the trail was made ready for the summer walkers.

Our annual Plant Sale was held at the end of May. The proceeds from the Plant Sale enable us to purchase the plantings for all the window boxes, hanging baskets and barrels placed around Newbury that are full of blooms all summer. Libby Laro, Susan Caia, Betsy Luscinski, Linda West and their team did an excellent job in managing all the plants for the sale as well as filling all the containers. Our thank goes out to the community for the success of this year’s sale. Nonie Reynders planned out the selection of flowers for the planters this year which provided a spectacular show of color throughout the summer. Once planted, NBC volunteers made the rounds, watering planters throughout the blooming season. NBC purchased a new golf cart with a water tank for that purpose. All of us have enjoyed hearing compliments from residents and passing motorists while making our rounds on watering duty.

In July, NBC filled baskets and watering cans with candy for the kids and marched in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in South Newbury. It’s one of the many annual events that make living in Newbury special. Following the July membership meeting, we went on a garden tour of three of our members’ gardens. The Hales, Reynders and D’Appolonios opened their gardens for us to enjoy, and each offered different settings, with different plantings and garden architectures. Attendees discovered that there is much to be learned from other’s gardens.

NBC supported the Newbury Public Library’s Little Free Library program and provided the second Little Free Library box that was placed in the Newbury Harbor area in August. We also donated family passes for the Vermont Institute of Natural Science and The Seacoast Science Museum. In August NBC and the Library co-hosted the cooking demonstration “Feast from Literature” with Liz Barbour.

In keeping with our mission statement of providing beautification to Newbury, NBC began the process of refurbishing the four “Welcome to Newbury” signs. As part of this effort, we replaced the South Newbury Village sign on Route 103 with a new redesigned sign. This project was taken on by Ted Jones, Bruce Barton, Dennis D’Appolonio, Ed Wollensack, Steve Peterson and Stu Hale. Also, thanks goes out to Peter Maurer, who worked with them and painted the signs.

In November, planning began for the annual Wreath sale and “Greening of the Town.” Proceeds are used for the purchase of all the wreaths, roping and bows that are used in decorating Newbury for the holiday season. NBC thanks all the businesses and residents in Newbury for their support in purchasing wreaths and greens from NBC. This event was co-chaired by Cindy Peterson and Libby Laro. Through great effort, talent and the hard work of the entire NBC membership, this event happens every year and we all have a great time doing it.

It is a tradition for the Center Meeting House and NBC to partner for the “Thanks for Giving” event at the Center Meeting House followed by refreshments at the Veterans Hall. The first Sunday in December is the annual Tree Lighting with a carol service at the Center Meeting House, followed by a holiday social with hot cider and goodies at the Veterans Hall. This event was co-chaired by Luisa Wilkonski and Mary Thayer.

One of the accomplishments that NBC is proudest of is providing scholarships for graduating seniors. This year we were fortunate to provide three scholarships for Newbury graduating seniors. Diane Jones and her committee held a very successful dinner and raffle at Bubba’s in October to raise funds for the scholarships. We are pleased to announce this year’s recipients are Devon Fortier, Caroline Beaton and Keegan Mattice. We wish them every success in their future endeavors.

We wish to thank the Town Administration, the Selectboard and the Newbury community for their ongoing support. Your support enables NBC to take on projects that not only beautifies Newbury, but also allows us to join other organizations in activities that enrich our community.

*Stuart and Judy Hale  
Co-Chair Presidents*



*The NBC Plant Sale.  
Photo Courtesy Stu Hale*



*South Newbury Village’s new sign.  
Photo Courtesy Stu Hale*

## **Kearsarge Regional School Board**

*“The goal of education is the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of truth.”  
John F. Kennedy, address, Harvard University, 1956.*

The 2015-16 school year ended on several high notes. The Kearsarge Regional High School (KRHS) was successful in graduating one hundred percent of the senior class. The graduates will attend colleges across New England and nationally, participate in training and certificate programs, and/or enter military service. The KRHS was also granted ongoing accreditation by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC), assuring parents and constituent communities that the curriculum meets or exceeds high quality educational standards. For the second consecutive year, the High School was also awarded the NH Interscholastic Athletic Association (NHIAA) Sportsmanship Award, Division III. The award is presented annually to schools who have demonstrated a high degree of sportsmanship throughout the year.

### **2016-2017 Goals**

On August 4, 2016, the Kearsarge Regional School Board approved six new district-wide goals for the 2016-17 school year. The goals include: (1) the provision of a stimulating and challenging learning environment; (2) continued implementation of the current supervision and evaluation model; (3) implementation of effective communication with all stakeholders; (4) a continuing capital improvement program; (5) promotion and enforcement of a healthy work environment; and (6) the provision of an effective continuum of individualized educational services for all eligible students (IDEA, 504, Title 1, Medicaid, other) as per state and federal laws. The midyear review assessment took place in December 2016 and will be reassessed in June of 2017.

### **Programs**

New and ongoing programs which enable extended learning opportunities (eighth period enrichment block) beyond the typical classroom experience, allow students to personalize their course of study, pursue individual academic or vocational interests, and build community partnerships that transform traditional concepts of high school education as presently known. One such partnership has been developed this year with Dartmouth-Hitchcock through a Health Science course at KRHS along with practical day-long experiences at the hospital. In addition, students at KRHS have - and continue to - work with the NH Forest Society in the areas of trail maintenance and conservation efforts within the nearby Black Mountain Forest.

### **Elementary/Pre-school**

Our elementary schools have continued the successful implementation of updated science and mathematics materials, while a number of teachers are currently piloting two new English/Language Arts and Reading series. These efforts are intended to improve the quality and fidelity of teaching in those content areas. At the preschool level, the district was able to provide additional options for its youngest learners by expanding the length of the school day from 2 ½-hours to 4-hours in the four-year old program.

### **Facilities & Technology**

In the area of facility maintenance, the district has made great strides to improve infrastructure, upgrade life safety equipment, address facility needs, and plan for future improvements that enhance the overall quality of all learning environments. In the realm of technology, the district continues to upgrade connectivity, supports the integration of technological tools into the learning process, and understands that schools play an important part in educating responsible digital citizens of tomorrow.

## **Anniversary**

The current school year represents an important milestone for Kearsarge. The district is in its fiftieth year of operation and will mark its golden anniversary on July 1, 2017. An ambitious and strong partnership among seven towns, which began in 1967, continues to deliver a high quality educational product for the students, parents and all members of the Kearsarge community.

## **Warrant Articles**

In March 2017, voters will have the opportunity and responsibility to vote on four warrant articles as recommended by the School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee. The articles propose recommended funding amounts to support the financial needs and obligations of the Kearsarge Regional School District. Each of the articles was presented for explanation, discussion and debate at the Annual District Meeting/Deliberative Session on January 7, 2017.

Article 1, the 2017-18 Operating Budget, was amended and approved at the session to reduce the proposed budget total by \$350,000.00. Article 1, now has a third voting option proposing an operating budget of \$42,142,091.00. The School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee agree with this new proposal and ask for voter support for this third option. The remaining three Articles were not changed or amended. The School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee therefore request your support of the proposed Articles. With this support, the students of the Kearsarge Regional School District will continue to be provided with the opportunity to grow individually, achieve their personal goals, and fulfill their dreams.

I am honored to have served as Newbury's representative to the Kearsarge Regional School Board for the past 18 months. On behalf of the 254 students from Newbury attending the Kearsarge Regional Schools, I remain a public school advocate and supportive of the district's educational mission and goals.

*Thomas W. Vannatta  
Newbury Representative to the  
Kearsarge Regional Board of Education*



*Newbury's Past Selectmen – Weiler, Cardillo, Therrien, Powell, Wolf, Budd, Thomas, Kinsman.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Cemetery Trustees

2016 witnessed a busy year for The Newbury Cemetery Trustees.

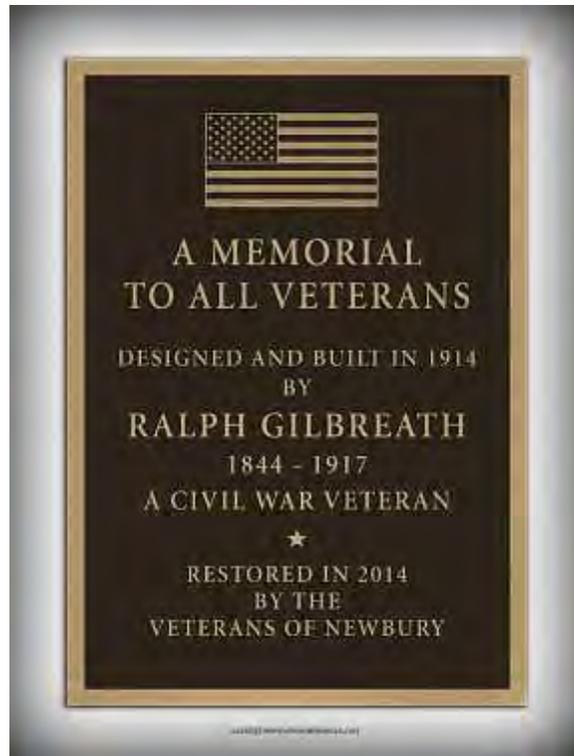
There were nine burials in Newbury cemeteries throughout the year - four casket burials and five crematory burials. In addition, there were three other deaths of Newbury residents that resulted in two out-of-town burials and the remains of one other going to the family.

As in years past, the Trustees ensured that all 187 veterans buried in Newbury cemeteries were honored for their service and sacrifice to this country. Flags were put on each veteran gravesite and each has an appropriate marker.

Chuck Kennedy resigned as trustee and Deane Geddes was welcomed as his replacement.

Finally, a large tree fell in Bean Cemetery and damaged the fence. The tree was removed and repairs to the fence will be done in 2017.

*Paul Riley, William Weiler & Deane Geddes*



*Memorial plaque at Veterans Monument in South Newbury Cemetery.*

## **Planning Board**

The Newbury Planning Board (Board) conducts regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Newbury Town Office. The Board may also hold periodic work session meetings. During 2016, the Board held 12 regular meetings, two work sessions, and one site visit.

The Board is comprised of six elected members. Each elected member serves for a term of three years. One Selectboard member - or other town representative appointed by the Selectboard - also serves on the Board. The Board may also have up to five alternate members, serving three-year terms, who are appointed by Board members.

The Planning Board has three roles and responsibilities in town affairs: Planning; Legislative; and, Regulatory.

### **Planning**

In its Planning capacity, the Board develops and promotes the Town Master Plan, which is a collective community vision for the future development of Newbury. The goal of the Master Plan is to preserve and enhance the unique quality of life and culture of Newbury as identified by the citizens of the town. In 2016, the Board continued the lengthy process of updating the current Master Plan. The Master Plan update is expected to take 18 to 24 months and be completed in 2017.

Annually, the Planning Board leads the effort to update the town's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which is a schedule of Newbury's capital expenditure needs for the next six years. Thanks goes out to the 2017-2022 CIP committee: Ivor Freeman, Chair; Bob Caia and Bruce Healey, Planning Board members; Kenneth McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor; Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator; Ed Thorson, Selectboard Representative; and Bruce Barton, at-large member.

### **Legislative**

The legislative role of the Planning Board is one in which the Board writes and proposes town zoning ordinances and amendments for discussion and adoption at Town Meeting. The Board also writes and adopts (after public hearings), specific regulations pertaining to the Planning Board areas of property subdivision and commercial development.

During 2016, the Planning Board, with help from Ken McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor, worked on two proposed amendments. The first amendment modified the definition of Wetland in order to be consistent with the state definition. The modification removed the words "lakes, ponds and streams" from the current definition. The second amendment was a significant proposed zoning amendment concerning accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in order to comply with new state ADU legislation that takes effect June 1, 2017. In January 2017, a public hearing is scheduled concerning the proposed amendments and the final draft of the two proposed amendments will be presented to the voters at Town Meeting.

The Board also decided to see if the Town would authorize the Planning Board to use "preliminary review of Site Plans" (Design Review) when reviewing applications for commercial, industrial, institutional development, and multi-family residential units with three or more dwelling units. Currently, the Board has authority for Design Review in major subdivision applications and has found that this preliminary review step is of benefit to the applicant, abutters and the Board. In short, it allows adequate time and more flexibility for all involved to review and understand the applicant's development plans. State regulations require the Board to seek approval at Town Meeting for adding a Design Review component to the Board's Site Plan Review regulations.

## **Regulatory**

In the Regulatory role, the Planning Board applies the town ordinances and Planning Board regulations specific to the needs of an application for a subdivision or commercial development. During open public meetings an applicant can choose to start a project with a Conceptual consultation. From there, the applicant may proceed to a Design Review phase, or the Final Approval phase, depending on the project and Board regulation. The Design review and Final Approval application are both conducted in a public hearing.

## **2016 Applications Reviewed**

Minor Subdivision - Conceptual (2) and Final (2)  
Site Plan Review - Conceptual (6) and Design Review (1)  
Annexation/Lot line Adjustments - Conceptual (1) and Final (1)  
Voluntary Mergers of Lots of Record (2)  
Conditional Use Permit for development in a wetland buffer (1)

## **Acknowledgements**

I would like to thank the members of the Planning Board who have served, and continue to serve, on the Board. I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with this dedicated, knowledgeable and responsible group of individuals. Each member is a valuable asset to the Town of Newbury. Board Members include: Bob Caia, Vice-Chair, Bill Weiler, Ron Williams, Mike Beaton, Deane Geddes, and Russell Smith, ex-officio, Selectboard. Additional thanks to Meg Whittemore, Recording Secretary; Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Land Use Coordinator; and Kenneth McWilliams, Planning Board Advisor.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board members for their confidence in electing me Chair for the past several years. I have found the position to be challenging and rewarding work, and a privilege to serve the needs of our community.

*Bruce Healey*  
*Chair*

## **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) heard an average number of cases for 2016. The Board met five times, hearing a total of nine appeals, with some cases continued multiple times. Of the nine appeals, seven were for Variances, and one each for a Special Exception and Administrative Appeal to reverse a decision by the Selectboard of an involuntary lot merger.

The complexity of the cases heard by the ZBA continues to increase, primarily driven by the significant potential impact on environmental concerns and pressures - particularly in the Shoreland Overlay District. However, the preparedness of applicants has also increased, particularly by the submission of Stormwater Management Plans for proposed projects and through representation by professional and legal agents.

The ZBA held several joint meetings with Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and the Code Enforcement Officer in an effort to further clarify a number of Zoning Articles.

Several Board members attended the Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) conferences this year. The OEP conferences are an opportunity for members to refresh knowledge of rules of procedure for Land Use Boards and to review pertinent legal and legislative decisions of the previous year.

The Board would like to recognize the efforts of Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Land Use and Assessing Administrator, and John Greenwood, Code Enforcement Officer. Their efforts in helping applicants navigate the ZBA appeals process significantly assisted the ZBA in its ongoing responsibilities.

### **Personnel Changes**

Nancy Marashio was elected to the ZBA at the March election, and Steve and Sue Russell retired from the Board after many years of service to the town as ZBA members. Armen Tarbassian was elected by the Board as a permanent member to fill the remaining term of the vacancy created by Steve Russell's retirement. Gary Budd was elected by the Board as an alternate member. At the ZBA's June meeting, the Board elected Peter Fichter as Chair and David Blohm as Vice-Chair.

The Board is composed of elected volunteers for a three-year term and appointed alternates. All Board members contribute a significant portion of their time in service to the community. The Board welcomes any town resident who may be interested in serving on the ZBA. Please contact any of the members listed below, or any town official, for more information on joining the ZBA.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment's mission is to adjudicate appeals to Zoning Ordinances and Administrative Decisions. The Board strives to balance the rights of property owners with state and local ordinances and to uphold the goals of the Master Plan for the Town of Newbury. Minutes and decisions by the ZBA are available on the town website ([www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)) or from the town office.

*Peter K Fichter*  
*Chair*

David Blohm, Vice-Chair  
Harry Seidel, Nancy Marashio, Armen Tarbassian, Members  
Alex Azodi, Gary Budd, Alternate Members

## **University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension Merrimack County**

The University of New Hampshire (UNH) Cooperative Extension serves residents in each of Merrimack County's 27 towns with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family. The UNH Extension is the public outreach arm of UNH, bringing information and education into New Hampshire towns, helping individuals, businesses and communities be more successful, and keeping New Hampshire's natural resources healthy and productive.

### **Our Mission**

UNH Cooperative Extension strengthens people and communities in New Hampshire by providing trusted knowledge, practical education, and cooperative solutions.

### **Our Work for Merrimack County**

Merrimack County Extension staff brings the research and knowledge of UNH to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, conferences, phone consultations, printed materials, online resources, a statewide toll-free info line, and through strategic partnerships.

### **Our Program Areas**

- **Food & Agriculture**

We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock. Our support includes workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. This year, at least 3,146 Merrimack County citizens attended training in livestock management, crop production, safe food handling, pest management, agricultural marketing, pollinator protection, farm business management, landscaping for water quality protection, and more.

Our team of specialists and volunteers also provide education and technical assistance to home gardeners and citizens through seminars, publications, and through our Education Center Info Line. This year, Education Center volunteers answered 295 inquiries from Merrimack County residents, and the county's Master Gardeners contributed 668 volunteer hours through garden-focused projects, displays and presentations.

- **Natural Resources**

Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, the tourism industry, and to ensure current and future economic opportunities. Our natural resources team provides research, education, and stewardship throughout the state with a boots-on-the-ground approach, extending state-wide programs in forestry and wildlife, natural resource development, land and water conservation, and marine fisheries.

This year, over 606 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence. Approximately 1,147 Merrimack County residents participated in many educational events including: emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), NH Maple, NH Land Trust Coalition work, Saving Special Places Land Conservation conference, Speaking for Wildlife talks, Stewardship Network, woodlot visits, and forest management services. Volunteers from the NH Coverts project and the Natural Resource Stewards program contributed nearly 4,511 hours conserving and managing natural resources in Merrimack County.

- **Community & Economic Development**

Our Community and Economic Development team (CED) provides research-based education and assistance to individuals, families, businesses and communities to help identify opportunities to enhance their competitive advantage, build upon their assets, and create conditions that foster local and regional economic growth.

Over the last two years, the UNH Extension facilitated engagement efforts in Franklin which helped with the creation of four *new* businesses (employing five people) and enabled the city to leverage \$1,336,000 in grants and tax credits to build 45 new units of affordable housing for working families and seniors utilizing a vacant mill building. Other Merrimack County towns have participated in Extension facilitated Community Visioning, Business Retention and Expansion programs, and training for community-based volunteers.

- **4-H/Youth & Family**

Preparing youth to become caring and productive citizens is critical to New Hampshire's future. The research-based education and information we provide enhances the leadership and decision-making skills of NH youths and strengthens families. We provide educational resources for parents, families, and community-serving volunteers and professionals through innovative programs such as Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Our training utilizes creative delivery methods such as web-based outreach, e-newsletters and train-the-trainer programs.

Merrimack County youth and volunteers participated in many 4-H youth development programs in 2016, including State and County Activities Days, Eastern States Exposition activities and competition, Teen Conference, county and state animal science shows, Barry Conservation Camp, Hopkinton State Fair, volunteer screening and training, and youth leadership/youth voice workshops. Merrimack County residents also participated in afterschool professional workshops, farm to school days, military family events and camps, and the Nutrition Connections programs for limited resource adults, families, refugees and youth.

This year, UNH Cooperative Extension trained and supported 403 volunteers in Merrimack County. These volunteers contributed 26,434 hours of their time which extended the reach of our programs as 4-H leaders, master gardeners, wildlife coverts, community tree stewards, water quality monitors, marine docents, and others.

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## **Police Department**

All of us at the police department would like to thank everyone in the community for contributing to making Newbury among the safest places to live in the region, if not the state! Once again, this year we have been successful in keeping crime low, accident rates at a minimum, and clearance rates at an exceptionally high level. Our success is your success – our officers and the community work together as a team to ensure that our town remains safe and secure.

### **Equipment**

The department is using radio equipment that has an estimated lifespan of approximately five to seven years. The radios have been in service for over 12 years now and are failing from time to time. As a result, we have put into place a scheduled upgrade plan that will allow the aging systems to be upgraded over the course of the next three years with minimal impact to the department budget. The plan not only provides for new equipment, but also keeps contingency plans in place to cover us in the event of any additional radio failures during the transition.

Regarding police vehicles, we continue our plan to replace the aging sedans with police specific utility style vehicles. This platform not only performs better in our region of unpredictable weather conditions, but offers more storage along with the same operational parameters and costs as the sedan alternative.

### **Training**

Department personnel participated in state-of-the-art simulator scenarios set up by New Hampshire Police Standards. The training involved filming of Newbury landmarks and businesses which were used to produce real-time interactive scenarios for the officers to enhance their negotiation and reaction skills. In addition, the Chief participated in the FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Series training held in Connecticut. This series covered topics ranging from officer health and stress reduction, to current national trends in crime and policy development.

### **Statistics**

The department continues to keep crime and traffic in check. While there was a slight rise in property crimes in 2016, keep in mind that this compares with what was a historically low year for crime in 2015. Our accidents continue to be attributable to two main factors - wildlife and weather – which are inevitable and unpredictable. The town hosted a New Hampshire Department of Transportation Highway Safety Audit that examined past statistics, roadway character, weather mitigation, and roadway markings and signage. The participants showed concern and offered some productive suggestions to help ensure future improvements to Newbury's roadways that will make us even safer as time goes on. With that said, it's still up to all of us to remain attentive and keep our eyes on the road.

In closing, we would like to once again thank the community for taking control and ownership of our neighborhoods and our town. That's the difference that matters the most. Here's to a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2017!

*Bob Lee*  
*Chief*

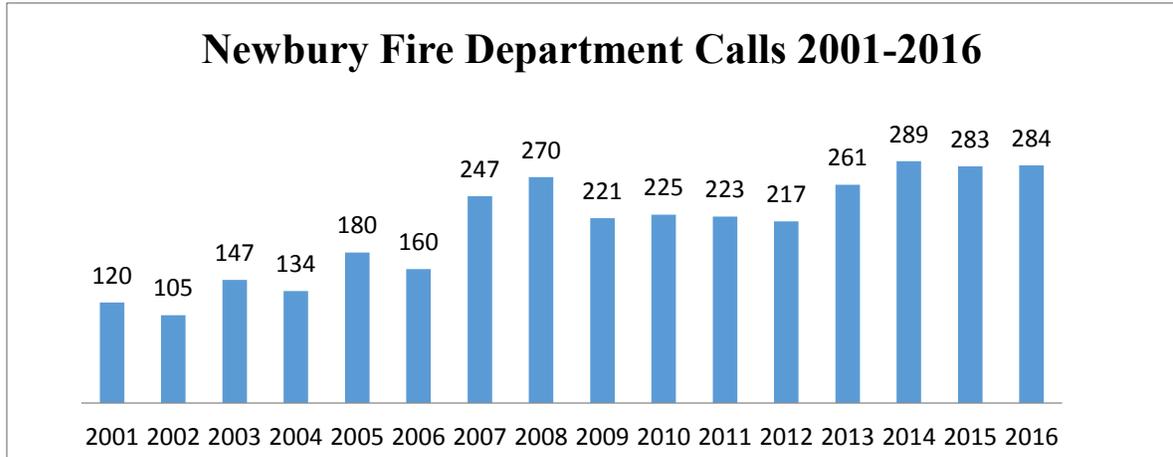
Brad Wheeler, Sergeant  
Aaron Sparks and Tom Harriman, Full-time Officers  
Neil Cobb, Part-time Officer  
Deborah Lacombe, Administrative Assistant

<b>Newbury Police Department Calls For Service 2016</b>	
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Total</b>
Death/Unattended	2
Assault	3
Assault/Sexual	3
Harassment	1
Criminal Threat	2
Criminal Trespass	2
Criminal Mischief	8
Burglary	4
Theft/Shoplifting	8
Theft/ID Fraud	10
Theft - Auto	0
Fraud/Forgery	5
Drugs/Possession	1
Property Lost	16
Property Found	25
Property Return	5
Domestic Dispute	12
Disturbance	1
Weapons Permits/Renewals	68
Shots Fired	5
Fireworks Violations	1
Harassing Communication	4
Disorderly Conduct	2
Intoxicated Person	5
Liquor Law Violations	1
VIN Inspection	26
Residential M/V Unlock	19
Road Hazard/Obstruction or Placing Snow/Debris on Road	24
Traffic Offense Warning	255
Traffic Offense Citation	23
Violations/Town Ordinance	36
Criminal Citations	24
Reckless Driving	1
Motor Vehicle Check	16
MV/Traffic Complaint/Manner of Operation	28
Assist-Stranded Motorist	28
Traffic Crash/Fatal	0
Traffic Crash/Personal Injury/Property Damage	34
Traffic Crash/Non Reportable	11
Littering-Illegal Dumping	3
OHRV Complaints	5
Animal-Complaints	15
Animal-Cruelty/Vicious	2
Animal-Stray	36

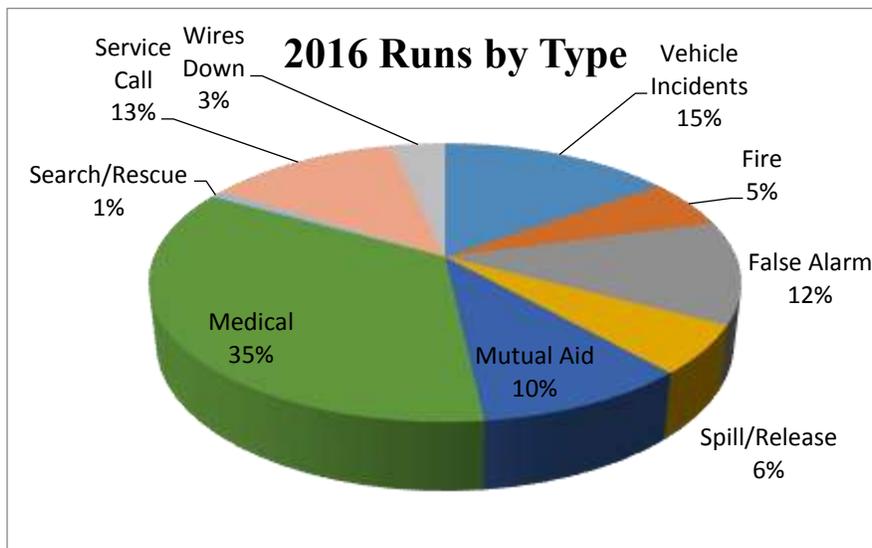
Animal-Nuisance	8
Animal - Bite	1
Animal-Livestock Complaint	1
Animal-Wild	8
Unlicensed Dogs	20
Neighborhood Disputes	6
Noise Disturbance	18
Unwanted Subject	2
Assist-Fire/Police	1
Assist-In County Police/Out of State	94
Assist-Newbury Fire	53
Assist-Newbury Medical/Rescue	52
Assist-Town Office	4
Assist-Public Works/EOC	7
Assist-Social Service Agencies	2
Assist-Court	1
Alarm	19
Alarm-Bank	0
Alarm-Business	12
Alarm-House/Public Building	60
911 Hang-up	20
Missing Person	2
Tobacco Violation	2
Juvenile Complaint/Runaway	2
Citizen Requested Assistance	41
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Incident	46
Civil Issue/Stand by	22
Welfare Check	20
Open Door/Window/Gate	42
Public Relations-Talk or Lecture	9
Paperwork Relay	3
Paperwork Service	24
Warrant-Criminal/Civil	4
Sex Offender Registration	9
Protective Order	10
Case Follow up	30
Selective Enforcement	52
Military Record Check	1
Fingerprints/School, INS	15
Police Information	135
House Check Request	30
Building Check-Business	695
Building Check-Public	1082
Building Check-Residential	405

## Fire Department

Newbury Fire Department Rescue had 284 calls for service during 2016, one more than in 2015. The calls were just five less than the all-time record year of 2004. In December, there were 40 calls, the second busiest month in our history. The record was in July 2015 with 44 calls. Months like this, with more than one response per day, does tax the resources of the department since we are an on-call department with no full time employees.

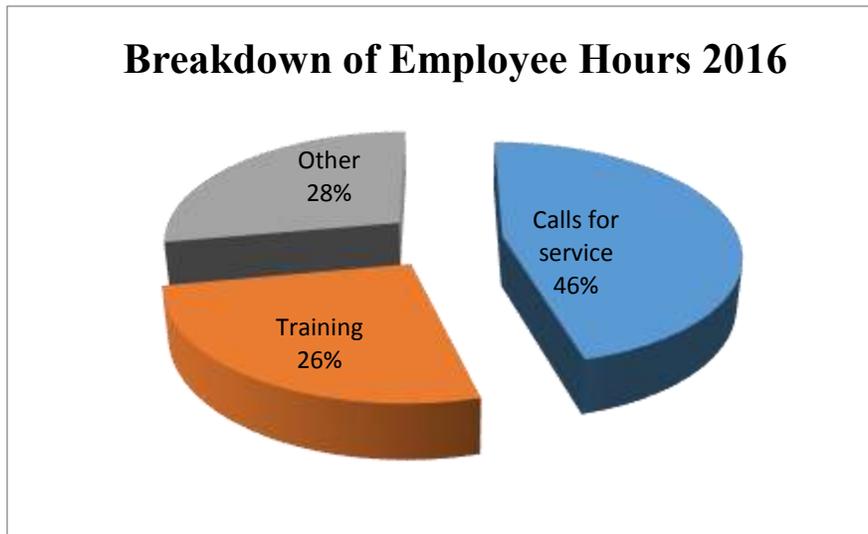


The 99 emergency medical calls were the most frequent response at 35% of the runs. Vehicle incidents were the second highest category - with 43 responses - or 15% of the total. The number of fires, which were mostly brush fires, was up 400% over 2015 because of the very dry conditions during most of the year.



In addition to the number of emergency calls (broken down by category) the following chart shows the employee hours for the emergency calls and non-emergency work done for the Town of Newbury. Emergency calls for service account for only 46% of the payroll hours for Newbury Fire Department Rescue members. Training accounts for 26% of the hours. Much of the training is required for continuing education for the Fire Rescue Personnel to maintain their EMS license, Hazmat, and CPR credentials. Insurance requirements and State Grant requirements dictate the necessity of ongoing training. The remaining 28% includes administrative paperwork, inspections, permitting, maintaining the website/Facebook, attending

meetings, truck repairs, building maintenance, and public service. During 2016 there was a total of 6,325 employee hours by the part-time, on-call staff. Although Newbury Fire Department Rescue has no full time staff, 120 hours were spent weekly to operate the Department.

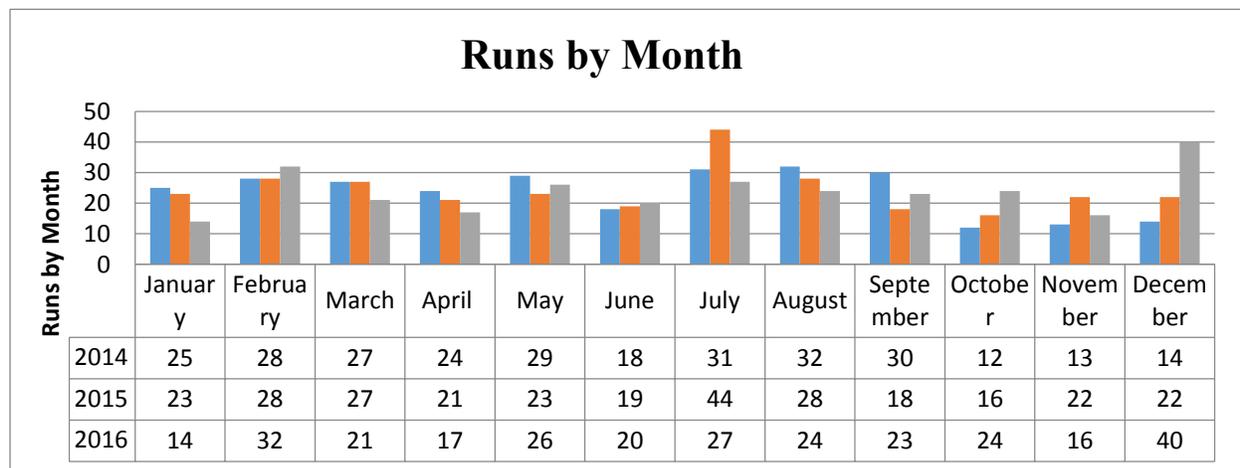


#### Training

Members attended 30 in-house fire, rescue and medical training sessions and trained with Bradford, Sunapee, Newport, New London Fire Departments and the Newbury Highway Department. Also, they trained with the C5 EMS District, Midwestern NH Hazmat District, and did online training. Members attended the Central NH EMS Conference, the Northern NH Trauma Conferences, the Hazardous Materials Conferences, Emergency Management Conference, and training classes at the NH Fire Academy. One of the department members is currently on leave attending the Firefighter program at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, Maine. He has completed the Firefighter I and Firefighter II Certifications.

#### Public Information

During 2016, the Newbury Fire Department expanded its internet presence from the popular website [www.newburyfd.org](http://www.newburyfd.org) with the launch of a Facebook page [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com) Newbury Fire Rescue. The website and Facebook page provide information on the fire department and fire safety information. The Facebook page provides community information, information and photos on calls, training, department



members, and other important information. Although the page has been up for less than a year, it has quite a following by the Newbury community and beyond.

### **Weather Emergency Contact List**

The Newbury Fire Department maintains a list of town residents who may need assistance in the event of severe weather such as a blizzard, ice storm, a long duration power failure, or other emergencies affecting the town. These residents may be elderly, disabled, live alone or do not have transportation. Following a major storm, a telephone call is made to check on the wellbeing of the residents on the list. If the resident can't be reached by phone, a fire department member will go to the home to check on the resident. The department is currently updating the list and adding new people who wish to be contacted. If you, a family member, or neighbor would like to be contacted in a weather emergency by the Newbury Fire Department, please send an email with the resident's name, address and phone number to [newburyfire@gmail.com](mailto:newburyfire@gmail.com). Please indicate "Weather Emergency Contact List" in the subject line.

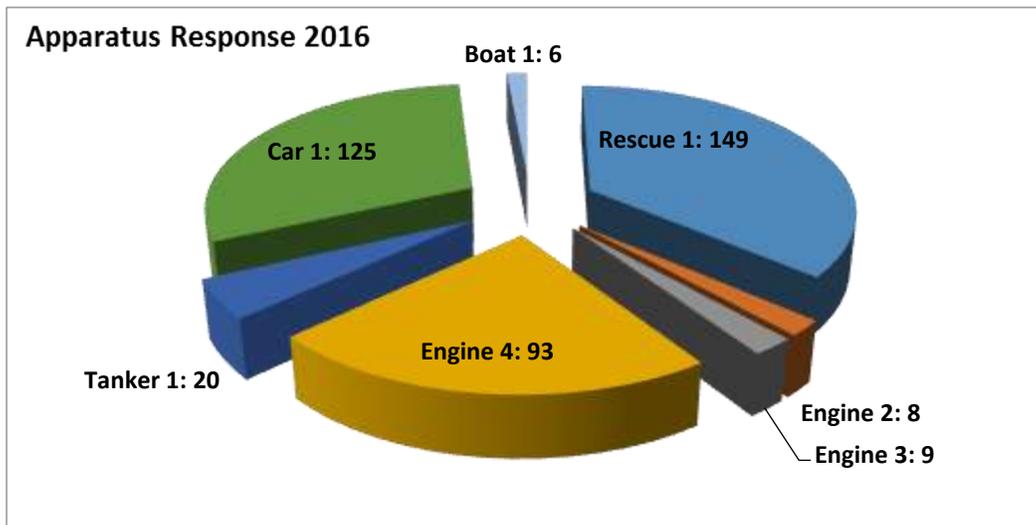
### **Prevent False Alarms**

Property owners with central station alarm systems should know and understand the operation of their fire alarm systems. Newbury Fire Rescue recently responded to a residential fire alarm that was caused by a homeowner pushing the test button on their alarm system without notifying the alarm company that they were doing a test. If there is a problem with a fire alarm, or you need to do a test of an alarm system that transmits an alarm signal to the alarm company, you should call your alarm company and notify them that you are testing the system. If you do set off your alarm accidentally, please call the alarm company and let them know that there is no emergency and the alarm was accidental. Newbury Fire Rescue will respond to the alarm with a fire officer instead of sending a full fire apparatus response.

### **Newbury Fire Rescue 2016 Apparatus Response**

Newbury Fire Rescue responds to all types of emergencies in the Town of Newbury and to surrounding towns as part of our mutual aid agreements. Rescue 1 responds to all medical calls. Rescue 1 and Engine 4 (which carries the rescue tools as well as a foam firefighting system) respond to vehicle incidents. Tanker 1 also responds to vehicle accidents on Route 103. Engines, 2, 3, 4 and Tanker 1 respond to fires within Newbury and surrounding towns. Boat 1 responds to all calls on and along the shore of Lake Sunapee. The fire chief responds to calls in Car 1.

The below chart provides a breakdown of calls per unit.



### **Recognition Award**

In the summer the Newbury Fire Department was recognized by the NH Fire Standards & Training and Emergency Medical Services for its work as a pilot department in the testing of the new Temsis Elite EMS Reporting system. The award was presented to Newbury and other departments involved in the test by Governor Maggie Hassan at the State House.



### **New London Ambulance**

New London Ambulance added a fourth ambulance to its fleet. The new ambulance is stationed at the Sunapee Fire Department and provides coverage for the western part of Newbury, including Mount Sunapee Resort ski area. New London Ambulance provides emergency medical transportation for Newbury residents. The Sunapee - based ambulance operates during the day and evening and has improved the ambulance response time to the western part of Newbury. Also, during the year, Tim Monahan, who is a paramedic on Newbury Fire Department, was promoted to Director of Emergency Services at New London Hospital. Newbury Fire and New London Ambulance train together throughout the year to provide a cohesive team when a call for emergency medical services is received.



### **Tour Boat Rescue**

Each year, Newbury Fire trains with the towns of Sunapee and New London on emergencies involving the tour boats on Lake Sunapee. In July, the MV Mount Sunapee ran aground off the Sunapee State Beach and rescue boats from the three towns had to evacuate all of the passengers from the tour boat. Because of the responders training and planning, the passenger evacuation was accomplished with no injuries to the passengers or responders.

*Henry E. Thomas Jr.  
Fire Chief*

David Smith, Assistant Chief  
Ken Burnell, Captain  
Mike Bascom, Steve Snyder, Nick Bibeau, Lieutenants  
Wayne Whitford, Administration/Fire Prevention/EMS  
Mike Croteau, Mike Menino, Ed Thorson, Standing Committee

## Forest Fire Warden

The drought conditions in 2016 had a significant impact on wildland fire activity - not only statewide but also here in Newbury. The lack of snow and rainfall led to a very long and active fire season.

A six-acre fire occurred at the end of March, which was the earliest I can ever recall a fire. Our largest fire of 16 acres burned in early May, driven by high winds and extremely low humidity. We called in crews from ten neighboring towns as well as State resources to extinguish this fire in a timely manner. We had



*Newbury's 1942 Fire Truck.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

numerous other fires and requests for mutual aid well into December. The vast majority of fires do have a human factor as part of the cause. Please be careful with fire all the time, not only during times of drought.

The number of fire permits issued this year were comparable with last year. Campfire permits were issued throughout the year and brush permits were shut down many times due to the dry conditions. People seemed well aware of why we were being so careful issuing permits. Thank you to the deputy wardens for writing so many of the permits. A reminder that all seasonal campfire permits must be renewed once the snow cover is gone. If you have a brush

pile to burn please try to burn while the ground is still covered with snow.

I want to thank all our firefighters for giving their time - day or night – and at a moment's notice, to help when needed. Also, thank you to our highway department who goes out of their way to help our firefighters whenever they can. This past winter, for his high school senior project, one of our firefighters built a small forestry tank/pump skid unit for the town's Kubota RTV. It was completed by the end of April and we used it two weeks later at a large fire. It has been an asset ever since, thank you DJ!

If you have any questions about burning, please contact a deputy warden or you can contact me at (603) 938-5925.

*Dave Smith  
Warden*

## State Forest Ranger

Over the past two years, New Hampshire has experienced its busiest fire seasons since 1989. During the 2016 season, 1,090 acres burned. The White Mountain National Forest experienced its largest fire since becoming a National Forest - 330 acres burned in the town of Albany in November. Fires falling under state jurisdiction burned 759 acres, with the largest fire of 199 acres occurring in Stoddard. The extremely dry summer led to a busy fall fire season with large fires occurring into mid-November. Drought conditions hampered fire suppression efforts and extended the time needed to extinguish fires. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked tirelessly throughout the year to protect homes and the forests.

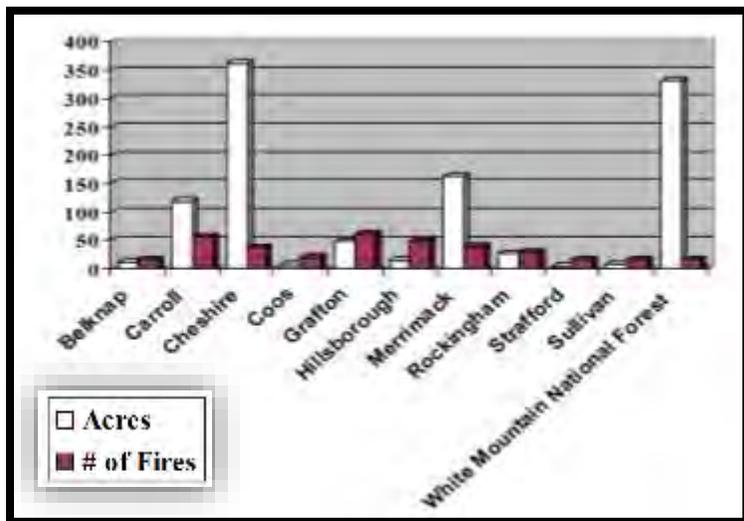
The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The fire detection efforts of the fire towers were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

Many NH homes are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2016 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned - a reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

As we prepare for the 2017 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law, **(RSA 227-L: 17)**, a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503, or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

### 2016 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2016)



<b>HISTORICAL DATA</b>		
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NUMBER of FIRES</b>	<b>ACRES BURNED</b>
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206

<b>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</b>								
<small>(These numbers do not include the WMNF)</small>								
<b>Arson</b>	<b>Debris Burning</b>	<b>Campfire</b>	<b>Children</b>	<b>Smoking</b>	<b>Railroad</b>	<b>Equipment</b>	<b>Lightening</b>	<b>Misc.*</b>
15	85	35	10	12	2	18	9	148

**REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!**

## **Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District**

The Newbury Fire Department is a member of the Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District (District). The district is made up of 13 cities and towns in the western part of New Hampshire which include Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Springfield, Sutton, Newport, New London, Newbury, Enfield, Plainfield, Sunapee, Meriden, and Grantham. The NH National Guard Civil Support Team is also a member of the District. They work together to prepare for, and respond to, hazardous materials emergencies.

Representatives from each of the cities and towns in the District meet monthly to train and review incidents along with the latest information on hazardous material emergency planning. During 2016, the Midwestern Hazmat District participated in a full-scale exercise that was held in Merrimack along with the other NH hazmat districts.

The District is a member of the NH Hazardous Materials Collaborative, which represents all of the hazmat districts in the state as well as state agencies and the National Guard. During the year, NH held a full-day hazardous materials training conference in Concord that was attended by members of the Midwestern District as well as members of all the NH hazmat districts. The conference featured hazardous material planning and response experts from throughout the country.

Through state and federal grants in 2016, the District has purchased sophisticated chemical monitoring and identifying meters and computers as well as vehicles and equipment for responding to hazmat incidents. Because of the high cost of this sophisticated diagnostic equipment, no one community would be able to afford this equipment on their own. However, through the Mutual Aid District, these tools, as well as the personnel trained to operate them, is available to all of the towns in the District

Companies that manufacture or store hazardous materials are required to file annual chemical inventory reports to the state and this information is the basis for a chemical database of hazardous materials in the area that is used for preplanning and in the event of an emergency.

Additional information on the district can be found on the district's website [www.midwesthazmat.org](http://www.midwesthazmat.org)

### **Midwestern New Hampshire Regional Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District Officers**

Assistant Chief Jeff Libbey, Lebanon Fire Department, Chair  
Chief Dan Ruggles, Sunapee Fire Department, Vice Chair  
Wayne Whitford, Newbury Fire Department, Secretary  
Chief Henry Thomas, Newbury Fire Department, Treasurer

## Code Enforcement Officer

It was a very busy 2016. Thank you all for taking the extra time to meet with me prior to filing permits for your projects. The goal of pre-construction meetings is to create an efficient process throughout the project. I welcome emails containing your questions regarding any projects, no matter how large or small they may be.

### Permits Issued in 2016

Single Family Homes	12	Home Improvements	16	Additions	6
Docks	2	Sheds	6	Barns	1
Decks	15	Garages	7	Porches	2
Commercial Alteration	1	Commercial	1	Demolition	5
Pools	1	Solar Installations	7	Signs	1
Boat Houses	3	Alteration	5	Generator	5
Misc. (Electric, Plumbing, HVAC)			98		

**Total Number of Permits: 194**

**Note:** Please call (603) 763-4940 ext. 203 to schedule a final inspection of your project prior to receiving your certificate of occupancy. Please reference the permit number when calling for all inspections. **Remember, the project is not considered completed without a certificate of occupancy or a certificate of completion. That means no use of the project is allowed and fines and penalties could be assessed if you are in violation of unauthorized use.**

Proper planning and establishing expectations for all projects will ensure a smooth job from start to finish. Please take a few moments to call and schedule an informal meeting with me prior to commencing any construction project that may require a building permit.

### Project Planning Tips

- Permits are required for all sheds, whether permanently affixed to the ground or not.
- There is no charge for permits for sheds on blocks or for sheds that are 120 square feet or less.
- Permits are required for any change to the original plumbing or electric system. However, you do not need a permit if you are simply changing a plumbing fixture or a light switch.
- New heating systems, replacement heating systems, and all central fire and burglar systems need permits - otherwise a fine will be issued. Permits can be obtained from the Fire Department, Chief Hank Thomas at (603) 938-5346, or by emailing [newburyc1@aol.com](mailto:newburyc1@aol.com). Copies of permits can be found at Town Hall.

### Additional Project Considerations

- Shoreland protection permits, wetland permits, buffer zone development, and storm water management plans are critical and integral components to project planning.
- Preservation of Newbury lakes, ponds, streams and wetlands are a priority and require thorough consideration during the project planning process.
- **Newbury and the State** have strict guidelines on **tree cutting and pruning** – particularly in the waterfront buffer and woodland buffer zone around lakes and ponds. If unauthorized cutting or pruning occurs without authorization, a property owner may face Town and State fines and penalties.
- Article 21, Section 21.4.4 of the Newbury Zoning Ordinance: If working in a shoreland or waterfront and a Stormwater Management plan is required, “A schedule for the ongoing inspection

and maintenance by the landowner of all permanent stormwater management measures **after** completion of construction” must be provided to the town in paper and in electronic format.

- Please review our Zoning Regulations and Building Regulations for best practices regarding work in and around our lakes, ponds, rivers, streams or wetland areas. Depending on the scope of work, some projects may require certification of inspections and process of all land improvements during and after completion before certificate of occupancy can be issued.

I look forward to assisting all contractors and landowners in Newbury as we work together to achieve a positive, constructive and successful approach to any and all projects requiring a permit.

*John Greenwood  
Code Enforcement Officer*



*A snowy afternoon at the Newbury docks.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

## **Emergency Management**

### **Hazard Mitigation Plan**

In 2016 the Town of Newbury was awarded a grant from NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management to update the town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The state requires that each city and town have the following: a hazard mitigation plan that identifies natural and man-made hazards for large disasters facing the community; and, a plan to address the hazards. As part of the state requirement, the plan must be updated every five years. With the grant received in 2016, the town has hired a consultant to coordinate the process. Work on the update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan begins in early 2017, with completion expected by midyear.

### **Website Update**

During the year, the Newbury Selectboard received a proposal from the town's website hosting company, Virtual Town Hall, to do a major update to the town website [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org). Technology has changed dramatically during the ten years since the last upgrade. The new website is designed to be more user friendly for those who use computers, smart phones and other mobile devices. The look of the website will change slightly but the content will remain the same. Much of the work has been completed and the new website will be up and running by the end of the first quarter of 2017.

The Town of Newbury website received recognition from the NH League of Women Voters as one of the best voter information webpages of any city or town website in the state.

In 2016, Newbury started receiving online payments by credit card for taxes, auto registrations, and document requests, with dog licensing fees accepted in January 2017. The online payment vendor charges a small fee for each transaction, but this payment option saves residents from coming into the town office.

### **Facebook**

In addition to the website, community information is now provided on Facebook. The Town of Newbury as well as the library, police, fire, and recreation departments now have Facebook pages.

### **Code Red**

During 2016 the Code Red Emergency Notification system received a major upgrade. The system, formerly known as Reverse 911, provides telephone notification to residents if emergencies occur in the community. With the update, the system also provides notification by cellular phone, email, text and smart phone apps. Newbury also participates in the NH Alerts smartphone app that provides emergency weather and other information that is sent out by the State of New Hampshire.

*Wayne R. Whitford*  
*Emergency Management Director*

## Joint Loss Management Committee

The Town of Newbury Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) continues to meet on a bi-monthly basis. The committee, which is required of all employers by the NH Department of Labor, is made up of representatives from both management and laborers of all town departments. The committee meets to discuss worker injuries and the prevention of conditions that could result in employee injuries or injuries to members of the public.

In 2016, Property Liability Trust, the property and liability insurance provider for the town, ceased writing coverage and the Town was forced to find a new insurer. Insurance for municipalities is expensive and difficult to obtain with commercial insurers in the state. Coverage was obtained from Primex, a public entity insurer that had provided the town with coverage in the past. Considerable time and effort was required to provide the new insurer with information they needed to write the coverage. The Town of Newbury was approved for the insurer's Prime program, because of our good claim history, active safety committee, and focus by the town on the management of risk. The Prime program classification ensures an insurance cost savings to the town.

The JLMC is responsible for updating and maintaining the town's safety manual and periodically conducting loss control inspections of town facilities. A new policy on preventing slips, trips and falls by employees and the public on town property was implemented with the assistance of the town's insurer. Late in the year all town employees received on-line slip, trip and fall prevention awareness training.

During 2016 the committee coordinated the training of highway and fire department employees on safe traffic control procedures and will facilitate a CPR training class for town employees early in 2017.

*Wayne R. Whitford  
Chair*



*Inside our fire department on Tuesday night training.  
Photo Courtesy Wayne Whitford*

## Highway Department

There were 39 events from November 1, 2015 thru April 5, 2016 which required the Highway Department to plow and/or sand the roads using approximately 2,300 cubic yards (CY) of sand.

Along with our usual duties of snow removal, grading, culvert replacement, ditching, sweeping, and mowing, the Highway Department installed several hundred feet of underdrain on Mountain Road, along



*End of fall beginning of winter at the Fire Pond.  
Photo Courtesy Cal Prussman*

with ditching in preparation of paving. Mountain Road was reclaimed and paved from the bridge at Lake Solitude Trailhead to the Doctors Colony, which is approximately 5,468 feet. Our plan is to reclaim and pave the remainder of Mountain Road from Route 103 to the bridge at Lake Solitude. We will also be replacing the guardrails on the east side of the second and third bridges. The remainder of Southgate Road was resurfaced with 1,290 tons of gravel.

The new backhoe arrived in May and started with a good workout removing loose ledge along the cut on Mountain Road.

Several hundred feet of culverts were replaced on Mountain Road and at other locations in town. Again, we have the never-ending task of removing rocks from roads. We also started our crack sealing program doing approximately two miles of road.

Winter sand is still available at the old highway shed on Sutton Road for all town residents.

As always, my sincere thanks to the Newbury residents for all their support, the Highway Department staff for their continued hard work, the Selectboard, and the Town Office staff.

*Cal Prussman  
Highway Administrator*

## **Blodgett Wastewater Treatment Facility**

The Blodgett Landing Wastewater Treatment Plant had a good year in 2016. Ongoing testing for Ph nitrates and ammonia was conducted on a daily, weekly and monthly basis. Nitrate and ammonia levels remained steady throughout the year at the below-state-limit levels. State levels for both substances are 10 mg/l (10 milligrams per liter).

This year, the plant pumped out about 10,000 gallons of sludge from both Imhoff tanks. This is done to help keep a good activated sludge which helps break down the ammonia and nitrates.

I would like to thank Mary Thayer and the Highway Department for their continued assistance throughout the year.

I also want to thank all the residents of Blodgett Landing and the Town Administration for their continued support and assistance.

*Tim Mulder  
Chief Operator*



*Wildlife Encounters Program at the Library.  
Photo Courtesy Lea McBain*

## Health Officer

The continuing drought during 2016 affected many communities in the state resulting in water bans and a number of homeowners with well problems. Fortunately, Newbury was spared the water problems faced by many towns and the situation continues to be monitored by the health officer. One advantage to the dry weather conditions is the reduction in the mosquito population and the illnesses associated with mosquitos. The dry conditions were partially responsible for the restriction of swimming at beaches in the town on two occasions during the summer when state water quality testing identified high levels of contamination in the water.

The Newbury Health Officer continues to monitor public health issues throughout the state as a member of the board of the NH Health Officers Association and provides public health information through the town website, [www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org).

The Town of Newbury continues to be active as a part of the Regional Preparedness Coordinating Committee (formerly Greater Sullivan County Health Region Committee.) The committee brings area cities and towns together to train and prepare for public health related emergencies.

*Wayne R. Whitford  
Health Officer*



*Dance Arts Academy had everyone dancing in the rain on OHD.  
Photo Courtesy Hillary Foster*

## **Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice**

On behalf of the staff and volunteers of Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health and hospice services, personal care and community health programs in Newbury. Our mission is to provide care for individuals and families in home and community settings and enable people to stay in their homes for as long as possible. This goal is at the heart of all we do and is stronger than ever.

In 2016, we acquired the staff and services of Connecticut Valley Home Care, formerly a division of Valley Regional Health Care. This acquisition allows LSRVNA to further expand our service area and to serve an increasing number of residents who need our services. Even with this growth, our Board of Directors remains committed to serve those in need regardless of insurance coverage or financial circumstances.

I am proud to report that, for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2016, LSRVNA served Newbury in the following ways:

- Provided 2,178 hours of nursing, therapy and in-home supportive care to 54 residents.
- Provided free or reduced fee in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents. Visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 60% of visit costs).
- Provided hospice program visits to residents to enable them to spend their last days at home. Their families are provided 14 months of bereavement support and counseling after the death of their loved one, at no cost.
- Provided foot care, flu and blood pressure clinics to over 185 residents. Offered parent/child, bereavement and other support group programs as needed.

Our talented staff are dedicated not only to individual health and well-being, but also to fostering community support and involvement which, in turn, empowers residents to help their friends and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you, your loved ones or your town residents. Our vision to be the leading provider of home care services in the region, to be the best place to work and volunteer, and to remain an adaptive and enduring presence. These goals are only possible with support and confidence such as yours. Thank you.

*Jim Culhane*  
*President & CEO*

## New London Hospital

In 2016, New London Hospital (NLH) continued to offer a broad array of local health care services, serving 15 towns, including Newbury.

We were pleased to welcome the following new providers to our medical staff: Glen Anderson, CRNA; Megan Cassotto, CRNA; Jan Idzikowski, PA-C, Orthopaedics; Christopher Mazur, MD - Emergency Department; Sherri Mongeon, APRN - Geriatric Care; Shannon Schachtner, APRN - Family Medicine; Elaine Silverman, MD - Family Medicine; John Robb, MD - Cardiology; Benita Walton, MD - Psychiatry.

Services from Dartmouth-Hitchcock providers were added as needed to supplement the work of our NLH-employed providers. We also established a new partnership with University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine that designates NLH as a clinical campus for UNE medical students to complete their third-year clinical training.

Our new Newport Health Center opened on October 17 after a year-long construction upgrade. We are pleased to continue our 25-year history of serving patients in the Newport area. The new facility offers twice as much space as the old one and is a modern building designed for delivery of high quality primary and secondary care.

A public ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 29 was attended by nearly 200 guests. We offer ongoing thanks to 300 donors who contributed to our \$2.2 million capital campaign in support of this successful \$9 million project.

In June, we completed two years of intensive study of our William P. Clough Extended Care Center, with Board and management agreeing, regrettably, to close this 45-year service in response to ongoing annual losses of about \$1 million. All 31 residents with us at the time of the decision had relocated by early September. We were honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to care for hundreds in our community over the years in the Clough Center. We remain grateful to Clough staff who served our residents so well, many of whom transferred to other NLH positions.

The following appointments and recognitions were received by our organization and its leaders in 2016:

- Judy Cote, clinical coordinator for the Sports Medicine and Therapy Service department, was appointed by the Governor to the NH Board of Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators.
- Kieran Kays, vice president for Corporate Compliance and Risk Management, joined the Lake Sunapee Region VNA and Hospice Board of Directors.
- Susan Reeves, ED, RN and Board of Trustees Chair, was appointed by the NH Governor to a newly created commission on Health Care Workforce to address that employee shortage in our state.
- Nancy Collins, Volunteer Services Manager, was honored with the Team of Stars Award by the New England Association of Directors of Healthcare Volunteer Services.
- Jack Kirk, MD, was awarded the 2016 Medical Staff of the Year Award by the New Hampshire Hospital Association.
- Catherine Bardier of Newbury, Director of Wellness and Community Health, was elected to the Executive Committee of Dartmouth-Hitchcock's Partners for Community Wellness.
- NLH was awarded the "Most Wired" designation - for the fifth year in a row - by Health & Hospitals Networks.



*Newbury's Fire Boat.  
Photo Courtesy Wayne Whitford*

- NLH was recognized as a Fit-Friendly Worksite at the GOLD achievement level by the American Heart Association for making the health and wellness of employees a priority.

Throughout the year, we hosted many community and fundraising events, most notably:

- The 92nd annual Hospital Days celebration which brought nearly a full week of events to New London for the enjoyment of all in our region, concluding with the 33rd annual Triathlon.
- Our 13th Annual Golf Invitational which was held at Montcalm Golf Club in Enfield. Throughout its history, the tournament has raised about \$500,000 to directly support our mission.
- We held our 11th Annual Benefit fundraiser at the new Newport Health Center and the Newport Opera House (with *A Night at the Opera* theme), raising over \$34,000 in support of the Wellness Connection and \$15,000 for our Annual Fund.
- The third annual John H. Ohler, MD Community Health Lecture was presented at Colby-Sawyer College by Dr. Elizabeth A. Talbot, Infectious Disease Specialist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock, who spoke on *Infectious Disease Outbreaks, Epidemics and Pandemics*.

Additional significant happenings throughout the year included:

- A “live shooter” emergency preparedness drill with Colby-Sawyer College and the Town of New London Emergency Services.
- A new ambulance was acquired to provide continued high quality service to Newbury and other area communities by our NLH Ambulance Service.
- The ABC’s Childcare Center celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing services for both NLH employees and other community families.
- New leadership of *The Wellness Connection: For a Healthy Lake Sunapee Region* under Catherine Bardier, who rejoined NLH as Director of Wellness and Community Health. She is actively engaging businesses and organizations in New London and environs in a Wellness Coalition and an Employer Network.
- Chris Cundey, who joined the Board of Trustees in 2006, completed the maximum three-term tenure and the Board elected Mark Pitkin, President and CEO of Sugar River Bank, to a three-year term as a new Trustee.

We concluded fiscal year 2016 with an operating loss, partially offset by charitable gifts and investment income, resulting in a small overall loss.

We are grateful to all Newbury patients, families and guests who chose to receive care from us in 2016. As well, we are grateful to all our community volunteers who gave their precious time, donors who generously provided funding, our dedicated staff who always put patients first, and all others who supported our mission.

*Bruce P. King  
President and CEO*

**Community Action Program (CAP)  
Kearsarge Valley Area Center**

Services provided to Newbury residents in 2016:

**Emergency Food Pantries** provide up to five days of food for people facing a temporary food crisis. Value: \$5.00 per meal.

**Fuel Assistance** provides help with energy costs to income-eligible households during the prime heating season. Priority is given to the elderly and disabled.

**Electric Assistance** provides a specific tier of discount from 9% to 77% on electric bills for eligible households.

**Weatherization** is a program that improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households and includes furnace replacement, water heater replacement, and roof repair.

**Neighbor Helping Neighbor** provides emergency energy assistance up to \$300 for those not eligible for fuel assistance.

**Security Deposit Guarantee Program** provides a landlord a guarantee backed by state funds that the required security will be paid in the event of default by the tenant.

**Information and Referral** services cover utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns.

<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Units of Service</b>	<b>Households/ Persons</b>	<b>Value</b>
Emergency Food Pantries	Meals 540	Persons 116	\$ 2,700.00
Fuel Assistance	Applications 44	Persons 103	\$36,210.00
Electric Assistance		Households 42	\$22,386.87
Weatherization	Homes 0	Persons 0	\$0
Neighbor Helping Neighbor	Grants 0		\$0
Security Deposit Guarantee Program		Households 0	\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$61,296.87</b>

*Erin Reed  
Area Director*

## Family Services

2016 was a very busy year for Family Services. Eight families requested help and met the Newbury Welfare Guidelines to receive aid. Assistance is requested for a variety of reasons, but the most frequent are to prevent eviction, to deal with threats of disconnects for electricity, and lack of heat. The families that received help this year had one thing in common; deep gratitude to the town for the help they received when they desperately needed it. Three of the families who have been helped in the past (and are doing better now) called to ask what they could do to help others this year.

Thank you to all who donated coats and winter clothing. It was a joy to see families leave Town Hall on a cold wintery night in December with winter coats for their families.

I don't mind saying that I was more than a little concerned when I realized that 66 food baskets were needed this year. Through the generosity of Newbury residents, the South Newbury Union Church was able to distribute 66 generous holiday baskets and include a Market Basket gift card with them! The compassionate, hard-working, and dedicated volunteers from the South Newbury Union Church are to be commended for shopping, setting up the 66 baskets, and distributing them.

This year was the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Christmas "Giving Tree" at the Town Hall. I would be remiss if I did not mention Santa's elves (two wonderful ladies and their husbands), who collected the gifts and made sure no child was overlooked - not an easy task. Many parents were overwhelmed with emotion as they received a bag of goodies for their children. Thank you to all who made a child's wish come true on Christmas morning.

Additional thanks goes to the Mount Sunapee Resort for their "Care and Share Day" at the mountain. Another "thank you" goes to the Newbury branch of the Lake Sunapee Bank and to private individuals for collecting and donating items for the food bank.

I was overwhelmed at the many phone calls that I received from individuals, families, organizations, clubs and committees interested in volunteering and donating time, money, food, trees and holiday presents for those families in Newbury with a need.

Community support for Newbury residents in need remains strong. For the past eight years, Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Program provides a food pantry to the residents of Newbury and 10 other surrounding towns. The food pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London. This year, 82 Newbury households benefited from this food pantry. The KLS Community Program outreach also includes a school nurse program and other aid for families throughout the year.

New Englanders are proud people and find it difficult to ask for help. If anyone knows of a situation where someone is in need, please call the Newbury Town Office and leave a message for me.

There is no doubt about it, Newbury residents excel in compassion and generosity. People giving, volunteering, and helping others get through unanticipated challenges is what Newbury is all about. I am very proud to be part of this community and thank you all for your help and support throughout the year.

*Gail Bostic*  
*Family Services Director*

## **Kearsarge Area Council on Aging**

By most measures, the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA), both through the Chapin Senior Center and its satellite program spaces throughout the region, remains at the forefront of community-based service to active older adults. COA values its role as a community convener, leader and centerpiece of senior services through its optimistic and positive approach to aging.

2016 was a transformational year for the COA as it met the needs of seniors who reside in the 329.3 square miles of largely rural communities served by COA. During the year, COA strengthened its community engagement, expanded its services within its traditional nine area communities, and began laying the framework for meeting the emerging needs of the seniors it serves.

This year, COA's trustees initiated a nationwide search for a new executive director and welcomed the appointment of Kelley Keith, BA, MS, as its new executive director. Kelly and her team rededicated COA's promise to its members: **To continually provide a positive, uplifting and healthy social, physical, and educational environment at the Chapin Senior Center and the nine area communities it is proud and honored to serve.**

Additionally, COA launched a new website, [coachapincenter.org](http://coachapincenter.org), and began a social media campaign to keep its members engaged and informed. COA leaders also entered into discussions with like-minded community groups to explore ways to further partner and collaborate. In November, trustees and staff leaders began a comprehensive, year-long strategic planning process that will open up dialogue with area stakeholders about the rapidly shifting demographic, health, and economic landscape, and how these shifts will affect positive aging in the greater Kearsarge area.

COA's metrics were impressive in 2015. COA provided 60 programs, services and activities on a hyper lean budget of \$200,000. A total of 263 volunteers gave 8,600 hours to provide guidance as trustees, front desk and data entry help, and community services. COA's Transportation Program once again told an impressive story of the impact of COA volunteers: 69 volunteer drivers provided needed transportation to 69 members and logged more than 34,000 miles in 2015.

COA is very grateful for its town partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, and staff in helping to provide support that, hopefully, leads to high levels of health and well-being for its senior neighbors.

*Kelley Keith*  
*Executive Director*



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue  
Administration

**2016**  
**\$16.05**

Municipality-Approved Tax  
Rate  
*Tax Rate not Finalized*

## Tax Rate Breakdown Newbury

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$2,764,690	\$724,274,038	<b>\$3.82</b>
County	\$2,059,915	\$724,274,038	<b>\$2.84</b>
Local Education	\$4,973,074	\$724,274,038	<b>\$6.87</b>
State Education	\$1,815,117	\$719,590,538	<b>\$2.52</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,612,796</b>		<b>\$16.05</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Lake Todd Village	\$25,158	\$16,024,343	<b>\$1.57</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,158</b>		<b>\$1.57</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$11,612,796
War Service Credits	(\$73,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$25,158
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$11,564,954</b>

## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,314,707	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,611,519)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$70,000)
War Service Credits	\$73,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$58,502	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,764,690</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$2,059,915	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,059,915</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$6,792,072	
Net Education Grant		(\$3,881)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,815,117)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$4,973,074</b>	
State Education Tax	\$1,815,117	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,815,117</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$724,274,038	\$707,242,507
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$719,590,538	\$702,242,507

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
Lake Todd Village	\$16,024,343

**Town Warrant  
State of New Hampshire – 2017**

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 11:00 a.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newbury in the County of Merrimack in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Office Building in said Newbury on Tuesday, the fourteen (14) day of March, next at eleven of the clock in the morning, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

To vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 1:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 1 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend the definition of Wetland in **ARTICLE 2** to delete lakes, ponds and streams from the definition to be consistent with the state definition and to delete lakes, ponds and streams from the overlay district boundaries by deleting **ARTICLE 8.3.2**.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The primary purpose of this amendment is to delete lakes, ponds and streams from the definition and boundaries of wetlands in the Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with the state definition of a wetland (RSA 482-A:2, X). Lakes, ponds and streams are regulated by the Newbury Shoreland Overlay District and the NH Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (RSA 483-B).

**PLANNING BOARD PROPOSED AMENDMENT NO. 2:**

The *Planning Board's Amendment No. 2 to the Zoning Ordinance* proposes to amend the accessory apartment regulations in **ARTICLES 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7** primarily in order to make Newbury's accessory apartment regulations consistent with the provisions of the new state law on accessory dwelling units (RSA 674:71 and 72).

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**RATIONALE:**

The purpose of this amendment is to revise Newbury's existing regulations on Accessory Apartments in the Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with the minimum provisions of RSA 674:71 and 72, the new state law pertaining to accessory dwelling units.

The Town shall recess the business portion of the meeting until Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge – second floor – off Route 103 in Newbury.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,910,177 for general operations:

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2017</b>
Executive	\$215,985	8,526	\$224,511
Elections	10,992	-5,521	5,471
Financial Administration	551,681	39,826	591,507
Legal Expenses	23,000	0	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,200	0	5,200
Planning	87,922	-18,652	69,270
Zoning	17,660	561	18,221
General Government Buildings	66,165	1,720	67,885
Cemeteries	23,875	150	24,025
Insurance	79,013	4,500	83,513
Other General Government	14,000	-500	13,500
Police Department	501,182	18,634	519,816
Fire Department	210,444	4,339	214,783
Forest Fire	1,080	12	1,092
Code Enforcement	42,677	-1,507	41,170
Emergency Management	6,917	0	6,917
Highway Maintenance	697,574	24,680	722,254
Highway Reconstruction	225,000	0	225,000
Street Lighting	13,000	-6,000	7,000
Transfer Station	310,073	10,638	320,711
Health Agencies	51,362	15,070	66,432
Welfare	22,769	500	23,269
Information Booth	7,195	375	7,570
Parks and Recreation	108,218	1,862	110,080
Library	174,524	23,880	198,404
Conservation Commission	3,457	6	3,463
Historical Society	1,000	0	1,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Sewer Department	276,318	3,643	279,961
Bond/Note Principal	0	0	0
Bond/Note Interest	0	0	0
Safety Communication Services	36,353	-1,301	35,052
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,784,736</b>	<b>125,441</b>	<b>\$3,910,177</b>

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

FIRE EQUIPMENT	\$ 100,000
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	\$ 100,000
RECREATION FACILITIES	\$ 11,000

4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

DOCKS	\$ 12,000
TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 6,000
TOWN BUILDINGS	\$ 20,000
MILFOIL CONTROL	\$ 5,000
FD PERSONAL PROTECTION	\$ 10,000
PAVING	\$ 75,000

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,952 for the purchase of a 2017 Police Ford Explorer utility interceptor and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in or selling by public auction, minimum expected \$4,000, the existing Police 2011 Ford Taurus. The balance to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 to be added to the Cemetery Maintenance Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$47,125 for repairs and renovations to the second and third bridges on Mountain Road. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to fund a facilitator to guide discussion amongst the residents in the community for new safety services facilities. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to hire an architect to consider a building expansion for the library. (Majority vote required) (Recommended by the Selectboard)

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Planning Board to require preliminary review of "Site Plans" in accordance with RSA 674:43, I, and to make it the duty of the Town Clerk to file a certificate of notice with Merrimack County Registry of Deeds showing the date the Planning Board has been authorized in accordance with RSA 674:43, II.

11. To see if the Town will vote to grant an easement to South Newbury Union Church for the sum of \$1.00 and authorize the Selectboard to enter into this agreement. The easement will be for parking only and is located on map/lot # 043-408-162. The easement will be two portions of land approximately 8780 square feet. The first portion is 3180 square feet and is located at the north corner of the lot near the intersection of Village and Sutton Road. The second portion is 5600 square feet and is located east of the east border of the South Newbury Union Church.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

**Newbury Selectboard**

\_\_\_\_\_ Edward Thorson, Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ Russell Smith  
\_\_\_\_\_ Joy Nowell

February 21, 2017 Date Posted

**Budget and Comparative Statement of Expenditures  
for  
The Town of Newbury, NH  
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year  
January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u>
<b>RSA 32:3v</b>			
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive	215,985	213,078	224,511
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	10,992	11,736	5,471
Financial Administration	551,681	551,435	591,507
Legal Expenses	23,000	12,859	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,200	4,030	5,200
Planning	87,922	68,241	69,270
Zoning	17,660	13,478	18,221
General Government Buildings	66,165	64,993	67,885
Cemeteries	23,875	20,634	24,025
Insurance	79,013	58,293	83,513
Other General Government	14,000	13,958	13,500
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police Department	501,182	474,999	519,816
Fire Department	211,524	193,052	215,875
Code Enforcement & Inspection	42,677	34,345	41,170
Emergency Management	6,917	6,146	6,917
Safety Communications Services	36,353	32,410	35,052
<b>Highway</b>			
Administration/Maintenance/Constr.	922,574	818,472	947,254
Street Lighting	13,000	23,595	7,000
<b>Sanitation</b>			
Solid Waste Collection	167,573	156,300	176,911
Solid Waste Disposal	122,600	105,614	119,600
Solid Waste Recycling	19,900	26,384	24,200
<b>Health</b>			
Health/Community/School Programs	51,362	51,362	66,432
<b>Welfare</b>			
Administration & Direct Assistance	22,769	10,911	23,269
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>			
Parks & Recreation	108,218	103,957	110,080
Library	174,524	174,266	198,404
Other	8,195	7,681	8,570

<u>Purpose of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriations Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Actual Expenditures Prior Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Appropriations Ensuing Fiscal Year</u>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>			
Administration & Operations	3,457	3,217	3,463
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal: Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Interest: Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Interest: Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Bond Issuance Costs	0	0	0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>			
Land	0	0	0
Improvements – bridges and study	0	0	62,125
Machinery/Vehicles /Equipment	178,971	130,403	33,952
Buildings	12,000	10,752	50,000
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>			
To Special Revenue Fund	276,318	276,318	279,961
To Capital Reserve Fund	211,000	211,000	211,000
To Expendable Trust Funds	128,000	128,000	128,800
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>4,314,707</b>	<b>4,011,919</b>	<b>4,396,054</b>

## Revenue

<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>2016 Revenue Estimate</u>	<u>2016 Actual Revenue</u>	<u>2017 Revenue Estimate</u>
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Taxes	16,000	56,895	20,000
Yield Taxes	10,000	10,634	15,000
Payment In Lieu Of Taxes	26,000	27,431	26,000
Other Taxes	9,000	9,622	9,500
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	80,000	83,807	85,000
Excavation Activity Tax	500	117	500
<b>Licenses/Permits &amp; Fees</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,000	1,036	1,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	480,000	481,947	500,000
Building Permits	26,000	29,423	30,000
Other Licenses/Permits & Fees	5,000	6,378	5,000
<b>From State</b>			
Shared Revenue	0	0	0
Meals & Room Tax Distribution	110,917	110,917	115,000
Highway Block Grant	116,848	116,848	120,000
Forest Land Reimbursement	436	436	500
Other			
From Other Governments	206,000	201,687	225,000
<b>Charges For Services</b>			
Income From Departments	80,000	50,176	80,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Municipal Property	42,000	44,870	10,000
Interest on Investments	3,000	5,034	7,000
Other	6,000	7,566	6,000
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
Special Revenue Funds	276,318	270,528	279,961
Capital Reserve Funds	116,500	113,510	0
Cemetery	0	0	0
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Long Term Bonds & Notes	0	0	0
Surplus	70,000	70,000	120,800
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	<b>1,681,519</b>	<b>1,698,862</b>	<b>1,656,261</b>

	<b>Year 2017 w/ articles</b>	<b>Year 2016 w/ articles</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	4,396,054	4,314,707
<b>LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	1,656,261	1,681,519
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	2,739,793	2,633,188
<b>ADD OVERLAY</b>	40,000	58,502
<b>ADD WAR SERVICE CREDITS</b>	73,000	73,000
 <b>AMOUNT OF TAXES TO RAISES</b>	 2,852,793	 2,764,690
 <b>LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION</b>	 734,274,038	 724,274,038
<b>PROJECTED TOWN TAX RATE</b>	\$3.89	\$3.82
<b>TAX RATE % CHANGE</b>	1.78%	

# New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

## Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule

Print Date: 11/3/2016  
 Total Disbursed: 307,807  
 Interest rate: 0.9520%  
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%  
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury  
 Project Number: 229-01

Ref Num	Due Date	Date Received	Beginning Balance	Principal Payment	Interest Payment	Interest Rate %	Administrative Fees	Total Payment	Ending Balance
Adj1	2/1/2008	1/18/2008	0.00	0.00	1,627.92	0.0000	0.00	0.00	0.00
220951	1/1/2009	12/29/2008	307,807.03	0.00	3,078.07	1.0000	0.00	3,078.07	307,807.03
221051	1/1/2010	12/29/2009	307,807.03	0.00	3,078.07	1.0000	0.00	3,078.07	307,807.03
221156	1/1/2011	1/7/2011	307,807.03	15,390.35	2,930.32	0.9520	6,156.14	24,476.81	292,416.68
221288	1/1/2012	1/6/2012	292,416.68	15,390.35	2,783.81	0.9520	5,848.33	24,022.49	277,026.33
221438	1/1/2013	1/4/2013	277,026.33	15,390.35	2,637.29	0.9520	5,540.53	23,568.17	261,635.98
221607	1/1/2014	1/13/2014	261,635.98	15,390.35	2,490.77	0.9520	5,232.72	23,113.84	246,245.63
221750	1/1/2015	1/8/2015	246,245.63	15,390.35	2,344.26	0.9520	4,924.91	22,659.52	230,855.28
221910	1/1/2016	2/5/2016	230,855.28	15,390.35	2,197.74	0.9520	4,617.11	22,205.20	215,464.93
9	1/1/2017		215,464.93	15,390.35	2,051.23	0.9520	4,309.30	21,750.88	200,074.58
10	1/1/2018		200,074.58	15,390.35	1,904.71	0.9520	4,001.49	21,296.55	184,684.23
11	1/1/2019		184,684.23	15,390.35	1,758.19	0.9520	3,693.68	20,842.22	169,293.88
12	1/1/2020		169,293.88	15,390.35	1,611.68	0.9520	3,385.88	20,387.91	153,903.53
13	1/1/2021		153,903.53	15,390.35	1,465.16	0.9520	3,078.07	19,933.58	138,513.18
14	1/1/2022		138,513.18	15,390.35	1,318.65	0.9520	2,770.26	19,479.26	123,122.83
15	1/1/2023		123,122.83	15,390.35	1,172.13	0.9520	2,462.46	19,024.94	107,732.48
16	1/1/2024		107,732.48	15,390.35	1,025.61	0.9520	2,154.65	18,570.61	92,342.13
17	1/1/2025		92,342.13	15,390.35	879.10	0.9520	1,846.84	18,116.29	76,951.78
18	1/1/2026		76,951.78	15,390.35	732.58	0.9520	1,539.04	17,661.97	61,561.43
19	1/1/2027		61,561.43	15,390.35	586.06	0.9520	1,231.23	17,207.64	46,171.08
20	1/1/2028		46,171.08	15,390.35	439.55	0.9520	923.42	16,753.32	30,780.73
21	1/1/2029		30,780.73	15,390.35	293.03	0.9520	615.61	16,298.99	15,390.38
22	1/1/2030		15,390.38	15,390.38	146.52	0.9520	307.81	15,844.71	0.00
				<b>307,807.03</b>	<b>38,552.45</b>		<b>64,639.48</b>	<b>409,371.04</b>	

# New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

## Clean Water SRF Loan Schedule

Print Date: 11/3/2016  
 Total Disbursed: 2,729,898  
 Interest rate: 0.7200%  
 Administrative Fee: 2.0000%  
 Term: 20 Years

Borrower: Newbury  
 Project Number: 333229-02

Ref Num	Due Date	Date Received	Beginning Balance	Principal Payment	Principal Forgiven	Interest Payment	Interest Rate %	Administrative Fees	Total Payment	Ending Balance	
1	6/1/2011	12/29/2010	2,472,605.16	0.00	0.00	5,131.87	0.0100	0.00	5,131.87	2,472,605.16	
2	6/1/2012	12/19/2012	2,607,028.30	0.00	0.00	54,495.76	0.7200	36,110.75	90,606.51	2,607,028.30	
221487	6/1/2013	6/12/2013	2,729,898.06	70,919.40	1,364,949.03	309.09	0.7200	16,888.40	88,116.89	1,294,029.63	
221650	6/1/2014	5/23/2014	1,294,029.63	52,919.29	0.00	9,317.01	0.7200	25,880.59	88,116.89	1,241,110.34	
221799	6/1/2015	6/2/2015	1,241,110.34	54,358.69	0.00	8,935.99	0.7200	24,822.21	88,116.89	1,186,751.65	
221956	6/1/2016	6/7/2016	1,186,751.65	55,837.25	0.00	8,544.61	0.7200	23,735.03	88,116.89	1,130,914.40	
7	6/1/2017		1,130,914.40	57,356.02	0.00	8,142.58	0.7200	22,618.29	88,116.89	1,073,558.38	
8	6/1/2018		1,073,558.38	58,916.10	0.00	7,729.62	0.7200	21,471.17	88,116.89	1,014,642.28	
9	6/1/2019		1,014,642.28	60,518.62	0.00	7,305.42	0.7200	20,292.85	88,116.89	954,123.66	
10	6/1/2020		954,123.66	62,164.73	0.00	6,869.69	0.7200	19,082.47	88,116.89	891,958.93	
11	6/1/2021		891,958.93	63,855.61	0.00	6,422.10	0.7200	17,839.18	88,116.89	828,103.32	
12	6/1/2022		828,103.32	65,592.48	0.00	5,962.34	0.7200	16,562.07	88,116.89	762,510.84	
13	6/1/2023		762,510.84	67,376.59	0.00	5,490.08	0.7200	15,250.22	88,116.89	695,134.25	
14	6/1/2024		695,134.25	69,209.23	0.00	5,004.97	0.7200	13,902.69	88,116.89	625,925.02	
15	6/1/2025		625,925.02	71,091.73	0.00	4,506.66	0.7200	12,518.50	88,116.89	554,833.29	
16	6/1/2026		554,833.29	73,025.42	0.00	3,994.80	0.7200	11,096.67	88,116.89	481,807.87	
17	6/1/2027		481,807.87	75,011.71	0.00	3,469.02	0.7200	9,636.16	88,116.89	406,796.16	
18	6/1/2028		406,796.16	77,052.04	0.00	2,928.93	0.7200	8,135.92	88,116.89	329,744.12	
19	6/1/2029		329,744.12	79,147.85	0.00	2,374.16	0.7200	6,594.88	88,116.89	250,596.27	
20	6/1/2030		250,596.27	81,300.67	0.00	1,804.29	0.7200	5,011.93	88,116.89	169,295.60	
21	6/1/2031		169,295.60	83,512.05	0.00	1,218.93	0.7200	3,385.91	88,116.89	85,783.55	
22	6/1/2032		85,783.55	85,783.55	0.00	617.64	0.7200	1,715.67	88,116.86	0.00	
									<b>1,364,949.03</b>	<b>1,364,949.03</b>	<b>332,551.56</b>
									<b>160,575.56</b>	<b>1,858,076.15</b>	

# GRZELAK AND COMPANY, P.C.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Newbury  
Newbury, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Newbury, as of December 31, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Emphasis of Matter**

### *Implementation of GASB Statement No. 68*

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2015, the Town of Newbury adopted new accounting guidance prescribed by GASB 68 for its pension plan – a multiple-employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit pension plan. Because GASB 68 implements new measurement criteria and reporting provisions, significant information has been added to the Government Wide Statements. The Statement of Net Position discloses the Town of Newbury's Net Pension Liability and some deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Town of Newbury's pension plan. The Statement of Activities discloses the adjustment to the Town of Newbury's Beginning Net Position. Our opinion is not modified with respect to the matter.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of funding progress for other postemployment benefits, schedule of the town's proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedule of town contributions on pages 7 through 22 and 57 through 66 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Newbury's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund financial statements, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Grzelak and Co., P.C.*

**GRZELAK & COMPANY, P.C., CPA's**

Laconia, New Hampshire

May 26, 2016

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

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The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, as "management" of the Town of Newbury (the "Town"), a local municipality located in the County of Merrimack, New Hampshire, submits this section of the Town's annual financial report in order to present our discussion and analysis of the Town's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2015. Our discussion and analysis is in accordance with the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34 (GASB 34). Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Town's total combined net position increased by \$64,238 or 1% between December 31, 2014 and 2015.
- The Town's total combined net position amounted to \$12,469,592 at December 31, 2015. Net position consisted of: \$11,267,994 net investment in capital assets; \$901,333 restricted for capital reserves; \$422,467 restricted for other nonmajor funds for purposes of each established fund; and an unrestricted net position of \$(122,202).
- The Town has a \$2,385,190 liability for long-term obligations that, under GASB 34, reduces net position. This does not mean that the Town has this entire payment requirement for next year; rather, only \$71,227 of these obligations is due to be paid during the year ended December 31, 2015.
- The Town's long-term liabilities, consisting of general obligation bonds and notes, compensated absence obligations, other postemployment obligations, and net pension liability increased by a net (additions less reductions) \$5,353 during the year ended December 31, 2015. The net increase consisted of \$94,056 in additions to the long-term liabilities and \$88,703 in current year reductions.
- During the year, the Town's expenses were \$64,238 less than the \$4,089,814 in revenues generated for charges for services, operating grants and contributions and general revenues (consisting of property taxes and local, state and federal grants and contributions not restricted to specific purposes).

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## CONDENSED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN AS A WHOLE Net position

Exhibit B-1 shows the composition of the Town's total combined net position, which increased between December 31, 2014 and 2015 by \$64,238 or 1% to \$12,469,592.

### Exhibit B-1 NET POSITION

	Governmental Activities		
	2014	2015	Change
<b>Assets</b>	(as restated)		
Current and other assets	\$ 4,520,802	\$ 5,206,588	\$ 685,786
Noncurrent assets	<u>13,067,412</u>	<u>12,685,602</u>	<u>(381,810)</u>
<b>Total assets</b>	17,588,214	17,892,190	303,976
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>31,693</u>	<u>43,500</u>	<u>11,807</u>
<b>Total deferred outflows of resources</b>	31,693	43,500	11,807
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	2,839,430	3,120,441	281,011
Noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,297,587</u>	<u>2,313,963</u>	<u>16,376</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	5,137,017	5,434,404	297,387
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>			
Deferred inflows of resources	<u>77,536</u>	<u>31,694</u>	<u>(45,842)</u>
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	77,536	31,694	(45,842)
<b>Net Position</b>			
Net investment in capital assets	11,561,101	11,267,994	(293,107)
Restricted	1,094,374	1,323,800	229,426
Unrestricted	<u>(250,121)</u>	<u>(122,202)</u>	<u>127,919</u>
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 12,405,354</u>	<u>\$ 12,469,592</u>	<u>\$ 64,238</u>

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A portion of the net position is either invested in capital assets or restricted as to the purposes they can be used for.

- The Town's investment in capital assets (land and land improvements, construction in progress, buildings, furniture and equipment and infrastructure, net of accumulated depreciation), net of related debt, is the largest component of the total combined net position.
- Restricted net position represents capital project, capital reserves and specific fund net asset amounts that are not available for discretionary spending.

Unrestricted net position is a negative of \$(122,202); it is the result of having resources that are less than liabilities.

## Change in Net position

The Town's total revenues were \$4,089,814 while total expenses were \$4,025,576, resulting in an increase in net position of \$64,238.

Exhibit B-2 shows that a significant portion of the Town's total revenues came from the following general revenue sources; 67.92% from property taxes, 11.67% from local sources and unrestricted fees and, 7.18% from State of New Hampshire source intergovernmental revenues primarily derived from state aid programs. Program revenues directly associated with a specific department accounted for the following percentages of total revenues, charges for services provided 9.09% of total revenues while operating grants and contributions provided 3.15% of total revenues.

### Exhibit B-2 SOURCES OF TOWN REVENUES

	Governmental Activities					
	2014		2015		Change	
<b>Program Revenues</b>						
Charges for services	\$ 550,666	13.83%	\$ 564,759	13.81%	\$ 14,093	2.56%
Operating grants and contributions	121,272	3.05%	128,808	3.15%	7,536	6.21%
<b>General Revenues</b>						
Property taxes	2,731,269	68.58%	2,777,638	67.92%	46,369	1.70%
Local sources	436,933	10.97%	477,480	11.67%	40,547	9.28%
State of New Hampshire sources	100,857	2.53%	100,794	2.46%	(63)	-0.06%
Other sources	41,470	1.04%	40,335	0.99%	(1,135)	-2.74%
	<u>\$ 3,982,467</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 4,089,814</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 107,347</u>	<u>2.70%</u>

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Exhibit B-3 shows that 23.69% of the Town's total expenses were for general government, public safety expenses accounted for 18.31% of total expenses, while 21.20% were for maintenance of highways and streets and 6.59% were for sanitation expenses.

## Exhibit B-3 TOWN EXPENSES

### Governmental Activities

Functions / Programs	2014		2015		Change	
General government	\$ 958,289	23.56%	\$ 953,758	23.69%	\$ (4,531)	-0.47%
Public safety	715,741	17.60%	737,032	18.31%	21,291	2.97%
Highways and streets	685,105	16.85%	853,504	21.20%	168,399	24.58%
Sanitation	438,203	10.77%	265,300	6.59%	(172,903)	-39.46%
Health	32,050	0.79%	38,588	0.96%	6,538	20.40%
Welfare	14,880	0.37%	9,790	0.24%	(5,090)	-34.21%
Culture and recreation	260,991	6.42%	310,968	7.72%	49,977	19.15%
Conservation	114,135	2.81%	11,110	0.28%	(103,025)	-90.27%
Debt service	38,460	0.95%	41,027	1.02%	2,567	6.67%
Capital outlay	61,317	1.51%	55,306	1.37%	(6,011)	-9.80%
Payments to other governments	2,034	0.05%	3,020	0.08%	986	48.48%
Other financing uses	42,137	1.04%	25,832	0.64%	(16,305)	-38.70%
<b>Unallocated</b>						
Depreciation	703,627	17.30%	720,341	17.89%	16,714	2.38%
	<u>\$ 4,066,969</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ 4,025,576</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$ (41,393)</u>	<u>-1.02%</u>

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## Governmental Activities

Exhibit B-4 presents the net cost of the Town's largest functions based upon the total expense, less charges for services and operating grants and contributions, of each function. The net cost reflects the amount that was funded by general revenues (principally property taxes and general state aid).

### Exhibit B-4 TOTAL AND NET COST OF SERVICES

	2014		2015	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
<b>Functions / Programs</b>				
General government	\$ 958,289	\$ 719,682	\$ 953,758	\$ 709,843
Public safety	715,741	707,352	737,032	724,862
Highways and streets	685,105	582,788	853,504	745,043
Sanitation	438,203	137,875	265,300	(25,628)
Health	32,050	32,050	38,588	38,588
Welfare	14,880	14,710	9,790	9,790
Culture and recreation	260,991	238,864	310,968	272,875
Conservation	114,135	114,135	11,110	11,110
Debt Service	38,460	38,460	41,027	41,027
Capital outlay	61,317	61,317	55,306	55,306
Payments to other governments	2,034	2,034	3,020	3,020
Other financing uses/nonoperating expenses	42,137	42,137	25,832	25,832
<b>Unallocated</b>				
Depreciation	703,627	703,627	720,341	720,341
	<u>\$ 4,066,969</u>	<u>\$ 3,395,031</u>	<u>\$ 4,025,576</u>	<u>\$ 3,332,009</u>

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The total cost of all governmental activities this year was \$4,025,576; the total net cost was \$3,332,009. The primary financing for these activities of the Town was as follows:

## Taxes

- The amount that was paid by taxpayers was \$2,641,690 from property taxes, \$26,740 from land use change taxes, \$7,699 from yield taxes, \$539 from excavation taxes, and \$9,281 from other taxes.
- Payments in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$27,431.
- Interest collected on delinquent taxes was \$82,225, while abatements charged against current year taxes were \$17,967.

## Local Sources

- Motor vehicle permit fees amounted to \$443,870.
- Other miscellaneous permits and fees amounted to \$33,610.

## State Sources

- Meals and rental tax distributions were received in the amount of \$100,794.

## Miscellaneous Revenues

- Sale of municipal property in the amount of \$20,780.
- Earnings on investments amounted to \$2,647.
- Other miscellaneous sources were received in the amount of \$16,908.

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## ANALYSIS OF BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE TOWN'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

### General Fund

The general fund balance increased \$360,922 during the year from a surplus balance of \$1,373,985 at December 31, 2014 to a \$1,734,907 fund balance at December 31, 2015. The December 31, 2015 fund balance consisted of \$901,333 restricted for capital reserves, and an unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$833,574.

Restricted expendable maintenance and capital reserve funds (established by voters at an annual Town meeting as trust funds in accordance with statutory requirements) are combined with the general fund in the basic financial statements. The capital reserve fund balances were \$901,333 at December 31, 2015. In accordance with statutory requirements they are held by the Trustees of Trust Funds and are only released for the restricted specific purposes of the individual funds.

### Nonmajor Governmental Funds

#### Library Fund

The library fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The library fund is used to account for contributions and donations managed by the Library Trustees.

#### Blodgett Sewer Fund

The sewer fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The sewer fund balance decreased \$37,710 during the year from a surplus balance of \$178,292 at December 31, 2014 to a balance of \$140,582 at December 31, 2015.

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## Recreation Revolving Fund

The recreation revolving fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The recreation fund was created by town meeting to account for program activities. The fund had a balance of \$10,039 at December 31, 2015.

## Conservation Fund

The conservation fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The conservation fund is financed from a portion of the land use change tax collections during the year. The conservation fund had a fund balance of \$90,303 at December 31, 2015.

## Beautification Committee Fund

The beautification fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The beautification fund is financed through local donations. The beautification fund had a fund balance of \$16,024 at December 31, 2015.

## Veteran's Memorial Fund

The Veteran's Memorial fund is classified as a special revenue fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Veteran's Memorial fund is used to account for donations to maintain the Veteran's Memorial. The balance in the fund as of December 31, 2015 was \$100.

## Blodgett Sewer Project Fund

The Blodgett sewer project fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Blodgett sewer project fund is used to account for the improvement of the wastewater treatment facility in the Blodgett area. The project was complete as of December 31, 2015.

## Hazard Mitigation Fund

The Hazard Mitigation fund is classified as a capital project fund and is aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The Hazard Mitigation fund is used to account for a grant to clean up hazardous sites.

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## Common Trust Funds

The common trust funds are classified as permanent funds and are aggregated in the category nonmajor governmental funds in the basic financial statements. The common trust funds balance at December 31, 2015 is comprised of \$99,274 of nonspendable endowments and \$25,078 of restricted fund balance for its intended purpose.

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## CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At December 31, 2015, the Town had invested \$12,685,602 (\$28,606,682 at cost or estimated cost less accumulated depreciation of \$15,921,080) in a broad range of capital assets, including land and land improvements, infrastructure, buildings, vehicles and furniture and equipment as summarized in Exhibit C-1.

This amount represents a net decrease of 2.92% from the prior year. This year major additions are also summarized in Exhibit C-1.

### Exhibit C-1 NET CAPITAL ASSETS AND MAJOR ADDITIONS

	Governmental Activities		
Net Capital Assets	2014	2015	Change
Land and improvements	\$ 6,590,998	\$ 6,595,796	0.07%
Construction in progress	8,229	8,229	0.00%
Infrastructure	14,074,469	14,239,452	1.17%
Buildings	3,623,583	3,631,292	0.21%
Vehicles	2,214,724	2,097,374	-5.30%
Machinery and equipment	1,754,588	1,881,388	7.23%
Technology equipment	149,285	153,151	2.59%
<b>Capital assets, at cost</b>	28,415,876	28,606,682	0.67%
Accumulated depreciation	(15,348,464)	(15,921,080)	-3.73%
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	\$ 13,067,412	\$ 12,685,602	-2.92%
<b>Increase in Capital Assets, Net</b>		\$ (381,810)	
<b>Changes</b>			
Land and improvement additions		\$ 4,798	
Infrastructure addition		164,983	
Building additions		7,709	
Vehicle purchases		30,375	
Machinery and equipment additions		126,800	
Technology additions		3,866	
Depreciation		(720,341)	
		\$ (381,810)	

More detailed information about the Town's capital assets is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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## Debt

At December 31, 2015, the Town had \$2,313,963 of long-term obligations (\$2,385,190 in total obligations less the current portion of \$71,227) as summarized in Exhibit C-2.

This amount represents a net increase of 0.71% over the prior year.

### Exhibit C-2 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-Term Liabilities	Governmental Activities		
	2014	2015	Change
	(as restated)		
General obligation bonds	\$ 1,487,357	\$ 1,417,608	-4.69%
Capital leases	18,954	-	-100.00%
Compensated absences	121,951	136,756	12.14%
OPEB obligations	145,593	179,629	23.38%
Net pension liability	605,982	651,197	7.46%
	2,379,837	2,385,190	0.22%
Less current portion	(82,250)	(71,227)	13.40%
	\$ 2,297,587	\$ 2,313,963	0.71%
<b>Net Change</b>		<b>\$ 16,376</b>	
<b>Changes</b>			
Principal payment on general obligation debt		\$ (69,749)	
Principal payment on capital leases		(18,954)	
Change in compensated absences		14,805	
Change in OPEB obligations		34,036	
Change in net pension liability		45,215	
Change in current portion		11,023	
		<b>\$ 16,376</b>	

State law (RSA 195:6II) limits the amount of general obligation debt that the Town may incur at any one time to 1.75% of the locally assessed valuation as equalized by the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. At December 31, 2015, the Town was significantly below its legal debt limit of approximately \$12,289,244.

More detailed information about the Town's long-term liabilities is presented in the notes to the basic financial statements.

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## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Town Administrator, Department Heads and the Selectmen considered many factors when submitting the 2016 budget to the municipal Budget Committee and the town voters.

These considerations included the following:

1. Local revenues are showing strong increases notably they include motor vehicle registrations and building permits.
2. The Select board's/Budget Committee's desire to keep the tax rate level and stable.
3. An appropriation of \$151,500 for a purchase of a Backhoe was authorized by town meeting but the source of revenue was the capital reserve and the existing Backhoe trade-in.
4. An appropriation of \$27,471 for a purchase of a Police Cruiser was authorized by town meeting from general taxation. Previously the town had been leasing cruisers but the board decided the town could save money by purchasing vehicles outright rather than incurring finance charges under a lease.
5. An appropriation of \$12,000 for audio/visual upgrades to the town office meeting room from general taxation.
6. Paving was increased by \$10,000 from the year before.
7. Funding was provided in the planning board budget to implement a master plan update.
8. The town did not pass an article for new safety service buildings, no decision at this time has been made as to the future implementation of this project.
9. The town continues to fund its capital reserves/expandable trust funds in the same manner as we have in the past.

## CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Town Administrator.

# TOWN OF NEWBURY

**Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2015**

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,158,859	\$ 11,206	\$ 3,170,065
Investments	902,613	332,716	1,235,329
Property taxes receivable	488,586	-	488,586
Land use taxes receivable	2,805	-	2,805
Timber taxes receivable	815	-	815
Tax liens receivable	206,652	-	206,652
Accounts receivable	69,904	31,448	101,352
Due from other funds	-	56,024	56,024
Prepays	750	-	750
Other assets	234	-	234
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,831,218</u>	<u>\$ 431,394</u>	<u>\$ 5,262,612</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 81,605	\$ -	\$ 81,605
Accrued expenses	2,195	-	2,195
Due to other governments	2,965,414	-	2,965,414
Due to other funds	47,097	8,927	56,024
Total liabilities	<u>3,096,311</u>	<u>8,927</u>	<u>3,105,238</u>
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable	-	99,274	99,274
Restricted	901,333	66,245	967,578
Committed	-	256,948	256,948
Assigned	-	-	-
Unassigned	833,574	-	833,574
Total fund balances	<u>1,734,907</u>	<u>422,467</u>	<u>2,157,374</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 4,831,218</u>	<u>\$ 431,394</u>	<u>\$ 5,262,612</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2015

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>			
Taxes	\$ 2,763,222	\$ 14,416	\$ 2,777,638
Licenses, permits and fees	477,480	-	477,480
State of NH sources	402,065	7,207	409,272
Charges for services	49,488	306,792	356,280
Miscellaneous revenues	56,754	9,743	66,497
Investment income	991	1,656	2,647
Total revenues	<u>3,750,000</u>	<u>339,814</u>	<u>4,089,814</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Current:			
General government	947,598	-	947,598
Public safety	751,865	-	751,865
Highways and streets	852,077	-	852,077
Sanitation	286,922	145,361	432,283
Health	38,588	-	38,588
Welfare	9,790	-	9,790
Culture and recreation	264,840	45,996	310,836
Conservation	9,196	1,914	11,110
Debt service:			
Principal	-	69,749	69,749
Interest	-	41,027	41,027
Capital outlay	223,889	-	223,889
Payments to other governments	3,020	-	3,020
Total expenditures	<u>3,387,785</u>	<u>304,047</u>	<u>3,691,832</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	362,215	35,767	397,982
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>			
Loss on investments	(1,293)	(2,937)	(4,230)
Transfers in	-	52,386	52,386
Transfers out	-	(52,386)	(52,386)
Net change in fund balances	360,922	32,830	393,752
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>1,373,985</u>	<u>389,637</u>	<u>1,763,622</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 1,734,907</u>	<u>\$ 422,467</u>	<u>\$ 2,157,374</u>

The accompanying notes to the basic financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
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## NOTE 6 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the Town for the year ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Governmental Activities (at cost)</b>				
<b>Capital assets not being depreciated:</b>				
Land and improvements	\$ 1,840,614	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,840,614
Construction in progress	8,229	-	-	8,229
	<u>1,848,843</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,848,843</u>
<b>Capital assets being depreciated:</b>				
Land improvements	4,750,384	4,798	-	4,755,182
Infrastructure	14,074,469	164,983	-	14,239,452
Buildings	3,623,583	7,709	-	3,631,292
Vehicles	2,182,085	30,375	147,725	2,064,735
Machinery and equipment	1,787,227	126,800	-	1,914,027
Technology equipment	149,285	3,866	-	153,151
	<u>26,567,033</u>	<u>338,531</u>	<u>147,725</u>	<u>26,757,839</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	584,362	163,441	-	747,803
Infrastructure	10,310,552	174,674	-	10,485,226
Buildings	1,647,305	126,293	-	1,773,598
Vehicles	1,161,303	140,177	147,725	1,153,755
Machinery and equipment	1,521,361	107,303	-	1,628,664
Technology equipment	123,581	8,453	-	132,034
Accumulated depreciation	<u>15,348,464</u>	<u>720,341</u>	<u>147,725</u>	<u>15,921,080</u>
Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>11,218,569</u>	<u>(381,810)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,836,759</u>
<b>Governmental activities capital assets, Net of accumulated depreciation</b>				
	<u>\$ 13,067,412</u>	<u>\$ (381,810)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 12,685,602</u>
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2015 (unallocated)				<u>\$ 720,341</u>

# TOWN OF NEWBURY

Notes to Basic Financial Statements  
December 31, 2015

## NOTE 7 - LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The Town can issue general obligation debt instruments to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital equipment, infrastructure and other facilities. General obligation debt instruments are "direct government obligations" and consequently are a pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Town is obligated under certain leases accounted for as capital leases. The leased assets are accounted for as capital assets and capital lease liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In the governmental fund financial statements the lease is recorded as an expenditure and other financing source in the year executed; annual lease payments are recorded as expenditures when paid. Other long-term obligations include compensated absences and early retirement obligations.

A summary of long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	General Obligation Debt	Capital Leases Obligations	Compensated Absences	OPEB Obligations	Net Pension Liability	Total
					(as restated)	
Beginning balance	\$ 1,487,357	\$ 18,954	\$ 121,951	\$ 145,593	\$ 605,982	\$ 2,379,837
Additions	-	-	14,805	34,036	45,215	94,056
Reductions	(69,749)	(18,954)	-	-	-	(88,703)
Ending balance	<u>1,417,608</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,756</u>	<u>179,629</u>	<u>651,197</u>	<u>2,385,190</u>
Current portion	71,227	-	-	-	-	71,227
Noncurrent portion	<u>1,346,381</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>136,756</u>	<u>179,629</u>	<u>651,197</u>	<u>2,313,963</u>
	<u>\$ 1,417,608</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 136,756</u>	<u>\$ 179,629</u>	<u>\$ 651,197</u>	<u>\$ 2,385,190</u>

Long-term liabilities outstanding at December 31, 2015 consisted of the following:

	Issue Year	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Original Amount of Issue	Balance Outstanding
<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>					
State Revolving Loan Proceeds	2010	0.86%	5/1/2031	\$ 1,315,860	\$ 1,186,751
Clean Water Revolving Loan	2011	0.952%	1/1/2030	307,807	<u>230,857</u>
					1,417,608
<u>Other Long-Term Obligations</u>					
Compensated absences					136,756
OPEB obligations					179,629
Net pension liability					<u>651,197</u>
					<u>967,582</u>
					<u>\$ 2,385,190</u>

# TOWN OF NEWBURY

## Notes to Basic Financial Statements December 31, 2015

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for general obligation debt are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$ 71,227	\$ 34,478	\$ 105,705
2017	72,746	32,812	105,558
2018	74,306	31,106	105,412
2019	75,909	29,356	105,265
2020	77,555	27,564	105,119
After	<u>1,045,865</u>	<u>173,502</u>	<u>1,219,367</u>
	<u>\$ 1,417,608</u>	<u>\$ 328,818</u>	<u>\$ 1,746,426</u>

**TOWN OF NEWBURY**

**Combining Balance Sheet - Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2015**

	Library Fund	Blodgett Sewer	Recreation Revolving Fund	Conservation Fund	Beautification Committee	Veterans Memorial Fund	Hazard Mitigation	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Assets</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,167	\$ -	\$ 10,039	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,206
Investments	-	118,061	-	90,303	-	-	-	124,352	332,716
Accounts receivable	-	31,448	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,448
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	16,024	100	39,900	-	56,024
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,167</b>	<b>\$ 149,509</b>	<b>\$ 10,039</b>	<b>\$ 90,303</b>	<b>\$ 16,024</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 39,900</b>	<b>\$ 124,352</b>	<b>\$ 431,394</b>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>									
<b>Liabilities:</b>									
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to other funds	-	8,927	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,927
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,927</b>
<b>Fund balances:</b>									
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,274	99,274
Restricted	1,167	-	-	-	-	100	39,900	25,078	66,245
Committed	-	140,582	10,039	90,303	16,024	-	-	-	256,948
Assigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>140,582</b>	<b>10,039</b>	<b>90,303</b>	<b>16,024</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>39,900</b>	<b>124,352</b>	<b>422,467</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>\$ 1,167</b>	<b>\$ 149,509</b>	<b>\$ 10,039</b>	<b>\$ 90,303</b>	<b>\$ 16,024</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>	<b>\$ 39,900</b>	<b>\$ 124,352</b>	<b>\$ 431,394</b>

**TOWN OF NEWBURY**

**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Year Ended December 31, 2015**

	Library Fund	Blodgett Sewer	Recreation Revolving Fund	Conservation Fund	Beautification Committee	Veterans Memorial Fund	Blodgett Sewer Project	Hazard Mitigation	Common Trust Funds	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<b>Revenues</b>										
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,416	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,416
State of NH sources	-	7,207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,207
Charges for services	-	263,520	24,953	-	18,319	-	-	-	-	306,792
Miscellaneous revenues	9,626	86	10	174	-	-	-	-	1,503	11,399
Interfund operating transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,386	-	-	52,386
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>9,626</u>	<u>270,813</u>	<u>24,963</u>	<u>14,590</u>	<u>18,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,386</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,503</u>	<u>392,200</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
Sanitation	-	145,361	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	145,361
Culture and recreation	9,239	-	19,549	-	17,208	-	-	-	-	45,996
Conservation	-	-	-	1,914	-	-	-	-	-	1,914
Debt service	-	110,776	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,776
Interfund operating transfers out	-	52,386	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,386
Other financing uses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,937	2,937
Total expenditures and other financing sources	<u>9,239</u>	<u>308,523</u>	<u>19,549</u>	<u>1,914</u>	<u>17,208</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,937</u>	<u>359,370</u>
Excess revenue and other financing sources over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	387	(37,710)	5,414	12,676	1,111	-	52,386	-	(1,434)	32,830
Fund balances - beginning of year	<u>780</u>	<u>178,292</u>	<u>4,625</u>	<u>77,627</u>	<u>14,913</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>(52,386)</u>	<u>39,900</u>	<u>125,786</u>	<u>389,637</u>
Fund balances - end of year	<u>\$ 1,167</u>	<u>\$ 140,582</u>	<u>\$ 10,039</u>	<u>\$ 90,303</u>	<u>\$ 16,024</u>	<u>\$ 100</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 39,900</u>	<u>\$ 124,352</u>	<u>\$ 422,467</u>

## **Newbury Conservation Commission**

The Newbury Conservation Commission (NCC) serves as an advisory commission to the Town Boards and community. We advocate ecological responsibility, advise on environmental issues, strive to educate, and uphold the town zoning regulations. NCC assists and supports landowners in creating conservation easements and land protection. We review and visit all applications and permits. NCC is committed to protecting water quality and land use throughout the town. We partner with Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASPLT), Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forest (SPNHF), and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES).

During 2016, the NCC conducted site reviews on the intents to cut (forestry) applications, tree cutting applications in the protected shorelands, and DES applications and permits. We also reviewed potential violations and attended educational workshops. We revised the “Tree Cutting Application in the Protected Shoreland” with the help of our Land Use Coordinator, Patricia Sweet-MacDonald and our Code Enforcement Officer, John Greenwood. Thank you!

NCC hosted a meeting in September 2016 for other association leaders from Chalk Pond, Lake Todd and LSPA. The goal was to share information and talk about individual and collective environmental concerns. The consensus of the meeting participants is a shared concern about storm water runoff (pollution) and erosion problems that are occurring which degrade water quality. We are planning a larger meeting in summer 2017 to include the members of these associations with hopes of strengthening knowledge and community spirit.

### **Newbury Applications and Permits for 2016**

#### **NH Department of Environmental Services**

- Wetland and Non-Site Specific Permit: 3
- Shoreland Impact Permit: 3
- Complete Forestry Notification: 1
- Division of Forest and Land: 1
- Letters of Deficiency: 2
- Letters for More Information: 2
- Restoration Plan: 1
- Standard Review Wetlands Board Permit: 1
- Permit by Notification (PBN): 2
- Violations: 1

#### **Town Of Newbury**

- Intent to Cut: 13
- Intent to Cut with a Cease and Desist: 1
- Shoreland Tree Cutting Permits: 30
- Violations: 3

### **Workshops Attended**

- New Hampshire Lakes Congress
- LSPA Annual Meeting
- Saving Special Places
- New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists
- New Hampshire Municipal Law Center

### **Affiliations & Collaborations**

- LSPA Watershed Committee
- ASPLT Outreach Committee
- Newbury’s Master Plan Committee

### **Topics of Concern**

#### **Agritourism**

NCC is following the current Agritourism Bill NH SB345, defined in RSA 21:34-a, 267:3 Agritourism, amend RSA 672:1, III-d. For more information go to <https://trackbill.com>.

### **Wild Goose Boat Launch Project/NH Fish & Game**

NCC continues to follow this project due to its severe environmental impact to the shoreland and water quality of Lake Sunapee. The Fish & Game project continues to overlook the Zoning Regulations in the Shoreland Overlay District. Two new DES Shoreland Permits have been issued and the project is slated to start in 2017.

### **The Fells**

Parking Lot Proposal: Due to our concerns for potential environmental and ecological impact, NCC does not support the conceptual/preliminary plans presented to the Newbury Planning Board to create a large parking lot containing 86 spaces. This project could have a devastating impact to Beech (Bartlett) Brook that flows directly into Lake Sunapee and could create overwhelming ecological complications by filling in a wetland. The future health of the fragile terrain and brook are at stake and there is no turning back once pollution hits the lake.

### **Bubblers/De-icers**

NCC has collaborated with LSPA to encourage lakefront property owners to install timers on their de-icers (bubblers) in Lake Sunapee. Devices that run 24/7 have a huge impact on the lake and curtail the enjoyment of winter activities by making the ice unsafe. Check out LSPA's flyer on bubbler care and etiquette. NCC plans to have a workshop in summer 2017 on Bubblers use. We will keep you posted. Remember, permits are required and can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

This past year we experienced several violations in the Protected Shoreland. This also applies to ponds and streams. Be responsible, know the regulations, and get proper permits. If you are wondering about your project, contact Patricia Sweet-MacDonald, Land Use Coordinator, John Greenwood, Code Enforcement Officer, or the NCC. We are all here to help.

The NCC is a group of dedicated individuals that care deeply for the environment here in Newbury and beyond. I would like to thank them for their dedication, vision, care and leadership. We also appreciate the support we received from the Selectboard and our recording secretary Donna Long.

If you have ever wondered what trees "feel" or how they "communicate", a new book called "The Hidden Life of Trees" by Peter Wohlleben is a fascinating read that weaves scientific data and spellbinding prose. You will never again look at trees in the same way! The book underscores an Albert Einstein quote: "We know one dimension and there are many more".

The NCC salutes all the residents of Newbury, and celebrates your growing knowledge to protect nature, and the importance of conservation. We invite you to join us at our monthly meeting, the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office. Please inquire at the Town Office if you would like to serve on the NCC. Thank you!

*Katheryn C. Holmes*  
*Chair*

Eric Unger, Vice Chair  
Sue Russell and Robert Stewart, Members  
William Annable and Deane Geddes, Alternates

## **Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust**

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the 12 towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Mt. Sunapee region. The region includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 139 projects and protected 11,117 acres – including 14 working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our scenic places, clean water, and outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of NH and our communities.

During 2016 Ausbon Sargent completed three projects representing just over 52 acres - one in Andover and two in New London.

Our website at Ausbon Sargent ([www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org)) indicates which of the land trust's protected properties have trails open to the public. These trails, many of which cross privately owned land, are open to hiking, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The website includes trail maps and driving directions. For more information on these newly conserved properties - and all of Ausbon Sargent's protected properties - please visit our website. Also, please be sure to "Like" us on Facebook!

Ausbon Sargent hosted numerous events in 2016 that are available for our members and the public to enjoy. Two of our ever-popular fundraising events were the Progressive Dinner in July and the Holiday Party in December. This year, we collaborated with the New London Barn Playhouse to host "Ausbon Sargent Night" and with the Center for the Arts to host an art auction that featured conserved Ausbon Sargent properties and other artwork reflecting the natural beauty of our surrounding area. These events raised funds for both organizations and we hope to repeat them in the future. The 5th Annual Kearsarge Klassic Bike Event, in conjunction with the NH Cycling Club, was held in the beginning of September with a record amount of participants. This event brings riders along routes that showcase Ausbon Sargent properties throughout the 12-town region.

We held workshops on the invasive Emerald Ash Borer insect, and how to support pollinators in the landscape. Hikes were offered in Sunapee, Andover, New London, Wilmot and Springfield. Our popular dragonfly walk was held in Sutton.

Ausbon Sargent is pleased to have over 200 volunteers providing year-round support for easement monitoring, committee assignments, and clerical work. We are especially grateful for those volunteers who monitor our conserved properties in Newbury which include the Bensley/Bassi property on Mountain Road, the Kidder Tract, the Ring Brook property, the Stoney Brook Project on Chalk Pond Road, the Levine/Vail property, and the Wolf Trust Easement on Route 103A. Each May we host a Volunteer Recognition Party in Sunapee as a "thank you: to these loyal and talented volunteers.

We are grateful to have so many giving members who provide financial support and countless hours of work which have assured our success. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, please do! There are many ways to get involved: become a conservation easement donor, support Ausbon Sargent financially, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation, and if you are not already, please consider becoming a member of Ausbon Sargent.

We would especially like to thank the Town of Newbury Conservation Commission for collaborating with Ausbon Sargent over the years to preserve and protect some wonderful properties.

*Deborah L. Stanley*  
*Executive Director*

**Board of Trustees**

Doug Lyon, Chairman  
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Sue Ellen Andrews, Operations Manager  
Kristy Heath, Development and Administrative Coordinator  
Patsy Steverson, Bookkeeper  
Peggy Hutter, Communications Coordinator

## Lake Sunapee Protective Association

2016 was another busy year for the Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA) with increased focus on water quality, watershed issues, environmental education, and aquatic science. LSPA continues to be the local “go-to” place for natural resource inquiries.

### Highlights of 2016

- LSPA's free environmental educational programs continue to serve the three local school districts (Kearsarge, Sunapee and Newport) as well as Mt. Royal Academy, Montessori, homeschoolers and a growing number of pre-schools in the area.
- In 2016, LSPA hosted nearly 270 5th graders for the 2nd annual *Watershed Discovery Day*, held at, and partially sponsored by, Mt. Sunapee Resort for a full day of water and watershed educational experience!
- Trout in the Classroom also continues to be a popular program. LSPA prepares aquarium tanks and chiller equipment, and supplies the trout eggs to participating classrooms. The students experience the transformation from eggs to young fish, and then release them into the local streams.
- LSPA's Floating Classroom, a new educational experience on the lake, and *Out and About Program* were great successes.
- LSPA's aquatic invasive species efforts have paid off. An invasive plant was spotted on an incoming boat at one of the Lake Sunapee boat ramps. LSPA continues to inspect over 5,000 boats each summer with its Lake Hosts. LSPA also has volunteers and staff who check the near shore areas of the lake to make sure there is no evidence of invasive species.
- LSPA's Watershed Committee continued to collaborate with the watershed towns, UVLSRPC and the state on the best ways to protect watershed resources. Compliance efforts are one of the best ways to ensure that Lake Sunapee and other lakes and ponds are pollution-free for the future.
- Love Your Lake Day and the Antique Boat Parade had many exhibits and attendees. The Summer Speaker series included invasive terrestrial plants, "Animals with Bad Reputations", loons (Thank you to Kittie Wilson), pollinators, how to protect shoreland and underwater “avalanches”.
- LSPA's Loon Committee, with advice from NH Loon Preservation Committee, kept a close eye on “Penny” the loon chick of 2016. The committee also maintains the loon nests, the markers, and buoys.
- LSPA's buoy and instrumentation continues to monitor the lake, and the water quality monitors and LSPA's Limnology Lab at Colby-Sawyer College continue to provide necessary data for long-term trends.
- Dr. Kathy Weathers, a long-time Sunapee family member and noted scientist, began a partial sabbatical year with LSPA, to summarize the past 10 years of aquatic scientific inquiry, and to advise LSPA on scientific directions for the future.
- LSPA was also selected to be a part of a National Science Foundation study on the relationship between humans and natural systems, such as lakes.



LSPA is a member-supported non-profit organization and we appreciate all our members, volunteers and the town of Newbury for their support!

*It's all about the water!*

*June Fichter  
Executive Director*

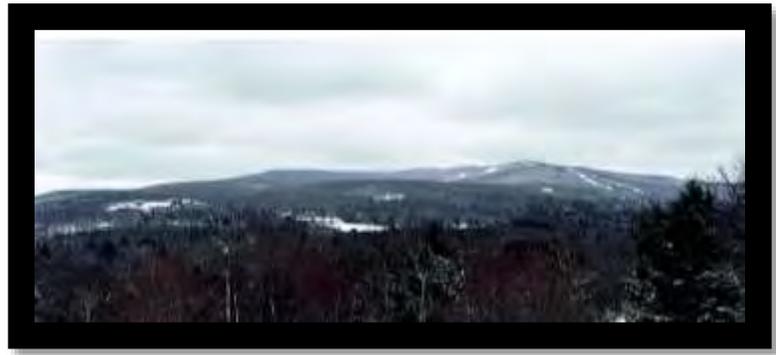
## The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway

The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition (SRKGC) was founded in 1993. It is an all volunteer, non-profit organization to promote hiking and land conservation. A 75-mile hiking trail forming a loop, known as the SRK Greenway, was built to link the most prominent peaks in the area – Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mount Kearsarge.

The SRK Greenway extends through ten towns and of the 75 miles, more than 11 miles pass through Newbury. Entering the east side of town on Haynes Road, the SRKG trail passes through Stoney Brook Wildlife Sanctuary to Chalk Pond, traverses to Bly Hill to the old Fisherfield settlement, then down Province Road to Newbury Harbor. The SRKG continues up the east flank of Mount Sunapee via the Newbury Trail, and from there, it continues up and over the summit and down to the old Province Road on the Goshen/Newbury town line via the Summit Trail.

Much of the trail passes through State and conservation land, but some private property is also incorporated. The entire trail system would not exist were it not for the generosity of many land owners who grant permission to pass over their property.

The SRK Greenway is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors which oversees trail maintenance work, a newsletter, our website [www.srkg.com](http://www.srkg.com), a trail guide book and map, a 3-season hiking schedule, and an annual meeting in March. There are two Town Director seats on the Greenway Board. One of the seats is held by Nathan Richer. If you are interested in volunteering for the other Newbury Director Seat contact Nathan at (603) 344-0287.



*View of Mount Sunapee from off Bay Point Road.  
Photo Courtesy Syd Bryk*

Hiking trails are an important feature of the region's tourism economy and an important benefit to the community. Preserving and maintaining a "green corridor" in Newbury and the surrounding towns has an enormous impact with its associated recreational, economic and health benefits. To improve awareness of hiking trails generally SRK Greenway representatives continually meet with several town boards, conservation commissions, and others including the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (ASLPT), SPNHF, the Mount Sunapee State Park Advisory Committee, the NH Trails Bureau and the Statewide Trails Advisory Committee.

Our website, [www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org), features maps of the entire Greenway, hike schedules and events, landowner information, membership details, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire. Come out and hike with us or explore the SRKG and all it has to offer!

*Nathan Richer  
Town Director*

## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission**

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLPRPC) provides professional planning assistance to municipal boards, inter-municipal planning guidance, liaison services between local and state/federal agencies, and assistance on development, public health, and environmental issues. The UVLSRPC has been serving 27 communities in Grafton, Sullivan and Merrimack counties since 1963.

In 2016, UVLSRPC Executive Director Nate Miller became the Transportation Planner at Southern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, and Senior Planner Mike McCrory joined the city of Claremont as their new City Planner. We appreciate their contributions and we do miss them.

Highlights of our work and accomplishments in 2016 include:

- Responded to more than 150 requests from our towns and cities for technical assistance.
- Provided five Household Hazardous Waste Collections that served approximately 1,000 households.
- Performed Community Readiness health assessments with Enfield, Lebanon and Newbury.
- Initiated a regional Brownfields identification, assessment, and remediation planning program.
- Trained local staff about environmentally responsible transfer station practices.
- Conducted 11 school chemical site evaluations.
- Updated local Hazard Mitigation Plans with Claremont, Cornish and Lebanon.
- Helped Unity, Washington and Claremont update their Local Emergency Operations Plans.
- Assisted efforts toward a Sullivan County Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.
- Began the 2019-2028 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan to identify and prioritize regional infrastructure improvements to be funded and constructed by NHDOT.
- Helped to identify transit and paratransit issues in Sullivan County, to restore needed mobility services, and to coordinate planning for improved public and human services transportation.
- Conducted more than 110 traffic counts across the region.
- Developed Acworth's Road Surface Management System.
- Led transit feasibility study along the I-89 corridor linking New London, Lebanon and Hanover.
- Assisted Lebanon, Hanover, and Advance Transit with public transit signal prioritization analysis.
- Helped Lebanon with funding requests for Route 120 pedestrian and bicycle improvements.
- Provided assistance to Enfield Shaker Village and Lake Sunapee Scenic Byway committees.
- Provided Circuit Rider planning staff assistance to Orford, Springfield, Claremont and Wilmot.
- Helped Unity, Springfield, Newport and Claremont to comply with new Accessory Dwelling law.
- Began the Wilmot Master Plan with completion of the Community Survey.
- Began the Transportation Chapter of Claremont's Master Plan, and resumed the city's Rail Trail study.
- Helped Planning Boards to evaluate Projects of Regional Impact.
- Provided administrative and staffing assistance to the Connecticut River Joint Commissions.

Please contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at [jedwards@uvlsrpc.org](mailto:jedwards@uvlsrpc.org), to share your thoughts and suggestions. It is a pleasure to serve the municipalities of this region. Thank you for your support over the decades.

*Jonathan Edwards  
Interim Director*

## Veterans Memorial Committee

Once again, a small band of Veterans and Veterans Associates fulfilled the 2016 objectives of the Newbury Veterans Committee. The Committee's principal goals are to bring a formal note of patriotism to the Town and to add to the warm fellowship that characterizes Newbury.

Committee members and associates provided Newbury with Memorial Day and Veterans Day commemorations, each followed by community-wide gatherings at Veterans Hall. The Memorial Day event was followed by a pancake breakfast, and the Veterans Day event by a chili-chowder luncheon. Several hundred people participated, two Newbury Veterans were given the wreath-laying honors, and dozens of children took photos, saluted, and thanked the Veterans for their service.

Other activities throughout the year included serving as the lead contingent in the Independence Day Parade held in South Newbury, staffing a veteran's tent on Old Home Day, gathering worn flags for honored disposal, contributing to the maintenance of the Veterans Memorial and Veterans Hall, and representing Newbury at local holiday observances.

By far, the most moving activity was handling the installation of bricks and pavers at the Veterans Memorial. For many, the Memorial site has come to serve as a resting place when actual cemeteries are miles away. Bricks and pavers are visited with solemnity, pressings are taken, and flowers are left.

The Newbury Veterans Committee thanks the Town of Newbury, its Administrator, and all Town Officials for their support and we acknowledge, in particular, the Veterans Associates for their many hands-on contributions. The Committee invites other Newbury Veterans to join our group. We are all Veteran brethren. We are pledged to serve Newbury as we honor the flag and our country. Our goal is to merit the words of our motto:

“Let me know when my days are through, America, America, I gave my best to you.”

*Bruce Barton  
Chair*



*The Veterans Committee receiving contributions from Bubba's and The Flying Goose.  
Photo Courtesy Maureen Rosen*

## Old Home Day

The weather wasn't perfect for this year's Old Home Day, but what an awesome day it was! Many residents and visitors came out to enjoy the day's activities and shows. This year was filled with many new events and we laughed, watched in awe, and cheered and sang at the jugglers, comedians, bicycle stunt riders, dancers, kissing puppies, giant tortoise, flying dogs and WWII jeeps. The craft fair was enjoyed by all as attendees wandered through town, taking in the art show, safety service display and book sale. Hardy souls took part in the morning hike and, even in the rain, children rode the train, climbed the rock wall, and tried the new baseball bounce house.

For people who wanted to entice their taste buds, our food trucks had something for everyone. Thank you to Marzelli Deli, Salt Hill Pub, Somerset Grille, Phenom Pen, and Boston Trolley Dogs.

The "reviews" of the day's events and experiences were consistent: Everyone who showed up raved about what a great day it was in spite of the rain. Fireworks were cancelled that night due to the weather and safety reasons. Instead, the Old Home Day Fireworks were held at the end of July and, once again, were spectacular – the best on Lake Sunapee!!

Old Home Day 2016 ended with an evening concert by Draw the Line - an Aerosmith tribute band - who rocked the harbor and gave everyone a reason to tap their foot.

We are looking forward to Old Home Day 2017 and bringing back some of our favorite 2016 shows and activities. Our thanks goes out to all who help make Newbury's Old Home Day the special event it is year after year.

*Pam Bryk  
Administrative Assistant*



*Crowds gathering on this perfect night for fireworks.  
Photo Courtesy Pam Bryk*

**TOWN OF NEWBURY, NH**  
**Annual Town Meeting**  
**March 8, 2016**

Moderator Marashio called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The ballot boxes were examined and confirmed to be empty.

**ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year and to vote on amendments to the existing zoning ordinance.**

Voting on Article 1 of the town warrant began.

The business portion of the meeting was recessed until Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge - second floor - off Route 103 in Newbury.

**Business Meeting - Wednesday March 9, 2016**

Moderator Marashio instructed voters to check in with ballot clerks to pick up voter cards and ballots. She called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Meeting protocol was explained and the officers elected and ballot results on March 8, 2016 were announced as follows:

Selectboard - 3 Years - Joy Nowell  
Moderator - 2 Years - Nancy Marashio  
Trustee of Trust Funds - 3 Years - Clayton E. Johnson, III  
Cemetery Trustee - 2 Years - Deane Geddes  
Cemetery Trustee - 3 Years - Paul Riley  
Library Trustee - 3 Years - Bradford Sherman  
Planning Board - 1 Year - Deane Geddes  
Planning Board - 3 Years - William Weiler  
Planning Board - 3 Years - Michael Beaton  
Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years - Harry G. Seidel  
Zoning Board of Adjustment - 3 Years - Nancy Marashio

Zoning Amendments Proposed by the Planning Board

Amendment No. 1 - Yes 345, No 97  
Amendment No. 2 - Yes 350, No 77  
Amendment No. 3 - Yes 313, No 110  
Amendment No. 4 - Yes 334, No 91  
Amendment No. 5 - Yes 344, No 75

Kearsarge Regional School District  
Moderator - 1 Year - Brackett L. Scheffy  
School Board Member - 2 Years - Thomas W. Vannatta  
Question 1 - A 258 (\*1706) B 130 (\*804)  
Question 2 - Yes 251 (\*1722) No 206 (\*1073)  
Question 3 - Yes 315 (\*2100) No 143 (\*714)

Question 4 - Yes 324 (\*2150) No 133 (\*668)  
\*District wide

Ed Thorson, Selectboard Member, thanked the Beautification Committee for another exceptional ham and bean dinner prior to the meeting. He also thanked the department heads and their employees for another year's job well done and for helping to keep the budget costs down.

Mr. Pavlicek read and presented a proclamation for Alice Lynn to Pam August, Alice's daughter, for all of Alice's service to the Town of Newbury and to express the Town's appreciation to a contributor and a volunteer who was always willing to go the extra mile.

Ms. August thanked the Town for recognizing Alice. She expressed Alice's love for the town and her life's moto to always try to do the right thing and be kind.

Mr. Thorson read and presented Liz Tentarelli with a proclamation in honor of all her years of dedication to the Newbury Public Library and the community, including the Girl Scouts and the League of Women Voters and for being a contributor and volunteer who is always willing to go the extra mile.

Ms. Tentarelli thanked the Selectboard and Towns' people and commended the people she volunteers with for all of their hard work, too.

Russ Smith, Selectboard Member, read and presented Tom Vannatta with a proclamation honoring all of his years of service and dedication to the Town as a member of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Budget Committee, Old Home Day Committee and the Kearsarge Regional School Board and for being a contributor and volunteer who is always willing to go the extra mile.

Mr. Vannatta accepted the proclamation on behalf of all of the committee members who serve on every board and committee.

Mr. Thorson and Mr. Smith read a proclamation in honor of Richard Wright for all of his years of service and dedication to the Town as a member of the Selectboard, School Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, being instrumental in the development of Fishersfield Park and the Veteran's Hall renovation and for being a contributor and volunteer who is always willing to go the extra mile.

Dan Wolf, recipient of a proclamation last year, thanked the Town for his award. Due to unforeseen circumstances, he was not able to attend the 2015 Town Meeting in person.

**ARTICLE 2 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000,000 for the design and construction and the original equipping of new fire and police buildings located behind the Veteran's Memorial and related site work, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,000,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), and to authorize the municipal officers to issue and**

**negotiate such bonds or notes, and to determine the rate of interest thereof. The Selectmen (2 to 1) recommend the appropriation. (2/3 ballot vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 2 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Ken Tentarelli, Chair of the study committee for this project, presented the committee's findings on need and location. He explained that this project has been talked about for many years due to the need for more adequate facilities, which is even greater now. A 2015 geotechnical study identified the best locations for safety services buildings built to current specifications and projected to serve the Town's future needs as well as existing needs for both the Fire Department and the Police Department. The site is laid out so that safety services traffic will not mix with the playground or the Veteran's Memorial. There is a savings of approximately \$200,000 if both buildings are built at the same time. The \$4,000,000 includes costs for site work, construction of two buildings, furnishings, architectural expenses, bond financing and a 10% contingency.

Mr. Tentarelli introduced Dennis Mires, Architectural Consultant, to answer more detailed questions.

Moderator Marashio opened the discussion for questions.

Scott Wheeler commented that there has not been any mention of the cost for removal of the existing safety services building.

Mr. Mires stated that there have been no definitive decisions regarding the existing safety services building.

Mr. Wheeler expressed concern that there is a common parking/entrance area to the proposed police department shared by the general public and the patrons of the police department.

Mr. Mires stated that there is an entrance in the rear of the police department that can also be used for police department business.

Diana Velie expressed concern for safety regarding the proposed water retention pond near the playground.

Mr. Mires explained that the water retention area will be a subsurface structure, so there will be no danger of children falling in.

Dan Wolf commented that the plans that are presented at this meeting are only a place to start the planning process. He pointed out that the other building projects in town have come in ahead of schedule and at or under budget.

June Fichter asked what the effect on the tax rate will be for this project and what is planned for the existing safety services building.

Mr. Wolf stated that there are no plans for the existing building. Whatever is proposed to be done must be approved at an annual town meeting at a later date.

Dennis Pavlicek explained the effect on the tax rate for this article for a 15-20 year note would be \$0.40 - \$0.55/\$1,000.00 of assessed value. i.e. \$40.00 - \$55.00 for every \$100,000.00 of assessed value. The bond payments would begin in 2017.

Joe Spaulding asked if there was a traffic study performed in relation to the location of the fire department. He expressed concern for the site distance and speed of traffic at the proposed location.

Mr. Wolf advised that a traffic study was done and those are some of the reasons the committee feels the Bald Sunapee property is safer than the existing location. The site visibility at the existing site is actually worse than what it would be at the proposed site.

Mr. Spaulding commented that the speed of traffic coming from the Center of town by the lake is by far slower than coming up over Ledge Hill at 50 mph. He suggested installing a traffic light at the existing site to mitigate the safety concerns at that location.

Bud Hogan commented that the site is known for its high water table. He stated that there should be two septic systems, one for waste and one for hazardous materials.

Mr. Mires commented that part of the geotechnical study was to make sure the septic issues could be handled on site. The flow is relatively modest, therefore the plans anticipate a shared septic located between the two buildings. The grades would be built up to facilitate drainage. All State criteria of water treatment and drainage will be addressed and satisfied.

Paul MacVittie commented that he appreciates that the facilities are crowded in the existing location and asked if the Committee considered moving just one of the departments and renovating the existing building to house the other.

Mr. Wolf explained that building codes have changed and it would be very difficult to make the existing building comply with today's State and Federal codes for either department. Safety Services Buildings are considered "essential buildings", therefore, the building codes are stricter.

Linda Powell commented that she does not see the need for a 50-person meeting room since there are other places available in Town that could be used, or the fire trucks could be rolled out of the fire house to make more open space. Additionally, 40+ gear racks for a 30-person department seems unnecessary especially when volunteers are hard to come by; and why does there need to be so many racks and bunk rooms when all of the fire department members live in Town.

Mr. Wolf explained that the gear should not be stored in the same area/room as the trucks due to diesel fumes and exhaust. Even though the building is designed to support 40 racks, that doesn't mean 40 racks and/or bunks need to be installed. This was just a preliminary plan prepared by the Building Committee so we would have a starting point.

Jim Valiquet asked where the water for the tankers and engines will be obtained.

Mr. Wolf explained that there is a sprinkler system with a cistern.

Mr. Valiquet stated that there is an existing hydrant in the existing fire house that can provide water as needed.

Chris Aldrich asked if there were any plans for radon mitigation.

Mr. Mires stated that radon levels have not been evaluated since water studies have not yet been done.

Cindy Peterson asked if the Town is at risk of getting fined if the existing building is not up to code.

Mr. Wolf stated that the Committee did not consider that scenario. The Committee looked at trucks being piggy-backed in the bays and the line of site for the Fire Department and privacy and security issues for the Police Department.

Elaine Eaton asked why the water supply hasn't been tested.

Mr. Wolf commented that until a well is drilled, the water supply can't be tested. If there is a radon problem, it can be treated if necessary.

Bob Wilkonski commented that this amount of money seems like a lot of money to house fire equipment.

Moderator Marashio opened the meeting to deliberation.

Jim Powell commented that he feels the Town is too early in the process to raise \$4,000,000.00 by taxation, especially for a pen and ink drawing. He proposed that since there is no plan for the existing Safety Services Building, then perhaps the Town would consider making it the Old Selectmen's Home.

Bob Lee, Police Chief, commented that the current Police Department was not designed to be a Police Department. The layout of the office space is not ideal for confidentiality of personnel and patrons. The Police Department is a 24/7 department which serves every household in town in one capacity or another. In 2005, the Bald Sunapee Property was purchased with intent of future use for municipal building expansion. Chief Lee commented that the reasons stated thus far for needing a new fire station do not justify spending \$3,000,000. 'Leaving a building more often than you used to should not qualify the need for a bigger building to leave more often from.' If the Bald Sunapee site was used for a new police station at 1/3 the cost, then the fire department could have all of the existing safety services building to mitigate its needs.

Mr. Wolf reminded the voters that in March 2005, the Selectboard deemed this proposed site necessary to purchase in order to accommodate municipal growth; and in 2007, the Selectboard stated that in their opinion, the Police and Fire Departments should be at the Bald Sunapee/Camacho property. The longer the Town waits to begin this project, the more it is going to cost.

Scott Hill suggested that a stop light be erected at either side of the existing Safety Services Building egress in order to solve the visibility issue in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Valiquet stated that in his experience from being a retired Newbury Police Chief and a past Newbury Fire Department member, leaving the fire station may be a problem since the new fire equipment is getting larger; consequently the newer pieces of equipment may not fit in the building. Also, he commented that when he was Police Chief in Newbury, there was an existing sally port with a booking room and breathalyzer in the back, away from the front foyer where the public may enter for informational purposes. He suggested the Town consider the old highway department building on the corner of Sutton Road and Route 103 for Fire Department equipment. It would be helpful to the South Newbury residents to have firefighting equipment closer.

Ms. Powell commented that 'It is o.k. not to be in debt'. Projects are not necessarily going to cost more if we wait.

Harry Seidel commented that 30+ years ago he suffered a broken neck as a result of a vehicle accident at the intersection in front of the existing safety services building. From an architect's perspective and expertise, real construction costs will increase. Many municipalities often go cheap and always regret it. Any new municipal building should be built to 'Essential Building' standards. Even though it is a lot of money now, it is never going to be any less. This building committee has worked hard and done good work.

Calvin Prussman, Highway Administrator, clarified that the Highway Department and Fire/Rescue Departments are also on duty 24/7.

Jim Myles asked if there were any estimates submitted by other architects other than this one for \$4,000,000.

Mr. Wolf stated that the Selectboard decided to work with Mr. Mires since they were pleased with the work he had done for the Town in the past. North Branch Construction was hired to give the estimates. If the voters decide to move forward with this article, then the work, architecture and engineering, building, site work, etc will all be put out to bid.

Patricia Sherman stated that she is a past member and a member of the current Building Committee. The Building Committee consists of two architects, two engineers, one self-employed construction proprietor, and one civil engineer. The Committee is a good committee with lots of experience and expertise. It is the Committee's opinion that the existing facility is unsafe for volunteers. One of the biggest problems for firefighters is exhaust and diesel fumes due to poor ventilation. This needs to be addressed. The Committee could not come in with a lower figure because it could not guarantee it.

**Bambi Davis made a motion to call the question. Motion was seconded. All in favor.**

Moderator Marashio opened the polls to vote on Article 2 by Yes/No ballot for one hour beginning at 8:50 p.m.

The meeting was briefly recessed to allow the majority of voters to cast their ballots. At 9:10 p.m., the resumption of the meeting, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ARTICLE 3 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,784,736 for general operations.**

<b>ANNUAL BUDGET</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>2016</b>
Executive	\$210,522	5,463	\$215,985
Elections	5,013	5,979	10,992
Financial Administration	529,534	22,147	551,681
Legal Expenses	23,000	0	23,000
Personnel Administration	5,100	100	5,200
Planning	45,341	42,581	87,922
Zoning	12,157	5,503	17,660
General Government Buildings	65,326	839	66,165
Cemeteries	25,575	-1,700	23,875
Insurance	76,232	2,781	79,013
Other General Government	14,000	0	14,000
Police Department	517,681	-16,499	501,182
Fire Department	217,460	-7,016	210,444
Forest Fire	1,067	13	1,080
Code Enforcement	43,454	-777	42,677
Emergency Management	5,282	1,635	6,917
Highway Maintenance	688,748	8,826	697,574

Highway Reconstruction	215,000	10,000	225,000
Street Lighting	13,000	0	13,000
Transfer Station	306,223	3,850	310,073
Health Agencies	38,588	12,774	51,362
Welfare	22,769	0	22,769
Information Booth	7,084	111	7,195
Parks and Recreation	102,008	6,210	108,218
Library	161,307	13,217	174,524
Conservation Commission	3,017	440	3,457
Historical Society	1,000	0	1,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	100	0	100
Sewer Department	270,528	5,790	276,318
Bond/Note Principal	0	0	0
Bond/Note Interest	0	0	0
Safety Communication Services	34,319	2,034	36,353
Capital Outlay	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,660,435</b>	<b>124,301</b>	<b>\$3,784,736</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 3 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Dennis Pavlicek, Town Administrator, and Department Heads reviewed the proposed budget and explained reasons for increases and decreases. The total increase on the tax rate if the budget passes as proposed would be \$0.01/\$1,000.

**VOTE: All in favor. Article 3 was adopted as read.**

At 9:50 p.m., Moderator Marashio closed the ballot boxes, and the ballot clerks commenced counting ballots.

**ARTICLE 4 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$211,000 to be placed in the following previously established capital reserve funds: (Recommended by the Selectmen) (Majority vote required)**

<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>RECREATION FACILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 11,000</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 4 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Mr. Smith explained that this is a standard article that appears every year for budgeting purposes.

Wayne Seaholm suggested that a line item be added for a police cruiser to avoid larger dollar one-time purchases such as Article 7, \$27,471 for a Police Cruiser.

Mr. Thorson explained that the Selectboard decided to purchase instead of lease the Police Cruisers and have that purchase as a separate warrant article for transparency purposes. When lease payments are included in the operating budget, people are not aware of the new vehicle expenditure.

Ms. Powell commented that the Selectboard should re-look at leasing over purchasing because leasing makes better financial sense.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 4 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 5 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$128,000 to be placed in the following existing RSA 31:19-a maintenance expendable trust funds previously established: (Recommended by the Selectmen)(Majority vote required)**

<b>DOCKS</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>
<b>TOWN OFFICE EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>
<b>TOWN BUILDINGS</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>MILFOIL CONTROL</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b>FD PERSONAL PROTECTION</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>PAVING</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Motion to adopt Article 5 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed

Mr. Pavlicek explained that this article is on the warrant every year to offset costs when they arrive.

Ms. Holmes suggested that the Town consider putting their bubblers on timers to mitigate damage to the Lake by running them 24/7 during the winter.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 5 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 6 - To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$151,500 for the purchase of a new backhoe, and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in the old backhoe for \$35,000 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$116,500 from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen)(Majority vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 6 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Mr. Prussman explained that the old backhoe is 14 years old with more than 6,000 hours on it. The CIP schedule recommends to replace it this year. The cost of the new backhoe may come in less than \$116,500 by using the existing accessory equipment from the old backhoe.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 6 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 7 - To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,471 for a 2016 Police Ford Explorer utility interceptor and furthermore to offset this amount by trading in or selling by public auction, minimum expected \$3,000, the existing 2013 Police Cruiser. The balance to be raised by general taxation. (Majority vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 7 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Chief Lee explained that the 2013 cruiser has over 100,000 miles on it and more running time idling. He stated that the cruisers are "tools and get beat up." Typically mileage on a cruiser is 30% more wear and tear than a personal car; so 100,000 miles on a cruiser equates to 130,000 on a personal vehicle.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 7 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 8 - To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for Audio/Video upgrades in the large meeting room in the Town Office. (Majority vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 8 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Mr. Vannatta explained that this equipment will service all boards that meet in the large meeting room. All of the boards work with electronic format, which is almost never shared electronically with the public during meetings due to the lack of technology. This equipment will give a wireless display on a 70" flat screen TV. So the public will be able to view the same information the Board members see. There were six solution providers who gave quotes, five of those came on site. This equipment will facilitate the Boards' desire and legal requirement for transparency.

**VOTE: Majority in favor. Article 8 was adopted as read.**

Moderator Marashio received from the ballot clerks the results from Article 2 ballot vote. There were 287 votes cast, 192 affirmative votes required to pass.

**VOTE on ARTICLE 2: YES - 81 NO - 206. Article 2 did not pass.**

**ARTICLE 9 - To see if the Town will vote to establish a South Newbury Building Preservation Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the preservation of the South Newbury Historic Buildings, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to put in the fund; furthermore to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen)(Majority vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 9 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Bill Weiler, New Historical Society, explained that this fund would be used for the Town-owned Buildings in South Newbury for maintenance and repair.

Laura Sevene stated that the Town paid for the Grange Hall to be painted two years ago and it is already peeling. She commented that the Town needs to do a better job with the upkeep of those buildings.

Mr. Wolf commented that the Town should use the \$61,000 it already has in the Town Buildings fund and not create and dedicate funds to specific buildings.

Mr. Tentarelli agreed preserving Town buildings is the right thing to do but suggested the Town wait for the next Masterplan before creating a capital reserve.

Mr. Seaholm supported preservation of the Town buildings in South Newbury, especially since the Historical Society Building contains all of the Town's history.

**VOTE: Majority not in favor. Article 9 did not pass.**

**ARTICLE 10 - To see if the town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission in accordance with RSA 673 and RSA 673:4-b, to consist of 3 members and 1 alternate member, to be appointed by the Selectmen. Further to create a non-lapsing, Agricultural Fund pursuant to RSA 674:44-g, to carry out the duties of the commission. (Majority vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 10 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Mark Moran explained that this Agricultural Commission was established in NH 10 years ago. Its purpose is to support family farming and preserve the rural character of the State.

Ms. Holmes stated that the Conservation Commission supports this article.

Mr. Wolf asked how a non-lapsing agricultural fund is funded and disbursed.

Mr. Pavlicek explained that the Town could appropriate money to be put into the fund. Then, if a farm group was going to hold an event, they could use those funds.

Ivor Freeman asked what the mission of the commission is.

Mr. Thorson commented that the mission would be to establish a group of people to promote farming and better use of land. He pointed out that this is a statewide effort.

Mr. Moran stated that this Commission and fund would encourage and sustain the rural character of the Town, encourage new farming and agricultural operations, be a liaison between farms and developers, produce and sell food within its own limits. If this article passes, then a committee would get together and create a mission statement.

Sue Russell commented that she feels this is a really good idea. There are lots of local farmers who need local support.

**Mr. Thorson made a motion to amend Article 10 to read 'To see if the town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission in accordance with RSA 673 and RSA 673:4-b, to consist of 3 members and 1 alternate member, to be appointed by the Selectmen.' Motion was seconded.**

**Steve Winter made a motion to call the question on the Amendment to Article 10. Motion was seconded. All in favor.**

**VOTE on amending Article 10: Majority in favor. Article 10 was amended.**

**Mr. Wolf made a motion to pass over Article 10. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed.**

Mr. Wolf commented that he feels this Article needs more research and understanding regarding the ramifications and effect it will have on the Town and existing farming operations.

**Motion to call the question on Mr. Wolf's motion to pass over Article 10 was made and seconded. All in favor.**

**VOTE on Mr. Wolf's motion to pass over Article 10: Yes - 61 No - 47  
Article 10 was passed over.**

**ARTICLE 11 - To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a perpetual, nonexclusive, right of way easement appurtenant over the town's land shown on the tax map as parcel 20A-283-366, being a portion of the old railroad bed at the foot of the**

**lake, to benefit a certain parcel of land lying northerly thereof, specifically, a boathouse owned by Harlan and Sylvia Page shown on the tax map as parcel 20A-326-425, upon such terms and conditions as may be in the best interest of the town, and are mutually agreed by the parties. (By Petition)(Majority vote required)**

**Motion to adopt Article 11 was made and seconded.** Discussion followed.

Ashley DiMauro spoke on behalf of the article. She explained that the Page's property has no access from the road, aka Route 103. The property owners and family have always been allowed to walk across an abutting property to access their boathouse. The abutting property has recently changed owners, and the new owners will not allow the Pages to walk across their property. This article would give the Pages and future property owners of 20A-326-425 a deeded foot path right of way across town property, aka the railroad trail to their boathouse. The property is unmarketable without access.

Mr. Thorson explained that Bart Mayer, Town Counsel, recommended that this access needs to be addressed and approved by vote at an Annual Town Meeting before the Selectboard can take action. It is only a footpath of approximately 40 ft.

June Fichter asked if there would be any liability for the Town if this article passes.

Mr. Thorson said that he does not believe there would be any liability, but the Selectboard will be cognizant of that before making an agreement.

Al Bachelder asked for clarification as to why this agreement needs to be deeded since it is Town property, it is public and anyone can walk across it.

Ms. DiMauro explained that the boathouse has no parking, and Pages have been paying the Town for a license to park. They would like the agreement deeded in order to make the property salable. She emphasized that they only want to walk across the grass to access the property.

Ms. Sherman pointed out that this Article only asks the voters to grant the Selectboard permission to work with the Pages to try to create an agreement that works for both sides. The details will come when the agreement is negotiated. If the terms of the agreement are not in the best interest of the Town, then the Selectboard doesn't have to enter into it.

**Motion was made and seconded to call the question. All in favor.**

**VOTE on Article 11: Majority in favor. Article 11 was adopted as read.**

**ARTICLE 12 - To transact any business that may legally come before said meeting.**

Ms. Sevene stated that the Grange Hall was given to the Town with the stipulation that the Town would help maintain the building. The building was painted a couple of years ago, but is now peeling. The Town properties in South Newbury seem to get forgotten because they are not up

in the center of town, but they are still there and have historical as well as monetary value. They need more attention. The Grange is still an active Grange and always welcomes new members.

No further discussion.

**Motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All in favor.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

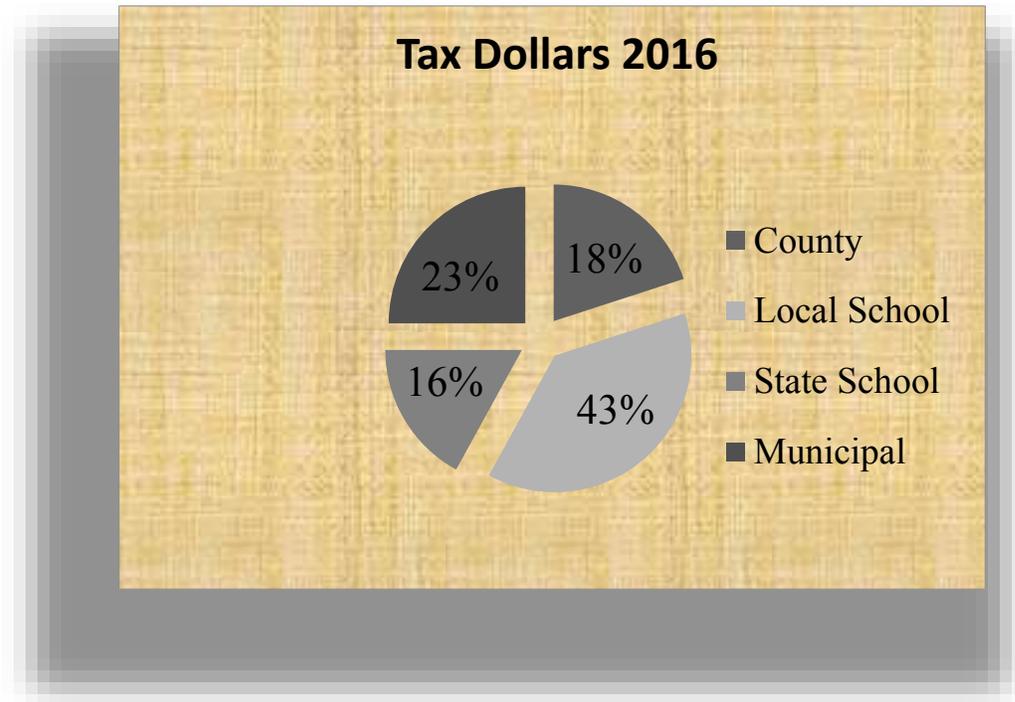
Linda Plunkett  
Town Clerk



*2016 Town Meeting at Mount Sunapee Spruce Lodge.  
Photo Courtesy Dennis Pavlicek*

### Your Tax Dollars 2016

<b>County</b>	\$2.84	18%
<b>Local School</b>	\$6.87	43%
<b>State School</b>	\$2.52	16%
<b>Municipal</b>	\$3.82	23%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16.05</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Newbury, NH



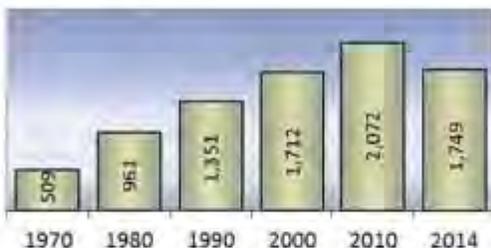
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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon;</b> <b>Town Clerk: Monday, 1 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday through Friday,</b> <b>8 am - 4 pm</b>
County	<b>Merrimack</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>New London, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee</b>
Regional Development	<b>Capital Regional Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2</b>
State Senate	<b>District 8</b>
State Representative	<b>Merrimack County District 5</b>

**Incorporated: 1778**

**Origin:** Situated at the south end of Lake Sunapee, this town has had many names. The original grant by the Masonian Proprietors in 1753 named it Dantzic, after the Baltic seaport. A separate grant on adjoining land, the first provincial grant in 1754, was called Hereford, in honor of Edward Devereaux, Viscount Hereford. The grant was renewed in 1772 as Fishersfield, after Governor John Wentworth's brother-in-law John Fisher, and included both the Dantzic and Hereford grants. Fishersfield was incorporated in 1778 upon request of residents. The name was changed to Newbury in 1837, as suggested by settlers originally from Newbury, Massachusetts.

**Villages and Place Names:** Blodgett Landing, Edgemont, Mount Sunapee, Pine Cliff, South Newbury, Box Corner, Chalk Pond

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 331 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change for Newbury totaled 1,407 over 54 years, from 342 in 1960 to 1,749 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was an 89 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 49 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2014 Census estimate for Newbury was 1,749 residents, which ranked 148th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 48.8 persons per square mile of land area. Newbury contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$4,314,707
Budget: School Appropriations,	Regional School District
Zoning Ordinance	1958/16
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Conservation; Recreation

Public Library **Newbury Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>New London Hospital, New London</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Chalk Pond; private wells

Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Limited
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Yes Residential Yes

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.28
2015 Equalization Ratio	97.2
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.78

<b>2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type</b>	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.8%

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units	1,620
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,568
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	41
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	11

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2014	1,749	146,880
2010	2,072	146,445
2000	1,712	136,716
1990	1,351	120,618
1980	961	98,302
1970	509	80,925

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014**

<b>Population by Gender</b>			
Male	933	Female	816

<b>Population by Age Group</b>	
Under age 5	55
Age 5 to 19	282
Age 20 to 34	166
Age 35 to 54	556
Age 55 to 64	279
Age 65 and over	411
Median Age	49.7 years

<b>Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over</b>	
High school graduate or higher	95.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	43.1%

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2010-2014)	
Per capita income	\$36,159
Median family income	\$80,000
Median household income	\$64,107

<b>Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers</b>	
Male	\$56,034
Female	\$42,614

Individuals below the poverty level	6.3%
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES - ELMI)	
Annual Average	2005 2015
Civilian labor force	1,062 1,118
Employed	1,037 1,082
Unemployed	25 36
Unemployment rate	2.4% 3.2%

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	21	155
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 709	\$1,034

Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	461	2,307
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 324	\$ 820

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	482	2,462
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 341	\$ 834

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	37	226
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 534	\$ 697

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	519	2,688
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 355	\$ 822

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)** District: **SAU 65**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Mount Sunapee Resort	Recreation area	150	1947
Best Western Sunapee Lake Lodge	Motel	25	2000
Baker Hill Golf Club	Golf Course	20	2002

**Employer Information Supplied by Municipality**

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>103, 103A, 103B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exits 12 - 12A</b>
	Distance	<b>8 miles; 10 miles</b>

Railroad	<b>No</b>
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Parlin Field, Newport</b>	Runway	<b>3,450 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	<b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>34 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>	

Driving distance to select cities:	
Manchester, NH	<b>39 miles</b>
Portland, Maine	<b>131 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.	<b>89 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>267 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>228 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.4%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.7%</b>
Other means	<b>0.8%</b>
Worked at home	<b>10.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.7 minutes</b>

<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>26.6</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>67.2</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee**

Other: **Fells Historic Site; Stoney Brook Sanctuary; NH Craftsman Fair; Newbury Old Home Day**

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2016-12/31/2016

--NEWBURY--

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
ALBRECHT, WILLIAM PATRICK	05/03/2016	LEBANON,NH	ALBRECHT, PETER	ALBRECHT, BETHANY
CHRISTIE, TUCKER JAMES	05/18/2016	LEBANON,NH	CHRISTIE, MATHEW	CHRISTIE, SARAH
HANCOCK, NATALIE FOX	05/21/2016	LEBANON,NH	HANCOCK, BRENDAN	HILTON-HANCOCK, JENNIFER
MOONEY, MACCORMICK WINSLOW	06/09/2016	LEBANON,NH	MOONEY, MICHAEL	LINVILLE, SIGNE
POIRIER, EVAN JAMES	07/26/2016	LEBANON,NH	POIRIER, SCOTT	POIRIER, MARY
LAUSTSEN, HAZEL MAY	08/23/2016	CONCORD,NH	LAUSTSEN, STEVEN	CALVINO, AMY
DIMUCCIO, ROBERT ANTHONY JOSEPH	09/11/2016	LEBANON,NH	DIMUCCIO JR, ROBERT	DIMUCCIO, ALYCIA
HAMEL, CONNOR GRIFFEY	10/20/2016	LEBANON,NH	HAMEL, JONATHAN	HAMEL, NATASHA

Total number of records 8

## DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

## RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

-- NEWBURY --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
ALMOND JR, JAMES B NEWBURY, NH	GOERLITZ JR, RICHARD C NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	MANCHESTER	01/14/2016
MARINO, CHRISTOPHER S NEWBURY, NH	HEATH, BRIANNA L NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	NEW LONDON	05/21/2016
HINMAN, THOMAS J NEWBURY, NH	HECKER, ANNA P NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	SUNAPEE	07/16/2016
MAY, ERIC C NEWBURY, NH	BEAUVAIS, JESSICA A NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	CHICHESTER	08/27/2016
DAVIS, EGAN J NEWBURY, NH	LOVELY, CRYSTAL C NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	NEWBURY	09/10/2016
BOSSE, LEE E NEWBURY, NH	LINN, JENNIFER A NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	RINDGE	10/01/2016
CAIA, ROBERT NEWBURY, NH	PARTCH, SUSAN S NEWBURY, NH	NEWBURY	MEREDITH	10/02/2016

Total number of records 7



## RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2016 - 12/31/2016

--NEWBURY, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
EHLER, RUTH	01/15/2016	NEW LONDON	KRICK, DALLAS	WOLSTENCROFT, MARY	N
SHEVETT, LUCILLE	06/08/2016	NEWBURY	JACKS, IRVING	VOGEL, BETTY	N
SCHROEDER, JONATHAN	07/02/2016	NEWBURY	SCHROEDER JR, WILLIAM	PHILLIPS, JOAN	N
WILLIS, JANE	07/26/2016	CLAREMONT	BUSHWAY, LEON	RUSSELL, BERNICE	N
MARSTON, LINDA	08/03/2016	LEBANON	DEATON, WAYNE	DONNELLY, MARY	N
SCHINDELWIG, JANET	08/14/2016	CONCORD	RICHMOND, JAMES	FOUCAULT, BLANCHE	N
CLARK SR, MILTON	09/29/2016	NEWBURY	CLARK SR, BURTON	BENWARE, ELIZABETH	N
MCGANN, FRANCIS	11/02/2016	NEWBURY	MCGANN, JOHN	WHALEN, GERTRUDE	Y

Total number of records 8

**Newbury Service Directory**

**ALL EMERGENCIES: DIAL 911**

After calling for Emergency help, please turn on all outside lights both during the day and at night to aid in locating your residence. If possible, have someone outdoors to meet the responding units.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT (non-emergency).....763-4403**  
**POLICE STATION (non-emergency).....763-4104**  
**POLICE DISPATCH.....763-2221**

**Selectboard's Office**  
**763-4940 ext. 202**

*Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 12-Noon*

Selectboard meet every two weeks  
on a rotating schedule of  
Monday nights at 6:00 p.m.  
at the Town Office.  
See posted meeting schedules for dates.  
Fax: 763-5298  
[www.newburynh.org](http://www.newburynh.org)  
E-mail: [townadmin@newburynh.org](mailto:townadmin@newburynh.org)

**Town Clerk & Tax Collector's Office**  
**763-5326**

*Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*(Closed from 12-Noon – 1:00 p.m.)*

**Code Enforcement Officer**  
**763-4940 ext. 203**

*Appointments Recommended*

*Monday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*  
*Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

**Library**  
**763-5803**

*Sunday: 12-Noon – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Monday: 12-Noon – 8:00 p.m.*  
*Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

**Transfer Station**  
**763-2289**

*Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.*  
*Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.*  
*Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

**Land Use and Assessing Administrator**  
**763-4940 ext. 201**

*Call for Zoning and Planning Board information.*

Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m.  
on the third Tuesday of the month at the  
Town Office.  
Zoning Board meets on an “as needed” basis  
on the second Monday of the month at the  
Town Office.

**Forest Fire Warden: Dave Smith .....938-5925**

**Town Highway Department .....938-5494**



*Winter view of Lake Sunapee from Baypoint Road  
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