

HOPKINTON, NH

2015

Our 250th Year





HOPKINTON'S SESTERCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Schedule of Events
May 30th 2015 Rain date 31st

Enjoy a full day of celebration to honor Hopkinton's 250 years.

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Hopkinton Lions Club Pancake Breakfast at the Slusser Senior Center Served with REAL maple syrup, sausage, beverages, etc. \$5 adults \$3 child

11:00 a.m.

"Moments in Time" Parade starts at Hopkinton High School Main entry at Commack Village Center

Festivities at the Hopkinton High School

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be available for purchase
Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale's Garrison Co. demonstrating 18th century village life
Hopkinton Area Knitters & Spinners demonstrations
K.P. Hale wood engraver/printmaker - Train Depot limited edition prints
Zentangle Inspired Art community art project instructed by Diana LaChance
Ultimate Frisbee & Kickball Games, face painters, games and much more!
Townwide Portrait by Bob LaFree in the High School Gymnasium

4:00 p.m.

Enjoy your afternoon slamin' & jammin' at the musical stage
McGara West playing classic rock and roll from the 60's and 70's.
Brand new to the classic rock music cover band scene.

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Jeff Warner presents "Music in My Pocket: Family Fun in Folk Music"
Singing games, accessible "pocket instruments" like spoons & dancing
puppets, tall tales, and songs that have been passed down over the generations

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hunt and Allison Smith, Master of Music and Mistress of Dance
presents a contra dance for all levels of experience.

Come Boogie at the Hewellen Bandstand

Check out our dance floor and don't forget your dancing shoes!

Refreshments will be available for purchase

1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

SWING & BIG BAND MUSIC by THE FRESSE BROTHERS BIG BAND

3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

COUNTRY & ROCK song mix by GHOST RIDER
described as "Dar Roost Boogie"

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

DOWN & DIRTY CHICAGO BLUES by DR. DANN AND THE BROTHERS BLUES BAND

Events at Houston Fields

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CELEBRATING 250 YEARS OF MUSIC by our own HOPKINTON TOWN BAND
Music while you wait at the Houston Fields.

9:00 p.m.

FANTASTIC FIREWORKS at Houston Fields
Bring a Blanket, Flash Light and Bug Spray!

NO PARKING AT HOUSTON FIELDS - SHUTTLE RIDES ARE PROVIDED THROUGHOUT THE DAY FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL, GAZEBO and HOUSTON FIELDS

Handicap parking will be available at the Slusser Senior Center for Fireworks Show only.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE: The walking trails at Houston Fields will be closed May 30th and 31st due to safety regulations. It is imperative that you observe the caution tape during this time.

All events are subject to change. For more info: www.hopkinton250.com Like us on Facebook - [Twitter @Hopkinton250](https://www.facebook.com/Hopkinton250)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE UPCOMING EVENTS

** May 24th Wildcat Regiment Band Concert at 2:00 p.m. at the Llewellyn Bandstand.

Rain venue Hopkinton High School auditorium.

June 13th Hopkinton Historical Hike - Discover our Town's history with characters from our past along the Hopkinton Village Greenway Trail - Starts at 9 a.m. at the Kimball Cabins



HOPKINTON ANNUAL REPORTS 2015

Town of Hopkinton



Hopkinton School District



Above All, Care

Incorporated: 1765

Population: 5,602 (EOP Estimate)

Websites: www.hopkinton-nh.gov

Land Area: 43.3 square miles

hopkintonschools.org

TOWN REPORT ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Front Cover: The Sestercentennial parade on May 30, 2015. In the foreground the new Fountain Square fountain donated by Bill Chapin in memory of his wife, and the wonderful flowers maintained by volunteer Elaine Loft. Coming down the street is the Hopkinton Rescue Squad, an all-volunteer private organization celebrating its 50th year. Photo courtesy of Sara Persechino.

Back Cover: Photos taken by Patti Cass Smith of the restored theatre curtains that hang in the Town Hall.

Individual reports are written by the Department Heads and the Committee and Board Chairs. The School District reports are prepared by school staff and elected officials. School Business Administrator Michelle Clark prepared the graphs for the school financial section and Town Administrator Neal Cass prepared the Town graphs. Production of the Town Report is coordinated by Administrative Assessing Assistant Robin Buchanan.

Thank you to all who helped create this report!

Dedication

Thomas Michael O'Donnell
July 1928 – October 2015

In October this past year, the Town lost a resident who was active in both the Town and the Hopkinton Village Precinct over many years. Until the last year, Tom served on the town budget committee and was moderator and Planning Board chair for the Precinct. Tom could often be seen in the Town Hall sharing a story or gathering information to help him serve.



Lee Wilder, a good friend of Tom's tells us a piece of Tom's story:

Tom and his family moved to Hopkinton Village in the mid 1960's. Tom loved his family, friends, and the Town of Hopkinton and was a devoted educator and Town Committee member. Tom served on the Hopkinton Village Precinct and the Town Budget Committee. He was very interested in preserving Hopkinton's historical character and often-visited Town Hall in his quest to solve a problem.

Tom's love of unique old stuff got him involved with the Hopkinton Village Precinct's 1850's antique Hunneman Hand Pump fire wagon. Through Tom's encouragement and efforts, a number of men, dressed in blue shirts and red suspenders clipped to their blue jeans, would pull the Hunneman in village parades—often finishing the event with a pumping demonstration and shooting water high into the air.

One would often see Tom, wearing his wool cap, headed for the post office or the Town Library. Riding with him in his BMW was his large dog, perched in the passenger seat. The library was Tom's "second home," where he would be found reading or using the computer.

Conversations with Tom were always interesting, discussing the ins and outs of the current news or local, state and national politics. The Town has lost one of its ardent admirers and advocates.

As a token of appreciation for years of service to a grateful town, this 2015 is dedicated to Thomas Michael O'Donnell.



In Memoriam

Shirley (Holmes) Dunlap

January 23, 1928 to April 1, 2015

Chair of the Friends of the Hopkinton Village Library

Walter A. "Turk" Dwinnells

December 1, 1923 to July 4, 2015

Part time Hopkinton Police Officer for 47 years

William Henry Milne

July 2, 1919 to March 10, 2015

Hopkinton High School Teacher and Principal

Thelma (Partridge) Mitchell

August 12, 1924 to March 10, 2015

Librarian at Bates Library for 20 years

Barbara Moynihan

December 21, 1936 to March 24, 2015

Library Volunteer

Thomas Michael O'Donnell

July 6, 1928 to October 23, 2016

Planning Board Chair for many years

Various other Town and Hopkinton Village Precinct committees

Charlotte M. Purrington

July 12, 1928 to January 6, 2016

Head Cook Harold Martin School

Jeffrey Haydn Taylor

July 16, 1948 to April 7, 2015

Economic Development Chair for many years

Various other Town committees

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Notes

Helpful Hopkinton Information



How to Contact Town Officials

Main Phone: (603) 746-3170 - Website: www.hopkinton-nh.gov

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/HopkintonNH>

Town Hall

330 Main Street, Hopkinton, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3170

Fax: (603) 746-2952

Hours: M-R 8:00 to 5:30, Friday 8:00 to Noon

Administration/Assessing/Select Board/Health

Neal Cass, Town Administrator/Health Officer

townadmin@hopkinton-nh.gov

Robin Buchanan, Admin. Assessing Assistant

selectmen@hopkinton-nh.gov

Finance

Deb Gallant, Director

Phone: (603) 746-1081

finance@hopkinton-nh.gov

Human Services

Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw, Coordinator

Phone: (603) 746-5729

humanservices@hopkinton-nh.gov

Planning/Zoning

Karen Robertson, Director

Phone: (603) 746-4487

planzone@hopkinton-nh.gov

Fire and Ambulance

Doug Mumford, Fire Chief

9 Pine Street, Contoocook, NH 03229

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 746-3181

Fax: (603) 746-5134

Email: firechief@hopkinton-nh.gov

Library

Donna Dunlop, Director

61 Houston Drive, Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3663

Fax: (603) 746-6799

Hours: T/W/R 10-8, F 10-5, Sat 10-3, Sun 1-5

(Sep.-May)

Email: info@hopkintontownlibrary.org

Web: www.hopkintontownlibrary.org

Police

Stephen Pecora, Chief of Police

1696 Hopkinton Road, Hopkinton, NH 03229

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 746-5151

24 Hour: (603) 746-4141

Fax: (603) 746-4166

Email: policeadmin@tds.net

Public Works

Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works

250 Public Works Road, Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-5118

Fax: (603) 746-2952

Email: DPWDirector@hopkinton-nh.gov

Recreation Department

Paula Simpkins, Director

Slusser Senior Center, 41 Houston Drive,

Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-2915

Fax: (603) 746-2277

Email: recreation@hopkinton-nh.gov

Senior Center Phone: (603) 746-3800

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Charles "Chuck" Gangel, Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Bates Building, 846 Main St. Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3179 (603) 746-3180

Fax: (603) 746-4011

Hours: M-R 8:00 to 5:30, Friday 8:00 to Noon

Email: ClerkCollector@hopkinton-nh.gov

Transfer Station

Jolene Cochrane, Supervisor

491 East Penacook Rd., Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3810

Fax: (603) 746-2952

Hours: M/W/Sat 8-5, F 1-5

Email: greentowns@tds.net

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Steve Clough, Asst. Supt. Waste

210 Public Works Rd., Contoocook, NH 03229

Phone: (603) 746-3389

Fax: (603) 746-2952

Email: waterworks@tds.net

Meeting Schedule

Listed here are the regular meeting times and places for the Boards, Committees and Commissions. All meetings are posted on the website (www.hopkinton-nh.gov) and at the Town Hall and the Bates Building. Please confirm specific meetings closer to the actual meeting day to assure that nothing has changed.

Board, Committee, Commission	Meeting Day	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Budget Committee	2nd Wednesday Weekly during Budget Season	5:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
CIP Committee	As needed		Hopkinton Town Hall
Cemetery Trustees	Monthly as needed	9:00 a.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Conservation Commission	3rd Tuesday	7:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall & Kimball Cabins (weather permitting)
Economic Development Committee	2nd Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Greener Hopkinton	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Slusser Senior Center
Hopkinton/Webster Refuse Disposal Committee	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Alternating-Webster Town Hall & Slusser Senior Center
Human Services Advisory Committee	1st Tuesday	3:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Joint Loss Management (Safety) Committee	Quarterly on 3rd Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Rotating location
Kimball Cabins Committee	Monthly as needed	7:00 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Library Trustees	3rd Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Library History Room
Open Space Committee	2nd Wednesday	7:15 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Planning Board	2nd Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Recreation Committee	Last Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Slusser Senior Center
Recycling Committee	3rd Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Library History Room
Road Committee	Last Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Highway Garage
Select Board	Every other Monday	5:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall
Senior Recreation Council	3rd Monday	1:00 p.m.	Slusser Senior Center
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1st Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Hopkinton Town Hall

Locations:

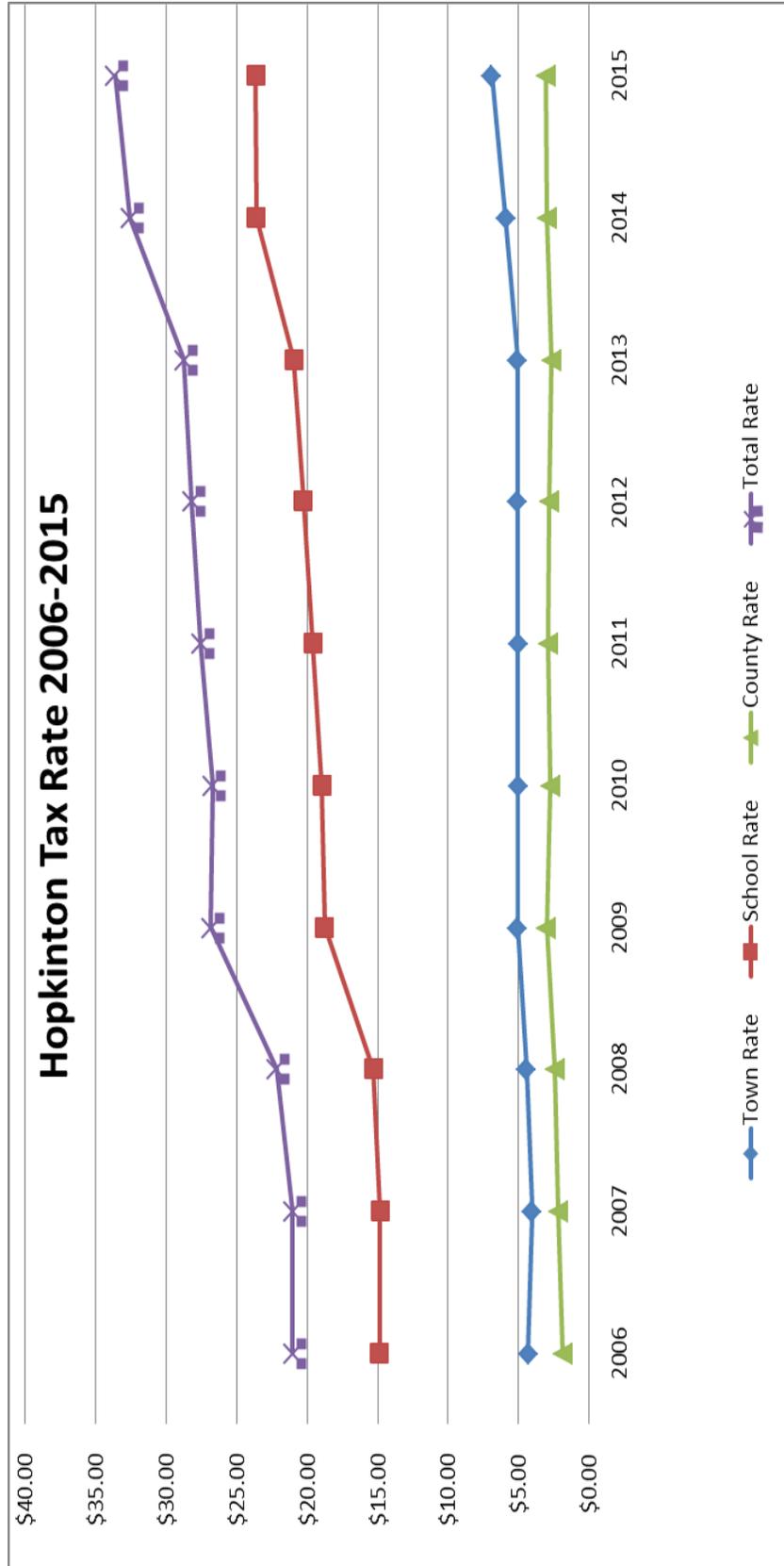
- Harold Martin School - 271 Main Street, Hopkinton
- Highway Garage - 250 Public Works Road (off Maple Street), Contoocook
- Hopkinton Town Hall - 330 Main Street, Hopkinton
- Kimball Cabins - Kimball Lake Road, Hopkinton
- Library - 61 Houston Drive, Contoocook
- Slusser Senior Center - 41 Houston Drive, Contoocook
- Webster Town Hall - 945 Battle Street, Webster

Tax Rate History

Breakdown of Tax Rate											
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Town	4.57	4.33	4.04	4.45	5.08	5.05	5.06	5.10	5.10	5.94	6.92
Total School	16.85	14.86	14.81	15.30	18.75	18.95	19.60	20.29	20.97	23.63	23.66
County	2.19	1.86	2.20	2.44	3.00	2.72	2.88	2.80	2.67	2.99	3.04
Total Rate	23.61	21.05	21.05	22.19	26.83	26.72	27.54	28.19	28.74	32.56	33.62
Hopkinton Village Precinct (HVP)											
Breakdown	0.30	0.29	0.32	0.30	0.34	0.34	0.44	0.37	0.48	0.41	0.46
Total Rate	23.91	21.34	21.37	22.49	27.17	27.06	27.98	28.56	29.22	32.97	34.08
(Total HVP Rate is total of Town, School, County, and HVP)											
Contoocook Village Precinct (CVP)											
Breakdown	1.48	1.19	1.17	1.15	1.09	0.77	0.77	1.17	1.22	1.37	1.99
Total Rate	25.09	22.24	22.22	23.34	27.92	27.49	28.31	29.36	29.96	33.93	35.61
(Total CVP Rate is total of Town, School, County, and CVP)											
Equalization Ratio - (assessment percentage based on fair market value using recent sales)											
	88.60%	100.00%	101.20%	100.00%	96.3%	95.3%	100.0%	107.8%	107.4%	97.8%	94.2% *
*2015 equalization ratio is an estimate and not finalized											

Hopkinton Tax Rate 2006-2015

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Town Rate	\$4.33	\$4.04	\$4.45	\$5.08	\$5.05	\$5.06	\$5.10	\$5.10	\$5.94	\$6.92
School Rate	\$14.86	\$14.81	\$15.30	\$18.75	\$18.95	\$19.60	\$20.29	\$20.97	\$23.63	\$23.66
County Rate	\$1.86	\$2.20	\$2.44	\$3.00	\$2.72	\$2.88	\$2.80	\$2.67	\$2.99	\$3.04
Total Rate	\$21.05	\$21.05	\$22.19	\$26.83	\$26.72	\$27.54	\$28.19	\$28.74	\$32.56	\$33.62



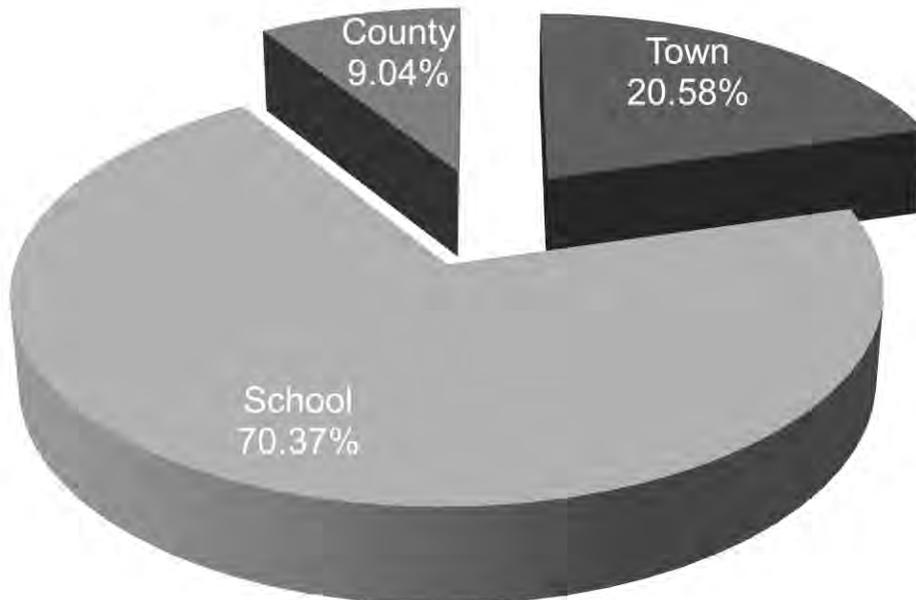
2015 Tax Rate Comparison

	2014 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Town	5.94	6.92	0.98	16.50%
School	23.63	23.66	0.03	0.13%
County	2.99	3.04	0.05	1.67%
TOTALS	32.56	33.62	1.06	3.26%

VILLAGE PRECINCTS

	2014 Tax Rate	2015 Tax Rate	\$ Change	% Change
Contoocook	1.37	1.99	0.62	45.26%
Hopkinton	0.41	0.46	0.05	12.20%

Town, School, & County Tax Rate for 2015 - \$33.62



2015 Gross Appropriation Comparison

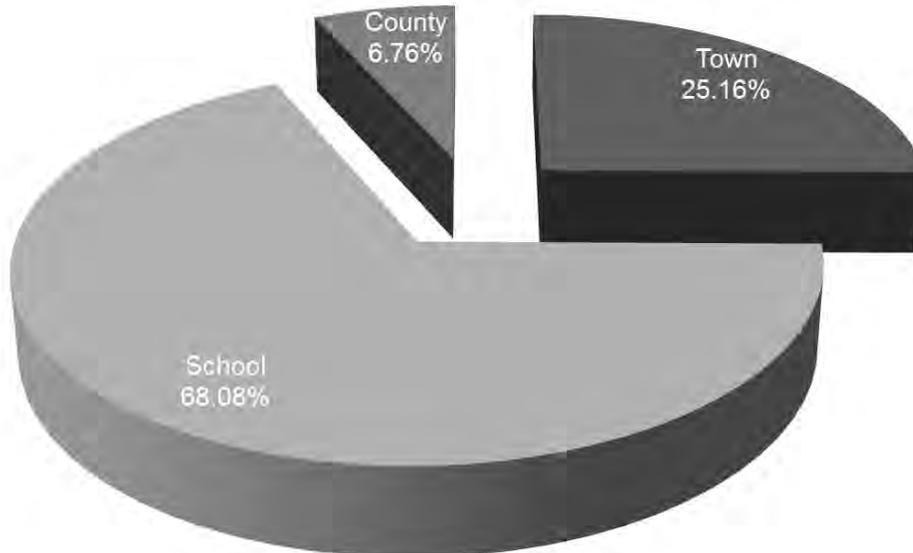
	2014 Gross Appropriation	2015 Gross Appropriation	\$ Change	% Change
Town	9,463,148	6,916,930	(2,546,218)	-26.91%
School	18,564,769	18,716,631	151,862	0.82%
County	1,826,679	1,857,128	30,449	1.67%
TOTALS	29,854,596	27,490,689	(2,363,907)	-7.92%

NOTE: 2014 Town appropriation included \$ 2,995,000 for Fire Station

VILLAGE PRECINCTS

	2014 Gross Appropriation	2015 Gross Appropriation	\$ Change	% Change
Contoocook	400,600	441,850	41,250	10.30%
Hopkinton	94,742	206,076	111,334	117.51%

Town, School, & County Gross Appropriations for 2015



NH Employment Security – Hopkinton Information



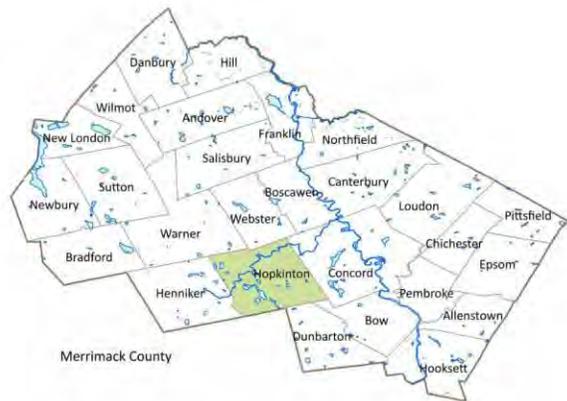
Hopkinton, NH

Community Contact	Town of Hopkinton Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator 330 Main Street Hopkinton, NH 03229
Telephone	(603) 746-3170
Fax	(603) 746-2952
E-mail	selectmen@hopkinton-nh.gov
Web Site	www.hopkinton-nh.gov
Municipal Office Hours	All Offices: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 5:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon
County	Merrimack
Labor Market Area	Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Central NH Regional
Regional Development	Capital Regional Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 15
State Representative	Merrimack County District 10

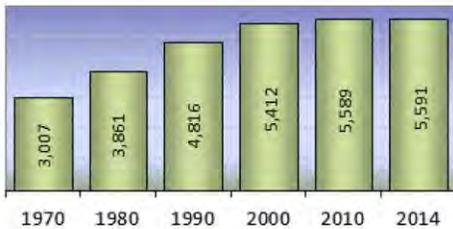
Incorporated: 1765

Origin: This area was first granted by the Massachusetts government in 1735 as New Hampshire Number 5, one in a line of settlements between the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers. The settlers, who were from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, renamed the town New Hopkinton. The town was incorporated as Hopkinton by the New Hampshire governor and council in 1765. Setting the pattern for future towns, settlers were required to build homes, fence in their acreage, plant it with English grass, and provide a home for a minister, all within seven years. Contoocook village, a substantial portion of the town, was named for a tribe of Penacook Indians who once lived there, as was the Contoocook River which flows through the town.

Villages and Place Names: Contoocook, Hatfield Corner, Tyler, West Hopkinton, Barton's Corner, Drew Lake, Blackwater District, Gould Hill District



Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,715 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Hopkinton totaled 3,366 over 54 years, from 2,225 in 1960 to 5,591 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 35 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, also, 28 and 25 percent increases, respectively over the next two decades. The 2014 Census estimate for Hopkinton was 5,591 residents, which ranked 59th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 129.2 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Candia. Hopkinton contains 43.3 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$6,916,930
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$18,716,631
Zoning Ordinance	1964/15
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; School; Budget
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recycling; Recreation; Economic Development; CIP

Public Library **Hopkinton Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	6 miles	237

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Concord Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Contoocook/Hopkinton Village Precinct

Sanitation	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2014 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$32.56
2014 Equalization Ratio	94.8
2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$31.04

2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	86.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units	2,360
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,022
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	115
Five or More Units in Structure	100
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	123

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2014	5,591	146,880
2010	5,589	146,445
2000	5,412	136,716
1990	4,816	120,618
1980	3,861	98,302
1970	3,007	80,925

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender		
Male	2,849	Female 2,742

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	180
Age 5 to 19	1,227
Age 20 to 34	813
Age 35 to 54	1,615
Age 55 to 64	789
Age 65 and over	967
Median Age	45.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	56.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2010-2014)	
Per capita income	\$42,419
Median family income	\$97,798
Median household income	\$87,545

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$56,115
Female	\$47,250
Individuals below the poverty level	3.6%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)			
Annual Average	2004	2014	
Civilian labor force	2,889	3,383	
Employed	2,799	3,287	
Unemployed	90	96	
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	297	326
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 614	\$ 929

Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,201	1,009
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 714	\$ 759

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,497	1,335
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 694	\$ 800

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	288	300
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 668	\$ 886

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,785	1,635
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 690	\$ 816

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Hopkinton operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 66**
 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	2	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	4-12
Total Enrollment	475	129	268	14

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Northeast Catholic College; UNH School of Law**

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **96**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
McLane's	NE distribution center	200	
Yankee Book Peddler	Wholesale book distributor	220	
Hopkinton School District	Education	160	
Milton CAT	Heavy machine equipment	65	
Camp Methodias	Childrens' camp	60	
HMC Corporation	Sawmill machinery	48	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	9, 103, 127
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exits 4 - 6	
Distance	Local access	

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Concord Municipal Runway **6,005 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **28 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:	
Manchester, NH	22 miles
Portland, Maine	114 miles
Boston, Mass.	72 miles
New York City, NY	277 miles
Montreal, Quebec	237 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.2%
Worked at home	13.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014	
Working in community of residence	28.3
Commuting to another NH community	67.6
Commuting out-of-state	4.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- X Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- X Boys Club/Girls Club
- X Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- X Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- X Tourist Attractions
- X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- X Youth Sports: Baseball
- X Youth Sports: Soccer
- X Youth Sports: Football
- X Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- X Campgrounds
- X Fishing/Hunting
- X Boating/Marinas
- X Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- X Cross Country Skiing
- X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: **Covered Bridge; Hopkinton State Fair; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Elm Brook Park; Hawthorne Forest; John Brockway Nature Preserve; Farmer's Market; Myron Chase Wildlife Sanctuary; Stevens Trail; Beech Hill Farmstand & Ice Cream Barn; Contoocook River Forest**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Restoration of Involuntary Merged Lots

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were involuntarily merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent, or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
 - No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

This notice must be:

Posted continuously in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2016, and

Published in the 2011 through 2015 Annual Report.

Read the full statute at RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntary Merged Lots.

Notes

Town Officials and Employees



Elected Town Officials

SELECT BOARD:

Sara Persechino	Term Expires 2016
Ken Traum, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2016
James O'Brien, Chair	Term Expires 2017
Sue B. Strickford	Term Expires 2017
Steve Lux, Jr.	Term Expires 2018

BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Richard Horner	Term Expires 2016
Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Richard Houston	Term Expires 2017
Stephen Lux, Jr. (Resigned 3/2015)	
Deborah Norris (Appointed to replace Lux)	Appointed until Town Meeting
Amy Bogart	Term Expires 2018
Virginia Haines	Term Expires 2018
Ken Traum	For the Select Board
Diana Wieland	For the Hopkinton Village Precinct
Donald Houston	For the Contoocook Village Precinct
Bill Chapin, Jr.	For the School Board

CEMETERY TRUSTEES:

Christine Hamm, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Susan Lawless	Term Expires 2017
Donald Lane	Term Expires 2018

LIBRARY TRUSTEES:

Nancy Skarmeas	Term Expires 2016
Elaine Loft	Term Expires 2017
Emilie Burack	Term Expires 2017
Peter Gagnon	Term Expires 2018
John Greabe	Term Expires 2018

MODERATOR:

Bruce Ellsworth	Term Expires 2016
Tim Britain, Assistant	Appointed by the Moderator

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:

Carol McCann (Resigned 11/2015)	
Candice M. Garvin (Appointed to replace McCann)	Term Expires 2016
Jean Lightfoot	Term Expires 2018
Virginia Haines	Term Expires 2020

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR:

Charles Gangel	Term Expires 2016
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TREASURER:

Bonita Cressy	Term Expires 2017
Nancy Remick, Deputy	Appointed

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS:

Christine Barton	Term Expires 2016
James Lewis	Term Expires 2017
Christine B. Hoyt	Term Expires 2018

Appointed Town Officials**(Appointed by the Select Board unless otherwise noted)****CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) COMMITTEE:**

(Established 2015 – 5 members, of which one must be a Planning Board member)

James Fredyma (Planning Board)	Term Expires 2016
Ed Kerr	Term Expires 2016
Chris Hodgdon, Chair	Term Expires 2017
Donald Houston	Term Expires 2018
Amy Carrier O'Brien	Term Expires 2018

CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Clarke Kidder	Term Expires 2017
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CHIEF OF POLICE: Stephen Pecora**CONSERVATION COMMISSION:**

Ronald Klemarczyk	Term Expires 2016
Robert Knight	Term Expires 2016
Douglas Giles	Term Expires 2017
Cleve Kapala	Term Expires 2017
Erick Leadbeater (Resigned 9/2015)	
Robert LaPree (To replace Leadbeater)	Term Expires 2018
Jed Merrow, Treasurer	Term Expires 2018
Leland Wilder, Chair	Term Expires 2018

Alternates:

Bethann McCarthy	Term Expires 2016
James Newsom	Term Expires 2017
Melissa Jones	Term Expires 2018

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Byron Carr	Term Expires 2016
Tony Quinn	Term Expires 2016
LeeAnne Vance	Term Expires 2017
Patrick Miller	Term Expires 2017
Mark Beaudoin	Term Expires 2018
Meredith Astles, Chair	Term Expires 2018
Sue B. Strickford	For the Select Board

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR: Stephen Pecora

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Deborah Gallant

FIRE CHIEF: Douglas Mumford

FOREST FIRE WARDEN (Recommended by Select Board-Appointed by State): Sean Weldon

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS (Recommended by Forest Fire Warden):

Christopher Boudette	Matthew Cox	Christopher Gow
Ryan Hughes	Kevin Culpon	Steve Reale
Douglas Mumford	Jeff Yale	Brandan Skoglund
Special Deputy Ron Klemarczyk		

GREENER HOPKINTON COMMITTEE:

Chris Aslin	Barbara Fales	Brenda Lewis
Nancy Jackson-Reno	Mary Leadbeater	Bethann McCarthy, Chair
Sharon Rivard	Sara Persechino, For the Select Board	

HEALTH OFFICER: Neal Cass

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT: John Thayer (Resigned 4/2015)
Dan Blanchette (Appointed to replace Thayer)

HOPKINTON 250TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Roxanne Benzel	Louise Carr, Chair	Donald K. Lane
Mark Newton	Ricardo Rodriguez	Ann Wayland
Steve Lux, Jr., For the Select Board		

HOPKINTON-WEBSTER REFUSE COMMITTEE:**Hopkinton Representatives:**

Arthur Cunningham	Term Expires 2016
Frank Davis	Term Expires 2017
Rich Houston	Term Expires 2018

Webster Representatives:

Ellen Kontinos-Cilley	Term Expires 2016
Mike Greenwood	Term Expires 2017
Harold Janeway, Alternate	

HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

Karen Dufault	Term Expires 2016
Allita Paine	Term Expires 2016
Judith Delisle	Term Expires 2017
Luciele Gaskill	Term Expires 2017
Betsy Wilder	Term Expires 2018
Gordon Crouch	Term Expires 2018

HUMAN SERVICES COORDINATOR: Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw**KIMBALL LAKE PROPERTY SUPPORT COMMITTEE**

Louise Carr	Edward Fairfield	Carl Goodman
Ed Kerr	Chris Lawless	Heather Mitchell
Ricardo Rodriquez	Glenn Smart	Lee Wilder
Paula Simpkins, Recreation Director (ex-officio)		

LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Donna Dunlop**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE:**

Dijit Taylor, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Ronald Klemarczyk	Term Expires 2017
Robert LaPree	Term Expires 2017
Ester Crowell	Term Expires 2018
Lucia Kittredge	Term Expires 2018
Sara Persechino	For the Select Board

PLANNING BOARD:

Timothy Britain, Vice Chair	Term Expires 2016
Michael Wilkey	Term Expires 2016
Jane Bradstreet	Term Expires 2017
Celeste Hemingson	Term Expires 2017
Bruce Ellsworth, Chair	Term Expires 2018
Cettie Connolly	Term Expires 2018
Jim O'Brien	For the Select Board

Alternates:

James Fredyma	Term Expires 2016
Clarke Kidder	Term Expires 2017
Richard Steele	Term Expires 2018

PLANNING DIRECTOR: Karen Robertson

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Ed Kerr, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Jim Martin	Term Expires 2016
Vacant	Term Expires 2016
Mark Newton	Term Expires 2017
Glenn Smart	Term Expires 2018
Vacant	Term Expires 2017
Jim Lewis	Term Expires 2018
Vernon Miller	Term Expires 2018
Sarah Scalph	Term Expires 2018

RECREATION DIRECTOR: Jessica Bailey (Retired 4/2015)
Paula Simpkins (Appointed to replace Bailey)

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:

Rosalie Smith	Term Expires 2016
Elaine Rust, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Diane Myler	Term Expires 2017
Diana Wieland	Term Expires 2017
Virginia Haines	Term Expires 2018
Mary Carol Schaffroth	Term Expires 2018
Ann Yonkers (Resigned 4/2015)	
Rebecca Whitley (Appointed to replace Yonkers)	Term Expires 2018
Sara Persechino	For the Select Board
Sally Embley	Webster Representative

REGIONAL PLANNING TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION (TAC):

Vacant	Term Expires 2017
Neal Cass	Alternate

ROAD COMMITTEE:

Scott Coen	Term Expires 2016
Kent Symonds	Term Expires 2016
John Chandler	Term Expires 2017
Dave White	Term Expires 2017
Lester Cressy	Term Expires 2018
Ken Traum	For the Select Board
Dan Blanchette, Director of Public Works (ex-officio)	

SENIOR RECREATION COUNCIL:

Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw	Term Expires 2016
Gloria Symonds	Term Expires 2016
June Garvin (Resigned)	
Carole Cowan	Term Expires 2019
Elaine Lambert	Term Expires 2017
Jon Hunt	Term Expires 2017
Janet Krzyzaniak	Term Expires 2018
Joanne Woodward	Term Expires 2018

SEWER COMMITTEE:

Richard Strickford	Term Expires 2016
Richard Drescher	Term Expires 2017
Stuart Nelson	Term Expires 2017
Stephen Eckberg	Term Expires 2018
Steve Lux, Jr.	For the Select Board
Steve Clough, Asst. Superintendent (ex-officio)	

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND TIMBER: Ronald Klemarczyk

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Neal Cass

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT:

Dan Rinden, Chair	Term Expires 2016
Toni Gray	Term Expires 2017
Charles Koontz	Term Expires 2017
Greg McLeod	Term Expires 2018
Jessica Scheinman	Term Expires 2018
Alternates:	
Jonathan Eck	Term Expires 2019
David Brock	Term Expires 2017
Seth Greenblott	Term Expires 2018

Town Employees

(FT- Full-time, PT-Part-time, PTS-Part-time Seasonal)

ADMINISTRATION

Town Administrator (FT)	Neal Cass
Finance Director (FT)	Deborah Gallant
Planning Director (FT)	Karen Robertson
Admin. Assessing Asst. (FT)	Robin Buchanan
Asst. Town Clerk/Collector (FT)	Carol Harless
Dep. Town Clerk/Collector (PT)	Kathryn Keith
Finance Clerk (PT)	Bonnie Cressy
Code Enforcement Officer (PT)	John Pianka
Cemetery Sexton (PTS)	Norman Miner

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief (FT)	Stephen Pecora
Sergeant (FT)	Thomas J. Hennessey
Patrol Officer (FT)	Richard Montgomery, Brian O'Connor, Mac Hindle, Michael Lobsinger, Jeffrey Danforth
Patrol Officer (PT)	Phillip Hill, William Simpson
Administrative Asst. (PT)	Melissa Courser
Animal Control Officer (PT)	Nathaniel Martel

PUBLIC SAFETY – FIRE DEPARTMENT & AMBULANCE

Fire Chief (FT)	Douglas Mumford
Deputy Chief (PT)	Jeffrey Yale
LT/Firefighter/Paramedic (FT)	Kevin Culpon, Ryan Hughes
Capt./Firefighter/Paramedic (FT)	Nathaniel Martel (resigned 09-06-15)
Firefighter/EMT-I	Matthew Cox, Christopher Gow, Brandon Skoglund

HIGHWAYS AND BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Public Works Director	Dan Blanchette
Asst. Supt.-Highways (FT)	Robert McCabe
Asst. Supt.-Bldg. & Grnds. (FT)	Greg Roberts
Mechanic (FT)	Kent Barton
Highway Equip. Operator II (FT)	Brian Cayer, Michael Henley
Highway Equip. Operator I (FT)	Adam Pearson, Christopher Bentley
B&G Equip. Operator I (FT)	Thomas John Geer, Garrett Hoyt
Custodian (PT)	Kim Drew
Highway Equip. Operator I (PTS)	John Poole

SANITATION - WASTEWATER/MSW/TRANSFER STATION

Environmental Supt. (FT)	Stephen Clough
MSW Facility Supervisor (FT)	Jolene Cochrane
MSW Facility Operator (FT)	Christina Balassone
MSW Facility Attendant (PT)	Robert Davis, Tammy Junkins, Katherine Alcott

HEALTH/WELFARE

Human Services Coordinator (FT)	Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw
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CULTURE AND RECREATION – RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Recreation Director (FT)	Jessica Bailey (retired 04-10-15)
Recreation Director (FT)	Paula Simpkins (hired 05-18-15)
Recreation Clerk (PT)	Sara Darby
Kimball Pond Staff (PTS)	Elizabeth Cairns, Emma Donahue, Aiden O'Brien, Sara Nadeau, Mary McAuliffe, Madison Bergethon, Kendall Bergethon, Shannon Nadeau
Summer Camp Staff (PTS)	Grace Givens, Callie Chase, Rose Reinacher, Catherine MacDonald, Robert Parker, Christopher Barnard, Elizabeth Hancock, Kyle LaPage, Hailey Haise, Emma Ouellette, Peter Sawitsky

CULTURE AND RECREATION – LIBRARY

Library Director (FT)	Donna Dunlop
Reference Librarian (FT)	Karen Dixon
Children's Librarian (PT)	Leigh Maynard
Reference Librarian (PT)	Elissa Barr, Charlotte DeBell, Kevin French, Catherin Ryan
Circulation (PT)	Barbara Diaz, Laura MacKenzie, Nancy Raymond

Minutes of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting



Town Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2015

Moderator Bruce Ellsworth called the 250th Annual Meeting of the Town of Hopkinton to order on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 9:10 a.m. in the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium. The meeting was announced by Ken Traum, ringing a bell as he led the Board of Selectmen into the meeting. The Board of Selectmen were dressed in colonial regalia to commemorate the sescentennial the town is celebrating in 2015.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to recognize those who had passed away during the last year. The flags were then presented by Cub Scout Pack 77 and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Pecora. The Star Spangled Banner was sung by Kathy Donohoe. The Moderator introduced the Select Board members: Jim O'Brien (Chair), George Langwasser (Vice Chair), Sara Persechino, Ken Traum, and Sue Strickford. Other town officials introduced were Town Administrator Neal Cass, Finance Director Deborah Gallant, Town Clerk Chuck Gangel, Assistant Moderator Tim Britain and Chris Boldt of Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella. Virginia Haines, Carol McCann and Jean Lightfoot were also introduced as the Supervisors of the Checklist.

Board of Selectmen Chair O'Brien presented to the townspeople an outline of the first annual meeting held in 1765. In describing how the initial meeting was quite different as to the issues, he observed the value of our continued exercise of direct democracy, and that this annual meeting was a celebration of our town.

State Senator Dan Feltes proceeded to read a resolution recognizing the 250th anniversary of the Town of Hopkinton with best wishes for continued success. Representatives Mel Myler and David Luneau then presented a proclamation by reading a declaration honoring the Town of Hopkinton in its role in New Hampshire's political history. Specifically noted were the Contoocook Train Depot and Rail Covered Bridge, as well as the Hopkinton Dam and its role in flood control since its completion in 1962.

Mr. O'Brien then recognized the efforts of the Sestercentennial Committee: Louise Carr (Chair), Roxanne Benzel, Don Lane, Steve Lux, Mark Newton, Ricardo Rodriguez, Ann Wayland and Select Board representative, Sarah Persechino. Also acknowledged were Martin Marklin of Marklin Candle and Sorella's Florist. Mr. O'Brien asked Merle Dustin to lead the singing of "Happy Birthday" to the Town of Hopkinton.

The Moderator made administrative comments regarding the rules of procedure, including not being constrained by Robert's Rules. The allowance of challenging the Moderator's decisions was announced. Calling out a point of order would put that challenge to a voice vote. Discussion of issues was encouraged while limiting comments to the article being addressed. Correct procedure was announced as approaching the microphone and announcing name and address. Substantive input regarding an article was requested. A change in procedure was noted in that after taking a vote in order to restrict reconsideration the appropriate motion would be, "I move to restrict reconsideration". Support of that motion would be a positive vote. Petitions should be provided in writing and a request for a written ballot should be done on an individual

warrant article. Location of ballot boxes was pointed out, as well as the use of name tags to be checked off after voting. Ballots are yes/no, with vote to be counted going in the ballot box and the remainder in the waste basket.

Moderator Ellsworth read the results of the Tuesday, March 10, 2015 official ballot portion of Town Meeting:

Article 1: Election of Officers

To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated: (*-Those Elected)

Select Board Member - One for 3 Year Term

Steve Lux, Jr. – 310 *

George Langwasser - 262

Budget Committee Members - Two for 3 Year Terms

Virginia Haines- 429 *

Amy Bogart – 250 *

Deborah Norris- 238

Library Trustees - Two for 3 Year Term

Peter Gagnon- 472 *

John Greabe- 437 *

Cemetery Trustee - One for 3 Year Term

Donald K. Lane- 516 *

Trustee of Trust Funds – One for 3 Year Term

Christine B. Hoyt- 508 *

He further stated all those elected on the town ballot will be sworn in as the last order of business today.

The Moderator noted that Article 2 regarded proposed changes to the Town's Zoning Ordinance and were also determined by written ballot vote on Town Election Day. He confirmed that all the amendments passed.

Article 2: Zoning Amendments

To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

- 1. Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section II Definitions deleting definition 2.1.T.2 Travel Trailer and inserting new definition 2.1.R.2 Residential Tenting/Recreational Camping Vehicles.

Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions.

Yes – 435 *

No - 80

2. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Table of Uses 3.6.H.4 deleting all references to “travel trailer” and inserting in its place the words, “Residential Tenting and Recreational Camping Vehicles of a Visitor”.

Yes – 431 * No - 89

3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend 10.4 Residential Tenting/Recreational Camping Vehicles, 10.4.1 Limitations deleting reference to “four weeks per year” and inserting in its place “sixty (60) days per year” so that the language is consistent with the time frame already established in Table of Uses 3.6.H.4.

Yes - 450 * No - 69

4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section II Definitions inserting new definition 2.1.E.1 Entertainment, 2.1.L.14 Lounge, and 2.1.P.2 Place of Entertainment. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions.

Yes – 406 * No - 107

5. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses inserting 3.7.9 Place of Entertainment outlining conditions that must be met, agreed to and demonstrated in compliance.

Yes – 414 * No - 91

6. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Table of Uses 3.6 inserting 3.6.F.7 Lounge as a use prohibited in all residential districts and permitted by Special Exception in all commercial and industrial districts. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of listed uses.

Yes – 399 * No - 112

7. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Table of Uses 3.6 inserting 3.6.F.8 Place of Entertainment as a use prohibited in all residential districts and permitted by Special Exception in all commercial and industrial districts. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of listed uses.

Yes – 399 * No - 116

8. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Table of Uses 3.6 inserting cross-references for uses in which there are other relevant provisions of the Ordinance. Cross-reference Section IX Manufactured Housing with 3.6.A.6 Manufactured Housing Subdivision, Section XVI Affording Housing Innovative Land Use Control with 3.6.A.9 Affordable Housing Option, Section X Recreational Camping Parks/Residential Tenting and Recreational Camping Vehicles with 3.6.H.4 Residential Tenting and Recreational Camping Vehicles of a Visitor, and Section XII Wetlands Conservation District (Overlay) with 3.6.H.9 Filling of Water or Wet Area.

Yes – 411 * No - 88

9. *Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend 3.9 Use, Adult inserting other uses and locations in which an adult use shall be a minimum of 1,000 feet from property lines.

Yes – 375 * No - 121

The Moderator then directed attention to the remaining articles, with the Board of Selectmen already pre-assigning the members who will move and second each article. The Moderator will announce who will make and second the motion, and then invite the motioner to read the article and speak to it. Then the request will be made for questions and comments from the floor.

Chairman O'Brien then recognized Vice Chair George Langwasser, acknowledging him as a friend, colleague and mentor. He noted that Mr. Langwasser always had the best interests of the town in mind. Mr. O'Brien introduced Select Board member Sue Strickford to also honor Mr. Langwasser. She spoke of their long personal history, Mr. Langwasser's background and life experiences, and his lengthy service to the Town. Mrs. Strickford eloquently spoke of the changes Mr. Langwasser has seen throughout the town, of his role on the School Board for nine years, and as a Selectman for nine years. She identified Mr. Langwasser as a mentor, explaining a given situation or procedure. She introduced Vice Chair George Langwasser and presented a plaque to him; thanking him for service as a Selectman from 2006 to 2015, with gratitude and appreciation. Mr. Langwasser expressed his attempt to always represent the people of Hopkinton in all his decisions. He acknowledged his wife Roberta, noting her support throughout his service to the Town. Janet Krzyzaniak spoke of how proud she is of her brother and that their parents brought them here to Hopkinton in 1947. She noted his time and dedication given to the Town over the years.

Chair O'Brien presented an analysis of the town's tax rate. While cutting back on town services, trying to keep the tax rate level and deferring some costs the Select Board has noted problems, such as road conditions. The use of surplus funds has been used recently to manage the tax rate. Noting the high tax rate and its negative impact attracting newcomers and businesses, Mr. O'Brien spoke to acknowledging this reality. He asked to continue over this coming year to

have a town-wide conversation and series of meetings with the School Board, Budget Committee, Selectmen and the general public in addressing the future.

Article 3: The Moderator recognized Selectman Ken Traum who moved the following: **“that the town raise and appropriate the budget committee recommended sum of \$6,122,883 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.”**

The motion was seconded by Selectman Jim O’Brien.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion. Mr. Traum presented a brief overview of the cost of services provided by the town. Included in these costs are administrative services performed by all town departments. Speaking of the budget process, Mr. Traum described the process of Department Heads preparing requests for what is needed to operate their departments. Next, the Board of Selectmen review the requests and often lower the totals based on the overall impact to the town, and then provide the requests to the Budget Committee, which reviews the budget, holds a public hearing and then presents the budget at Town Meeting.

Selectman Traum noted the total request of \$6,122,883 is \$169,493 higher than last year, representing a 2.85% increase. Five items drive this increase:

- \$74,203 – Fire Station renovation payment for 2015 (to increase in 2016)
- \$61,370 – Wages and benefits for 3% wage pool for merit raises for town employees
- \$16,000 – Highway engineering for culvert replacement
- \$11,800 – Landfill engineering costs for upgrades to the landfill as required by DES.
- \$ 7,927 – Increase in NH Retirement rates effective July 1, 2015

Negative effects on the budget this year are: non-property tax revenue predicted to remain the same, no surplus from 2014 to offset taxes and decisions to keep the town portion of the tax rate basically flat from 2009 to 2013 during the bad economic period. The operating budget as presented with no anticipated increase in revenue has an impact of \$0.28 per thousand assessed value. With no previous surplus available, when \$180,000 was utilized in 2014, the overall impact of the proposed budget is \$0.55 per thousand.

Arnold Coda endorsed Chair O’Brien’s call for open meetings year round. He asked if town employees had foregone raises in recent years, which was confirmed by Mr. O’Brien. He then questioned what the cost of a 5% increase would amount to. Selectman O’Brien described the merit pool as designed to allow Department Heads to give increases based on merit. Mr. Coda asked about the Hopkinton Fairgrounds and what impact there would be if the organization prevailed in court. Selectman Langwasser stated there would be an estimated \$45,000 impact that the town would give up in tax dollars. Mr. Coda’s final question asked for a projected cost for the maternity leave recently approved for town employees. Selectman Traum first answered that the estimated impact should the Hopkinton Fair organization prevail would be near \$51,000. He then pointed out that there is no impact on the budget regarding the maternity leave policy. Select Board member Sara Persechino confirmed that there is no impact due to family leave because each position is salaried.

Amendment to the Operating Budget:

Arnold Coda moved **“to amend this article to the effect that the wage increase portion be increased from 3% to 5%, and that the additional amount, if approved, be distributed at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen”**

The motion was seconded by Merle Dustin.

The Moderator recognized that he made a mistake. He pointed out that the previous day he was asked by a voter (Jodie Russell) that Article 9, relating to the “pay-by-bag” program, be considered before the budget article. He suggested options to resolve the error. Jodie Russell expressed the desire to move that Article 9 be addressed prior to Article 3. Moderator Ellsworth asked that she postpone asking her question until the amendment on the floor is addressed.

David Lancaster pointed out that a dollar amount would be needed to know the tax impact of this amendment. Gary Nielson asked that the amount be clarified for the total of the merit pay increase. Mr. Traum replied that the full amount represents the 3% merit pool, which Town Administrator Cass explained that the total gets allocated into the budget for the employees. The Moderator noted a written update given him indicating that a 5% vs. 3% increase would result in a \$40,914 increase, with the new budget amount totaling \$6,163,797.

Mr. O’Brien asked Mr. Coda if part of his proposed increase would be based on merit or also a “fairness” scale. Mr. Coda asked how we stand by comparison with other towns. He then restated his motion **“to amend the total amount of the proposed increase of the budget so that the new amount would be \$6,163,797 for the purpose of principally adjusting as may be needed salaries and wages”**.

The motion was seconded by Skip Korbet.

Frank Davis stated that the 3% raise in the merit pool is adequate and that taxes keep increasing. Michael Foley questioned the use of line item voting. Kurt Schuster asked for the reason for choosing 5%. Mr. Coda replied that comparison with other towns allows an increase and that the Board of Selectmen did respond that we are not necessarily in line with neighboring towns. He also acknowledged that Mr. Foley’s point was well made, in terms of not getting entangled in a line item budget debate. Ken Wasson stated the money should be found within the budget if employee raises are to be offered. Tom Congoran suggested that the Board of Selectmen should evaluate the level of compensation, and recommended voting against the amendment. Peter Yunich questioned the order of voting for the amendment before the totality of the budget.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the amendment defeated.

The Moderator then returned to the question in reference to the “pay-per-bag” issue in terms of its impact on the budget. Jodie Russell asked that if there is an affirmative vote for Article 9 to use \$120,000 from the pay-per-bag special revenue fund couldn’t the operating budget be reduced by that amount? In analyzing how Transfer Station funds are accounted for Town Administrator Cass explained that of the \$120,000 special revenue fund a total of \$90,000 is made up of revenue. An appropriation is made to take it out of the special revenue fund and it then goes into the budget to offset Transfer Station costs. The remaining \$30,000 is to pay for the bags. To explain the formula, Mr. Cass explained that the cost is appropriated to take it out

of the fund and then \$90,000 is included in the Transfer Station revenue to offset costs. Ms. Russell asked if the budget could be lowered by that amount, since that money doesn't need to be raised. Mr. Cass replied that this is already taken into consideration when the budget is prepared, since \$90,000 of the \$120,000 is considered part of revenue offsetting cost, and cannot be counted twice.

David Lancaster explained that the warrant article as passed specified that it is earmarked to offset the costs of the Transfer Station. He asked about a line item referring to animal control, which had previously been accounted for within the Police Department budget.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 4: The Moderator recognized Selectman George Langwasser who moved the following: **“that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 225,000 for the purpose of engineering and repair work on the East Penacook Road Bridge over the Blackwater River.”**

The motion was seconded by Select Board Member Sue Strickford.

Selectman Langwasser brought some levity to the meeting in warning that he was about to sell the townspeople a bridge. He noted that the East Penacook Bridge was built in 1966 with major work done in 1985. It is located not far from the Transfer Station, with a detour of seven miles being necessary, if the bridge were closed. The problems he cited were breaking pavement and deteriorating membrane, which protects the bridge structure below it. The joints connecting the bridge to its approaches are worn. The plates that the bridge sits on are worn and rusting. Bolts have sheared off or bent that fasten the bridge to its structure. Proposed work will consist of repair to the deck, replacement of the membrane, replacement of the bridge and approaches, bearings will be cleaned of rust and greased and the expansion joint compression seals will be replaced. Work will extend the life of the bridge 15+ years. Replacement of the bridge will be scheduled for 2027 with funds then available from the State to pay 80% of the cost. At this time, costs of this project are estimated at \$225,000, with \$40,000 in cost to keep the bridge open during construction because of the length of the detour. With delay, the repairs become more expensive. The impact of the total cost of this article now would be \$0.37 per thousand. Mr. Langwasser did state that the bridge isn't in danger of immediate collapse, but repairs should be addressed today rather than wait.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion. Vernon Miller asked about obtaining state funds in fifteen years. Selectman Langwasser replied that there is no guarantee funding would then be available. Dick Schoch asked how the cost was estimated. Mr. Langwasser replied that Hoyle Tanner Engineering worked with the Public Works Dept. to create a proposal which came to the total cited in the article. Mr. Schoch asked about the cost of this service, which Mr. Langwasser replied is covered by a retainer paid to this firm, which includes other analysis provided. As an example, the same firm helped in reconfiguring Spring St. and assists in other engineering decisions, as needed. Peter Yunch asked how much it would cost to replace the bridge now. His observation is that if it were to cost less now than in 10 years it could be covered by bond funding and allow for a longer lasting structure. Mr. Langwasser replied that the 2015 cost would be \$1,000,000. Mr. Yunch pointed out that the 2027 estimate

must be bogus. Mr. Yunich suggested voting the article down until it is found what the facts truly are. Kathy Heath asked if there is an estimate as to how long the project would take. He replied it would be well into the fall if started soon. Ben Cochran stated he is opposed, because of the condition of Penacook Rd. He noted the heavy traffic on Penacook Rd. and Kearsarge Ave. and suggested that work was scheduled to be done in the past, which was never done. He suggested not approving the article. Matthew Cairn suggested a reserve fund to level expenses. Arnold Coda agreed with that point and endorsed it as such. He went on to say that he did not consider the numbers that have been arrived at were in any way “bogus”. Mr. Langwasser replied that the engineering firm is equipped to deal with correctly estimating projected expenses. Mr. Coda suggested setting aside \$50,000 per year in a reserve fund. Dick Schoch asked does the town realize the cost of the recycling operation in Webster. Mr. Langwasser stated that load limits may have to be put in place and also that at times in the past funds have been diverted from one approved project to another location, due to the severity of the problem. Ron Klemarczyk pointed out weather impact on the bridge with exposure to the elements. He argued that once deterioration begins it is accelerated which precludes setting funds aside over a longer period of time. Dave Feller spoke in support of the article because of the need to spend money on the infrastructure. Ken Wasson asked about cutting the process to four weeks. Selectman Langwasser pointed out the difficulty due to lengthy detours. Mr. O’Brien indicated a concern about emergency response time.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 5: The Moderator recognized Selectman Jim O’Brien who moved the following: **“that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 412,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:**

<u>Capital Reserve Accounts</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Acquisitions	\$ 50,000
New & Replacement Equipment & Vehicles for Public Works & Hwy Dept.	165,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	70,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	2,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	35,000
Police Cruiser and Accessories Equipment	30,000
Library Replacement Building	15,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal	15,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	20,000
TOTAL	\$412,000”

The motion was seconded by Selectman George Langwasser.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.
There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 6: The Moderator recognized Selectman Jim O'Brien who moved the following: **“that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 27,000 to be added to previously established General Trust Funds as follows:**

Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 15,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	2,000
Hopkinton Library Technology Fund	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	5,000

The motion was seconded by Select Board Member Sarah Persechino.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

Ron Klemarczyk asked about icicles on the library and maintenance on the building. His suggestion was adding energy conservation.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Restrict reconsideration of Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6

Janet Krzyzaniak moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6, and seconded by Ken Wasson.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 7: The Moderator recognized Select Board Member Sue B. Strickford who moved the following:

“that the town vote to establish a Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of revaluation of real estate for tax assessment purposes, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.”

The motion was seconded by Selectman Traum.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

Arnold Coda asked for clarification of the revaluation process. He asked how at the end of each five year period of cyclical revaluation it is possible to review previous valuations. Town Administrator Cass explained that in the past assessors would review data cyclically in 5, 10 or even 30 year periods. Now to even out the cost many towns have visited property over a 5 year period. Property assessment cards are reviewed to make sure they are accurate. Then every fifth year, sales over the previous year or two are analyzed, to change the values based on those sales.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Restrict reconsideration of Article 7

Janet Krzyzaniak moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 7, seconded by Merle Dustin.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 8: The Moderator recognized Selectman George Langwasser who moved the following: **“that the town modify its vote at the 1979 Town Meeting establishing a Capital Improvement Program Committee to make it compliant with NH RSA 674:5, and authorize the Select Board to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee consisting of 5 members, at least one of which shall be a members of the Planning Board, to prepare and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years. The Capital Improvements Program may encompass major projects being currently undertaken or future projects to be undertaken with federal, state, county and other public funds. The purpose and effect of the Capital Improvements Program shall be to aid the Select Board and Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget.”**

The motion was seconded by Select Board Member Sarah Persechino.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

Arnold Coda asked whether this applies only to the town side or also the school side. Mr. Langwasser replied only the town; however, he would hope that in the future, it would take into consideration the town as a whole. Mr. Coda asked if the school district was a participant in the Capital Improvement Program Committee. Moderator Ellsworth replied, that if he happened to be in the audience, he would stand up as Chair of the Planning Board and say the School Capital Improvement items are considered in the Capital Improvement Program. Dick Hesse asked what changes this affects in what is currently being done. Town Administrator Cass stated that the C.I.P Committee was established in 1979 and he didn't realize that until stumbling across that fact. Over time the Planning Board took it over and the purpose of this article is to match the current statute on the books.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 9: The Moderator recognized Select Board Member Sarah Persechino who moved the following:

“that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.”

The motion was seconded by Selectman Traum.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Restrict reconsideration of Article 9

Janet Krzyzaniak moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 9, seconded by Dick Horner.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 10: The Moderator read Article 10 as moved by Ken Wilkens:

“to see if the town will vote to rescind article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton Town Meeting. Passage of this new 2015 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay by Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay by Bag" will become effective on April 15, 2015.”

The motion was seconded from the floor.

The Moderator acknowledged that there was a written request asking for a paper ballot.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

Ken Wasson asked why costs don't seem evenly shared by Webster. Mr. Traum explained that proceeds from the pay-per-bag program only offset Hopkinton's costs. Larry Kenniston asked about who voted on the question as it appears in the annual report. Mike Bewersdorf asked how Webster pays the portion they pay. Town Administrator Cass answered that each year numbers from the State Office of Energy and Planning are reviewed and that the fee is determined by population. Rosalie Smith pointed out that taxes would increase if Article 10 were passed. Tom Congoran spoke to the committee report from last year regarding an aggressive conversation about sharing costs with Webster. Mr. O'Brien stated that there have been some conversations with the Board of Selectmen of Webster and at this point, have an existing contract which would need to be renegotiated. Jodi Russell asked about the costs compared to Webster's. Mr. O'Brien stated that it was extremely difficult to compute participation. Ms. Russell stated that she would be curious to know why one Select Board member would be in favor of the Article. Mr. Langwasser did not know who was for the article. Sue Strickford said she voted for this Article because she feels that she represents the townspeople, who are not in favor of the pay-per-bag program. She stated that she did not feel that recycling would go down if there was a change to black bags. Ms. Russell agreed that double-bagging defeats the purpose of the program. David Lancaster spoke to the 5th year of this vote – and each year the margin is wider to continue the program.

Amendment to Article 10

Larry Keniston moved **“passage of this new warrant article mandates that all Hopkinton residents separate and deposit all refuse brought to the Transfer Station into the separate categories as provided at the facility.”**

The motion was seconded by Mary Leadbeater.

Ron Klemarczyk recommended voting against the amendment and the article. Skip Korbet stated that more people would need to be hired to check every bag. Vernon Miller stated that the amendment as it stands is unenforceable.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the amendment defeated.

The Moderator then opened the floor for continued discussion of the article.

Ben Cochran asked why the Transfer Station doesn't sell the bags, as well as when will the express lanes open. Wendy Koch asked why her neighbors have their refuse being picked up in other bags. Mr. O'Brien answered that there is no enforcement if that trash is going elsewhere. Frank Davis said he was in favor of this Article and that recycling has decreased for the past five years. Mary Leadbeater clarified that the hauling fee was paid by consumers. Ms. Persechino pointed out that the tonnage of recycling has indeed decreased, as well as the tonnage of waste. In the time since 2009 the recycling rate has increased from 17.67% to 20.68% last year. During that same time frame the tax impact for running the Transfer Station has decreased from \$0.38 per thousand to \$0.24 per thousand. Janet Krzyzaniak recommended voting against the article.

The Moderator called for a vote by written yes/no ballot. During voting, the Moderator encouraged everyone to enjoy a cupcake in celebration of the Town's 250th Anniversary.

After all had voted, the Ballot Clerks counted the ballots.

The Moderator reported 77 Yes votes and 169 No votes and declared the motion defeated.

Article 11: The Moderator recognized Select Board Member Sarah Persechino who moved the following:

“to see if the town will vote to continue the current price of the Pay-by-Bag bas as follows: 13 gallon bags - \$ 0.75 and 33 gallon bags - \$ 1.25”.

The motion was seconded by Selectman O'Brien.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 12: The Moderator recognized Selectman Jim O'Brien who moved the following:

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,047 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.”

The motion was seconded by Selectman Langwasser.

Selectman O'Brien stated that in 2009 the Town passed Article 21, which set this fund up. It comes from rental payments from groups and individuals for events or special purposes. The funds are restricted and in 2009 the Town asked that any time those funds are expended, they need to be voted first by this body to appropriate those funds for use strictly to do maintenance of the Senior Center.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Restrict reconsideration of Article 10 and 12

Janet Krzyzaniak moved to restrict reconsideration on Article 10 and 12, seconded by Ken Wasson.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 13: The Moderator recognized Selectman George Langwasser who moved the following:

“To hear the reports of agents, officers and committees, heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.”

The motion was seconded by Selectman O’Brien.

The Moderator opened the floor for discussion and amendment of the motion.

David Lancaster stated that with the vote this year it was by far the largest difference in the vote to rescind the pay-per-bag program. He asked respectfully that the petition be dropped for at least one year. Of 4,593 registered voters in the Town of Hopkinton, Mr. Lancaster observed that 275 voters attended this Town Meeting, representing 5.9% and it keeps the streak going, that more people show up to vote on the Town Budget than the School Budget. The Moderator corrected the registered voters in attendance to 278.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared the motion adopted.

Article 14: Other Legal Business

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

Selectman Langwasser announced that the Hopkinton Rescue Squad is celebrating 50 years of formation. He announced that the organization started under the first Chief of Police Dana Daniels, and he organized a squad of volunteers to take care of riots. At that time, the State had quite a time with motorcyclists going over to Loudon. Throughout 50 years not one person on the rescue squad has been paid a sum of money. Mr. Langwasser congratulated the Captain, Jay Schoch who was in attendance.

Arnold Coda pointed out, as he said he had repeatedly, that the auditor’s report is old, and that there had previously been thoughts about changing the town’s fiscal year. Mr. O’Brien stated that there were no discussions in that regard, at this time.

Jodi Russell asked about scheduling Town Meeting before the School District Meeting. She noted that it seemed that the School District’s spending is out of control and that the Town’s budget is very reasonable. Hopkinton now has the eighth highest tax rate in the State. Selectman O’Brien pointed out that the Economic Development Committee is looking at the question of commercial development. He acknowledged that spending and the tax rate have to be looked at moving forward.

There was no further discussion or amendment.

The Moderator asked that all those elected on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 join him after the meeting to be sworn in.

The Moderator recognized Select Board Chair O'Brien, who moved to adjourn Town Meeting. The motion was seconded by Selectman George Langwasser.

The Moderator called for a voice vote and declared Town Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Moderator Ellsworth swore in the newly elected officials whom were present.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles F. Gangel
Hopkinton Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Notes

Administrative Reports



Report of the Select Board

In 2015, Hopkinton came together. On a warm May evening, families, friends and neighbors all joined together to celebrate the town's past, and more importantly, to look ahead to our future. Sitting on blankets and lawn chairs, enjoying music from Hopkinton's beloved town band and watching children play in the fields, residents of all ages were treated to a fireworks show that was 250 years in the making. All who attended left with the same feeling – that Hopkinton is a very special community.

The fireworks display was just one event in a year-long calendar of special activities developed to celebrate the past, present and future of the Hopkinton community. The planning, hard work and creativity of hundreds of volunteers made possible countless special moments and memories. The outdoor performances of Our Town, the grand parade through Contoocook Village, and Hopkinton Cares Day, which saw residents of all ages working together on projects to better our community, were just a few of the events that took place over the course of the year. These activities would not have been possible without the coordinating efforts of the Sestersentennial Committee, community partners such as the Historical Society, the generosity and financial contributions from the community, and the hundreds of hours of so many.

In addition to the 250th celebration, there were several other noteworthy milestones celebrated this year. The Hopkinton State Fair, which has grown up alongside our community, celebrated its 100th year. The town congratulates the Fair Association for this achievement, and looks forward to building upon our strong partnership and continuing this important Hopkinton tradition. Just as noteworthy is the 50th Anniversary of the Hopkinton Rescue Squad. The Rescue Squad is a purely voluntary organization that assists our first responders and comes to the aid of those in need. They perform heavy rescue services like water search and rescue, ice rescue, Hurst tool (jaws of life) rescue, snowmobile rescue, and assist in forest fires and other calls as needed. The Rescue Squad is a great example of the power of volunteers in our community.

After many years of planning, and months of construction, the Fire Department moved into the newly renovated facility in the heart of Contoocook Village in the spring. The town came together to celebrate the grand opening. The Board, and members of the Department continue to be overwhelmed by the generosity and support of the community.

Of course, much of the work of the town is done by the many volunteer committees who work tirelessly to build and shape our community. While individual committee reports outlining their activities for the year are contained in the pages of this Town Report, we want to acknowledge all the hard work and efforts that these Committees do. The Board would like to specifically recognize the efforts of the newly formed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee that was established at the 2015 Town Meeting. The CIP Committee worked with the Town Departments, the Board, and the Budget Committee to make recommendations on both short and long term capital investments for the town. The on-going work of this Committee will help the Select Board make more informed budget and planning decisions which will benefit all taxpayers.

We are extremely proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our town employees who constantly look to innovate, and find new ways to work together to make the best use of taxpayer dollars. Led by Town Administrator Neal Cass, and the capable management of our Department leadership, we were able to finish the year slightly under budget. This is a credit to careful management and a conservative fiscal approach. This year, the town was fortunate to welcome two new Department Heads – Paula Simpkins to lead Recreation and Dan Blanchette to head the town's Public Works Department. The Board is excited to work with Paula and Dan, and all our outstanding employees, in the months and years ahead.

With the help of the Hopkinton Road Committee, we have continued the discussion about how to invest adequate resources in order to maintain the town's road infrastructure. Working together, we have identified a list of priority projects – including road rehabilitation and major culvert replacements – that require our immediate attention. The cost of these projects are cost prohibitive to do all at once in our operating budget, and will take more than six years to complete if we continue the trend of expenditures we have been investing for road projects. The Board believes that for public safety, and because of the low cost of borrowing and potential economies of scale of doing multiple projects, it makes sense for the town to move forward with a bond in order to complete all these necessary road projects over the next few years in a way that is financially responsible for taxpayers.

2015 was a year of celebrating the past and future of our town. 2016 is set to be a year of civic engagement with six elections scheduled that will shape the direction of our local, state and federal governments. We want to thank the staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to make our elections possible and voting easy and accessible for all our residents. The Board encourages everyone to participate in the electoral process and make your voice heard.

Finally, thank you for being part of our vibrant community and helping to shape our future. Onward!

Respectfully submitted,
Hopkinton Select Board

Jim O'Brien, Chair
Ken Traum, Vice Chair
Sara Persechino
Sue B. Strickford
Steve Lux, Jr.

Report of the Town Administrator

2015 has been an exciting year in the life of the Town. Focus has been on bringing the people of the community together through many events planned by the Sestercentennial Committee, and working to assure that the Town is providing great value to its residents.

I have staffed two reinvigorated committees this past year, the Economic Development Committee (EDC), and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee. The EDC has focused on ways to expand business in town expanding our tax base. Not only has the committee worked to determine the types of business that match the character of the town and reached out to them, but begun the work of marketing the town with an initial step of totally updating the website which will go on-line this spring. The CIP Committee has taken a long-term look at capital expenditures in order to be sure that we are adequately maintaining current infrastructure at a reasonable cost, in order to avoid cost spikes in the future. The work of both committees has just begun and should prove to be beneficial to the town moving forward.

Beginning in September and continuing until March, a large portion of my time is spent on the budget in preparation for Town Meeting. Department Heads diligently work to create budgets that support their departments. This year we added a step to the budget process in which all the Department Heads presented their budgets to each other in order for all to fully understand the broader picture. It is just not possible to fund everything that is requested so the Select Board sets priorities with their big picture lens. The Budget Committee then sets priorities looking at the total tax impact which includes the budgets of the town, school, and precincts. A high priority has been placed on our bridges, roads and culverts and the Town Meeting Warrant reflects that priority.

In the spring, the renovation of the fire station was completed and a well-attended open house was held. The new station is the culmination of many years of planning and the generous support of the voters. We worked hard during the entire process to be sure that the station will serve the town for many years into the future. Now we are working to install solar panels on the building which added to the pellet boiler and the all LED lighting will make the building very efficient and cost effective. During the spring, the new accessible bathrooms at the Town Hall were also completed. Each year funds are appropriated to continue the updating of the building, honoring its historic significance and keeping it a good place to work. The new bathrooms are a huge asset to the building.

In collaboration with the Hopkinton Historical Society and a Moose Plate grant from the NH Arts Council, the historic theatre curtains which have been in storage have been restored and three of them are now hanging in the Town Hall. This project was completed after several years of work by dedicated volunteers and financial support from residents, organizations, and businesses. No town funds were used for this project. Stop by the Town Hall to see these historic curtains.

The Town is very fortunate to have a very dedicated, caring staff. The high quality of the staff was very apparent during this past year when the NH Department of Labor did their inspection. On initial inspection only very minor items were found which is extremely unusual. Staff

reacted quickly after the initial report correcting all items and receiving notification that all items had been addressed. We recently have added a “Points of Pride” item to the Select Board agenda to highlight where staff has gone above and beyond. This is an opportunity to raise up specific deeds, but know that the staff is going above and beyond each day. Thank you to each of them for the excellent work they do.

During the past year there were two Department Head changes as Recreation Director Jessica Bailey and Highway Superintendent John Thayer both resigned from their positions. We wish them well. We welcome Recreation Director Paula Simpkins and Director of Public Works Dan Blanchette to their new positions. Both are known by many in town and both have settled in well, and are a huge asset to the town.

As part of my role, I am fortunate to take part in events where people come together. I enjoy being part of the Hopkinton Rotary Club, and attending the senior lunch each Wednesday at the Slusser Center. Being an active part of Hopkinton Cares “Got Projects” Day was a highlight of the year when more than 70 volunteers helped community members with fall projects. Unlike many communities, it is wonderful that the town and the school work so well bringing people together and providing efficient service to the town. My thanks go to Superintendent Steve Chamberlin and the School Board for their commitment to collaboration.

Again, thank you to the dedicated staff, the Select Board, and the residents of the town for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal A. Cass, Town Administrator

Notes

Department, Board, Committee and Supported Organization Reports



Report of the Budget Committee

The purpose of the Budget Committee is “to assist voters in the prudent appropriation of public funds” (RSA:32-1). Throughout the year, the Committee works toward producing its ultimate assignment: the budgets presented to voters at the March Annual Town Meetings.

This year, the Budget Committee continues to spend considerable time researching and discussing demographic and economic trends in Hopkinton and the State to better understand the budget and tax increases over the past six years and the challenges going forward. We are very fortunate to live in a town and have a school district that provides excellent services. However, these services come at a cost. Over the past six years, the total amount of property taxes raised has increased by a proximity 24.057% (the local school portion by a proximity 19.3% and the town portion by a proximity 28.8%). The Budget Committee is cognizant of the tax burden that these increases may impose on some residents.

The Budget Committee has been working with the Select Board and School Board to forecast budgets for the next ten years and explore ways to limit these increases.

We encourage residents to participate in public hearings as well as School, Town and Precinct meetings, so Hopkinton voters may have a better understanding of the services your tax dollars fund. Be aware of additional expenses in future years and provide valuable feedback on budget amounts.

The budget process is dynamic and comprised of many steps. At monthly meetings, held on the 2nd Wednesday, at 5:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, four governing bodies provide periodic financial data to the Budget Committee, keeping its members current as to actual expenditures and revenues as well as anticipated activity. As the ‘budget season’ ensues, department heads and administration submit estimated expenses and receipts to their respective governing body which, after multiple reviews and evaluations, create their budget recommendations.

In Hopkinton, the four governing bodies, all advocates of the budgets are: the School Board, Select Board, Contoocook Precinct Commissioners and Hopkinton Precinct Commissioners. Beginning in November, each of these governing bodies presents its proposed budget, along with relevant details to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee reviews all proposed budgets, analyzes the requests as a whole and balances these requests against a manageable tax load. The Committee determines budgets to be presented to the voters.

However, prior to annual meetings, the Budget Committee holds a public hearing. At this event, the Committee’s proposed budgets are reviewed and there is time for comments and questions from the public. After the public hearing, cognizant of public comments expressed, the Budget Committee conducts deliberative sessions, during which it completes its budget recommendations.

The budgets presented in the warrant articles and voted on at Town, School and Precinct Annual Meetings are the Budget Committee’s recommendations. The Budget Committee is putting forward its recommended budgets, and now it is up to you. Hopkinton voters, sitting as the Town’s legislative body, decide on and approve budgets.

Hopkinton Budget Committee
Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair
Richard Houston

Richard Horner, Vice Chair
Amy Bogart

Deborah Norris
 Donald Houston, Contoocook Village Precinct Representative
 Diana Wieland, Hopkinton Village Precinct Representative
 William Chapin Jr, School Board Representative
 Ken Traum, Select Board Representative

Ginny Haines

Report of the Capital Area Fire Compact



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The 2015 annual report is prepared for the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact as a summary of general activities and events occurring through December 31, 2015. It is also provided to the Town offices of the Compact's member communities for information and distribution as desired.

The Compact's operational area is 769 square miles with a resident population of 132,983. The Equalized Property Valuation in our coverage area is currently listed as over twelve billion dollars. We also provide and receive mutual aid responses with communities beyond our member area.

The Compact provides 24/7 emergency dispatch service to its twenty-two member communities. This service is contracted with the City of Concord Fire Department's Communications Center. Dispatched calls totaled 22,348 in 2015, an increase of 2.1% from the previous year. The detailed activity report by town/agency is attached.

The 2015 Compact operating budget was \$ 1,133,108. Funding of all Compact operations is provided by the member communities. We continue to apply for State and Federal Grant Funds when available. During 2015 we were awarded a grant of \$161,284.05 for Phase 3 of our communication system improvements. Work funded by this grant will begin during 2016. The Compact was also the recipient of a grant for \$5,250 on behalf of the Hazmat Team to fund their medical surveillance program. The Phase 1 and 2 communications work funded in 2014 with a \$499,403 grant has been started. Equipment purchases are being made and FCC licensing and tower site-use agreements are underway. During 2015 work for the \$19,500 grant for a continuity of operations plan to formalize our backup operations with the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid was completed and that plan is now in place. The Compact has received a total of \$1,499,225.59 in grant funding since 2007.

The Chief Coordinator responded to 196 incidents throughout the system in 2015, and provided

command post assistance on those mutual aid incidents. He also aids all departments with response planning, updating addressing information, and represents the Compact with several organizations related to public safety.

Compact officers serving during 2015 were:

President, Chief Ray Fisher, Boscawen
Vice President, Chief Jon Wiggin, Dunbarton
Secretary, Chief Alan Quimby, Chichester
Treasurer, Assistant Chief Dick Pistey, Bow

The Training Committee chaired by Henniker Captain Mick Costello; with members Bow Assistant Chief Dick Pistey, Chichester Deputy Chief Matt Cole and Warner Deputy Chief Jon France assisted departments with mutual aid exercises. These combined drills provide valuable training in the delivery of mutual aid services.

The Central New Hampshire HazMat Team represents 58 Capital Area and Lakes Region area communities and is ready to assist or respond to hazardous materials incidents in our combined areas. Hazardous Materials Team Chief Bill Weinhold encourages all communities to participate in the Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC) planning programs and to take advantage of hazardous materials training for local departments.

The Compact worked to facilitate some group purchasing during 2015. 13 EMS services responding to 17 of the Compact communities were in need of a new EMS billing service. We met as a group and investigated several companies who offered the required services. Acting as a group, we were able to secure an attractive rate and 11 of the services chose the same vendor to benefit from the enhanced pricing. Work is currently underway to secure pricing as a group for SCBA purchases to be made during 2016.

2015 was marked by significant brush fires throughout the Compact and all of the State. The importance of mutual aid was highlighted by these large scale incidents as Compact departments travelled far outside their normal response areas to provide help to other communities and some received assistance from multiple departments. The dispatch center was busy coordinating Compact responses and fulfilling their role as the primary contact for the Statewide Mobilization Plan.

All departments are encouraged to send representation to all Compact meetings. Your input is needed. The Compact was created for the mutual benefit of member communities and active participation is a necessity to ensure the needs of all are being met.

I invite anyone with questions or comments to contact me. I thank all departments for their cooperation. Please contact any Compact officer or the Chief Coordinator if we may be of assistance.

Keith Gilbert, Chief Coordinator
CAPITAL AREA FIRE COMPACT

Capital Area Mutual Aid Fire Compact

<i>2014 Incidents vs. 2015 Incidents</i>				
ID #	Town	2014 Incidents	2015 Incidents	% Change
50	Allenstown	640	620	-
51	Boscawen	180	200	11.1
52	Bow	1190	1066	-
53	Canterbury	282	305	8.2
54	Chichester	432	437	1.2
55	Concord	7652	8096	5.8
56	Epsom	854	803	-
57	Dunbarton	190	186	-
58	Henniker	915	958	4.7
59	Hillsboro	915	930	1.6
60	Hopkinton	1051	1092	3.9
61	Loudon	1063	987	-
62	Pembroke	286	302	5.6
63	Hooksett	2166	2068	-
64	Penacook RSQ	717	836	16.6
65	Webster	176	158	-
66	CNH Haz Mat	7	8	14.3
71	Northwood	618	612	-
72	Pittsfield	722	726	0.6
74	Salisbury	122	120	-
79	Tri-Town Ambulance	1033	1032	-
80	Warner	301	392	30.2
82	Bradford	190	177	-
84	Deering	187	237	26.7
		21889	22348	2.1%

Total Amount of Fire Alarm Systems placed Out of Service / In Service for maintenance in 2015: **3076**
 Mutual Aid Coordinator Responded to **196** incidents in 2015
 Concord Hospital's Medical Director Responded to **77** incidents in 2015

Capital Improvement Program (CIP) 2016-2021

Establishment of CIP Committee

The current CIP Committee was established by Town Meeting vote in March, 2015 by the following Warrant Article:

To see if the town will vote to modify its vote at the 1979 Town Meeting establishing a Capital Improvement Program Committee to make it compliant with NH RSA 674:5, and authorize the Select Board to appoint a Capital Improvement Program Committee

consisting of 5 members, at least one of which shall be a members of the Planning Board, to prepare and amend a recommended program of capital improvement projects projected over a period of at least 6 years. The Capital Improvements Program may encompass major projects being currently undertaken or future projects to be undertaken with federal, state, county and other public funds. The purpose and effect of the Capital Improvements Program shall be to aid the Select Board and Budget Committee in their consideration of the annual budget.

Background

Hopkinton's CIP identifies the capital needs of the town and indicates how these needs might be funded over a six-year period. It describes long-term capital needs for all town departments, the Hopkinton School District, Hopkinton Village Precinct, and the Contoocook Village Precinct.

The CIP is a planning document and as such, it is updated annually and subject to change as the needs of the town change. Adjustments are made for new regulations, growth in population, transportation alternatives, change in priorities, available funding, or other needs. The CIP provides for advance project identification, public discussion, project design and definition of scope, cost estimating, and financial planning.

Purpose

The goal of the CIP is to establish a system of procedures and priorities by which to evaluate public improvement projects in terms of public safety, public need, project continuity, financial resources, and the strategic goals for the Town. The CIP allows town departments to establish a methodology and priority system to provide efficient and effective services. It also provides an opportunity for citizens and interested parties to voice their requests for community improvement projects.

Process

The CIP Committee asked Department Heads for their recommendation for specific capital projects to be undertaken over the next 6 years. It was determined that capital projects would be defined as those projects outside normal operations and maintenance and having the following characteristics:

1. A gross cost of at least \$10,000; and
2. A useful life of at least 5 years; and
3. Is non-recurring (not an annual budget item); OR
4. Any project requiring bond financing

The Committee met with each Department Head and the Town Administrator to review requested projects. The CIP Committee then determined its recommendations which are included in this report. Those recommendations were then provided to the Select Board and Budget Committee. Both the Budget Committee and the Select Board review the CIP, and the Select Board determined the final list of items to be presented to Town Meeting. Voters at Town Meeting have the final say on all projects through their votes.

Recommendations

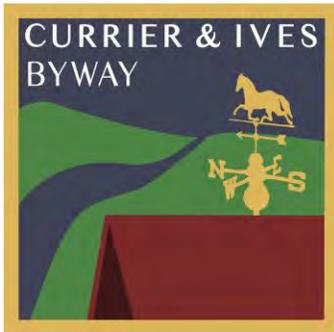
The next three pages of this report summarize the recommendations of the committee.

Project Description	2016 Requests NOT Funded by CIP	Balance in Trust/ CRF	Planned Year of Expenditure	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total Project Cost
General Government										
Revaluation CRF Appropriation	15,000	9,000		-	20,000	32,000	32,000	21,000	21,000	Ongoing
Residential/Commercial Revaluation			2019				(60,000)			
Utility Revaluation			2019				(33,000)			
Public Safety										
Police Cruiser/Accessories Appropriation		35,276	Yearly	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	Ongoing
Cruiser Replacement			2017	(33,000)	(33,000)	(33,000)	(34,000)	(35,000)	(35,000)	Ongoing
SUV Replacement			2020	(45,000)				(18,000)		Ongoing
Motorcycle Replacement										Ongoing
Police/Fire Radio Replacement Appropriation		41,174	As Needed	2,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Ongoing
Radio Replacement										Ongoing
Ambulance Replacement Appropriation		77,985	2018	70,000	70,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	Ongoing
Ambulance (2010)			2023			(290,965)				Ongoing
Ambulance (2015)										Ongoing
Fire Vehicle/Equipment Appropriation	80,000	100,915		-	50,000	150,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	Ongoing
Protective Gear				(32,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(10,000)	(16,250)	Ongoing
Breathing Apparatus				(10,000)					(10,000)	Ongoing
Engine 2 (1995)			2020							600,000
Forestry Truck #1			2022							55,000
Staff Car			2023							52,500
Tank 1 (1994)			2024							175,000
Forestry Truck #2			2026							75,000
Ladder Truck (1997)			2029							1,500,000
Tank 3 (2001)			2031							200,000
Public Works										
DPW Vehicle and Equipment Appropriation		111,052		155,000	120,000	215,000	200,000	220,000	225,000	Ongoing
Spreader Hanger			2016	(60,000)						60,000
Road Grader (2002)			2018			(300,000)				300,000
3500 Sm Dump Truck (2008)			2018			(75,000)				75,000
6 Wheel Dump Truck (2008)			2018			(145,000)				145,000
Vibratory Roller			2019				(145,000)			145,000
Maintenance Van (2008)			2019				(40,000)			40,000
Loader (2010)			2020					(200,000)		200,000
Backhoe (2011)			2021						(140,000)	140,000
550 Sm Dump Truck (2011)			2021						(100,000)	100,000
4x4 Mower/Snowblower			2021						(35,000)	35,000
F-550 Sm Dump Truck (2013)			2022							103,000
6-Wheel Dump Truck (2013)			2023							170,000
F-550 Sm Dump Truck (2013)			2024							46,900
F-550 Sm Dump Truck (2014)			2024							110,000
Torro 72" Mower B&G			2024							28,000
10-Wheel Dump Truck (2015)			2025							250,000
Penacook Road Reconstruction	300,000			250,000	320,000					600,000
Yearly Road Project						300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	Ongoing

Project Description	2016 Requests NOT Funded by CIP	Balance in Trust/CRF	Planned Year of Expenditure	FY 17 2016-2017	FY 18 2017-2018	FY 19 2018-2019	FY 20 2019-2020	FY 21 2020-2021	FY 22 2021-2022	Total Project Cost
Hopkinton School District										
HSD Vehicle Replacement Appropriation		45,854		10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	Ongoing
14 Passenger Bus			FY 17	(46,000)						46,000
Maintenance Van			FY 22						(23,000)	23,000
Fully Accessible Bus			FY 23							50,000
HSD Maintenance Trust		199,594		50,000	50,000	60,000	60,000	70,000		
HMHS Boiler			FY 18		(150,000)					150,000
MSS Boiler			FY 19			(60,000)				60,000
MSS Gym Floor Replacement			FY 20				(76,000)			76,000
Hopkinton School District - Bond Payments										
School Renovation 97/98-2018				547,450	553,500					
Hopkinton School District Totals										
Proposed Appropriations				60,000	65,000	75,000	75,000	85,000	15,000	
Bond Payments				547,450	553,500	-	-	-	-	
Total - School District				607,450	618,500	75,000	75,000	85,000	15,000	
GRAND TOTAL ALL ENTITIES										
Town of Hopkinton				1,252,772	1,269,413	1,376,517	1,400,960	1,402,272	1,288,438	
Contoocook Village Precinct				-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hopkinton Village Precinct				-	-	-	-	-	-	
Hopkinton School District				607,450	618,500	75,000	75,000	85,000	15,000	
Grand Total				1,860,222	1,887,913	1,451,517	1,475,960	1,487,272	1,303,438	

Report of the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway

www.currierandivesbyway.org



The Currier and Ives Scenic Byway is a 30-mile long state-designated route that passes through the Towns of Salisbury, Webster, Warner, Hopkinton, and Henniker. It is part of the New Hampshire Scenic & Cultural Byways Program administered by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT). The Currier & Ives Scenic Byway Council is a volunteer organization with representatives from each of the five Byway towns. Byway Council members are appointed by their Select Board.

In 2015, the Scenic Byway Council continued its efforts in public outreach and promoting awareness and appreciation of the Currier & Ives Scenic Byway among residents and visitors alike. The Council continues to build organizational capacity and is thankful of its dedicated volunteers who participate as Council members in the quarterly meetings, annual Byway event, and other projects.

One of the Byway Council's main objectives continues to be raising public awareness about the byway. The Currier & Ives Scenic Byway received publicity with a feature in Kearsarge Magazine in the fall of 2015. The feature covered a brief history of the byway and the Byway Council, as well as attractions and scenic views not to be missed when traveling the byway.

The Byway Council plans to hold the third annual Currier & Ives Byway Open House in the spring of 2016. This event has been successful in past years with attendees from many area businesses, local Chamber of Commerce representatives, Select Board members, and residents who gathered to celebrate and show support for the Byway. The Currier & Ives Byway is a local resource for attracting visitors and area residents to travel the byway and enjoy its many small businesses, recreation opportunities, and scenic landscapes.

The Currier & Ives Byway Council meets quarterly on a rotating basis among the five Byway towns. Meetings are open to the public, and all interested parties are welcome. Information is available on the Byway website at www.currierandivesbyway.org.

Please contact your Byway Council representatives if you are interested in learning more. The Town of Hopkinton Byway Council Representatives are Jim O'Brien and LeeAnn Vance. Central NH Regional Planning Commission provides administrative support to the Byway Council and can be reached at cnhrpc@cnhrpc.org.

Report of the Cemetery Trustees

Hopkinton's three Cemetery Trustees are entrusted with caring for the Town's cemeteries. Responsibilities include selling plots, helping families arrange for burials and managing the upkeep of the cemeteries and cemetery records. There were 39 burials in 2015 as compared with 23 in 2014.

In addition to five active cemeteries (the Contoocook Village Cemetery at the intersection of Main Street and Penacook Road, the Old Hopkinton Cemetery next to the Town Hall, the New Hopkinton Cemetery by Exit 4 off I-89, the Stumpfield Cemetery in the back corner of the Contoocook Village Cemetery, and the Blackwater Cemetery on Dustin Road), the Trustees also oversee the Putney Hill and Clement Hill Cemeteries, as well as three private family burial grounds.

The cemeteries are officially open for burials from May 1 to Veterans' Day in November. During this time, care and upkeep includes ensuring that lawns are mowed; shrubs are clipped; Memorial Garden flowers are planted, weeded and watered; trees and branches are cut; fences and stone walls are maintained; monuments are repaired and trash is removed. Norman Miner continued to serve as Cemetery Sexton and provided invaluable assistance with much of the maintenance work. The Trustees are also grateful for services received from Ken Soucy of Pinnacle Landscape Services, Jeff Dearborn of Old Yankee Tree Service, Dick Schoch Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning, Keith Racine of Cornerstone Cemetery Services and Theresa Pearson of The Yard Fixer, a local landscape architectural firm.

Needless to say, we continue to enjoy the yeoman service that Gerry Courser, our contract gravedigger, has provided us, year after year. He embodies all of the trust and wisdom that those of who operate as volunteers must depend on.

A special thanks is in order for the volunteer work done by a native son, Darren Moddy, who now lives in Warner. For a number of years the lovely wrought iron gate at the entrance to the Putney Hill Cemetery was in complete disrepair. When Darren heard of this, he provided both ingenuity and labor to solve the problem. Many thanks to Darren.

Although there was no Cemetery Walk this year, the Old Hopkinton Cemetery provided a dramatic backdrop for the final act of the Sestercentennial production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." During three nights in July, nearly 30 town residents worked together to bring the play and the cemetery to life for a combined audience of more than 600 people. Such events, presented by the Hopkinton Historical Society, serve as a dramatic reminder of the shared history between today's residents and the approximately 6,000 souls who have preceded us in calling Hopkinton home.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Lawless, Chair
Christine Hamm
Donald Lane

Report of the Conservation Commission

The year 2015 was busy and productive again for the Hopkinton Conservation Commission and was distinguished by the completion of some ongoing projects and initiation and completion of several new ones. The Commission met a total of ten times in regular meetings during the year. With respect to people serving, the Commission's long-time member, Eric Leadbeater, retired and decided it was time to focus on other priorities after several decades of distinguished service. This enabled alternate Bob LaPree to become a full Commissioner. The Commission subsequently accepted two new alternates, Melissa Jones and David Newsom, following their appointments by the Hopkinton Board of Selectmen.

A focus on land protection and stewardship continued to be a priority for the Commission, with attention to the administration of monitoring three existing conservation easements, for which the Town serves as Grantee. Active stewardship and management activities also focused on the Brockway Preserve, owned by the Town and managed under a cooperative Memorandum of Agreement with New Hampshire Audubon. The agreement was discussed and sharpened to enable better awareness of Audubon's interpretive programs and needs with respect to the parcel. Boundary and vegetation maintenance issues were discussed and will be addressed further on the Town's Rollins Lot. Considerable attention to the Kimball Lake Lot and its cabins was required to enhance the parcel's role as an important trailhead for the Hopkinton Village Greenway (HVG), and for the programming and future use of the cabins. Issues addressed included site planning, vehicle access, land ownership, vegetation management and public safety. Finally, the Commission was able to add the new Horne Town Forest to the inventory of important parcels under Town ownership and HCC stewardship. The new forest abuts the protected Bohanan Farm property at the confluence of the Blackwater and the Contoocook Rivers. It includes approximately 1,500 feet of frontage on the Blackwater River and constitutes an important acquisition for open space, wildlife habitat, current and future land and water recreation values.

Education and outreach activities conducted by the HCC included completion of analysis of the NH Fish & Game Department's fish survey in the Town's streams by electro-fishing undertaken in 2014. Both warm water and cold water fish species were found and the information gathered, highlighted by coldwater habitat for brook trout in Dolf Brook and Brown's Brook, may be helpful in future land protection efforts. Discussion of the continued threat by the invasive emerald ash borer, an insect fatal to ash trees, transitioned from 2014 to 2015. Unfortunately, because of lack of funding and treatment complexity, it cannot be presently further addressed beyond educational awareness by landowners. The HCC again sponsored a student for the Berry Conservation Camp. Hopkinton High School student, Alexander O'Keefe-Duchane, attended the camp during the summer of 2015 and provided an enthusiastic report to the HCC at its November meeting. For the 250th anniversary celebration of Hopkinton, the HCC, along with the Hopkinton Open Space Committee, organized and conducted a 21 station interpretive tour on a portion of the Hopkinton Village Greenway. The attendance at the event during the summer was excellent, with over 70 people participating and active interpretation at each of the sites featured on the tour. Numerous organizational activities were required in advance of the event, including production of a brochure, signage construction and placement, some additional trail maintenance, and importantly, the stone walls surrounding the town pound on Old Putney Hill Road were rebuilt, with essential help from Jeff Dearborn and his equipment, to re-arrange fallen

stones. A new “old” gate was also built and added to complete the project. In the fall, HCC also participated in Hopkinton Cares with various projects at the Kimball Cabins and vegetation management at Kimball Lake. Again, a large and enthusiastic group of families contributed to making that day a success. HCC members have worked on updating and editing important conservation related parts of the Hopkinton Master Plan and submitted them to the Town. Also, cooperation with adjacent towns in planning a Warner River scenic designation to the NH River Management and Protection Program continued in 2015.

Trails for passive recreation including hiking, running, snowshoeing, skiing, mountain biking, environmental education and general public health and appreciation of the outdoors have been a focus of HCC for the last several years. A Trails Subcommittee of the HCC meets periodically and includes four members of the HCC and a member of the Board of Selectmen. In 2015, in addition to activities on the HVG, a trail stewardship group was formalized focused on the greenway to monitor its condition and provide maintenance and communication, as needed. Trails stewardship focus in 2015 included the Greenway, Bohanan Farm, the Stevens Rail Trail, the Putney Hill Connector, and the First Parsonage Trail. Trail re-development and maintenance, with the assistance of Hopkinton High School student Bowman Ridinger, occurred on the Bohanan Farm’s Courser Hill Trail, the Greenway, First Parsonage Trail and in conjunction with the 250th anniversary historical walk. Planning and landowner outreach continued relative to a new prospective trail into Contoocook Village from Putney Hill Road. The goal is completion of a connector modeled after the success and support received in creation of the Greenway, as well as some impressive trail accomplishments in surrounding towns. More information on trails can be found on the website: <http://hopkintonconservationland.org/hopkinton-village-greenway/>

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Wilder, Chair
Jed Merrow, Treasurer
Doug Giles

Ron Klemarczyk, Vice-Chair
Bob LaPree
James Newsom, Alternate

Rob Knight, Secretary
Cleve Kapala
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Report of Central NH Regional Planning Commission

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Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. The Town of Hopkinton is a member in good standing of the Commission. Clarke Kidder is the Town’s representative to the Commission.

CNHRPC's mission is to comply with State statute (RSA 36:47) by preparing and adopting regional land use and transportation plans and a regional housing needs assessment. CNHRPC also evaluates developments of regional impact (RSA 36:54-58) and provides data, information, training, and high-quality, cost-effective services to our member communities. CNHRPC advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2015, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission undertook the following local and region-wide activities:

- Provided technical assistance services for member communities, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation guidance, and planning board process training.
- Provided Hazard Mitigation Plan update development assistance to seven community Hazard Mitigation Committees and developed Plan implementation and evaluation documents available for use by all communities. In Hopkinton, staff provided assistance to the Hazard Mitigation Committee to begin the update of Hopkinton's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Completed Fluvial Geomorphic Assessment (FGA) planning activities for eight communities along the Piscataquog River, Turkey River, Soucook River, and Suncook River, including coordinating a public information meeting for the Suncook River FGA assessment results, and compiling data, preparing maps of river features, meeting with communities, and developing Hazard Mitigation Plan Addendums for several communities.
- Completed the preparation of the Central NH Regional Plan which was adopted by the CNHPRC Full Commission on February 12, 2015.
- Completed the preparation of the Central NH Region Broadband Plan which was adopted by the CNHPRC Full Commission on June 11, 2015.
- Began the development of the CNHRPC Regional Brownfields Program through funding from the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Tasks completed in 2015 included the formation of the regional Brownfields Advisory Committee and the initial steps to select qualified environmental professionals to will prepare assessments of potential brownfields sites in the region. For more information on brownfields and the CNHRPC Brownfields Program please go to www.cnhrpc.org/cnhrpc-brownfields-program.
- Assisted the Currier and Ives Byway with its member towns of Henniker, Hopkinton, Webster, Warner, and Salisbury. In 2015, the Council continued to meet quarterly to support its efforts in public outreach to promote the Byway. Activities included an article showcasing the Byway in the Fall issue of Kearsarge Magazine and other outreach and fundraising events to occur in 2016.
- Provided assistance to the Warner River Nomination Committee, including representatives from Bradford, Warner, Sutton, Webster, and Hopkinton, related to the possible future nomination of the Warner River into the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program. Work included drafting the nomination document which includes inventorying natural resources including common, invasive, threatened and endangered species of animals and plants. Data on existing dams, community resources, and existing land use controls were also included. Regular meetings were held to discuss progress, various interests and to gain additional information from local knowledge.
- Coordinated the activities of the CNHRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In 2015, CNHRPC staff worked with the TAC to complete the preparation of the 2017-2026 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to ensure that the region's needs were adequately addressed in the State Ten Year Highway Transportation Plan (TYP). In

Hopkinton, the intersection of US Route 202 and NH 127 was included in the Draft TYP. Information related to the TIP update process can be found at www.cnhrpc.org/transportation/transportation-improvement-program-tip.

- Offered its member communities a Road Surface Management System (RSMS) program, through transportation planning activities, which provides an overview and estimate of a municipal road system's condition and the approximate costs for future improvements.
- Completed over 200 traffic counts in the region as part of its annual Transportation Data Collection Program. In Hopkinton, CNHRPC conducted traffic counts at nineteen (19) locations.
- Assisted five communities with the preparation of Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant applications for pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects.
- Continued to support an enhanced volunteer driver program (VDP) in our region that was established in November 2011 through CNHRPC's 2010 Coordinated Transportation Plan efforts. In 2015, the VDP provided over 5,000 rides to seniors and people with disabilities for essential medical appointments and vital services that help the residents of our region remain independent. The goal of the planning effort was to reduce transportation costs for those in need while increasing coordination between existing transportation providers. For more information, visit www.midstatercc.org.
- Tracked state highway paving projects and coordinated with municipalities to ensure annual repaving and lane striping met community needs, with a particular emphasis on bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- Conducted monthly Park & Ride vehicle occupancy counts at seven New Hampshire Park and Ride locations around the region as part of CNHRPC's transportation planning work program.
- CNHRPC provided assistance to the Regional Trails Coordinating Council, a coalition of local rail trail and shared-use path groups in roughly the Salem-Manchester-Concord corridor. In 2015, the group worked on implementing tasks recommended in the Regional Trails Plan for the region. Activities included awareness and outreach activities such as distributing trail marker signs, developing interactive maps for the public, and other activities to promote the use and development of rail trails in the region.
- Provided assistance to NH Department of Transportation's (NHDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Committee (BPTAC), advising NHDOT on bicycle and pedestrian related matters. BPTAC activities included various projects such as level of traffic stress analysis, lane striping policies, and the development of a statewide bicycle and pedestrian traffic counting program.
- In 2015, CNHRPC provided assistance with the development of a regional transportation model comprised of over 400 traffic analysis zones as part of the I-93 Bow-Concord expansion project. The transportation model was developed using a base year of 2010 and a future year of 2035 using projections for population and employment. The model allows CNHRPC to demonstrate what effects specific demographic changes and roadway projects may have on traffic throughout the region.
- CNHRPC completed a NHDES 604(b) impervious cover study for the Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee (UMRLAC) with its member towns of Bow, Concord, Boscawen, and Canterbury. CNHRPC completed the creation of an impervious cover GIS layer for the UMRLAC region, developed several maps of the region and each town

displaying impervious cover and other pertinent map layers. Reports with a detailed discussion of local areas of concern were developed for each community.

- Continued to acquire, update, and utilize Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data for planning, cartography, and analysis across all projects.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us at www.cnhrpc.org. CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Report of the Economic Development Committee

Mission Statement

The mission of the Town of Hopkinton's Economic Development Committee is to enhance the many attributes that the Town of Hopkinton has to offer. We are dedicated to help create opportunities for economic development through desirable business growth, expansion, retention and attraction in working as partners to develop a climate conducive in maintaining the quality of life in this great Town of Hopkinton, County of Merrimack, State of New Hampshire.

We are dedicated to creating a more vibrant and cultivated community by:

- Serving as a conduit between the commercial economic interests in Town of Hopkinton, the municipal government and the Town's population;
- Encouraging the economic well-being and expansion of the existing commercial businesses located within the Town;
- Responsibly assisting in developing properties within the Town of Hopkinton in an effort to improve the aesthetics of the Town while providing additional revenue; &
- Reviewing Town ordinances, policies, and practices to determine their impact on existing and proposed commercial businesses.

In 2015, the EDC accomplished the following:

1. Recognized the need for an updated website that attracted potential businesses
2. Met with an official from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development. We identified the steps needed to attract businesses to the Town. The first step is an updated website with pertinent information.
3. At Town Meeting, we took a survey from residents asking them their opinions on where our committee should focus our energies. Based on the results, we have created a plan around enhancing the Village of Contoocook and attracting more businesses to Town.
4. Met with Planning Director Karen Robertson, regarding Zoning in Hopkinton.
5. The Committee met monthly.

In 2016, we are working on the following:

1. Attracting businesses to the Town of Hopkinton, beginning with:
 - a. Elderly Housing Facility
 - b. Urgent Care Facility
 - c. Educational Facilities
 - d. Solar Power Companies
2. Looking at the Milton Cat property
 - a. Reached out to Steve Clough regarding potential sewer line. Learned that this is not a

possibility unless the future business increases the tax base sufficiently enough to defray the costs of expansion.

Lessons we've learned:

1. To look beyond Burnham Intervale for potential property.
2. Working towards new & creative concepts (not being repetitive to past years committees)

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Astles, Chair

Report of the Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee



This year has seen a fluctuation of membership with the loss of some members and an upswing in new ones, keeping us at around 6 members and two representatives.

November saw completion of our Education Committee, so plans can now begin for our Committee to become more active in our local schools. As we have learned through research, a good recycling education program is the key to better community citizen involvement.

Our annual Hopkinton/Contoocook Earth Day Roadside Cleanup saw an increase in citizen participation compared to previous years and our community streets looked better because of it. The Committee is now considering adding a fall cleanup day to its calendar.

Efforts have been made to try to increase the functionality and use of our recycling center for our citizens by suggesting changes in sign placement and in methods of communication at the Center. Additionally, the Committee has been very supportive of the Transfer Station addition of a swap shop. Citizens of Hopkinton will be able to bring unwanted items of good condition to the Transfer Station where the items will be offered up at the Swap Shop at no cost to patrons.

America Recycles Day is a large national event which the Committee took part in this year. A workable size model of the Recycling Center, including the office, was displayed in order for attendees to participate in a recycling activity. The Committee also encourages re-use of materials so three additional activities were offered as a way for children and their parents to learn more about “up-cycling” in creative ways. Of those in attendance, the display was enjoyed. Most learned new information, specifically, that #5 plastic can be recycled at the Transfer Station Office.



After a productive learning year for the Hopkinton/Webster Recycling Committee in 2015, the Committee looks forward to putting several more plans into action in 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Rust

Report of the Hopkinton Rescue Squad

In 1965, the Hopkinton Rescue Squad was formed as a Riot Squad to help protect the Town from unruly motorcycle gangs. Over the years, it has evolved into what today is our Hopkinton Rescue Squad. For fifty years, this has been a 100% volunteer organization. Not one member has ever received payment for their services. They have risked their own lives and given up nights, weekends, holidays and even work hours to answer their calls. We perform heavy rescue services like water search and rescue, ice rescue, Hurst tool rescue (jaws of life), snowmobile rescue and assist in forest fire and other calls, as needed.

In 2015, we were proud to be able to continue the tradition of operating the Hopkinton Rescue Squad on a 100% volunteer basis, as we marked the Hopkinton Rescue Squad's 50th Anniversary. We were honored to be included in the Town's Hero Walk this summer and to receive a thank you poster from the children that participated in the 2015 summer reading program at the Hopkinton Town Library.

Our volunteers have responded to numerous emergency calls this year, some quite serious in nature, putting our skills and equipment to the test. Outside of our calls, our main focus this year was to build on our volunteer membership. We welcomed Jeff Demers and Devon Sheehan to the squad this year.

We gave back to our community in other ways as well. We participated in the annual PTA Fun Fair and aided the Sestercentennial Committee by acting as a mobile cooling station during the Sestercentennial Parade, provided lighting for safety during the fireworks display and handled lighting and traffic control for the "Our Town" play. We also assisted with the Contoocook Carry and participated in the annual Fourth of July Parade.

In addition to the man hours spent responding to calls, participating in training programs, helping with community programs and the day to day operations of the squad, the members have also spent hundreds of hours organizing and running their annual fundraiser in order to be able to continue to bring the community of Hopkinton, as well as surrounding towns, the heavy rescue services that the Hopkinton Rescue Squad has been providing for 50 years. We feel confident that we have built an organization that has become one of the best equipped heavy rescue teams in the State.

Anyone that is interested in joining us is welcome to attend one of our monthly meetings held in our building on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00p.m. We provide all the necessary training to any interested volunteer member.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake Schoch, Captain (2015)

Mike Chalfant, Captain (2016)

Report of the Fire Department

The year 2015 has been a year for which the Hopkinton Fire Department has seen the station renovations come to a close and the Duty crews moved back in. With the idiosyncrasies of the station being figured out and the approval of a grant from homeland security, the department has furnished its EOC/Training room. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Hopkinton for their continued support shown to their Fire Department. To those that so graciously donated monies for the furnishings of the dayroom and fitness room, we again say thank you.

This past year we have built on the previous year's increase in training within the fire department, with two members attending NHTI fire science program, with one member set to graduate this spring and the other member to graduate in the spring of 2017. This year has also shown the successful transition of our EMS staff to the national standard of EMT, AEMT and Paramedic designations. Two members attended a summit in Washington, DC this past spring to gather further information with regards to mobile integrated healthcare and what steps must be taken to enable the department to successfully meet the needs of the residents of Hopkinton. Our monthly trainings have also continued without fail for all members to attend in order to keep their skills sharp.

2015 proved to be a high call volume year with 1,090 calls for service, which shows a 3.4% increase from last year's calls for service of 1,054. Our roads and highways sadly took the life of one person in Hopkinton during the year. Please always remember to stay alert and wear your seatbelt when traveling.

As a reminder, please change your smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries and make sure your residence is numbered in order to expedite our services in the case of an emergency.

At this time, I would like to thank the men and women of the Hopkinton Fire Department for their dedication and service to their community. I would also like to thank the families of our members for their understanding and support of our members when they abruptly leave home to respond to help others.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Mumford, Fire Chief

Hopkinton Fire Department 2015 Calls

Type of Call	No.	Type of Call	No.
Medical Aid Calls (including motor vehicle accidents)	734	Structure Fires	12
Fire / EMS Alarm Activations	61	Vehicle Fires	5
Brush and Non-permit Burns	19	Other Fires	13
Service Calls/Assist Public/ Good Intent Call	205	Hazardous Conditions (no fire)	25
Cover Truck	3	Special Incident Type	5
Chimney Fires	5	Calls handled by Mutual Aid	3

Report of the Forest Fire Warden

It was a busy year for Forestry related calls. Hopkinton Fire Department responded to 20 incidents in 2015 involving brush. We assisted in Mutual Aid fires in Northfield, Concord, Hillsborough, Webster and Boscawen. We also had many more arson and accidental fires in the Mast Yard State Forest, where 23.62 acres burned. Many of these fires are still under investigation. Over one additional acre was scorched throughout Town with combined fires caused by failure to extinguish campfires and improper disposal of wood stove ashes. Fortunately, all fires occurred on Class 2 (moderate) Fire Danger Days. Our first Mast Yard fire was on April 29th, when 10.2 acres burned. Our last fire was on November 11th and burned over 4.25 acres.

During the last Fire Warden's meeting, held in November, the announcement was made that a Forestry Unit, owned by the State of New Hampshire, was in need of a foster home soon. I was able to acquire the use of the unit by the Town of Hopkinton at NO charge. We will spend the winter putting tools, hose and pump on board, so it will be ready for our upcoming brush season. Now the Fire Department will be able to double our initial efforts and increase safety of our wildlands, fire men and women.

Our State Forest Rangers and I continue to promote Safe Burning Practices by Education. A permit to kindle MUST be obtained (even when raining), unless there is a 100 foot diameter of frozen precipitation on the ground around the brush you wish to burn. A phone call to the Station at 746-3181 would be appreciated BEFORE you burn. Permits are issued on Class 1 (low), and Class 2 (moderate) Fire Danger Days. Daily classification is posted by 10 a.m. on the sign next to the carved image of Smokey the Bear, at the Contoocook Fire Station. Also, residents can sign up for free daily information at www.nixle.com for time sensitive details about burning, weather and other community safety interests.

The NH Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) print an informational pamphlet, which explains in detail: hours, what is and what is NOT permitted to be burned. Landowners should ATTEND and have ADAQUATE means to suppress the fire; you are responsible for damages and suppression costs, if your fire gets out of control.

Have a Fire Safe Year!

Respectfully submitted,
Sean Weldon,
Captain/Warden

Report of the State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local

Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a 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. The ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit www.NHfirepermit.com. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help 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.nhdfl.org.

This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5th and burned for several days. The Bayle Mt. fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2015 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant 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. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

Report of the Human Services Department

It does not seem possible that twenty five years have passed since I became the Human Services Director for the Town, first as an elected official, then in 1996 as an employee. We have seen many changes in our Town and many changes in the economy. This position dictates performance of duties in the most unobtrusive and efficient manner, keeping in mind the client, as well as the taxpayer, to act not only as the welfare agent, but as an advocate for the

disadvantaged and the senior citizen population as well. In order to fulfill these duties in an effective manner, continued communication and education are essential. This is accomplished through coordination of services with other agencies and organizations and through seeking out educational opportunities regarding State, Federal and Local Programs.

This office operates as mandated by state law RSA 165:1. Pursuant to law, citizens of our community are assisted and served or as law states “relieved and maintained”. The method of service is governed by the need presented. Each need and family situation reveals its unique problems and difficulties. Whether it is direct financial assistance to meet a basic need, or providing help with understanding and navigating the fragmented social services of New Hampshire, it is the responsibility of this office to perform these duties.

The mission of this office is to enable individuals and families who find themselves in difficult situations to return to functioning as vital members of our society without relinquishing their dignity. The ultimate goal is to render assistance in a professional manner at the lowest cost to the town’s tax payers. Financial assistance is rendered in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Select Board and governed by State law. By law, there is no limit to the amount of assistance that may be granted to any one household, nor is there any stipulation controlling the type of assistance that may need to be expended. Ultimately, assistance may vary from one time food or prescription assistance to many months of shelter costs, depending on the need presented and the requirements of the guidelines. Reimbursement is requested and clients sign an agreement to do so, if they become financially able.

The issue of homelessness still looms as one of our most important social issues. Very little progress has been made to solve this concern. Many in our Town are one step away from losing their housing. This office has been able to intervene in many situations and the result is reflected in the high housing costs during 2015.

One hundred and fifteen households received direct assistance, while an additional one hundred and twelve households were assisted by other means. Support, education and guidance regarding Medicare and Medicaid issues were provided to over sixty individuals. 2015 was a difficult year for many in

Food	\$ 1,925.01	*
Housing	\$ 35,628.00	
Fuel	\$ 2,571.61	**
Electric	\$ 1,068.06	
Other	\$ 2,827.26	
*Individual food vouchers beyond food pantry distribution.		
**Does not reflect \$30,00 in federal fuel assistance allocated to clients in town. It also does not reflect the fuel assistance received from funds collected through the Contoocook Carry Fund and the Human Services Office.		

our community. Some of our families were forced to leave their homes and take refuge with family members in other areas and some were referred to shelters. The threat of homelessness looms over many who are unemployed and those employed individuals who are not paid a livable wage. Transportation is a serious issue, not only for our senior citizen population, but for families and individuals, who can no longer afford to keep a vehicle in good running condition.

However, our community has much for which to be thankful:

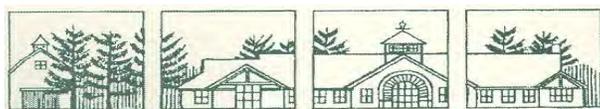
- The Slusser Senior Center has become an integral part of our community for many senior citizens. Graciously, it is also home to the Hopkinton Food Pantry. This office continues to coordinate efforts with the members and the volunteers at the Slusser Senior Center.
- The Hopkinton Food Pantry, which continues to thrive with the support of the community under the supervision of Tamara Saltmarsh and all our wonderful volunteers. Thanks to all our contributors. We are supporting 55 to 60 families on a weekly basis.
- Hopkinton Operation Christmas was again a great success. Many community members and organizations came forward and were most generous. On behalf of the many recipients, thank you all for your wonderful Christmas spirit.
- The Contocook Carry, organized by Mary and Tom Congoran, has developed into a successful fund raiser for fuel assistance funds, utilized by this office during our cold winters. This is made possible by many generous donations.
- Also, the generosity of our community allows this office to offer additional programs such as Back-to-School Backpack Program and special holiday programs, including Easter and Thanksgiving, Summer Camp Scholarship Program, and the Got Lunch Program.
- I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve my community in a way that I believe makes a difference. I am thankful for the immense support I have received over the years. This community continues to be caring and generous beyond all expectations.
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No person should be without food, shelter or medical attention in our Community. Please do not hesitate to make referrals or inquiries. All information is confidential.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Ceriello-Bresaw

Report of the Hopkinton Town Library



We lost some fine and stalwart library supporters in 2015: Rosemary Dougal, Thelma Mitchell, Barbara Moynihan and Tom O'Donnell. These individuals volunteered their time, participated in programs and they were all good readers. Thelma Mitchell was our Librarian for twenty years. We dedicate this report to them. In June, a community mosaic project was completed under the guidance of Lizz Van Saun. Over twenty volunteers participated in its creation made possible with memorial gifts for Rosemary Dougal. Other highlights from the year include our participation in the events that marked the Town's 250th anniversary, including an oral history program in November in partnership with the Hopkinton Historical Society featuring interviews of longtime residents by Christine Hamm and Virginia Prescott. Photographs celebrating residents of our Town by Bob LaPree are permanently on view in our Community Room. Our 250th anniversary Reading Challenge was also a great success with a drawing for gift certificates from many of our wonderful local businesses. Another key project of this year was our work on

long term planning with our committee (Neal Cass, Lish Cross, Susan Feltus, Christine Hamm, Amy O'Brien, Eric Schleppehorst, Nancy Skarmeas and Janet Ward) including data collection and discussion. In 2016 we will be doing more outreach, specifically to non-library users and our set of long term goals for the library including our role in the community, physical plant, the collection and programming will be fine-tuned. We will be conducting more surveys and holding focus groups. Please participate if you can—we need to hear from you if we are to ensure that the library continues to be a vital and relevant part of this community.

Staff and Volunteers: We couldn't do any of this without our extraordinary staff including Reference Librarian Karen Dixon, with part-time Librarians Elissa Barr, Charlotte DeBell, Kevin French and Catherine Ryan. Leigh Maynard heads up Children's and Youth Services and the Circulation Department is managed by Laura Mackenzie and Barb Diaz, assisted by Nancy Raymond. We are also so fortunate to have a group of dedicated adult and teen volunteers. Our Friends of the Library group, led by Charlene Betz, runs our annual book sale, supports the beautification of our garden and purchases passes to more than ten area museums for the use of the community. We are thankful for all of them and to the Town of Hopkinton, which we are here to serve.

Statistics	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Items Circulated	68,216	67,717	67,476	67,928	70,661	70,937
Ebook and EAudiobook Downloads	1,706	2,241	3,556	5,030	5,822	7,379
Programs	352	334	324	312	318	334
Collection: Items added	2,714	2,562	2,695	2,657	2,616	2,757
Collection: Items deleted	2,838	1,847	2,369	2,409	1,569	2,634
Community Use of Public Spaces	669	636	609	606	653	632
Gallons of Fuel Used: (from 2006-08 an average of 7658 gallons of fuel were used per year.)	5142	4011	4241	4544	4823	5378

Respectfully submitted: Elaine Loft, Board Chair, Emilie Burack, Peter Gagnon, John Greabe, Nancy Skarmeas and Donna V. Dunlop, Library Director

Report of the Kimball Lake Cabin Support Committee

The Kimball Lake Cabins Committee was established in 2014, to “support multipurpose use of the Kimball Lake property for the benefit and use by the townspeople following the master plan adopted by the Select Board.” Thanks to a growing group of dedicated volunteers and generous donors, 2015 was a busy and productive year. Several skilled contractors donated their time and expertise to help with repairs; more than 50 individuals and several organizations, including the

fourth graders, a teacher and the Class of 2015 donated money; and more than 30 individuals participated in the 10+ workdays at the Cabins, including fourth graders, teachers, Lion's Club members, Conservation Committee members, and many others.

2015 accomplishments include:

- Maple Street School (MSS) fourth graders and their parents, with the help of Hopkinton Conservation Commission members (HCC), worked together to clean up the area around the cabins. These same fourth graders (aka The Kimball Lake Cabins Crusaders) have also raised money to help restore the cabins.
- A new green metal roof was installed on cabin #1 (the largest cabin) under the expert direction of Chris Boudette, Nate and Jason Holmes, and several other volunteers.
- The old unreadable signage was replaced using funds from the KLCC and the HCC. Many upgrades including electrical wiring, emergency lighting and handicap accessibility allowed the Town to issue an Occupancy Permit for cabin #1.
- The Hopkinton Lions Club and numerous other volunteers began the work of removing the old chinking (material between the logs) and replacing it with new log cabin chinking. The KLCC and others got a good start on repairing and staining the wood trim on the windows of cabin #1 and cabin #2.
- Repairs to exterior lighting at the cabins has allowed late winter afternoon and early evening skating on the lake. The Town DPW, under the direction of the KLCC, placed a number of large boulders near the cabins, to designate no parking areas.
- Some repair work has been started on cabin #2. Derek Owen and Clivus New England inspected and made necessary repairs so the Clivus toilet facilities there are operable again.

2015 events held at the cabins included the Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop #77 Winter Outing; the Maple Street School's Susan Pisinski Arts and Science Field Day; the starting point for the historic walk held as part of the Town's 250th anniversary celebration; several Hopkinton Recreation Department programs, including NH Fish & Game fishing lessons and kayaking; a Revolutionary War Encampment, as part of the Town's 250th anniversary celebration; the Hopkinton Boy Scout Troop #77's Fall Campout; and Hopkinton Cares, a town-wide volunteer day held in October.

The next steps for the cabins include replacing the roof, rebuilding the porch and steps, and repairing the toilet facilities of cabin #2. The cost of materials for these projects is approx. \$5,000; the labor will be donated. If you are interested in volunteering your time or expertise (we are especially looking for a grant writer), or in making a tax-deductible donation, see info at: http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH_Kimball/index. If you wish to use the area for an event, see information at: http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/Pages/HopkintonNH_Recreation/index.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Carr

Report of the Open Space Committee

The Open Space Committee was created in 2003 to advise the Board of Selectmen about projects that are worth considering for town funding, through an open space bond passed by voters the same year. The committee works in close collaboration with the Conservation Commission and its Trails Subcommittee. We would like to especially thank Rob Knight for his engaged role as a liaison to our committee, representing the commission and trails committee.

The Open Space Committee was pleased to participate in the Town's 250th Anniversary Celebration by cohosting a Historic Walking Tour of the Hopkinton Village Greenway on June 13 with the Conservation Commission. From Kimball Lake to the Town Pound to the site of an Indian raid, the walking tour featured 20 informational stations to help relive Hopkinton's history, while experiencing our beautiful conservation land. Over 50 residents and friends participated in this event. If you missed the tour or want to retrace our steps, you may view or download a self-guided historic walking tour guide at:

<http://hopkintonconservationland.org/hopkinton-village-greenway/>



The Open Space Committee reviewed several potential conservation projects during the year, yet found that none met our criteria sufficiently enough to bring to voters for consideration. The committee relies on detailed Selection Criteria and Priorities to provide an objective evaluation of prospective properties and their suitability to meet the Town's priorities for open space protection. A copy of these selection criteria is available at the Town Office. Among the primary reasons for not bringing projects forward this year are proposed lands do not provide enough conservation value, landowners are not yet ready to conserve their land, and an inability to reach agreement on a reasonable price with landowners. We will continue to review potential projects in the coming year, with a keen focus on opportunities to provide the best conservation value and investment possible.

We encourage community members to enjoy the wonderful variety of conservation lands protected to date through the open space bond, as well as other means. The Town’s Conservation Land website offers great information on the many protected properties in town and the trails available to enjoy these properties. Very special thanks to Kathy Barnes for her wonderful donated services to manage this website at: <http://hopkintonconservationland.org/>.

Respectfully submitted,

Dijit Taylor, Chair
Bob LaPree

Esther Cowles
Sara Persechino, Select Board Representative

Lucia Kittredge
Ron Klemarczyk

Report of the Planning Department

On a day-to-day basis, the Planning Department provides assistance to residents and businesses as they navigate the permit and development process. We respond to all levels of inquiries and provide help with filing applications, as well as continuity through the review process by various boards and committees.

This past year, the Planning Board met on the second Tuesday of every month to fulfill its obligations to review applications and other land use matters. Most of the Planning Board’s time was spent reviewing and approving subdivisions, site plans, architectural design review, and conditional use permits. This includes reviewing engineers’ plans and reports, taking time outside of the regular meeting to do a site walk, and conducting public hearings on the various applications. This year, the Board spent quite

2015 Inspections:

Building/Use	157
Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical	349
Other: Plan Review, Mtgs.	93

2015 Building/Use Applications:

Residential, Commercial Units	12
Additions, conversions, renovations	197
Accessory Structures	24
Demolitions	8
Agriculture, Farming	7
Plumbing, Electrical Mechanical	196
Other	15

some time in work sessions to review zoning amendments. After thorough review, the Board decided to take action by limiting the zoning amendments to clarifications and updates to the town ordinances and land use tables. The amendments, that the Board deemed appropriate for

the town, had considerable discussion and public hearings.

In addition to reviewing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Board discussed the need to revise Hopkinton’ Master Plan. As a result, the Board agreed to revise three chapters of the Master Plan (Conservation, Preservation and Open Space, Population and Economics, and Community Facilities). The Conservation Commission has been working on revisions to the Conservation, Preservation and Open Space Chapter, which is almost complete and hopefully will be presented to the Planning

2015 Planning Board Activity

Subdivisions	4 (5 Lots)
Site Plans/Architectural	4 (Retail, Office)
Conditional Use	1 (Cell Tower)
Mergers	3 (Voluntary)
Scenic Roads	1 (Utility Co.)

Board by April 2016. With the assistance of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, work on the Population and Economics Chapter, hopefully, will begin in March of 2016 with the initial planning meeting scheduled for February. Lastly, work on the Community Facilities Chapter will be completed in-house. Questionnaires were sent to the various departments with responses received by most all. It is our intention to work on revisions to the Community Facilities Chapter in stages beginning in March 2016.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment acts in a quasi-judicial capacity, ruling on the merits of each case to ensure that the Zoning Ordinance is applied fairly and equitable to all property and property owners.

The following information summarizes the Zoning Board of Adjustment's activity for 2015:

- Three Variance cases were filed. A Variance to allow an encroachment of an existing principal structure into a side yard setback, a Variance to allow a lot having less than the required frontage that would separate the existing residences, and a Variance to allow two principal uses on a property.
- Three Special Exception cases were filed. A Special Exception to convert a residence into a two-family dwelling, a Special Exception to erect a temporary sign, and a Special Exception to keep farm animals.
- One Administrative Appeal case was filed. The Appeal was of a Select Board's decision to issue a Building Permit for the construction of a shed.

The Department is always available to help residents and business owners understand the Town's ordinances and regulations and how they relate to their property. Information or applications may be obtained at the Town Hall, from the Town's website at www.hopkinton-nh.gov or by contacting the Planning Department at (603) 746-4487 or planzone@hopkinton-nh.gov.

Planning Board

Bruce Ellsworth, Chairman
 Michael Wilkey, Vice Chairman
 James O'Brien, Ex-Officio
 Cettie Connolly
 Timothy Britain
 Celeste Hemingson
 Jane Bradstreet
 Richard Steele, Alternate
 James Fredyma, Alternate
 Clarke Kidder, Alternate

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Daniel Rinden, Chairman
 Charles Koontz
 Toni Gray
 Gregory McLeod
 Jessica Scheinman
 David Brock, Alternate
 Seth Greenblott, Alternate
 Jonthan Eck, Alternate

 Karen Robertson, Planning Director
 John Pianka, Code Enforcement Officer

Report of the Police Department

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Hopkinton, I submit the annual report of the Hopkinton Police Department.

I would like first to thank the townspeople, the employees of Hopkinton as well as my staff for their support during the past year. The members of the Hopkinton Police Department take great pride in providing a high level of safety and security to our community. The public's reporting of suspicious activity has been vital to us keeping Hopkinton safe. During the past year the Department recorded 2,379 calls for service. (See chart)

Throughout the State, including Hopkinton, the issue of opioid abuse continued. The heroin epidemic has led to increased investigations of drug overdoses and untimely deaths. Criminal activity associated with illicit drug use and sales reduces the resources available to perform other fundamental tasks within our community. The Hopkinton Police Department again took part in the prescription drug take back initiative and continued working with our schools and various community groups to provide additional education on drug abuse.

Overview of some of the types of calls and number of times we addressed such incidents.			
		2014	2015
Total Arrests		167	143
DWI Arrests		20	14
Drug Arrests		36	34
Juvenile Arrests		12	5
Assaults		11	17
Sexual Assaults		6	2
Burglary		5	5
Criminal Mischief		24	23
Domestic Disturbance		21	20
Theft		33	35
MV Collisions		82	80
Citations		569	491
Warnings		5,844	6,382

The officers received advanced training in a variety of subjects during the year including conflict resolution, fraud and drug investigations, juvenile laws, operational planning, instructor development, warrant preparation, school violence awareness and prevention among many other areas of focus for law enforcement.

In 2015, the Hopkinton Police Department lost a longtime member and close friend, Walter "Turk" Dwinnells. He began working as a Hopkinton Police Officer in 1956. He took great pride in our community and those he served. He will be fondly remembered by all those who were fortunate enough to have known him.

The mission statement of the Department affirms our unending goal, "to provide professional, quality and effective police service in partnership with the community, while assuring fair and equal treatment to all." We extend our gratitude to the citizens for the continued support and commitment towards keeping Hopkinton safe.

Respectfully submitted,
 Stephen S. Pecora
 Chief of Police

Report of the Recreation Department

The Hopkinton Recreation Department would like to thank the many volunteers who gave their time to the numerous community programs and special events during 2015. The goal of the Hopkinton Recreation Department is to provide quality programming and special events to all our residents and to increase the quality of life in Hopkinton. A strong volunteer base helps the Department achieve this goal, and the ongoing volunteer support is key to the success of the Department. There are too many volunteers to mention by name, but we recognize the efforts of them all, especially the members of the Recreation Committee and the Senior Recreation Council. You are most appreciated!

Hopkinton Recreation Department

The Recreation Committee and Recreation Director work hard to provide the community with family friendly special events throughout the year. In 2015, the Recreation Department organized the Funnelator, Winter Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Family Fun Day, Sports Equipment Sale, Halloween Holler, Movie Nights, Santa Calling, Gingerbread House Workshop, and Breakfast with Santa, which resulted in a \$500 donation to the Human Services Department for Operation Christmas!

Several programs were provided to the community including: Tai Chi, Community Scrapbooking, Adult Volleyball, Granite State Track and Field, British Soccer Camp, April Vacation Camp, Red Cross Babysitting Class, Science Camp, Archery, Learning to Fish, Kimball Pond Triathlon, Field Hockey, and several adult exercise programs, as well as offering Discount Verizon and Summer Fun Tickets.

Summer Day Camp was again offered providing many families an affordable, safe and fun-filled experience for their children throughout the summer months. Participants enjoyed time at Kimball Pond and Elm Brook Park, field trips to places such as SEE Science Center, Water Country and Canobie Lake Park, as well as many activities and games at Harold Martin School. Thank you Camp Staff for another very successful and safe summer of smiles!

Thanks also to our Pond staff as the 2015 season was a safe and a very enjoyable experience for our beach visitors at Kimball Pond. Swimming lessons were once again offered and many children participated in the Red Cross Swim Program.

The Recreation Department has also had the privilege of working with the volunteer Kimball Cabins Committee as they work to renovate the cabins at Kimball Lake. At this time, the first cabin has been renovated and the Recreation Department has used it for programs and also rented it out several times during 2015.

The Recreation Department is excited for the upcoming year. We are planning for the addition of new programs in 2016, as well as utilizing the beautiful recreational facility at Kimball Lake more frequently.

Slusser Senior Center

Established in 2007, the Slusser Senior Center, overseen by the Recreation Department, has grown and flourished with successful programs and activities. It provides a place of community where the joy of friendship and social wellness can reach out to the Hopkinton Senior Community. Its continued growth and success is attributed to the many hours of dedicated service (over 3500 volunteer hours for the year) that are given freely by a large team of volunteers. Some of these include desk attendants, kitchen helpers, council members, program leaders, lunch coordinators and many others who take pride in the Center. The Senior volunteers are amazing!

In May, 2015 the Annual Volunteer Banquet took place and the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented. Congratulations to the recipients Joanne Woodward and Martha Thoits! Their names have been added to the Volunteer of the Year Award plaque, which hangs in the entryway of the Slusser Senior Center. Seniors who win this award are nominated and voted for by their peers.

During 2015, many established programs at the Slusser Senior Center continued their success including line dancing, bingo, Friday movies, quilting, card making, bridge, dominoes, scrabble, ping pong, billiards, and several exercise programs. Seniors continued to enjoy the Senior to Senior Program with the Hopkinton High School and the Pen-Pal Program with the Harold Martin School 3rd graders. Lunch continues to be served every Wednesday with the support and generosity of businesses, community members, and non-profit groups in the area. Special events include holiday parties and summer barbeques.

Moving forward into 2016, the Recreation Department will be continuing its support of the Slusser Senior Center volunteers and Senior Recreation Council, as they work to add and improve programs and events.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Simpkins,
Hopkinton Recreation Director

Report for the Department of Public Works Highways-Buildings and Grounds

Highway Department

The Highway Dept. continues to serve the citizens of Hopkinton in a manner they have been accustomed to. 2015 started off with well below temperature averages, and slightly above snowfall averages.

Spring and summer followed with below normal rainfall totals, which in turn allowed us to complete much needed drainage work throughout the Town.

The fall season was much warmer than anticipated, which greatly assisted the Department in grading the gravel roads and in the cleaning of paved ditches with leaf buildup. Paving completed for the year included: Barton's Corner, 1,500' of Hatfield Rd., Old Putney, Hillcrest, Peaked Hill, Hutchins Hill, and Galloping Hill.

Buildings & Grounds

The Buildings and Grounds personnel continue to improve upon the condition and upkeep of all Town owned facilities. The new irrigation well is up and running and has substantially alleviated the strain on the Contoocook water supply and has greatly influenced the condition of the George's Park facility.

At this time, I would like to express my thanks to the employees of this Department. These employees are often asked to put their families, plans, and safety on hold to deal with any adverse conditions that may arise.

Robert McCabe-Superintendent of Highways, Greg Roberts-Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, Kent Barton-Town Mechanic, Brian Cayer-Equipment Operator II, Mike Henley-Equipment Operator II, Adam Pearson-Equipment Operator II, Tom Geer-Equipment Operator I, Chris Bentley-Equipment Operator I, Garrett Hoyt-Building Maintenance, and John Poole-Part-time Highway/B&G.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Blanchette, Director of Public Works

Report of the Hopkinton Wastewater Department

The Hopkinton Wastewater Department has been in service since 1985 and continues to meet the needs of the community. The residents, businesses, schools, and town facilities located in Contoocook Village are all serviced by the Wastewater Plant and associated collection system. As the wastewater collection and treatment system ages the challenges are evolving but they are all being met.

All environmental facilities are heavily regulated and the Hopkinton system is under the umbrella of the Environmental Protection Agency and New Hampshire Department of Environmental services. A strict discharge permit is complied with and numerous reports and inspections are mandatory. New requirements are always being implemented and over the past few years the regulations have been expanded to encompass all aspects of the wastewater collection system. Previously all of the governmental focus was on the treatment plant and receiving waters (The Contoocook River).

A comprehensive maintenance and monitoring plan, for the entire wastewater collection system, has been implemented. It has been approved by the EPA and annual compliance reports have been filed. A system mapping requirement, which often involves expensive consultative assistance, was fulfilled with the help of EPA employees who made several trips to Hopkinton to assist in establishing GPS coordinates and to provide training on free software. The wastewater system has been mapped, complete with influent lines, force mains, effluent return lines, the

pump station, and all associated manholes. This was all accomplished with no cost to the ratepayers.

Manholes have been inspected as required and some repairs have been made. Unfortunately, some of this work that was scheduled for 2015 has had to be carried over into 2016. Necessary repairs have been funded in the Capital Improvement Plan and hopefully some substantial manhole improvement progress will be made next year.

The Fountain Square Pumping Station, which is critical because it collects wastewater from the entire Contoocook Village system and moves it up to the treatment plant, is also experiencing age related issues. Both of the pumps were rebuilt in 2013 and 2014. The antiquated telemetering system failed and was replaced by a modern wireless alarm system in 2014. The mechanical controls were replaced with an electronic operating system in 2015. An updated safety protocol for pump station access and maintenance was also implemented in 2015.

The Hopkinton Wastewater Department will continue to serve the community and maintain the sanitary environment that residents of Hopkinton and Contoocook Village need and deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Clough, Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Waste

Report of the Hopkinton/Webster Municipal Solid Waste Facilities

Thousands of tons of trash, construction & demolition debris, recyclables, yard refuse/brush, and other associated household wastes were processed, properly disposed of, and marketed as appropriate in 2015. The closed and capped landfill was monitored and maintained and the neighborhood homes received service from the facilities' Public Water Supply system.

The truck scale, which was installed in 1989 and refurbished in 2002, was replaced in 2015 as part of the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. The computerized truck scale system maintains comprehensive records and is indispensable in regards to generating non-tax revenue. MSW associated activities post hundreds of thousands of dollars of non-tax income to the towns' annually. The Towns' new trash contract, with rates several dollars a ton lower than the previous five year contract, is a big plus in keeping the budget down. The 2015 budget is lower than it was ten years ago even though it has been necessary to expand services to meet the needs of the communities.

The East Penacook Road Community Water System well pump was struck by lightning in 2015. The well pump was replaced, the well was disinfected and flushed, and the entire system was back to normal within days. The existing storage tank was filled with a NHDES approved bulk water delivery, the system continued to operate as designed, and the neighborhood homes that

receive service from the water system had uninterrupted service throughout this emergency situation.

A Swap Shop is being created on a shoe string. An old cargo container will be painted, have access doors added, be set up with some shelving, and hopefully be available to the public some time next spring. The facilities have always tried to promote reuse but have been hindered by the limited and exposed space available in the trash disposal area. A much needed refurbishing of the yard waste area was undertaken in 2015. The new brush, leaf, and cat litter area will hopefully be easier to use and maintain. The newly filled and graveled area should provide a convenient location for our "Trash & Treasure" Shop.

In 2016 the facilities will be evaluating necessary maintenance projects, organizing/storing almost 40 years of records and plans, be looking for improvements to existing programs, and providing all of the established services. The needs of the communities will be responded to as they are identified. Hopefully all residents will take advantage of any and all of the facilities' programs which are offered for their convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Clough, Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Waste

Report of the Road Committee

The Hopkinton Road Committee serves as an advisory committee for the Highway Department, and to the Planning Board to review subdivision plans. This year, there were not many subdivisions to review, so our focus was on the condition of our roads.

Also, in April our former Superintendent of Highways left the Town's employment, and Dan Blanchette was hired as our new Director of Public Works. Most of our meetings involved trying to determine how we could address the problems with our roads, without impacting the tax rate. Over the years, there has never been enough money appropriated to do any large project. Smaller portions of some areas have been addressed, but now we have projects that are going to require more time and money, and engineering to complete.

This year we were able to have the East Penacook Road Bridge rehabilitated at a much lower cost than estimated. The town voted \$225,000. to do this, and the job was done for \$136,668. In 2016, we are proposing to reconstruct Penacook Rd from Rt. 103 to Indian Ridge Rd. The estimate for this project is at \$600,000. At the time of this writing, the Board of Selectmen has approved this to be put on the warrant, with the Budget Committee yet to approve it. It is our hope to put this job out to bid late January, subject to Town Meeting approval. This way, we would have an exact figure to vote on at Town Meeting.

Future projects involve several large culverts that must be replaced. We have four on Briar Hill Rd., one on Rollins Rd., and one on Stickney Hill Rd. Two of these are considered bridges by the State of New Hampshire, which will make them much more expensive to replace. All of

them will need to be engineered and permits sought before we can put them out to bid. We are trying to be proactive with these projects, before any one of these fails and the road has to be closed. Or worse, one collapses when a truck or school bus is traveling over it.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but we do need to appropriate more money to address these problems.

I would like to commend the Highway Department for their dedication and hard work, with the resources they have available to them. If anyone has a concern that you think the Road Committee should look at, please feel free to contact us for review.

Respectfully submitted,

Hopkinton Road Committee
Lester Cressy
Scott Coen
John Chandler
Kent Symonds
David White

Report of the Hopkinton Sestercentennial Committee

250th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Hopkinton's 250th anniversary year-long celebration has come to an end, but holds many lasting memories. The year began with a charter signing reenactment on January 10, 2015 the same date that Hopkinton's charter was signed in 1765. Throughout 2015, the Sestercentennial Committee collaborated with many local groups to provide the community with a variety of events commemorating Hopkinton's anniversary:

- In January, the Hopkinton Historical Society and the Hopkinton Town Library held an oral history workshop.
- At the March Town Meeting, attendees sang "Happy Birthday" and enjoyed anniversary cupcakes.
- A tour of local churches was held in April.
- The Wildcat Regiment Band performed a concert of Civil War-era music on period instruments at the Jane Lewellen Bandstand in May.
- The Grand Celebration Day was held on May 30, and included a "Moments in Time" parade, music and food at the high school and bandstand, and fantastic fireworks at Houston Fields.
- The Hopkinton Greenway Historic Walking Tour was held in June.
- A "moving" performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" was held in Hopkinton Village in July.
- A dinner in the Contoocook Depot's Pullman Coach was held in August.
- At the Hopkinton State Fair (which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2015), the Sestercentennial Committee organized an exhibit commemorating both anniversaries.

- Hopkinton's painted theater curtains from the 1930's were restored and installed in the Town Hall in September.
- A United Train of Artillery Encampment was held at the Kimball Lake Cabins in September.
- A town wide volunteer event, called Hopkinton Care's Day, was held in October.
- In November, an oral history program featuring several Hopkinton residents was held at the Library.
- As part of the town wide Starry, Starry Weekend held in December, 250 residents lit candles and sang carols with candles at the bandstand.

The committee would like to thank everyone for their support: the businesses and individuals for their generous donations, the volunteers for the many hours spent organizing events, and the participants whose attendance helped to make the year-long celebration such a success.

Respectfully submitted,

Sestercentennial Committee

Louise Carr, Chair

Roxanne Benzel

Don Lane

Mark Newton

Ricardo Rodriguez

Ann Wayland

Steve Lux, Jr., Selectmen Representative

Sara Persechino, Selectmen Representative

Report of the UNH Cooperative Extension

From October 2014 to September 2015, UNH Cooperative Extension served residents in all 27 towns in Merrimack County with diverse programming through 4-H, Nutrition Connections, Food & Agriculture, Community & Economic Development, Natural Resources, and Youth & Family.



**University of
New Hampshire**
Cooperative Extension

Residents benefitted not only from the Merrimack County Cooperative Extension staff, but also from over 50 Cooperative Extension state and field specialists across the state.

Our mission

UNH Cooperative Extension (UNHCE), the public outreach arm of the University of New Hampshire, provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

In partnership with local residents and volunteers, UNHCE plans and conducts educational programs responsive to the specific needs of New Hampshire citizens.

Our work for Merrimack County

Merrimack County Extension staff brings the research and knowledge of the university to county residents through hands-on workshops, site visits, seminars, conferences, phone consultations, video- conferences, printed materials, online resources, email newsletters, correspondence courses, strategic partnerships, a statewide toll-free info line, and a comprehensive website. Our program areas include:



- **Food & Agriculture:** We support the county's agricultural industries, including producers of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants, and livestock, through workshops and trainings, diagnostic services, applied research, and one-on-one consultations. This year, at least 1,700 Merrimack County citizens attend 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 fielded 323 inquiries from Merrimack County residents, and the county's Master Gardeners contributed 1,068 volunteer hours, making direct contact with 1,443 local residents.
- **Natural Resources:** Managing and protecting New Hampshire's natural resources is critical to our environment, quality of life, and tourism industry, as well as for 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 640 Merrimack County residents received one-on-one education from woodlot visits, telephone calls, and e-mail correspondence.

An additional 1,200 County residents participated in many educational events: emerald ash borer educational workshops, geospatial technology training (GIS), N.H. Maple, N.H. Land Trust

Report of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector

This past year was an eventful one for our town! I would feel remiss without offering a big thank you and congratulations to all who contributed to the many celebrations of Hopkinton's Sestercentennial year. Each and every project and event added meaning to all the things that make this "Our Town". On a personal note, this year marks twenty years that my wife and I have called Hopkinton home.

The coming year promises to be busy and eventful – if nothing else, elections will be held four times. The presidential primary will be of the past by the time our Town Report is published, and then there will be Town Meeting, the State Primary in September and the Presidential Election on Nov. 8th. Our Supervisors of the Checklist, as well as all Ballot Clerks, do a great job handling all the tasks necessary in making an election work smoothly. Much goes on behind the scenes in ensuring that each voter is able to exercise their right to participate in our government. If you have any questions about the election process, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

You may have noted recently that access behind our counter has been closed off. This was a modification suggested by the State Dept. of Labor, basically regarding security. My personal viewpoint is that I like to be able to deal personally with all townspeople – privately when you wish. That is still possible. When that might be your wish let me know and I will make sure to be available.

Please note that we do offer payment of taxes on line. This can be accessed on the town website - <http://www.hopkinton-nh.gov/> - and is called "Tax Kiosk". Payment can be made by ACH (bank checking account), or debit/credit card. Note that ACH charge is currently \$0.95 and debit/credit fee is 2.95% of the payment. That fee is considered the current industry standard for those type transactions. There is also the ability to convert your property tax billing to electronic means.

By the way, quite some time ago, we changed our office hours. We are open 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Friday 8:00 a.m. – Noon.

Please take care to license your dog(s) by April 30th. If they're all done by then there will be much less time taken by our office and the Police Department making sure each dog is licensed, as state law requires.

My great thanks to all the people who help make our office work, and especially my staff: Carol Harless and Kathryn Keith. Their work is exemplary and it is a pleasure to spend each day working with them.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Gangel
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

2016
Town Meeting
Warrant
and
Narrative Warrant



Town of Hopkinton New Hampshire Warrant and Budget 2016

To the inhabitants of the TOWN OF HOPKINTON in the county of MERRIMACK in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

BALLOT VOTING: You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 beginning at 7:00 a.m. to act on Articles 1 and 2.

The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

DELIBERATIVE (DISCUSSION) MEETING: You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook, on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to act upon Articles 3 to 17.

Article 1: Election of Officers

To choose all necessary town officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated:

1 Moderator	2 Year Term
2 Select Board Members	3 Year Term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	3 Year Term
1 Budget Committee Member	1 Year Term
2 Budget Committee Members	3 Year Term
1 Library Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Cemetery Trustee	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3 Year Term

Article 2: Zoning Amendments

To see what action the town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following questions:

1. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 1** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend Section III Table of Uses 3.6 inserting 3.6.F.20 Self-Service Storage Facility as a use prohibited in the residential and village commercial districts and permitted by Special Exception in the commercial and all industrial districts. Currently, use is not listed and therefore, not permitted.

Yes No

2. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 2** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend Section II Definitions inserting new definitions 2.1.D.4 Drive-in Eating Establishment, 2.1.R.4 Restaurant and 2.1.S.3 Self-Service Storage Facility. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions. Amendment is to provide definitions for already established uses and a new use listed in Table of Uses 3.6.
- Yes** **No**
3. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 3** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend definition 2.1.M.1 Manufactured Housing, so that the language is consistent with NH RSA 674:31.
- Yes** **No**
4. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 4** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend Section II Definitions, 2.1.S.7 Special Exception by inserting cross-reference to Section XV Board of Adjustment. Amendment is to assist readers in locating the specific criteria for a Special Exception.
- Yes** **No**
5. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 5** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, 3.6.1 by inserting clarifying language to assist readers in understanding that Table of Uses 3.6 is divided into two parts, one for principal uses and the other for accessory uses. Provide further explanation as to the letters "P", "S", "X" or for uses not specified in the Ordinance. Clarify the fact that all uses are subject to the provisions of Section XII Wetlands Conservation District. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of uses; nor will it change the districts in which uses are currently permitted, permitted by special exception or not permitted.
- Yes** **No**
6. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 6** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6 by relocating 3.6.A.7 Home Business, 3.6.A.10 Home Occupation, and 3.6.A.11 Telecommuting to Table of Uses 3.6.H. Uses will be designated as accessory uses, rather than principal uses. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of the uses; nor will it change the districts in which the uses are currently permitted or permitted by special exception.
- Yes** **No**
7. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 7** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*
 Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, Table of Uses 3.6 by deleting the explanation in 3.6.F.1 Retail Establishment and instead, insert the explanation as new

definition 2.1.R.5 Retail Establishment. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of the use; nor will it change the districts in which the use is currently permitted, permitted by special exception or not permitted.

Yes No

8. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 8** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section VI Parking Requirements by deleting 6.4.6, requiring a special exception for use of public parking facilities to supplement or reduce the required minimum parking standards. Intent and purpose of amendment is to streamline the permitting process as similar authority has already been given to the Planning Board in 6.1 Off-Street Parking and 6.2 Location of Parking Spaces.

Yes No

9. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 9** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section VII Sign Ordinance, 7.6.2(c) and 7.9.3(a)(3) by deleting reference to “ten (10) feet” for the horizontal dimensions of free-standing signs and inserting in its place “five (5) feet” so that the language is consistent with the horizontal dimensions already established in 7.8.2. Intent and purpose of amendment is to correct a discrepancy in the Ordinance.

Yes No

10. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 10** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section VII Sign Ordinance, 7.9.3(a)(4) by deleting reference to “five (5) feet” for the distance that free-standing signs must be from any lot line and inserting in its place “ten (10) feet” so that the language is consistent with the distance already established in 7.6.2(c). Intent and purpose of amendment is to correct a discrepancy in the Ordinance.

Yes No

11. *Are you in favor of the adoption of **Amendment No. 11** as proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:*

Amend Section XVII Lighting Ordinance, 18.1 Title and Authority inserting 18.1.4 giving the Planning Board the authority, after testimony from the applicant, to alter specifications if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the Town and all other parties involved, and subject to any condition(s) the Planning Board deems appropriate. Intent and purpose of amendment is to streamline the permitting process.

Yes No

Article 3: Bond Issue for Road, Bridge, and Culvert Rehabilitation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$2,200,000 (gross budget) for the planning, design, rehabilitation, and construction of existing town roads, bridges, and culverts, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(2/3 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Article 4: Bond Issue for Track and Turf Field

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,426,225 (gross budget) for the planning, design, renovation, construction and equipping athletic facilities at George's Park including the construction of a track and turf field and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,426,225 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(By Petition) - (2/3 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board does not recommend this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this article (10-0)).

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

Article 5: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 6,416,591 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Article 6: Motor Vehicle Fee and Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund

To see if the town will vote in favor of the establishment of an additional \$ 5.00 motor vehicle registration fee collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all-terrain vehicles, antique motor vehicles and motorcycles, for the purpose of supporting a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, and to establish a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 261:153 VI for the purpose of funding wholly or in part, improvements to roads, culverts, and bridges. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

Article 7: Establishment of Road/Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Road/Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Road and Bridge Rehabilitation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be placed in this fund; further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Article 8: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$329,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	\$ 155,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	70,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	2,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	35,000
Police Cruiser and Accessories Equipment	30,000
Library Replacement Building	10,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal	12,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 329,000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Article 9: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 32,500 to be added to previously established General Trust Funds as follows:

Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 15,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	7,500
Hopkinton Library Technology Fund	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 32,500

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Article 10: Authorization to Enter Agreement for Solar Panels on the Fire Station

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to lease land owned by the Town at the Contocook Fire Station, 9 Pine Street, for the purpose of installing a solar panel array, with a term not to exceed 20 years

(2/3 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

Article 11: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,776 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-1)).

Article 12: Rescind Pay-by-Bag

To see if the town will vote to rescind article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton Town Meeting. Passage of this new 2016 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay by Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay by Bag" will become effective on April 15, 2016.

(By Petition).

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board does not recommend this article (3-2)).

Article 13: Setting of Bag Prices

To see if the town will vote to continue the current price of the Pay-by-Bag bags as follows: 13 gallon bags - \$ 0.75 and 33 gallon bags - \$ 1.25.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

Article 14: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,869 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund. No Funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Article 15: Petition New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

To see if the town will urge "That the next President and congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda:

1. Ban super PACs and overturn Citizens United
2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency
3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors
4. Establish small-donor-funded elections
5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration
6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda."

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Hopkinton's state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

(By Petition) – (Majority Vote Required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (3-2)).

Article 16: To Hear the Reports of Agents, Officers and Committees

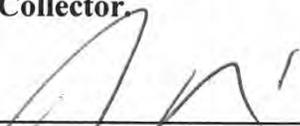
To hear the reports of agents, officers and committees, heretofore chosen and to pass any vote relating thereto.

Article 17: Other Legal Business

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

Given under our hands and seal this 8th day of February, 2016,

We certify and attest that on or before February 22, 2016, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at the Town Hall, the Bates Building, and on the town website, and delivered the original to the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.



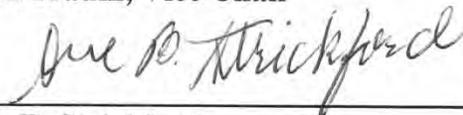
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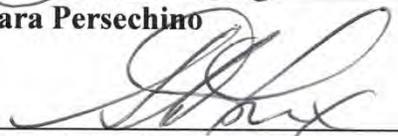
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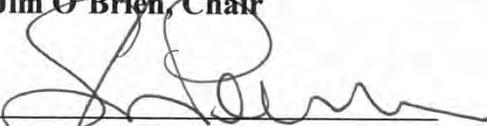
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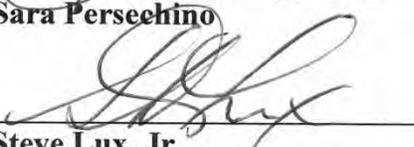
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Town Meeting Warrant Narrative The Warrant Articles with Explanations

Each year we prepare this “Narrative Warrant” as a companion to the Town Meeting Warrant to give detail to each Warrant Article that will be voted on and discussed. The hope is that this section will provide you, the voter, with a better understanding of what you are being asked to vote on at Town Meeting. Please also feel free to contact the Town Hall if you have additional questions. Also, additional information is available at the Town website as www.hopkinton-nh.gov. We hope you find this information useful as you prepare for Town Meeting.

Ballot Articles:

Articles 1 and 2 are voted by ballot either in-person or by absentee ballot. If you cannot be there in person, you should contact the Town Clerk’s Office (746-3180) in order to obtain an absentee ballot.

Voting will take place:

Where: Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook

When: Tuesday, March 8, 2016 - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Voter Registration: If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on the day of voting, March 8, 2016. Please bring a photo ID and identification denoting your physical address. You cannot register to vote on Saturday, March 12.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers by ballot and majority vote for the ensuing year as enumerated: (Candidates who filed for an open office are listed here alphabetically.)

Moderator – One for a 2 year term

Bruce B. Ellsworth

Select Board – Two for a 3 year term

Bob Guerseny

Kenneth E. Traum

Supervisor of the Checklist – One for a 6 year term

Candice Garvin

Town Clerk/Tax Collector – One for a 3 year term

Charles “Chuck” Gangel

Budget Committee – One for 1 year term

Debbie Norris

Budget Committee – Two for a 3 year term

Richard Horner

Janet Krzyzaniak

Aviva Nestler

Mark Zankel

Library Trustee - One for a 3 year term

Nancy Skarmeas

Erin Morrissey Vanden Borre

Cemetery Trustee – One for a 3 year term

Debbie Augustine

Pamela DeMag

Trustee of the Trust Funds – One for a 3 year term

Christine Barton

Article 2: To see what action the Town will take with respect to the following proposed amendments to the Hopkinton Zoning Ordinance by ballot vote upon the following question:

(Proposed language shown in red (lighter text in black & white), deleted text shown with ~~strikethrough~~.)

AMENDMENT 1:

Amend Section III Table of Uses 3.6 inserting 3.6.F.20 Self-Service Storage Facility as a use prohibited in the residential and village commercial districts and permitted by Special Exception in the commercial and all industrial districts. Currently, use is not listed and therefore not permitted.

3.6 TABLE OF USES	R-4	R-3	R-2	R-1	B-1	M-1	VR-1	VB-1	VM-1	W-1
F. Commercial Uses										
20. <u>Self-Service Storage Facility</u>	X	X	X	X	S	S	X	X	S	

AMENDMENT 2:

Amend Section II Definitions inserting new definitions 2.1.D.4 Drive-in Eating Establishment, 2.1.R.4 Restaurant and 2.1.S.3 Self-Service Storage Facility. Amendment will require changing the numerical sequence of remaining definitions. Amendment is to provide definitions for already established uses and a new use listed in Table of Uses 3.6.

2.1.D.4 Drive-in Eating Establishment: Any place or premises which by design provides for the ordering and pick-up of food and beverages from the window of an automobile, including establishments where customers may also service themselves and may eat or drink the food or beverages on the premises.

2.1.R.4 Restaurant: The term includes diners, cafes, and cafeterias and does not include *drive-in eating establishments*. It shall be an eating establishment which is primarily designed for its patrons to eat at tables, booths or a counter. Take-out refreshments are only incidental to the main purpose of the establishment.

2.1.S.3 Self-Service Storage Facility: A building or group of buildings that contains varying sizes of individual, compartmentalized, and controlled access stalls or lockers for the storage of customer’s goods or wares.

AMENDMENT 3:

Amend definition 2.1.M.1 Manufactured Housing, so that the language is consistent with NH RSA 674:31.

2.1.M.1 Manufactured Housing: Any structure, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, is 8 body feet or more in width and 40 body feet or more in length, or when erected on site, is 320 square feet or more, and which is built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as a dwelling unit with or without a permanent foundation when connected to required utilities, which include plumbing, heating and electrical heating systems contained therein. (RSA 674:31) **Manufactured housing as defined in this section shall not include pre-site built housing as defined in RSA 674:31-a.**

AMENDMENT 4:

Amend Section II Definitions, 2.1.S.7 Special Exception by inserting cross-reference to Section XV Board of Adjustment. Amendment is to assist readers in locating the specific for Special Exception.

2.1.S.78 Special Exception: A use allowed by the Zoning Ordinance but under pre-determined conditions and after a public hearing before the Board of Adjustment to determine if the conditions **as outlined in Section XV** have been met.

AMENDMENT 5:

Amend Section III Establishment of Districts and Uses, 3.6.1 by inserting clarifying language to assist readers in understanding that Table of Uses 3.6 is divided into two parts, one for principal uses and the other for accessory uses. Provide further explanation as to the letters “P”, “S”, “X” or for uses not specified in the Ordinance. Clarify the fact that all uses are subject to the provisions of Section XII Wetlands Conservation District. Amendment will not affect the intent or meaning of uses; nor will it change the districts in which uses are currently permitted, permitted by special exception or not permitted.

3.6.1 The Table of Uses, Section 3.6, **is divided into two parts, one for principal uses, and the other for accessory uses, specifying** ~~specifies~~ the uses that are permitted by right, are permitted by special exception, or are **not permitted** ~~prohibited~~.

(a) Uses Permitted by Right Uses denoted by the letter “P” in the Table of Uses are permitted **by right in the Districts so indicated, subject to all other applicable sections of this Ordinance and other local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.** ~~uses are designated in the Table with a P~~

(b) Uses Permitted by Special Exception Uses which require the granting of a Special Exception by the Zoning Board of Adjustment are ~~designated with an~~ **denoted by the letter “S” in the Table of Uses in the District so indicated. The Zoning Board of Adjustment may grant Special Exceptions in accordance with the procedures and conditions as specified in Section XV, Board of Adjustment, of this Ordinance, subject to all other applicable sections of this Ordinance and other local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations.**

(c) Uses Not Permitted and Uses Not Specified ~~Prohibited~~ Uses denoted by the

1. Retail Establishment selling convenience goods (including but not limited to foods, drugs and proprietary goods) and general merchandise (including but not limited to dry goods, apparel and accessories, furniture and home furnishings, home equipment, small wares and hardware) including discount and limited price variety store.	X	X	X	X	P	S	X	P	S
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2.1.R.4 Retail Establishment: A place of business, including a discount and limited price variety store, selling convenience goods and general merchandise, including but not limited to foods, pharmaceutical drugs, proprietary goods, dry goods, apparel and accessories, furniture and home furnishings, home equipment, small wares and hardware.

AMENDMENT 8:

Amend Section VI Parking Requirements by deleting 6.4.6 Special Exception requiring a special exception for use of public parking facilities to supplement or reduce the required minimum parking standards. Intent and purpose of amendment is to streamline the permitting process as similar authority has already been given to the Planning Board in 6.1 Off-Street Parking and 6.2 Location of Parking Spaces.

~~6.4.6 Special Exception: Public parking facilities can be used to supplement or reduce the required minimum parking standards by special exception of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.~~

AMENDMENT 9:

Amend Section VII Sign Ordinance, 7.6.2(c) and 7.9.3(a)(3) by deleting reference to “ten (10) feet” for the horizontal dimensions of free-standing signs and inserting in its place “five (5) feet” so that the language is consistent with the horizontal dimensions already established in 7.8.2. Intent and purpose of amendment is to correct a discrepancy in the Ordinance.

(c) No free-standing sign shall exceed six (6) feet in height, unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance. No free-standing sign or any part thereof shall be placed closer than ten (10) feet to any lot line, except for the front lot line, or be placed such that the sign interferes with sight distances from any driveway providing access to the lot from the adjacent street. No free-standing sign shall have a horizontal dimension in excess of ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** feet.

(3) No free-standing sign shall have a horizontal dimension in excess of ~~ten (10)~~ **five (5)** feet.

AMENDMENT 10:

Amend Section VII Sign Ordinance, 7.9.3(a)(4) by deleting reference to “five (5) feet” for the distance that free-standing signs must be from any lot line and inserting in its place “ten (10) feet” so that the language is consistent with the distance already established in 7.6.2(c). Intent and purpose of amendment is to correct a discrepancy in the Ordinance.

(4) No free-standing sign or any part thereof shall be placed closer than ~~five (5)~~ **ten (10)** feet to any lot line, or be placed such that the sign interferes with sight distances from any driveway providing access to the lot from the adjacent street, or be located less than fifty (50) from the boundary of a residential district.

AMENDMENT 11:

Amend Section XVII Lighting Ordinance, 18.1 Title and Authority inserting 18.1.4 giving the Planning Board the authority, after testimony from the applicant, to alter specifications if it is determined that it is in the best interest of the Town and all other parties involved, and subject to any condition(s) the Planning Board deems appropriate. Intent and purpose of amendment is to streamline the permitting process.

18.1.4 The Planning Board may alter the specifications of this Ordinance when, after testimony of the Applicant, it determines it is in the best interest of the Town and all other parties involved, and subject to any condition(s) the Planning Board may impose as it deems appropriate.

Town Meeting Gathering – Deliberative (Discussion) Session 2

This meeting will take place:

- Where: Hopkinton Middle/High School Gymnasium, 297 Park Avenue, Contoocook
- When: Saturday, March 12, 2016
- Hours: Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Budget Committee has unanimously voted to present the Select Board’s operating budget to the Town Meeting. The Committee is also recommending the money related Warrant Articles being proposed by the Select Board. If all article recommended by the Select Board and Budget Committee pass, the impact will be an increase of \$113,221 to the amount to be raised by taxes which is a 2.68% increase or \$ 0.18 on the tax rate.

Article 3: Bond Issue for Road, Bridge, and Culvert Rehabilitation

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$2,200,000 (gross budget) for the planning, design, rehabilitation, and construction of existing town roads, bridges, and culverts, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,200,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(2/3 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

The Select Board is proposing and the Budget Committee is unanimously recommending this bond to do road rehabilitation and construction. There is broad consensus that our roads need work. As part of a long-term plan, about \$300,000 per year is projected to be spent on projects.

Given the current low interest rates and low oil costs, the decision was made to propose this bond to complete road projects more quickly with anticipated economies of scale. Safety concerns will be dealt with sooner, engineering and state permitting is less expensive when it is all done at once, and future years of inflation is avoided. The plan calls for engineering and rehabilitation for 6 culverts and two bridges and reconstruction of several roads. The quote for a 10 year bond includes an interest rate of 2.549% with a total interest cost \$313,381. The first year payment in 2017 would be \$280,931 which is \$ 0.46 on the tax rate. However, it is anticipated that this payment will be offset by the decrease of \$250,000 that is proposed to go into the road capital reserve fund this year and the \$30,000 currently in the operating budget for engineering.

Article 4: Bond Issue for Track and Turf Field

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,426,225 (gross budget) for the planning, design, renovation, construction and equipping athletic facilities at George's Park including the construction of a track and turf field and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$3,426,225 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), as amended; to authorize the Select Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Select Board to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto.

(By Petition) - (2/3 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board does not recommend this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee does not recommend this article (10-0)).

Passage of this article shall override the 10 percent limitation imposed on this appropriation due to the non-recommendation of the budget committee.

This article appears on the Town Meeting Warrant by petition and is unanimously not supported by the Select Board or the Budget Committee. The proposal is to build a track and turf field at George's Park between the skate park and the Boys and Girls Club. The current baseball field would be moved slightly and the tennis courts would be refurbished. The quote on a 20 year bond calls for a 3.15% interest rate and the total interest over the life of the bond would be \$1,136,245. The first year payment in 2017 would be \$293,445 which has a \$ 0.46 tax rate impact.

Article 5: Operating Budget

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$ 6,416,591 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

This article is the funding for the operating budget for the Town not including any other warrant articles. The proposed amount of \$ 6,416,591 is an increase of \$ 278,380 over last year which is a 4.54% increase. There are three significant changes in the budget that amount to more than the proposed increase. 2016 is the first full year of the fire station bond which amounts to an

increase of \$195,188. The health insurance increase is \$68,281. We presently are working to see if more cost effective plans are available. \$ 58,098, equivalent to a 3% wage increase, is added to the budget for employee merit pay increases and the corresponding benefit changes. All increases are based on merit so this is the entire amount to be allocated to all employees.

Proposed Budget Detail

<i>Account</i>	Approved Budget 2015	Actual Expense 2015	Budget Committee & Select Board Proposed Budget 2016	\$ Change 2015 vs 2016 Budget	% Change 2015 vs 2016 Budget
Executive	\$208,156	\$211,749	\$211,909	\$3,753	1.80%
IT Services	\$41,016	\$58,782	\$41,000	(\$16)	-0.04%
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	\$207,701	\$199,624	\$214,712	\$7,011	3.38%
Financial Administration	\$112,047	\$109,169	\$112,440	\$393	0.35%
Assessing	\$78,241	\$67,123	\$70,200	(\$8,041)	-10.28%
Legal	\$25,000	\$22,792	\$25,000	\$0	0.00%
Personnel Administration	\$601,270	\$554,914	\$671,152	\$69,882	11.62%
Planning and Zoning	\$105,024	\$102,519	\$106,680	\$1,656	1.58%
Cemeteries	\$16,372	\$16,475	\$16,397	\$25	0.15%
Property/Liability Insurance	\$74,830	\$74,830	\$73,364	(\$1,466)	-1.96%
Police	\$700,941	\$619,706	\$661,876	(\$39,065)	-5.57%
Ambulance	\$573,659	\$604,570	\$600,652	\$26,993	4.71%
Fire	\$250,217	\$284,994	\$261,061	\$10,844	4.33%
Emergency Management	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	0.00%
Highway Administration	\$538,771	\$505,608	\$529,978	(\$8,793)	-1.63%
Highway & Streets	\$690,000	\$682,824	\$743,500	\$53,500	7.75%
Street Lighting	\$2,340	\$2,177	\$2,340	\$0	0.00%
Transfer Station	\$539,534	\$542,578	\$539,741	\$207	0.04%
Solid Waste-Landfill	\$43,300	\$39,138	\$31,800	(\$11,500)	-26.56%
Solid Waste-Community Well	\$15,240	\$14,685	\$13,071	(\$2,169)	-14.23%
Animal Control	\$7,084	\$6,110	\$7,084	\$0	0.00%
Community Health	\$14,327	\$14,327	\$14,675	\$348	2.43%
Human Services Administration	\$59,553	\$57,590	\$59,691	\$138	0.23%
Welfare Vendors	\$55,000	\$45,171	\$50,000	(\$5,000)	-9.09%
Recreation	\$100,765	\$99,540	\$106,995	\$6,230	6.18%
Buildings & Grounds	\$217,931	\$216,893	\$218,456	\$525	0.24%
Library	\$280,746	\$280,422	\$276,467	(\$4,279)	-1.52%
Patriotic Purposes	\$3,250	\$3,100	\$3,250	\$0	0.00%
Conservation Committee	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	0.00%
Economic Development	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	0.00%
Principal on Bonds/Notes	\$339,950	\$366,493	\$505,920	\$165,970	48.82%
Interest on Bonds/Notes	\$122,123	\$120,602	\$145,989	\$23,866	19.54%
TAN	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	0.00%
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL	\$6,042,221	\$5,925,005	\$6,317,902	\$291,012	4.82%
Sewer Disposal	\$95,990	\$92,937	\$98,689	\$2,699	2.81%
TOTAL	\$6,138,211	\$6,017,942	\$6,416,591	\$278,380	4.54%

Article 6: Motor Vehicle Fee and Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund

To see if the town will vote in favor of the establishment of an additional \$ 5.00 motor vehicle registration fee collected from all vehicles, both passenger and commercial, with the exception of all-terrain vehicles, antique motor vehicles and motorcycles, for the purpose of supporting a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, and to establish a Municipal and Transportation Improvement Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, under the provisions of RSA 261:153 VI for the purpose of funding wholly or in part, improvements to roads, culverts, and bridges. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

State Statute allows towns by a Town Meeting vote to implement up to a \$5.00 motor vehicle registration fee which goes in a fund to be used for roads, culvert and bridge improvements. It is estimated that this fee would raise between \$30,000 and \$40,000 each year. The fee is a user fee paid by those who register their cars here in Hopkinton even if they are not property owners.

Article 7: Establishment of Road/Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Road/Bridge Rehabilitation Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of Road and Bridge Rehabilitation, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be placed in this fund; further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

This article establishes a Capital Reserve Fund to be used for road and bridge rehabilitation. In 2016 the plan is to use these funds in conjunction with the road bond for road, bridge, and culvert rehabilitation. The first bond payment is not until 2017 so it is anticipated that this amount will be smaller or nonexistent while the bond is paid off.

Article 8: Appropriation to Capital Reserve Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$329,000 to be added to previously established Capital Reserve Funds as follows:

New & Replacement Equip. & Vehicles for Public Works & Highway Dept.	\$ 155,000
Replacement & Equipping of Ambulance	70,000
Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement	2,000
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	35,000
Police Cruiser and Accessories Equipment	30,000
Library Replacement Building	10,000
Dam Maintenance and Construction	10,000
Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal	12,000
Renovations to the Town Hall	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 329,000

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

For many years the Town has maintained Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) accounts to help to level the impact of major expenditures by putting funds aside annually. Replacement equipment for the next 20 years has been estimated and reviewed to create a spreadsheet indicating the required amount to be put in each fund each year in order to maintain as constant an expenditure level as possible. \$329,000 is requested this year, an amount that is \$92,000 lower than last year.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS			
Fund	Balance 12/31/2015	2015 Appropriation	2015 Proposed Appropriation
DPW Equipment & Vehicles	\$ 114,407.41	\$ 165,000	\$ 155,000
Ambulance	78,037.88	70,000	70,000
Police/Fire Radios	41,201.67	2,000	2,000
Transfer Station	24,355.04	35,000	35,000
Police Cruisers	35,300.17	30,000	30,000
Library Building Systems	26,589.43	15,000	10,000
Dam Maintenance	16,290.53	10,000	10,000
Sewer Equipment/Sludge	9,404.04	15,000	12,000
Town Hall Renovations	51.56	20,000	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 345,637.73	\$ 362,000	\$ 329,000

New and Replacement Equipment and Vehicles for the Public Works and Highway Department – established to purchase vehicles and equipment used by the Public Works Department. This coming year the rack that holds the sanders will be replaced as it has become a large safety issue.

Replacement and Equipping of Ambulance – established by Town Meeting in 2011 to replace and equip ambulances when required. We are scheduled to purchase a new ambulance this year. Both Warner and Webster contribute toward the purchase of a new ambulance.

Police and Fire Radio and Related Equipment Replacement – this fund begins to fund the replacement of radios received six years ago through a federal grant. The life expectancy of the equipment is 10-12 years and the estimated replacement cost is \$ 80,000.

Transfer Station Equipment and Facilities – established to purchase equipment used at the Transfer Station and amended to also include facility upgrades. The large scale is being replaced now.

Police Cruiser and Accessory Equipment – established to purchase police cruisers and the equipment needed in them. We generally purchase one cruiser per year.

Library Replacement Building Systems – established to replace building systems such as the heating system at the library.

Dam Maintenance and Construction – established to fund required work on Town owned dams. The Town owns several dams. The State Dam Bureau is requiring the Town to bring the dam on Main Street, by Blazer’s Restaurant into compliance. It is expected that the engineering work will be around \$ 40,000 and then there will be some structural work done to the dam itself.

Sewer System Equipment and Sludge Removal – established to pay for the removal of sludge from the system and to upgrade equipment. This year pump work is scheduled as well as the replacement of manhole covers.

Renovation to the Town Hall – established to renovate Town Hall. Handicap accessible bathrooms were added this past year. Funds are being used to gradually update the offices and make the building fully handicap accessible.

Article 9: Appropriation to Expendable Trust Funds

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 32,500 to be added to previously established General Trust Funds as follows:

Town Facilities Maintenance	\$ 15,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	7,500
Hopkinton Library Technology Fund	5,000
Library Building Maintenance	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$ 32,500

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

Town Facilities Maintenance – established to cover the cost of large maintenance items on town owned buildings. Over the last five years the fund has been used to replace roofs on the highway garage, Town Hall, and Horseshoe Tavern and for the new well at George’s Park which has taken a substantial burden off the Contoocook Precinct water system and saved the Town substantially in water costs.

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS			
Fund	Balance 12/31/2015	2015 Appropriation	2015 Proposed Appropriation
Town Facilities Maint.	\$ 18,138.78	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Recreational Facilities Maintenance	1,558.77	2,000	7,500
Library Technology	17,448.41	5,000	5,000
Library Building Maint.	14,281.95	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	\$ 51,427.91	\$ 27,000	\$ 32,500

Recreational Facilities Maintenance – established to help pay for the cost of maintaining our recreational facilities. Examples are the docks at Kimball Pond, Spirit Skateboard Park, and various nets used on the fields. \$2,500 is specifically earmarked as seed money to be used with money raised from fundraising to fix the skate park.

Hopkinton Library Technology Fund – established to purchase computer for the library for both public and staff use.

Library Building Maintenance – this trust is used for building and window painting.

Article 10: Authorization to Enter Agreement for Solar Panels on the Fire Station

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board to lease land owned by the Town at the Contoocook Fire Station, 9 Pine Street, for the purpose of installing a solar panel array, with a term not to exceed 20 years

(2/3 Ballot vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

The Select Board cannot commit the Town for more than one year at a time, so this article authorizes the Board to negotiate an agreement for solar panels on the fire station.

Article 11: Authorization to Expend from Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$68,776 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of collection and disposal of residential solid waste and such other direct costs as budgeted annually, with said funds to come from the Pay-by-Bag Special Revenue Fund. No funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (9-1)).

When the Pay-by-Bag program was started by the Town Meeting in 2010, the warrant article required that all revenue from the sale of bags to go into the Pay-by Bag Special Revenue fund. Monies in this fund can only be expended to offset the cost of solid waste collection and disposal and can only be expended with Town Meeting approval. This article will allow the funds collected in 2015 to be used to offset Hopkinton costs at the Transfer Station.

Article 12: Rescind Pay-by-Bag

To see if the town will vote to rescind article 19 as amended that was approved at the March 2010 Hopkinton Town Meeting. Passage of this new 2016 Warrant Article will end the so called "Pay by Bag" trash disposal program in its entirety. Cancellation of "Pay by Bag" will become effective on April 15, 2016.

(By Petition).

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board does not recommend this article (3-2)).

This petition warrant article if passed would end the Pay-by-Bag program adopted by the Town Meeting in 2010. The article includes an effective date of April 15, 2016.

Article 13: Setting of Bag Prices

To see if the town will vote to continue the current price of the Pay-by-Bag bas as follows: 13 gallon bags - \$ 0.75 and 33 gallon bags - \$ 1.25.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

When Town Meeting in 2010 adopted the Pay-by-Bag program it voted to require that Town Meeting each year set the bag price. This article sets the bag prices at the same level as 2015.

Article 14: Authorization to Expend from Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,869 for the purpose of offsetting operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center with said funds to come from the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund No Funds to be raised by taxation.

(Majority vote required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (5-0)).

(The Budget Committee recommends this article (10-0)).

At the Town Meeting in 2009 the Town established the Senior Center Rental Special Revenue Fund requiring all revenues from the rental of the senior center to go into this fund. Monies in a Special Revenue Fund cannot be expended without Town Meeting approval so this article authorizes the Select Board to expend from this fund to offset operational and maintenance costs of the Slusser Senior Center.

Article 15: Petition New Hampshire Resolution to Get Big Money Out of Politics

To see if the town will urge “That the next President and congress fight big money politics and restore government of, by, and for the people by championing the We the People agenda:

- 1. Ban super PACs and overturn Citizens United**
- 2. Expose secret donors and require full transparency**
- 3. Ban bribes from big-money lobbyists and government contractors**
- 4. Establish small-donor-funded elections**
- 5. End gerrymandering and modernize voter registration**
- 6. Close loopholes and enforce campaign finance laws**

That the New Hampshire State Legislature support concrete legislation to enact the We the People agenda.”

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the selectmen to the NH congressional delegation and to Hopkinton’s state legislators, and to the President of the United States informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

(By Petition) – (Majority Vote Required).

(The Select Board recommends this article (3-2)).

This article is submitted by petition and takes the sense of the meeting. It is an advisory article and has no legal standing.

Notes

2016 Proposed Town Budget



Proposed Budget of the Town of Hopkinton - 2016 State of New Hampshire Form MS-737

2016
MS-737

New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration



Budget of the Town of Hopkinton Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Town Meeting

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT
This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

For assistance please contact the NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
P: (603) 230-5090 F: (603) 230-5947 <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Janet Krzyzaniak, Chair	<i>Janet Krzyzaniak</i>
Richard Horner, Vice Chair	<i>Richard Horner</i>
Richard Houston	<i>Richard C. Houston</i>
Deborah Norris	<i>Deborah Norris</i>
Amy Bogart	<i>Amy Bogart</i>
Virginia Haines	<i>Virginia Haines</i>
Ken Traum, For the Select Board	<i>Ken Traum</i>
Bill Chapin, Jr., For the School Board	<i>Bill Chapin, Jr.</i>
Donald Houston, For CVP: <i>Donald Houston</i>	<i>Donald Houston</i>
	Dianra Wieland, For HVP: <i>Dianra Wieland</i>

A copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	05	\$245,964	\$270,531	\$252,909	\$0	\$252,909	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	05	\$202,165	\$199,624	\$214,712	\$0	\$214,712	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	05	\$109,887	\$109,169	\$112,440	\$0	\$112,440	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	05	\$78,241	\$67,123	\$70,200	\$0	\$70,200	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	05	\$25,000	\$22,792	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	05	\$659,366	\$554,914	\$671,152	\$0	\$671,152	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	05	\$103,238	\$102,519	\$106,680	\$0	\$106,680	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	05	\$16,372	\$16,475	\$16,397	\$0	\$16,397	\$0
4196	Insurance	05	\$74,830	\$74,830	\$73,364	\$0	\$73,364	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	05	\$688,334	\$619,706	\$661,876	\$0	\$661,876	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	05	\$566,035	\$604,570	\$600,652	\$0	\$600,652	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	05	\$249,300	\$284,994	\$261,061	\$0	\$261,061	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	05	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration	05	\$528,350	\$505,608	\$529,978	\$0	\$529,978	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	05	\$690,000	\$682,824	\$743,500	\$0	\$743,500	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$225,000	\$136,668	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	05	\$2,340	\$2,177	\$2,340	\$0	\$2,340	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	05	\$654,040	\$542,578	\$539,741	\$0	\$539,741	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	05	\$58,540	\$53,823	\$44,871	\$0	\$44,871	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other	05	\$95,178	\$92,937	\$98,689	\$0	\$98,689	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration	05	\$7,084	\$6,110	\$7,084	\$0	\$7,084	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	05	\$14,327	\$14,327	\$14,675	\$0	\$14,675	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	05	\$58,307	\$57,590	\$59,691	\$0	\$59,691	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other	05	\$55,000	\$45,171	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	05	\$317,626	\$316,433	\$325,451	\$0	\$325,451	\$0
4550-4559	Library	05	\$276,580	\$280,422	\$276,467	\$0	\$276,467	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	05	\$3,251	\$3,100	\$3,250	\$0	\$3,250	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	05	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development	05	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0

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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	05	\$339,950	\$366,493	\$505,920	\$0	\$505,920	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	05	\$122,123	\$120,602	\$145,989	\$0	\$145,989	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	05	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$6,468,930	\$6,154,610	\$6,416,591	\$0	\$6,416,591	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	03	\$0	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	11	\$0	\$0	\$68,776	\$0	\$68,776	\$0
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	14	\$0	\$0	\$2,869	\$0	\$2,869	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	04	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,426,225	\$0	\$3,426,225
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$0	\$0	\$329,000	\$0	\$329,000	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts/Fiduciary Funds	09	\$0	\$0	\$32,500	\$0	\$32,500	\$0
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$2,883,145	\$3,426,225	\$2,883,145	\$3,426,225

Individual Warrant Articles

No data exists for this item

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	05	\$16,341	\$15,000	\$15,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	05	\$21,974	\$20,000	\$20,000

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	05	\$131,675	\$106,700	\$106,700
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	05	\$108,921	\$105,000	\$105,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	05	\$976	\$1,200	\$1,200
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	05	\$1,120,688	\$1,050,000	\$1,050,000
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	05	\$23,705	\$23,700	\$23,700
3311-3319	From Federal Government	05	\$0	\$1	\$1
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	05	\$269,394	\$269,500	\$269,500
3353	Highway Block Grant	05	\$177,276	\$183,500	\$183,500
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	05	\$396	\$400	\$400
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	05	\$257,854	\$263,916	\$263,916
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	05	\$32,081	\$30,500	\$30,500
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	05	\$787,104	\$843,389	\$843,389
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	05	\$4,386	\$1,000	\$1,000
3502	Interest on Investments		\$2,916	\$0	\$0
3503-3509	Other	05	\$74,195	\$48,100	\$48,100
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds	11, 14	\$0	\$71,645	\$71,645
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	03	\$0	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$3,029,882	\$5,233,551	\$5,233,551

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Selectmen's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$6,122,883	\$6,416,591	\$6,416,591
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$569,047	\$2,883,145	\$2,883,145
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$225,000	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$6,916,930	\$9,299,736	\$9,299,736
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,960,851	\$5,233,551	\$5,233,551
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$3,956,079	\$4,066,185	\$4,066,185

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee			\$9,299,736
Less Exclusions:			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4711	\$505,920	\$505,920
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4721	\$145,989	\$145,989
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes			\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments			\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>			\$651,909
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)			\$8,647,827
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>			\$864,783
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:			
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i>			\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):			
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 12 and 13)</i>			\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted			\$3,426,225
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)</i>			\$13,590,744

Notes

Financial Information

**Report of the Treasurer
Report of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Library Trustee Financial Report
Conservation Commission Financial Report
Report of the Trustee of Trust Funds
Report of the Assessing Department
Schedule of Town Property
Schedule of School and Precinct Property
Tax Rate Calculation - 2015
Statement of Debt**



Report of the Treasurer

Bonita A. Cressy, Treasurer, in Account with the Town of Hopkinton, NH		
	Balance at the time of settlement - December 31, 2014	\$ 7,567,794.29
RECEIPTS:		
	Highway Block Grant	\$ 177,276.50
	Landfill Grant	\$ 24,603.46
	Reimbursement Forest Fires	\$ 1,495.44
	Flood Control	\$ 215,871.73
	State Grants-Other	\$ 79,268.35
	Rooms & Meals Tax	\$ 269,394.35
	State Fed Forest Lands	\$ -
	State Revenue	\$ 28,107.35
	FEMA	\$ 4,488.06
	TAN	\$ -
	Reimbursement-Town Departments	\$ 2,280,270.89
	Ella Tarr Trust	\$ -
	Ambulance Income	\$ 318,970.46
	Landfill Income	\$ 267,132.90
	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 131,675.04
	Rental-Town Property	\$ 8,740.00
	Sale of Town Property	\$ 6,332.00
	Other Financial Sources	\$ 661,800.05
	Town Clerk Fees	\$ 1,148,429.37
	Property Taxes	\$ 21,155,462.23
	Interest on Deposits-MCSB	<u>\$ 2,939.88</u>
	TOTAL RECEIPTS:	<u>\$ 26,782,258.06</u>
	GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 34,350,052.35
	TOTAL SELECT BOARD ORDERS PAID	<u>\$ 26,621,561.09</u>
	BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 7,728,491.26

TREASURER'S REPORT OF TOWN SUB ACCOUNTS					
(Accounts held by the Town Treasurer designated for a specific purpose)					
January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015					
ACCOUNT NAME	BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME	EXPENDED	INTEREST EARNED	ENDING BALANCE
MCKERCHER POLICE FUND	\$ 25,180.04	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12.73	\$ 25,192.77
POLICE/DRUG FORFEIT	4,633.60	-	-	2.35	4,635.95
POLICE/DRUG STATE	3,378.07	-	-	1.72	3,379.79
SEWER FUND	5,279.36	112,156.38	107,164.07	1.57	10,273.24
HOP STATE FOREST	31,719.76	-	3,000.00	15.80	28,735.56
HOP CONSERVATION COM	38,872.23	12,614.35	4,620.70	20.00	46,885.88
RECREATION REV FUND	40,572.75	72,566.37	78,529.60	6.60	34,616.12
RECYCLING REV FUND	26,925.80	-	-	13.63	26,939.43
PUBLIC SAFETY DET REV FD	54,543.81	66,608.50	62,351.90	28.30	58,828.71
HUMAN SERV DON ACCT	9,484.69	6,315.00	6,737.18	4.93	9,067.44
SPIRIT SKATEBOARD FUND	712.93	-	-	0.38	713.31
HUM SER-ENERGY DON ACCT	18,821.24	19,287.05	13,923.46	8.06	24,192.89
SLUSSER SR CTR RENT REV	1,627.81	1,840.00	600.00	1.10	2,868.91
COMMUNITY GARDEN FUND	997.36	-	-	0.52	997.88
PAY BY BAG SPEC REV FD	82,643.30	92,088.25	120,000.00	44.76	54,776.31
LUCAS MACHINE DON ACCT	1,576.88	-	-	0.79	1,577.67
HOP FIRE DEPT AUX ACCT	8,460.96	3,008.70	1,502.58	4.50	9,971.58
250TH FUND RAISING	22,282.33	11,789.34	28,843.69	7.20	5,235.18
KIMBALL LAKE CABIINS	385.07	6,229.00	4,461.60	1.46	2,153.93
SAVE OUR CURTAINS	-	85.00	85.00	-	-
FIRE STATION RENO	-	10,000.00	6,428.53	4.32	3,575.79
HOPKINTON CARES	-	470.00	470.03	0.03	-
TOTALS	\$ 378,097.99	\$ 415,057.94	\$ 438,718.34	\$ 180.75	\$ 354,618.34
Escrow accounts held by Town					
HERRICK SUB-DIV	\$ 4,995.72	\$ -	\$ 4,996.46	\$ 0.74	\$ -
WIRTA TIMBER	\$ 1,000.04	\$ -	\$ 1,000.15	\$ 0.11	\$ -
Respectfully submitted,					
Bonita A. Cressy,					
Treasurer					

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES - 2015					
		UNAUDITED			
Account Code	Account Description	2015 Appropriation	2015 Actual Expenditures	Remaining	% Used
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130	Executive	\$ 208,156	\$ 211,749	\$ (3,593)	101.73%
4135	IT Services	41,016	58,782	(17,766)	143.31%
4140	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	207,701	199,624	8,077	96.11%
4150	Financial Administration	112,047	109,169	2,878	97.43%
4152	Assessing of Property	78,241	67,123	11,118	85.79%
4153	Legal Expense	25,000	22,792	2,208	91.17%
4155	Personnel Administration	601,270	554,914	46,356	92.29%
4191	Planning and Zoning	105,024	102,519	2,505	97.61%
4195	Cemeteries	16,372	16,475	(103)	100.63%
4196	Insurance	74,830	74,830	-	100.00%
		<u>\$ 1,469,657</u>	<u>\$ 1,417,977</u>	<u>\$ 51,680</u>	<u>96.48%</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210	Police	\$ 700,941	\$ 619,706	\$ 81,235	88.41%
4215	Ambulance	573,659	604,570	(30,911)	105.39%
4220	Fire	250,217	284,994	(34,777)	113.90%
4290	Emergency Management	1		1	0.00%
		<u>\$ 1,524,818</u>	<u>\$ 1,509,270</u>	<u>\$ 15,548</u>	<u>98.98%</u>
HIGHWAYS & STREETS					
4311	Highway Administration	\$ 538,771	\$ 505,608	\$ 33,163	93.84%
4312	Highways & Streets	690,000	682,824	7,176	98.96%
4316	Streetlighting	2,340	2,177	163	93.03%
		<u>\$ 1,231,111</u>	<u>\$ 1,190,609</u>	<u>\$ 40,502</u>	<u>96.71%</u>
SANITATION					
4324	Transfer Station	\$ 539,534	\$ 542,578	\$ (3,044)	100.56%
4325	Solid Waste-Landfill	43,300	39,138	4,162	90.39%
4327	Solid Waste-Com. Well	15,240	14,685	555	96.36%
		<u>\$ 598,074</u>	<u>\$ 596,401</u>	<u>\$ 1,673</u>	<u>99.72%</u>
HEALTH/WELFARE					
4411	Animal Control	\$ 7,084	\$ 6,110	974	86.25%
4415	Community/Health Programs	14,327	14,327	-	100.00%
4441	Human Service Admin.	59,553	57,590	1,963	96.70%
4445	Human Service Vendor Pymt.	55,000	45,171	9,829	82.13%
		<u>\$ 135,964</u>	<u>\$ 123,198</u>	<u>\$ 12,766</u>	<u>90.61%</u>

Account Code	Account Description	2015 Appropriation	2015 Actual Expenditures	Remaining	% Used
CULTURE & RECREATION					
4520	Recreation	\$ 100,765	\$ 99,540	\$ 1,225	98.78%
4521	Buildings & Grounds	217,931	216,893	1,038	99.52%
4550	Library	280,749	280,422	327	99.88%
4583	Patriotic Purposes	3,250	3,100	150	95.38%
		<u>\$ 602,695</u>	<u>\$ 599,955</u>	<u>\$ 2,740</u>	<u>99.55%</u>
CONSERVATION					
4611	Conservation Commission	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 1	0.00%
		<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
4652	Economic Development	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	100.00%
		<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
DEBT SERVICE					
4711	Principal-LT Bonds & Notes	\$ 339,950	\$ 366,493	\$ (26,543)	107.81%
4721	Int.-LT Bonds & Notes	122,123	120,602	1,521	98.75%
4723	Int.-Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	-	2,000	0.00%
		<u>\$ 464,073</u>	<u>\$ 487,095</u>	<u>\$ (23,022)</u>	<u>104.96%</u>
SUB TOTAL		\$ 6,026,893	\$ 5,925,005	\$ 101,888	98.31%
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
4901	Land	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
4902	Machinery	-	-	-	0.00%
4903	Buildings-Fire Station	1,167,667	1,167,204	463	99.96%
4909	Bridges-E Penacook Rd. Bridge	225,000	136,668	88,332	60.74%
4909	Sidewalks (To be Reimbursed)		20,596	(20,596)	#DIV/0!
		<u>\$ 1,392,667</u>	<u>\$ 1,324,468</u>	<u>\$ 68,199</u>	<u>95.10%</u>
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
4914	To Sewer Fund	\$ 95,990	\$ 92,937	\$ 3,053	96.82%
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	421,000	421,000	-	100.00%
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund	27,000	27,000	-	100.00%
		<u>\$ 543,990</u>	<u>\$ 540,937</u>	<u>\$ 3,053</u>	<u>99.44%</u>
TOTALS		\$ 7,963,550	\$ 7,790,410	\$ 173,140	97.83%

STATEMENT OF REVENUES - 2015					
		UNAUDITED			
Account Code	Account Description	2015	2015 Actual Revenues	Over/(Under) Collected	% Received
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Tax	22,000	16,341	\$ (5,659)	74.28%
3185	Timber Tax	20,000	21,974	1,974	109.87%
3186	Paymnt in lieu of Taxes	69,125	131,675	62,550	190.49%
3190	Interest & Penalties on Taxes	100,000	108,921	8,921	108.92%
		\$ 211,125	\$ 278,911	\$ 67,786	132.11%
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	UCC Fees	\$ 1,500	\$ 976	\$ (524)	65.07%
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	1,005,000	1,120,688	115,688	111.51%
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	22,600	23,705	1,105	104.89%
		\$ 1,029,100	\$ 1,145,369	\$ 116,269	111.30%
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT					
3319	FEMA	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ (1)	100.00%
		\$ 1	\$ -	\$ (1)	100.00%
FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE					
3352	Room & Meals Tax	\$ 269,500	\$ 269,394	\$ (106)	99.96%
3353	Highway Block Grant	149,000	177,276	28,276	118.98%
3356	Fed/State Forest Land	400	396	(4)	99.00%
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	217,400	257,854	40,454	
3359	Grants	30,500	32,081	1,581	105.18%
		\$ 666,800	\$ 737,001	\$ 70,201	110.53%
CHARGES FOR SERVICE					
3401 1&2	Planning/Zoning	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,001	\$ 1,001	133.37%
3401-3	Copy Revenue	600	629	29	104.83%
3401-4	Building Permits	32,000	35,383	3,383	110.57%
3401-6	Ambulance Revenue	319,000	318,088	(912)	99.71%
3401-7&8	Report Fees	1,200	1,620	420	135.00%
3404	Transfer Station	432,000	427,383	(4,617)	98.93%
		\$ 787,800	\$ 787,104	\$ (696)	99.91%
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Town Property	\$ 1,000	\$ 4,386	\$ 3,386	438.60%
3502	Interest on Investments	-	2,916	2,916	#DIV/0!
3503	Rental of Town Property	7,000	8,860	1,860	126.57%
3504	Fines	300	570	270	190.00%
3506	Insurance Reimbursements	15,000	35,708	20,708	238.05%
3508	Donations/Refunds	1,500	4,280	2,780	285.33%

Account Code	Account Description	2015	2015 Actual Revenues	Over/(Under) Collected	% Received
3509	Other	25,000	24,777	(223)	99.11%
		\$ 51,815	\$ 81,497	\$ 31,697	157.28%
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN					
3914	From Sewer Fund	\$ 95,178	\$ 112,156	\$ 16,978	117.84%
		\$ 95,178	\$ 112,156	\$ 16,978	117.84%
SubTotal		\$ 2,841,819	\$ 3,142,038	\$ 302,234	110.56%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proceed from LT Bond/Notes	\$ 1,167,667	\$ 1,494,553	\$ 326,886	127.99%
	Amount Vote from Fund Bal.	-	-	-	0.00%
	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			-	0.00%
		\$ 1,167,667	\$ 1,494,553	\$ 326,886	127.99%
TOTALS		\$4,009,486	\$4,636,591	\$ 627,105	115.64%



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Tax Collector's Report

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Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION ?

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)



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Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012	
Property Taxes	3110		\$1,056,722.87	\$82.26		
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120			\$11,500.00		
Yield Taxes	3185			\$178.04	\$272.53	
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189		\$34,883.71			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?		(\$18,641.28)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?						
Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies			
			2014			
Property Taxes	3110	\$20,562,786.00				
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$13,640.00				
Yield Taxes	3185	\$27,400.65	\$3,661.61			
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189	\$331,962.62	\$117.21			
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Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies			
			2014	2013	2012	
Property Taxes	3110	\$58,489.87				
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	\$16,383.85	\$50,635.45	\$3,292.29		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190					
Total Debits			\$20,992,021.71	\$1,146,020.85	\$15,052.59	\$272.53



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Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies 2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$19,709,290.84	\$764,748.49	\$82.26	
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$13,640.00		\$11,500.00	
Yield Taxes	\$18,312.34	\$3,661.61		
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$16,292.85	\$45,047.95	\$3,273.29	
Penalties	\$91.00	\$5,587.50	\$19.00	
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$303,493.45	\$22,411.43		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$284,434.78		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2014	Prior Levies 2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$34,156.61	\$20,129.09		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes			\$178.04	
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$1,857.64			
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Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2014	2013	2012
Property Taxes	\$859,187.14			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$9,088.31			\$272.53
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes	\$26,611.53			
Property Tax Credit Balance ?				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance ?				
Total Credits	\$20,992,021.71	\$1,146,020.85	\$15,052.59	\$272.53



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Summary of Debits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2014	Year: 2013	Year: 2012
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$165,992.47	\$134,348.71
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$307,322.69		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$8,660.52	\$12,861.26	\$22,251.41
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Total Debits		\$315,983.21	\$178,853.73	\$156,600.12

Summary of Credits				
	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2014	2013	2012
Redemptions		\$123,809.93	\$69,685.67	\$54,490.36
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Add Line				
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$8,660.52	\$12,861.26	\$22,251.41
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Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$392.13	\$1,450.39	\$3,698.50
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$183,120.63	\$94,856.41	\$76,159.85
Total Credits		\$315,983.21	\$178,853.73	\$156,600.12



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HOPKINTON (227)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

CHARLES

GANGEL

1-6-2016

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Services Advisor:

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- Jamie Dow: jamie.dow@dra.nh.gov
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3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

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

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

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

Charles J. Gangel

Preparer's Signature and Title

Report of the Town Clerk

January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015

RECEIPTS:	TOWN	STATE
Auto/Boat:		
Permits:	\$ 1,096,172.12	\$ 389,773.90
Clerk Agent Fee:	24,672.00	
Dog Licenses:		
Fees:	8,654.50	3,044.50
Town Vital Records:		
Certified Copies:	1,232.00	1,358.00
Marriages:	140.00	901.00
UCC's:	1,290.25	
Miscellaneous:	289.50	
Pay by Bag:	3,568.00	
State Fish & Game Fees:		
Fish Licenses:		1,430.00
OHRV:		5,677.50
TOTAL:	\$ 1,136,018.37	\$ 402,184.90
PAID OUT:		
Town Treasurer	\$ 1,136,018.37	
State of New Hampshire	402,184.90	
TOTAL	\$ 1,538,203.27	

Hopkinton Town Library-2015 Financial Report

BEGINNING BALANCE (General and Fines Accts)	\$8,576.89
REVENUES	
Trust Funds	\$ 3,247.48
Gifts/memorials	\$13,130.00
Interest	\$ 10.59
Misc (Fines, copier, used book sales etc.)	<u>\$ 5,548.91</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<u>\$21,936.98</u>
Subtotal	\$30,513.87
EXPENDITURES	
Revenue to Town of Hopkinton	\$ 15,000.00
Programs	<u>\$ 2,482.46</u>
Subtotal	<u>(\$17,482.46)</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 13,031.41
Trust Funds	
Starting Balance	\$66,788
Ending Balance	\$66,924

Conservation Commission Financial Report

2015 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS SUMMARY

	CHECKING ACCOUNT	CONSERVATION COMMISSION SAVINGSACCT	TOWN FOREST ACCOUNT	TOTALS
Beginning Balance	\$668.00	\$38,204.23	\$31,719.76	\$70,591.99
Income (Interest)	\$0.06	\$19.94	\$15.80	\$35.80
Income (Change of Use Tax)		\$8,799.00		\$8,799.00
Income (Timber Sale)			\$0.00	\$0.00
Transferred to Checking to Pay Expenses	\$3,810.35	(\$810.35)	(\$3,000.00)	\$0.00
Expenses Paid	(\$3,805.35)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$3,805.35)
Ending Balance	\$673.06	\$46,212.82	\$28,735.56	\$75,621.44

EXPENSE DETAILS

Miscellaneous - website hosting fee	\$132.35 CC account
Youth conservation camper	\$495.00 CC account
NH Assn. of Cons. Commissions dues - (2015 dues paid in 2014)	\$0.00 CC account
Conferences attended by CC members	\$0.00 CC
account Town conservation land/trail mgmt.. (signs, invasive control)	\$178.00 CC
account	
Horne lot purchase	\$3,000.00 Town Forest
Miscellaneous land preservation costs	\$0.00 CC
account (Appraisals, surveys, title research, stewardship fees, legal fees, etc.)	

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$3,805.35

INCOME DETAILS

Interest	\$35.80 All accounts
Change of use tax	\$8,799.00 CC account
Timber sale on town forests	\$0.00 Town Forest

TOTAL INCOME

\$8,834.80

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

STATEMENT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS									
January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015									
<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u>	<u>TRANSFERS IN</u>	<u>OUT</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>				
Police Cruiser & Accessory Equipment	\$ 34,722.98	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 29,448.05	\$ 25.24	\$ 35,300.17				
Sewer System Equip/Sludge Removal	12,571.23	15,000.00	18,181.50	14.31	9,404.04				
Transfer Station Equipment & Facilities	46,759.56	35,000.00	57,451.50	46.98	24,355.04				
Fire Dept Vehicles & Equipment	61,213.52	50,000.00	10,302.75	73.08	100,983.85				
Ambulance Replacement & Equipment	256,590.80	70,000.00	248,614.23	61.31	78,037.88				
Contoocook Village Revitalization	3.65	-	-	-	3.65				
PW/HWY Dept Vehicles & Equipment	137,043.88	165,000.00	187,774.73	138.26	114,407.41				
Library Replacement Bldg Systems	11,571.25	15,000.00	-	18.18	26,589.43				
Cemetery Maintenance	13,821.94	-	-	9.34	13,831.28				
Town Hall Renovations	20,365.23	20,000.00	40,314.63	0.96	51.56				
Police/Fire Radios & Equip Replacement	39,171.74	2,000.00	-	29.93	41,201.67				
Dam Maintenance & Construction	8,254.53	10,000.00	1,975.38	11.38	16,290.53				
Contoocook Village Precinct	94,107.41	209,412.26	270,000.00	34.32	33,553.99				
Hopkinton Village Precinct	127.78	-	-	0.09	127.87				
Hopkinton School District Vehicles	35,851.41	10,000.00	-	29.68	45,881.09				
Hopkinton School Dist Main/ Reno Revaluation	152,429.73	100,000.00	60,091.00	108.03	192,446.76				
	-	9,000.00	-	6.08	9,006.08				
TOTALS	\$ 924,606.64	\$ 740,412.26	\$924,153.77	\$ 607.17	\$ 741,472.30				
Respectfully submitted,									
Bonita A Cressy,									

TOWN OF HOPKINTON TRUST FUNDS AND EXPENDABLE FUNDS
Year Ended 12/31/2015

Cemetery and Trust Funds	Date	Purpose	Principal Book Value*										Total Principal & Income Book Value	Total Principal & Income Market Value
			1/1/2015 Book Value	New Funds	Expended Funds	Realized Gain/Loss	12/31/2015 Book Value	1/1/2015 Book Value	Income Earned YTD	Expended Income YTD	12/31/2015 Book Value	12/31/2015 Book Value		
Cemetery and Trust Funds			1,106.56			10.04	1,116.60	2,451.04	67.99	2,519.03	2,519.03	3,635.63	3,682.46	
Hopkinton Cemetery	1906	Community Outreach	1,082.79			9.83	1,092.62	1,604.18	51.35	1,655.53	1,655.53	2,748.15	2,783.55	
Contoocook Cemetery	1938	Community Outreach	2,263.20		130.38	19.27	2,142.09	569.62	53.95	569.62	53.95	2,198.04	2,224.33	
Stumpfield Cemetery	1949	Community Outreach	2,449.29		268.70	17.98	1,988.67	431.30	51.23	431.30	2,049.80	2,076.21		
Blackwater Cemetery	1955	Community Outreach	15,982.33			153.95	17,116.28	14,799.67	607.00	15,406.67	32,522.95	32,941.92		
Misc. Cemeteries	1990	Community Outreach	10,470.22			320.83	10,891.15	110,909.56	4,058.75	114,968.31	217,859.46	220,159.53		
Lemned, Dr Ebenezer	1984	Community Outreach	3,807.68			34.66	3,842.24	5,945.94	186.40	6,028.64	7,101.21	7,101.21		
Lemned, Hannah Brook	1981	Scholarship	21,196.93			192.38	21,389.31	1,182.52	427.69	900.00	22,099.52	22,384.21		
Anderson, Hon Lars	1969	Scholarship	47.45			0.43	47.88	31.85	1.52	33.37	7,068.25	7,177.54		
Anderson, Isabel	1973	Scholarship	4,381.05			39.76	4,420.81	255.09	88.60	176.00	4,599.50	4,648.62		
Helping Hand Fund	1973	Scholarship	13,980.21			126.88	14,107.09	7,077.47	280.69	500.00	14,887.16	14,783.27		
Flanders, Mary L.	1977	Scholarship	3,090.56			28.95	3,118.61	160.32	62.13	100.00	3,241.06	3,282.81		
Chase, Ruth G	1981	Scholarship	8,795.32			79.83	8,875.15	498.63	177.63	350.00	327.26	9,202.41		
Babson, John	1982	Scholarship	22,223.68			201.70	22,425.38	1,239.44	448.40	900.00	787.84	23,213.22		
Kimball, Marion Memorial	1989	Scholarship	21,491.18			195.05	21,686.23	1,247.41	434.55	900.00	781.96	22,468.19		
Gould, Jessie	1985	Scholarship	10,766.52			97.83	10,864.15	526.72	215.63	400.00	342.36	11,196.50		
Rice, Estri & Evelyn Memorial	1986	Scholarship	10,540.71	1,066.00		105.33	11,711.04	620.52	211.39	450.00	281.91	11,992.95		
Martin, Harold M. Memorial	1986	Scholarship	12,520.79			113.64	12,634.43	647.93	251.67	500.00	13,034.03	13,201.94		
Regal, Barry	2003	Scholarship	4,442.49			40.32	4,482.81	208.75	88.89	150.00	147.64	4,630.45		
Carroll, Andrew J. Memorial	2010	Scholarship	228,882.71			2,058.88	228,921.69	11,263.89	4,550.79	10,000.00	6,814.68	234,736.37		
Stearling, W & D Memorial	2011	Scholarship	5,936.21		384.64	51.29	5,702.86		115.36	0.00	6,702.86	6,778.33		
Sullivan, J & A Memorial	1929	Books for Children	1,074.55			9.75	1,084.30	48.10	21.45	48.10	1,105.75	1,119.99		
Blanchard, Brooke Memorial	1943	Hopkinton Library	214.91			1.95	216.86	9.62	4.29	9.62	221.15	224.00		
Griscorn, Stacey Memorial	1943	Hopkinton Library	1,960.44			17.79	1,978.23	87.76	39.14	87.76	2,017.37	2,043.36		
McAuliffe, Christa Mem Scholarship	1943	Hopkinton Library	318.61			2.89	321.50	14.26	6.35	14.26	327.85	332.05		
Houghton, Gertrude Memorial	1943	Contoocook Library	1,396.99			12.88	1,409.87	62.54	27.89	62.54	1,437.56	1,466.08		
Aubrey, Travis Memorial	1952	Hopkinton Library	429.80			3.80	433.70	19.24	8.68	19.24	442.28	447.95		
Burns, Richard	1961	Books for Children	1,188.00			10.78	1,198.78	53.16	23.72	53.16	1,222.50	1,238.25		
Kimball, John P	1968	Child Bks Contoocook	11,413.15			103.68	11,516.73	510.93	227.88	510.93	11,744.61	11,895.91		
Young, William P	1978	Child Pgm's Contoocook	644.74			5.95	650.69	28.86	12.87	28.86	683.46	672.01		
Hazelton, Glenn M. Mem	1978	Child Bks Contoocook	5,530.71			59.27	5,589.98	292.36	130.39	292.36	5,720.37	5,806.94		
Houston, Ty Memorial	1982	Libraries	1,116.41			10.13	1,126.54	49.98	22.29	49.98	1,148.83	1,163.63		
Simple, Katherine E.	1983	Child Bks Contoocook	3,838.46			34.84	3,873.30	171.84	76.64	76.64	3,949.94	4,000.82		
Brown, Jessie H. Memorial	1980	Libraries	42,416.69			384.96	42,801.65	1,896.81	846.89	1,898.81	43,647.54	44,209.82		
Wright, C. Louise Memorial	1988	General School Use	224.46			2.04	226.50	202.34	8.16	210.50	437.00	442.63		
Kelly, G Everett	1990	School Libraries	9,950.01			90.31	10,040.32	4,335.88	282.89	500.00	4,519.47	14,569.79		
Baily, Helen Young	1990	Graduation	138,826.45	8,000.00		1,332.68	148,159.03	10,347.81	2,862.31	6,246.08	156,724.07	157,730.14		
Gould, Jessie	2010	Senior Center	17,447.98	250.00		160.63	17,658.64	2,377.48	368.69	2,766.07	20,624.67	20,890.36		
Project Graduation														
Slusser Sr. Center														
Totals			\$1,236,433.64	\$14,915.00	\$783.72	\$11,350.00	\$1,251,914.95	\$450,609.50	\$32,250.49	\$64,058.87	\$428,801.31	\$1,690,716.22	\$1,712,486.35	

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65	Berkshire Hathaway		10,873.46			1,409.37		(40.42)	9,423.67	8,582.60	
46	Boeing Co.		8,123.70			2,845.14		345.54	6,624.10	6,506.65	200.20
	California Res Corp.		337.02			360.70		13.68	-	-	0.44
90	Celgene Corp		10,808.00			1,123.27		42.47	9,727.20	10,778.40	
115	Cerner Corp		9,500.57			2,343.55		126.75	7,283.77	6,919.55	
	Chemours Co.		-			222.24	174.48	47.76	-	-	13.75
90	Chevron Corporation		-	9,180.57					9,180.57	8,096.40	192.60
10	Chipotle Mexican Grill		-	7,511.99					7,511.99	4,798.60	
80	Chubb Corp		9,680.22			1,442.97		(85.49)	8,151.76	10,611.20	192.86
165	Citigroup Inc.		-	8,307.47					8,307.47	8,538.75	8.25
55	Convergence Core Plus Intl		50,725.00			50,896.46		171.46	-	-	
	Costco Wholesale Corp. New		9,638.19			2,093.21		27.88	7,572.86	8,882.50	446.85
	Cummins Inc.		-	8,919.64		7,511.19		(1,408.45)	-	-	63.38
80	Danaher Corporation		3,576.73			1,717.77		1,002.42	2,861.38	7,430.40	45.10
	Delaware Small Cap Value Intl		51,140.00			50,872.94		(267.06)	-	-	
80	Disney (Walt)		10,766.16			4,401.14		812.42	7,177.44	8,406.40	190.80
100	Dominion Resources Inc.		8,168.10			670.28		(72.27)	7,425.55	6,764.00	271.96
	Du Pont E I De Nemours & Company		3,871.80			9,712.01	(174.48)	6,014.69	-	-	224.60
75	Ecolab Inc.		-	8,660.25					8,660.25	8,578.50	39.60
125	Eog Resources		8,377.60	3,607.69					11,985.19	8,848.75	70.36
105	Express Scripts Holding Co.		10,921.02			3,072.25		341.99	8,190.76	9,178.05	
130	Exxon Mobile Corp.		11,068.74	1,279.95					12,348.69	10,133.50	353.10
110	Facebook Inc.		-	9,062.80					9,062.80	11,512.60	
50	Fedex Corp.		11,160.37			2,745.11		169.64	8,584.90	7,449.50	51.00
	Ford Motor Company		10,710.00			11,045.91		335.91	-	-	318.75
445	General Electric Co.		8,619.65	2,986.60		2,479.46		610.16	9,736.85	13,861.75	340.40
80	Gilead Sciences Inc.		10,705.90			2,388.75		197.87	8,564.72	8,095.20	103.20
5,179,856	Goldman Sachs High Yield Instl		36,000.00						36,000.00	31,338.13	1,926.99
382,848	Guggenheim Macro Oppport Instl		-	10,000.00					10,000.00	9,643.94	156.38
	Intl Business Machines		8,187.33			8,040.34		(146.99)	-	-	55.00
13,314,545	Ivy International Core Equity		122,450.00	128,500.00					250,950.00	223,284.92	2,577.89
165	J P Morgan Chase & Company		7,570.03			663.08		250.51	7,137.46	10,894.95	285.20
1,000	J P Morgan 5.45% Perpetual PFD		25,000.00						25,000.00	25,240.00	1,362.48
250	Kroger Co.		-	9,602.72					9,602.72	10,457.50	74.70
140	Lowe's Companies Inc.		10,709.28	1,141.95		4,129.12		655.84	8,377.95	10,645.60	155.10
115	Medtronic Holding LTD		-	8,776.66					8,776.66	8,846.80	69.92
	MetLife Inc.		12,064.36			11,221.09		(843.27)	-	-	77.00
	Michael Kors		10,023.66			9,516.76		(506.80)	-	-	
	Microchip Technology Inc.		-						-	-	
240	Microsoft Corp.		9,552.70	2,172.89		232.99		(11.95)	11,480.55	13,316.20	266.20
	National Oilwell Varco Inc.		9,533.94			6,965.25		(2,568.68)	-	-	59.80
400	Nextera Energy 5.125% PFD		10,000.00						10,000.00	9,980.00	512.48
65	Nike Inc.		11,878.50			6,226.16		524.48	6,176.82	8,125.00	123.20
	Occidental Pete Corp.		9,330.66			8,494.70		(835.96)	-	-	168.40
1,149,716	Oppenheimer Developing Markets		51,770.00	5,500.00		9,885.00		(2,900.56)	44,484.44	34,479.98	331.47
175	Oracle Corp.		9,519.43			2,629.16		198.87	7,088.94	6,392.76	116.95
1,500	Partnerre LTD 5.875% PFD		37,500.00						37,500.00	39,000.00	2,203.15
95	Pepsico Inc.		10,662.08			1,407.28		(46.64)	9,208.16	9,492.40	288.12

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95	PNC Finl Svcs Group		12,403.64			4,465.73		478.85	8,416.76	9,054.45	235.50
6	Priceline Group Inc.		11,197.80			5,912.24		313.34	5,598.90	6,374.75	
1,472.031	Principal Preferred Securities Instl			15,000.00					15,000.00	14,867.51	393.32
2,200	Procter & Gamble Company		9,020.39			9,560.86		840.47	66,000.00	67,750.00	3,437.45
	Protective Life 6.25% PFD		55,000.00					(1,488.64)			153.60
125	Qualcomm Inc.		8,334.91			6,546.27		124.02	8,287.15	9,800.00	
100	Salesforce.com Inc.		8,061.25	1,193.25		1,091.37			9,792.24	6,975.00	183.00
	Schlumberger Ltd		9,335.64	456.60				875.78			33.35
	Sector SPDR TR SHS Ben Int Health Care		10,831.68			11,707.46		(221.43)			130.50
	Simon Property Group Inc.		8,196.21			7,974.78					
485,000	SPDR S & P 600 SmallCap Value			52,112.19					52,112.19	45,041.95	2,751.21
150	Starbucks Corp.			7,895.77					7,895.77	9,004.50	64.00
	T. Rowe Price Group Inc.		9,545.69			8,164.89		(1,380.80)			393.80
	Tesoro Pete Corp.		7,851.58			9,292.63		1,441.05			93.50
70	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.		10,506.55			2,599.55		264.76	8,171.76	9,829.50	45.00
135	TJX Companies		10,857.56			2,286.15		50.77	8,622.18	9,572.85	122.15
75	Union Pacific Corp.		9,663.75			495.19		(105.79)	9,059.77	5,865.00	210.50
95	United Health Group Inc.		3,994.99			1,779.88		1,235.11	3,450.22	11,175.80	183.75
	United Technologies Corp.		8,170.88			7,372.92		(797.96)			131.20
	Vanguard Info Tech ETF		17,528.48			17,724.73		196.25			
400,000	Vanguard Mid Cap ETF			53,887.67		2,565.55		36.76	51,035.88	48,044.00	695.50
695,000	Vanguard REIT ETF			53,868.10					53,868.10	55,412.35	1,792.48
140	Verizon Communications Inc.		8,117.68			950.41		(64.30)	7,102.97	6,470.80	332.10
130	VISA Inc.		4,029.69			3,472.94		2,353.58	2,910.33	10,081.50	77.00
	VMWare Inc. Cl A		10,943.14			8,602.43		(2,340.71)			
105	Walgreen Boots Alliance Inc.					5,129.49		1,057.41	7,126.14	8,941.28	186.98
	Walgreen Company		11,198.22					(11,198.22)			
160	Wells Fargo & Company		5,387.60			2,294.38		1,216.86	4,310.08	8,697.60	265.00
71,870.570	NORTHERN TRUST PRIME OBLIGATION FUND		119,539.32	556,206.98		603,877.73			71,870.57	71,870.57	44.84
	Bank Assistance Fees										(18,204.05)
	Cash										
	Total		1,687,043.14	1,375,712.08		1,383,389.00		11,350.00	1,690,716.22	1,712,496.35	32,250.49

SHS	Asset Description	Maturity Date	Beginning Book Value ^{**}	Additions	Withdrawals	Income	Adjust to Book Value ^{**}	Gains or (Losses)	Ending Balance Book Value ^{**}	Market Value ^{**} 12/31/2015	Income Earned
	MCSB/EXPENDABLE/Account #3000715856		85,083.41	27,000.00	32,144.09	34.80			79,974.12	79,974.12	34.80
	MCSB/ED DIS CHILDREN/Account #3000751465		169,318.65			143.15			169,461.80	169,461.80	143.15
	MCSB/HSD HEALTH INS/Account #3000763312		75,284.30			52.02			75,336.32	75,336.32	52.02
	Total		329,686.36	27,000.00	32,144.09	229.97			324,772.24	324,772.24	229.97

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Report of the Assessing Department

	Town	Contoocook Village Precinct	Hopkinton Village Precinct
Value of Land			
Current use	\$1,853,497	\$103,864	\$18,121
Conservation restriction	\$0	\$0	\$0
Discretionary easement	\$16,119	\$0	\$0
Discretionary preservation easement	\$21,030	\$1,500	\$1,080
Residential	\$130,073,700	\$24,683,000	\$8,560,600
Commercial/Industrial	\$7,129,200	\$3,025,200	\$338,300
Total Taxable Land	\$139,093,546	\$27,813,564	\$8,918,101
Value of Buildings			
Residential	\$397,708,610	\$88,134,797	\$27,898,035
Manufactured housing	\$9,699,100	\$119,400	\$0
Commercial/Industrial	\$42,629,000	\$15,440,400	\$1,767,700
Discretionary Preservation easement	\$129,190	\$19,703	\$28,565
Total Taxable Buildings	\$450,165,900	\$103,714,300	\$29,694,300
Public Utility Companies	\$27,318,800		
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$616,578,246	\$131,527,864	\$38,612,401
Less Exemptions			
Assist Persons with Disabilities (Vet)	\$324,982	\$5,182	\$0
Blind	\$180,000	\$120,000	\$0
Elderly	\$6,050,429	\$1,541,829	\$448,800
Solar/Wind Power	\$114,250	\$19,050	\$0
Total Amount of Exemptions	\$6,669,661	\$1,680,879	\$448,800
Net value, which tax rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is computed	\$609,908,585	\$129,841,803	\$38,163,601
Less Public Utilities	\$27,318,800	\$0	\$0
Net value, less public utilities on which tax rate for State Education Tax is computed	\$582,589,785	\$129,841,803	\$38,163,601

UTILITY SUMMARY

Name of Public Utility Company	
UNITIL Energy Systems	\$406,700
New –England Hydro-Transmission Corp.	\$9,593,500
New England Power Company	\$3,752,500
Public Service Company dba Eversource	\$12,738,000
Consolidated Hydro of NH	\$828,100
Total Value	\$27,318,800

Current Use Report

Current Use Classification	Acres Receiving Current Use Assessment
Farm Land	1,873
Forest Land	8,372.62
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,462.38
Unproductive	66.66
Wet Land	889.94
Total Acreage	14,664.6
Other Current Use Statistics	
Acres Receiving a 20% Recreational Adjustment	1,061.02
Acres Removed From Current Use During the Year	14.98

Discretionary Easements

Acres	Owners	Description
38.78	1	Golf course

Tax Credits

Type of Tax Credits	Amount of Credit	Number of Individuals	Total of Tax Credits
Totally & Permanently Disabled Veterans, Spouses or Widows	\$2,000	9	\$18,000
Other War Service Credits	\$500	334	\$164,500
Total		343	\$182,500

HOPKINTON TAX RATES

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Municipal -Town	\$5.05	5.06	5.10	5.10	5.94	6.92
County Tax	\$2.72	2.88	2.80	2.67	2.99	3.04
Local Education Tax	\$16.27	17.17	17.77	18.53	21.09	21.15
State Education Tax	\$2.68	2.43	2.52	2.44	2.54	2.51
Combined Tax	\$26.72	27.54	28.19	28.74	32.56	33.62
Contoocook Village	\$.77	.77	1.17	1.22	1.37	1.99
Hopkinton Village	\$0.34	.44	.37	.48	.41	.46

Schedule of Town Property

Map/Lot	Location	Total	Map/Lot	Location	Total
210/014	BAILEY RD	\$36,900	206/020	KEARSARGE AVE	\$119,400
217/041	BARTON CORNER RD	45,200	222/067-2	KEARSARGE AVE	509,500
231/008	BASSETT MILL RD	85,900	222/107	KEARSARGE AVE	14,000
259/024	BEECH HILL & CURRIER	4,500	230/003	LITTLE FROST RD	13,800
225/083	BLUEBIRD LN	400	101/085	MAIN ST	261,500
207/016	BOUND TREE & CLEMENT	63,100	102/064	MAIN ST	87,300
207/017	BOUND TREE & CLEMENT	150,400	103/009	MAIN ST	50,600
204/015	BOUND TREE RD	12,900	104/060-1	MAIN ST	1,800
207/038	BOUND TREE RD	11,700	106/003	MAIN ST	374,300
239/038-1	BRIAR HILL RD	172,100	106/003-1	MAIN ST	241,000
250/067	BRIAR HILL RD	72,200	106/023	MAIN ST	459,900
256/27-1	BROCKWAY RD	4,000	106/024	MAIN ST	63,500
202/007	CAMP MERRIMAC RD	3,800	106/049	MAIN ST	294,000
102/022-1	CARRIAGE LN	22,100	251/007	MAIN ST	67,300
101/017	CEDAR ST	64,100	102/085	MAPLE ST	23,200
102/038	CEDAR ST & MAPLE ST	1,700	219/012	MAPLE ST	202,300
207/007	CLEMENT HILL RD	29,700	105/012	OLD HENNIKER RD	5,200
208/001	CLEMENT HILL RD	40,600	105/017	OLD HENNIKER RD	61,000
208/099-22	CLEMENT HILL RD	22,400	238/080	OLD HENNIKER RD	73,500
209/58	CLEMENT HILL RD	4,400	105/024-1	OLD PUTNEY HILL RD	1,600
210-99	ROWELL BRIDGE	720,000	239/056	OLD PUTNEY HILL RD	128,600
259/020	CURRIER RD	5,400	222/078	PARK AVE	64,400
224/046	DUSTIN RD	53,200	101/052	PARK AVE & KEARSARGE	2,800
244/06	E PENACOOK RD	284,900	249/013	PATCH RD	128,500
244/011	E PENACOOK RD	191,300	249/021	PATCH RD	3,800
224/012	E PENACOOK RD	80,000	103/017	PENACOOK & GOULD HIL	4,000
246/006	E PENACOOK RD	210,800	103/022	PENACOOK & GOULD HIL	3,600
233/002	EUGENE FOOTE RD	112,500	103/016	PENACOOK RD	115,700
265/002	FARRINGTON CORNER RD	11,800	243/044	PENACOOK RD	10,300
266/044-1	FARRINGTON CORNER RD	211,400	101/020	PINE ST	1,033,600
251/061	FIELDSTONE RD	31,100	101/021	PINE ST	369,200
229/001	GAGE HILL RD	5,000	220/035	PINE ST	24,000
238/049	GAGE HILL RD	7,700	221/044	PINE ST	133,600
251/056	GARRISON LN	13,100	102/009	PUBLIC WORKS RD (& 2	5,995,900
223/003	GRANITE VALLEY	0	239/062	PUTNEY HILL RD	36,200
214/001	HATFIELD RD	142,500	250/061	ROLLINS RD	206,600
251/010	HAWTHORNE HILL RD	212,900	250/065	ROLLINS RD	164,500
105/031	HOPKINTON & OLD HENN	27,500	221/104	SPRING ST	2,100
239/037	HOPKINTON RD	681,600	221/126-1	SPRING ST	12,900
221/083	HOUSTON DR (41&171)	3,025,100	222/126-2	SPRING ST	9,700
237/038	IRISH HILL RD	2,600	222/021	SPRING ST	14,200
256/002	JEWETT RD	9,400	237/039	SUGAR HILL RD	11,600
256/003	JEWETT RD	6,100	265/27	UPPER STRAW RD	4,000
256/005	JEWETT RD	86,200			
210/010	KAST HILL RD	184,100			
210/027-1	KAST HILL RD	8,900			
101/039-1	KEARSARGE AVE	51,500			
206/-19	KEARSARGE AVE	80,200			

Schedule of School and Precinct Property

School

Map/Lot	Location	Total
106/007	MAIN ST	4,872,900
102/003	MAPLE ST	200,800
102/004	MAPLE ST	4,200,100
251/001	NEW RD	7,800
222/067-1	PARK AVE	8,574,600

Contoocook Village Precinct

Map/Lot	Location	Total
204/013-1	BOUND TREE RD	1,466,300
204/024	BOUND TREE RD	30,700
204/025	BOUND TREE RD	62,700
104/095-1	HOPKINTON RD	778,300
204/021	PLEASANT POND RD	116,900

Hopkinton Village Precinct

Map/Lot	Location	Total
250/006	BRIAR HILL RD	73,300
105/049	MAIN ST	62,000
105/022	OLD PUTNEY HILL RD	71,300
239/064-1	PUTNEY HILL RD	42,100

2015 Tax Rate Calculation



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2015
\$33.62

Tax Rate Breakdown Hopkinton

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$4,214,458	\$609,908,585	\$6.92
County	\$1,857,128	\$609,908,585	\$3.04
Local Education	\$12,901,915	\$609,908,585	\$21.15
State Education	\$1,463,055	\$582,589,785	\$2.51
Total	\$20,436,556		\$33.62

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Contoocook Village	\$258,385	\$129,841,803	\$1.99
Hopkinton Village	\$17,555	\$38,163,601	\$0.46
Total	\$275,940		\$2.45

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$20,436,556
War Service Credits	(\$185,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$275,940
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$20,527,496

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11/2/2015

Appropriations and Revenues		
Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$6,916,930	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$3,028,166)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$185,000	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$140,694	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$4,214,458	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$1,857,128	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$1,857,128	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$16,292,061	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,927,091)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$1,463,055)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$12,901,915	
State Education Tax	\$1,463,055	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$1,463,055	

Valuation		
Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$609,908,585	\$609,948,415
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$582,589,785	\$582,065,615
Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	
Contoocook Village	\$129,841,803	
Hopkinton Village	\$38,163,601	

Statement of Debt

TOWN OF HOPKINTON STATEMENT OF DEBT																
ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING BONDS AND LONG TERM NOTES																
	Landfill		Open Space #1 Beyer/Carson/Rollins		Open Space #2 Rice		Open Space #3 Myron		Open Space #4 Ransmeier		Community Well		Highway Garage		Fire Station	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
	1998-2017		2005-2020		2006-2025		2007-2020		2006-2026		2011-2020		2014-2024			2014-2029
	Original Bond: \$1,859,384		Original Bond: \$761,500		Original Bond: \$467,900		Original Bond: \$279,836		Original Bond: \$368,250		Original Bond: \$350,000		Original Bond \$530,566			Original Bond \$2,995,041
	Interest Rate: 4.20%		Interest Rate: 4.31%		Interest Rate: 4.00%		Interest Rate: 3.97%		Interest Rate: 4.39%		Interest Rate: 3.20%		Interest 2.21%			Interest 3.49%
	Source: NHDES Bonds		Source: NHMBB 04C		Source: NHMBB 05B		Source: Northway Bank		Source: Northway Bank		Source: MCSB		Source: Northway Bank			Source: Franklin Savings Bank
Year	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2015	123,198	16,248	50,000	8,828	25,000	9,766	21,459	6,085	18,413	3,543	35,000	6,720	53,057	10,553	40,224	59,042
2016	128,392	11,054	50,000	6,578	25,000	8,516	22,327	5,218	18,413	2,734	35,000	5,600	53,057	9,380	166,119	103,384
2017	133,805	5,641	50,000	4,570	25,000	7,266	23,229	4,315	18,413	1,926	35,000	4,480	53,057	8,208	172,328	97,175
2018			50,000	5,231	25,000	6,256	24,168	3,376	18,413	1,118	35,000	3,360	53,057	7,035	178,480	91,024
2019			50,000	3,162	25,000	5,231	25,145	2,399	7,050	310	35,000	2,240	53,057	5,863	184,851	84,652
2020			50,000	1,062	20,000	4,200	34,184	1,456			35,000	1,120	53,057	4,690	191,241	78,263
2021					20,000	3,360							53,057	3,518	198,277	71,227
2022					20,000	2,510							53,057	2,345	205,355	64,149
2023					20,000	2,250							53,053	1,172	212,685	56,818
2024					20,000	1,375									220,148	49,355
2025					20,000	665									228,137	41,367
2026															236,281	33,222
2027															244,715	24,788
2028															253,413	16,090
2029															262,497	7,006
Total	385,395	32,943	300,000	29,431	245,000	51,395	150,512	22,849	80,702	9,631	210,000	23,520	477,509	52,764	2,994,751	877,562
GRAND TOTAL	418,338		329,431		296,395		173,361		90,333		233,520		530,273		3,872,313	
Total Debt Payment by Year																
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	TOTAL
Principal	366,351	498,308	510,832	384,118	380,103	383,482	271,334	278,412	285,738	240,148	248,137	236,281	244,715	253,413	262,497	4,843,869
Interest	120,785	152,464	133,581	117,400	103,857	90,791	78,105	69,004	60,240	50,730	42,032	33,222	24,788	16,090	7,006	1,100,095
TOTAL	487,136	650,772	644,413	501,518	483,960	474,273	349,439	347,416	345,978	290,878	290,169	269,503	269,503	269,503	269,503	5,943,964

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**TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FINANCIAL REPORT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 2014**

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Roberts & Greene, PLLC

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Hopkinton
330 Main Street
Hopkinton, New Hampshire 03229

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hopkinton, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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 of 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 Hopkinton, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the schedule of funding progress for other postemployment benefits on page 32 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. 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.

The Town of Hopkinton has not presented a management's discussion and analysis. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have determined that the management's discussion and analysis is necessary to supplement, but is not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Town of Hopkinton. The combining nonmajor and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They 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. The 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 financial statements or to the 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 and individual fund schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

July 1, 2015

Roberts & Greene, PLLC

EXHIBIT 1
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,196,536
Investments	1,745,202
Intergovernmental receivable	14,464
Other receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles	1,642,269
Prepaid items	15,581
Tax deeded property held for resale	2,015
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:	
Land	8,410,469
Construction in progress	1,865,165
Intangible assets	323,900
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:	
Land improvements	440,768
Buildings and building improvements	3,869,339
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	1,423,522
Infrastructure	<u>7,243,552</u>
Total assets	<u>35,192,782</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	66,744
Accrued payroll and benefits	34,298
Contract payable	443,845
Accrued interest payable	29,438
Intergovernmental payable	7,395,872
Noncurrent obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Bonds and notes payable	326,033
Capital lease payable	17,773
Compensated absences	2,219
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	23,000
Due in more than one year:	
Bonds and notes payable	3,023,014
Capital lease payable	18,600
Compensated absences	181,224
Other post-employment benefits payable	132,427
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	<u>276,000</u>
Total liabilities	<u>11,970,487</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Unearned revenue	<u>24,596</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	20,191,295
Restricted for:	
Perpetual care:	
Nonexpendable	495,466
Expendable	300,513
Other purposes	450,947
Unrestricted	<u>1,759,478</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 23,197,699</u>

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

EXHIBIT 2
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,603,887	\$ 37,637	\$ 48,954	\$ -	\$ (1,517,296)
Public safety	1,663,941	343,379	350,044	-	(970,518)
Highways and streets	2,762,587	-	-	181,381	(2,581,206)
Sanitation	765,281	527,720	24,389	-	(213,172)
Health	20,895	-	-	-	(20,895)
Welfare	116,669	-	-	-	(116,669)
Culture and recreation	754,091	90,262	126	-	(663,703)
Conservation	5,011	-	-	86,820	81,809
Interest on long-term debt	79,177	-	-	-	(79,177)
Capital outlay	32,702	-	-	-	(32,702)
Total primary government	<u>\$ 7,804,241</u>	<u>\$ 998,998</u>	<u>\$ 423,513</u>	<u>\$ 268,201</u>	<u>(6,113,529)</u>
General revenues:					
Property taxes					3,376,729
Other taxes					237,153
Licenses and permits					1,077,882
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					269,773
Miscellaneous					148,832
Total general revenues					<u>5,110,369</u>
Change in net position					(1,003,160)
Net position, beginning, as restated, see Note III.D.					<u>24,200,859</u>
Net position, ending					<u>\$ 23,197,699</u>

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

EXHIBIT 3
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2014

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,573,890	\$ 80,062	\$ 542,584	\$ 8,196,536
Investments	-	1,090,019	655,183	1,745,202
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
Taxes	1,271,213	-	-	1,271,213
Accounts	141,572	-	25,524	167,096
Intergovernmental	14,464	-	-	14,464
Interfund receivable	34,995	-	783	35,778
Prepaid items	15,581	-	-	15,581
Tax deeded property held for resale	2,015	-	-	2,015
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,053,730</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,224,074</u>	<u>\$ 11,447,885</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 66,542	\$ -	\$ 202	\$ 66,744
Accrued salaries and benefits	33,772	-	526	34,298
Contract payable	443,845	-	-	443,845
Intergovernmental payable	7,395,872	-	-	7,395,872
Interfund payable	783	-	34,995	35,778
Total liabilities	<u>7,940,814</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,723</u>	<u>7,976,537</u>
Deferred inflows of resources:				
Deferred revenue	974,722	-	9,633	984,355
Fund balances:				
Nonspendable	17,596	696,941	-	714,537
Restricted	-	473,140	76,845	549,985
Committed	-	-	1,112,298	1,112,298
Assigned	85,695	-	-	85,695
Unassigned	34,903	-	(10,425)	24,478
Total fund balances	<u>138,194</u>	<u>1,170,081</u>	<u>1,178,718</u>	<u>2,486,993</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 9,053,730</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,224,074</u>	<u>\$ 11,447,885</u>

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

EXHIBIT 4
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of Total Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2014

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit 3)		\$ 2,486,993
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	\$ 61,729,548	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(38,152,833)</u>	23,576,715
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the statement of net position.		
Receivables	\$ (35,778)	
Payables	<u>35,778</u>	
Long-term revenues are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.		
Deferred tax revenue	\$ 832,681	
Deferred ambulance revenue	25,593	
Deferred landfill charges	12,507	
Deferred sewer charges	9,633	
Deferred payments in lieu of taxes	75,619	
Deferred grant revenue	3,726	
Unavailable elderly and welfare liens	<u>203,960</u>	1,163,719
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(29,438)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bonds and notes outstanding	\$ 3,349,047	
Capital lease outstanding	36,373	
Compensated absences payable	183,443	
Other post-employment benefits payable	132,427	
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs	<u>299,000</u>	(4,000,290)
Total net position of governmental activities (Exhibit 1)		<u>\$ 23,197,699</u>

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

EXHIBIT 5
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	General	Permanent	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 3,512,741	\$ -	\$ 8,706	\$ 3,521,447
Licenses, permits and fees	1,077,882	-	-	1,077,882
Intergovernmental	822,501	-	-	822,501
Charges for services	652,440	-	357,820	1,010,260
Miscellaneous	50,785	48,954	184,353	284,092
Total revenues	<u>6,116,349</u>	<u>48,954</u>	<u>550,879</u>	<u>6,716,182</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,504,202	24,974	1,690	1,530,866
Public safety	1,447,811	-	88,721	1,536,532
Highways and streets	1,118,269	-	1,747	1,120,016
Sanitation	572,141	-	125,435	697,576
Health	20,895	-	-	20,895
Welfare	98,788	-	18,749	117,537
Culture and recreation	575,319	1,400	111,757	688,476
Conservation	-	-	136,611	136,611
Debt service:				
Principal	320,410	-	16,984	337,394
Interest	74,497	-	2,479	76,976
Capital outlay	1,985,027	-	218,510	2,203,537
Total expenditures	<u>7,717,359</u>	<u>26,374</u>	<u>722,683</u>	<u>8,466,416</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(1,601,010)</u>	<u>22,580</u>	<u>(171,804)</u>	<u>(1,750,234)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	87,618	-	411,324	498,942
Transfers out	(409,000)	(2,324)	(87,618)	(498,942)
Long-term debt issued	1,500,025	-	-	1,500,025
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>1,178,643</u>	<u>(2,324)</u>	<u>323,706</u>	<u>1,500,025</u>
Net change in fund balances	(422,367)	20,256	151,902	(250,209)
Fund balances, beginning, as restated, see Note III.D.	560,561	1,149,825	1,026,816	2,737,202
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 138,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,718</u>	<u>\$ 2,486,993</u>

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

EXHIBIT 6
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund
Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net change in fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit 5)		\$ (250,209)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capitalized capital outlay exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.		
Capitalized capital outlay	\$ 2,319,774	
Depreciation expense	<u>(1,901,347)</u>	418,427
The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets is to decrease net position.		
		(22,555)
Transfers in and out between governmental funds are eliminated on the operating statement.		
Transfers in	\$ (498,942)	
Transfers out	<u>498,942</u>	
Revenue in the statement of activities that does not provide current financial resources is not reported as revenue in governmental funds.		
Change in deferred tax revenue	\$ 34,630	
Change in deferred ambulance revenue	(5,397)	
Change in deferred landfill charges	(5,768)	
Change in deferred sewer charges	(97)	
Change in deferred payments in lieu of taxes	41,539	
Change in deferred grant revenue	3,726	
Change in allowance for unavailable liens	<u>(32,545)</u>	36,088
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		
Drawdowns of long-term note	\$ (1,500,025)	
Repayment of bond and note principal	320,410	
Repayment of capital lease principal	<u>16,984</u>	(1,162,631)
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Increase in accrued interest expense	\$ (2,201)	
Decrease in compensated absences payable	2,675	
Increase in other post-employment benefits payable	(17,754)	
Increase in accrued landfill postclosure care costs	<u>(5,000)</u>	(22,280)
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit 2)		<u>\$ (1,003,160)</u>

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

EXHIBIT 7
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Unassigned Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Taxes	\$ 3,540,733	\$ 3,540,733	\$ 3,535,570	\$ (5,163)
Licenses, permits and fees	1,029,000	1,029,000	1,077,882	48,882
Intergovernmental	675,190	814,718	822,501	7,783
Charges for services	779,000	779,000	652,440	(126,560)
Miscellaneous	49,250	49,250	50,785	1,535
Total revenues	<u>6,073,173</u>	<u>6,212,701</u>	<u>6,139,178</u>	<u>(73,523)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,510,482	1,455,682	1,504,202	(48,520)
Public safety	1,465,903	1,499,088	1,447,811	51,277
Highways and streets	1,203,651	1,211,842	1,203,964	7,878
Sanitation	674,213	678,680	572,141	106,539
Health	21,411	21,411	20,895	516
Welfare	110,836	112,044	98,788	13,256
Culture and recreation	581,464	589,213	575,319	13,894
Conservation	1	1	-	1
Economic development	1	1	-	1
Debt service:				
Principal	320,309	320,309	320,410	(101)
Interest on long-term debt	74,621	74,621	74,497	124
Interest on tax anticipation note	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Capital outlay	2,995,041	3,134,569	1,985,027	1,149,542
Total expenditures	<u>8,959,933</u>	<u>9,099,461</u>	<u>7,803,054</u>	<u>1,296,407</u>
Deficiency of revenues under expenditures	<u>(2,886,760)</u>	<u>(2,886,760)</u>	<u>(1,663,876)</u>	<u>1,222,884</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	120,719	120,719	87,618	(33,101)
Transfers out	(409,000)	(409,000)	(409,000)	-
Long-term debt issued	2,995,041	2,995,041	1,500,025	(1,495,016)
Total other financing sources and uses	<u>2,706,760</u>	<u>2,706,760</u>	<u>1,178,643</u>	<u>(1,528,117)</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>\$ (180,000)</u>	<u>\$ (180,000)</u>	(485,233)	<u>\$ (305,233)</u>
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance			122,616	
Unassigned fund balance, beginning			1,230,201	
Unassigned fund balance, ending			<u>\$ 867,584</u>	

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

EXHIBIT 8
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2014

	Private Purpose Trust	Agency
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 39,477	\$ 250,599
Investments	537,461	282,516
Total assets	<u>576,938</u>	<u>533,115</u>
Liabilities:		
Due to other governmental units	-	527,119
Due to developers	-	5,996
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>533,115</u>
Net position:		
Held in trust for specific purposes	<u>\$ 576,938</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
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	Private Purpose Trust
Additions:	
New funds	\$ 8,000
Investment earnings:	
Interest and dividends	23,385
Net change in fair value of investments	62,537
Total additions	<u>93,922</u>
Deductions:	
Trust distributions	<u>16,449</u>
Change in net position	77,473
Net position, beginning	499,465
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 576,938</u>

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I. Summary of Significant Accounting Principles

I.A. Introduction

The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting principles and practices of the Town of Hopkinton (the Town) are discussed in subsequent sections of this note. The remainder of the notes is organized to provide explanations, including required disclosures, of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

I.B. Financial Reporting Entity – Basis of Presentation

I.B.1. Entity Defined

The Town of Hopkinton is a municipal corporation governed by a board of selectmen consisting of five members elected by the voters. These financial statements present the financial position and activity of the primary government. Component units are organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, or other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the financial reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Based on the stated criteria, the Town's financial statements do not include any component units.

I.B.2. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for the Town as a whole, excluding fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed.

The statement of activities reports the direct expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity. Program revenues include: (1) charges for services which report fees, fines and forfeitures, and other charges for the Town's services; (2) operating grants and contributions, which finance annual operating activities including restricted investment income; and (3) capital grants and contributions, which finance the acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of capital assets. These revenues are subject to externally imposed restrictions to these program uses. Taxes and revenue from other sources not properly included with program revenues are reported as general revenues.

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Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The major individual, governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the basic fund financial statements with composite columns for nonmajor funds.

I.B.3. *Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation*

The financial statements of the Town are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). The Town's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Reimbursements are reported as reductions to expenses. Fiduciary fund financial statements also report using this same basis of accounting, although internal activity is not eliminated in these statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Property tax revenues are recognized in the year for which they are levied, while grants are recognized when grantor eligibility requirements are met.

The agency funds are custodial in nature and do not measure results of operations.

Governmental fund financial statements report using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The Town considers revenues to be available if they are collected within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year. However, on the budgetary basis, tax revenue is not so deferred in accordance with the instructions of the State of New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond and note principal and interest, which are reported as expenditures in the year due.

Major revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, intergovernmental amounts and investment income. In general, other revenues are recognized when cash is received.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Town's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed. Restricted assets and liabilities payable from restricted assets current in nature are reported with current assets and current liabilities in the financial statements.

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I.B.4. Fund Types and Major Funds

Governmental Funds

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – Reports as the primary fund of the Town. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not reported in other funds.

Permanent Fund – This fund is used to report those amounts held by the trustees of trust funds in which principal must be retained intact, while income is used to support Town programs.

The Town also reports eleven nonmajor governmental funds.

Fiduciary Funds

The Town reports the following fiduciary funds:

Private Purpose Trust Funds – Account for financial resources of the Town used only for the benefit of other entities or individuals.

Agency Funds – Account for fiduciary assets held by the Town in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The Town's agency funds are used to account for the various capital reserve accounts held by the trustees of trust funds on behalf of the local school district and village precincts; and escrow accounts held for developers.

I.C. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position or Fund Equity

I.C.1. Cash and Investments

The laws of the State of New Hampshire require that the Town's treasurer have custody of all monies belonging to the Town, other than those held by the trustees of trust funds and library trustees, and pay out the same only upon orders of the Board of Selectmen. The treasurer shall deposit all monies in participation units in the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to N.H. RSA 383:22 or in solvent banks in the state. Funds may be deposited in banks outside the state if such banks pledge or deliver to a third party custodial bank or the Federal Reserve Bank, collateral security for such deposits, United States government or government agency obligations, or obligations of the State of New Hampshire in value at least equal to the amount of the deposit in each case.

Investments are stated at fair value based on quoted market prices.

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New Hampshire law authorizes the Town to invest in obligations of the United States government; the public deposit investment pool established pursuant to RSA 383:22; savings bank deposits; prime bankers' acceptances; or certificates of deposit and repurchase agreements of banks incorporated under the laws of the State of New Hampshire or in banks recognized by the state treasurer.

Any person who directly or indirectly receives any such funds or monies for deposit or for investment in securities of any kind shall, prior to acceptance of such funds, make available at the time of such deposit or investment an option to have such funds secured by collateral having a value at least equal to the amount of such funds. Such collateral shall be segregated for the exclusive benefit of the Town. Only securities defined by the bank commissioner as provided by rules adopted pursuant to RSA 386:57 shall be eligible to be pledged as collateral.

I.C.2. Capital Assets and Depreciation

Generally, the Town's property, plant and equipment with useful lives of more than two years are stated at historical cost and reported in the government-wide financial statements. Donated assets are stated at fair value on the date donated. The Town generally capitalizes assets with cost of \$5,000 or more as purchase and construction outlays occur. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the asset value or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method. When capital assets are disposed of, the cost and applicable accumulated depreciation are removed from the respective accounts, and the resulting gain or loss is recorded in operations.

Estimated useful lives, in years, for depreciable assets are as follow:

Land improvements	20
Buildings and building improvements	50
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	8-15
Infrastructure	7-20

I.C.3. Long-Term Debt

In the government-wide financial statements, outstanding debt is reported as liabilities. The balance of long-term debt is not reported in the governmental funds.

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I.C.4. Equity

The government-wide statement of net position reports net position in the following components:

- Net investment in capital assets, which is computed as the total capital assets less accumulated depreciation, net of outstanding debt used to acquire those assets.
- Restricted for perpetual care, which consists of the balance of the permanent funds that is allowed to be used only for cemetery care. This balance is segregated between nonexpendable, representing the principal balance that must be invested to generate income and cannot be expended, and expendable, representing income earned that can be used for cemetery care.
- Restricted for other purposes, which consists of the library fund; and the rest of the permanent funds that is to be used for library and other purposes.
- Unrestricted, which consists of the remaining balance of net position.

The governmental funds report the following components of fund balance:

- Nonspendable, representing the principal balance of the permanent funds that cannot be spent, and the balances of tax deeded property and prepaid expenditures.
- Restricted, representing the income portion of the permanent funds and the balance of the library fund that can only be used for specific purposes per terms of endowments or State law.
- Committed, representing the balance of expendable trust funds, and positive balances of special revenue funds.
- Assigned, representing encumbrances approved by the Board of Selectmen.
- Unassigned, representing the remaining balance of the General Fund, and the deficit balance of the Sewer Fund.

I.C.5. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

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II. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Budgetary Information

An annual budget was adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles for the General Fund, as well as some of the nonmajor funds. Unless encumbered, all governmental fund appropriations lapse at year-end. The Town is allowed to use beginning fund balance to balance the budget. In 2014, \$180,000 of the fund balance from 2013 was used.

Encumbrance accounting is employed by the governmental funds. Encumbrances (e.g., purchase orders and contracts) outstanding at year-end are reported as commitments or assignments of fund balances and do not constitute expenditures or liabilities because they will be added to the appropriations voted in the subsequent year.

Revenues are budgeted by source. Expenditures in the General Fund are budgeted by functions as follow: general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health, welfare, culture and recreation, conservation, economic development, debt service and capital outlay. Management can transfer appropriations among budget line items as necessary, but the total expenditures cannot legally exceed the total appropriations unless permission is received from the Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

Reconciliation of General Fund Budgetary Basis to GAAP

The following reconciles the budgetary basis to the GAAP basis for the General Fund. The Permanent Fund does not have a formal budget.

Revenues and other financing sources:	
Per Exhibit 7 (budgetary basis)	\$ 7,726,821
Adjustments:	
Basis difference:	
Tax revenue deferred in the prior year	809,852
Tax revenue deferred in the current year	(832,681)
Per Exhibit 5 (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ 7,703,992</u>
Expenditures and other financing uses:	
Per Exhibit 7 (budgetary basis)	\$ 8,212,054
Adjustment:	
Basis difference:	
Encumbrances, ending	(85,695)
Per Exhibit 5 (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ 8,126,359</u>

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Unassigned fund balance:	
Per Exhibit 7 (budgetary basis)	\$ 867,584
Adjustment:	
Basis difference:	
Deferred tax revenue, GAAP basis	(832,681)
Per Exhibit 3 (GAAP basis)	<u>\$ 34,903</u>

The General Fund unassigned fund balance is lower than expected due to the timing of revenue recognition for long-term debt proceeds. The Fire Station renovations are being funded by a letter of credit from which drawdowns are being made to meet cash needs of the project. At December 31, 2014, there was a construction liability recorded in the amount of \$443,845 for work done by the contractor in 2014 that was not paid until 2015. Because the invoice was not received nor paid until 2015, there was no drawdown on the letter of credit to be recognized until 2015.

III. Detailed Notes on Funds and Government-Wide Statements

III.A. Assets

III.A.1. Investments

As of December 31, 2014, the Town had the following investments:

Certificates of Deposit	\$ 10,488
U.S. Government Agency Bonds	249,654
Exchange Traded Funds	28,702
Mutual Funds	287,664
Preferred Stock	126,320
Common Stock	514,606
Corporate Bonds	420,534
New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool	927,211
	<u>\$ 2,565,179</u>

The investments appear in the financial statements as follow:

Fund reporting level:	
Governmental funds - balance sheet (Exhibit 3)	\$ 1,745,202
Fiduciary funds - statement of fiduciary net position (Exhibit 8)	819,977
Total	<u>\$ 2,565,179</u>

Investment Policies

Credit Risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. New Hampshire law limits investments to those described in Note I.C.1. The Town's investment policy does not place any further restrictions on its investment choices.

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Interest Rate Risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments held for longer periods are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. The Town’s investment policy limits concentration of investments with a specific maturity.

III.A.2. Receivables, Uncollectible Accounts and Deferred Revenue

Property Taxes Receivable and Property Tax Calendar

Property taxes are levied and collected by the Town on a semi-annual basis. Tax bills are due on or around July 1 and December 1, with interest of 12% per annum on all taxes not received by the due date. The first billing is an estimate only based on half of the previous year’s billing. The final billing is levied based on an inventory taken in April of each year (the tax year runs from April 1 to March 31), and is assessed after the tax rate has been calculated and set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration. A lien should be executed on any unpaid property taxes in the following year and this lien takes priority over any others. Interest of 18% per annum is charged upon redemption of lien taxes. Properties not redeemed within two years of the date of the tax lien should be deeded to the Town. The tax collector executed a tax lien for uncollected 2013 property taxes on May 14, 2014.

The property taxes levied and collected by the Town include amounts for the State of New Hampshire, the Hopkinton School District, Merrimack County, and the Contoocook Village and Hopkinton Village Precincts. The Town is responsible for the collection of all these taxes. During the annual tax rate setting process, the Town sets an amount for potential abatements and tax deedings, known as overlay. Overlay is raised through taxation and is reported as a reduction in tax revenue.

The net assessed valuation as of April 1, 2014, upon which the 2014 property tax levy was based was:

For the New Hampshire education tax	\$ 582,065,615
For all other taxes	\$ 609,948,415

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The tax rates and amounts assessed for the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follow:

	<u>Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation</u>	
Municipal portion	\$5.94	\$ 3,621,508
School portion:		
State of New Hampshire	\$2.54	1,478,163
Local	\$21.09	12,862,749
County portion	\$2.99	1,826,679
Precinct portion:		
Contoocook Village	\$1.37	178,948
Hopkinton Village	\$0.41	15,214
Total property taxes assessed		<u>\$ 19,983,261</u>

The following details the taxes receivable at year-end:

Property:	
Levy of 2014	\$ 1,056,723
Unredeemed (under tax lien):	
Levy of 2013	165,992
Levy of 2012	78,207
Levy of 2011	22,336
Levy of 2010	22,014
Levy of 2009	7,069
Levy of 2008	1,895
Levy of 2007	1,786
Levy of 2006	1,041
Land use change	11,500
Timber	2,650
Less: allowance for estimated uncollectible taxes	(100,000)
Net taxes receivable	<u>\$ 1,271,213</u>

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Other Receivables and Uncollectible/Unavailable Accounts

Significant receivables include amounts due from customers primarily for sewer, ambulance, landfill and other services. The fund financial statements report accounts receivable net of any allowance for uncollectible/unavailable accounts and revenues net of uncollectibles. The allowance amounts consist of all of the elderly and welfare liens, and an amount for potential adjustments to ambulance receivables.

Related amounts are as follow:

Accounts	\$ 177,096
Intergovernmental	14,464
Liens	203,960
Less: allowance for uncollectible/unavailable amounts	<u>(213,960)</u>
Net total receivables	<u><u>\$ 181,560</u></u>

Deferred Revenue

Deferred revenue in the governmental funds consists of \$832,681 of taxes, \$9,633 of sewer charges, \$75,619 of payments in lieu of taxes, \$25,593 of ambulance related fees, \$12,507 of transfer station revenue, and \$3,726 of grant revenue deferred because they were not received within sixty days of year-end; and \$18,641 of prepayments of taxes and \$5,955 of prepayments of transfer station fees. In the governmental activities, the prepayments totaling \$24,596 are reported as unearned.

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III.A.3. Capital Assets

Changes in Capital Assets

The following table provides a summary of changes in capital assets of the governmental activities:

	Balance, beginning	Additions	Deletions	Balance, ending
Governmental activities:				
At cost:				
Not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 8,410,469	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,410,469
Construction in progress	71,940	1,793,225	-	1,865,165
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>8,482,409</u>	<u>1,793,225</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,275,634</u>
Being depreciated:				
Land improvements	1,202,903	-	-	1,202,903
Buildings and building improvements	5,618,324	17,900	-	5,636,224
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	3,990,080	198,916	(176,885)	4,012,111
Infrastructure	40,100,643	178,133	-	40,278,776
Intangible assets	192,300	131,600	-	323,900
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>51,104,250</u>	<u>526,549</u>	<u>(176,885)</u>	<u>51,453,914</u>
Total all capital assets	<u>59,586,659</u>	<u>2,319,774</u>	<u>(176,885)</u>	<u>61,729,548</u>
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land improvements	(711,527)	(50,608)	-	(762,135)
Buildings and building improvements	(1,655,159)	(111,726)	-	(1,766,885)
Machinery, vehicles and equipment	(2,462,190)	(280,729)	154,330	(2,588,589)
Infrastructure	(31,576,940)	(1,458,284)	-	(33,035,224)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(36,405,816)</u>	<u>(1,901,347)</u>	<u>154,330</u>	<u>(38,152,833)</u>
Net book value, capital assets being depreciated	<u>14,698,434</u>	<u>(1,374,798)</u>	<u>(22,555)</u>	<u>13,301,081</u>
Net book value, all capital assets	<u>\$ 23,180,843</u>	<u>\$ 418,427</u>	<u>\$ (22,555)</u>	<u>\$ 23,576,715</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Town as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 3,176
Public safety	125,775
Highways and streets	1,645,954
Sanitation	59,815
Culture and recreation	66,627
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,901,347</u>

III.A.4. Restricted Net Position

The government-wide statement of net position includes restricted net position of \$795,979 for perpetual care and \$450,947 for library and welfare representing public trust funds reported as restricted to reflect purpose restrictions contained in trust indentures, and library funds restricted in accordance with State law.

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III.B. Liabilities**III.B.1 Intergovernmental Payable**

The amount due to other governments at December 31, 2014 consists of the balance of the 2014-2015 district assessment due to the Hopkinton School District in the amount of \$7,395,872.

III.B.2 Long-Term Liabilities

General obligation bonds and notes are approved by the voters and repaid with general revenues (property taxes). These liabilities are backed by the full faith and credit of the Town. Long-term liabilities also include compensated absences, the OPEB liability and accrued landfill postclosure care costs.

State and federal laws and regulations require that the Town continue to perform certain monitoring and maintenance functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure. The amount recorded as the postclosure care liability represents the estimate of what it will cost for this monitoring and maintenance costs over the next thirteen years, the length of time monitoring is expected to continue. The actual cost of postclosure care could be higher or lower.

Long-term liabilities currently outstanding are as follow:

	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/2014	Current Portion
General obligation bonds/notes payable:						
Landfill closure	\$ 1,859,384	1998	2017	4.21	\$ 385,395	\$ 123,198
Open space (Beyer/Carson/Rollins)	\$ 761,500	2004	2020	4.31	300,000	50,000
Open space (Rice)	\$ 467,900	2005	2025	4.00	245,000	25,000
Open space (Ransmeier)	\$ 368,250	2006	2019	4.39	80,700	18,413
Open space (Myron)	\$ 279,837	2007	2020	3.97	150,418	21,365
Commuity well	\$ 350,000	2010	2020	3.20	210,000	35,000
Highway garage	\$ 530,566	2013	2023	2.21	477,509	53,057
Fire station renovation	\$ 1,500,025	2014	2030	3.49	1,500,025	-
					<u>3,349,047</u>	<u>326,033</u>
Capital lease payable:						
Loader/backhoe	\$ 85,096	2011	2016	4.55	36,373	17,773
Compensated absences payable					183,443	2,219
OPEB liability					132,427	-
Accrued landfill postclosure care costs					299,000	23,000
					<u>\$ 4,000,290</u>	<u>\$ 369,025</u>

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Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

The following is a summary of changes in governmental activities' long-term liabilities for the year ended December 31, 2014:

	General Obligation Bonds and Notes Payable	Capital Lease Payable	Compensated Absences Payable	OPEB Liability	Accrued Landfill Postclosure Care Costs	Total
Balance, beginning	\$ 2,119,432	\$ 53,357	\$ 186,118	\$ 114,673	\$ 294,000	\$ 2,767,580
Additions	1,500,025	-	-	17,754	5,000	1,522,779
Reductions	(270,410)	(16,984)	(2,675)	-	-	(290,069)
Balance, ending	<u>\$ 3,349,047</u>	<u>\$ 36,373</u>	<u>\$ 183,443</u>	<u>\$ 132,427</u>	<u>\$ 299,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,000,290</u>

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The annual debt service requirements to maturity for bonds and notes as of year-end are as follow:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 326,033	\$ 73,473	\$ 399,506
2016	332,188	49,080	381,268
2017	338,504	36,406	374,910
2018	205,637	26,376	232,013
2019	195,252	19,205	214,457
2020-2024	431,408	29,058	460,466
2025	20,000	665	20,665
Fire station note*	1,500,025	-	1,500,025
Totals	<u>\$ 3,349,047</u>	<u>\$ 234,263</u>	<u>\$ 3,583,310</u>

*This note is still being drawn down at year-end, and no amortization schedule is calculated until note is finalized.

The annual debt service requirements to maturity for the capital lease are as follow:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 17,773	\$ 1,690	\$ 19,463
2016	18,600	863	19,463
Totals	<u>\$ 36,373</u>	<u>\$ 2,553</u>	<u>\$ 38,926</u>

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Unissued, Authorized Debt

At the March 12, 2003 Town Meeting, \$5,000,000 of bonds were approved for the purpose of acquiring land for open space. As of December 31, 2014, five bonds totaling \$2,037,486 have been issued of this authorization, leaving \$2,962,514 still unissued.

III.C. Balances and Transfers – Payments Within the Reporting Entity

III.C.1. Receivables and Payables

Generally, outstanding balances between funds reported as “interfund receivables/payables” include outstanding charges by one fund to another for goods or services, subsidy commitments outstanding at year-end, or other miscellaneous amounts. Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is also reported as “interfund receivables/payables.”

The following reports the interfund receivables and payables at year-end:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Nonmajor	\$ 34,995
Nonmajor	General	783
		<u>\$ 35,778</u>

The amount due to the General Fund represents reimbursements for expenditures paid on behalf of other funds. The amount due to the Nonmajor Funds from the General Fund represents revenue deposited into the General Fund account to be transferred.

III.C.2. Transfers

Transfers within the reporting entity are substantially for the purposes of distributing taxes to the fund for which the appropriation was made, funding capital projects, and making additions to and using capital reserve accounts. The government-wide statement of activities eliminates transfers reported within the activities columns.

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The following reports transfers within the reporting entity:

	Transfers In:		
	General Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total
Transfers out:			
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 409,000	\$ 409,000
Permanent Fund	-	2,324	2,324
Nonmajor Funds	87,618	-	87,618
	<u>\$ 87,618</u>	<u>\$ 411,324</u>	<u>\$ 498,942</u>

The transfers from the General Fund represent \$409,000 to the Expendable Trust Fund as voted by Town Meeting. The transfers from the Nonmajor Funds represent \$15,000 to the General Fund from the Library Fund for interest, and \$72,618 from the Pay-by-Bag Fund to the General Fund as voted. The transfer from the Permanent Fund of \$2,324 represents earnings on library trust funds paid to the Library Fund.

III.D. Restatement of Beginning Equity Balances

The beginning equity balances were restated as follow:

	Governmental Activities	General Fund
To record value of tax-deeded property acquired in prior year	\$ 54,318	\$ 54,318
Net position/fund balance, as previously reported	24,146,541	506,243
Net position/fund balance, as restated	<u>\$ 24,200,859</u>	<u>\$ 560,561</u>

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III.E. Components of Fund Balance

Fund balance is categorized in the following components:

	General Fund	Permanent Fund	Nonmajor Funds
Nonspendable:			
Endowments	\$ -	\$ 696,941	\$ -
Prepaid items	15,581	-	-
Tax deeded property	2,015	-	-
Total nonspendable	<u>17,596</u>	<u>696,941</u>	<u>-</u>
Restricted:			
General government	-	300,513	-
Culture and recreation	-	172,627	76,845
Total restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>473,140</u>	<u>76,845</u>
Committed:			
Public safety	-	-	96,072
Sanitation	-	-	138,926
Welfare	-	-	30,880
Culture and recreation	-	-	62,908
Conservation	-	-	70,592
Capital outlay	-	-	712,920
Total committed	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,112,298</u>
Assigned for highways and streets	<u>85,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Unassigned	<u>34,903</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,425)</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$ 138,194</u>	<u>\$ 1,170,081</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,718</u>

IV. Other Information

IV.A. Risk Management

The Town's risk management activities are reported with governmental activities and recorded in the General Fund. During the fiscal year, the Town was a member of the NH Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex), which is considered a public entity risk pool, currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for member governmental entities.

Primex's Workers' Compensation and Property/Liability Programs are pooled risk management programs under RSA 5-B and RSA 281-A. Coverage is provided for the calendar year. Primex provided statutory workers' compensation coverage, \$2,000,000 for each liability loss and various amounts of coverage for property losses. Contributions billed for 2014 to be recorded as an insurance expenditure/expense totaled \$71,088 for property/liability and \$60,898 for workers' compensation. In addition, a premium holiday was given to the Town for worker's compensation in the amount of \$23,741. There is a refund due to the Town in the amount of

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\$15,581 that is being applied to the 2015 premiums due, and is reported as a prepaid item in the financial statements. The member agreement permits Primex to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in trust assets to meet its liabilities. At this time, Primex foresees no likelihood of any additional assessments for past years.

IV.B. Retirement Pensions

The New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) is a multiple-employer, cost-sharing, contributory public employee defined benefit plan qualified under section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, and funded through a trust which is exempt from tax under Internal Revenue Code section 501(a). The NHRS provides service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits for the Town's police officers, fire personnel and other employees, and their beneficiaries. The New Hampshire Legislature establishes the provisions for benefits and contributions. The NHRS issues a separate financial report that is available by contacting the NHRS at 54 Regional Drive, Concord, NH 03301.

Both the members and the Town make contributions to the NHRS. Member rates of contribution are set by the Legislature. Employer rates are determined by the NHRS trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The rates of contribution for police officers, firefighters and other employees were 11.55%, 11.80% and 7.0%, respectively. The rates of contribution for pension and the medical subsidy by the Town of Hopkinton were 25.30% for police, 27.74% for fire personnel, and 10.77% for other employees. Employer contributions from the Town during the years 2012, 2013, and 2014 were \$260,129, \$303,542, and \$356,384 respectively. The amounts are paid on a monthly basis as due.

IV.C. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustments by such agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

IV.D. Other Postemployment Benefits

Plan Description

As required by NH RSA 100-A:50, *New Hampshire Retirement System: Medical Benefits*, the Town provides its eligible retirees including certain beneficiaries, the ability to purchase health, dental and prescription drug coverage at the Town's group rates. The Town does not supplement the cost of these plans directly, but recognizes the liability for the inclusion of implicit rate subsidies to the retirees. The subsidy occurs because when a blended rate is used

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for a group of individuals that includes younger and presumably healthier people along with older, retired people, implicitly, the active employees are subsidizing the retirees. As of December 31, 2014, there were nine retirees with eight spouses, and thirty active employees with twenty-five spouses participating in the plan.

Benefits Provided

The Town provides medical, dental and prescription drug coverage to retirees and their eligible spouses and dependents. All active employees who retire from the Town and meet the eligibility requirements will receive these benefits.

Funding Policy

Retirees contribute all of the premiums as determined by the Town, but the remainder of the costs as derived from the implicit subsidy are paid by the Town on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Costs and Net OPEB Obligation

The Town's annual OPEB expense for the year 2014 was calculated based on the annual required contribution of the Town (ARC). The Town has elected to calculate the ARC and related information using the alternative measurement method permitted by GASB Statement No. 45 for employers in plans with fewer than one hundred total plan members. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost each year and amortize the unfunded actuarial liability over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The Town's annual OPEB cost for the year ended December 31, 2014 including the amount actually contributed to the plan and the change in the Town's net OPEB obligation is as follows:

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 30,412
Interest on Net OPEB Obligation (NOO)	-
Adjustment to ARC	-
Annual OPEB Cost (Expense)	<u>30,412</u>
Age Adjusted Contributions Made	<u>(12,658)</u>
Change in Net OPEB Obligation (NOO)	17,754
Net OPEB Obligation (NOO), beginning	<u>114,673</u>
Net OPEB Obligation (NOO), ending	<u><u>\$ 132,427</u></u>

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The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation for the year 2014 and the preceding five years (the first years of recording) were as follow:

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Age Adjusted Contribution	Percentage of Annual Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
12/31/2009	\$ 42,584	\$14,743	34.62%	\$27,841
12/31/2010	\$ 29,581	\$10,969	37.08%	\$18,612
12/31/2011	\$ 29,050	\$6,197	21.33%	\$22,853
12/31/2012	\$ 29,050	\$6,072	20.90%	\$22,978
12/31/2013	\$ 28,646	\$6,257	21.84%	\$22,389
12/31/2014	\$ 30,412	\$12,658	41.62%	\$17,754

Funded Status and Funding Progress

The funded status of the plan as of December 31, 2014, is as follows:

Accrued Liability (AL)	\$ 294,145
Value of Plan Assets	-
Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)	<u>\$ 294,145</u>
Funded Ratio (Value of Plan Assets/AL)	0.00%
Covered Payroll of Active Plan Members	\$ 2,053,126
UAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	14.33%

The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information after the notes to the financial statements, presents multi-year trend information about whether the value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the accrued liability for benefits.

Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits

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provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in accrued liabilities and the value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The following simplifying assumptions were made:

Retirement age for active employees – Based on the historical average retirement age for the covered group, active plan members were assumed to retire at age 62, or at the first subsequent year in which the member would qualify for benefits.

Marital status – Marital status of members at the calculation date was assumed to continue throughout retirement.

Health insurance premiums – The health insurance premiums for retirees in 2014 were used as the basis for calculation of the present value of total benefits to be paid.

EXHIBIT 10
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Other Postemployment Benefits
Schedule of Funding Progress
December 31, 2014

Valuation Date	Value of Assets	Accrued Liability	Unfunded Accrued Liability	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
1/1/2009	\$ -	\$404,661	\$404,661	0.00%	\$ 1,727,557	23.42%
12/31/2010	\$ -	\$286,916	\$286,916	0.00%	\$ 1,815,431	15.80%
12/31/2011	\$ -	\$275,930	\$275,930	0.00%	\$ 1,847,376	14.94%
12/31/2012	\$ -	\$278,391	\$278,391	0.00%	\$ 1,849,035	15.06%
12/31/2013	\$ -	\$274,514	\$274,514	0.00%	\$ 1,938,595	14.16%
12/31/2014	\$ -	\$294,145	\$294,145	0.00%	\$ 2,053,126	14.33%

EXHIBIT 11
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds										Capital Projects Fund	
	Library	Recreation Revolving	Recycling Revolving	Conservation Commission	Pay-by-Bag	Sewer	Senior Center Rental	Drug Forfeiture and Seizure	Public Safety Revolving	Other	Expendable Trust	Total
ASSETS												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 63,752	\$ 40,573	\$ 26,926	\$ 70,592	\$ 98,293	\$ 5,279	\$ 1,628	\$ 33,192	\$ 54,544	\$ 62,721	\$ 85,084	\$ 542,584
Investments	13,093	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	642,090	655,183
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles	-	-	-	-	13,350	12,174	-	-	-	-	-	25,524
Interfund receivable	-	-	-	-	783	-	-	-	-	-	-	783
Total assets	\$ 76,845	\$ 40,573	\$ 26,926	\$ 70,592	\$ 112,426	\$ 17,453	\$ 1,628	\$ 33,192	\$ 54,544	\$ 62,721	\$ 727,174	\$ 1,224,074
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES												
Liabilities:												
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 202
Accrued salaries and benefits	-	-	-	-	-	526	-	-	-	-	-	526
Interfund payable	-	2,573	-	-	-	17,517	100	-	125	426	14,254	34,995
Total liabilities	-	2,573	-	-	-	18,245	100	-	125	426	14,254	35,723
Deferred inflows of resources:												
Sewer charges	-	-	-	-	-	9,633	-	-	-	-	-	9,633
Fund balances:												
Restricted	76,845	-	-	-	-	-	1,528	33,192	54,419	62,295	712,920	1,112,298
Committed	-	38,000	26,926	70,592	112,426	-	-	-	-	-	-	(10,425)
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	(10,425)	-	-	-	-	-	34,995
Total fund balances	\$ 76,845	\$ 38,000	\$ 26,926	\$ 70,592	\$ 112,426	\$ (10,425)	\$ 1,528	\$ 33,192	\$ 54,419	\$ 62,295	\$ 712,920	\$ 1,178,718
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 76,845	\$ 40,573	\$ 26,926	\$ 70,592	\$ 112,426	\$ 17,453	\$ 1,628	\$ 33,192	\$ 54,544	\$ 62,721	\$ 727,174	\$ 1,224,074

EXHIBIT 12
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Funds										Capital Projects Fund	Total
	Library	Recreation Revolving	Recycling Revolving	Conservation Commission	Pay-by-Bag	Sewer	Senior Center Rental	Drug Forfeiture and Seizure	Public Safety Revolving	Other		
REVENUES												
Taxes	\$ 1,773	\$ 88,384	\$ -	\$ 8,706	\$ -	\$ 99,662	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,706
Charges for services	13,810	-	13	110,613	53	2	1,121	48	65,753	27	172	357,820
Miscellaneous	15,583	88,384	13	119,319	102,301	99,664	1,121	48	65,780	58,494	172	184,353
Total revenues												550,879
EXPENDITURES												
Current:												
General government:												
Public safety	-	1,690	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,123	29,598	-	1,690
Highways and streets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,747	-	88,721
Sanitation	-	-	-	-	32,382	86,378	-	-	-	6,675	-	125,435
Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,749	-	18,749
Culture and recreation	573	98,555	-	-	-	-	312	-	-	8,822	-	111,757
Conservation	-	-	-	136,611	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	136,611
Debt service:												
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,984	16,984
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,479	2,479
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	218,510	218,510
Total expenditures	573	100,245	-	136,611	32,382	86,378	312	-	59,123	57,169	249,890	722,683
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	15,010	(11,861)	13	(17,292)	69,919	13,286	809	48	6,657	1,325	(249,718)	(171,804)
Other financing sources (uses):												
Transfers in	2,324	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	409,000	411,324
Transfers out	(15,000)	-	-	-	(72,618)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(87,618)
Total other financing sources and uses	(12,676)	-	-	-	(72,618)	-	-	-	-	-	409,000	323,706
Net change in fund balances	2,334	(11,861)	13	(17,292)	(2,699)	13,286	809	48	6,657	1,325	159,282	151,902
Fund balances, beginning	74,511	49,861	26,913	87,884	115,125	(23,711)	719	33,144	47,762	60,970	553,638	1,026,816
Fund balances, ending	\$ 76,845	\$ 38,000	\$ 26,926	\$ 70,592	\$ 112,426	\$ (10,425)	\$ 1,528	\$ 33,192	\$ 54,419	\$ 62,295	\$ 712,920	\$ 1,178,718

EXHIBIT 13
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,342,608	\$ 3,361,882	\$ 19,274
Land use change	22,000	9,273	(12,727)
Timber	12,000	8,507	(3,493)
Payments in lieu of taxes	69,125	44,684	(24,441)
Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes	95,000	111,224	16,224
Total taxes	3,540,733	3,535,570	(5,163)
Licenses, permits and fees:			
Business licenses and permits	1,500	1,200	(300)
Motor vehicle permits	1,005,000	1,054,643	49,643
Other	22,500	22,039	(461)
Total licenses, permits and fees	1,029,000	1,077,882	48,882
Intergovernmental:			
State sources:			
Meals and rooms distributions	269,547	269,547	-
Highway block grant	163,557	164,146	589
State and federal forest land	226	226	-
Flood control reimbursement	217,471	210,516	(6,955)
Landfill grant	24,389	24,389	-
Flood control settlement agreement	139,528	139,528	-
Witness fees reimbursement	-	640	640
Federal sources:			
Safe Routes to School	-	13,509	13,509
Total intergovernmental	814,718	822,501	7,783
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	779,000	652,440	(126,560)
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of property	11,000	4,531	(6,469)
Rent of property	7,000	7,710	710
Fines and forfeits	250	605	355
Insurance dividends and reimbursements	20,000	20,270	270
Contributions and donations	1,500	1,935	435
Other	9,500	15,734	6,234
Total miscellaneous	49,250	50,785	1,535
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in:			
Nonmajor funds	120,719	87,618	(33,101)
Long-term debt issued	2,995,041	1,500,025	(1,495,016)
Total other financing sources	3,115,760	1,587,643	(1,528,117)
Total revenues and other financing sources	9,328,461	\$ 7,726,821	\$ (1,601,640)
Use of fund balance to reduce taxes	180,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources and use of fund balance	\$ 9,508,461		

EXHIBIT 14
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:				
General government:				
Executive	\$ 244,948	\$ 254,037	\$ -	\$ (9,089)
Town clerk/tax collection	211,766	199,008	-	12,758
Financial administration	107,150	109,010	-	(1,860)
Revaluation of property	90,625	141,674	-	(51,049)
Legal	20,000	31,027	-	(11,027)
Personnel administration	591,280	582,986	-	8,294
Planning and zoning	102,023	101,608	-	415
Cemeteries	16,890	13,764	-	3,126
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	71,000	71,088	-	(88)
Total general government	<u>1,455,682</u>	<u>1,504,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,520)</u>
Public safety:				
Police	701,661	621,591	-	80,070
Ambulance	551,651	593,559	-	(41,908)
Fire	245,775	232,661	-	13,114
Emergency management	1	-	-	1
Total public safety	<u>1,499,088</u>	<u>1,447,811</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,277</u>
Highways and streets:				
Public works	531,002	539,617	-	(8,615)
Highways and streets	678,500	576,517	85,695	16,288
Street lighting	2,340	2,135	-	205
Total highways and streets	<u>1,211,842</u>	<u>1,118,269</u>	<u>85,695</u>	<u>7,878</u>
Sanitation:				
Transfer station	632,122	529,973	-	102,149
Solid waste clean-up	31,500	27,912	-	3,588
Community wells	15,058	14,256	-	802
Total sanitation	<u>678,680</u>	<u>572,141</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,539</u>
Health:				
Pest control	7,084	6,568	-	516
Health and welfare agencies	14,327	14,327	-	-
Total health	<u>21,411</u>	<u>20,895</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>516</u>
Welfare:				
Administration	57,044	57,518	-	(474)
Direct assistance	55,000	41,270	-	13,730
Total welfare	<u>112,044</u>	<u>98,788</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,256</u>
Culture and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	309,603	300,400	-	9,203
Public library	274,360	270,350	-	4,010
Patriotic purposes	5,250	4,569	-	681
Total culture and recreation	<u>589,213</u>	<u>575,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,894</u>
Conservation	1	-	-	1
Economic development	1	-	-	1

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EXHIBIT 14 (continued)
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Debt service:				
Principal of long-term debt	320,309	320,410	-	(101)
Interest on long-term debt	74,621	74,497	-	124
Interest on tax anticipation note	2,000	-	-	2,000
Total debt service	<u>396,930</u>	<u>394,907</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,023</u>
Capital outlay:				
Fire station renovation	2,995,041	1,836,707	-	1,158,334
Sidewalks and road repairs/paving	139,528	148,320	-	(8,792)
Total capital outlay	<u>3,134,569</u>	<u>1,985,027</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,149,542</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Expendable trust fund	409,000	409,000	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 9,508,461</u>	<u>\$ 8,126,359</u>	<u>\$ 85,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,296,407</u>

EXHIBIT 15
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
General Fund
Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Unassigned fund balance, beginning	\$ 1,230,201
Changes:	
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	(180,000)
Budget summary:	
Revenue shortfall (Exhibit 13)	\$ (1,601,640)
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Exhibit 14)	<u>1,296,407</u>
Budget deficit	(305,233)
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance	<u>122,616</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 867,584</u>



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LETTER TO MANAGEMENT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Hopkinton
330 Main Street
Hopkinton, NH 03229

Dear Members of the Board:

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hopkinton as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Hopkinton's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all such deficiencies have been identified. However, we do wish to follow up on the following matters as reported last year.

Sewer Fund Reporting

The Sewer Fund ended the year with a deficit of \$10,425, which was a \$13,286 decrease from the prior year's deficit. We are pleased to see that the Town is addressing this situation, and we recommend that the Sewer Fund operations continue to be closely monitored to erase the deficit, and set rates that will cover annual costs.

Ambulance Billing and Receivables

In last year's report, we noted that the Town was using an outside billing service to bill for its ambulance runs, collect payments, and remit them to the Town, and that there was a lack of reconciliation between the billings, collections and adjustments within the Town's records, and that the only revenue being recognized for ambulance fees was the amount being collected. We did not find much change in this area in 2014, but did find that the Town is planning a change in billing services in 2015, to one that provides more detailed reporting, which should make it easier to record all ambulance related activity in the general ledger.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Selectmen and others within the organization, and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

July 1, 2015

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Notes

2015 Vital Statistics



Resident Births

Resident Births as received and recorded by the Town Clerk as of 12-31-2015

Date	Name of Child	Father's Name	Mother's Name	Birthplace
01/06/2015	Ciarleglio, Olivia Anne	Ciarleglio, Nicholas	Ciarleglio, Sabrina	Concord, NH
02/08/2015	Mills, Gavin Thomas	Mills, Shawn	Mills, Anne	Concord, NH
02/09/2015	Hudak-Hall, August George	Hall, Benjamin	Hudak-Hall, Moira	Concord, NH
02/26/2015	Noyes, Stark Emerson	Noyes III, Rondal	Noyes, Meghan	Concord, NH
03/05/2015	Dustin, Frances Devi	Dustin, Asa	Mattson Dustin, Sarah	Contoocook, NH
03/28/2015	Dubois, Morgan Rose	Dubois, Roger	Dubois, Amber	Hopkinton, NH
03/30/2015	Browall, Maizy Grace	Browall Jr, Michael	McFall, Danielle	Concord, NH
04/06/2015	Walsh, John Michael	Walsh, Mason	Walsh, Sarah	Concord, NH
04/08/2015	Logan, Paisley Mae	Logan, Christopher	Gee, Nichole	Concord, NH
04/29/2015	White, Soledad Esperanza	White, Nathan	White, Melissa	Hopkinton, NH
05/01/2015	Post, Greyson Hagner	Post, Eric	Post, Meredith	Concord, NH
05/09/2015	Lui, Brady Michael	Lui, Polito	Bryant, Michaela	Concord, NH
06/03/2015	Gattie, Finley Ella	Gattie, Eric	Gattie, Bridgett	Concord, NH
06/03/2015	Mcphail, Evelyn Mary	Mcphail, Michael	Mcphail, Laura	Concord, NH
06/04/2015	Blagriff, Caroline Kim	Blagriff, Edward	Blagriff, Jennifer	Concord, NH
06/19/2015	Rice, Cora Mae	Rice III, Charles	Rice, Amanda	Lebanon, NH
07/13/2015	Pacilli, Penelope Charlotte	Pacilli, Andrew	Pacilli, Michelle	Concord, NH
07/16/2015	Dafoe, Josephine Frances	Dafoe, Elliott	Morris, Lisa	Concord, NH
08/03/2015	Roberts, Trevan Jonathan	Roberts, Stephan	Sorel, Rebecca	Concord, NH
08/13/2015	Kelly, Joseph James	Kelly, Jonathan	Kelly, Kristina	Concord, NH
08/15/2015	Leboeuf, Brendan Thomas	Wayman, Thomas	Leboeuf, Sarah	Manchester, NH
08/20/2015	Reed, Noah Lionel	Reed, Allen	Reed, Brandi	Concord, NH
09/08/2015	Swett, Luke Johnson	Swett, Frank	Gleason, Ashley	Concord, NH
09/12/2015	Diamond, Carmen Alise	Diamond Jr, Terry	Diamond, Michelle	Concord, NH
09/24/2015	Bettencourt, Easton Albert	Bettencourt, Brian	Bettencourt, Rebecca	Hopkinton, NH
09/25/2015	Clement, Nolan Duane	Clement, Loren	Clement, Holly	Concord, NH
09/26/2015	Bergeron, Adeline Grace	Bergeron, Daniel	Bergeron, Marybeth	Concord, NH
10/01/2015	Avery, Penelope Anna	Avery, Stephen	Avery, Kailey	Concord, NH
10/02/2015	Page, Brailyn Elizabeth	Page, Matthew	Lavolette, Kaila	Concord, NH
10/12/2015	Poirier, Piper June	Poirier, Matthew	Poirier, Chelsi	Concord, NH
10/18/2015	Scalph, Hugo Viktor Manu	Scalph, Eric	Scalph, Sarah	Contoocook, NH
10/20/2015	Chamberlain, Elijah Amie	Chamberlain, Brian	Demeule, Kristine	Concord, NH
11/01/2015	White, Levi Michael	White, Ryan	White, Andrea	Manchester, NH
11/06/2015	Walrod, Kai Emerson	Walrod, Mark	Walrod, Hilary	Concord, NH
11/08/2015	Killary, Graeme Owen	Killary, Jason	Killary, Shannon	Concord, NH
12/07/2015	Mooers, Olivia Thi	Mooers, Christopher	Mooers, Jen Phuong	Manchester, NH
12/18/2015	Tsihlis, Katerina Dawn	Tsihlis, Dimitri	Tsihlis, Samantha	Concord, NH

Resident Deaths

Resident Deaths as received and recorded by the Town Clerk as of 12/31/2015

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
01/02/2015	Roberts, Virginia	Contoocook, NH	Piper, Walter	Leavit, Dorothy
01/20/2015	Dougal, Rosemary	Contoocook, NH	Keesing, Walter	Muiry, Madelene
01/25/2015	Shea, Carolyn	Concord, NH	Coyne, Thomas	Kelley, Helen
01/27/2015	Anderson, Carol	Concord, NH	Connolly Sr, Raymond	Giblin, Helen
02/02/2015	Wescott, Raymond	Concord, NH	Wescott, Guy	Miller, Mary
02/09/2015	Burns, David	Concord, NH	Burns, William	Robinson, June
02/11/2015	Carlson, Peter	Concord, NH	Carlson, David	Chenowith, Rosamond
02/12/2015	Nichols, George	Tilton, NH	Nichols, William	Blake, Nellie
02/18/2015	French Jr, Herbert	Concord, NH	French, Herbert	Greer, Leslie
02/25/2015	Carruthers, Dorothy	Concord, NH	Young, III	Bartlett, Bernice
03/05/2015	Plant, Elinor	Contoocook, NH	Heath, Lloyd	Atwood, Lila
03/12/2015	Strang, Sandra	Contoocook, NH	Story, Sherman	Norton, Priscilla
03/19/2015	Liberty III, Warren	Contoocook, NH	Liberty Jr, Warren	Tibbets, Shirley
03/22/2015	Cate, Patricia	Bedford, NH	Chalko, Alexander	Cochrane, Hilda
03/23/2015	Navratil, William	Concord, NH	Navratil, Frank	Kalb, Dorothy
03/24/2015	Moynihan, Barbara	Concord, NH	Pelczar, Rudolph	Myskowski, Mary
03/26/2015	Kimball, Diana	Concord, NH	Staley, John	Martin, Josephine
04/01/2015	Dunlap, Shirley	Hopkinton, NH	Holmes, Wayne	Herrick, Marion
04/01/2015	Buxton, Edward	Hopkinton, NH	Buxton, Roscoe	Faulis, Elsie
04/02/2015	Fielders, Elizabeth	Contoocook, NH	Barton, Leslie	Severance, Isabelle
04/07/2015	Smith, Christina	Concord, NH	Jones, Merritt	Mobus, Carrie
04/07/2015	Adler, Morris	Hopkinton, NH	Adler, Meyer	Berkowitz, Yetta
04/07/2015	Schofield, Janet	Concord, NH	Fieldman, Harold	Lydgisen, Lillian
04/07/2015	Taylor, Jeffrey	Concord, NH	Taylor, H	Ross, Betsy
04/14/2015	Cruz Hernandez, Francisca	Hopkinton, NH	Cruz Soto, Jose	Jaca, Francisca
04/15/2015	Simpson, Ann	Concord, NH	Phillips, Freeman	Chamberlain, Christabel
04/29/2015	Thibodeau, Mary	Hopkinton, NH	Graf, George	Unknown, Dorothy
05/03/2015	Eddy, Robert	Contoocook, NH	Eddy, Roy	Dill, Loretta
05/10/2015	Logan, June	Concord, NH	Lake, Hedley	Barrett, Edith
05/13/2015	Clark JR, Edward	Laconia, NH	Clark Sr, Edward	McGowan, Mary
05/14/2015	Miles, Kevin	Derry, NH	Miles Jr, Glen	Beroney, Freda
06/06/2015	Garvin, Robert	Concord, NH	Garvin, Orville	Lufkin, Ethel
06/08/2015	Upham, Marjorie	Boscawen, NH	Sill, Harold	Dustin, Marjorie
06/16/2015	Maynard, Betty	Concord, NH	Perryman, George	Holland, Betty

Resident Deaths

Date	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Name
06/19/2015	Bowen, Raymond	Concord, NH	Bowen, Raymond	Whyte, Elizabeth
07/04/2015	Dwinnells, Walter	Concord, NH	Dwinnells, George	Smith, Lena
07/23/2015	Schaefer, Joshua	Contoocook, NH	Schaefer, Richard	Starkey, Kathy
07/23/2015	Purington, Wendell	Concord, NH	Purington, Roger	Hood, Edith
08/14/2015	Gleason JR, Donald	Concord, NH	Gleason SR, Donald	Carter, Vivian
08/19/2015	Cressy, Cheryle	Concord, NH	Zaleski, Stanley	Stevens, Natalie
08/22/2015	Woods, William	Concord, NH	Woods, James	Kelly, Nora
08/25/2015	Chiappetta, Victoria	Concord, NH	Sauer, John	Kulcsar, Elizabeth
09/04/2015	Hamel, Julia	Contoocook, NH	Fay, Edgar	Wheeler, Tammy
09/10/2015	Lachance, Betty	Concord, NH	Andrews, Earl	Calderone, Palma
09/14/2015	Tucker, Eugene	Concord, NH	Tucker, Everett	Hurd, Lillian
09/21/2015	Stanwood SR, Dan	Concord, NH	Stanwood, Vayne	Parsons, Marion
10/23/2015	O'Donnell, Thomas	Hopkinton, NH	O'Donnell, Edward	Staten, Gladys
10/29/2015	Prescott, Gary	Boscawen, NH	Prescott, Edwin	Reed, Dorothy
11/05/2015	Holden, John	Hopkinton, NH	Holden, John	Ewing, Elaine
11/24/2015	George, Carleton	Webster, NH	George, Bruce	Woodard, Eva
11/26/2015	Wallace, Ann	Hopkinton, NH	Prescott, John	Mahoney, Mary
12/19/2015	Symonds Jr, Donald	Concord, NH	Symonds SR, Donald	Buddenhagen, Walburg

Resident Marriages

Resident Marriages as received and recorded by the Town Clerk as of 12/31/2015

Date	Person A's Name	Person A's Residence	Person B's Name	Person B's Residence
04/25/2015	Linnane, Tina M	Contoocook, NH	Thompson, Gary L	Contoocook, NH
05/04/2015	Perkins, Richard P	Hopkinton, NH	Jones, Cherie N	Hopkinton, NH
05/10/2015	Marsh, Carolann	Hopkinton, NH	Dube, Lawrence O	Hopkinton, NH
05/30/2015	Allen, Jacob D	Hopkinton, NH	Springer, Kristin M	Hopkinton, NH
06/27/2015	Durling, Heather M	Contoocook, NH	Horn, Cordovan N	Warner, NH
07/08/2015	McKenzie, James	Contoocook, NH	McKenzie, Karin L	Contoocook, NH
07/18/2015	Peer, Jay P	Contoocook, NH	McGregor, Marci M	Contoocook, NH
07/18/2015	Marchand, Eric D	Hopkinton, NH	Bettez, Monica A	Hopkinton, NH
07/18/2015	Grano Jr, Frank M	Hopkinton, NH	Hollenshead, Lauren M	Hopkinton, NH
07/28/2015	Mackenzie, Craig O	Hopkinton, NH	Hamm, Rebecca J	Hopkinton, NH
08/29/2015	Woods, Brian	Contoocook, NH	Prescott, Candice D	Contoocook, NH
09/21/2015	Griggs, Michael S	Contoocook, NH	Sturtevant, Jody L	Contoocook, NH
09/26/2015	Murphy, Matthew J	Hopkinton, NH	Brewster, Isabel A	Hopkinton, NH
10/10/2015	Fredlyma, Jessica A	Contoocook, NH	Cox, Myril A	Contoocook, NH
11/27/2015	Garcia, Jennifer M	Hopkinton, NH	Nason Jr, Seldon E	Hopkinton, NH
12/27/2015	Head, Charles L	Hopkinton, NH	Pollock, Linda L	Hopkinton, NH

Notes

Contoocook Village Precinct

Precinct Commissioners (Elected by the Precinct)

Richard Strickford
William Chapin
Thomas Yestramski

Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018

Regular Meeting Schedule

1st Tuesday of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at
The Slusser Senior Center, 41 Houston Drive, Contoocook

Report of Contoocook Village Precinct

The Contoocook Village Precinct, like many other NH Precincts in the late 1800's, was set up under authority of the State Legislature rather than Town Administration. So in 1895, a father-son team consisting of Walter Scott Davis (my Great Grandfather) and his son Horace Davis selected a beautiful spring fed pond in Warner, NH (Bear Pond), bought it and the surrounding acreage for protection, and ran a 8" pipe five miles downhill to the center of Contoocook Village. The new system provided drinking water and fire protection, at over 150 PSI, and it was all gravity fed!

An in-ground 300,000 gallon storage tank was constructed east of the Town center on Rt. 103 in 1958, to keep up with summer water demand and a filtration plant (and 635,000 gallon tank) was built on Bound Tree Road in 1993, to comply with federal surface water treatment regulations. Over the last two years, at a cost of \$750,000, the in ground tank and supporting water, drain, and electrical lines have been upgraded and a pressure boosting pumping station has been added. Doing so will help prevent summer water shortages, add 300,000 gallons for fire protection, allow us to sectionalize for line repairs, and prolong the necessity of replacing the filtration plant (at an estimated cost of \$3,000,000). The upgraded storage and pressure boosting facility went on line in December of 2015 and is performing as envisioned.

The Precinct has no debt and is proceeding with landscaping the upgraded tank site, and Cattle Lane right of way access, to be green and unobtrusive. Unfortunately, an abutter is disgruntled and has cost the Precinct over \$8,000 in legal fees with no solutions yet in sight. The law firm of Douglas, Lenord, & Garvey is representing the Precinct.

During this past year's construction period, we also experienced five serious water main breaks costing an additional \$35,000 to repair. The one positive here is that we have a system in place for addressing emergencies 24/7. The Police Department, Fire Department, and Hopkinton Town Management are aware of the backup plan that we have in place.

Our Superintendent Steve Clough, our engineer Mike Metcalf from Underwood Engineering, and our General Contractor Wes Wixon from Infrastructure Construction Corp. have all worked diligently on the Main Street Reservoir Booster Pumping Station Project to get us where we are today.

The Precinct Commissioners meet monthly and there is an Annual Meeting for all residents in March. All meeting agendas are posted in advance and all Precinct Minutes are posted in a timely manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Contoocook Village Precinct Commissioners
Bill Chapin, Chairman
Dick Strickford,
Tom Yestranski

Contoocook Village Precinct Annual Meeting Warrant

**CONTOOCCOOK VILLAGE PRECINCT
TOWN OF HOPKINTON
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

ANNUAL MEETING WARRANT 2016

To the Inhabitants of the CONTOOCCOOK VILLAGE PRECINCT in the Town of HOPKINTON, County of MERRIMACK, in said STATE, who are qualified to vote in Precinct affairs:

You are hereby notified to convene at the Annual Meeting of the Contoocook Village Precinct at the Community Room in the Hopkinton Library in said Precinct on Thursday, the 17th day of March, 2016 at 7:00 PM (local time) to act upon the following subjects:

Article I: To hear and act on reports of the Precinct Officers.

Article II: To elect a MODERATOR for the ensuing year.

Article III: To elect a CLERK for the ensuing year.

Article IV: To elect a COMMISSIONER for the ensuing term. (3 year term)

Article V: To select an AUDITOR for the ensuing year.

Article VI: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$98,650 for General Government expenses:

• Precinct Wages	\$ 54,300
• Financial Administration	\$ 8,750
• Legal Expenses	\$ 25,000
• Personnel Administration (FICA)	\$ 3,800
• Advertising Expense	\$ 500
• Insurance	\$ 5,350
• General Government	\$ 950

Article VII: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,000 for Street Lighting.

Article VIII: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$117,400 for Water Distribution and Treatment.

Article IX: To see if the Precinct will vote to authorize the Commissioners to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000, to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund for Repair, Replacement, and Improvements.

Article X: To transact any other business that may legally come before the Meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 20th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

William D Chapin

William D. Chapin, Chair

Richard Strickford

Richard Strickford

Thomas Yestramski

Tom Yestramski

PRECINCT COMMISSIONERS

A true copy of Warrant-Attest:

William D Chapin

William D. Chapin, Chair

Richard Strickford

Richard Strickford

Thomas Yestramski

Tom Yestramski

PRECINCT COMMISSIONERS

Appropriations

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	6	\$55,100	\$53,891	\$54,300	\$0	\$54,300	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	6	\$8,250	\$7,829	\$8,750	\$0	\$8,750	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	6	\$800	\$8,057	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	6	\$3,500	\$3,901	\$3,800	\$0	\$3,800	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	6	\$4,350	\$3,531	\$5,350	\$0	\$5,350	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	6	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4199	Other General Government	6	\$950	\$303	\$950	\$0	\$950	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	7	\$23,000	\$23,320	\$23,000	\$0	\$23,000	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	8	\$67,300	\$62,179	\$51,300	\$0	\$51,300	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other	8	\$58,100	\$58,778	\$66,100	\$0	\$66,100	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550-4559	Library		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$221,850	\$221,789	\$239,050	\$0	\$239,050	\$0

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	9	\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0
Purpose: Add to Capital Reserve Fund								
Special Articles Recommended			\$0	\$0	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$0

Individual Warrant Articles

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Commissioner's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Commissioner's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	6	\$223,474	\$210,000	\$210,000
3409	Other Charges	6	\$3,347	\$4,000	\$4,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	6	\$48	\$50	\$50
3503-3509	Other		\$23	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Commissioner's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$226,892	\$214,050	\$214,050

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Commissioner's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$191,850	\$239,050	\$239,050
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$441,850	\$489,050	\$489,050
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$214,075	\$214,050	\$214,050
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$227,775	\$275,000	\$275,000

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee			\$489,050
Less Exclusions:			
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4711	\$0	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	4721	\$0	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes			\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments			\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>			\$0
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)			\$0
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>			\$0
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:			
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i>			\$0
Mandatory Water & Waste Treatment Facilities (RSA 32:21):			
12. Amount Recommended (Prior to Meeting)			\$0
13. Amount Voted (Voted at Meeting)			\$0
14. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 12 and 13)</i>			\$0
15. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted			\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 15)</i>			\$0

Hopkinton Village Precinct

Precinct Commissioners (Elected by the Precinct)

Richard Armstrong
Diana Wieland
John Wullenweber

Term Expires 2016
Term Expires 2017
Term Expires 2018

Regular Meeting Schedule

3rd Thursday of the Month, 7:30 p.m. at
Hopkinton Town Hall, 330 Main Street, Hopkinton

**WARRANT
HOPKINTON VILLAGE PRECINCT
2016 ANNUAL MEETING**

To the residents of Hopkinton Village Precinct, located in the town of Hopkinton, in the County of Merrimack, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Precinct affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall located in Hopkinton Village on March 17th 2016 at 7:30 in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

- Article 1: To elect the following officers:
 Moderator for the ensuing year
 Clerk for the ensuing year
 Precinct Commissioner for three years
 Member of the Water Board for three years

- Article 2: To hear reports of officers, boards and committees and take appropriate action with respect thereto.

- Article 3: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,020 for the General expenses and debt service of the Water Dept, including:

Water Administration:	\$ 6,000
Water Service:	\$70,000
Principal payments on bonds and notes:	\$ 5,172
Interest on Precinct debt incurred for waterworks purposes:	\$ 848

 \$ 82,020 of the appropriation is to be provided by the Water dept; no funds from the General Fund are included.

- Article 4: To see if the Precinct will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,268 for the general expenses of the Precinct, to the funding of which \$9,919 of available fund balance and \$15,349 will be raised by Precinct taxes.

- Article 5: To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$99,000 for the purpose of Water System Improvements, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$99,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Commissioners to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

- Article 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

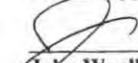
Given under our hands and seals this 17th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

John Wuellenweber

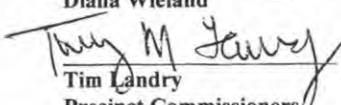
Diana Wieland

Tim Landry
Precinct Commissioners

A true copy of Warrant Attest



John Wuellenweber


Diana Wieland


Tim Landry
Precinct Commissioners

Posted at the Cracker Barrel Store and the Hopkinton Town Hall on February __, 2016 for the Commissioner



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Department of
Revenue Administration

2016
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Budget of the Village District of Hopkinton Village

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Village Meeting

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE WARRANT
This form was posted with the warrant on: _____

For assistance please contact the NH DRA Municipal and Property
Division

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Janet Kryzaniak	<i>Janet Kryzaniak</i>
Dick Horner	
Richard Houston	
Deborah Norris	<i>Deborah Norris</i>
Amy Bogart	<i>Amy Bogart</i>
Virginia Haines	
Ken Traum	<i>Ken Traum</i>
Bill Chapin, Jr.	
Donald Houston, ConVillPr.	<i>D Houston</i>
Diana Wieland, HopVilPr.	<i>D Wieland</i>

A copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NHDRA at the following address:

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Appropriation s Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensilng FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Ensilng FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensilng FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Ensilng FY (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	3,4	\$2,150	\$2,149	\$2,150	\$0	\$0	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3,4	\$1,450	\$1,330	\$1,650	\$0	\$0	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	3,4	\$2,500	\$141	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	3,4	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4195	Cemeteries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4196	Insurance	3,4	\$1,555	\$1,542	\$1,575	\$0	\$0	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	3,4	\$400	\$0	\$515	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	3,4	\$2,125	\$1,775	\$2,378	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220-4229	Fire		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	3,4	\$10,150	\$9,268	\$9,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

4324	Solid Waste Disposal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment									
4331	Administration		3,4	\$6,000	\$2,491	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		3,4	\$69,600	\$35,043	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric									
4351-4352	Administration and Generation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health									
4411	Administration			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare									
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation									
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4550-4559	Library			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development									
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service									
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		3,4	\$5,172	\$5,172	\$5,172	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		3,4	\$974	\$974	\$848	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Capital Outlay									

4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out										
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Proposed Appropriations			\$107,076	\$59,885	\$107,288	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Special Warrant Articles										
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Prior Year as Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Commissioner's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)		
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Articles Recommended										

No data exists for this item

Revenues						
Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Commissioner's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues	
Taxes						
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3185	Yield Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0	
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Licenses, Permits, and Fees						
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3230	Building Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	
State Sources						
3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Charges for Services						
3401-3406	Income from Departments	3, 3	\$0	\$50,102	\$0	
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Miscellaneous Revenues						
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3502	Interest on Investments		\$0	\$0	\$0	
3503-3509	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Interfund Operating Transfers In						

3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	4, 4	\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$0	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$41,837	\$0
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$0	\$91,939	\$0

Budget Summary

Item	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Commissioner's Recommended Budget	Budget Committee's Recommended Budget
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$206,076	\$107,288	
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$0	
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$0	
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$206,076	\$107,288	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$188,866	(\$91,939)	
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$17,210	\$15,349	

Precinct budget \$ 25,268.00
 Water Budget \$ 82,020.00
 Total Budget \$ 107,288.00
reduce budget by:
 Cash - precinct \$ (9,919.00)
 Cash - Water \$ (31,918.00)
 Income Water \$ (50,102.00)
 To be raised by taxes \$ 15,349.00

Hopkinton School District Report



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Hopkinton School District Organization

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Michael Bessette Maple Street School

Christopher Kelley Hopkinton Middle/High School

Rebecca Gagnon, Assistant Principal Hopkinton Middle/High School

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David J. Luneau, Chairperson..... Term Expires 2016

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R. Matthew Cairns Term Expires 2018

William Chapin Jr. Term Expires 2018

William A. Jones..... Term Expires 2017

Felicia Gordon, Student Representative

Lilly Scammon, Student Representative

Report of the Hopkinton School Board

Our Schools

2015 marks the second consecutive year in which Hopkinton High School has been named as the best high school in New Hampshire by *US News and World Report*. We are fortunate to live in a state with many public schools that offer an excellent education, and this honor is a reflection of our community's commitment and priorities.



At the annual school district meeting two years ago, the Board was authorized to proceed with an engineering study and proposal that would improve the operational efficiencies, safety and educational opportunities from pre-Kindergarten through grade 12. The Board can report that a steering committee has been formed under the leadership of resident Jay Burgess. Members from the committee visited schools throughout the state and have selected an engineering firm familiar with school facility design and configuration to prepare information to be discussed with the community over the next twelve months and brought forward at next year's school meeting in March 2017.

Student Body and Enrollment

Enrollment at nearly every public school in the state has dropped over the last ten years. Lower enrollment presents a challenge for small school districts like Hopkinton. It makes it difficult to organize clubs and athletic teams and to provide a wide array of courses at the high school. Partnerships with nearby schools has enabled Hopkinton to continue to offer the variety of programs for our students, including clubs like FIRST Robotics and courses offered through the Regional Technology Center in Concord. However, it has also been necessary to make decisions based on student enrollment that result in fewer class sections at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

Students in Hopkinton enjoy success both in the classroom and on the field. Ninety percent of recent graduates plan to continue their education by attending two or four year colleges. More than sixty-five percent of our high school and middle school students participate in organized athletics. Students performed at the highest levels in the Allstate and New England Music Festivals as well as the Fine Arts Forensics competition, Poetry Out Loud, and the Rotary Four Way Speech Contest. The real success of these programs is not measured by the number of banners and trophies, but when students embrace a healthy lifestyle, demonstrate academic achievement, display the values of teamwork and sportsmanship, and take on leadership roles.

Educational Programs

The Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) program approved by voters two years ago is in full swing. We'd like to thank you again for your overwhelming support of FDK. More than half of school districts throughout the state have followed Hopkinton's lead and offer FDK in their communities. The benefits of FDK will not only be felt in the communities that offer it, but will be felt across the State, manifesting in higher graduation rates, a higher percentage of residents who continue their education after high school, a stronger workforce and improved economic development.

The Hopkinton "E-Series" continued in 2015 with local entrepreneurs who shared their experiences from launching a new company from their garage to financing an independent

movie production through Kickstarter. Entrepreneurs have hired our students to work in and contribute to the success of these exciting, fast-growing companies.

The Extended Learning Opportunities program offers students internships with business and government organizations. Students from Hopkinton have earned high school credit and learned hands-on about things such as engine maintenance at Milton CAT, constituent services with Congresswoman Kuster's office, and publication and communication for a presidential campaign. Students report that the experiences help them to make college and career choices after high school.

The Budget

The proposed budget for FY17 was designed from the ground up to support the District's goals to ensure student learning, employ best practices in all areas of operation, and enable all students to continue their education after graduation.

Teachers are presently in the second year of a four-year contract and work has started to identify areas of common interests in preparation for when negotiation opens. Instructional Assistants are in the final year of their three-year contract and a new agreement will be brought forward at the annual district meeting. Custodians are also in the final year of their two-year contract, and a proposal will be brought forward if agreement is reached before the budget committee concludes its work.

The budget process began in October with recommendations from the building principals and department heads. During December, the Superintendent presented his budget to the Board and together we worked out a budget that we feel meets the community's expectations for public education in a fiscally responsible way. The proposed budget for the next school year represents a \$29,864 (0.17%) increase over the current year, allocates staff appropriately to meet changes in student enrollment across the District, supports the continued use of technology in the classroom, and sustains the educational programs and services necessary for the District to meet its goals. Care is taken to meet the community's priority on education and make sure tax dollars are not wasted.

Our Role in the Community

Community volunteers continue to play a major role in making Hopkinton schools among the best in country. We would like to extend our thanks to every volunteer for their generous donation of time and skill. Programs such as musicals, concerts, athletic events, the Got Lunch program, Shed a Light on Bullying, and the Celebration of the Arts are at the heart of what makes Hopkinton special and a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

The Board would also like to recognize and thank Lish Cross, Dave Tilley, and Michael Pheffer, Lary Hodgdon, and Deb Clark, all highly respected faculty and staff, who retired in 2015 with over 128 years of combined service to the District.

The School Board extends its thanks and appreciation to all our faculty and administrators for their dedication to excellence, to our custodial staff for preparing our facilities for numerous events as well as for school each day, to Mr. Chamberlin for his vision and leadership, and to you, the members of our community, for your continued support and active involvement in our schools.

Respectfully submitted by the Hopkinton School Board,
David J. Luneau, Chair
January 1, 2016



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Superintendent Report for the Hopkinton, NH Annual Report Year Ending December 31, 2015

It is an honor to make this submission for the Hopkinton Annual Report. This report will be part of the historical record of an extraordinary school district and community.

It is a privilege to recognize school and faculty awards received during the past year:

- Hopkinton High School was named the #1 high school in NH by *US News and World Report* (second consecutive year).
- Hopkinton Middle and High School was named a technology Spot Light School, presenting at the Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference.
- Mr. Christopher Kelley, Principal of Hopkinton Middle and High Schools, was presented with the Turkish Cultural Center and Peace Islands Institute Education Award.
- Donna Zecha, Library Media Specialist at Hopkinton Middle and High Schools was presented with a service award from the NH School Library Media Association.
- Donna Zecha (Secondary) and Barbara Jenkins (Maple Street School Teacher, Elementary) were the recipients of the 2015 Susan Graham Pisinski Teaching Excellence Awards.

This document will act as a progress report of the achievement of the four adopted Hopkinton School District Goals.

1. Ensure Student Learning

Ensuring student learning is a deliberately set high bar. It is accomplished with the establishment of standards, the frequent integration of assessments, and the altering of instruction, based on the results of those assessments. The following activities supported the goal of *Ensuring Student Learning*:

- Participating in a collaborative professional development day with school districts throughout the southwest region of New Hampshire.
- Supporting the implementation of the second tenet of the Magnificent Seven – the development of a visible English Language Arts Curriculum.
- Providing professional development in the area of writing – specifically the Keys to Literacy approach to writing.
- Providing the opportunity for students to experience NH Geographic Society's giant map.

2. *Ensure the Hopkinton School District Utilizes Best Practices*

Simply, the Hopkinton Community deserves best practice in all aspect of operations. The following activities supported the goal of *Ensure the Hopkinton School District Utilizes Best Practices*:

- The implementation of a new financial system.
- The adoption of new Student Wellness and Substance Use Policies.
- Obtaining Heart Safe School certification in the Harold Martin and Maple Street Schools.
- The participation in the New England Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) accreditation process at the secondary level.
- The continued development of the fourth tenet of the Magnificent Seven – the use of a variety of effective, research based pedagogical practices – through the use of professional development.

3. *Ensure High School Plus for All Graduates of the Hopkinton School District (High School Plus is defined as the ability to achieve acceptance into a post secondary academic institution or obtain a certification in a specialized area, including admittance into military service).*

Achieving a high school diploma is simply not enough. It is important that Hopkinton High School students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and understandings necessary to accomplish their goals. The following activities supported the goal of *Ensuring High School Plus*:

- Supporting strong personalization learning principles, including but not limited to: internships, extended learning opportunities, and virtual learning opportunities.
- The continued utilization of the Curriculum Council review process in all major changes to curriculum in our schools.
- Annual review of the graduating class post high school plans. (The report is available at <http://www.hopkintonschools.org/school-board/post-high-school-plans/>)

4. *Raise the Bar and Close the Gap*

This goal focuses on raising the achievement level for all students while closing the gap between the struggling and high performing students. The following activities support the goal of *Raising the Bar and Closing the Gap*:

- The participation in, and analyzing of, statewide assessment data.
- The utilization of a grant to expand the collection and analysis of student data related to the achievement of Individual Education Program (IEP) goals.
- The continued support of the Focus School professional development and continual improvement process.
- The establishment of the professional learning community collaboration approach at the elementary schools.
- The sponsorship of faculty and staff book clubs, specifically on the grading and the use of feedback.

Collaboration with the Town of Hopkinton continues to be an important part of school district practices. Below are examples:

- Providing support through the Hopkinton Family Support Team.
- Implementing the *Got Lunch Program* (providing lunch for families in need of support in the summer, school vacations, and the first weekend of each month).
- Collaborative purchasing (health insurance, oil, electricity, etc.).
- Emergency preparedness.
- Implementing wellness initiatives.
- Providing on site medical support for varsity home athletic contests.
- Joint planning on the Hopkinton Cares/Got Projects Sestercentennial *Celebrate by Service* event.

The Hopkinton School District is privileged to receive support from parents/guardians, community members, and organizations. The contributions from the Rotary, Lions, and Woman's Clubs, the Hopkinton PTA, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Town of Hopkinton staff, and many individual volunteers are central to our goals. Please know that you make a difference.

The Hopkinton model for effective public schools: a devoted School Board, dedicated faculty and staff and leadership team, invested parents/guardians with high expectations, a supportive community, and extraordinary young people – is one of which we can be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,



Steven M. Chamberlin
Superintendent of Schools

HOPKINTON'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS' ANNUAL REPORT

Harold Martin School and Maple Street School

This past year, Harold Martin School (HMS) said farewell to long-time teacher Dave Tilley, First Grade Teacher Sarah Surette for a one year leave, Instructional Assistant Nancy Roye and Special Educator Stephanie Parzick. We welcomed to our school Instructional Assistants Melissa Bennett, Lissa Chapin, and Tammy Ehrmantraut as well as Special Educator Sarah Schlaack and Technology Integrator Karen Locke.

At Maple Street School (MSS) this past year we said goodbye to Paula Ceranowicz, Kate Dowling, Courtney Woods and to John Miner who transferred to the Hopkinton Middle High School. Additionally, we said goodbye to Instructional Assistants Emily Cousins, Courtney Woods, and Maggie Cook.

MSS welcomed back Mike Alberici from his Christa McAuliffe Sabbatical, Melissa White was transferred to grade six to teach science, and Mrs. Kerry Brown was hired to teach grade four. Maple Street also welcomed Jodi Nepveu, Melissa Bennett, Kate Branham, and Lisa Thorn to our Instructional Assistant team.

As has been our practice for several years in the Hopkinton Elementary Schools, our Annual Report is framed around these traditional essential questions that will provide the outline for this report:

What do we want our students to learn? (Curriculum)

The elementary schools made a commitment to revise and refine our English Language Arts Curriculum to align with the *Common Core State Standards*. A team of district teachers are working with an outside consultant to design the new document which will be user friendly for all Hopkinton educators.

Changes to the Harold Martin School facility was particularly helpful to specific curriculum areas. Given the reduction of a first grade class, we converted that classroom to our Music Room which allowed both music and art programs to exist in their own space. In addition, reducing third grade by a classroom allowed us to develop a Math Room which also doubles as meeting space.

At MSS, our curriculum efforts continue to focus on the adoption and implementation of the Math in Focus curriculum and the English and Language Arts Curriculum that is completing its revision in the 2015-16 school year. Much focus was also placed upon helping teachers to use and focus on student performance data to improve their learning and personalize their instructional opportunities.

How will we know if our students learn the content? (Assessment)

In order to ensure student learning and monitor academic progress, both schools are now implementing Data Team models. Each grade level meets regularly with a team of educators to analyze student academic data and make decisions on next steps. If a student needs particular support in either literacy or numeracy, then a RTI (*Response to Instruction*) plan is written up and monitored over a brief period of time. Special instruction is given to that student and progress is assessed.

What will we do if they don't learn the content or need to be challenged? (Instruction)

Over the last few years, both of our elementary schools have revised schedules to maximize instruction given the nature of the school day. At HMS, we were able to reduce our lunch sections from three to two which freed up the rest of the schedule to allow for more flexibility.

Rethinking how we use technology in our elementary schools continues to be a priority. For the first time, HMS has the services of a part-time technology integrator who works with teachers to use tech tools to enhance instruction. iPads continue to be significant tools in our kindergarten and first grade classrooms and Chromebooks with *Google Apps for Education* are used by all second and third graders, especially for writing. For the first time, HMS math programs such as *MobyMax* and *Dreambox* are used at home with guidance from parents.

Maple Street worked to create a new model of scheduling and instruction that afforded teachers the opportunity to align services and staff members without instructional disruption. In so doing, the schedule also provided windows of time for students to receive remedial and enrichment services to best meet their learning needs. The new schedule also increased opportunity for teacher collaboration, reduction of pull out service disruptions, and changes to music lesson / band block scheduling to increase consistency of instruction.

How do we continue building partnerships with the community?

HMS teachers have taken advantage of the communication tools afforded by digital media and are developing classroom blogs, each with a different flavor. Some blogs include audio, video, pictures, as well as projects and writing completed by students.

HMS also has a long history of supporting Hopkinton Veterans. Every year we invite a number of Vets who served in all our major wars from World War II to the Iraqi and Afghanistan Conflicts. This year Rep. Annie Kuster spoke to our school and accepted our student made cards as part of the *Holiday Cards for Heroes* program.

We are also proud of our RSVP Pen Pal program, linking third grade students up with Hopkinton Senior Citizens.

MSS also enjoys active service contributions to the Hopkinton community. Whether raising funds for the food pantry, contributing to the *Shed a Light on Bullying* vigil, helping to purchase gifts for the needy, or working on their Learning Garden, MSS students continue to have an active role in the community.

Our elementary schools continue to seek out and receive the assistance of volunteers who join us to help bring creative and engaging experiences to life for our students. Whether it is parent volunteers for classroom activities, tutoring or math enrichment, Newspaper club, the Grade Six Epic Event, or for any of the wonderful field trips our students take, our parental support is a tremendous gift to our children.

As always, we thank you for your incredible support of the Hopkinton School District.

Sincerely,

William Carozza, Principal Harold Martin School
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2015 Town Report

The 2015 – 2016 school year has been busy for Hopkinton Middle High School as we have continued our school's process of reaccreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., NEASC. Seven committees have been meeting on a regularly since the Fall of 2014 to complete a study of our school in the following areas:

1. Core Values, Beliefs and Learning Expectations
2. Curriculum
3. Instruction
4. Assessment of and for Student Learning
5. School Culture and Leadership
6. School Resources for Learning
7. Community Resources for Learning

Each committee has completed and finalized executive reports that have been reviewed and approved by the faculty. We are now in the final stages of collecting evidence that supports the findings in the executive reports. This self-study process has been an extensive one. Each faculty member is serving on one of the standards committee that is responsible for collecting evidence. An accreditation team will visit Hopkinton Middle High School in March of 2016.

At the start of the school year we welcomed nine new staff members to Hopkinton Middle High School. This is a larger than normal number of new hires. Each of our new staff has settled into their positions and they are wonderful additions to our faculty and staff.

During the summer of 2015 a team of teachers worked over two days to plan for the implementation of the SOS (Signs of Suicide) prevention program. The team worked together on how to implement this program once the school year began. SOS is a school-based program designed to help students navigate the often-difficult path of adolescence. The program focuses on prevention through education by teaching students to identify symptoms of depression, suicidality, and self-injury in themselves and their peers. Using a simple and easy-to-remember acronym, ACT® (Acknowledge, Care, Tell), students are taught certain steps to take if they encounter a situation that requires help from a trusted adult. Students are taught that suicide is not a normal response to stress, but rather a preventable tragedy that often occurs as a result of untreated depression.

Prior to implementation with students, our Director of Guidance, Mrs. Lajoie, spoke with the staff and used a training video during the staff development days at the beginning of the year to train the staff on how to recognize the signs of suicide. Mrs. Lajoie and Ms. Lonsdale also hosted a presentation for parents to educate them about being "trusted adults." This presentation was also held on the night of Open House. The Open House night served as a wonderful platform to assure parents of the care we have for their children. The Open House is a positive evening and this program is a positive, proactive approach that is in sync with our mission, "Above all, care."



Guidance also took the time to train our seventh grade students and sophomores to recognize the different signs of emotions that may lead to harmful behaviors. The end goal will be to train all students to identify symptoms of depression, suicidality, and self-injury in themselves and their peers. Mrs. Lajoie has been asked to make a presentation to the School Board that will go into more detail at a future board meeting.

The Guidance Department has also been holding open sessions on Tuesdays during Academic Advisory to address various topics relating to the college process. This new program is a result of the visits the school administration made to Civics classes last year to discuss school related issues and concerns. During one of the visits the students spoke about the college process and the need to learn more about “the basics” of the college search process. We have been excited to offer this new program to our high school students.

We have been working with high school students who are credit deficient and may or may not graduate on time. There can be many reasons why students are not eligible to graduate with their class. For instance, some students transfer to our school and are already credit deficient while other students who have attended our school simply have struggled and have not found success yet. In order to address this we have meetings with students and families to plan for success to help ensure the District’s goal of high school plus. These meetings will often include an administrator, a school counselor, the parents and student. As a team we work to develop a schedule and/or plan that meets the needs of the individual student.

New for the 2015 – 2016 school year is a Reassessment Plan for all students. Hopkinton Middle High School likes to encourage all students to continually grow through traditional and innovative opportunities. In order to do this successfully a student must be able to reflect upon their learning. The Reassessment Plan allows students to accept responsibility for their learning by taking the initiative to develop a plan with their teacher to take a reassessment upon completing a reassessment plan. When a student scores below a 70% on a summative assessment the teacher encourages the student to complete a reassessment plan and prepared to take a reassessment.

Each department has been working on several priorities throughout the school year. The English Department has been working to establish and implement parameters of a Writing Lab where students have access to an English teacher to receive additional assistance and supports with writing assignments. The Social Studies Department has been working to standardize what the department expects students to do for note-taking assignments. The department will also continue to review the NH State Frameworks for Social Studies, the new College, Career, Civic Life document from the national council, the Nat'l Council for the Social Studies standards, and the Common Core.

The Math Department has reviewed and considered new course requirements for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Trigonometry, Business Math, and a Senior year math course will be considered. The Math Department has also been working to establish and implement the parameters of a Math Lab, similar to the Writing Lab, where a math teacher would make himself or herself available to assist students in Math. The department has also dedicated time to review assessment scores in order to identify shortcomings in the curriculum, and consider possible adjustments.

The Science Department is working to formally include the scientific processes into the curriculum. The department consciously focused on science content when they completed the first round of their formal curriculum review. The department will consider whether to switch from content focused competencies to process focused competencies.

The World Language Department will add the ACTFL (American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages) "I can" statements to their competencies and units. The department has also been working to keep data on retakes (frequency and success rates) to measure effectiveness of the new Reassessment Plan.

The Unified Arts Department has been discussing grading practices and competencies for all Unified Arts classes in relation to the new Reassessment Plan. Since many of the classes are performance-based, they want to make sure there is some uniformity of approach to assessment of both skills and work habits. The department wants to increase the awareness of Unified Arts classes. In order to expanding the information available to the community the department will utilize the web (include visuals), and by creating a video that can be used during the fall open house, so that parents learn about all Unified Arts classes in which their children will be participating for the year (instead of just the first quarter).

The Special Education Department has been exploring and utilizing progress-monitoring tools through professional development training in order to increase student achievement to align with district goals of closing the gap. The department wants to increase collaboration within the department and use the expertise of each team member to meet the needs of all of our students.

The Guidance Department has continued to work towards strengthening communication with parents and the community through the use of the Hawk News and other communications. The Department is also working to continue department movement toward a comprehensive model of school counseling; that is, to move toward a more proactive, less reactive approach. (i.e. Signs of Suicide Prevention)

Respectfully Submitted,

Christopher Kelley
Principal, HMHS

Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Hopkinton School District
Hopkinton, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Hopkinton School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District'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 of 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 aggregate remaining fund information of the Hopkinton School District as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparisons for the major general fund, grants fund, and other funds, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1-N to the financial statements, in 2015, the School District changed its method of accounting for pension reporting with the adoption of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* and as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

*Hopkinton School District
Independent Auditor's Report*

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3 through 14), the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 43), the Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (page 44) and the Schedule of School District Contributions (page 45) 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 them 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 Hopkinton School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial schedules 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 and individual fund financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

November 9, 2015

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HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
Of the Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The Superintendent of Schools and Business Administrator of New Hampshire School Administrative Unit (SAU) #66, as management of the Hopkinton School District (the District), offer readers of the District's annual financial statements this narrative discussion and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2015. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the annual financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Total District net position was (\$2,444,021). This was an increase of \$427,034 (14.87%) over the prior year.
- The District's total net position of (\$2,444,021) on June 30, 2015, consisted of \$8,215,099 in capital assets net of debt, and an unrestricted net position balance of (\$10,659,120).
- The District's non-current portion of long-term obligations of \$13,291,360 consisted of \$1,540,000 in general obligation bonds, \$6,186 in capital leases, \$90,572 in compensated absences, \$734,446 in other postemployment benefits and \$10,920,156 in pension liability. These liabilities are reflected as a reduction in net position.
- The District established procedures for submitting claims for reimbursement for services to students eligible through the Medicaid for Schools Program. In 2014-15, the District received \$211,057, which is \$85 less than what was received in 2013-14. The District expects to receive approximately \$200,000 for next year.
- During the year, the District's expenses of \$17,593,627 for all major governmental activities were \$122,962 lower than the total revenues of \$17,716,589. Revenues consist of charges for services; operating grants and contributions; and general revenues (which include local and state property tax assessments and grant or contributions not restricted to specific programs).

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts – management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The three sections together provide a comprehensive overview of the District. The basic financial statements are comprised of two kinds of statements that present financial information from different perspectives:

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business, and to provide both long-term and short-term information.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all of the District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. This statement of net position includes debt, contractual obligations and compensable absences as elements of the liabilities of the District.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows only in future fiscal periods. Growth in net position over time can generally be expected to reflect improving financial condition, while shrinkage would indicate declining financial condition. Other indicators of financial health might be changes in Districts revenues, facility condition, growth/decline in student population, and adequacy of District budgets.

The Government-wide Financial Statements show functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues as "Governmental Activities". Intergovernmental revenues include local, state and federal monies. The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation and operation of non-instructional services. Taxes and intergovernmental revenues also support fixed assets and related debt.

Fund Financial Statements. The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the District's most significant funds – not the District as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the District uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular programs. Some funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. The School Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that the District is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain revenues. The District has two kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds – Most of the District's basic services are included in governmental funds, which generally focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps one to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, additional information is provided with the governmental funds statements explaining the relationship (or differences) between them.
- Fiduciary funds – The District is the trustee, or fiduciary, for assets that belong to others; the student activities funds and the private-purpose trust funds are fiduciary funds. The District is responsible for ensuring that those to whom the assets belong use only for their intended purposes and assets reported in these funds. All of the District's fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. These activities are excluded from the district-wide financial statements because the District cannot use the assets to finance its operations.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

NET POSITION

Net Position for the period ending June 30, 2015. The current year's net position is lower than last year's. The District combined net position was (\$2,444,021) at June 30, 2015 compared to (\$2,871,055) at June 30, 2014.

Summary of Net Position			
Governmental Activities			
	June 30,		
	June 30,	2014	Increase
	2015	(As restated)	(Decrease)
Current Assets	\$1,557,506	\$1,421,664	\$135,842
Noncurrent Assets	9,761,285	10,025,453	\$(264,168)
Total Assets	11,318,791	11,447,117	\$(128,326)
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,131,917	943,831	\$188,086
Current Liabilities	655,581	633,554	\$22,027
Noncurrent Liabilities	12,798,417	14,584,091	\$(1,785,674)
Total Liabilities	13,453,998	15,217,645	\$(1,763,647)
Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,440,731	44,358	\$1,396,373
Net Investment in Capital Assets	8,215,099	8,011,596	\$203,503
Unrestricted Net Position (Deficit)	(10,659,120)	(10,882,651)	\$223,531
Total Net Position	<u>\$(2,444,021)</u>	<u>\$(2,871,055)</u>	<u>\$427,034</u>

The Districts negative net position is due to the following: As of June 30, 2015, the School District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, which requires the School District to report their proportionate share of the New Hampshire Retirement System's net pension liability based upon their plan contributions for the year. The New Hampshire Retirement System has a statutory funding schedule whose goal is to reach 100% plan funding by June 30, 2039.

Changes in Net Position. The District's total revenue was \$17,716,589 and the total expenses \$17,289,555 resulting in an increase of net position of \$427,034. The largest part, 93.17% of the District's revenue came from the local tax assessment and the State of New Hampshire. The State of New Hampshire's sources include the locally raised property tax, federal aid received through the state and various state aid programs.

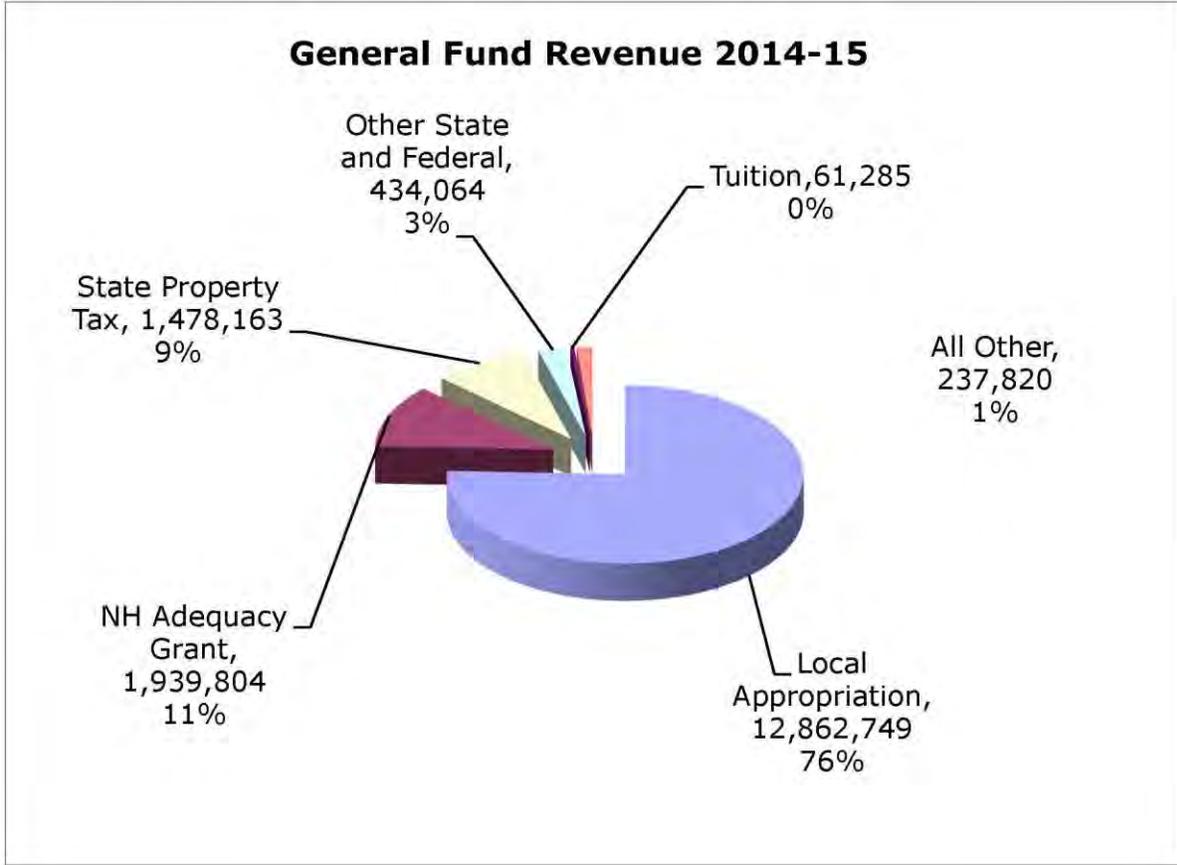
The District's expenses were largely for instruction and support services (97%) based on Exhibit B.

Summary of Changes in Net Position
Governmental Activities

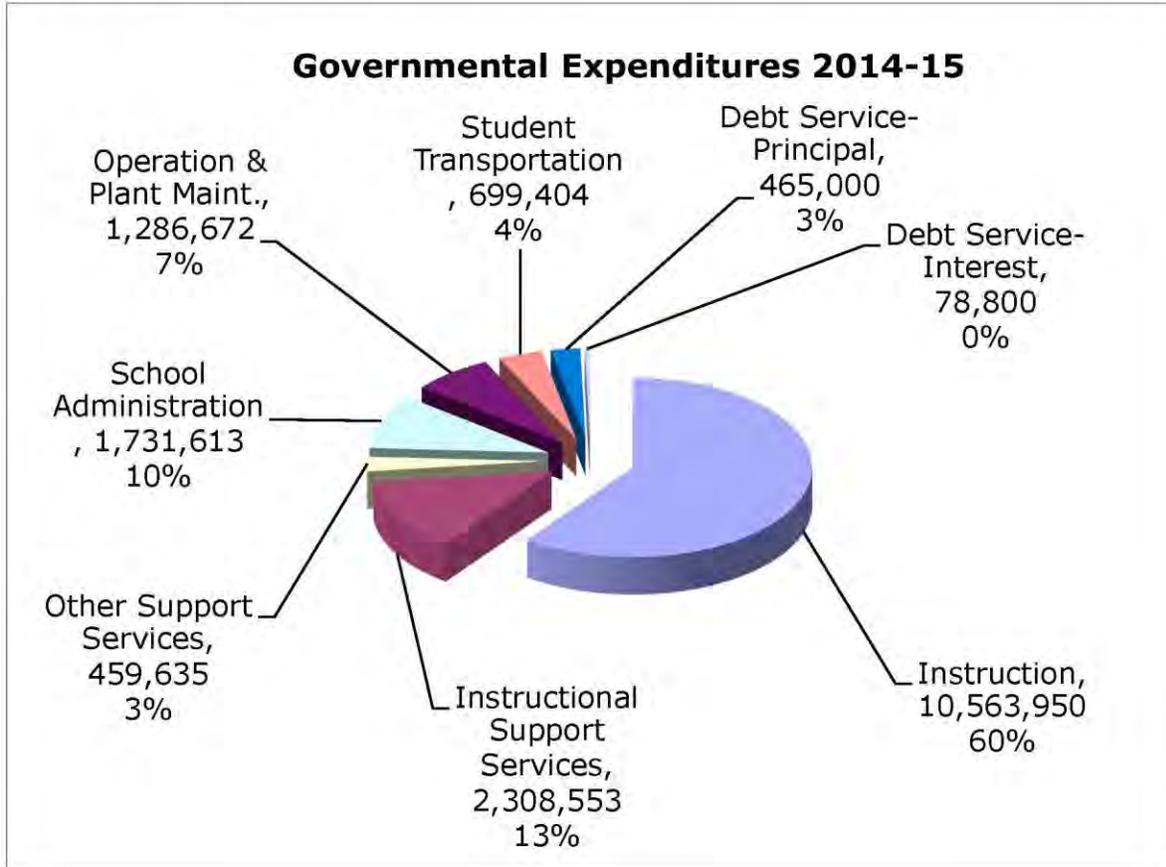
	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2014	Increase (Decrease)
Revenues:	2015	2014	
Program Revenue:			
Charges for Services	\$267,657	\$317,045	\$(49,388)
Operating Grants and Contributions	808,239	731,474	76,765
Capital Grants and Contributions	149,286	153,851	(4,565)
General Revenue:			
School District Assessment	12,862,749	12,163,635	699,114
Grants and Contributions no restricted to specific programs	3,426,818	3,532,944	(106,126)
Unrestricted Investment Income	465	426	39
Miscellaneous	201,375	291,128	(89,753)
Total Revenues	17,716,589	17,190,503	526,086
Expenses:			
Instruction	\$10,536,694	\$22,132,435	\$(11,595,741)
Support Services:			
Student	1,314,786	1,229,119	85,667
Instructional Staff	962,951	929,594	33,357
General Administration	29,874	25,888	3,986
Executive Administration	534,970	549,568	(14,598)
School Administration	820,631	826,951	(6,320)
Business	324,435	250,969	73,466
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,613,488	1,415,048	198,440
Student Transportation	707,380	655,119	52,261
Noninstructional Services	373,382	365,324	8,058
Interest on Long-Term Debt	70,964	93,934	(22,970)
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	-	268,203	(268,203)
Total Expenses	17,289,555	28,742,152	(11,452,597)
Change in Net Position	427,034	(11,551,649)	11,978,683
Net Positon, beginning, as restated	(2,871,055)	8,680,594	(11,551,649)
Net Position, ending	\$(2,444,021)	\$(2,871,055)	\$427,034

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SUMMARY

Summary of Revenues. The biggest share \$16,524,382 (96%) of revenue was derived from local appropriations and intergovernmental sources. The state property tax is included as part of intergovernmental revenue even though it is raised locally. This revenue statement includes revenues from local, state and federal sources.

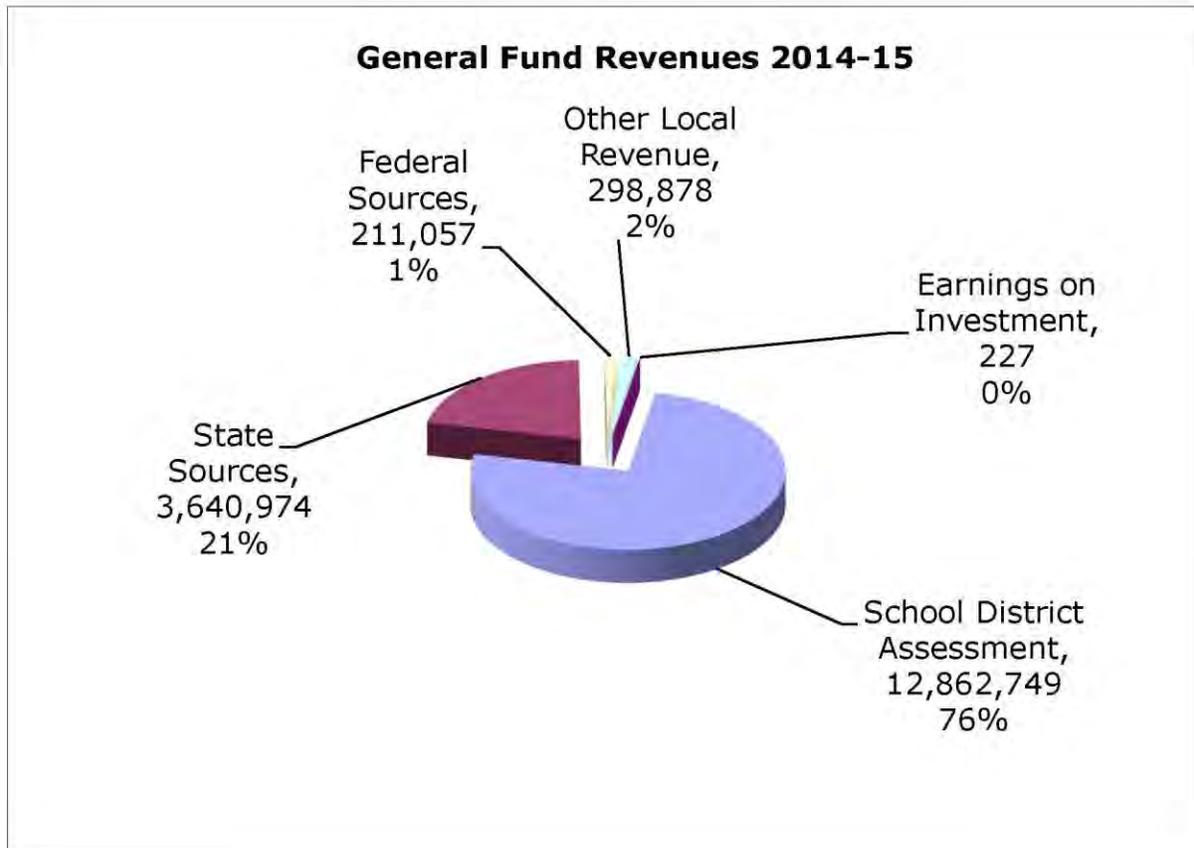


Summary of Net Expenditures. The Hopkinton School District used its budgetary resources as depicted below. 73% of all expenditures were for instruction and instructional support services. Instructional support service represents only a part of the support services indicated on Exhibit C-3. All support services total 97%. This expenditure statement includes expenditures paid from local, state and federal appropriations.

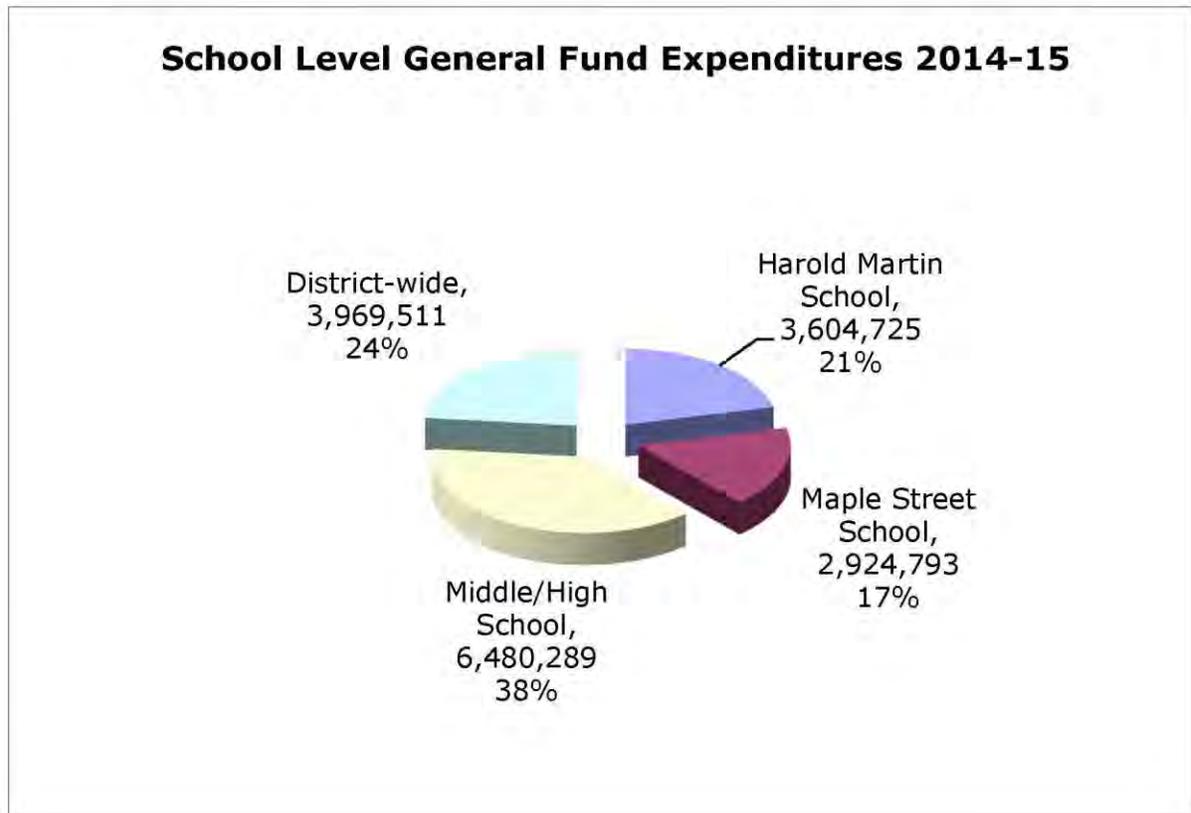


INDIVIDUAL FUND ANALYSIS**General Fund**

The General Fund is what most people think of as “the budget” since it is the focal point of the Annual Meeting and largely supported by locally raised taxes. The local appropriation and the state property tax are raised locally and make up 81% of general fund revenues. Together, the revenues raised locally and the state adequacy grant comprises over 96% of the District’s General Fund Budgetary Revenues. This graph is using the budgetary basis and is not in accordance with GAAP Budgetary Revenues (See Schedule 1).



School level expenditures constitute 76% of the total general fund (net of refunds) expenditures of \$16,979,318. This graph is using the budgetary basis and is not in accordance with GAAP (See Schedule 2).



GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the District reviews its annual budget and will sometimes make minor adjustments to reflect unexpected changes in revenues and expenditures. These adjustments over the past year did not change the bottom line but rather accommodated unanticipated needs such as increase/decreased enrollment, increased/decreased material costs and unanticipated repairs within functions and objects. A procedure is in place that when such budget adjustments are necessary, there must be at least a three-tiered approval process. The process includes District Administrator and Business Administrator signature, and in the event that the adjustment exceeds \$5,000, Superintendent and Board approval is also necessary.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE DISTRICT'S FUNDS

The strong financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,380,466, an increase from last year's ending fund balance of \$1,257,504. The District's sound fiscal management policies and procedures have historically resulted in positive general fund balance to ultimately offset taxes. Other factors contributing to this positive fund balance include items, which must be budgeted for but may or not be expended. The appropriate breakdowns of the 2014-2015 general fund savings are as follows:

Revenue received above anticipated	\$ 134,829
Early retirement, course reimbursements & professional development activities (contractual agreements)	44,250
Personnel (Benefits)	141,856
Supplies, books, reference materials, etc.	61,263
Personnel (Salaries only)	102,320
Repair and Maintenance	26,880
Tuition - Students	28,898
Telephone, postage, printing, travel, etc.	15,214
Contracted Services	35,181
Equipment	18,159
Dues and Fees	5,407
Various accounts other than noted above	3,118
Additional Withholding fund balance per 2014 WA#X	(37,000)
Transfer to School Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve	(10,000)
Transfer to School Building Repairs and Maintenance Trust Fund	(100,000)
General Fund Balance Returned to Town	\$ 470,375

CAPTIAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**Capital Assets**

On June 30, 2015, the District reported capital assets of \$9,761,285, which consist of a broad range of capital assets, including land & improvements, buildings & improvements, machinery and equipment and infrastructure. More detailed information about the District's capital assets is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

	Governmental Activities		Total % Change 2015 over 2014
	2015	2014	
Land & Improvements	\$ 563,099	\$ 563,099	0.00%
Buildings & Improvements	16,850,806	16,797,346	0.03%
Machinery & Equipment	831,152	822,423	1.06%
Infrastructure	48,300	48,300	0.00%
Totals at Historical Cost	18,293,357	18,231,168	0.34%
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(8,532,072)	(8,205,715)	(3.97%)
NET CAPITAL ASSETS	\$ 9,761,285	\$ 10,025,453	(2.63%)

Long-Term Debt

On August 1, 1997, the District issued a series of general obligation bonds totaling in the aggregate \$6,992,000. The District added a \$548,500 bond during the 2003-04 fiscal year for repairs to the roofs at Hopkinton Middle/High School, Harold Martin and Maple Street School. During the year the School District did a capital lease for a copier. As to the Net other postemployment benefits, the District is complying with GASB and recording this long-term liability. The following table illustrates the changes and balances for all long-term debt. More detailed information on the District's debt is presented in the notes to the financial statements.

	Governmental Activities		Total % Change 2015 over 2014
	2015	2014	
General Obligation Bonds	\$1,540,000	\$ 2,005,000	(23.19%)
Compensated Absences	90,572	91,592	(11.13%)
Capital Lease Payable	6,186	8,857	(30.15%)
Net other postemployment benefits	734,446	619,995	18.47%
Net Pension Liability	10,920,156	-	100.00%
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT	\$ 13,291,360	\$ 2,725,444	488.00%

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT

During the fiscal year 2015, Hopkinton School District applied for and received the following Federal grants:

Title I, Early Reading Success, was awarded for the period 7/01/14 to 8/31/15, in the amount of \$42,406.00. This grant funded reading improvement programs in Harold Martin School and impacted students whose reading proficiency was significantly below grade level.

Title 1, Priority/Focus Set Aside, was awarded for the period 7/01/14 to 8/31/15, in the amount of \$4,997.43. This grant funded training for staff and supplies to assist with students who were in the gap.

Title IIA, Class Size Reduction, was awarded for the period 9/08/14 to 9/30/16, in the amount of \$27,028.34. This grant funded professional development programs.

Title IIA, Professional Development, was awarded for the period 5/22/15 to 9/30/15 in the amount of \$10,000.00. This grant funded professional development programs.

Special Education, IDEA, was awarded for the period 8/06/14 to 6/30/15, in the amount of \$235,505.11. This grant funded special needs services for students throughout the District.

Special Education, Preschool, was awarded for the period of 8/06/14 to 6/30/15, in the amount of \$4,643.85. This grant funded special needs services for pre-school students within the District.

Priority & Focus Title 1a 1003(a) was awarded for the period of 7/1/2014 to 8/31/2015 in the amount of \$15,324.09. This grant funded reading and numeracy improvements in Harold Martin School. The definition of Focus Schools in ESEA Flexibility is based on an equity principle, whereby schools with the largest achievement gaps between subpopulations (students with disabilities, English language learners, and economically disadvantaged students) and others will be designated. This grant supplied the District with additional staff, training and equipment to help impacted students.

New Focus Monitoring 1 was awarded for the period of 9/10/14 to 6/30/15 in the amount of \$10,000.00. This grant funded additional time for a group of teachers and administrators to analyze data to work on closing the gap of students.

New Math and Science Partnership was awarded for the period of 7/1/2014 to 9/30/2015 in the amount of \$106,250.00. This grant funded GIS workshops for teachers in the State of New Hampshire.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

At the time these financial statements were prepared, the District was aware of several circumstances that could affect its future financial health:

- Health Insurance rates increased by 5.10% for the 2015-16 school year. For three of the last four years, the actual rate increases have been over twelve percent. The uncertainty surrounding the implementation of the Affordable Care Act and the possible application of an excise tax is of concern.
- Local Tax Collection Status: At the end of 2014, \$1,381,271 dollars of taxes have yet to be collected. \$327,242 of taxes has been converted to liens. The town recently passed an addition to the Fire Station. This significant project could impact the town's capacity to support the school district budget.
- State Funding: The difficult economic times has put pressure on the state funding mechanisms. State revenue is down and current legislative leaders will not consider new revenue sources. This situation has caused down shifting of costs to the local taxpayer or employee. The lack of state funding has increased pressure on the local taxpayer. The community may not be able to fund the schools it so dearly wants.
- The Hopkinton School District sought and obtained approval of an article at the Annual School District meeting that allow the school board to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 2.5 percent of the current fiscal year's net assessment, in accordance with RSA 198:4-b, II. The school board voted to retain \$287,000 in July 2015.

FUTURE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

In New Hampshire, the public school fiscal year is July 1 – June 30; other programs, i.e. some federal budgets, operate on a different fiscal calendar but are reflected in the District overall budget as they impact the District.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C), a high school's accrediting body, has placed the high school on warning. The warning was issued due to concerns of the facility's impact on the schools ability to deliver its curriculum. A NEAS&C team will be visiting the school in the spring. The school and community anxiously await the team's decision on accreditation. Addressing the committees report will be a priority

The realized impact of the Patient Protection and Health Care Affordability Act is an unknown. The budget and staff impact are potentially significant. These increases combined with increases due to pooled claims, could have a significant impact on future budgets. The possible excise tax on "Cadillac Insurance Plans" could have an impact on future budgets and negotiations. Most municipal insurance plans are expected to trigger the excise tax.

The facilities are a major focus of district work. Priorities include safety and security, equitable access, and support effective educational programs for all schools. Due to budgetary constraints, facility issues have been delayed. The Hopkinton School District is in the review and planning stage of a facility project, including a reconfiguration of the schools. A school district bond matures in FY 18.

The learning profile of some of our students continues to increase in complexity. Specialized resources are necessary to meet this need. The funding for these resources will undoubtedly put pressure on the budget.

Low enrollment is still occurring in the District and now impacting Harold Martin and moving to Maple Street School. The District will continue to reduce instructional staff in 2016-17 to align with enrollment.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, parents, participants, investors and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to demonstrate the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, or need additional financial information, contact Steven M. Chamberlin, Superintendent, or Michelle R. Clark, RSBO, Business Administrator, at (603) 746-5186 or by mail at:

Hopkinton School District
ATTN: Michelle R. Clark, RSBO
204 Maple Street
Contoocook, NH 03229

EXHIBIT C-1
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2015

	General	Grants	Other Funds	Other Governmental Funds (Food Service)	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 953,753	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 953,853
Receivables:					
Accounts	24,276	-	-	782	25,058
Intergovernmental	400,154	131,224	-	4,536	535,914
Interfund receivable	70,649	-	44,023	5,974	120,646
Prepaid items	42,681	-	-	-	42,681
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,491,513</u>	<u>\$ 131,224</u>	<u>\$ 44,023</u>	<u>\$ 11,392</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,152</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 70,103	\$ 5,098	\$ 535	\$ 11,392	\$ 87,128
Accrued salaries and benefits	39,972	5,480	-	-	45,452
Intergovernmental payable	972	-	-	-	972
Interfund payable	-	120,646	-	-	120,646
Total liabilities	<u>111,047</u>	<u>131,224</u>	<u>535</u>	<u>11,392</u>	<u>254,198</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - grants and donations	-	-	43,488	-	43,488
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	42,681	-	-	-	42,681
Committed	510,154	-	-	-	510,154
Assigned	70,256	-	-	-	70,256
Unassigned	757,375	-	-	-	757,375
Total fund balances	<u>1,380,466</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,380,466</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 1,491,513</u>	<u>\$ 131,224</u>	<u>\$ 44,023</u>	<u>\$ 11,392</u>	<u>\$ 1,678,152</u>

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

EXHIBIT C-2
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2015

Total fund balances of governmental funds (Exhibit C-1)		\$ 1,380,466
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Cost	\$ 18,293,357	
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(8,532,072)</u>	9,761,285
Certain assets are not current financial resources in the governmental funds, but instead are reported in the Statement of Net Position.		
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions		1,131,917
Interfund receivables and payables between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Net Position.		
Receivables	\$ (120,646)	
Payables	<u>120,646</u>	-
Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds.		
Accrued interest payable		(29,086)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Bond	\$ 1,540,000	
Capital lease	6,186	
Compensated absences	90,572	
Other postemployment benefits	734,446	
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	1,397,243	
Net pension liability	<u>10,920,156</u>	<u>(14,688,603)</u>
Net Position of governmental activities (Exhibit A)		<u>\$ (2,444,021)</u>

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

EXHIBIT C-3
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Grants	Other Funds	Other Governmental Fund (Food Service)	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
School district assessment	\$ 12,862,749	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,862,749
Local	298,926	-	131,955	170,566	601,447
State	3,640,974	-	-	3,246	3,644,220
Federal	211,057	320,765	-	76,351	608,173
Total revenues	<u>17,013,706</u>	<u>320,765</u>	<u>131,955</u>	<u>250,163</u>	<u>17,716,589</u>
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Instruction	10,178,905	260,394	124,651	-	10,563,950
Support services:					
Student	1,336,150	-	2,213	-	1,338,363
Instructional staff	907,428	59,954	2,808	-	970,190
General administration	37,876	-	-	-	37,876
Executive administration	534,470	-	500	-	534,970
School administration	833,403	-	-	-	833,403
Business	325,364	-	-	-	325,364
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,286,672	-	-	-	1,286,672
Student transportation	695,337	-	4,067	-	699,404
Noninstructional services	-	-	-	373,332	373,332
Debt service:					
Principal	465,000	-	-	-	465,000
Interest	78,800	-	-	-	78,800
Facilities acquisition and construction	86,303	-	-	-	86,303
Total expenditures	<u>16,765,708</u>	<u>320,348</u>	<u>134,239</u>	<u>373,332</u>	<u>17,593,627</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>247,998</u>	<u>417</u>	<u>(2,284)</u>	<u>(123,169)</u>	<u>122,962</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in	417	-	2,284	123,169	125,870
Transfers out	(125,453)	(417)	-	-	(125,870)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(125,036)</u>	<u>(417)</u>	<u>2,284</u>	<u>123,169</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	122,962	-	-	-	122,962
Fund balances, beginning	1,257,504	-	-	-	1,257,504
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 1,380,466</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,380,466</u>

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

EXHIBIT C-4
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Net change in fund balances of total governmental funds (Exhibit C-3)		\$ 122,962
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. In the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capitalized capital outlay in the current period.		
Capitalized capital outlay	\$ 115,664	
Depreciation expense	<u>(379,832)</u>	(264,168)
Transfers in and out between governmental funds are eliminated on the Statement of Activities.		
Transfers in	\$ (125,870)	
Transfers out	<u>125,870</u>	-
Governmental funds report pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee contributions is reported as pension expenses.		
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 979,620	
Net pension expense	<u>(773,456)</u>	206,164
The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position.		
Principal repayment of bond	\$ 465,000	
Principal repayment of capital lease	<u>2,671</u>	467,671
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.		
Decrease in accrued interest expense	\$ 7,836	
Decrease in compensated absences payable	1,020	
Increase in other postemployment benefits	<u>(114,451)</u>	(105,595)
Change in net position of governmental activities (Exhibit B)		<u>\$ 427,034</u>

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

Report of Actual Special Education Expenditures for Programs and Services

Description	Function	2013-2014 Expenditures Net of Refunds	2014-2015 Expenditures Net of Refunds
Expenditures Related to Special Education:			
Special Instruction	1200	2,612,458	2,695,551
Psychological Services	2140	122,935	163,243
Speech Services	2150	264,283	273,370
Occupational Therapy Services	2160	168,545	193,870
Special Services Administration	2332	215,124	198,995
Pupil Transportation (Special Ed)	2722	179,363	186,014
Other Expenditures (Federal Projects)			
IDEA		177,508	197,080
Focus Monitoring			4,350
Preschool		7,117	4,443
Total Special Education Expenditures			3,747,333
			3,916,916
Tuition		22,904	977
Medicaid Reimbursement		208,694	211,057
Federal Grants		184,625	205,873
Total Special Education Revenues		416,223	417,907
Net Cost of Special Education		3,331,110	3,499,009

Hopkinton School District – Treasurer’s Report

Hopkinton School District
 Treasurer’s Report
 Year Ended June 30, 2015

General and Special Revenue Funds

Balance Operating & Operating Investments (TD Bank & Merrimack County) 6/30	1,116,552.04
Deposits in Transit 6/30/14	400.00
Outstanding Checks 6/30/14	-112,220.22
General Fund Receipts	17,094,114.70
Food Service Receipts	239,465.79
Other Special Revenue Receipts	368,742.31
Interest Earned	226.85
Service Charges	-544.20
Disbursements General Fund and Special Revenue Funds	-17,740,157.73
ACH error for BMO amount taken twice	-12,826.90
Deposits in Transit 6/30/15	0.00
Outstanding Checks 6/30/15	<u>132,730.62</u>
Bank Balance 6/30/15	1,086,483.26



David MacKenzie, Treasurer

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND

December 31, 2015

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2009	\$167,493
2009-2010 Interest Earned	\$841
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010	\$168,334
2010-2011 Interest Earned	\$537
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2011	\$168,871
2011-2012 Interest Earned	\$488
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$169,359
2012-2013 Interest Earned	\$305
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$169,664
2013-2014 Interest Earned	172
2013-2014 Expenditures	(\$11,600)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$158,236
2014-2015 Operating Transfers In	\$11,000
2014-2015 Interest Earned	158
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$169,394
Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015*	\$169,394

* = This does not include interest accrued since June 30, 2015.

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
REPLACING SCHOOL DISTRICT VEHICLES CAPITAL RESERVE FUND
December 31, 2015

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$15,844
2013-2014 Operating Transfers In	\$10,000
2013-2014 Interest Earned	\$6
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$25,850
2014-2015 Operating Transfers In	\$10,000
2014-2015 Interest Earned	\$3
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$35,853
2015-2016 Operating Transfers In	\$10,000
Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015*	\$45,853

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND
December 31, 2015

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$65,194
2013-2014 Operating Transfers In	\$10,000
2013-2014 Interest Earned	\$56
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$75,250
2013-2014 Interest Earned	\$64
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$75,314
Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015*	\$75,314

* = This does not include interest accrued after June 30, 2015.

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE TRUST FUND
December 31, 2015

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2010	\$175,867
2010-2011 Operating Transfers In	\$50,000
2010-2011 Interest Earned	\$312
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2011	\$226,179
2011-2012 Interest Earned	\$160
2011-2012 Expenditures	(\$13,735)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2012	\$212,604
2012-2013 Operating Transfers In	\$25,000
2012-2013 Interest Earned	\$162
2012-2013 Expenditures	(\$16,991)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2013	\$220,775
2013-2014 Operating Transfers In	\$50,000
2013-2014 Interest Earned	33
2013-2014 Expenditures	(218,384)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$52,424
2014-2015 Operating Transfers In	\$100,000
2014-2015 Interest Earned	13
2014-2015 Expenditures	(32,843)
Fund Balance as of June 30, 2015	\$119,594
2015-2016 Operating Transfers In	\$100,000
Fund Balance as of December 31, 2015*	\$219,594

* = This does not include interest accrued after June 30, 2015.

CHRONOLOGY OF HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
FUND BALANCE RETAINED – ARTICLE X FUNDS

At the March 2013 School District Meeting, the Community authorized the School District to hold fund balance of up to 2.5% of the District’s net assessments. For the 2014-2015 year, the maximum the District could have retained was \$322,489. As you can see below, the School Board has decided each year to hold aside some of the fund balance to help with future budget impacts.

TAX YEAR	SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND BALANCE	Date School Board authorized withholding
2013	\$150,000	August 20, 2013
2014	\$250,000	July 22, 2014
2015	\$287,000	July 23, 2015

Hopkinton School District Statement of Bonded Debt

Hopkinton School District
Statement of Bonded Debt

The District’s outstanding bonded debt is from the 1997 addition and renovation projects of Maple Street School and Hopkinton Middle/High School, a project totalling \$6,992,000. The original debt was refinanced in May of 2007 and has varying interest rates of 4 to 5% and yearly maturity dates beginning August 1, 2007, and ending August 1, 2017.

Fiscal Year	Rate	Principal	Interest	Debt Total	State Aid	Net Debt Service Cost
2017	4.50%	510,000	37,450	547,450	156,786	390,664
2018	5.00%	540,000	13,500	553,500	156,786	396,714
Totals		\$ 1,050,000	\$ 50,950	\$ 1,100,950	\$ 313,572	\$ 787,378

Hopkinton School District Meeting - Minutes

MINUTES

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING HOPKINTON HIGH SCHOOL, CONTOOCCOOK, N.H.

March 7, 2015

James Newsom, School District Moderator called the Annual Meeting of the Hopkinton School District to order at 9:07a.m.

The Moderator introduced the Flag Bearers.

The Flags were presented by Cub Scout Pack 77 and Boy Scout Troop 77, represented by: Teddy Ehrmantraut, Isaac Swanson, Russell Davis, Jack Reddy, Nathan Windhurst, Cooper Otis, Seamus Quinn, Brandon Ehrmantraut, Riley Swanson and Ian Gillespie.

The Moderator recognized Alicia Cross and David Tilley, who are leaving the school district at the end of the year, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Cross and Mr. Tilley served for a total of 58 years. Also recognized were Michael Pfeffer (23 years of service) and Debra Clark (15 years of service) who could not be at the meeting.

The Moderator introduced Hopkinton Middle School 8th grader - Cassidy Donohoe to sing the National Anthem.

The Moderator introduced Elaine Loft, School District Clerk; Carol McCann, Jean Lightfoot, Ginni Haines, Supervisors of the Checklist, with Bonnie Cressy assisting; Attorney Thomas Barry of Nixon, Riche, Vogelman, Barry, Slawsky and Simoneau, representing the School District.

The Moderator noted childcare services were provided by Hopkinton High School National Honor Society Members.

The Moderator gave his appreciation to David Barnard and the members of the Hopkinton Middle and High School custodial staff for the arrangements and set up for this School District meeting and thanked Steve Lux for his assistance with the sound system.

The Moderator then introduced the Chairman of the Hopkinton School Board, Mr. David Luneau, for the purpose of introducing school administrators and members of the School Board.

David Luneau thanked everyone for coming then introduced the school administration and Board members: Steven Chamberlin, Superintendent; Michelle Clark, Business Administrator; Christopher Kelley, Principal, Hopkinton Middle High School; Rebecca Gagnon, Assistant Principal, Hopkinton Middle High School; Michael Bessette Principal, Maple Street School; William Carozza, Principal, Harold Martin School; Meghan Bamford, Director of Student Services; Matthew Stone, Director of Technology.

David Luneau then introduced members of the School Board: Liz Durant, Vice Chairman; Matthew Cairns, William Chapin, Jr. and Bill Jones.

Also recognized were the Student Representatives to the Board, seniors Simeon Marklin and Joseph Norris. Chairman Luneau thanked them for coming to meetings to share their perspectives and to keep their classmates up to date.

David Luneau also thanked the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator Neal Cass, Police Chief Pecora, Fire Chief Mumford and the many town employees whom the town relies upon for everything from helping the superintendent call a snow day and maintaining fields, to helping the kids of Hopkinton to make good choices.

David Luneau thanked Superintendent Steve Chamberlin, the administration, and the teaching faculty and staff for making Hopkinton's schools among the best in the country and thanked his colleagues in the State Legislature, Senator Dan Feltes and Representatives Mel Myler and Mary Jane Wallner for keeping the Board and administration advised of developments at the state level and for their efforts (our efforts) to ensure the State lives up to its financial responsibility and stops downshifting costs onto local municipalities and school districts. Mr. Luneau also noted the work the legislators had done to assure payment for the use of the town's land for flood control, to provide full adequacy dollars for every full-day Kindergarten student, and for fair allocation of education stabilization funds.

Finally, David Luneau thanked the members of the community for supporting the schools not only with their tax dollars but with the commitment made by hundreds of community volunteers dedicating large amounts of their time, whether to chaperone a field trip, build a new playground, help in a classroom, or excite youngsters through after-school enrichment programs.

Opening Remarks: David Luneau

Our community has always placed a priority on high performance schools. It's the reason many people move to Hopkinton, and live in Hopkinton. Our schools are central to the vibrancy and vitality of the community as witnessed during the annual Celebration of the Arts, the candlelight walk to Shed a Light on Bullying, athletic events, performing arts productions, and a new program called the Entrepreneurship Series.

(First slide: Schools to Community)

Today's new economy runs on new businesses, new products, and new ideas. A year ago, the District launched the "E-Series," which is a series of monthly seminar-style discussions with local entrepreneurs about specific aspects of starting and running a business. Topics include market research, financing, production and sales. So far, more than twenty entrepreneurs have hosted these seminars held in the high school library. Last spring, ten student-led teams competed for \$2,000 in grants to start-up or expand their businesses.

Evan Ruderman was awarded one of the grants funded through the generosity of the Hopkinton Schools Foundation. Joe Norris and Simeon Marklin also won grants for their new companies. The non-profits in our community provide a tremendous boost and enrich the educational experiences for our students, whether through youth sports, the arts, robotics or entrepreneurship. In fact, students have found good paying jobs with new companies following an E-Series event.

The E-Series continues with monthly events over the rest of the school year and wraps up in May with a business plan competition for even more grant money, this time from additional sponsors, including Nate Sanel of National Powersports Distributors and the Concord Chamber of Commerce.

At the candidates' forum last Sunday, several people asked how Hopkinton can attract new businesses and grow its tax base. There's nothing more attractive to business than an educated workforce, infrastructure and access to markets, and the E-Series is part of that. The E-Series is a partnership between the Town and School. With an active Economic Development Advisory Committee, Hopkinton can succeed to attract new businesses.

Connecting schools to community leverages our collective resources and the tremendous interest our community has to enrich the educational experience for us all.

(Second slide: Accomplishments)

Last year, you approved contracts that establish true cost sharing of health insurance premiums, with no employee premium cap, and with a circuit breaker to avoid the "Cadillac Tax" from the Affordable Care Act.

Also last year, with a strong vote, you approved the rollout of Full Day Kindergarten. Hopkinton was not the first, but we were an early mover in New Hampshire to offer Full Day Kindergarten. Not a week goes by that I don't hear from a parent who thanks me for the difference it has made. Don't thank me, thank you.

Last year, you also approved us to look into the consolidation and renovation of our school buildings with the recommendation to consolidate the two elementary schools into a single K-5 facility, and to consider a more up-to-date middle school with grades 6-8 located on the high school campus. The result would remedy the deficiencies cited in our NEASC accreditation report and improve ^{the} efficiencies, accessibility and educational outcomes throughout the District. The superintendent and school board are presently seeking members from the community to bring their experience onto facility sub-committees that will advise the school board during the upcoming design phase of the project.

With recommendation from the superintendent, the Board adopted policies that raise the standards for students and teachers. Students are assessed on competencies - for how much they know about a subject and a passing grade has been raised from a 60 to a 70. For teachers, the goal is magnificent instruction, a high bar that reaches more students, calls for less remediation, and is founded on evidence-based instructional models. Are we going too far? The superintendent and Board don't think so, and we're fortunate to have professional educators who can lead the way.

Over the past year, the Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Education named Maple Street School to the Circle of Excellence for being bold and innovative in order to provide the best educational opportunities possible for our children, and *U.S. News and World Report* ranked Hopkinton as the best high school in New Hampshire. We measure ourselves by outcomes, not accolades, but it's nice to receive this recognition and it does reinforce that we are headed in the right direction.

There's science behind the fact that an active lifestyle improves academic performance. Our students are engaged in a variety of co-curricular activities from an early age, including robotics and youth sports; their test scores are well above state averages.

Nearly every one of our students continues with their education after graduation in some form—what the Superintendent calls “high school plus”—that could mean to serve as a mentor with City Year, or to earn a trade certificate in a high-value area, or to enroll in a degree program at one of our fine community colleges like NHTI or four-year institutions such as MIT, WPI or UNH.

(Third slide: DOE Data)

While these accomplishments reflect well on our school and our community, it might surprise you that these results come at an average cost. Data from the NH DOE shows nearly a third of all school districts in New Hampshire spend more per student than Hopkinton. Of all the statistics, this one factors in the operating costs that drive education—the most significant being the salaries for our employees, all the administrators, teachers, support staff, and our student enrollment.

This data does not factor in costs like transportation, debt service, construction costs, and tuition, but it allows us to compare our costs of operations with that of all the other school districts in the State. It captures the big picture better than just student-teacher ratios, or just class sizes, or just teacher salaries, because it factors all of that in. At the end of the day, in terms of per pupil cost, it looks pretty average.

That's in large part due to how we cooperate with the Town to build our budgets. We're fortunate to have a Town and School District that share the same footprint. It makes it easy to cooperate, to share information, and to look for ways that make both operations more efficient and effective. We're both aware of the challenges to provide quality education, safe bridges, maintained roads, public safety, human services and a manageable tax burden on our citizens.

It's the close relationships we have between the School District and Select Board members, and our Superintendent and Town Administrator, that help us see the big picture and build budgets that, together, we feel represent your interests and are right for our community.

They are not perfect in anyone's eyes, we know that. We're all different, with different situations and different needs, but we share an interest in our community.

You, the members of this legislative body, ultimately have to decide what is right. We appreciate you taking the time this morning and over the next week to be a part of this democratic process.

(Fourth slide: School Board and Budget Committee Meetings)

Our budget process begins in September and October, nearly 20 months before some dollars in the budget will ever be used.

In early December, the Superintendent presented his budget to the School Board. In a series of school board meetings, we discussed what was necessary to meet district goals and the objectives in each of our schools. Every district in the state, save Bedford and Dover, has seen a decline in

enrollment. As a result, our state education grant has been cut by \$141k and we have reduced teacher positions by two full-time faculty. Working together, we made targeted cuts to further reduce the Superintendent's proposed budget by \$53k while maintaining educational priorities.

During several budget committee meetings in January, the administration, Board and budget committee worked collaboratively to reduce the budget by another \$35k and contain the tax impact with use of \$370k in anticipated surplus from this school year and \$125k from rate stabilization and capital reserve funds.

Following the public hearing in February, we are here today to present the budget and contracts agreed to by the School Board and supported unanimously by the Budget Committee.

(Fifth slide: Overview)

So here's what's coming up:

The Operating Budget is largely driven by salaries, health insurance and retirement system costs. It also factors in staffing responsive to lower enrollment into grades one and three.

There are appropriations to building maintenance and vehicle capital reserve accounts from this year's surplus.

The balance of the surplus along with money from Capital Reserve and stabilization funds comes forward to reduce the tax burden.

All-in-all, we are looking at a tax rate impact of \$0.26. The School Board and Budget Committee are in agreement and approve of each article.

We recognize the impact the economy continues to have on members of our community, but feel we are providing the right balance to meet the needs of our students, the priority our community places on education, and our ability to support education with local tax dollars.

We understand that next week the Town will propose a budget with significant new costs for road and bridge repairs, on top of recent construction projects. Roads and bridges are important to us too. We are in this together and we developed these budgets together.

So as we discuss and deliberate and vote today please remember that we're delivering an excellent education for an average cost. The proposals coming forward today let us continue to do that.

We hope you will agree and look forward to answering your questions during the meeting. Thank you for your continued support.

David Luneau called the Moderator, James Newsom, to the podium. The Moderator explained the parliamentary procedures for the meeting. In the interest of time, the school board members would be reading the Articles from their seats rather than coming to the podium.

The Moderator then recognized David Luneau for the purpose of moving Article I, seconded by Liz Durant, as follows:

ARTICLE I: To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees, and officers chosen or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Seeing no comment, the Moderator called for the vote.

Article I passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Dave Luneau for the purpose of moving Article II, seconded by Bill Jones, as follows:

ARTICLE II: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, the Budget Committee's recommended amount of Eighteen million, six hundred six thousand, six hundred and thirty-one dollars (18, 606, 631) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The Hopkinton School Board recommends this amount. This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles.

The Moderator noted he had been presented with an Amendment to Article II. Mr. Luneau asked if he could first offer an explanation of the budget. The Moderator asked Mr. Luneau to proceed.

Chairman Luneau's comments regarding Article II:

The Operating Budget covers the costs of everything we do, from educating students, to paying employees, to providing transportation, to drama production and athletics, to facility maintenance.

So what's in it? As you know, most of it is personnel costs. It has contractual wages/benefits for teachers, support staff and custodians based on their contracts already approved by voters. Teachers are in the first year of a four-year contract. Support staff are in the second year of a three-year contract, and custodians are in the first year of a two-year contract. The non-union salary adjustment and merit pool of 3% provides the Superintendent with the ability to reward performance and adjust salaries to market as appropriate.

This year we reduced staff by 1.5 teachers at the middle/high school, eliminated a classroom teacher in second grade, and restored a classroom teacher in sixth grade commensurate with enrollment. For next year, we plan to reduce classroom sections in first and third grade and support staff for student-specific needs and a tech integrator.

The leading budget drivers are listed here (health insurance, salaries and employment, retirement, broadband services and electricity) and are broken into more detail on page 249 of the (Hopkinton) Town Report. The top three are not surprisingly related to personnel.

The total budget increase comes in well below the estimated FY16 cost from the teacher contract approved last year: that's due to the reduction of two full-time teachers.

The increase in retirement system costs is a result of the State's actuarial increase of the employee share to make up for the system's unfunded liability.

The Moderator announced that Article II was open for discussion.

The Moderator then noted he had been presented with a written amendment, brought forth by Jeanne Prewitt (Peaked Hill Drive) and signed by six registered voters.

Amendment: "I would like to amend Article II to read \$18, 443,769. This would decrease the budget to the same total amount as was voted upon a year ago, decreasing the budget originally put forth in Article II by \$162,862."

The Moderator recognized Ms. Prewitt, who read a prepared statement in favor of the amendment.

After Ms. Prewitt spoke, the Moderator entertained questions from the audience.

Arnold Coda (400 Gould Hill Road) asked if the original article should be addressed before the amended article.

The Moderator said he would allow discussion of both the Article and the amendment.

Arnold Coda then asked the Board about the increase in health insurance costs, referring to the third slide in Chairman Luneau's presentation, which indicated health insurance, would be increasing by \$101K. He asked what was bringing about the increase. Superintendent Chamberlin replied that claims drive up the cost of health insurance and also noted if the District had not made changes in the plan, the costs would have been even higher. Chairman Luneau added that the increase of 5.6% is shared by the District and the employees: if this cost was not shared, the District would bear the entire cost.

David Lancaster (250 Park Avenue) spoke, citing information about position cuts and savings he had gleaned ahead of the meeting from Michelle Clark (Business Administrator). Mr. Lancaster asked Superintendent Chamberlin how much savings would be gained from cutting 3.5 positions. Mr. Chamberlin replied approximately \$200K. Mr. Lancaster then asked how much salary would be added by newly created positions: Superintendent Chamberlin said about \$200K. Mr. Lancaster asked for clarification about benefits and the total increase in healthcare for the new employees: Superintendent Chamberlin replied about \$2.1MM for healthcare. Mr. Lancaster asked for the total expenditure for retirement: Mr. Chamberlin said \$1.2MM. Mr. Lancaster gave statistics for student population, noting the peak was in 2006-2007, noting that the District was losing about 22 students per year. Chairman Luneau responded with "back of the napkin" information to Mr. Lancaster's questions, noting contracts/increases which had been approved the previous year.

Renee Carey (Clement Hill Road) thanked the Budget Committee for their work, and then asked where the Hopkinton school tax rate ranked on a state-wide basis. Chairman Luneau replied that the tax burden on Hopkinton, compared to other communities, was well below the highest rates in the state; he cited information the state representatives (himself included) had gathered from the N.H. Center for Public Policy Study. Mr. Luneau went on to further discuss the numbers, noting it is hard to decipher when a tax rate becomes a "burden." Renee Carey said she had been looking at 2013 data, which indicated Hopkinton had the highest education tax rate in the state. Ms. Carey then went on to ask if the school board would consider making class sizes larger, noting the overall effect would not be negative. Finally, Ms. Carey asked the school board to think about charging fees to students, proposing that students could be charged an annual amount to park their cars in the high school lot or the athletic fee could be raised. She concluded by voicing her support for the amendment to Article II.

Frank Davis (Clement Hill Road) asked how many people were employed by the school district, noting the number seemed to be increasing every year. Superintendent Chamberlin replied that there were currently 188.62FTE school district employees. Mr. Davis asked how many people were employed the previous year. Mr. Chamberlin replied 192, but noted that staffing is fluid and is driven both by student need and regulations set forth by the Department of Labor. Mr. Davis asked for further details, which Mr. Chamberlin provided, noting the number of class sections was being reduced from four to three, based on the size of the population. Mr. Davis then spoke about the size of Hopkinton schools compared to larger school districts (Manchester, Portsmouth) and stated that those districts had lower tax rates. He expressed concerns that the Hopkinton tax rate would continue to increase.

Michael Foley (Willoughby Road) reacted to one of the comments made about special education and how costs rise due to student needs. He stated that he did not want the special needs issue to take away from the budget allotted to other students.

Emily Saunders (Hopkinton Road) called for a point of order, asking if there was a second on the amendment to Article II.

The Moderator called for a second; which was offered by Tom Congoran (Holmes Road).

Jody Russell (68 Brookwood Lane) spoke in favor of the amendment. She talked about how she moved to Hopkinton because of the good school district; she would not make the same decision again; there are a lot of good districts in the state with a lower tax rate; she listed other school district information. Ms. Russell wondered why the number of students was down and what the school district could do to make the schools more efficient.

Bob Gerseny (111 Sugar Hill Road) spoke in opposition to the amendment and in favor of the budget. He asked if the Budget Committee recommended the budget as set forth by the School Board. Mr. Luneau confirmed the Budget Committee affirmed the Board's proposal. Mr. Gerseny then reminded the audience how the school budget is prepared, noting that the budget which had come to the School District meeting had been thoroughly vetted and the Hopkinton School District budget could not be compared to other communities without knowing other factors (e.g. their tax base). He noted the community had decided to improve the school district,

to make it more competitive, and the community had succeeded. He then asked the assembly to honor the Budget Committee and the School Board who had worked so hard to bring forth a fair budget.

Laura Morgan (Barton Corner Road) said she felt that money should be spent in the classroom, not on administrators. She asked the audience to consider looking at the administrative side of the budget, where the costs were in excess of \$1.7MM, if they wanted to cut costs.

David Lancaster (250 Park Avenue), in reply to a previous speaker (Michael Foley), referred to Page 219 of the Hopkinton Town Report for information about the Special Education Expendable Trust Fund.

Kevin Flynn (Roberts Road) said that he was against Article II; he did not want his kids to just "get by." He spoke in favor of maintaining the quality of Hopkinton schools.

Mel Myler (25 School Street) asked the School Board what kind of cuts would have to be made to the budget if the amendment to Article II passed. David Luneau said he had spoken ahead of time with Superintendent Chamberlin and the cut of \$162K would affect both programs and teaching faculty. Superintendent Chamberlin then spoke, saying the Board had spent a significant amount of time analyzing the budget, and then he elaborated, saying the cuts would affect both infrastructure and staffing. Mr. Chamberlin gave a detailed break-down of the how a reduction would affect each portion of the budget, pointing out that reductions in this manner would also lead to certain risks as the administration of schools is highly regulated.

David Feller (Clement Hill Road) asked how many courses were offered for college credit. Superintendent Chamberlin replied there were 8-9 advanced placement courses on campus and 3-4 additional courses through Project Running Start. In total, there were ten to eleven courses. Mr. Feller further inquired whether there were any classes with less than ten students. Mr. Chamberlin said there were three classes with less than ten students and he then gave details of the courses offered and those who were currently taking those courses.

Peter Yunich (Gould Hill Road) noted the issue of class size has been discussed and asked if the school district had ever done an analysis regarding the effects of increasing class size. Superintendent Chamberlin replied, talking about how the number of classes had already been reduced in response to the reduced number of students in some grade levels. Mr. Yunich made further comments about the effects on raised taxes on the citizens of Hopkinton.

Roger Turcotte (South Shore Drive) noted there had been a re-evaluation of property taxes in the last year, and also the town had opted (in the past) to place a lot of land under conservation easement. Both of these are town issues, not school issues, but they affect the tax rate. He voiced his support for Article II.

Arnold Coda (Gould Hill Road) noted a previous speaker had implied that if the full budget did not go forth, the quality of the schools would suffer. Mr. Coda felt this was a qualitative statement. He concluded that one criterion for judging the quality of education is how many of the graduating students go on to further their education. Mr. Coda asked the School Board if

there would be a decline in the quality of education in Hopkinton if the amendment to Article II passed. Chairman Luneau concurred the quality of education is subjective, but a \$162K decrease would certainly have a major impact on the budget. School Board member Bill Chapin added that the School Board had also been discussing the topic of the meaning of a quality education; other citizens (including Don Houston) had also been asking this question at numerous School Board meetings. Mr. Coda asked a further question regarding a previous speaker's inquiry about following the trajectory of students once they graduated from Hopkinton High School. Superintendent Chamberlin said the District does not currently track students post-graduation, but the state will soon be instituting a program that charts the path of New Hampshire students through post-secondary education.

Jody Russell (Brookwood Drive) responded to prior speakers and comments made about the comparison of tax rate. She then asked questions about programs listed on Pages 239-240 in the Hopkinton Town Report. Specifically, she wanted to know why the cost of vocational programs had increased. Superintendent Chamberlin said in the past there had been a grant to cover the cost of transportation of the students to the Concord Regional Tech Center; Hopkinton currently shares transportation with Kearsarge Regional School District. The amount of transportation costs changes depending upon the number of students in the program. Ms. Russell then asked about fund transfers to Other Special Revenue. Mr. Chamberlin replied that when the school district accepts federal money the budget reflects how expenses are offset with revenue, and gave examples.

Jayne Schoch (Pine Street) talked about ascertaining how to quantify an adequate public education. She referred to advanced placement classes and suggested that the parents of students who take advanced classes could pay an additional fee, as advanced placement classes exceed the definition of an "average" education. Chairman Luneau replied that there are fees in place for families of students who take advance placement and college credit courses.

Larry Donohue (Gould Hill) commented on previous speakers, explaining how the "average cost per student" is determined, concluding that Hopkinton's costs are above average, but not prohibitive. Mr. Donohue felt that the District provides an excellent education for an average cost.

Seth Aframe (Watchtower Road) asked for clarification of the tax impact of the school budget: Chairman Luneau replied \$0.26 per thousand.

Seeing no further comment, the Moderator called for a ballot vote on the amendment to Article II, as requested by written petition by David Young, June Young, Jeanne Previtt, Anne Sayce, Stephen Waters and Jane Waters.

The Moderator reported the results of the ballot vote on the amendment to Article II:

Yes: 118 No: 123

The amendment to Article II failed.

The Moderator then called for a written Ballot, as requested, on Article II.

The Moderator reported the results of the ballot vote on Article II:

Yes: 152 No: 78

Article II passed on a ballot vote.

Bill Jones made a motion to restrict consideration of Article II, seconded by David Luneau. The motion to restrict consideration passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Matt Cairns for the purpose of moving Article III, second by Bill Chapin, as follows:

Mr. Cairns first thanked everyone for their thoughtful comments and then invited people to attend School Board meetings in the future. He then noted that only four people came to School Board meeting in the past year.

ARTICLE III: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be added to the School Building Repair and Maintenance trust Fund, established March 6, 1993, and authorize the School Board to transfer up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2015, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Hopkinton School Board recommends this article.) (The Hopkinton Budget Committee recommends this article).

Matt Cairns, School Board Member, spoke to the article.

The District has \$20MM in facility assets: each year money is put into savings to reduce the tax impact of replacing capital equipment. Significant projects in FY16 included:

- Replacement of a heating system component at the middle/high school (approx. \$30K)
- Replacement of some carpeted floor sections (approx. \$20K)

The Board did not actually raise and appropriate new money for (these projects) as it was funded from this year's anticipated surplus. If this Article (Article III) does not pass, the \$100K amount from the surplus could be used to reduce the tax rate by \$0.16.

Arnold Coda (Gould Hill Road) noted that in past years the Article (for the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund) has had no tax impact. He asked why this year there was a tax impact. Chairman Luneau replied that if money is not moved from the surplus, then there is a tax impact. However, there is no, net, tax impact. Mr. Luneau noted the Board merely changed the way the tax impact was shown in the budget.

Seeing no further comment, the Moderator called for a vote.

Article III passed on a voice vote.

Bill Jones made a motion to restrict reconsideration; his motion was seconded by Matt Cairns and passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Liz Durant for the purpose of moving Article IV, seconded by Bill Chapin.

ARTICLE IV: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) to be added to the Replacing School District Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, established March 6, 2010, and authorize the school board to transfer up to Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2014, or to take any other action in relation thereto. (The Hopkinton School Board recommends this article). (The Hopkinton Budget Committee recommends this article).

The Moderator recognized Liz Durant to speak about Article IV.

“The Vehicle Capital Reserve Account has a current fund balance of approximately \$36K: \$10K will be added from this year-end surplus. Vehicles are replaced in a timely fashion and to meet student needs. This year the tax impact will be \$0.02/1000.

We try to build some savings so we have the money when it is time to replace district-owned vehicles. The district owns a maintenance van and two small yellow busses, called the “Twinkies.” Student transportation from school to home and to most athletic events is provided under contract with First Student. The district does not own large busses.

We anticipate our need to replace a 14-passenger “Twinkie” in two years at the cost of approximately \$46K. We don’t actually raise and appropriate new money for this as it is funded from this year’s anticipated surplus. If this Article does not pass, the \$11K amount from the surplus could be used to reduce the tax rate by \$0.02.”

Seeing no comments, the Moderator brought Article IV to a vote.

Article IV passed on a voice vote.

Bill Jones made a motion to restrict reconsideration on Article IV; his motion was seconded by Bill Chapin and passed on a voice vote.

The Moderator recognized Bill Chapin for the purpose of moving Article V, seconded by Matt Cairns, as follows:

ARTICLE V: To transact any other Business that may legally come before said meeting.

David Lancaster (250 Park Avenue) gave a report (based on information provided by the Ballot Clerks) on attendance at the meeting. He stated there were 4581 registered voters in the Town of Hopkinton. The number of voters at the meeting was 259, which represented 5.7% of the population.

Rich Houston (790 Main Street) asked about the current status of the scholarship tuition program. David Luneau replied there were currently no students in the scholarship tuition program. He further stated there had been some very preliminary discussions about how to tuition other students into Hopkinton: Superintendent Chamberlin receives several inquiries throughout the year.

Rich Houston then asked about shrinking enrollment and how many teachers were expected to be needed in the near future. Superintendent Chamberlin replied the district was looking into reducing the number of sections in the lower grades to three, instead of four. He anticipated a 15-20% reduction in teaching staff, but it would be a very gradual reduction. Mr. Houston asked the superintendent when he thought the district would reach 600 students. Superintendent Chamberlin said it would be hard to predict, as people were constantly moving into and out of town.

Steve Adams (691 Kearsarge Avenue) said that he had no idea who was running for School Board and the other offices. He suggested that in the future it would be helpful to include those names in the Town Report. David Luneau replied that he thought it was a great idea to include the list of candidates in the Town Report; he said he would look into it. He also noted there was a sample ballot available online.

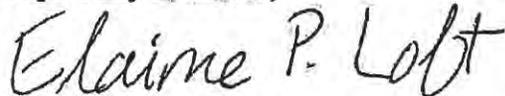
The Moderator noted the place of voting on Tuesday, March 10, would be the middle/high school gym (there was a misprint in the Town Report).

Dale Warner (Old Warner Road) asked why there is a different way of limiting reconsideration for the Town and School District meetings. The Moderator clarified the ruling on limiting reconsideration.

David Luneau again thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He also thanked Brenda Vincent (for meeting set up), Elaine Loft (for taking dutiful minutes), and James Newsom (for his first stint as Moderator).

The Moderator asked if there was any further discussion on Article V. Seeing no discussion the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn, the motion was made and seconded; the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine P. Loft
School District Clerk

School: Hopkinton Local School
New Hampshire
Warrant and Budget
2016

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton Local School in the County of Merrimack in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: March 5, 2016

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Hopkinton Middle/High School 297 Park Avenue Contoocook, NH 03229

Details: Gymnasium

Article 1: To hear reports

To hear reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers chosen or to take any other action in relation thereto.

Yes No

Article 2: Operating Budget

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee's recommended amount of Eighteen million five hundred eighty thousand one hundred nine dollars (\$18,580,109) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The Hopkinton School Board recommends Eighteen million five hundred eighty-seven thousand one hundred nine dollars (\$18,587,109). This article does not include appropriations voted in other warrant articles. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 3: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hopkinton School Board and the Hopkinton Educational Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2016-2017	\$72,458
2017-2018	\$39,103
2018-2019	\$42,854

and further to raise and appropriate Seventy-two thousand, four hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$72,458) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 4: Special Meeting if Article 3 fails

Shall the School District, if Warrant Article #3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #3 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 5: Teamsters Contract

To see if the School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hopkinton School Board and the Teamsters Local No. 633 of New Hampshire which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2016-2017	\$14,175
2017-2018	\$11,284

and further to raise and appropriate Fourteen thousand one hundred seventy-five (\$14,175) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 6: Special Meeting if Article 5 fails

Shall the School District, if Warrant Article #5 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Warrant Article #5 cost items only? (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 7: School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund, established March 6, 1993, and authorize the School Board to transfer up to Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2016, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The Hopkinton School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 8: School District Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the Replacing School District Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund, established March 6, 2010, and authorize the school board to transfer up to Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) from the year end undesignated fund balance (surplus) available on June 30, 2016, or to take any other action in relation thereto. The Hopkinton School Board recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

Yes No

Article 9: Transact any other business

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

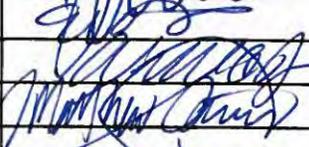
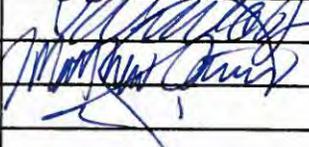
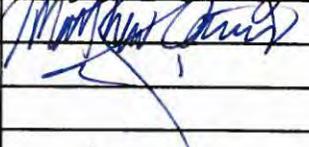
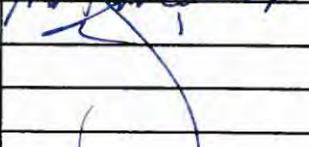
Yes No

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
WARRANT TO ELECT SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

FURTHER: You are hereby notified to meet at the Hopkinton Middle/High School on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2016, with the polls open at 7:00 a.m. and remaining open continually until 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

To choose by nonpartisan ballot, the following School District Officers.

- a. 1 School Board Member 3 Year Term
- b. 1 Moderator 1 Year Term
- d. 1 Clerk 1 Year Term
- e. 1 Treasurer 1 Year Term

Given under our hands,		
We certify and attest that on or before, we posted a true and attested copy of the within Warrant at the place of meeting, and like copies at SAU Office, 204 Maple Street, and delivered the original to the School District Clerk.		
Printed Name	Position	Signature
David J. Luneau	School Board Chairperson	
Elizabeth T. Durant	School Board Vice Chairperson	
William A. Jones	School Board Member	
R. Matthew Cairns	School Board Member	
William Chapin Jr.	School Board Member	



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School Budget Form: Hopkinton Local School

FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24
Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017
Form Due Date: 20 days after the meeting

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE SCHOOL WARRANT

This form was posted with the warrant on: 2-10-2016

For assistance please contact the NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
P: (603) 230-5090 F: (603) 230-5947 <http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

School Budget Committee Members	
Printed Name	Signature
Kenneth E. Tramm	<i>[Signature]</i>
WILLIAM D CHARIN JR	<i>[Signature]</i>
Richard C. Houston	Richard C. Houston
Richard H. Brown	<i>[Signature]</i>
JUST KRZYZANIAK	<i>[Signature]</i>
Don Houston	<i>[Signature]</i>
Deborah Norris	<i>[Signature]</i>

A copy of this signature page must be signed and submitted to the NH DRA at the following address:

Amy Bogart
Debra Wieda
NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL AND PROPERTY DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
Instruction								
1100-1199	Regular Programs	2	\$7,094,533	\$7,268,868	\$7,160,039	\$108,829	\$7,160,039	\$0
1200-1299	Special Programs	2	\$2,695,551	\$2,810,120	\$2,954,179	\$0	\$2,954,179	\$0
1300-1399	Vocational Programs	2	\$38,412	\$28,000	\$28,000	\$0	\$28,000	\$0
1400-1499	Other Programs	2	\$350,410	\$397,319	\$415,166	\$0	\$408,166	\$7,000
1500-1599	Non-Public Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1600-1699	Adult/Continuing Education Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1700-1799	Community/Junior College Education Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1800-1899	Community Service Programs	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Support Services								
2000-2199	Student Support Services	2	\$1,336,150	\$1,446,637	\$1,423,551	\$0	\$1,423,551	\$0
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	2	\$907,428	\$859,784	\$760,898	\$24,357	\$760,898	\$0
General Administration								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310 (840)	School Board Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2310-2319	Other School Board	2	\$37,875	\$49,707	\$49,943	\$0	\$49,943	\$0
Executive Administration								
2320 (310)	SAU Management Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2320-2399	All Other Administration	2	\$534,470	\$616,844	\$651,957	\$0	\$651,957	\$0
2400-2499	School Administration Service	2	\$833,403	\$851,757	\$849,492	\$700	\$849,492	\$0
2500-2599	Business	2	\$325,364	\$268,747	\$303,107	\$0	\$303,107	\$0
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	2	\$1,286,672	\$1,246,922	\$1,199,599	\$74,273	\$1,199,599	\$0
2700-2799	Student Transportation	2	\$695,337	\$743,905	\$763,794	\$7,001	\$763,794	\$0
2800-2999	Support Service, Central and Other	2	\$0	\$273,214	\$283,827	\$5,151	\$283,827	\$0
Non-Instructional Services								
3100	Food Service Operations	2	\$373,332	\$407,310	\$407,310	\$0	\$407,310	\$0
3200	Enterprise Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction								
4100	Site Acquisition		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4200	Site Improvement	2	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$27,340	\$0	\$0
4300	Architectural/Engineering	2	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0
4400	Educational Specification Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4500	Building Acquisition/Construction		\$53,460	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4600	Building Improvement Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Description	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	
4900	Other Facilities Acquisition and Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Other Outlays									
5110	Debt Service - Principal	2	\$465,000	\$490,000	\$510,000	\$0	\$510,000	\$0	
5120	Debt Service - Interest	2	\$78,800	\$58,700	\$37,450	\$0	\$37,450	\$0	
Fund Transfers									
5220-5221	To Food Service	2	\$123,169	\$1	\$1	\$0	\$1	\$0	
5222-5229	To Other Special Revenue	2	\$580,298	\$788,795	\$788,795	\$0	\$788,795	\$0	
5230-5239	To Capital Projects		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5254	To Agency Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
5300-5399	Intergovernmental Agency Allocation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9990	Supplemental Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
9992	Deficit Appropriation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Total Proposed Appropriations				\$17,809,664	\$18,506,631	\$18,587,109	\$247,651	\$18,580,109	\$7,000

Special Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
5252	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5253	To Non-Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	7	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$50,000	\$0
	Purpose: School Building Repair and Maintenance Trust Fund							
5251	To Capital Reserve Fund	8	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
	Purpose: School District Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund							
Special Articles Recommended:					\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$60,000

Individual Warrant Articles

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Current Year as Approved by DRA	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	School Board's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations Enacting FY (Not Recommended)
1100-1199	Regular Programs	3	\$0	\$0	\$2,880	\$0	\$2,880	\$0
	Purpose: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract							
1200-1299	Special Programs	3	\$0	\$0	\$55,372	\$0	\$55,372	\$0
	Purpose: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract							
2000-2199	Student Support Services	3	\$0	\$0	\$1,094	\$0	\$1,094	\$0
	Purpose: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract							
2200-2299	Instructional Staff Services	3	\$0	\$0	\$3,103	\$0	\$3,103	\$0
	Purpose: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract							
2400-2499	School Administration Service	3	\$0	\$0	\$3,520	\$0	\$3,520	\$0
	Purpose: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract							
2600-2699	Plant Operations and Maintenance	5	\$0	\$0	\$14,175	\$0	\$14,175	\$0
	Purpose: Teamsters Contract							
3100	Food Service Operations	3	\$0	\$0	\$6,489	\$0	\$6,489	\$0
	Purpose: Hopkinton Education Support Staff Contract							
Individual Articles Recommended:					\$0	\$86,633	\$0	\$86,633

Revenues

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Revised Revenue Current Year	School Board's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
Local Sources					
1300-1349	Tuition	2	\$47,000	\$41,200	\$41,200
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	2	\$250	\$250	\$250
1600-1699	Food Service Sales	2	\$329,309	\$329,309	\$329,309
1700-1799	Student Activities	2	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
1800-1899	Community Service Activities	2	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
1900-1999	Other Local Sources	2	\$177,349	\$58,795	\$58,795
State Sources					
3210	School Building Aid	2	\$156,786	\$156,786	\$156,786
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Kindergarten Aid		\$0	\$0	\$0
3230	Catastrophic Aid	2	\$54,000	\$84,000	\$84,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid		\$4,000	\$0	\$0
3250	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3260	Child Nutrition	2	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
3270	Driver Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
3290-3299	Other State Sources	2	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000
Federal Sources					
4100-4539	Federal Program Grants	2	\$511,000	\$511,000	\$511,000
4540	Vocational Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4550	Adult Education		\$0	\$0	\$0
4560	Child Nutrition	2	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
4570	Disabilities Programs	2	\$239,000	\$239,000	\$239,000
4580	Medicaid Distribution	2	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
4590-4999	Other Federal Sources (non-4810)		\$0	\$0	\$0
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds or Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5140	Reimbursement Anticipation Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
5221	Transfer from Food Service Special Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
5222	Transfer from Other Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0

Account Code	Purpose of Appropriation	Warrant Article #	Revised Revenues Current Year	School Board's Estimated Revenues	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds	2	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	7, 8	\$110,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	2	\$470,376	\$520,376	\$520,376
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$2,403,570	\$2,334,216	\$2,334,216

Budget Summary

Item	Current Year	School Board Enacting Year	Budget Committee Enacting Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	\$18,606,631	\$18,587,109	\$18,580,109
Special Warrant Articles Recommended	\$110,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	\$0	\$86,633	\$86,633
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$18,716,631	\$18,733,742	\$18,726,742
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,416,944	\$2,334,216	\$2,334,216
Estimated Amount of State Education Tax/Grant		\$3,329,066	\$3,329,066
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised for Education		\$13,070,460	\$13,063,460

Budget Committee Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$18,726,742
Less Exclusions:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$510,000
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$37,450
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions <i>(Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above)</i>	\$547,450
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$18,179,292
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions <i>(Line 7 x 10%)</i>	\$1,817,929

Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$86,633
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$86,633
11. Amount voted over recommended amount <i>(Difference of Lines 9 and 10)</i>	\$0

12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
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Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted At Meeting: <i>(Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)</i>	\$20,544,671
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2016-2017
School District
Operational Budget



BOARD MEMBERS:

David J. Luneau, Chairperson
Elizabeth T. Durant, Vice Chairperson
William A. Jones
R. Matthew Cairns
William Chapin Jr.

Felicia Gordon, Student Representative
Lilly Scammon, Student Representative

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION:

Steven M. Chamberlin, Superintendent
Michelle R. Clark, Business Administrator
Meghan F. Bamford, Director of Student Services
Matthew Stone, Director of Technology
William Carozza, Harold Martin School Principal
Michael Bessette, Maple Street School Principal
Christopher Kelley, Hopkinton Middle/High School Principal
Rebecca Gagnon, Hopkinton Middle/High School Assistant Principal

Hopkinton School District
Revenues

REVENUE SOURCES	2011/2012 ACTUAL	2012/2013 ACTUAL	2013/2014 ACTUAL	2014/2015 ACTUAL	2015/16 MS24	2016/17 MS27	Variance
REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES							
Tuition	\$ 42,763.00	\$ 101,036.07	\$ 103,029.16	\$ 61,284.84	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 41,200.00	\$ (6,800)
Interest Earnings	4,473.00	481.99	167.63	228.65	250.00	250.00	-
Food Service Sales & Transfers into FS	302,312.00	289,869.49	285,394.20	293,758.52	329,508.00	329,508.00	-
Student Activities	39,237.00	38,088.67	32,156.43	30,308.38	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
Other Local Sources (rent, drivers ed etc)	97,786.00	4,970.35	24,111.56	4,970.35	21,500.00	21,500.00	-
Fund 8 Grants and Donations	48,130.15	64,438.59	62,380.29	184,240.01	38,785.00	38,785.00	-
Refund from Healthtrust for Health, Dental and Property Liability		280,311.67	182,747.67		118,854.00		(118,554)
REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES							
School Building Aid	141,126.00	147,125.73	143,285.72	149,285.73	156,785.00	156,785.00	-
Catastrophic Aid	3,618.00	3,061.24	73,669.17	64,870.10	54,000.00	54,000.00	30,000
Child Nutrition Food Service	4,000.00		4,219.50	3,246.15	3,000.00	3,000.00	-
Vocational Education	4,698.00		4,034.00	5,087.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
Other State Aid	3,683.00	2,430.85	20,568.41	3,763.86			-
REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES							
Federal Program Grants	150,089.00	74,127.67	137,266.53	119,237.06	511,000.00	511,000.00	-
Disables Programs (IDEA, PRESCH)	226,886.00	204,879.98	194,525.03	201,522.92	239,000.00	239,000.00	-
Other Federal Sources (Child Nutrition)	28,039.00	85,343.38	70,724.86	75,343.66	75,000.00	75,000.00	-
Medicaid Reimbursement	88,680.00	141,105.84	208,669.80	211,056.56	208,000.00	208,000.00	-
Medicare Reimbursement	19,115.00	28,934.06	2,447.64				-
Other		469.72					-
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES							
Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds				417.42		25,000.00	25,000
Transfers from Title III - Math and Science Grant							
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,197,773.15	\$ 1,184,418.00	\$ 1,633,922.71	\$ 1,561,482.50	\$ 1,923,194.00	\$ 1,753,940.00	\$ (89,354)
State Adequate Education Grant	\$ 2,085,888.00	\$ 2,087,695.00	\$ 1,959,895.27	\$ 1,989,894.30	\$ 1,927,091.42	\$ 1,853,389.48	\$ (73,862)
State Property Tax	\$ 1,516,831.00	\$ 1,580,949.00	\$ 1,546,201.00	\$ 1,478,183.00	\$ 1,475,667.00	\$ 1,475,667.00	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 4,799,492.15	\$ 4,863,062.00	\$ 3,595,668.27	\$ 3,411,987.20	\$ 3,402,758.42	\$ 3,229,066.48	\$ (73,892)
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS PER MS22 (APPROVED BY VOTE)	\$ 16,674,546	\$ 17,202,668	\$ 17,828,194	\$ 18,564,769	\$ 18,716,631	\$ 18,733,742	\$ 17,111
Less Transfer to Expendable Trust Funds	50,000.00	50,000.00	70,000.00	131,000.00	110,000.00	50,000.00	(50,000)
Less Fund Balance To Reduce Taxes	289,553.00	292,948.00	328,909.00	369,809.00	470,378.00	420,378.00	(50,000)
ESTIMATED amount to be Raised Locally	\$ 11,108,478.00	\$ 11,637,336.00	\$ 12,163,635.00	\$ 12,862,749.00	\$ 12,910,302.58	\$ 13,070,459.52	\$ 160,157
Rate Stabilization Fund - Article X funds			150,000.00	250,000.00	287,000.00	237,000.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATE TAX RATE IMPACT							
Valuation	\$ 647,051,785.00	\$ 654,707,728.00	\$ 666,272,605.00	\$ 609,948,415.00	\$ 609,948,415.00	\$ 609,948,415.00	\$ -
Assessment	\$ 11,108,478.00	\$ 11,637,336.00	\$ 12,163,635.00	\$ 12,862,749.00	\$ 12,910,302.58	\$ 13,070,459.52	\$ 160,157
Local Tax Rate	17.17	17.77	18.53	21.09	21.17	21.43	0.26
Valuation	\$ 824,175,895	\$ 831,831,828	\$ 833,689,000	\$ 582,065,615	\$ 582,065,615	\$ 582,065,615	\$ -
Assessment	\$ 1,515,831.00	\$ 1,580,949.00	\$ 1,546,201.00	\$ 1,478,183.00	\$ 1,475,667.00	\$ 1,475,667.00	\$ -
State Tax Rate	2.43	2.52	2.44	2.54	2.54	2.54	-
TOTAL TAX	\$ 19.60	\$ 20.29	\$ 20.97	\$ 23.63	\$ 23.70	\$ 23.96	\$ 0.26

**HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET
SUMMARY BY BUDGET COMPONENTS**

This table provides an overview of the basic budgetary components contained within each of the department level budgets presented in this budget document, exclusive of warrant articles. Budget components include: Salaries; Benefits; Professional Services; Property Services; Other Services; Supplies and Materials; Property; Other Items.

Summary by Budget Component	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease	% Chg
Salaries	\$ 9,027,165	\$ 9,259,382	\$ 9,724,721	\$9,608,557	\$ 9,791,383	\$ 9,671,198	(120,185)	(1.23%)
Benefits	3,709,992	3,897,607	4,290,795	4,107,855	4,501,444	4,446,501	(54,943)	(1.22%)
Professional Services	282,262	260,108	379,050	326,827	348,769	489,927	141,158	40.47%
Property Services	215,812	222,681	245,411	216,520	228,180	190,385	(37,795)	(16.56%)
Other- I.e.: Transportation, Tuition, Printing	939,091	1,035,358	1,219,942	1,041,257	1,185,158	1,232,525	47,367	4.00%
Supplies, Books & Materials	582,416	611,728	661,094	617,786	635,735	633,369	(2,366)	(0.37%)
New/Replace Equipment	146,709	197,117	182,850	270,263	171,156	179,648	8,492	4.96%
Debt Service & GF Supplement to Food Service and Other Funds (AIR)	644,486	660,233	543,801	669,253	548,701	547,451	(1,250)	(0.22%)
Other Funds (Offset by Revenues)	705,486	748,833	1,196,105	951,346	1,196,105	1,196,105	-	-
Total	\$ 16,253,419	\$ 16,893,047	\$ 18,443,769	\$ 17,809,664	\$ 18,606,631	\$ 18,587,109	(\$ 19,522)	(0.10%)

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase(Decrease)
2012-13					
189.52	185.12	192.10	189.12*	185.67	(3.45)

* = Out of District Coordinator position that is covered in a grant for .50 was not included in last years FTE total, however was in cost.

MAJOR BUDGET COMPONENT DESCRIPTIONS

SALARIES: Salaries; Salaries Secretarial/Clerks; Salaries Substitutes; Salaries Temps; and Salaries Summer.

BENEFITS: Health Insurance; Dental Insurance; Life/LTD Insurance; Workers Compensation; Retirements; FICA; Sick Bank; Unemployment Insurance; Tuition Reimbursement.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Instructional Services; Instructional Improvement; Curriculum Development; Conferences and Conventions; Contracted Pupil Services; Contracted Evaluation Services; Contracted Pupil Health Services; General Testing; Alcohol/Drug Programs; Legal Services; and Other Professional Services.

PROPERTY SERVICES: Water; Sewer; Water Inspection; Cleaning Services; Disposal Services; General Repair and Maintenance; Repair Non-Instructional Equipment; Painting; Repairs Plumbing/Electrical; Repairs Heat and Ventilation; Repairs Building Interior and Exterior; Rent/Lease Equipment; Contracted Services; Maintenance Agreements – Buildings and Grounds.

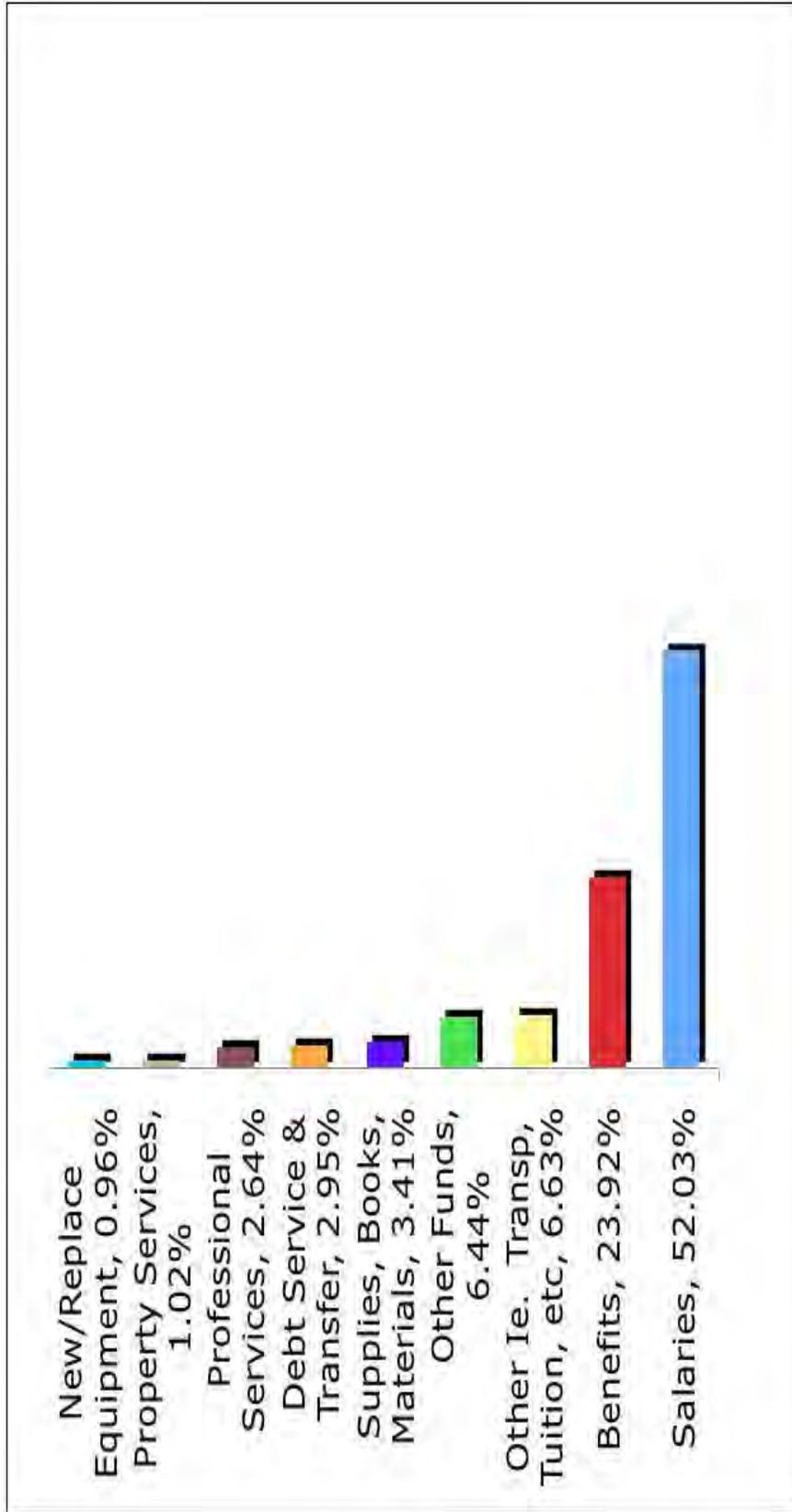
OTHER SERVICES: Transportation; Liability Insurance; Postage; Advertising; Printing; Communications; Vocational Tuition; Tuition; and Travel.

SUPPLIES & MATERIALS: Supplies; Small Tools and Hardware; AV Supplies; Books; Periodicals; Electricity; Oil Heat; Gasoline; Propane Gas; Reference Materials; and Software.

PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT: Additional/New Equipment; Replace Equipment; Additional/New Furniture; Replace Furniture; and New Vehicles.

OTHER ITEMS: Dues and Fees; Bond-Principal; Bond-Interest; Contingency; Fund Transfers; Miscellaneous; Other Uses of Funds.

This chart represents the Proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget by Major Budget Component



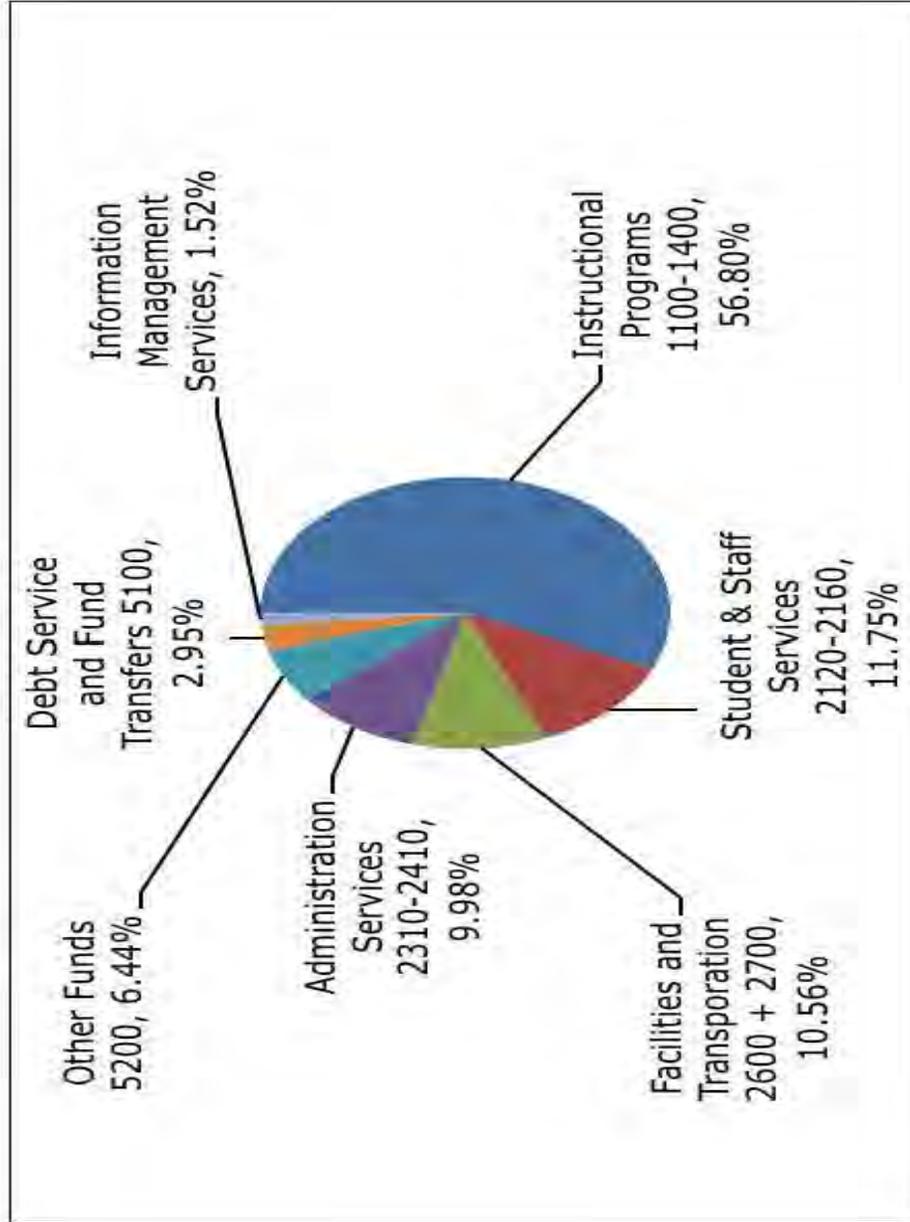
**HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

SUMMARY BY OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS

This table summarizes the Hopkinton School District's Operational Budget, exclusive of warrant articles, according to the five major operational programs defined within this budget document: Instructional Programs; Student and Staff Services; Administrative Services; Facilities and Transportation; and Debt Service & Fund Transfers. The aim is to provide a clear illustration of specific operational components, as well as their respective impact on the overall budget.

Summary by Operational Program	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease	% Chg
Instructional Programs	\$ 9,533,696	\$ 9,817,608	\$ 10,518,663	\$ 10,178,905	\$ 10,304,307	\$ 10,557,384	\$ 53,077	0.51%
Student & Staff Services	2,026,540	2,117,468	2,339,916	2,243,578	2,306,421	2,184,449	(121,972)	(5.29%)
Administrative Services	1,556,903	1,654,389	1,741,086	1,731,113	1,787,055	1,854,499	67,444	3.77%
Facilities and Transportation	1,786,308	1,894,516	2,054,198	1,982,009	1,990,827	1,963,393	(27,434)	(1.38%)
Information Management Services	-	-	-	-	273,214	283,827	10,613	3.88%
Facilities Acquisition, Debt Service & GF Supplement to Food Service and Other Funds	1,349,972	1,409,066	1,789,906	1,674,059	1,744,807	1,743,557	(1,250)	(0.07%)
Total	\$ 16,253,419	\$ 16,893,047	\$ 18,443,769	\$ 17,809,664	\$ 18,606,631	\$ 18,587,109	(\$ 19,522)	(0.10%)

This chart represents the majority of the Proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget, which is dedicated directly to Instructional Programs.



**HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET**

SUMMARY BY LOCATION

This table summarizes the Hopkinton School District's Operational Budget, exclusive of warrant articles, according to the four locations. It provides a clear illustration of specific locations, as well as their respective impact on the overall budget.

Summary by Location	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease	% Chg
District-wide	\$ 4,051,561	\$ 4,325,975	\$ 5,134,913	\$ 4,799,857	\$ 5,147,486	\$ 5,334,439	\$ 186,953	3.63%
Harold Martin School	3,318,528	3,358,843	3,634,509	3,604,725	3,594,576	3,564,346	(30,230)	(0.84%)
Maple Street School	2,602,534	2,843,458	3,084,895	2,924,793	3,060,466	3,048,330	(12,136)	(0.40%)
Middle School	1,939,808	1,926,483	1,992,200	1,968,916	2,039,782	1,936,022	(103,760)	(5.09%)
High School	4,340,988	4,438,288	4,597,252	4,511,373	4,764,321	4,703,972	(60,349)	(1.27%)
Total	\$ 16,253,419	\$ 16,893,047	\$ 18,443,769	\$ 17,809,664	\$ 18,606,631	\$ 18,587,109	(\$ 19,522)	(0.10%)

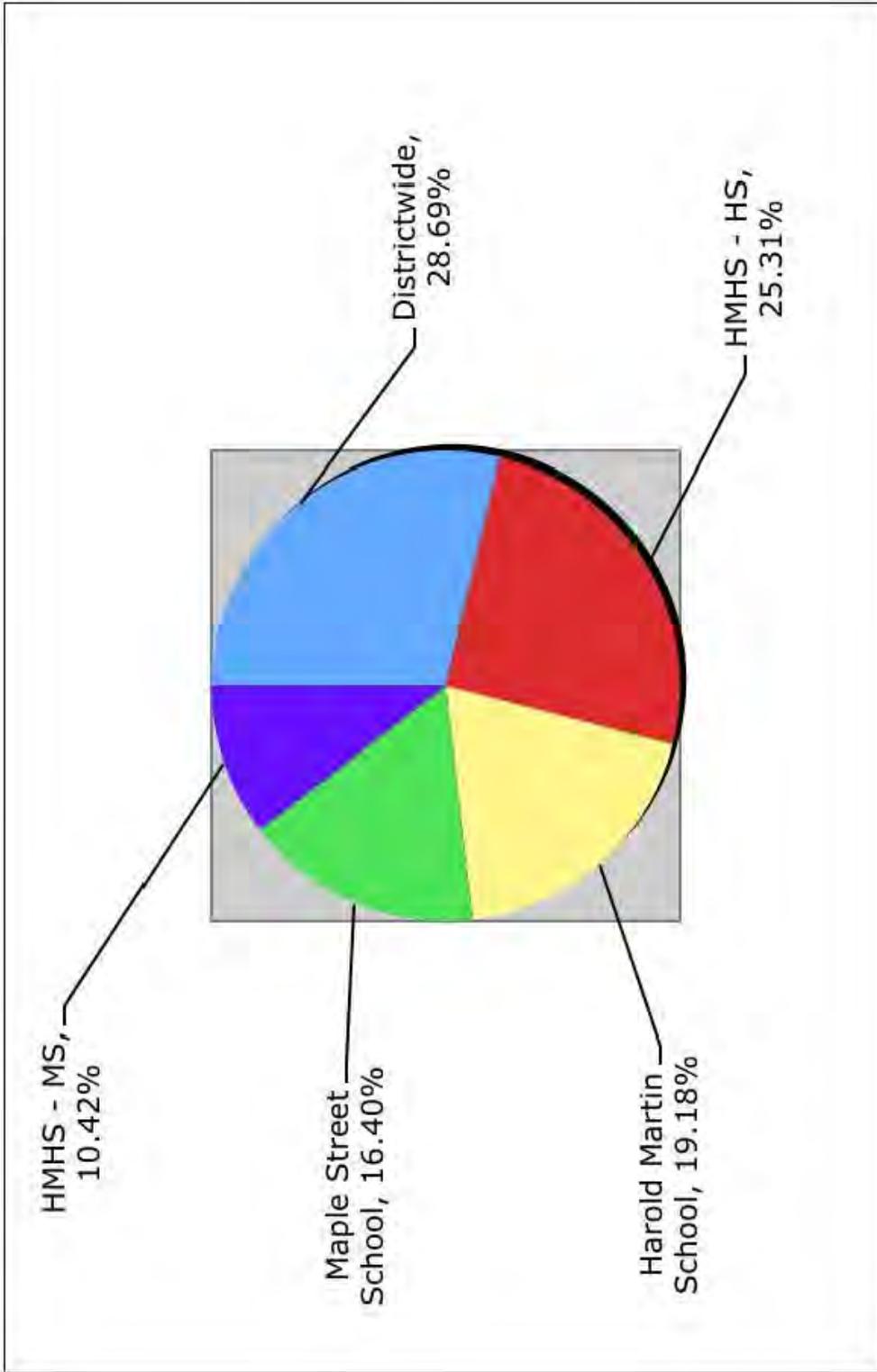
FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase(Decrease)
District-wide	17.55	17.75	19.82	21.05*	20.05	(1.00)
Harold Martin School	49.26	49.26	52.42	50.47	51.85	1.38
Maple Street School	41.91	40.21	42.56	41.33	40.85	(0.48)
Middle School	28.59	22.96	22.05	23.45	22.55	(0.90)
High School	52.21	54.94	55.25	52.82	50.37	(2.45)
Total	189.52	185.12	192.10	189.12	185.67	(3.45)

District-wide includes Psychologists, Occupational Therapy Department, the Technology Department, the SAU staff, the Director of Maintenance, etc.

* = Out of District Coordinator position that is covered in a grant for .50 was not included in last years FTE total, however was in cost.

This chart represents the breakdown of the Proposed 2016-2017 Operating Budget by location.



**PROPOSED BUDGET
2/3/2016
HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
2016-2017 BUDGET
TOTAL OF OPERATIONAL PROGRAMS**

The 2016-2017 Hopkinton School District Operational Budget is grouped into five basic operational programs: Instructional Programs; Student and Staff Services; Administrative Services; Facilities and Transportation; and Debt Service with Fund Transfers.

Special warrant articles can be found at the end of this document and are not included in the operational budget totals.

-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-

The functions found within the Instructional Programs group are Regular Educational programs, Special Educational programs, Vocational programs, and other Instructional programs.

Regular Educational Programs (1100's)

The Regular Education portion of the 2016-2017 Budget contains instructional activities designed to provide all students with learning experiences that prepare them to become productive citizens and family members. All grade levels and subjects are funded in this section.

1100 Regular Education

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 4,573,500	\$ 4,616,897	\$ 4,831,348	\$ 4,754,712	\$ 4,756,778	\$ 4,682,253	(\$74,525)
Benefits	1,994,729	2,069,266	2,248,130	2,157,722	2,310,929	2,252,679	(58,250)
Professional Services	492	477	900	2,376	2,200	2,628	428
Property Services	22,915	19,995	23,990	23,413	26,209	25,609	(600)
Other Services	118	-	100	9,388	100	100	-
Supplies and Materials	109,422	129,763	136,626	112,733	122,135	126,502	4,367
Property/Equipment	25,856	25,472	46,504	31,545	41,867	61,463	19,596
Other Items	5,008	1,974	7,690	2,644	8,650	8,805	155
Totals	\$ 6,732,040	\$ 6,863,844	\$ 7,295,288	\$ 7,094,533	\$ 7,268,868	\$ 7,160,039	(\$108,829)

As of October 1, 2015, we have 887(including special education) students enrolled in our regular education programs. Programs of instruction are offered for grades P-12 in state required academic areas, which include English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Health, etc. Our schools also offer many additional courses, which provide valuable enrichment to our students' education. Specific information about courses and programs are available on the school webpage's which can be accessed at the District website www.hopkintonschools.org. School Board standards require student sign-ups of twelve students for all courses. Some courses will run with less than 12 students following the production of the schedule and drop-add period. Not all courses listed in the course catalog (Program of Studies) will be available every semester.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

Salaries and benefits decreased due to the following:

- **Harold Martin School:** (.40) reductions in specials; (.17) allocation of staff to special education line; .16 additional classroom support; .07 title 1 support not paid by federal grants.
- **Maple Street School:** (1.0) Full-Time teacher for Grade 4 has been reduced bringing sections to 3, 4, 4; (.12) allocation of staff to special education line.
- **Hopkinton Middle/High School:** (.50) reductions in sections from contracts given in the 2015-16 school year.
- Increase in supplies and materials are mainly for books at HMHS for business and foreign language.
- Equipment increased due to the following:
 - MSS - \$5,840 for wall mats in the gymnasium; HMHS – Music instruments being replaced as well as risers for approximately \$14,926.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
	73.51	70.84	72.12	69.57	67.61	(1.96)

-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-

Special Education Programs (1200's)

This part of the Special Education budget is for instructional activities designed primarily for students who require special services. These services include pre-school, kindergarten, elementary and secondary services for the students who are mentally, physically, emotionally, or learning disabled; culturally different, bilingual, or require other special services.

1200 Special Education Programs

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 1,662,782	\$ 1,715,400	\$ 1,820,125	\$ 1,785,798	\$ 1,812,574	\$ 1,786,321	(\$26,253)
Benefits	575,659	623,619	694,830	666,651	724,014	745,615	21,601
Professional Services	54,401	45,123	58,600	62,450	62,975	193,966	130,991
Property Services	-	-	225	-	200	200	-
Other Services	146,737	207,270	234,500	157,445	175,100	194,586	19,486
Supplies and Materials	5,102	9,468	18,347	8,660	24,396	28,006	3,610
Property/Equipment	3,620	11,048	6,722	14,017	10,311	5,485	(4,826)
Other Items	265	530	850	530	550	-	(550)
Totals	\$ 2,448,566	\$ 2,612,458	\$ 2,834,199	\$ 2,695,551	\$ 2,810,120	\$ 2,954,179	\$ 144,059

As of the end of November 2015, the number of students enrolled in Special Education programs is 180. The Hopkinton School District has students placed out of district; however, the majority of students are integrated into regular education programs. Services provided to these students are determined by their Individual Educational Programs in accordance with State and Federal requirements. Services provided include but are not limited to: academic, Instructional Aide/Rehabilitation Assistant support and consultation with specialists. Other services as listed in separate areas (i.e. OT/PT - 2163) also impact special education.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- 20% of Hopkinton School District students are identified for Special Education services.
- Decrease in salaries is due to restructuring of department, student need, as well as changes in personnel. COLA's for some support staff are not included in this line due to the negotiation of this union. These costs, as well as salary increases will be in a separate warrant article.
- Increased benefits are due to the contractual agreements with union employees, as well as the increase in benefit costs i.e. health, retirement, etc. to provide services to identified children.
- The changes in professional, other services, supplies and equipment are due to anticipated student needs.

		FTE Budgeted Comparison			Proposed	
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Increase (Decrease)
	54.12	52.05	56.08	54.94	54.67	(0.27)

-INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS-

Vocational Programs (1300)

- The Vocational Program budget is for instructional activities that provide students with the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for employment in an occupational area. These funds are for tuition to the Concord Regional Technical Center. Over the past 3 years the District has had an average of 12 students participate in this program.

1300 Vocational Education

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Other Services	\$28,469	\$ 9,297	\$ 28,000	\$38,412	\$28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ -
Totals	\$ 28,469	\$ 9,297	\$ 28,000	\$ 38,412	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000	\$ -

Other Instructional Programs (1400)

This part of the budget contains funds for activities commonly known as extra/co-curricular programs. Funds in this category are for the coaches, officials, equipment, and supplies for school-sponsored activities under the guidance and supervision of staff designed to provide motivation, enjoyment, and improvement of skills for students. Extra/Co-curricular programs normally supplement the regular instructional program and include such activities as band, chorus, and athletics.

1400 Other Instructional Programs

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease (\$48)
Salaries	\$ 200,118	\$ 204,425	\$ 221,068	\$ 216,266	\$ 230,471	\$230,423	
Benefits	42,168	45,793	48,688	48,755	52,813	56,938	4,125
Professional Services	59,582	60,997	65,410	65,250	85,575	90,075	4,500
Property Services	317	-	400	88	400	600	200
Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	12,063	10,868	16,060	11,961	16,900	17,700	800
Property/ Equipment	7,497	6,451	6,200	4,864	7,680	8,250	570
Other Items	2,876	3,475	3,350	3,225	3,480	11,180	7,700
Totals	\$ 324,621	\$ 332,009	\$ 361,176	\$ 350,409	\$ 397,319	\$ 415,166	\$17,847

This area is partially funded by student athletic fees. There are 6 categories of co-curricular activities and 7 categories of athletic activities that are available to students. For further details, please reference the HE-A Bargaining Agreement under Schedule B.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Increase in benefits is due to the increase in rates.
- Increase in Professional Services is due to contracting with non-town agency for trainer services.
- Increase in other items is mainly due to the cost for football of \$7,000. This amount is being provided to Hillsboro-Deering, and they are funding this amount as well for the program.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
	.40	.60	.60	.60	.60	0.00

-STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES-

Student and Staff Services include Guidance Services, Health Services, Psychological Services, Speech Pathology and Auditory Services, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Improvement of Instruction Services, and Media Services.

Guidance Services (2120)

This part of the budget provides for counseling with students and parents, consultation on learning problems, evaluation of students, and assisting students as they make educational decisions and choose their career paths.

2120 Guidance Services

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 299,470	\$ 317,770	\$ 332,540	\$ 333,677	\$ 351,577	\$ 348,251	(\$3,326)
Benefits	120,173	128,336	144,089	140,428	153,853	139,644	(14,209)
Professional Services	166	2,725	1,500	-	2,000	2,000	-
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	-	-	-	75	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	1,019	4,837	5,423	4,306	4,141	4,055	(86)
Property/ Equipment	197	-	110	-	-	113	113
Other Items	-	25	20	25	25	1,965	1,940
Totals	\$ 421,025	\$ 453,693	\$ 483,682	\$ 478,511	\$ 511,596	\$496,028	(\$15,568)

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Increase in salaries and benefits are due to changes in personnel.
- Increase in other items is due to the District picking up the fee for juniors to take the PSAT and for the essay portion of the SAT's.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
	5.50	5.70	5.80	5.80	5.80	0.00

Health Services (2130)

Health Services addresses physical and mental health services. This section is predominately for school nursing services but does include some direct instruction. We currently have 1 nurse in each school building.

2130 Health Services

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 155,721	\$ 150,697	\$ 153,351	\$ 157,621	\$ 159,634	\$ 156,086	(\$3,548)
Benefits	60,641	60,874	81,283	65,095	90,431	88,696	(1,735)
Professional Services	-	-	500	94	500	880	380
Property Services	-	29	230	-	365	365	-
Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies and Materials	3,299	2,476	3,915	3,113	3,765	4,055	290
Property/Equipment	1,783	1,710	1,248	1,233	345	345	-
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 221,444	\$ 215,786	\$ 240,527	\$ 227,156	\$ 255,040	\$250,427	(\$4,613)

Based on information from 2014-2015, there were over 9,600 visits to the nurses' offices in our schools. The nurses will screen approximately 3,200 screenings for vision, hearing, height and weight and 2,000 for medicine administration. The nurses also administer staff flu shots; conduct CPR classes for staff; assist staff with proper use of AED's, epi-pens, blood borne pathogens, diabetes care and seizures; hold vaccination clinics for students/staff/adults as needed and file reports bi-monthly and yearly to the state on various services. The nurses must follow requirements for immunizations and notify parents for needed vaccinations in all schools for current and new students in our District. All nurses must communicate with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services as needed for public health concerns in our schools.

- The changes in salaries and benefits are related to changes in personnel.

		FTE Budgeted Comparison		Increase/Decrease due to the following:
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
2012-13	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20
				Proposed Increase (Decrease)
				0.00

-STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES

Psychological Services (2140)

The Psychological Services budget includes activities concerned with administering psychological tests and interpreting the results. The gathering and interpreting of information about student behavior, working with staff members in planning school programs to meet the special needs of pupils as indicated by psychological tests, is included here. Behavioral evaluation, planning, and managing a program of psychological services, including psychological counseling for students and consultation to staff is funded in this section of the budget.

Speech Pathology Services (2150)

These funds support the identification, assessment, and treatment of children with impairments in communication, speech, hearing, and language.

Physical and Occupational Services (2163)

These funds support the assessment and treatment to assess the need for increasing the physical, gross and fine motor skills, and occupational skills of students.

Psychological, Speech & Physical/Occupational Services

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 343,118	\$ 370,167	\$ 390,129	\$ 406,722	\$ 418,137	\$ 394,513	(\$23,624)
Benefits	122,220	128,395	148,122	165,941	181,688	202,654	20,966
Professional Services	80,834	52,810	74,900	51,803	69,000	65,988	(3,012)
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	1,694	1,995	3,300	2,242	3,300	3,300	
Supplies and Materials	1,839	865	2,797	2,105	4,426	4,991	565
Property/Equipment	413	1,530	4,027	1,670	3,450	5,650	2,200
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$ 550,118	\$ 555,762	\$ 623,275	\$ 630,483	\$ 680,001	\$ 677,096	(\$2,905)

During the 2014 – 2015 school year the Hopkinton School District School Psychologists performed 79 evaluations/screenings, counseled 6 students individually and in groups, performed 15 transition assessments and participated in 300 consultations with Teams, parents and providers.

Our Occupational Therapist and COTA evaluated or screened 59 students and provided services for 54.

The Physical Therapist and Assistant provided district services to three students, completed two full evaluations, and consulted weekly on three students.

Our Speech Pathologists and Assistant evaluated or screened 41 students and provided therapy for 52.

(Some of these services are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement if the students qualify.)

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salaries decreased due to the decrease of .40 to psychological, as well as change in personnel.
- The increase in benefits is due to personnel.
- The decrease in professional services is due to student needs.
- The increase in equipment is due to the needs of students.

	FTE Budgeted Comparison				Proposed Increase(Decrease)
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	
	5.59	5.59	6.39	6.59	6.19
					(0.40)

-STUDENT AND STAFF SERVICES-

Improvement of Instruction Services (2210)

This part of the budget assists teachers, and support staff in the planning, development, and provision of enriched learning experiences for students. These activities include curriculum development, staff development, in-service training, and other training programs for instructional and support staff.

2210 Improvement of Instruction

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 7,376	\$ 5,468	\$ 8,947	\$ 5,478	\$ 7,999	\$ 7,849	(\$150)
Benefits	1,564	1,208	1,951	2,419	1,882	1,882	-
Professional Services	17,341	22,742	37,940	25,900	35,640	43,589	7,949
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	42,377	44,155	83,582	48,523	96,948	78,139	(18,809)
Supplies and Materials	180	-	758	99	600	430	(170)
Property/Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Items	125	381	100	275	5,115	5,116	-
Totals	\$ 68,963	\$ 73,954	\$ 133,278	\$ 82,694	\$ 148,184	\$ 137,005	(\$11,179)

This area includes tuition for those covered by the Hopkinton Education Association Agreement (HEA) for which the district is contractually obligated to budget a sum equal to 25% of the number of the bargaining unit times \$3,350. Further information can be obtained from the HEA collective bargaining agreement and can be located on the School District's website (www.hopkintonschools.org). There is also \$8,000 budgeted for the HESS collective bargaining employees for professional development. The contract is also located on the District website.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Professional Services increased due to allocation for assistance with visible curriculum.
- The decrease in other services is due to NEASC visit expenses being removed in 2016-17.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
2012-13					
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

This section of the budget includes the hardware and software needs district wide. This category includes the staff that provides some educational instruction as well as support technology for students and staff.

2225 Technology Services

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 166,316	\$ 180,665	\$ 192,995	\$ 197,821	\$ 61,041	\$ 64,556	\$ 3,515
Benefits	70,926	75,886	82,136	82,645	39,034	22,631	(16,403)
Professional Services	19,881	5,296	1,200	555	450	-	(450)
Property Services	52,784	67,112	75,150	70,857	80,731	21,400	(59,331)
Other Services	5,452	6,217	9,670	10,687	46,870	45,650	(1,220)
Supplies and Materials	31,507	39,576	40,150	36,332	30,975	31,260	285
Property/Equipment	96,351	95,727	94,455	93,592	80,200	77,750	(2,450)
Other Items	15,219	12,378	13,700	12,521	27,525	11,725	(15,800)
Totals	\$ 458,436	\$ 482,857	\$ 509,456	\$505,010	\$ 366,826	\$ 274,972	(\$91,854)

This area includes all repair and maintenance of equipment, fees for data systems and district-wide supplies. The technology department services approximately 550 desktops/laptops, 12 servers, and 8 labs of computers, with a user base of approximately 1,200. The district labs are replaced on a rotating basis in order to keep technology as current as possible.

Increases/Decreases due to the following:

- The increase in salaries is due to contractual obligations.
- The decrease in benefits is due to personnel.
- Professional Services was reallocated to 2840 – Page 33
- The decrease in Property Services is due to the lack of a new lease as well as costs associated with eFinance+ (\$21,181) transferred to 2510 as a supply and material cost due to how support is delivered – Page 27
- Property and Equipment decreased as the department was minimizing the overall increase.
- The decrease in other items is due to reallocation to 2840 – Page 33.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
	3.50	3.50	4.00	1.30	1.30	0.00

-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-

The Administrative Cost section of the 2015-2016 budget includes School Board services, Treasurer, Annual District Meeting costs, legal expenses, audit fees, the Office of the Superintendent, and the School Administrative Offices.

School Board Services (2310)

This part of the budget includes activities of the School Board according to state law and their responsibilities for the development of policy and oversight of the District. The budget covers the costs of the District Treasurer and services rendered in connection with any school system election. These include the election of officers, bond votes, budget and appropriation votes, and all district-sponsored meetings. Also included here is funding for counsel in regard to law and statutes, and independent auditor services.

2310 School Board Administration

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Budget 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 9,113	\$8,474	\$ 9,525	\$ 8,841	\$ 9,025	\$ 8,950	(\$75)
Benefits	835	768	944	823	732	893	161
Professional Services	18,248	16,028	35,000	17,852	28,000	28,000	-
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Services	854	139	950	646	700	700	-
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property/Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Items	10,330	9,418	11,250	9,714	11,250	11,400	150
Totals	\$ 39,380	\$ 34,827	\$ 57,669	\$ 37,876	\$ 49,707	\$ 49,943	\$ 236

*NOTE: Although the Contingency Fund is normally reported in function code 2310, it is presented in a separate warrant article and is not included in the totals above.

-ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-

Office of the Superintendent (2320, 2332, 2510, 2511 & 2515)

This part of the budget includes activities associated with the administration of the school district and operations of the S.A.U. office. The budget supports positions for the Superintendent, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Business Administrator, HR/Accounting Assistant, AP/Payroll Clerk, Director of Student Services and Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services are included here. This area also contains the increases for all non-union personnel including principals, technology staff, facilities maintenance director and office staff to be distributed after the evaluation process.

2320, 2332, 2510, 2511 & 2515 Office of Superintendent

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 465,148	\$ 500,023	\$ 538,720	\$ 505,400	\$ 545,040	\$ 581,955	\$ 36,915
Benefits	193,496	207,035	227,257	220,578	241,407	251,161	9,754
Professional Services	24,207	44,396	34,500	77,006	51,000	50,000	(1,000)
Property Services	1,085	1,045	1,200	997	1,200	1,200	-
Other Services	20,751	22,872	28,028	27,809	25,896	26,028	132
Supplies and Materials	10,490	14,496	11,901	21,202	14,081	37,992	23,911
Property/Equipment	-	1,462	-	1,237	-	-	-
Other Items	6,277	6,397	6,902	5,605	6,967	6,728	(239)
Totals	\$ 721,454	\$ 797,726	\$ 848,508	\$ 859,834	\$ 885,591	\$ 955,064	\$ 69,473

This area includes all personnel matters, union negotiations, advertising, employment screening, fingerprinting, benefits, and payroll. The business office handles all contracts, budgeting and accounts payable and receivable. The student services area includes all management of special education. The Office of the Superintendent is responsible for all state reporting, communication and supporting the board and school district.

Office of the School Principal (2410&2490)

This part of the budget includes activities concerned with the management of our schools. It includes the duties performed by the principal and any other assistants in general oversight of the operations of the school, evaluation of the staff members in the schools, assignment of duties to staff members, supervision and maintenance of the records of the school, and coordination of school instructional activities within the district. It also includes clerical staff costs and office expenses.

2410 & 2490 Office of the School Principal

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 502,095	\$ 511,612	\$ 509,736	\$ 526,062	\$ 525,830	\$ 520,003	(\$5,827)
Benefits	240,881	247,432	261,584	253,332	265,746	272,246	6,500
Professional Services	3,310	4,949	6,650	1,309	4,978	5,350	372
Property Services	470	285	660	578	510	660	150
Other Services	30,120	35,288	29,551	30,829	27,989	28,723	734
Supplies and Materials	11,750	14,454	16,645	13,532	17,195	17,450	255
Property/Equipment	-	940	1,875	-	1,082	1,243	161
Other Items	7,443	6,876	8,208	7,761	8,427	3,817	(4,610)
Totals	\$ 796,069	\$ 821,836	\$ 834,909	\$ 833,403	\$ 851,757	\$ 849,492	(\$2,265)

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Decrease in salaries and increase in benefits are due to the change in management for Maple Street School.
- The decrease in Other Items is due to the reallocation for annual NEASC fees to 2210 – Page 23.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
2012-13	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	0.00

**BUILDINGS AND TRANSPORTATION-
Maintenance of Buildings (2600)**

This part of the budget includes costs associated with the maintenance and upkeep of all district buildings. This includes salaries and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff and also includes the operating costs of heating, light and venting systems, and repair of facilities. The cost of custodial supplies, rubbish removal, water, sewer, landscaping, grounds maintenance, and building liability insurance are also contained herein.

2600 Maintenance of Buildings

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 415,028	\$ 441,470	\$ 475,823	\$ 476,713	\$ 495,932	\$ 468,311	(\$27,621)
Benefits	201,189	212,644	250,102	215,424	234,376	220,495	(13,881)
Professional Services	3,800	4,564	11,950	22,232	5,700	6,200	500
Property Services	137,263	129,993	140,556	118,160	115,465	135,951	20,486
Other Services	42,505	41,721	32,860	33,898	33,173	44,651	11,478
Supplies and Materials	342,703	333,278	349,334	354,651	339,058	310,642	(28,416)
Property/Equipment	9,013	46,996	19,584	65,594	23,218	13,349	(9,869)
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	\$1,151,501	\$ 1,210,666	\$ 1,280,209	\$ 1,286,672	\$ 1,246,922	\$ 1,199,599	(\$ 47,323)

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- Salaries decreased due to the reduction of .50 in personnel. Also, no increases are included in this area as there is a separate warrant article for the union contract.
- Benefits decreased due to a change in personnel and plans.
- Property services increase is due to the contract with Siemens for maintenance and support.
- The other services increase is due to the new Property Liability Insurance contract.
- Supplies and materials decreased due to electricity and heating fuel rates. Volume is based on a 3-year average. Heating fuel is being budgeted at \$1.459 a gallon. Total budget for heat is \$55,252 and electricity is \$183,882.

- The major purchases in property/equipment are below:

Item	Location	Amount	Benefit
Tools	Districtwide	\$5,000	Safety and Efficiencies
Chair replacements	HMHS	\$1,350	Safety and Efficiencies
Air conditioning of computer lab	HMS	\$1,500	Safety and Efficiencies
Trailer rentals	HMS and HMHS	\$2,700	Safety and Efficiencies
		\$10,550	

* = This was noted in recent visits from local and state agencies.

2012-13	2013-14	FTE Budgeted Comparison			Proposed Increase (Decrease)
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	
11.25	11.25	11.50	11.50	11.00	(0.50)

Pupil Transportation Services (2700)

This part of the budget supports the Hopkinton School District transportation contract costs and all student transportation.

2700 Pupil Transportation

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ 33,360	\$ 35,843	\$ 32,184	\$ 37,271	\$ 40,270	\$ 36,065	(\$4,205)
Benefits	10,287	12,258	10,956	12,682	15,685	21,100	5,415
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property Services	978	4,222	1,500	2,427	1,600	1,400	(200)
Other Services	568,192	620,159	712,681	634,178	670,318	697,577	27,259
Supplies and Materials	21,728	10,620	16,318	8,074	15,707	7,147	(8,560)
Property/Equipment	-	74	-	-	-	-	-
Other Items	262	674	350	705	325	505	180
Totals	\$ 634,807	\$ 683,850	\$ 773,989	\$ 695,337	\$ 743,905	\$ 763,794	\$ 19,889

The district currently owns two school buses; one is used daily for special education students to and from school. The other bus is utilized for class field trips and athletic events.

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The decrease in salaries is due to the reduced needs of our bus driver for regular and special education trips.
- Increase in benefits is due to change in personnel.
- Other services increased due to the change in the transportation contract for the 2016-17 year as well as needs for our students that go out of district.
- The decrease in supplies and materials is due to the anticipated gasoline cost.

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
2012-13					
1.00	1.00	0.67	1.00	1.00	0.00

Information Management Services (2840)

This part of the budget supports the Technology staff that supports our systems. These staff members were included in the 2225 section in prior years.

2840 Information Management Services

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2015-2016	Increase/Decrease
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 173,936	\$ 176,234	\$ 2,298
Benefits	-	-	-	-	98,528	82,963	(15,565)
Professional Services	-	-	-	-	750	1,250	500
Property Services	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	1,500
Other Services	-	-	-	-	-	6,180	6,180
Supplies and Materials	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Property/ Equipment	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
Other Items	-	-	-	-	-	13,200	13,200
Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 273,214	\$ 283,827	\$ 10,613

- The increase in salaries is due to current salaries as well as a reduction of (0.10).
- Benefit decrease is due personnel.
- The majority of all other lines are reallocated from 2225 – Page 25.

		FTE Budgeted Comparison		
		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
0.00	0.00	0.00	3.60	3.50
				Proposed Increase (Decrease)
				(0.10)

**-FACILITIES ACQUISITION/CONSTRUCTION, DEBT SERVICE & SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS -
Facilities Acquisition and Construction**

The Hopkinton School District has engaged the community in a process to understand current facility condition and needs. This work, combined with a focus on resolving safety and security issues in our buildings, has prompted the establishment of this function code. This process provides the District with the ability to transfer funds to be used for facility acquisition, construction or the utilization of debt service, or special revenue funds.

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -
Property/Equipment	-	-	-	53,460	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 53,460	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -

- The decrease is due to the reduction for an architect included in prior year budget and the increase is due to the repairs needed Harold Martin's underground storage tank. This must be done by December 2015 due to State regulations.

Debt Service

These funds are set aside for District debt service. The debt service budget consists of one bond repayment; 20-year bond issued in 1997 and refinanced in May 2007, for construction projects at the Maple Street School and Hopkinton High School.

5100 Debt Service

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Principal	\$ 430,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 465,000	\$ 465,000	\$ 490,000	\$ 510,000	\$ 20,000
Interest	114,413	97,100	78,800	78,800	58,700	37,450	(21,250)
TOTAL	\$ 544,413	\$ 547,100	\$ 543,800	\$ 543,800	\$ 548,700	\$ 547,450	\$ 1,250

Increase/Decrease due to the following:

- The District bond schedule is included as an Appendix.

Food Service and Other Special Revenue Fund General Fund Portion

This line itemizes the Food Service program expenditures beyond the revenue generated from meal sales.

General Fund Supplement

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Food Service	\$ 96,345	\$ 109,351	\$ 1	\$ 123,169	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -
Other Funds (AIR)	3,728	3,782	-	2,284	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 100,073	\$ 113,133	\$ 1	\$ 125,453	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -

Other Funds (5200)

Funds in this budget are transferred from the General Fund to other funds, such as the Food Service Fund, and are allocations for gross budgeting, which is offset by matching revenue amounts. In this manner, the entire scope of the Hopkinton School District's operating budget can be summarized in one budget.

5200 Other Funds

	Expended 2012-2013	Expended 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Expended 2014-2015	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed 2016-2017	Increase/Decrease
Federal & State Grants	\$ 279,007	\$321,893	\$ 750,000	\$ 443,775	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ -
Food Service	362,042	364,358	407,310	373,332	407,310	407,310	
Fund 8 - Other Grants & Donations	64,437	62,582	38,795	134,239	38,795	38,795	
TOTAL	\$ 705,486	\$ 748,833	\$ 1,196,105	\$ 951,346	\$ 1,196,105	\$ 1,196,105	\$ -

FTE Budgeted Comparison

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Proposed Increase (Decrease)
2012-13					
10.85	10.79	11.14	10.42*	10.20	(0.22)

Food Service staff reduced by (.15) at MSS and Federal Projects reduced due to loss of Title I funds at HMS (0.07) shifting costs to the General Fund.

* = Out of District Coordinator position that is covered in a grant for .50 was not included in last years FTE total, however was in cost.

CHRONOLOGY OF HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
FUND BALANCE AND PROJECTED TAX RATE IMPACT

TAX YEAR	SCHOOL DISTRICT FUND BALANCE	POTENTIAL IMPACT OF BALANCE RETURNED TO THE TOWN TO THE TOWN TAX RATE
2006	\$328,500	- \$.43 per Thousand
2007	\$587,214	- \$.77 per Thousand
2008	\$570,308	- \$.74 per Thousand
2009	\$387,389	- \$.61 per Thousand
2010	\$405,144	-.63 per Thousand
2011	\$289,553	-.45 per Thousand
2012	\$292,948	-.45 per Thousand
2013	\$328,909	-.45 per Thousand
2014	\$368,608	-.61 per Thousand
2015	\$470,375	-.78 per Thousand

The strong financial performance of the District as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds as well. As the District completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$1,380,466, an increase from last year's ending fund balance of \$1,257,504. The District's sound fiscal management policies and procedures have historically resulted in positive general fund balance to ultimately offset taxes. Other factors contributing to this positive fund balance include items, which must be budgeted for but may or not be expended. The appropriate breakdowns of the 2014-2015 general fund savings are as follows:

Revenue received above anticipated	\$ 134,829
Personnel (Benefits)	141,856
Personnel (Salaries only)	102,320
Supplies, books, reference materials, etc.	61,263
Early retirement, course reimbursements & professional development activities (contractual agreements)	44,250
Contracted Services	35,181
Tuition - Students	28,898
Repair and Maintenance	26,880
Equipment	18,159
Telephone, postage, printing, travel, etc.	15,214
Dues and Fees	5,407
Various accounts other than noted above	3,118
Additional Withholding fund balance per 2013 WA#X	(37,000)
Transfer to School Vehicle Replacement Capital Reserve	(10,000)
Transfer to School Building Repairs and Maintenance Trust Fund	(100,000)
General Fund Balance Returned to Town	\$470,375

Each year, as these balances are returned to the Town, the School District's tax rate is reduced. The table above represents the potential reduction to the School's tax rate, as a result of district funds being returned.

Hopkinton School District - Student Enrollment

HOPKINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2002-2003 Through 2017-2018 (Projected)																
	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-15	2015-16	Proj. 2016-2017*	Proj. 2017-2018*
GRADE																
Preschool					19	17	22	20	21	25	23	24	25	26	25	25
Kindergarten	56	56	61	45	52	45	54	61	51	54	48	47	48	52	51	50
Grade 1	74	74	65	69	53	61	53	75	74	65	71	52	50	56	60	59
Grade 2	72	72	64	66	77	58	59	62	79	75	68	71	56	51	58	63
Grade 3	70	70	86	67	72	79	58	62	64	80	75	68	70	58	51	58
HAROLD MARTIN	272	272	276	247	273	260	246	280	289	299	285	262	249	243	245	285
Grade 4	71	71	76	87	72	82	77	61	65	65	76	78	70	74	59	52
Grade 5	91	91	83	79	88	76	79	78	62	63	66	76	80	71	75	60
Grade 6	87	87	78	87	80	94	71	77	75	60	59	65	77	81	70	74
MAPLE STREET	249	249	237	253	240	252	227	216	202	188	201	219	227	226	204	186
ELEMENTARY TOTAL	521	521	513	500	513	512	473	496	491	487	486	481	476	469	449	441
Grade 7	73	73	91	78	87	79	88	72	79	73	62	63	68	76	84	72
Grade 8	107	107	88	93	77	89	78	91	75	80	74	66	62	74	79	87
Grade 9	87	87	78	92	91	81	76	85	93	71	89	70	71	66	78	83
Grade 10	93	93	104	80	96	99	79	79	80	92	69	79	62	72	62	73
Grade 11	91	91	82	106	82	91	99	81	83	79	87	65	73	55	67	57
Grade 12	70	70	89	82	105	84	82	93	74	75	73	87	65	75	54	66
HIGH SCHOOL	521	521	532	531	538	523	502	501	484	470	454	430	401	418	424	438
TOTAL STUDENTS	1,042	1,042	1,045	1,031	1,051	1,035	975	997	975	957	940	911	877	887	873	879

*Based upon projections prepared by District
If you have any questions or would like to see the complete report, please contact the Superintendent's Office at schamberlin@hopkintonschools.org



2015 Town of Hopkinton/Hopkinton Historical Society painted theatre curtain restoration project.



