

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

**TOWN OF ACWORTH  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the year ending December 31, 2019

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020*

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### **Town Officers and Committees**

Board of Selectmen	Jim Jennison - 2020 Rob DeValk – 2021 Frank Emig - 2022
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau – 2021
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2020
Treasurer	Melinda Loiselle - 2020
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Lisa DeValk - 2020
Moderator	John Luther - 2020
Election Inspectors	Sandra Binion - 2020 Linda Christie - 2020
Supervisors of the Checklist	Elizabeth Gowen - 2021 Rose Knight - 2022 Marianne Nevelson – 2023
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen
Trustees of Trust Funds	Tim Perry - 2020 Elizabeth Snider - 2021 Torrey Greene - 2022
Library Trustees	Alva Grant - 2020 Guy Russell - 2020 Jennifer Aiken - 2021 Elizabeth Snider – 2021 Melinda Loiselle - 2022
Cemetery Trustees	Lillie LeBlanc - 2020 Claudia Istel - 2021 Helen Frinkl - 2022
Budget Committee	Judy Aron - 2020 Sue Metsack - 2020 Conan Cook – 2021 Jennifer Bland – 2021 Claudia Istel – 2022 Cheryl Sanctuary - 2022 Rob DeValk, Selectman

Planning Board	Mike Aron - 2020 Joe Fedora - 2020 Henry Sipple - 2021 Rob Vogel – 2021 Jim Neidert – 2022 Matt Connors - 2022 Frank Emig, Selectman
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Alternates

Conservation Commission	Helen Frink - 2021 Shawn Bowman - 2021 Lillie LeBlanc – 2021 Beverly Buxton - 2022 Jim Jennison, Selectman
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Alternates	Jennifer Bland - 2021 Carole Wallace - 2022
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Zoning Board of Adjustment	Henry Sipple - 2021 Lisa Earl - 2021 Shawn Bowman – 2021 Brian St. Pierre – 2022 John Balla - 2022
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Alternates	Bill Willette - 2021
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Energy Committee	Not current
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Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen
FMRSD Board	Sarah Vogel
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tree Warden	G. Kristian Fenderson

### Regular Meetings and Events

Selectmen	First, third and fifth Mondays, 7:00PM
Town Clerk	Wed. 4:30PM-7:00PM Sat. 8:00AM-Noon
Tax Collector	Mondays, 8:30AM-12:30PM
Planning Board	Fourth Mondays, 7:00PM
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesdays, 7:00PM
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Second Mondays for new business, 7:00PM
Cemetery Trustees	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Kristian Fenderson, Sexton
Library Trustees	As needed, Guy Russell, chair
Trustees of Trust Funds	Regular or Special meeting dates posted Contact Torrey Greene, Meeting Chair
Selectmen's office	Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM-12:30PM, 835-6879
Highway Garage	Answering machine 835-6866
Transfer Station	Wed. 11:00AM-6PM, Sat. 9:00AM-4 PM, 835-6602
Library	Tues. & Thurs. 11:30AM-5:30PM, Sat. & Sun. 11:30AM-4:30PM, 835- 2150
Emergency	911 Fire 352-1100 State Police Troop C 358-3333

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## WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH MARCH 10, 2020

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth, NH in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday, the tenth day of March next, at 10:00 of the clock in the morning at which time the polls shall be opened for voting on Article 1 by use of the official ballot, and shall close not earlier than 7:00 of the clock in the evening; AND you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 2 through 11 shall commence at 7:00 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 10 next at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Years	Moderator: 1 for 2 Years
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year	Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year
Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year	Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Years
Library Trustee: 2 for 3 Years	Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Years
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Years	Planning Board: 2 for 3 Years

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE THREE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,327,803.7 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 to the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to the Buildings and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 to the Landfill Closure Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to establish a capital reserve fund for the future purchase of a fire truck by Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in this fund, and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Acworth this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2020. A True Copy of Warrant Attest: Board of Selectmen:

Rob DeValk

Frank Emig

James Jennison

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2019	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$27,750	\$27,750	\$31,000	\$0	\$31,000	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$1,534	\$2,000	\$6,100	\$0	\$6,100	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$73,623	\$72,697	\$74,794	\$0	\$74,794	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$9,633	\$9,830	\$9,830	\$0	\$9,830	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$9,301	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$22,491	\$23,765	\$22,419	\$0	\$22,419	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$2,085	\$2,450	\$2,130	\$0	\$2,130	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$16,928	\$16,600	\$15,300	\$0	\$15,300	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$13,972	\$16,250	\$15,800	\$0	\$15,800	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$22,724	\$22,724	\$27,410	\$0	\$27,410	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	04	\$1,681	\$1,974	\$1,736	\$0	\$1,736	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$201,722	\$206,040	\$216,519	\$0	\$216,519	\$0
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210-4214	Police	04	\$3,463	\$4,500	\$4,400	\$0	\$4,400	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$0	\$9,600	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$39,577	\$39,577	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$0	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$52,640	\$56,877	\$62,200	\$0	\$62,200	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$313,945	\$360,616	\$325,796	\$0	\$325,796	\$0
4313	Bridges	04	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$3,237	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4319	Other	04	\$86,905	\$89,950	\$89,250	\$0	\$89,250	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$404,087</b>	<b>\$453,666</b>	<b>\$418,146</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$418,146</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$61,472	\$60,450	\$67,450	\$0	\$67,450	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	04	\$5,501	\$5,500	\$8,200	\$0	\$8,200	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$66,973</b>	<b>\$65,950</b>	<b>\$75,650</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$75,650</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
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
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>								
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
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>





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<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$380	\$800	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	04	\$5,653	\$5,653	\$6,069	\$0	\$6,069	\$0
	<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$6,033</b>	<b>\$6,453</b>	<b>\$6,769</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,769</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	04	\$0	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$1,743	\$1,810	\$1,825	\$0	\$1,825	\$0
4550-4559	Library	04	\$40,665	\$40,500	\$41,845	\$0	\$41,845	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$250	\$225	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$1,198	\$6,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
	<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$43,856</b>	<b>\$48,535</b>	<b>\$44,920</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$44,920</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$715	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	04	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$2,715</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$2,700</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Debt Service</b>								
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	04	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$73,409	\$78,517	\$51,400	\$0	\$51,400	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	04	\$346,342	\$438,500	\$445,000	\$0	\$445,000	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			\$419,751	\$517,017	\$496,400	\$0	\$496,400	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
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
4914C	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$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 Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					\$1,327,804	\$0	\$1,327,804	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	05	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Bridge CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Buildings CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Equipment CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	09	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund Landfill CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	10	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Purchase of fire truck</i>				
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>



Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	04	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$18,204	\$10,000	\$10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	04	\$0	\$20	\$20
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$30,655	\$28,000	\$28,000
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$48,859</b>	<b>\$41,020</b>	<b>\$41,020</b>

**Licenses, Permits, and Fees**

3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$195	\$100	\$100
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$195,096	\$177,350	\$177,350
3230	Building Permits	04	\$630	\$500	\$500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$3,592	\$2,815	\$2,815
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$199,513</b>	<b>\$180,765</b>	<b>\$180,765</b>

**State Sources**

3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$45,753	\$46,013	\$46,013
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$160,085	\$160,085	\$160,085
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	04	\$152	\$152	\$152
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	04	\$0	\$21,603	\$21,603
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$205,990</b>	<b>\$227,853</b>	<b>\$227,853</b>



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2020
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$10,785	\$10,000	\$10,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,785</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$573	\$1,100	\$1,100
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$1,447	\$1,500	\$1,500
3503-3509	Other	04	\$4,689	\$2,350	\$2,350
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,709</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>	<b>\$4,950</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
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
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance		\$48,000	\$0	\$0
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$48,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$519,856</b>	<b>\$464,588</b>	<b>\$464,588</b>



Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2020 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,327,804	\$1,327,804
Special Warrant Articles	\$88,000	\$88,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$1,415,804	\$1,415,804
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$464,588	\$464,588
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$951,216	\$951,216



Supplemental Schedule

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$1,415,804</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$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
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)</b>	<b>\$1,415,804</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions ( <i>Line 7 x 10%</i> )	\$141,580
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
<b>12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:</b>	
<b>(<i>Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12</i>)</b>	
	<b>\$1,557,384</b>



**TOWN OF ACWORTH**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Absentee ballots opened at 5:30 p.m. finished at 5:31 p.m.**  
**Business Meeting – 7:30 p.m. – 8:25 p.m.**  
**Polls closed at 8:25 and counting of ballots began**  
**Counts given to Town Clerk at 9:30 to complete necessary**  
**paperwork, adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

**ARTICLE ONE:** To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following Town Officers:

Results of ballots cast – declared winners' names are noted in **bold print**

Selectmen – One person for three-year term	
<b>Frank Emig</b>	<b>123</b>
Town Clerk – One person for three-year term	
<b>Charlotte Comeau</b>	<b>139</b>
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
<b>Marianne Wierenga-Nevelson</b>	<b>139</b>
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
<b>Melinda Loiselle</b>	<b>139</b>
Local Auditor 1 for one-year term	
<b>Lisa DeValk</b>	<b>137</b>
Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term	
<b>Torrey Greene</b>	<b>138</b>
Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term	
<b>Helen H Frink</b>	<b>139</b>
Library Trustee – One person for three-year term	
<b>Melinda Loiselle</b>	<b>138</b>
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
Brenda Melius	39
<b>Cheryl Sanctuary</b>	<b>87</b>
Bruce Bascom	63
<b>Claudia Istel</b>	<b>75</b>
Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term	
<b>Matthew Connors</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>Jim Neidert</b>	<b>132</b>

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At 7:15 p.m., Moderator John Luther announced for voters to go to the Supervisors of the checklist to obtain secret ballots for the upcoming meeting.

Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at the Acworth Town Hall. John announced again for any voter that did not have their secret ballots to obtain them at this time from the Supervisors of the checklist. John announced that the polls would be open after the meeting for those who still had not voted. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance.

John went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. That any comments be addressed to him and that people would be respectful to one another.

**ARTICLE TWO:** To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

Article three moved by Ken Gagnon. Seconded by Dave Bascom. With no discussion, article two was moved to vote by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE TWO PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article three moved by Judy Aron. Seconded by Ken Grant. With no discussion, article three was moved to vote by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE THREE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,356,738 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *The Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

Article four moved by Mike Aron. Seconded by Brenda Melius. With no discussion, article four was moved to vote by voice vote.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**ARTICLE FIVE:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$8,000 to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established with funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article five moved by Hank Sipple. Seconded by Steve Holt.  
With no discussion, article five was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE FIVE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE SIX:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 to the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established with funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article six moved by Ken Grant. Seconded by Hank Sipple.  
With no discussion, article six was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE SIX PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE SEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Buildings Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA35:1 for construction and repair of Town buildings, and to appropriate \$5,000 to be placed in said fund to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. Further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article seven moved by Hank Sipple. Seconded by Mike Aron.  
After a brief discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE SEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE EIGHT:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established with \$15,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance and \$10,000 from taxation. *The Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

**Article eight moved by Judy Aron. Seconded by Ken Grant.  
With no discussion, article eight was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**ARTICLE NINE:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the restoration of the Town hearse as requested by the Cemetery Trustees. *Neither the Selectmen nor the Budget Committee recommend this article.*

**Article nine moved by Helen Frink. Seconded by Bill Brodne. Helen Frink explained why they were asking for the money. After some discussion, article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE NINE PASSED**

**ARTICLE TEN:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$100 as voted in 2007 to \$200.

**Article ten moved by Judy Aron. Seconded by Ken Grant. After a brief discussion, article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE ELEVEN:** To see if the Town will vote to increase the qualifying income and asset levels for Elderly Exemption as voted in 2007 by the amount of the federal cost of living increase since that year as follows:

Single income from \$17,500 to \$21,000; Married income from \$24,000 to \$28,800;  
Single and married assets from \$40,000 to \$48,000.

**Article eleven moved by Marianne Nevelson. Seconded by Steve Holt.**

**After a brief discussion, article eleven was moved to vote by voice vote.**

**ARTICLE ELEVEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE TWELVE:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to conduct a study regarding "Pay-to-Throw" for solid waste disposal whereby refuse would be deposited in designated bags obtainable for a reasonable fee per RSA 41:9-a.

**Article twelve moved by Lisa DeValk. Seconded by Brian St. Pierre**

**After much discussion, Joe Fedora motioned to amend the article "to see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to conduct a study regarding alternative recycling and solid waste disposal options". Seconded by Frank Emig.**

**After some discussion on the amendment, Dave Bascom motioned to move the question. Seconded by Judy Aron.**

Moving the question passed by voice vote.  
Moderator moved to vote by voice vote on the amendment.  
Amendment passed.  
Article twelve as amended was moved to vote by voice vote.

**ARTICLE TWELVE AS AMENDED PASSED**

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN:** To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Greg Thibodeau spoke on the Acworth Veteran's Memorial Park and that \$5,000 that was raised last year. They want to continue raising money to beautify the area around the flagpole and add memorials with the names of all those that served in wars while residents of Acworth. The committee will be putting together various fundraisers this year as well as selling pavers to put around the flag pole. These pavers are available to any for \$35 for a family and \$40 for military with a military emblem.

With no further business, Brian St. Pierre motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ken Grant.  
Adjourning the business portion of the meeting went to voice vote.  
Passed unanimously.

Moderator announced at 8:25 p.m. that the business portion of meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so. There was no one else to vote, polls closed at 8:25 p.m. Meeting was recessed at 8:25 p.m. to count ballots.

Counting of ballots completed at 9:30 p.m. The information was given to the Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlotte Comeau  
Acworth Town Clerk

**2019 Schedule of Town Real Properties and Values**

Town Hall and Land 229-1	\$182,800	
Flagpole Lot 229-2	18,600	
Town Common 229-3	27,000	
Library and Land 229-32	139,400	
Hill/Lynn triangle 229-49	8,200	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	143,600	\$519,600
<b>Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:</b>		
Crescent Lake 201-36	21,900	
Hurd 201-107 and 108	452,600	
Murzda 206-1	30,600	
Farrell 206-8	36,200	
Owner unknown 207-6	34,900	
Zacharie 207-14	13,100	
Patten 208-10.1	33,700	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	2,900	
Augustinowicz 210-27	36,600	
Howard Estate 210-39	32,400	
Town Forest 211-1,201-135	121,700	
Owner unknown 222-21	8,300	
Farnsworth (Ball field) 222-4	52,800	
Buss Lot 226-1	8,400	
Champney 226-6	31,900	
Wunsch 229-17	141,500	
Onofrio 229-30	34,200	
Paige Wilson 229-36	34,600	
Paige Wilson 229-36.1	91,500	
Ball 230-3	11,200	
Callum 234-18	25,400	
Owner unknown 234-19	42,400	
Roberts 236-10	38,500	
Jennison 240-9	68,400	
Moto 241-18	19,300	
Dean 247-21	47,300	
Landmark Land 248-13.1	30,700	
Prouty 250-2	6,600	\$1,509,600
<b>Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:</b>		
Pierce Brook 209-7	47,000	
Ward 218-4	22,300	
Town Wetlands 225-6,226-9	6,300	
Conservation Associates 225-7	62,900	
Hamblet 226-8.1	3,500	
Stebbins Road 229-58	11,100	
Five Points School House 231-8	8,900	
Nye Road Cemetery 234-8	25,400	
Lubetkin/Cemetery 234-13	31,200	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	43,000	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	31,500	
Prince 246-57	2,200	\$295,300
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$2,324,500</b>

### **2019 Tax Collector's Report**

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2019 property taxes in the amount of \$2,848,179.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer \$2,579,585.65 in 2019 tax payments, 90.6 % which is 1.01% less than 2018.

In addition I received a warrant for 2019 Yield Taxes in the amount of \$13,373.27. On 12/31/2019 the balance due on 2019 yield taxes was \$637.77. I will mail the delinquency notice for the 2019 Taxes in early February, 2020 to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to their delinquency and to notify them of the lien date for 2019 Taxes: August 3rd, 2020. All properties with uncollected 2019 taxes on August 3, 2020 will receive a Tax Lien regardless of the amount of taxes. Liens are an expensive proposition – 14% interest plus various fees for taxes assessed after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2017 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 26, 2020. I recommend that those taxpayers start paying off immediately and contact me with their plan as to how they are going to deal with their tax debt. Having a plan places you in a stronger position when a tax deed decision has to be made.

In 2019, 43 real estate liens for the levy of 2018 were executed. 4 Tax payers were scheduled for Tax Deeding for the levy of 2016. 3 Waivers were issued to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen for payment plans and/or listing for sale of the property. 1 Tax Deed was executed. Please note: Tax Deed waivers can be rescinded with a thirty day notice and only the act of executing a tax deed to the Town of Acworth is waived. All back taxes and interest stay in effect.

Payments are entered as received on the day of the postal cancellation. You do not have to wait for a Monday to see me personally. Payments can be dropped off at the Town Offices, but I prefer that you put your payments in the mail. If everything else fails you can call me to make an appointment for when it is convenient for you.

Thank you, taxpayers for your prompt payments, your cooperation and your good cheer.

Marianne W Nevelson  
Tax Collector

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TAX COLLECTOR'S TRIAL BALANCE REPORT

Levy	Invoice Description	Ath	Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2019	PROPERTY TAXES				2,848,179.00	-2,576,904.62		4,769.00	276,043.38
	CREDIT BALANCES					-2,681.03			-2,681.03
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-1,375.00		-1,375.00
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-133.00		-133.00
	INTEREST CHARGES				1,079.56	-1,079.56			
2018	PROPERTY TAXES			162,723.31		-82,652.45			80,070.86
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-75,963.52			-75,963.52
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-4,107.34		-4,107.34
	INTEREST CHARGES			6.15	11,349.28	-11,355.43			
	OTHER CHARGES				323.00	-296.37			26.63
	CONVERT TO LIEN - CHRGS					-26.63			-26.63
2019	YIELD TAXES				13,373.27	-12,735.50			637.77
2018	YIELD TAXES			5,468.83		-506.96			4,961.87
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-4,961.87			-4,961.87
	INTEREST CHARGES				720.23	-720.23			
2018	TAX LIENS				90,367.65	-21,085.26			69,282.39
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-1,500.54		-1,500.54
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-42.58		-42.58
	INTEREST CHARGES				428.41	-428.41			
	OTHER CHARGES				379.50	-86.25			293.25
2017	TAX LIENS			54,988.64		-20,760.10			34,228.54
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-1,443.49		-1,443.49
	TAX ABATEMENTS						-226.77		-226.77
	INTEREST CHARGES				4,473.64	-4,446.64			27.00
	OTHER CHARGES			358.00		-277.00			81.00
2016	TAX LIENS			30,549.26		-27,284.82			3,264.44
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)						-189.74		-189.74
	INTEREST CHARGES			18.56	9,796.16	-9,787.72			27.00
	OTHER CHARGES			145.44		-135.44			10.00
	TAKEN BY DEED (COSTS)						-10.00		-10.00
2015	TAX LIENS			3,206.42		-147.84			3,058.58
	INTEREST CHARGES				22.16	-22.16			
	OTHER CHARGES			44.00					44.00
2014	TAX LIENS			2,870.36		-496.03			2,374.33
	INTEREST CHARGES			54.25	1,899.72	-1,953.97			
2010	TAX LIENS			-28.75					-28.75
	OTHER CHARGES			28.75					28.75
2018	COSTS NOT LIENED				1,512.50				1,512.50
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES					-1,512.50			-1,512.50
***** Grand Totals				260,433.22	2,983,904.08	-2,858,308.31	-9,028.46	4,769.00	381,769.53





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**\$29.07**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Acworth

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$959,889	\$98,419,656	<b>\$9.75</b>
County	\$275,569	\$98,419,656	<b>\$2.80</b>
Local Education	\$1,421,057	\$98,419,656	<b>\$14.44</b>
State Education	\$199,660	\$96,071,200	<b>\$2.08</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,856,175</b>		<b>\$29.07</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$2,856,175
War Service Credits	(\$11,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$2,845,175

11/8/2019

James P. Gerry  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue  
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TOWN OF ACWORTH													10/28/2019	
MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON														
	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009		
Rate per \$1,000														
Town tax	9.75	9.69	9.82	9.84	9.03	8.11	7.64	7.43	6.83	6.25	6.97	6.47		
Local school tax	14.44	13.19	11.73	11.10	10.66	9.69	9.24	8.79	8.65	7.92	7.55	7.55		
State school tax	2.08	2.29	2.28	2.89	2.48	2.66	2.44	2.58	2.51	2.15	2.15	2.38		
County tax	2.80	2.86	3.09	2.89	3.04	3.19	3.30	2.86	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.65		
	29.07	28.03	26.92	26.33	25.21	23.65	22.62	21.66	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05		
Taxes per \$100,000 of assessed value														
Land/Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00		
Town taxes	975.00	969.00	982.00	984.00	903.00	811.00	764.00	743.00	683.00	625.00	697.00	647.00		
Local school tax	1,319.00	1,319.00	1,173.00	1,110.00	1,066.00	969.00	924.00	879.00	865.00	792.00	765.00	755.00		
State school tax	208.00	229.00	228.00	289.00	248.00	266.00	244.00	258.00	251.00	215.00	215.00	238.00		
County taxes	280.00	286.00	309.00	289.00	304.00	319.00	330.00	286.00	320.00	292.00	272.00	265.00		
	2,907.00	2,803.00	2,692.00	2,633.00	2,521.00	2,365.00	2,262.00	2,166.00	2,119.00	1,924.00	1,949.00	1,905.00		
Town valuation summary (per MS-1)														
Land only														
current use	1,465,700	1,434,250	1,363,800	1,364,660	\$ 1,184,730	1,290,290	1,277,940	1,938,450	1,967,530	2,075,970	2,080,920	2,071,740		
residential	32,667,100	32,742,800	33,038,400	32,640,700	34,659,200	34,867,500	35,270,300	35,369,800	35,446,000	34,832,200	35,176,400	35,292,400		
commercial	722,600	722,600	722,600	745,700	874,700	874,700	874,700	906,300	906,300	995,100	962,700	364,700		
subtotal	34,855,400	34,899,650	35,124,800	34,751,060	36,718,630	37,032,490	37,422,940	38,214,550	38,319,830	37,903,270	38,220,020	37,728,840		
Building only														
residential	56,994,000	57,165,800	56,948,700	56,367,700	53,433,900	53,059,200	52,112,000	51,893,700	51,220,100	61,591,900	60,799,100	59,550,700		
manufct housing	1,283,100	1,265,000	1,260,600	1,212,100	1,256,300	1,200,100	1,228,900	1,391,200	1,421,400	1,621,600	1,385,600	1,381,600		
commercial	3,147,500	3,147,500	2,536,800	2,975,900	2,475,000	2,461,800	302,200	3,811,800	2,684,400	2,814,200	2,153,000	2,212,200		
subtotal	61,424,600	61,578,300	60,746,100	60,555,700	57,165,200	56,741,100	56,363,100	57,096,700	55,325,900	66,027,700	64,337,700	63,144,500		
Public utilities	2,348,456	2,305,100	2,317,000	2,154,758	2,037,548	1,762,541	1,546,900	1,472,574	1,342,032	1,422,200	1,248,606	1,194,995		
valuation totals	98,628,456	98,783,050	98,187,900	97,461,518	95,921,378	95,536,131	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335		
Blind exempt	(13,800)	(13,800)	(13,800)	(13,800)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)		
Elderly exempt	(195,000)	(200,000)	(200,000)	(250,000)	(220,000)	(220,000)	(195,000)	(249,700)	(244,700)	(249,100)	(249,100)	(234,100)		
value for local taxes	98,419,656	98,569,250	97,974,100	97,197,718	95,686,378	95,301,131	95,107,940	96,504,124	94,713,062	105,074,070	103,527,226	101,804,235		
less utilities	(2,348,456)	(2,305,100)	(2,317,000)	(2,154,758)	(2,037,548)	(1,762,541)	(1,546,900)	(1,472,574)	(1,342,032)	(1,422,200)	(1,248,606)	(1,194,995)		
value for state ed tax	96,071,200	96,264,150	95,657,100	95,042,960	93,648,830	93,538,590	93,561,040	95,031,550	93,371,030	103,651,870	102,278,620	100,609,240		
Change in town valuation														
Town valuation	98,628,456	98,783,050	98,187,900	97,461,518	95,921,378	95,536,131	95,332,940	96,783,824	94,987,762	105,353,170	103,806,326	102,068,335		
Valuation change	(154,594)	595,150	726,382	1,540,140	385,247	203,191	(1,450,884)	1,796,062	(10,365,408)	1,546,844	1,737,991	NA		

## 2019 Town Clerk Report

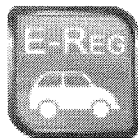
I want to take the opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. I am responsible for registering and titling vehicles. I complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland permit applications, pole licenses and dog licenses. I accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Notary Public services are also available. There is more information as well as various printable forms on the Acworth website at [www.acworthnh.net](http://www.acworthnh.net).

Marianne Nevelson is doing a great job and fills in for me in my absence. She also comes to the office on a regular basis when I am there in order to help out. It's been great having her.

I purchased the electronic signature pad which allows for signing just one time and all signatures appear on the registrations. This has helped make things more efficient especially when there are multiple registrations. For 2020 I am planning to purchase a scanner which will allow me to scan the bar code on the registration and all the information will populate into the computer, making things even quicker! Be sure to bring your previous registration. This is required by law but there are still many that don't provide this.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2020. The 2019 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed.

As a reminder, there is the option of renewing your registration and/or dog license or apply for a vital record copy on the Internet. To do this, go to the Acworth website, scroll down and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



You will need to make out two checks for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation. Make out one check to The Town of Acworth and the other to The State of NH DMV. Mail the confirmation in with your checks and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. You are able to renew your registrations up to four months in advance.

Be sure to check out the town website at [www.acworthnh.net](http://www.acworthnh.net) if you haven't already.

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-6879.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Comeau  
Acworth Town Clerk

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**2019 TOWN CLERK REPORT**  
(Continued)

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

Vehicle Registrations	184,638.49
Clerk Fees	2,990.00
Title Fees	524.00
Title Transfer Fees	430.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,650.00
E-Convenience Fee	156.00
E-Log Fee	36.10
Returned Check Fees	50.00
	<u>192,474.59</u>

**DOGS**

Licenses Issued: **184**

Town Fees	727.65
State Fees	337.00
Late Fees	57.00
	<u>1,121.65</u>

**MARRIAGES**

Licenses Issued: **4**

Town Fees	28.00
State Fees	172.00
	<u>200.00</u>

**FILING FEES**

Vital Record Copies **22**

Town Fees	144.00
State Fees	161.00
Mail in Fees	1.30
UCC	195.00
	<u>501.30</u>

**MISCELLANEOUS**

NH Statewide Checklist	300.00
	<u>300.00</u>

<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	<b><u>194,597.54</u></b>
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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2019

	<u>Jan - Dec 19</u>
<b>3100 Received from tax collector</b>	\$ 2,910,528.62
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>2,910,528.62</u>
<b>3200 Received from town clerk</b>	196,908.94
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>196,908.94</u>
<b>3319 From Federal sources</b>	
3319.1 FEMA funds for road repairs	-
<b>3350 From State sources</b>	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	45,753.09
3353 Highway block grant	160,085.10
3356 Forest land reimbursement	151.84
3359.2 Other State grants	-
	<u>205,990.03</u>
<b>3400 Revenue from services</b>	
3404 Transfer station fees	10,784.60
<b>3500 Miscellaneous sources</b>	
3501.1 Sale of Municipal properties	262.80
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	-
3501.3 Gove lot timber sales	210.00
3501.4 Sale of fixed assets	100.00
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	1,551.23
3503.1 Rent of town property	205.00
3506.1 Welfare lien reimbursements	-
3508.1 Miscellaneous gifts	161.99
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	3,247.00
3509.25 Planet Aid	198.10
3509.7 Reimbursed overpayments	876.45
3230.2 Building permit fees	630.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	90.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	231.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	210.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	683.10
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	399.50
	<u>9,056.17</u>
<b>3915 From special revenue funds</b>	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	-
3915.4 Transfer from capital reserves for reval/maps	-
3915.7 Transfer from capital reserves for bridges	-
	<u>-</u>
<b>3916 Trust and agency funds</b>	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	-
<b>3917 Transfers from Conservation funds</b>	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
<b>Amount from Fund Balance (prior surplus)</b>	21,230.00
<b>Voted from fund balance</b>	48,000.00
<b>Unanticipated Income</b>	
2019 Mutual Aid Distribution	20,161.50
Hearse restoration	500.00
	<u>20,661.50</u>
<b>Total cash receipts for 2019</b>	<b>\$ 3,423,159.86</b>

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

## Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
<b>4130 Town officers' salaries</b>	
Selectmen - Frank Emig	\$ 2,000.00
Selectmen - Rob Devalk	2,000.00
Selectmen - Jim Jennison	2,000.00
Treasurer - Melinda Loiselle	2,499.90
Deputy treasurer - Sarah Eaton	1,000.00
Tax collector - Marianne Nevelson	7,999.94
Deputy tax collector -	499.98
Town clerk - Charlotte Comeau	9,499.88
Health officer -	-
Deputy health officer -	-
Local auditor - Lisa Devalk	250.00
	<hr/> 27,749.70
<b>4140 Elections and vital statistics</b>	
Stipends-election officials	1,139.50
Postage	-
Public notices	77.89
Training	-
Vital record fees	317.00
	<hr/> 1,534.39
<b>4150 Town office expenses</b>	
Wages-administrative assistant	45,600.10
IRA substitute	1,883.80
Wages-office help	90.00
Health insurance	6,288.14
Computer, software and support	2,638.41
Deed office recording fees	-
Dues to Associations	1,106.00
Miscellaneous	480.88
Office equipment	3,039.12
Office supplies	1,155.36
Outside consultants	-
Postage	598.85
Public notices	57.42
Services of forester	426.25
Telephone	1,513.92
Tax collector expenses	5,464.34
Town clerk expenses	2,711.96
Town reports and Town Meeting	568.00
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	-
Workshops and training	-
	<hr/> 73,622.55
<b>4152 Revaluation of property</b>	
Property assessing	7,383.10
Mapping	2,250.00
Revaluation maintenance	-
	<hr/> 9,633.10
<b>4153 Legal expenses</b>	
Miscellaneous legal	90.00
Compliance	170.00
General Services	9,041.23
	<hr/> 9,301.23

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## TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
<b>4155 Payroll tax expenses</b>	
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	\$ 722.89
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	1,050.29
Payroll taxes-election officials	87.17
Payroll taxes-forest fires	-
Payroll taxes-highway	14,197.63
Payroll taxes-planning board	115.82
Payroll taxes-road projects	555.03
Payroll taxes-town office	3,639.40
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,122.82
Payroll taxes expenses - other	-
	<u>22,491.05</u>
 <b>4191 Planning and zoning</b>	
Wages - planning board	1,495.00
Master plan expenses	296.87
Miscellaneous expenses	55.35
Public notices	98.36
Recording and other expenses	79.35
Training	60.00
	<u>2,084.93</u>
 <b>4194 Town hall expenses</b>	
Building compliance	1,443.60
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	3,436.51
Electricity	1,104.27
Fuel oil	3,416.99
Mowing	2,155.00
Repairs & maintenance	5,190.00
Supplies	181.74
	<u>16,928.11</u>
 <b>4195 Cemeteries</b>	
Corner markers	150.00
Hearse storage	-
Lawn Care	8,175.00
Miscellaneous expenses	46.80
Monument repair	3,000.00
Tree work	2,600.00
	<u>13,971.80</u>
 <b>4196 Insurance</b>	
Property and general liability	14,862.00
State unemployment insurance	1,582.00
Workmens compensation	6,279.80
	<u>22,723.80</u>
 <b>4197 Regional planning associations</b>	
Mileage	457.80
UVLSRPC annual dues	1,223.34
	<u>1,681.14</u>

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# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
<b>4210 Police</b>	
Contract services	\$ 62.60
Dispatch	3,400.00
	3,462.60
 <b>4215 Ambulance</b>	 9,600.00
 <b>4220 Fire &amp; Rescue services</b>	 39,577.00
 <b>4290 Emergency management</b>	
Wages-forest fires	-
	-
 <b>4312 Highway maintenance</b>	
Wages-highway	157,482.01
Overtime wages-highway	19,157.43
IRA substitute	6,986.38
Health insurance	34,565.23
Crack sealing	9,375.00
Culverts	33,045.28
Calcium chloride	-
Materials	4,956.00
Miscellaneous	530.06
Pot hole repair	2,650.54
Roadside mowing	9,856.00
Road grading	-
Road signs	476.79
Salt	18,094.51
Small maintenance projects	11,970.00
Tree work	4,800.00
Trucking	-
	313,945.23
 <b>4313 Bridge repairs</b>	 -
 <b>4316 Street lighting</b>	 3,237.21
 <b>4319 Highway - general expenses</b>	
Building compliance	476.28
Building maintenance	952.03
Diesel fuel	21,567.51
Drug testing	949.00
Electricity	3,081.56
Emergency tow	-
Gas	964.15
Heating fuel	7,916.17
Miscellaneous	202.99
New equipment	4,533.47
Radio communication	-
Repairs, parts	36,199.03
Safety	667.36
Shop supplies	6,144.71
Telephone	963.20
Training	300.00
Uniforms	2,312.23
	87,229.69



# TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
<b>4324 Solid waste</b>	
Wages-dump attendant	\$ 13,730.30
Capital improvements	354.97
Comingle bin w/o glass	2,278.14
Compactor truck/rent/disposal	22,233.70
Demolition disposal fees	11,218.11
Electricity	1,317.54
Electronics recycling	1,089.83
Equipment	-
Fluorescent disposal	235.88
Freon extraction	279.00
Glass/ceramic disposal	1,538.65
Hazardous waste disposal	50.00
Metal disposal fees	1,412.40
Miscellaneous	253.61
Mixed paper disposal	3,375.93
Propane	-
Repair, maintenance, and permitting	269.73
Safety	146.55
Telephone	443.99
Tire disposal	1,102.75
Training	38.88
Waste Oil Disposal	101.75
	<hr/> 61,471.71
<b>4325 Landfill closure</b>	
Monitoring and maintenance	5,500.60
<b>4414 Animal control</b>	
Dog tags	84.61
State fees	295.50
Vet and boarding	-
	<hr/> 380.11
<b>4415 Health and other agencies</b>	
Alstead Food Shelf	1,000.00
Big Brother Big Sister	-
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	1,000.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Monadnock Family Services	1,114.00
Red Cross	-
S W Community Services	689.00
West Central Behavioral Health	850.00
	<hr/> 5,653.00
<b>4445 Welfare</b>	-
<b>4520 Recreation</b>	
Electricity	173.11
Mowing	1,570.00
Recreation - other	-
	<hr/> 1,743.11

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**TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)**  
Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2019

	Jan - Dec 19
<b>4550 Library</b>	
Wages-library	\$ 25,505.37
Payroll taxes-library	1,947.72
Lawn maintenance	1,140.00
Miscellaneous	28.20
Library appropriation paid	12,044.07
	<u>40,665.36</u>
<b>4583 Memorial Day expenses</b>	250.00
<b>4589 Other culture and recreation</b>	
Maintain items of value	1,198.00
Other	-
	<u>1,198.00</u>
<b>4611 Conservation commission</b>	
CC association dues	250.00
Crescent Lake testing	239.86
Miscellaneous expenses	225.00
	<u>714.86</u>
<b>4619 Conservation preservation</b>	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
<b>4902 Machinery, vehicles &amp; equipment</b>	
2015 Western Star truck	24,104.56
Equipment lease - international replace	37,918.00
Equipment lease - roller	11,386.80
	<u>73,409.36</u>
<b>4909 Improvements other than buildings</b>	
Gravel crushing	72,271.25
Culvert replacement	-
Wages - road projects	9,247.28
Beryl Mountain Road	74,428.82
Charlestown Road	3,500.00
Cold Pond Road	16,361.70
Crane Brook Road	-
Derry Hill Road	60,329.40
Luther Hill Road	104,665.00
Turkey Shoot Road	-
Town pit development	4,983.34
Town properties	535.59
	<u>346,342.38</u>
<b>4912 To special revenue funds</b>	
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement	-
<b>4915 To capital reserve funds</b>	
Capital reserve - buildings & grounds	5,000.00
Capital reserve - bridges	20,000.00
Capital reserve - highway equipment	25,000.00
Capital reserve - revaluation	8,000.00
	<u>58,000.00</u>
<b>4916 To expendable cemetery trust fund</b>	
Transfers to trustees of trust funds	-
<b>Warrant Articles Voted</b>	
Small truck replacement	-
International replacement	-
	<u>-</u>
<b>Total appropriation disbursements for 2019</b>	<u>\$ 1,256,102.02</u>

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements 2019

Other Expense	Jan - Dec 19
Beryl Mountain Road culverts encumbered	\$ 19,980.00
4931 Sullivan County	275,569.00
4933 FM Regional School District	1,620,722.00
4199 Abatements/tax refunds/prepaid items	7,086.00
CC - Conservation Commission expenses	500.00
FMF - Forest maintenance plan expense	165.00
Hearse restoration	1,250.00
Fairpoint Settlement	73,949.56
Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2019	<u>\$ 1,999,201.56</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2019

### Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/19	\$ 4,119.27
Wetlands survey	-
Orchard school scholarship	(500.00)
Hamblett land purchase	-
Interest income	1.91
Ending balance 12/31/19	<u>\$ 3,621.18</u>

### Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/19	\$ 4,127.58
Timber sale proceeds	577.00
Timber bond reimbursement	1,000.00
Forester expense	(165.00)
Interest income	2.64
Transfer to general fund	-
Ending balance 12/31/19	<u>\$ 5,542.22</u>

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**Town of Acworth**  
**Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)**  
**December 31, 2019 and 2018**

	<u>31-Dec 2019</u>	<u>31-Dec 2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ (18,259.84)	\$ (30,893.75)
Money market	929,230.54	975,041.26
Savings - Conservation Commission	3,621.18	4,119.27
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	5,542.22	4,127.58
Highway Dept Debit Card Account	1,381.82	-
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	923,165.92	954,044.36
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	275,910.38	165,119.02
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	637.77	5,468.83
Tax liens receivable - 2014 levy	-	2,924.61
Tax liens receivable - 2015 levy	5,476.91	3,250.42
Tax liens receivable - 2016 levy	3,301.44	30,713.26
Tax liens receivable - 2017 levy	34,109.77	55,346.64
Tax liens receivable - 2018 levy	69,533.06	-
Allowance for abatements-property tax	<u>-</u>	<u>56,364.00</u>
	388,969.33	319,186.78
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 1,312,135.25</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,273,231.14</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	299.96	
Deferred revenue - Prepaid property taxes	2,681.03	2,400.71
Deferred revenue - Unanticipated grants	-	-
School district payable	673,505.00	677,815.00
Fairpoint	-	56,364.00
Performance bond refundable	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	677,985.99	739,079.71
Fund equity		
Fund equity - unassigned	377,523.03	437,551.99
Fund equity - encumbered		
Encumbered - 2018 Beryl Mt Road Culverts	-	19,980.00
Encumbered - 2019 JP Contract	73,785.00	-
Encumbered - 2019 Hearse Contract	4,302.00	-
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	3,621.18	4,119.27
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	5,542.22	4,127.58
Fund balance - Hearse restoration	148.00	-
Potential Net Income	<u>169,227.83</u>	<u>68,372.59</u>
	634,149.26	534,151.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$ 1,312,135.25</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,273,231.14</u></u>

## 2019 Selectmen's Report

During 2019 Selectmen continued to follow Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company's State certification and easement protection at the Roy Farm. In addition they reached a settlement in the Fairpoint litigation, created and followed the Solid Waste Study Committee and worked with property owners on junkyard and storage container compliance.

In 2018 Acworth Fire and Rescue Company held temporary certification from the State Fire Marshall while they made equipment and records updates. In 2019 the Fire Marshall met with Selectmen. He noted the Company's progress and although few small independent units remain he saw no need to discontinue a compliant company. By fall Chief Baber reported that the Company is fully certified and submitted an increased budget request which was put in the Selectmen's budget.

Selectmen received confirmation from the State Attorney General's office in January that their efforts to protect public access to the Roy Farm in 2018 were appropriate. The Board attempted to recoup the legal costs incurred by the Town by filing a small claim with the court rather than using Town counsel. At this writing the claim remains unpaid.

In 2011 Fairpoint filed a suit against NH towns regarding the assessing of their poles and conduits. Due to its complexity and the number of litigants the suit lingered in the courts until 2019 when towns were offered settlements by Fairpoint through their attorneys. Acworth had been preparing for the settlement by setting funds aside within our fund balance on a yearly basis. The amount accumulated was slightly less than the settlement and Selectmen voted to apply an unanticipated Municipal Aid Distribution received from the State to cover the difference without impacting our operating budget.

The March Town Meeting charged Selectmen with creating a study committee to research solid waste and recycling options for the Town. The Committee met for several months during 2019. Members did not endorse pay-to-throw as an option and provided several recommendations some of which were implemented during the year.

Work on junkyard compliance continued. Cleanup of a site on Connecticut Heights is near completion and the Board began to work with a Hill Road site owner to attain a junkyard license. Several owners required help navigating storage container compliance. The Town voted to deny storage containers in the Village Districts and at Crescent Lake. Details of the limits on their use can be found on our website in the Zoning Ordinance.

Selectmen were able to develop a budget for the new year which is slightly lower than the previous year. Savings in 2019 road projects and contracts in place allowed the Board to encumber funds for work on more roads in 2020 than shown in the Capital Improvement Plan. Looking forward Selectmen have serious concerns for the tax impact of a planned renovation of the County Home and of the proposed plan by Charlestown to withdraw from the School District. Both need our attention and the Board welcomes your input.

Acworth Board of Selectmen, Rob DeValk, Frank Emig and Jim Jennison

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## **2019 Highway Department Report**

Our Highway Supervisor position was vacated in November 2018 and crew member Earl Kathan stepped in as Interim Supervisor. In 2019 Selectmen interviewed three candidates for the position and in May confirmed Earl as Supervisor. Over the year the Department gained a new CDL driver, Mark McIntire, and lost one as Lester Tallman moved on to other employment. Scott Sanchas continues as a full time crew member and Ed Baker and Bob Stocker fill in as needed.

The winter weather pattern of recent years has brought more mixed precipitation storms which require repeated applications of sand and salt and long hours of driving. In addition to keeping roads passable the crew keeps the Transfer Station clear and stocks the public sand depot across from the Garage. Our gravel roads have benefited from consistent summer ditching, grading and rolling resulting in fewer wash outs and lost material. One storm related issue the Department cannot address is trees on utility wires. Calls concerning wires need to be directed to the utility companies.

Over the year the Department provided support to outside contractor Hodgkins and Sons during the installation of new culverts along Beryl Mountain Road, expanded the Library parking area and rebuilt the Transfer Station burn pit. Pot hole repair takes place year round. Because pot holes are so prevalent the crew is continually trying new materials as they are available. Equipment maintenance is constant. Use of the internet to source parts has provided savings to the Town. It has also been a resource for equipment purchases. The Department was able to purchase a sweeper and a rock body liner far below market value through an online auction.

No new major purchases are planned for 2020. The old International which was slated for sale in 2019 has been worth more as a "beater" truck than could be made from its sale. The best place to discuss road issues is at Selectmen's meetings. For emergencies, the Garage phone is 835-6866 and is checked regularly. The crew at Acworth Highway appreciates your support.

Board of Selectmen's office

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## 2019 Solid Waste Report

Waste_disposed	Type	Shipments	Tons/units	Cost	Income
	MSW	27	215.3	\$22,234	
	C&D	17	101.9	11,218	\$10,785
	Freon	1	/31	279	
	Hazardous				
<b>Waste recycled</b>					
	Comingle	7	14.26	\$2,278	
	Bulbs	1	/149	236	
	Electronics	1	2.06	1,090	
	Glass	3	23.51	1,539	
	Metal	8		1,412	3,247
	Paper	10	29.2	3,376	
	Planet Aid	3			198
	Propane				
	Waste oil				

### Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	215.3 tons
Construction, Demolition Debris, Bulky Waste	101.9 tons
Total	317.2 tons

### Measurable recyclables shipped for processing

	69.0 tons
Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables	386.2 tons

Recycling as a percentage of measurable tonnage 18.0%

We began using this format of reporting 10 years ago in 2009. At that time Recycling as a percentage of measurable tonnage was considered good at 25%. This is the first year it has dipped below 20% and that is due to continuous changes in the recycling market. Comingle and glass are both down because of restrictions on what will be accepted within a load. Noncompliance can cause an entire load to be rejected.

Separate from recyclables we are handling 14% more trash. Careful attention to the disposal fee schedule has helped to keep the increase from MSW and bulky waste from impacting the Transfer Station budget. However, the Town's 2019 request for hauling proposals indicated that disposal costs will continue to rise.

As the 2019 Solid Waste Study Committee discovered some of the economies of scale are not available or financially feasible for our small operation. Our best defense against rising costs may simply be reducing volume. To assure we are only handling Acworth

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trash the Selectmen have reinstituted Transfer Station stickers which are available to Townspeople in the Town office.

The Transfer Station works under an Operating Plan which is filed with the NH Department of Environmental Services. The Plan details what materials can be accepted and how they are dealt with. The Department provides the Town with facility self-inspection guidelines and Best Management Practices. The Town is required to file an Annual Facility Report with the Department which summarizes the amount of trash handled, where it is being transferred to and by what haulers.

### **2019 Solid Waste Study Committee**

At the 2019 Town Meeting voters asked the Selectmen “to conduct a study regarding alternative recycling and solid waste disposal options.” Linda Christie, Paul Colburn, Joe Fedora, Jim Jennison and Charlie Bradt served on the Committee which met for six months. After meeting with representatives from State, industry and local solid waste resources the Committee submitted a list of recommendations to the Selectmen. The summary below shows recommendations which have already been implemented and those which have long term application.

#### **Implemented in 2019:**

1. Saving of electrical and copper wiring;
2. Shipping iron and steel through Northeast Resource Recovery Association;
3. Obtaining a larger MSW container to reduce trucking;
4. Separating cardboard which earns money from paper which costs money;
5. Requesting bids for disposal for 2020;
6. Reviewing market pricing.

#### **For future application:**

1. Apply for grants to test used oil for removal by local users;
2. Begin saving for replacement of the 2012 compactor;
3. Begin saving for purchase of containers;
4. Seek volunteers for wire stripping and sorting;
5. Work with Northeast Resource Recovery Association on revenue options;
6. Consider an ongoing advisory committee.

The Committee’s concluding comment noted that Northeast Resource Recovery Association, the nonprofit organization monitoring recycling and solid waste across the State and of which the Town is a member, sees no changes in the near future in particularly paper and cardboard pricing.

We are fortunate to have had the Committee’s service on this issue which affects all of us.

Board of Selectmen office

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### **2018 Trustees of Trust Funds Report**

Current Trustees of Trust Funds are: Torrey Greene, Chairman, Betsy Snider, Vice Chairman, Tim Perry, Bookkeeper.

As everyone understands, the ongoing low interest rate environment has been challenging for those dependent on income from cash and cash equivalent accounts. The trust fund accounts are no exception to this dilemma. Due to these challenges the Trustees explored other options for an opportunity for a higher long-term return.

After completing a search to find other options that would serve the town, the Trustees settled on Charter Trust Company to manage the investing of the town's trust funds. After the firm's presentations the Trustees felt confident that this would be in the town's best interest in the long term. The trustees worked closely with Charter Trust to update our Investment Policy Statement and as we move forward we will continue to monitor compliance with this document. While this change does not guarantee an annual positive return, we believe that over time we have the opportunity for a better overall total return.

The Trustees signed a new Investment Policy Statement to direct the investment activity of the Trust Funds of the Town of Acworth in accordance with all applicable RSA's. A copy is available in the Town Hall in the Trustees of Trust Funds Minute book.

For the Trustees of Trust Funds  
Marianne W Nevelson  
Recording Secretary

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Town of Acworth MS-9  
Year Ending December 31, 2019

PRINCIPAL - ACCOUNT #8000006193

INCOME - ACCOUNT #8000006193

DATE	TRUST NAME	Type	Purpose	How Invested	% OF TOTAL	ANNUAL TOTALS				ANNUAL TOTALS			
						BALANCE	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE	Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	Transf Income/Exp
01/01/1900	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve (Other)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.52%	-	25,000.00	-	-	1,987.18	37.10	-	-
01/02/1900	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve (Other)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	2.78%	8,194.57	-	-	-	2,458.91	198.82	-	-
01/03/1900	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve (Other)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.28%	-	-	-	-	1,087.67	20.29	-	-
01/04/1900	Ac Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve (Other)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	3.48%	12,952.56	5,000.00	-	(3,694.00)	3,695.57	227.36	-	-
01/05/1900	2010 Reval CRE	Capital Reserve (Other)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	4.25%	16,000.00	8,000.00	-	-	271.39	303.66	-	-
01/06/1900	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve (Other)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	10.79%	40,000.00	20,000.00	-	-	1,329.93	771.36	-	-
01/01/1913	Edward C Ball	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	346.53	18.47	-	-
01/01/1913	Julia A Buswell	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.31%	1,077.50	-	-	-	129.08	25.19	-	-
01/01/1916	Mary L Bowers	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.69%	1,616.25	-	-	-	1,020.91	55.04	-	-
01/01/1922	TW Place	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.10%	269.38	-	-	-	98.55	7.67	-	-
01/01/1922	George W Neal	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.25%	573.02	-	-	-	395.65	20.22	-	-
01/01/1924	William Warner	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.20%	538.75	-	-	-	223.61	15.92	-	-
01/01/1925	Horace G Perham	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.09%	269.38	-	-	-	75.19	7.18	-	-
01/01/1925	Henry A Clark	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	738.91	37.90	-	-
01/01/1925	Laura L McKeen	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	337.59	18.30	-	-
01/01/1925	Abram Mitchell	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.45%	1,023.63	-	-	-	691.76	35.79	-	-
01/01/1929	Charles K Wood	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.22%	538.75	-	-	-	315.71	17.83	-	-
01/01/1930	Cynthia Finley	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.09	18.65	-	-
01/01/1930	Charles Elliott	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.09%	269.38	-	-	-	75.64	7.19	-	-
01/01/1930	Hyram Hayward	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.20%	538.75	-	-	-	237.02	16.19	-	-
01/01/1931	Ada L Wallace	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	738.90	37.90	-	-
01/01/1931	White-Ryder	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.22%	511.81	-	-	-	346.03	17.91	-	-
01/01/1932	Oarett Eaton	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.06%	134.69	-	-	-	103.16	4.95	-	-
01/01/1933	Samual A Nye	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.19%	538.75	-	-	-	197.52	15.38	-	-
01/01/1934	Ashton A Hemphill	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.04	18.64	-	-
01/01/1937	George W. Buss	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.04	18.64	-	-
01/01/1937	Frank McNaughton	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.04	18.64	-	-
01/01/1937	Walter Slader	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.71%	1,616.25	-	-	-	1,122.90	57.17	-	-
01/01/1938	George W. Cull	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.07	18.65	-	-
01/01/1939	Alger E Hemphill	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.07	18.65	-	-
01/01/1940	Charles M Thomson	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.07	18.65	-	-
01/01/1941	Gertrude C Reed	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.45%	1,077.50	-	-	-	633.60	35.70	-	-
01/01/1941	Weston Kemp	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.07	18.65	-	-
01/01/1941	Oliver R Kemp	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.12%	269.38	-	-	-	177.34	9.31	-	-
01/01/1942	James Jeffrey	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.09	18.65	-	-
01/01/1942	H W Allen	Trust	Charitable Purpose Trust	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	355.09	18.65	-	-



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					% OF TOTAL	BALANCE 01/01/19	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	BALANCE 12/31/19	
01/01/1943	Ella Prentiss	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.17%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	677.74
01/01/1944	Almon E Clark	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.30%	760.38	-	-	-	760.38	1,191.77
01/01/1944	Francis Buss	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.17%	377.13	-	-	-	377.13	663.38
01/01/1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.71%	1,616.25	-	-	-	1,616.25	2,796.38
01/01/1946	Horace Rugg	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.50
01/01/1946	Erving Davis	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.36%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	1,398.21
01/01/1946	Carl Kemp	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.19%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	751.00
01/01/1946	W A Barney	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.51
01/01/1947	Fred Batchelder	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.22%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	858.72
01/01/1947	The Bass Lot	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.45%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,746.86
01/01/1951	Grace Muzzy	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.50
01/01/1951	Horace Dexter	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.22%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	866.43
01/01/1952	Barrett C Finley	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.15%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	601.70
01/01/1952	George W Potter	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.49
01/01/1954	Roscoe Hull	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.34
01/01/1955	Clara Johnson	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.35
01/01/1957	C M Emerson	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.48
01/01/1957	Frank & J Metcalf	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.17%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	658.31
01/01/1957	N. G. & J Webster	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.49
01/01/1958	Freeman Campbell	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.17%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	677.70
01/01/1958	John Synonds	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.21%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	804.89
01/01/1958	Elmer E Wheeler	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.36%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	1,398.15
01/01/1958	Arthur Perham	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.35
01/01/1959	Larkin-Robbins	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.48
01/01/1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.48
01/01/1959	Reed-Wallace	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.35%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,372.04
01/01/1960	Holbert-Jones	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.31
01/01/1960	B K Barlow	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.22%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	858.67
01/01/1961	Solon L Neal	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.30%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	1,157.06
01/01/1961	Solon Neal	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.36%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	1,398.17
01/01/1961	Arthur Potter	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	912.47
01/01/1961	Raymond C Davis	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.30
01/01/1962	Hayward, Liv & Hol	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	1.19%	2,693.76	-	-	-	2,693.76	4,650.83
01/01/1962	D Moody & W Huntley	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.35
01/01/1962	Charles Barlow	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	1,854.35
01/01/1962	Menden-Hemphill	Trust	Charitable Purpose Fund	Common Investment	0.36%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	1,398.18



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01/01/1964	Charles & B Perry	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.46%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	669.96	36.49	-	706.45	1,784.95
01/01/1965	Win. & Belle Pitkin	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.36%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	561.44	23.57	-	590.01	1,398.14
01/01/1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.30%	673.44	-	-	-	673.44	487.44	24.23	-	511.67	1,185.11
01/01/1967	Georgie W. Walker	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.45%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	636.98	35.78	-	672.76	1,750.26
01/01/1968	H Reed & L. Young	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.46%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	686.19	36.81	-	723.00	1,800.50
01/01/1968	Win & Rufus Hillard	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	1.42%	3,232.56	-	-	-	3,232.56	2,216.89	113.70	-	2,330.59	5,563.15
01/01/1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	738.91	37.90	-	776.81	1,854.31
01/01/1969	Paul Balla	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.29%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	355.07	18.65	-	373.72	912.47
01/01/1969	Dorothy N Fought	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	738.90	37.90	-	776.80	1,854.30
01/01/1971	Harry D Kemp	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.47%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	738.90	37.90	-	776.80	1,854.30
01/01/1972	Myrtle E Reed	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	355.08	18.65	-	373.73	912.48
01/01/1977	Albin Dressell	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.40%	888.94	-	-	-	888.94	646.69	32.06	-	678.75	1,567.69
01/01/1979	Everett Knight	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.48%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	745.61	38.05	-	783.56	1,861.16
01/01/1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.48%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	745.47	38.05	-	783.52	1,861.02
01/01/1979	Scott Farley	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.22%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	289.35	17.29	-	306.64	845.39
01/01/1979	Edwin B Dalling	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.23%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	355.09	18.65	-	373.74	912.49
01/01/1983	Madeline & Leon Balla	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.15%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	46.86	12.21	-	59.07	597.82
01/01/1984	Corey-Ruiter Lot	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.28%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	15.78	22.36	-	16.58	1,094.08
01/01/1985	Eva & Jos Dempsey	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.13%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	152.99	10.14	-	162.85	495.90
01/01/1987	Elsesser Lot	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.17%	808.13	-	-	-	808.13	168.83	13.36	-	184.57	652.66
01/01/1990	Streeter Lot	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.16%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	447.35	13.15	-	434.20	643.30
01/01/1991	George Wright	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.07%	538.75	-	-	-	538.75	266.44	5.66	-	260.78	277.97
01/01/2000	Hammond Young	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.11%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	673.12	8.45	-	664.67	412.83
01/01/2003	Ernest & Geneva Lanphear Lo	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	0.06%	1,077.50	-	-	-	1,077.50	850.36	4.73	-	845.63	231.87
01/01/1991	R Mitchell FBO Old Cem	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	1.39%	5,162.48	-	-	-	5,162.48	168.87	111.24	-	280.11	5,442.59
01/01/1991	R Mitchell FBO Cem Fund	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	2.77%	10,325.00	-	-	-	10,325.00	285.97	221.42	-	507.39	10,832.39
01/01/2005	Cemetery Trust Acworth Acct	Trust	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Common Investment	3.36%	12,324.24	50.00	-	-	12,374.24	541.01	268.96	-	809.91	13,184.15
01/01/1992	R & C Jeffrey Mem Lib Fun	Trust	Library	Common Investment	19.36%	73,068.80	-	-	-	73,068.80	1,129.07	1,528.63	-	1,557.70	74,626.50
01/01/2000	S. Codman Haslop FBO Silsby	Trust	Library	Common Investment	3.88%	14,620.39	-	-	-	14,620.39	227.65	305.89	-	422.00	14,933.93
01/01/1916	Rebecca W. Madison	Grant	Library	Common Investment	0.03%	127.97	-	-	-	127.97	3.51	2.74	-	6.25	134.22
01/01/1924	W. L. Woodbury	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.23%	853.15	-	-	-	853.15	26.83	18.36	-	45.19	898.34
01/01/1924	Abram Mitchell	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.11%	405.25	-	-	-	405.25	10.96	8.69	-	19.65	424.90
01/01/1939	Walter Slader	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.04%	139.97	-	-	-	139.97	3.80	3.01	-	6.81	146.78
01/01/1989	Madeline Lindsay	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.06%	209.02	-	-	-	209.02	5.65	4.47	-	10.12	219.14
01/01/1989	Alan & Christine Barnard	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.02%	89.58	-	-	-	89.58	2.37	1.91	-	4.28	93.86
01/01/1989	Friends of Library	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.02%	85.32	-	-	-	85.32	2.24	1.82	-	4.06	89.38

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01/01/1989	Anonymous Donation	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.01%	42.66	-	-	42.66
01/01/1989	Sisby Library Donation	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.02%	85.32	-	-	85.32
01/01/1989	G.F. & M.G. Hanson	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.05%	170.63	-	-	170.63
01/01/1990	Alan & Christine Barnard	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.02%	85.32	-	-	85.32
01/01/1990	Helen Smith	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.04%	142.48	-	-	142.48
01/01/1990	Mary Smith	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.03%	119.44	-	-	119.44
01/01/1990	Ellen Sawyer Sheldon	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.00%	17.06	-	-	17.06
01/01/1991	Maude H. Moody	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.12%	443.64	-	-	443.64
01/01/1999	Nancy Sandoe Mem	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.23%	840.35	-	-	840.35
01/01/2000	Nancy Sandoe	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.06%	213.29	-	-	213.29
01/01/2000	Ella & Leon Newton	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.23%	853.15	-	-	853.15
01/01/2001	Nancy Poltrack	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.02%	85.32	-	-	85.32
01/01/2003	J. David Lyle	Trust	Library	Common Investment	0.01%	42.66	-	-	42.66
01/01/1991	R Mitchell FBO T/O Acworth	Trust	Discretionary Benefit of the Trust	Common Investment	1.42%	5,162.48	-	-	5,162.48
01/01/1990	F Richard & C. Jeffrey-VNA	Trust	Discretionary Benefit of the Trust	Common Investment	15.97%	55,840.41	-	-	55,840.41
Total Town of Acworth					100%	330,121.30	58,050.00	-	388,171.30

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	1.23	0.91	-	-	2.14
	2.24	1.82	-	-	4.06
	4.60	3.66	-	-	8.26
	2.24	1.82	-	-	4.06
	3.66	3.04	-	-	6.70
	3.15	2.55	-	-	5.70
	0.46	0.36	-	-	0.82
	11.98	9.50	-	-	21.48
	22.88	18.00	-	-	40.88
	5.80	4.56	-	-	10.36
	23.23	18.30	-	-	41.53
	2.24	1.82	-	-	4.06
	1.23	0.91	-	-	2.14
	265.18	113.26	-	-	378.44
	5,349.46	1,276.91	-	-	6,626.37
Total Town of Acworth					53,050.01

59,494.75	443,972.05
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## 2019 Librarians' Report

The Acworth Silsby Library had 3620 visits from patrons and visitors in 2019 and added 9 new patrons. We circulated 4349 books during the year and continue to add fiction, non-fiction, children's books and DVD's to our collection monthly.

We had 475 patron visits for computer use in 2019. We have computers for public use as well as a wireless connection. Our computers are used for a variety of activities such as checking e-mail, job hunting, working on school homework, researching interests and when their home internet or computer is not working.

The Acworth School students and teachers visit the library weekly during the school year. At Halloween, we gave each student a book as well as treats during their parade in costumes.

We had a summer reading program in which 24 young readers participated.

Andrea hosted a young adult reading group during the past summer. The group read "Diary of Anne Frank".

We have two Reading Groups meeting monthly throughout the year. One group reads classics and the second reads general fiction. The groups meet on Sunday afternoons and new members are always welcome.

Our annual Book Sale was held in July, raising additional funds for the Library. We thank all who participated either by donating or purchasing books. We have an on-going book sale set up in the small meeting room of the Town Hall. Please check it out.

We are an active member of the Nubanusit cooperative, which provides a collection of movies that rotate bi-monthly among 22 local libraries. This nicely supplements our own DVD collection. Patrons borrowed 90 Nubanusit DVDs during the past year.

Inter-library loans (ILL) continue to be a popular way for patrons to read books not owned by our library. We have access to books at all NH libraries and many of the NH college libraries. A total of 576 books circulated via the ILL system.

We thank our patrons, volunteers and all who assisted us throughout the year.  
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Susan Metsack, Acworth Silsby Library

## 2019 Library Trustees Report

Another successful year for the Acworth Library. Many thanks to our wonderful Librarians, and to our patrons all for your continued support. Visit the Library to see our new bookshelves in the Reading Room and Children's Room, in addition to the freshly painted main room.

2019's Chocolate Lovers Event was the largest to date and attended by many bakers and samplers. This delicious, free antidote to winter continues in 2020, and is now The Annual Dessert Event. This year we have opened the menu beyond the chocolate realm—all desserts are welcome.

In May we hosted a poetry reading featuring Becky Dennison Sakellariou, Meg Kearney and Betsy Snider. Each poet read from her published work, and a lively discussion period followed. Refreshments were served afterwards.

Summer brought our annual Book Sale at the Town Hall, always held the second weekend of July. The Book Sale continues to be open during Town Hall hours. In August, to conclude the annual Summer Reading Program for our school-age children, Susan and Andrea hosted an outdoor party for readers and parents.

In October, we were delighted to host the return of Ben Kilham, licensed bear rehabilitator for the State of New Hampshire. Mr. Kilham presented a beautiful, all-new slideshow about his ground-breaking work with orphan bears in New Hampshire at the Kilham Research Center in Lyme. Recently, Kilham was asked by China to help reintroduce pandas into the wild. This collaboration led to the documentary *Pandas*, available at the Library.

In December, Anne Easter Smith, the award-winning author of six historical novels about the York family during the War of the Roses, returned to the Library to read from her new book. *This Son of York*, features Richard III, who has intrigued scholars and readers alike down the centuries. In 2012 his remains were discovered under a parking lot in Leicester, 500 years after his death and reinterred at the Cathedral.

Alva Grant is retiring from the Library Board this year. We would like to thank her for her years of service to the Library.

The Board of Trustees encourages you to visit your Library. You will find current books, classics, movies, computers, and more.

Respectfully submitted,  
Guy Russell, Melinda Loiselle, Jennifer Aiken, Betsy Snider, Alva Grant

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# **ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2019**

ACCOUNT BALANCES	12/31/2018	12/31/2019
CHECKING	\$832.91	\$255.28
SAVINGS	\$9,800.48	\$4,091.90
CD'S	\$13,706.64	\$13,744.90
	<u>\$24,340.03</u>	<u>\$18,092.08</u>

	2019 BUDGET	2019 ACTUAL	Variance to Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$40,500	\$40,665.36	\$165
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$20	\$41.45	\$21
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$400	\$937.74	\$538
RESTRICTED INCOME :	\$600	\$1,595.00	\$995
DESIGNATED INCOME :	\$1,500	\$1,190.41	(\$310)
USE OF RESERVED LIBRARY GENERAL FUNDS	\$3,220	See note below	
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)	\$700	See note below	
	<u>\$46,940</u>	<u>\$44,429.96</u>	<u>(\$2,510)</u>

## **EXPENSES (Library & Town Funds)**

SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	( includes snow removal )	\$27,000	\$27,453.09	\$453
BOOKS (ADULT) & PERIODICALS		\$6,030	\$6,837.98	\$808
BOOKS (CHILDREN)		\$1,800	\$1,154.74	(\$645)
OTHER MATERIALS - DVDs		\$450	\$485.86	\$36
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL		\$2,500	\$2,511.25	\$11
ELECTRICITY		\$1,000	\$1,104.44	\$104
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & DSL)		\$1,200	\$1,258.23	\$58
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES		\$650	\$814.26	\$164
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG		\$150	\$120.00	(\$30)
GROUNDKEEPING (MOWING)		\$1,600	\$1,185.00	(\$415)
DUES / FEES / TUITION		\$60	\$60.00	\$0
PROGRAMS / EVENTS		\$1,200	\$1,262.65	\$63
COMPUTER / COPIER (HARDWARE & SOFTWARE)		\$1,000	\$1,615.70	\$616
MISC. EXPENSE		\$300	\$352.42	\$52
BUILDING REPAIRS	See note below	\$2,000	\$4,462.29	\$2,462
GRANTS / DESIGNATED GIFTS		\$0	\$0.00	\$0
		<u>\$46,940</u>	<u>\$50,677.91</u>	<u>\$3,738</u>

## **2019 EXPENSES OFFSET USING RESERVED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)**

* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION	- Building Maintenance & Additional Shelving	\$2,462
* JEFFERY FUND INTEREST	- For books	\$700

## **2020 RESTRICTED / DESIGNATED / RESERVED LIBRARY FUNDS**

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund Accumulated Interest	\$10,133	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund Accumulated Interest	\$4,257	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment	\$725	(designated income)
Building repair / renovation Savings	\$1,067	(reserved funds)

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## **2019 Planning Board Report**

While the Select board oversees road maintenance, solid waste and zoning enforcement, the Planning Board oversees land use. Land use is driveways, dividing land, merging land, and use of land that is not residential. Planning boards are also charged with maintaining their town's master plans which is a town's vision of and for itself and their town's capital improvement plan which is a town's plan for future large expenditures.

In 2019 our Planning Board issued 3 driveway permits, approved 1 subdivision of land and 2 mergers of land. The Board considered 3 non-residential uses of land, updated the Master and Capital Improvement Plans and held two Joint Board meetings to share ideas with other Town boards.

Of those agenda items a majority of the Board's time was devoted to the Master Plan update. Master plans are the basis for all of a town's other regulations and the State recommends that towns update their plans every five years. In 1979 a dedicated group of citizens wrote a comprehensive plan for Acworth which was based on Town wide interviews with residents. Since then our updates have been in the form of addendums and amendments as the original Plan has continued to reflect conditions and opinions in Town. That view was supported by a questionnaire distributed in 2018 as a basis for the current update. Citizens still have a vision for Acworth as rural, small and with a sense of community.

With 40 years of Master Plan writing on our shelves the Board looked for a way to collect the various updates in one edition. Compilations by subject area were drafted and rejected in favor of a bound booklet which would contain the original plan with its library of maps with the addendum and amendments each treated separately. The edition preserves the Town's vision of itself in one place for future boards and citizens. Bound copies will be limited to those which will be available in the Town office, Library and with State agencies. Electronic versions will be posted to the Town website.

At both the spring and fall Joint Board Meetings the issue of internet service was discussed. After the fall meeting the Town contacted State representatives and the Public Utilities Commission with concerns that Consolidated Communications was not expanding internet service as promised and may even be limiting residential service. Both NH Representative Judy Aron and State Senator Ruth Ward were in contact with the PUC in the Town's behalf. Utilities favor small communities grouping together to expand internet into their areas. However, the cost still needs to be borne by local tax payers and would be a significant financial undertaking for Acworth. Our representatives will continue to provide information as it is available.

The Planning Board meets monthly and would welcome residents interested in becoming alternate members. Alternates participate in all Board discussion and vote when a full member is absent. It is a good way to learn about the Board and the Town.

Acworth Planning Board

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## 2019 Conservation Commission

The Acworth Conservation Commission meets monthly to review Intents to Cut (logging permits), and Wetland and Shoreland Protection Permits. Acworth is a member of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, which sends a monthly newsletter and sponsors workshops and an annual meeting in November. More information can be found at [www.nhacc.org](http://www.nhacc.org).

The Conservation Commission organizes an annual Green Up Day on the last Saturday in April. This year nearly 120 bags of roadside trash were collected and sorted at the transfer station to recycle cans, plastics, and bottles. We appreciate the countless volunteers who turn out for this effort, and the town highway department workers who help collect blue bags and bring them to the transfer station.

A second major responsibility is monitoring conservation easements. The Conservation Commission monitors and photographs five properties whose easements are held by the town, and one easement held by the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF). That organization holds easements on the East Acworth wetlands and the Gove Town Forest. Early in 2019 a timber harvest to remove ash trees from the Gove Forest was finally completed when the ground froze hard enough for logging equipment.

In May Conservation Commission members accompanied town forester Peter Rhoades on a walk through the South Acworth town forest off Hilliard Road. He judged the potential for a timber harvest to improve growth and provide some income. Proceeds from timber harvests on town property are deposited in the Conservation Commission's Forest Maintenance Fund. Money from that fund is regularly paid into the town's general fund when voted on at March town meeting.

In October the Conservation Commission hosted a talk on coyotes by wildlife biologist Chris Schadler, a topic that certainly interests townspeople who see coyotes or hear their nighttime howls. Let us know if you are interested in learning more about similar topics. We also contribute annually to the Orchard School in Alstead to sponsor summer campers from Acworth who learn about nature and our environment.

This January the Conservation Commission also reviewed a list of town-owned properties to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that certain lands be offered for sale and returned to the tax rolls.

The Acworth Conservation Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the town hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend. If you are interested in serving, attend one of our meetings to learn more. We would particularly like to have representation from Crescent Lake residents.

**Conservation Commission Members:** Chair Shawn Bowman, Vice Chair Lillie LeBlanc, Jim Jennison, Board of Selectmen, Helen Frink, Beverly Buxton, Jennifer Bland, Alternate, Carole Wallace Alternate, Gregg Thibodeau, Alternate

## **2019 Crescent Lake Association Report**

The Aquatic Species Committee, Crescent Lake Association, conducted over 1,000 courtesy watercraft inspections during the summer of 2019, with full-time lake hosts on station from mid-June through September 5<sup>th</sup>. We are happy to report, the continued support and education from NH Lakes Association, with their guidance on conducting effective boat inspections to prevent against invasive species (plants, animals) from entering Crescent Lake has continued to have very good success. No boats that were inspected during this period presented with any invasive weeds or animals based on our protocols. During the summer season, CLA did not report to NH Lakes or NH DES, any "concerning" materials that might have proved a threat.

CLA conducted our annual underwater surveillance in June, during the usual height of the growing season. During this annual inspection we had 10 divers supported by two boats to inspect the shoreline of "suspect hot spots" based on prevailing winds, etc. We found no suspect plants and provided no plant material on to NH Lakes for verification. Your support of the 20+ years of the Crescent Lake invasive species program continues to provide benefits: Every water body associated with NH Lakes and their program has shown good success in mitigating invasive species when public access is monitored by trained Lake Hosts. Our CLA Lake Hosts, most of whom are multi-year "inspectors" are the last line of defense against invasive weeds, transported via boat, boat trailer, fishing tackle, etc. Your support, combined with over \$7,000.00 of Crescent Lake Association member dues makes this program a continued success.

We do hope you will find budgetary support to continue to assist our efforts into 2020. As we continue to learn about other water bodies finding such invasive species as zebra mussels, which are taking hold in regional bodies of water. In line with our Aquatic Invasive Species efforts, CLA continues to monitor water quality not only on Crescent Lake, but also in the Crescent Lake watershed.

Thank you for your support which demonstrates the value of a clean Crescent Lake. For our 2<sup>nd</sup> year we had loons return and this summer spawned two loon chicks. Another validation of the lake's quality.

Sincerely yours,  
Crescent Lake Association, Aquatic Species Committee  
Kevin Brenker, Chair

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### **2019 Cold River Local Advisory**

The Cold River Local Advisory Committee ( CRLAC) functions to advise the towns of Acworth, Alstead, Langdon, Lempster, and Walpole, New Hampshire on the protection and enhancement of the Cold River and its tributaries and maintenance of the health of the river environment.

Activities during 2019 included:

**MEMBERSHIP:** Samantha Loch from Walpole joined our committee and Beverly Mason from Acworth has inquired about joining. Betsy Stacey has moved to Keene and will be missed. Shawn Broeder-Stevens will continue to oversee our river testing program but will not be able to attend meetings because of other commitments.

**RIVER TESTING:** two days of testing were completed at six locations and results sent to DES in Concord. Testing equipment is provided by DES where all maintenance and calibration are performed. In addition to committee members, Shawn was able to recruit two high school students for the third year to help with the testing, making the testing process very efficient and enjoyable.

**STUDENT AWARDS:** Thanks to the generosity of a community member over a number of years, our committee decided to create two awards for high school seniors. One award is for seniors who have participated in our committee work on the river and tributaries. The students will receive certificates recognizing their contribution and the DVD “ Ken Burns: The National Parks- America’s Best Idea”.. The second award will be an Environmental Scholarship of \$500 available to a graduating senior to support continuing education in environmental programs. This scholarship will be presented at the High School Awards Banquet at the end of each scholastic year.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** follow up on recommendations for construction of the bridge on RT 123A. Meetings relating to “In-stream flow analysis” relating to how stream flows should be managed to protect wildlife under abnormal conditions. This analysis should begin in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Bowman, Beverly Mason (Acworth), Dick Aikin, Mitch Harrison, Shawn Stevens (Alstead), Fred Ernst (chair), Sam Loch, Gary Speed (Walpole).

## 2019 Cemeteries Report

The Acworth cemetery trustees and Sexton care for the Hill Road cemetery and the historic Batchelder Nye cemetery on the Nye Road. We are responsible for the sale of burial rights according to New Hampshire state law; please note that residents purchase the right to inter, not actual ownership of a cemetery plot. We maintain records of all burials and their location.

A total of fifty-two cemetery monuments were repaired in the town cemeteries during 2019. Work in the Batchelder Nye cemetery is about three-fourths complete. Alva Grant and a group of volunteers have begun cleaning some headstones in the Hill Road cemetery, using methods and materials approved for cleaning historic stonework.

Care and maintenance of our cemeteries is reflected in a yearly budget request to the town. Our largest expense is for mowing, which is done several times a year. Special care is taken to have the Hill Road cemetery mowed before Memorial Day and before the cemetery walk in September. The cost for tree work has decreased from past years because the most threatening of the older decayed trees have been removed. Trustees decided not to access the \$994 available from income from cemetery trust funds. This money will remain unspent as a hedge or insurance against future unanticipated expenses.

Restoration of the Acworth hearse continues, using funds voted at the March, 2019 town meeting. Upholsterer Sally Teague of Unity is remaking the driver's seat, the splashboard, and covering the arched roof with black leather. Bob Skinner is doing the painting and re-finishing.

The 10th cemetery walk was held September 15<sup>th</sup>, and focused on tragedies and disasters such as the spotted fever epidemic. Claudia Istel played nurse Sally Wilson. Ed Grant, Ken Grant, Jennifer Bland, and Jim Neidert dramatized the story of Perley Keyes. Maureen Thibodeau and Tony Garland played Mary and Christopher Ayres. John Luther portrayed Reverend John Kimball, and Dennis Eaton appeared as a friend of Bezaleel Beckwith, whose remains were mysteriously removed from the Batchelder Nye cemetery shortly after his death in 1824.

Cemetery trustees and the sexton meet monthly from April through November. Please contact the town office or postings for the day and time.

Acworth Cemetery Trustees  
Lillie LeBlanc  
Claudia Istel  
Helen Frink, Chair  
Kristian Fenderson, Sexton



## **2019 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report**

Last year Acworth Fire and Rescue responded to one hundred twenty- three (123) calls.  
These included the following:

One (1) Structure Fire

Three (3) Chimney fire

Four (4) Still alarms (smoke detectors, CO detectors)

One (1) Vehicle fire

Five (5) Motor vehicle accidents

Seven (7) Service calls

Twenty-four (24) trees/wires

Seventy-Five (75) Medical calls

Three (3) Mutual aid responses

Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc.,

Gary Baber, Chief

## 2019 Vital Statistics

### Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2019

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Trimble, James L	Bascom, Crystal R	Keene	04/20
Foote, Timothy A	York, Carla R	Acworth	04/27
Henninger, Thomas S	Lowe, Jennifer L	Acworth	10/12
Lavoie Sr., Stephen C	Christie, Lisa D	Acworth	10/13

### Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2019

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Rushing, Lilleigh Marie	01/16	Lebanon	Ouellette, Christopher Rushing, Grace
Moore, Luke Christopher	07/01	Acworth	Moore, Christopher Moore, Erin
Brasfield, Joanna Rosalie	08/31	Keene	Brasfield, Cheyenne
Huffling, Lee Balthazar	10/21	Keene	Huffling, David Huffling, Morgan
Haines, Nora Taylor	11/09	Swanzy	Haines, Wesley Haines, Courtney
Butterfield, Andylee James	11/30	Lebanon	Butterfield, Ayeisha

### Acworth Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2019

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Markham, Irene	Acworth	01/17
Netsch, John	Lebanon	03/17
Flanders, Vivian	Lebanon	04/15
Nevelson, Mike	So. Acworth	06/03
Bassinne, Claude	So. Acworth	09/06
Bates, Barbara	Acworth	09/25
Maynard, Audrey	Acworth	10/18
Lord, Sandra	So. Acworth	11/14
Buckley, Kay	Acworth	11/29

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### **2019 Merger Notice**

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

Your property may qualify if:

Two or more lots were merged without your consent for zoning, assessing or taxation purposes;

No previous owner consented to the merger.

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

Make a request to the Board of Selectmen no later than December 31, 2021.

Once restored:

Your properties will again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to existing land use ordinances.

This Notice shall be posted in a public place from January 1, 2012 until December 31, 2021 and be published in the Town's Annual Report from 2011 through 2021.

### **2020 U.S. Decennial Census: March and April**

Every ten years the US Constitution requires an 'enumeration' of all persons in the United States, commonly referred to as "The Census." For the next ten years, the numbers produced in this effort will help determine how more than 675 billion dollars will be distributed to states and localities annually through more than 65 federal programs. These programs include special education funding, school lunch programs, meals on wheels, fuel assistance, Medicare, housing rehabilitation, community economic development and revitalization block grants, early childhood education, cooperative extension offices, and more.

This year, you will have the option of responding on-line, over the telephone or with a traditional, short-form written response. Look for your invitation to respond in the mail or at your door. It is critical that *everyone* participate and that all household members be included. Make sure that our community counts!