

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SELECTMEN

and other

TOWN OFFICERS

of the

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

For the year ending December 31, 2018

*Please bring this Town Report to Town Meeting on
Tuesday, March 12, 2019*

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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

Town Officers and Committees

Board of Selectmen	Frank Emig - 2019 Jim Jennison – 2020 Rob DeValk - 2021
Town Clerk	Charlotte Comeau – 2019
Tax Collector	Marianne Nevelson - 2019
Treasurer	Melinda Loiselle - 2019
Administrative Assistant	Kathi Bradt
Local Auditor	Lisa DeValk - 2019
Moderator	John Luther - 2020
Election Inspectors	Sandra Binion - 2019 Linda Christie - 2019
Supervisors of the Checklist	Elizabeth Gowen - 2021 Rose Knight - 2022 Marianne Nevelson – 2023
Overseer of Public Welfare Health Officer	Board of Selectmen Toni Bowman
Trustees of Trust Funds	Torrey Greene - 2019 Tim Perry - 2020 Elizabeth Snider - 2021
Library Trustees	Melinda Loiselle - 2019 Alva Grant - 2020 Guy Russell - 2020 Jennifer Aiken - 2021 Elizabeth Snider - 2021
Cemetery Trustees	Helen Frink - 2019 Lillie LeBlanc - 2020 Claudia Istel - 2021
Budget Committee	Linda Christie - 2019 Bruce Bascom - 2019 Judy Aron - 2020 Sue Metsack - 2020 Conan Cook – 2021 Jennifer Bland - 2021 Rob DeValk, Selectman

Planning Board	Cheryl Sanctuary - 2019 Jim Niedert - 2019 Mike Aron - 2020 Joe Fedora - 2020 Henry Sipple - 2021 Rob Vogel - 2021 Frank Emig, Selectman
Alternates	Matt Connors - 2021
Conservation Commission	Beverly Buxton - 2019 Helen Frink - 2021 Shawn Bowman - 2021 Lillie LeBlanc - 2021 Jim Jennison, Selectman
Alternates	Carole Wallace - 2019 Jennifer Bland - 2021
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Brian St. Pierre - 2019 John Balla - 2019 Henry Sipple - 2021 Lisa Earl - 2021 Shawn Bowman - 2021
Alternates	Bill Willette - 2021
Energy Committee	Not currently active
Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen
FMRSD Board	Linda Christie
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades
Tree Warden	G. Kristian Fenderson

WARRANT FOR TOWN OF ACWORTH MARCH 12, 2019

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 twelfth 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 7:30 of the clock in the evening; AND you are hereby notified that discussion and voting on Articles 2 through 13 shall commence at 7:30 of the clock in the evening on the same day, March 12 next at the Town Hall.

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

Selectmen: 1 for 3 Year Term	Town Clerk: 1 for 3 Year Term
Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year Term	Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year Term
Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year Term	Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year Term
Library Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term	Cemetery Trustee: 1 for 3 Year Term
Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Year Terms	Planning Board: 2 for 3 Year Terms

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 \$1,356,738 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 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 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 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 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 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 TEN: To see if the Town will vote to increase the Veteran's Tax Credit from \$100 as voted in 2007 to \$200.

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 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 THIRTEEN: 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 18 day of February, 2019. 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 12/31/2018	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2018	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Not Recommended)
General Government								
0000-0000	Collective Bargaining		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4130-4139	Executive	04	\$27,750	\$27,750	\$27,750	\$0	\$27,750	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$4,044	\$4,600	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	04	\$67,701	\$69,699	\$72,697	\$0	\$72,697	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	04	\$9,482	\$10,230	\$9,830	\$0	\$9,830	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$8,424	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	04	\$23,130	\$21,454	\$23,765	\$0	\$23,765	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	04	\$2,223	\$2,050	\$2,450	\$0	\$2,450	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$16,086	\$13,400	\$16,600	\$0	\$16,600	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$10,600	\$17,250	\$16,250	\$0	\$16,250	\$0
4196	Insurance	04	\$27,467	\$27,467	\$22,724	\$0	\$22,724	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	04	\$1,211	\$1,211	\$1,974	\$0	\$1,974	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$198,118	\$205,111	\$206,040	\$0	\$206,040	\$0
Public Safety								
4210-4214	Police	04	\$3,400	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$0	\$4,500	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	04	\$8,800	\$9,600	\$9,600	\$0	\$9,600	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	04	\$39,577	\$39,577	\$39,577	\$0	\$39,577	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	04	\$0	\$5,600	\$3,200	\$0	\$3,200	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$51,777	\$59,277	\$56,877	\$0	\$56,877	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Highways and Streets								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$308,522	\$349,687	\$360,616	\$0	\$360,616	\$0
4313	Bridges	04	\$0	\$1,000	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$3,347	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4319	Other	04	\$106,503	\$97,500	\$89,950	\$0	\$89,950	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$418,372	\$451,187	\$453,666	\$0	\$453,666	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$61,420	\$62,100	\$60,450	\$0	\$60,450	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup	04	\$6,390	\$7,300	\$5,500	\$0	\$5,500	\$0
4326-4329	Sewage Collection, Disposal and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$67,810	\$69,400	\$65,950	\$0	\$65,950	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Health								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$482	\$800	\$800	\$0	\$800	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	04	\$6,253	\$6,253	\$5,653	\$0	\$5,653	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$6,735	\$7,053	\$6,453	\$0	\$6,453	\$0
Welfare								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	04	\$1,109	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$1,109	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	04	\$1,696	\$1,850	\$1,810	\$0	\$1,810	\$0
4550-4559	Library	04	\$39,780	\$39,780	\$40,500	\$0	\$40,500	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$225	\$225	\$225	\$0	\$225	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$42,951	\$42,855	\$43,535	\$0	\$43,535	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	04	\$1,082	\$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
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$3,082	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$0	\$2,700	\$0



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Debt Service								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest	04	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$129,175	\$135,470	\$78,517	\$0	\$78,517	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	04	\$467,878	\$442,524	\$438,500	\$0	\$438,500	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$597,053	\$577,994	\$517,017	\$0	\$517,017	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	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
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations				\$1,356,738	\$0	\$0	\$1,356,738	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (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
Purpose: Fund Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	06	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
Purpose: Fund Bridge CRF						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	07	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
Purpose: Establish and fund buildings CRF						
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	08	\$25,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Purpose: Fund Equipment CRF						
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$58,000	\$0	\$58,000	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	09	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
Purpose: To fund restoration of the Town hearse.						
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2018	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	04	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	04	\$11,803	\$15,000	\$15,000
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	\$29,745	\$28,500	\$28,500
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
Taxes Subtotal			\$41,548	\$46,520	\$46,520

Licenses, Permits, and Fees

3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$255	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$185,963	\$161,950	\$161,950
3230	Building Permits	04	\$556	\$500	\$500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$3,338	\$2,680	\$2,680
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$190,112	\$165,130	\$165,130

State Sources

3351	Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$46,014	\$46,000	\$46,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$151,991	\$152,000	\$152,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	04	\$132	\$130	\$130
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources Subtotal			\$198,137	\$198,130	\$198,130



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2018	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2019
Charges for Services					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	04	\$7,711	\$5,000	\$5,000
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$7,711	\$5,000	\$5,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$1,300	\$8,500	\$8,500
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$1,510	\$1,000	\$1,000
3503-3509	Other	04	\$10,679	\$2,300	\$2,300
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$13,489	\$11,800	\$11,800
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	05, 08, 06	\$91,632	\$43,000	\$43,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	07	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$91,632	\$48,000	\$48,000
Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$542,629	\$474,580	\$474,580



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Budget Summary

Item	Period ending 12/31/2018	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2019 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations		\$1,356,738	\$1,356,738
Special Warrant Articles	\$68,000	\$58,000	\$58,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$47,914	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$1,449,577	\$1,414,738	\$1,414,738
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$501,497	\$474,580	\$474,580
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$948,080	\$940,158	\$940,158



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$1,414,738
Less Exclusions:	
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
7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)	\$1,414,738
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$141,474
Collective Bargaining Cost Items:	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted	\$0
Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting: (<i>Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12</i>)	
	\$1,556,212

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES
March 13th, 2018

Elections – 10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Absentee ballots opened at 3:15 p.m. finished at 3:20 p.m.

Polls closed at 7:30 began counting ballots

Counts given to Town Clerk at 8:00 to complete necessary paperwork,
adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Due to blizzard conditions on March 13th, the
business meeting was held on March 20st, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Selectmen – One person for three-year term

Rob Devalk	77
Brenda Melius	63

Tax Collector - One person for one-year term

Marianne Nevelson	130
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Treasurer - One person for one-year term

Melinda Loiselle	132
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Moderator – One person for two-year term

John W Luther	134
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Local Auditor 1 for one-year term

Lisa DeValk	124
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Trustee of Trust Funds – One Person for three-year term

Elizabeth “Betsy” Snider	125
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Cemetery Trustee – One Person for three-year term

Claudia Istel	130
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Library Trustee – Two persons for three-year term

Jennifer M Aiken	121
Elizabeth “Betsy” Snider	107

Planning Board – Two Persons for three-year term

Henry Sipple	110
Rob Vogel	119

Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term

Jennifer Bland	117
Conan Cook	89

ARTICLE TWO: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Zoning Ordinance definitions so that they will be consistent with the Town's Subdivision Regulations definitions. The question on the Official Ballot will appear as:

"Are you in favor of amending the existing Zoning Ordinance definitions so that they will be consistent with the Subdivision Regulations?"

Results of ballots cast:

YES 111

NO 23

ARTICLE TWO PASSED

Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21st, 2018 at the Acworth Town Hall. John went over a few rules of how the meeting would be conducted. His expectations were that in all discussions, people would be respectful to one another. He then asked all to stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance. John Luther recognized Carol Barth for her service to the town for many years as the ballot clerk and presented her a plaque from the Selectmen.

ARTICLE THREE: 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 Kenneth Grant. Seconded by Michael Aron.
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 authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

Article four moved by Kenneth Cubberley. Seconded by Linda Christie.
With no discussion, article four was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FOUR PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in an amount up to \$200,000 payable over a term of 5 years for the purpose of purchasing a highway truck and to appropriate the \$40,000 for the first year's payment with said funds to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. 2/3 Majority required.*

Article five moved by William Starks. Seconded by Arthur Kline.
After some discussion, article five was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE FIVE PASSED BY A VOTE OF 2/3

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,333,663 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles

addressed separately. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

Article six moved by Sarah Eaton. Seconded by William Starks.
After 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 raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

Article seven moved by Linda Christie. Seconded by Henry Sipple.
After some 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 the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Bridge Repair or Replacement Capital Reserve Fund previously established with \$10,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. *The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

Article eight moved by Michael Aron. Seconded by Susan Metsack.
With no discussion, article seven was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE EIGHT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a highway truck for up to \$47,914 from Unassigned Fund Balance. (2017 SB38 unanticipated highway grant funds of \$72,086 will complete the purchase amount of up to \$120,000.) *The Budget Committee and Selectmen recommend this article. Majority vote required.*

Article nine moved by William Starks. Seconded by Brenda Melius.
After some discussion, article nine was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE NINE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to allow the establishment of a committee that will enhance the existing Veterans Memorial located at the Town Hall in the area of the flag pole. *By petition.*

Article ten moved by Maureen Thibodeau. Seconded by William Starks.
After explanation by Gregory Thibodeau and other discussion, article ten was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE TEN PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Article eleven moved by Linda Christie. Seconded by Rob Vogel.

Gordon Gowen brought up that the school district hearing only had six people from Acworth at the meeting and three of them had to be there. He felt that is inexcusable. That we as taxpayers are paying a great deal of money. He asked that more people would come and participate.

Michael Aron, member of the Acworth planning board spoke saying that last year we celebrated the Acworth Sestercentennial. This year the planning board is working on updating the Acworth's Master Plan. They sent out some surveys that went out with the property bills and received some back. Asked people to get flyers on their way out that has the information regarding the essay contest. They are calling it Acworth 2038 and they want people to write an essay on what their vision is for 2038. Taking entries up until May 30th. Will announce the winners at the Memorial Day celebration.

Gary Baber from the Acworth fire department privately organization mentioned that it is sinking. Currently the Fire Marshall has control over them and that they have strict rules and regulations. Wants to form a committee to make the fire department a municipal department. This would mean the town owns the equipment, the building, and has control over the department. It still will be a volunteer fire department but will work with the Selectmen. John Luther mentioned that nothing on this article is binding but wanted to get a sense on how people felt. Voted unanimously for fire dept to seek the Selectmen's guidance on ways to go about becoming a municipal department.

With no further business, Brian St. Pierre motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kenneth Grant.

Adjourning the business meeting went to voice vote. Passed unanimously.

Moderator announced at 8:05 p.m. that the business meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk



Tax Rate Breakdown Acworth

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$954,839	\$98,569,250	\$9.69
County	\$282,223	\$98,569,250	\$2.86
Local Education	\$1,300,021	\$98,569,250	\$13.19
State Education	\$220,534	\$96,264,150	\$2.29
Total	\$2,757,617		\$28.03

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total			

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$2,757,617
War Service Credits	(\$7,700)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$2,749,917

10/30/2018

Stephan Hamilton
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

TOWN OF ACWORTH MULTI-YEAR TAX RATE COMPARISON													11/26/2018
	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	after reval 2011	pre reval 2011	2010	2009	2008	
Rate per \$1,000													
Town tax	9.69	9.82	9.84	9.03	8.11	7.64	7.43	6.83	6.25	6.97	6.47	7.05	
Local school tax	13.19	11.73	11.10	10.66	9.69	9.24	8.79	8.65	7.92	7.65	7.55	7.12	
State school tax	2.29	2.28	2.89	2.48	2.66	2.44	2.58	2.51	2.15	2.15	2.38	2.15	
County tax	2.86	3.09	2.89	3.04	3.19	3.30	2.86	3.20	2.92	2.72	2.65	2.82	
	28.03	26.92	26.33	25.21	23.65	22.62	21.66	21.19	19.24	19.49	19.05	19.14	
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	969.00	982.00	984.00	903.00	811.00	764.00	743.00	683.00	625.00	697.00	647.00	705.00	
Local school tax	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	712.00	
State school tax	229.00	228.00	289.00	248.00	266.00	244.00	258.00	251.00	215.00	215.00	238.00	215.00	
County taxes	286.00	309.00	289.00	304.00	319.00	330.00	286.00	320.00	292.00	272.00	265.00	282.00	
	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	1,914.00	
Town valuation summary (per MS-1)													
Land only													
current use	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	1,682,880	
residential	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	35,524,100	
commercial	722,600	722,600	745,700	874,700	874,700	874,700	906,300	906,300	995,100	962,700	364,700	364,700	
subtotal	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	37,571,680	
Building only													
residential	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	59,160,000	
manufact housing	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	1,429,600	
commercial	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	2,165,300	
subtotal	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	62,754,900	
Public utilities	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	1,375,500	
valuation totals	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	101,702,080	
Blind exempt	(13,800)	(13,800)	(13,800)	(15,000)	(15,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	(30,000)	
Elderly exempt	(200,000)	(200,000)	(250,000)	(220,000)	(220,000)	(195,000)	(249,700)	(244,700)	(249,100)	(249,100)	(234,100)	(314,100)	
value for local taxes	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	101,357,980	
less utilities	(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)	(1,375,500)	
value for state ed tax	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	99,982,480	
Change in town valuation													
Town valuation	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	101,702,080	
Valuation change	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	366,255	#REF!	

2018 Tax Collector's Report

For taxes assessed on or after April 1st, 2019 interest will be 8% for late and delinquent payments. The interest rate on tax liens for taxes assessed after April 1st, 2019 will be 14%.

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2018 property taxes in the amount of \$2,748,481.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer \$2,520,376.69 in 2018 tax payments, 91.7 % which is 0.8 % less than 2017. In addition I received a warrant for 2018 Yield Taxes in the amount of \$17,271.61. On 12/31/2018 the balance due on 2018 yield taxes was \$5,468.83.

I will mail the delinquency notice for the 2018 Taxes in early February, 2019 to delinquent taxpayers alerting them to their delinquency and to notify them of the lien date for 2018 Taxes: August 5, 2019. All properties with uncollected 2018 taxes on August 5, 2019 will receive a Tax Lien regardless of the amount of taxes. Liens are an expensive proposition – 18% interest plus various fees for taxes assessed before April 1st, 2019. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2016 is scheduled for tax deeding on October 28, 2019. 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 2018, 34 real estate liens for the levy of 2017 were executed. 5 Tax payers were scheduled for Tax Deeding for the levy of 2015. 3 Waivers were issued to the Tax Collector by the Board of Selectmen for payment plans and 2 Tax Deeds were 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.

You should have received a sticker for use of the transfer station with your tax bill.

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

Marianne W Nevelson
Tax Collector

Town of Acworth

COLLECTOR'S TRIAL BALANCE REPORT

Invoice Description	Ath Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2018 PROPERTY CREDIT MEMOS		-63,582.00		63,582.00			
2018 PROPERTY TAXES			2,748,481.00	-2,583,956.69			164,524.31
TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-1,806.00		-1,806.00
INTEREST CHARGES			1,820.13	-1,813.98			6.15
2017 PROPERTY TAXES		196,027.83		-130,138.97			65,888.86
CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-65,888.86			-65,888.86
INTEREST CHARGES			12,635.34	-12,635.34			
OTHER CHARGES			19.00	-19.00			
2018 YIELD TAXES			17,271.61	-11,802.78			5,468.83
INTEREST CHARGES			6.48	-6.48			
2017 TAX LIENS			73,572.90	-16,595.21			56,977.69
TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-1,989.05		-1,989.05
INTEREST CHARGES			656.00	-656.00			
OTHER CHARGES			649.00	-152.00			497.00
TAKEN BY DEED (COSTS)					-139.00		-139.00
2016 TAX LIENS		54,342.24		-21,847.19			32,495.05
TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-1,945.79		-1,945.79
INTEREST CHARGES			4,424.03	-4,405.47			18.56
OTHER CHARGES		511.00		-226.56			284.44
TAKEN BY DEED (COSTS)					-139.00		-139.00
2015 TAX LIENS		34,354.40		-29,254.59			5,099.81
TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-1,893.39		-1,893.39
INTEREST CHARGES		76.09	8,908.68	-8,984.77			
OTHER CHARGES		241.91	187.00	-126.91			302.00
TAKEN BY DEED (COSTS)					-258.00		-258.00
2014 TAX LIENS		7,310.69		-4,440.33			2,870.36
TAX ABATEMENTS					-1,100.50		-1,100.50
INTEREST CHARGES		54.25	1,122.57	-22.07			1,154.75
OTHER CHARGES		54.25		-54.25			
2013 TAX LIENS		2,750.73		-2,750.73			
TAX ABATEMENTS					-1,038.55		-1,038.55
INTEREST CHARGES		54.00	1,345.02	-360.47			1,038.55
2012 TAX LIENS							
TAX ABATEMENTS					-857.76		-857.76
INTEREST CHARGES				857.76			857.76
2010 TAX LIENS		-28.75					-28.75
OTHER CHARGES		28.75					28.75
2017 COSTS NOT LIENED			1,192.50				1,192.50
CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-1,192.50			-1,192.50
***** Grand Totals		232,195.39	2,872,291.26	-2,832,891.39	-11,167.04		260,428.22

2018 Town Clerk Report

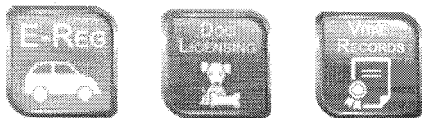
I want to take the opportunity to list some of the services available at this office for those of you that may be new in town. I am responsible for registering and titling vehicles, I complete marriage license applications, process birth, marriage and death certificates, file wetland permit applications, 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.

At the end of December I appointed Marianne Nevelson to be the Deputy Town Clerk. This will be helpful so the office can remain open in my absence. Marianne is doing a great job and I am grateful that she is up for the task!

I plan to purchase an electronic signature pad in 2019. This will allow signing one time on the pad and all copies of the registration forms will print out with your signature on it. As for the title, the State still requires a wet signature on their copy but the other two copies will print out your signature as well.

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2019. The 2018 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1st 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 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

2018 TOWN CLERK REPORT
(Continued)

MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registrations	181,190.41
Clerk Fees	2,960.00
Title Fees	526.00
Title Transfer Fees	395.00
Municipal Agent Fee	3,555.00
E-Convenience Fee	156.00
E-Log Fee	40.50
Returned Check Fees	<u>75.00</u>
	188,897.91

DOGS

Licenses Issued: 167

Town Fees	641.00
State Fees	306.50
Late Fees	<u>63.00</u>
	1,010.50

MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: 6

Town Fees	42.00
State Fees	<u>258.00</u>
	300.00

FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies 14

Town Fees	80.00
State Fees	90.00
Filing Fees	4.00
Filing Fees (wetlands permit)	15.00
UCC	255.00
Pole Licenses	<u>10.00</u>
	454.00

MISCELLANEOUS

NH Statewide Checklist	200.00
Checklist	<u>25.00</u>
	225.00

REMITTED TO TREASURER	<u>190,887.41</u>
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2018

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>
3100 Received from tax collector	\$ 2,764,551.43
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>2,764,551.43</u>
3200 Received from town clerk	188,034.01
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	
Bounced check not replaced	-
	<u>188,034.01</u>
3319 From Federal sources	
3319.1 FEMA funds for road repairs	-
3350 From State sources	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	46,013.68
3353 Highway block grant	151,990.96
3356 Forest land reimbursement	131.68
3359.2 Other State grants	-
	<u>198,136.32</u>
3400 Revenue from services	
3404 Transfer station fees	7,710.50
3500 Miscellaneous sources	
3501.1 Sale of Municipal properties	750.00
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	550.00
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	1,506.13
3503.1 Rent of town property	180.00
3506.1 Welfare lien reimbursements	627.60
3508.1 Miscellaneous gifts	3,909.88
3509.22 Recycling proceeds-metal	3,180.00
3509.25 Planet Aid	133.70
3230.2 Building permits	556.40
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	180.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	865.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	90.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	250.77
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	135.99
	<u>12,915.47</u>
3915 From special revenue funds	
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>
3916 Trust and agency funds	
3916.1 Cemetery trust funds	-
3917 Transfers from Conservation funds	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
Voted from fund balance	<u>91,631.54</u>
Unanticipated Grant Income	
Hearse restoration	<u>2,648.00</u>
Total cash receipts for 2018	\$ <u>3,265,627.27</u>

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
4130 Town officers' salaries	
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	6,999.98
Deputy tax collector - Linda Lacasse	999.96
Town clerk - Charlotte Comeau	9,499.88
Health officer - Toni Bowman	250.00
Deputy health officer - Tamsen Howes	250.00
Local auditor - Lisa Devalk	250.00
	<hr/> 27,749.72
4140 Elections and vital statistics	
Stipends-election officials	3,529.55
Postage	-
Public notices	129.82
Training	-
Vital record fees	385.00
	<hr/> 4,044.37
4150 Town office expenses	
Wages-administrative assistant	44,157.60
IRA substitute	1,826.10
Wages-office help	180.00
Health insurance	5,705.21
Computer, software and support	2,033.39
Deed office recording fees	-
Dues to Associations	1,085.00
Miscellaneous	174.94
Office equipment	929.50
Office supplies	1,555.83
Outside consultants	-
Postage	628.25
Public notices	31.28
Services of forester	483.50
Telephone	1,553.47
Tax collector expenses	4,324.73
Town clerk expenses	2,227.69
Town reports and Town Meeting	580.00
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	225.00
Workshops and training	-
	<hr/> 67,701.49
4152 Revaluation of property	
Property assessing	7,222.04
Mapping	2,260.00
Revaluation maintenance	-
	<hr/> 9,482.04
4153 Legal expenses	
Compliance	694.60
General Services	7,729.56
	<hr/> 8,424.16

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
4155 Payroll tax expenses	
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling	\$ 264.64
Payroll taxes-dump attendant	988.24
Payroll taxes-election officials	269.99
Payroll taxes-forest fires	-
Payroll taxes-highway	15,716.95
Payroll taxes-planning board	114.30
Payroll taxes-road projects	122.01
Payroll taxes-town office	3,531.49
Payroll taxes-town officials	2,122.83
Payroll taxes expenses - other	-
	<u>23,130.45</u>
 4191 Planning and zoning	
Wages - planning board	1,495.00
Miscellaneous expenses	40.88
Public notices	327.95
Recording and other expenses	278.80
Training	80.50
	<u>2,223.13</u>
 4194 Town hall expenses	
Building compliance	1,630.50
Wages - cleaning and shoveling	3,462.38
Electricity	1,153.49
Fuel oil	3,359.09
Mowing	2,070.00
Repairs	4,168.95
Supplies	241.61
	<u>16,086.02</u>
 4195 Cemeteries	
Corner markers	-
Hearse storage	-
Lawn Care	5,600.00
Monument repair	-
Tree work	5,000.00
	<u>10,600.00</u>
 4196 Insurance	
Property and general liability	15,849.00
State unemployment insurance	2,903.00
Workmens compensation	8,715.00
	<u>27,467.00</u>
 4197 Regional planning associations	
UVLSRPC annual dues	1,210.87

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
4210 Police	
Contract services	\$ -
Dispatch	3,400.00
	<u>3,400.00</u>
4215 Ambulance	8,800.00
4220 Fire & Rescue services	39,577.00
4290 Emergency management	
Wages-forest fires	<u>-</u>
	-
4312 Highway maintenance	
Wages-highway	197,331.14
IRA substitute	7,639.76
Health insurance	31,007.58
Crack sealing	1,250.00
Culverts	11,643.00
Equipment lease	-
Equipment rental	-
Calcium chloride	5,340.00
Materials	3,962.22
Miscellaneous	1,260.54
Pot hole repair	339.54
Roadside mowing	8,901.25
Road grading	-
Road signs	2,821.34
Salt	25,195.42
Small maintenance projects	6,004.83
Tree work	5,000.00
Trucking	825.00
	<u>308,521.62</u>
4313 Bridge repairs	-
4316 Street lighting	3,346.63
4319 Highway - general expenses	
Building compliance	61.90
Building maintenance	260.73
Diesel fuel	24,032.14
Drug testing	235.00
Electricity	3,417.68
Emergency tow	1,099.80
Gas	1,339.98
Heating fuel	10,801.68
Miscellaneous	320.95
New equipment	2,532.97
Radio communication	330.95
Repairs, parts	48,317.93
Safety	3,596.17
Shop supplies	3,307.98
Storage	3,550.00
Telephone	1,632.59
Training	695.00
Uniforms	969.12
	<u>106,502.57</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)
Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
4324 Solid waste	
Wages-dump attendant	\$ 12,918.94
Capital improvements	-
Comingle bin w/o glass	3,758.76
Compactor truck/rent/disposal	21,062.98
Demolition disposal fees	9,174.34
Electricity	1,317.10
Electronics recycling	1,217.26
Equipment	-
Fluorescent disposal	86.76
Freon extraction	396.00
Glass/ceramic disposal	1,669.50
Hazardous waste disposal	920.00
Metal disposal fees	1,619.80
Miscellaneous	472.00
Mixed paper disposal	3,210.10
Propane	130.00
Repair, maintenance, and permitting	914.60
Safety	35.34
Telephone	432.07
Tire disposal	-
Training	454.00
Waste Oil Disposal	1,630.00
	<u>61,419.55</u>
 4325 Landfill closure	
Monitoring and maintenance	6,390.37
 4414 Animal control	
Dog tags	92.61
State fees	369.50
Vet and boarding	20.00
	<u>482.11</u>
 4415 Health and other agencies	
Alstead Food Shelf	1,000.00
Big Brother Big Sister	250.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals	1,000.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS	1,000.00
Monadnock Family Services	1,114.00
Red Cross	413.00
S W Community Services	676.00
West Central Behavioral Health	800.00
	<u>6,253.00</u>
 4445 Welfare	1,109.20
 4520 Recreation	
Electricity	157.26
Mowing	1,525.00
Recreation - other	14.02
	<u>1,696.28</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2018

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>
4550 Library	
Wages-library	\$ 23,560.70
Payroll taxes-library	1,802.91
Lawn maintenance	1,075.00
Miscellaneous	98.02
Library appropriation paid	<u>13,243.37</u>
	39,780.00
4583 Memorial Day expenses	225.00
4589 Other culture and recreation	
Sestercentennial	-
Other	<u>-</u>
	-
4611 Conservation commission	
CC association dues	266.00
Crescent Lake testing	255.94
Miscellaneous expenses	<u>60.00</u>
	581.94
4619 Conservation preservation	
Crescent Lake Milfoil Committee	2,000.00
4902 Machinery, vehicles & equipment	
2015 Western Star truck	36,156.84
Equipment lease - roller	<u>11,386.80</u>
	47,543.64
4909 Improvements other than buildings	
Gravel crushing	74,994.25
Culvert replacement	-
Wages - road projects	2,075.25
Beryl Mountain Road	9,605.00
Charlestown Road	50,380.00
Cold Pond Road	44,256.74
Crane Brook Road	242,021.14
Derry Hill Road	-
Turkey Shoot Road	24,018.75
Town pit development	-
Town properties	<u>-</u>
	447,351.13
4912 To special revenue funds	
Cemetery lot sales reimbursement	-
4915 To capital reserve funds	
Capital reserve - bridges	20,000.00
Capital reserve - highway equipment	-
Capital reserve - revaluation	<u>8,000.00</u>
	28,000.00
4916 To expendable cemetery trust fund	
Transfers to trustees of trust funds	-
Warrant Articles Voted	
Small truck replacement	43,713.54
International replacement	<u>37,918.00</u>
	81,631.54
Total appropriation disbursements for 2018	<u>\$ 1,392,730.83</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Detailed Statement of Non-appropriation Disbursements 2018

	Jan - Dec 18
Beryl Mountain Road grinding encumbered	\$ 20,526.75
4931 Sullivan County	282,223.00
4933 FM Regional School District	1,520,555.00
CC - Conservation Commission expenses	500.00
Unanticipated Grant Expense	
Hearse restoration	1,250.00
Total non-appropriation disbursements for 2018	<u>\$ 1,825,054.75</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Summary of Conservation Commission accounts for 2018

Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/18	\$ 4,617.16
Wetlands survey	-
Orchard school scholarship	(500.00)
Hamblett land purchase	-
Interest income	2.11
Ending balance 12/31/18	<u>\$ 4,119.27</u>

Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/18	\$ 4,125.54
Timber sale proceeds	-
Timber bond reimbursement	-
Interest income	2.04
Transfer to general fund	-
Ending balance 12/31/18	<u>\$ 4,127.58</u>

Town of Acworth
Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)
December 31, 2018 and 2017

	<u>31-Dec 2018</u>	<u>31-Dec 2017</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ (30,893.75)	\$ (37,530.81)
Money market	954,514.51	1,122,198.66
Savings - Conservation Commission	4,119.27	4,617.16
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	4,127.58	4,125.54
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	<u>1,500.00</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
	933,517.61	1,095,060.55
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	165,119.02	202,233.48
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	5,468.83	-
Tax liens receivable - 2013 levy	-	-
Tax liens receivable - 2014 levy	2,924.61	2,804.73
Tax liens receivable - 2015 levy	3,250.42	7,419.19
Tax liens receivable - 2016 levy	30,713.26	34,672.40
Tax liens receivable - 2017 levy	55,346.64	54,853.24
Allowance for abatements-property tax	<u>56,364.00</u>	<u>56,364.00</u>
	319,186.78	358,347.04
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,252,704.39</u>	<u>\$ 1,453,407.59</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Deferred revenue - Prepaid property taxes	2,400.71	63,582.00
Deferred revenue - Unanticipated grants	-	72,086.46
School district payable	677,815.00	685,938.00
Fairpoint	56,364.00	56,364.00
Performance bond refundable	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	739,079.71	880,470.46
Fund equity		
Fund equity - unassigned	437,551.99	476,831.45
Fund equity - encumbered		
Encumbered - 2017 Beryl Mt Road Grind	-	22,000.00
Encumbered - 2018 Beryl Mt Road Culverts	19,980.00	-
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	4,119.27	4,617.16
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	4,127.58	4,125.54
Potential Net Income	<u>47,845.84</u>	<u>65,362.98</u>
	513,624.68	572,937.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 1,252,704.39</u>	<u>\$ 1,453,407.59</u>

2018 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
Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:		
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	
Landmark Land 248-13.1	30,700	
Prouty 250-2	6,600	\$1,462,300
Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:		
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
Total		\$2,277,200

2018 Selectmen's Report

Each year brings new issues to Town government. In 2018 support services, zoning compliance and conservation land protection appeared most frequently on the Selectmen's agendas.

During the 2018 budget season Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue indicated their certification was being challenged by the State Fire Marshall. AVFR has provided fire protection as a support service to the Town for many years and at a cost that is in proportion to the Town's ability to pay. The Selectmen followed the Company's progress toward updated certification throughout the year and understand they are now close to completing the upgrades required by the State. The Company has maintained temporary certification during this process.

Late last winter the courts cleared lingering impediments to the cleanup of the illegal junkyard which had developed on Connecticut Heights Road. Since then the property owners have reported to the Selectmen on a regular basis about their progress removing accumulated debris. With that underway Selectmen began communication with the Hill Road owner of an illegal junkyard there. This site has developed over many years and a way forward is still be worked on between the owner and the Town. Junkyards are governed by the Town's Zoning Ordinance which the Selectmen are charged with upholding.

In the spring the owner of the Roy Farm posted the property which is dedicated to public access under a conservation easement purchased from Raymond and Verna Roy in 1992. The Roy's loved their farm and wanted it shared with people; posting the property violated that intention. As easement Grantee the Town is responsible for defending the easement and the public access it provides. Over the course of several months the issue drew numerous people to discussions which took place before the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen. The property owner was asked to remove the postings and engaged an attorney to argue their position. By year end the Town's actions were supported by the State Attorney General's office and the postings were ordered to be removed.

In addition to such long term issues the Selectmen dealt regularly with overseeing the expenditure of the budget voters approved at Town Meeting. Two new trucks were ordered, Crane Brook Road was completed, drainage was installed on Charlestown Road, the roads between Town Hall and Acworth Primary School were paved and the Town Hall floor received a shoring up.

Looking ahead the Selectmen proposed a budget for 2019 lower than 2018. In recent years the portion of the tax rate determined by schools has driven increases in the overall rate. The Selectmen respect Townspeople's ability to pay and encourage everyone to participate in all aspects of Town, school and County governance.

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

2018 Highway Department Report

In 2018 winter stayed late. By late January half of the Town's supply of winter sand had been used and at the end of February the Highway Department had worked fourteen days straight clearing roads. For the second year in a row a March storm threatened Town Meeting scheduling.

Surprisingly mud was not as bad as some years and just as seasonal work was getting underway a tornado passed over the southern third of Town. Opening roads and disposing of tree trunks and limbs went on for two weeks. Evidence of the tornado is still visible across from the Highway Garage.

The crew provided support with pavement reclamation on Beryl Mountain Road, with shoulder work following paving on Crane Brook Road and with the approaches to Beryl Mountain Road Bridge which were resurfaced by DOT as part of the Bowers Brook Bridge replacement project. Drainage on Beryl Mountain Road was mapped for contracting in 2019.

The NH Department of Environmental Services now requires oversight by a person certified by them in culvert maintenance during culvert replacements and most contractors do not have certified staff. As a result the Town has sent department members to certification training. Ed Babneau provided oversight during the culvert replacements on Charlestown Road during 2018.

Our gravel roads receive routine maintenance annually. This can be as straightforward as grading and graveling and as involved as ditching and replacing failed culverts. Dust control becomes a factor on gravel roads during dry spells such as we have had in recent years. The Town maintains 48 miles of roads; of those 30 miles are gravel. Road surface treatment is determined by the Selectmen based on conditions and need.

Ed Babneau left Town employment just before the first snow fall in early November. Earl Kathan has served as interim supervisor. During the year Scott Sanchas came on as a year round rather than seasonal employee and is preparing to test for CDL licensing. Lester Tallman is our third full time crew member and Ed Baker has come on as part time help particularly during storms.

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.

2018 Solid Waste Report

Waste_disposed	Type	Shipments	Tons	Cost	Income
	MSW	23	191.5	\$19,409	
	C&D	14	85.6	\$9,174	\$7,711
	Freon	1		\$396	
	Hazardous	2		\$920	
Waste recycled					
	Comingle***	11	29.0	\$3,349	
	Bulbs	1		\$87	
	Electronics	2	2.6	\$1,217	
	Glass	4	31.8	\$1,475	
	Metal	9		\$1,620	\$3,180
	Paper**	11	29.4	\$2,859	
	Planet Aid	3			\$134
	Propane	1		\$130	
	Waste oil	1		\$1,630	

Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse)	191.5 tons
Construction and Demolition Debris and Bulky Waste	85.6 tons
Tires	
Total	277.1 tons

Measurable recyclables shipped for processing *

Grand Total: Waste and Recyclables	<u>92.8 tons</u> 369.9 tons
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Recycling as a percentage of measurable tonnage**** 25.0%

* Some tonnages not available or not applicable.

** Paper includes newsprint, cardboard, magazines, and all other clean paper fiber.

*** Co-mingled includes clean aluminum, plastic or tin beverage and food containers.

**** This has remained consistent in recent years.

Note: The solid waste/recycling field is in constant flux. Items which previously earned income no longer do and sorting standards for some recyclables have become more stringent. The operating basis for the Transfer Station continues to be as cost effective as possible within the tolerance of our patrons.

Board of Selectmen

2018 Trustees of Trust Funds Report

The Trustees of Trust Funds met 5 times in 2018.

Officers were elected: Torrey Greene, Chairman, Betsy Snider, Vice-Chairman, Tim Perry, Bookkeeper.

The Trustees reviewed the bylaws. Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds were filed with DRA and Charitable Trust Unit of the Department of Justice. New signature cards for the Bank were filled out. The Trustees started to review the Investment Policy and studied sample investment policies from other Towns.

The Chairman has been actively exploring investment companies regarding their minimum requirements and investment fees. The Trustees must follow the Prudent Person Rule when managing the portfolio under the latest investment policy of the Trustees as filed with the state in 2017.

The Trustees attended the 2018 NHMA conference for Trustees of Trust Funds. The Town Audit was performed and no changes in system of bookkeeping were recommended.

Held in Trust for Town of Acworth on 1/1/2018		\$ 368,212.95
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 73,643.32	
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 135,374.98	
Library Trust Fund	\$ 93,563.98	
Mitchell& Jeffrey		\$ 65,630.86

Trustees distributed \$27,000.00 to the Elementary School and \$723.19 to the Library.

Trustees received \$9,646.62 for the school, \$20,000.00 for Bridge repair, and \$8,000.00 for the revaluation.

The funds earned \$5,216.93 in interest.

Held in Trust for Town of Acworth on 12/31/2018		\$ 383,171.13
Capital Reserve Funds	\$ 84,901.78	
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$ 137,414.21	
Library Trust Funds	\$ 94,237.78	
Mitchell&Jeffrey	\$ 66,617.54	

For the Trustees of Trust Funds

Marianne W Nevelson, Recording Secretary

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF ACWORTH ON DECEMBER 31, 2018													
				PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	With- drawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance Year End	
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested										Grand Total
n/a	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,957.74	29.44	0.00	1,987.18	1,987.18
n/a	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	8,194.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,194.57	2,301.07	157.84	0.00	2,458.91	10,653.48
n/a	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,071.56	16.11	0.00	1,087.67	1,087.67
n/a	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	30,487.94	9,464.62	0.00	27,000.00	12,952.56	253.51	116.06	0.00	369.57	13,322.13
n/a	2010 Reval CRE	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	16,000.00	138.60	132.79	0.00	271.39	16,271.39
n/a	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve	Citizens CAP	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	0.00	40,000.00	988.33	341.6	0.00	1,329.93	41,329.93
1913	Edward C Ball	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	333.41	13.12	0.00	346.53	885.28
1913	Julia A Buswell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	111.21	17.87	0.00	129.08	1,206.58
1916	Mary L Bowers	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	981.86	39.05	0.00	1,020.91	2,637.16
1922	TW Place	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	93.10	5.45	0.00	98.55	367.93
1922	George W Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	573.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.02	381.31	14.34	0.00	395.65	968.67
1924	William Warner	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	212.32	11.29	0.00	223.61	762.36
1925	Horace G Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	70.08	5.11	0.00	75.19	344.57
1925	Henry A. Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.00	26.91	0.00	738.91	1,816.41
1925	Laura L. Vickeen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	324.62	12.97	0.00	337.59	876.34
1925	Abram Mitchell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,023.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,023.63	666.36	25.4	0.00	691.76	1,715.39
1929	Charles K Wood	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	303.05	12.66	0.00	315.71	854.46
1930	Cynthia Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.85	13.24	0.00	355.09	893.84
1930	Charles Elliot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	70.53	5.11	0.00	75.64	345.02
1930	Hyram Hayward	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	225.52	11.5	0.00	237.02	775.77
1931	Ada L Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	711.99	26.91	0.00	738.90	1,816.40
1931	White-Ryder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	511.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	511.81	333.31	12.72	0.00	346.03	857.84
1932	Oarett Eaton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	134.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	134.69	99.65	3.51	0.00	103.16	237.85
1933	Samual A. Nye	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	186.61	10.91	0.00	197.52	736.27
1934	Ashton A Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.80	13.24	0.00	355.04	893.79
1937	George W. Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.80	13.24	0.00	355.04	893.79
1937	Frank McNaughton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.80	13.24	0.00	355.04	893.79
1937	Walter Slader	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,082.30	40.6	0.00	1,122.90	2,739.15
1938	George W. Call	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.83	13.24	0.00	355.07	893.82
1939	Alger E Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.83	13.24	0.00	355.07	893.82
1940	Charles M Thornton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.83	13.24	0.00	355.07	893.82
1941	Gertrude C Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	608.26	25.34	0.00	633.60	1,711.10
1941	Weston Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.83	13.24	0.00	355.07	893.82
1941	Olin R Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	269.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	269.38	170.69	6.65	0.00	177.34	446.72
1942	James Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.85	13.24	0.00	355.09	893.84
1942	H W Allen	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.85	13.24	0.00	355.09	893.84
1943	Ella Prentiss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	115.29	9.83	0.00	125.12	663.87
1944	Almon E Clark	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	700.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.38	449.72	17.29	0.00	467.01	1,167.39
1944	Francis Buss	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	377.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	377.13	262.10	9.61	0.00	271.71	648.84
1945	Edwin S Chatterton	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,616.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616.25	1,082.36	40.6	0.00	1,122.96	2,739.21
1946	Horace Ruggs	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.86	13.24	0.00	355.10	893.85
1946	Erving Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.24	20.27	0.00	561.51	1,369.64
1946	Carl Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	186.01	10.89	0.00	196.90	735.65
1946	W A Barney	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.87	13.24	0.00	355.11	893.86
1947	Fred Batchelder	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	289.96	12.45	0.00	302.41	841.16
1947	The Bass Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	608.31	25.35	0.00	633.66	1,711.16

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				PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Cash Gains or Losses	With- drawals	Balance Year End	Balance Beginning Year	Income During Year Amount	Expended During Year	Balance Year End
Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested									Grand Total
1951	Grace Muzzy	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.86	13.24	0.00	893.85
1951	Horace Dexter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	297.40	12.58	0.00	848.73
1952	Barent C Finley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	41.91	8.74	0.00	589.40
1952	George W Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.85	13.24	0.00	893.84
1954	Roscoe Hull	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.03	26.91	0.00	1,816.44
1955	Clara Johnson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.04	26.91	0.00	1,816.45
1957	C M Emerson	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.84	13.24	0.00	893.83
1957	Frank & J. Metcalf	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	96.54	9.56	0.00	644.85
1957	N. G. & J Webster	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.82	13.24	0.00	893.81
1958	Freeman Campbell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	115.25	9.83	0.00	663.83
1958	John Symonds	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	238.02	11.67	0.00	788.44
1958	Elmer E Wheeler	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.18	20.27	0.00	1,369.58
1958	Arthur Perham	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.04	26.91	0.00	1,816.45
1959	Lufkin-Robbins	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.84	13.24	0.00	893.83
1959	Clarence Jeffrey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.84	13.24	0.00	893.83
1959	Reed-Wallace	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	246.58	19.91	0.00	1,343.99
1960	Hobart-Jones	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.00	26.91	0.00	1,816.41
1960	B K Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	289.91	12.45	0.00	841.11
1961	Solon L Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	308.50	16.78	0.00	1,133.41
1961	Solon Neal	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.20	20.27	0.00	1,369.60
1961	Arthur Potter	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.83	13.24	0.00	893.82
1961	Raymond C Davis	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	711.99	26.91	0.00	1,816.40
1962	Hayward, Liv. & Hol.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	2,693.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,693.76	1,794.51	67.48	0.00	4,555.75
1962	D Moody & W Huntley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.04	26.91	0.00	1,816.45
1962	Charles Barlow	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.04	26.91	0.00	1,816.45
1962	Meador-Hemphill	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.21	20.27	0.00	1,369.61
1964	Charles & B Perry	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	644.08	25.88	0.00	1,747.46
1965	Wm. & Belle Pitkin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	541.17	20.27	0.00	1,369.57
1965	Herbert F Hartwell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	673.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	673.44	470.24	17.2	0.00	1,160.88
1967	George W Walker	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	611.59	25.39	0.00	1,714.48
1968	H Reed & L Young	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	660.07	26.12	0.00	1,763.69
1968	Wm & Rufus Hillard	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	3,232.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,232.56	2,136.15	80.74	0.00	5,449.45
1969	Eva & Carl Grant	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	712.00	26.91	0.00	1,816.41
1969	Paul Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.83	13.24	0.00	893.82
1969	Dorothy N Faught	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	711.99	26.91	0.00	1,816.40
1971	Harry D. Kemp	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	711.99	26.91	0.00	1,816.40
1972	Myrle E Reed	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.84	13.24	0.00	893.83
1977	Albin Dressell	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	888.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	888.94	623.93	22.76	0.00	1,535.63
1979	Everett Knight	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	718.60	27.01	0.00	1,823.11
1979	Earl Luther Sr.	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	718.46	27.01	0.00	1,822.97
1979	Scott Farley	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	277.08	12.27	0.00	828.10
1979	Edwin B Dallin	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	341.85	13.24	0.00	893.84
1983	Madeline & Leon Balla	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	38.20	8.66	0.00	585.61
1984	Corey-Ruiter Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	1,077.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,077.50	-21.66	15.88	0.00	1,071.72
1985	Eva & Jos. Dempsey	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	538.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	538.75	-60.18	7.19	0.00	485.76
1987	Elseiser Lot	Cemetery	Citizens CAP	808.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	808.13	-178.28	9.45	0.00	639.30

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						PRINCIPAL			INCOME			

2018 Library Trustees Report

The Acworth Library had a very successful year that included sponsoring several special events for patrons and the residents of Acworth. We are grateful to live in this wonderful community and thank you all for your support.

Our third Annual Chocolate Lovers Event was moved to the United Church of Acworth, where it was attended by many bakers and samplers. All entrants were awarded a cookbook relating to chocolate. This delicious free antidote to icy weather will continue to be an annual February event, so watch your calendars for dates.

The return of Fritz and Ken by popular demand drew another great crowd to the Library in April to celebrate Poetry Month. First appearing in 2015, the duo of Fritz Wetherbee and Ken Grant once again enthralled their audience with their inimitable readings of favorite poems. Who said poetry couldn't be fun?

Summer brought us our annual Book Sale, always held the second weekend of July. This year the event coordinated well with the Acworth Charitable Community Trust's Art Exhibit. In August, to conclude the annual Summer Reading Program for our school-age patrons, Erin Rounds, a local Vermont author, read to us from her new book, *Charlotte's Bones*. This is a non-fiction story recounting the ancient death of a beluga whale and how her fossil, found in Vermont, gave her a second "life" in a museum. The Acworth Library has a copy of her book and encourages everyone read it to learn how the past is connected to us today.

Our fall event was all about owls. Marcia and Mark Wilson brought their expertise and six live owls and a peregrine hawk to us in October. Their program "Eyes on Owls" entertained a packed Town Hall during a lovely Sunday afternoon.

In December, a very special guest, Bessie, a chocolate lab, and her humans offered a book reading about Bessie's gradual loss of eyesight as she grew older. Authored by her owner and Acworth resident, Thomas Farmen, the book *Watching the Lights Go Out* is a heartwarming story about aging with grace. Bessie was a charming proof of that.

Your Board of Trustees thanks you for your continued patronage and encourages you to visit your Library.

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

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

ACCOUNT BALANCES	12/31/2017	12/31/2018
CHECKING	\$592.52	\$832.91
SAVINGS	\$10,243.69	\$9,800.48
CD'S	\$13,666.49	\$13,706.64
	<u>\$24,502.70</u>	<u>\$24,340.03</u>

	2018 BUDGET	2018 ACTUAL	Variance to Budget
INCOME			
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$39,780	\$39,780.00	\$0
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$20	\$43.41	\$23
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$400	\$746.90	\$347
RESTRICTED INCOME :	\$500	\$923.19	\$423
DESIGNATED INCOME :	\$2,000	\$1,328.02	(\$672)
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)	\$2,500	\$0.00	(\$2,500)
	<u>\$45,200</u>	<u>\$42,821.52</u>	<u>(\$2,378)</u>

EXPENSES (Library & Town Funds)

SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	(includes snow removal)	\$26,000	\$25,363.61	(\$636)
BOOKS (ADULT) & PERIODICALS		\$5,790	\$5,939.68	\$150
BOOKS (CHILDREN)		\$1,400	\$1,538.28	\$138
OTHER MATERIALS - DVD's		\$450	\$401.25	(\$49)
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL		\$2,000	\$2,259.95	\$260
ELECTRICITY		\$1,200	\$1,004.26	(\$196)
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & DSL)		\$1,100	\$1,219.47	\$119
SUPPLIES & EQUIP.		\$650	\$542.76	(\$107)
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG		\$150	\$148.70	(\$1)
GROUNDKEEPING (MOWING)		\$1,400	\$1,075.00	(\$325)
DUES / FEES / TUITION		\$60	\$60.00	\$0
PROGRAMS / EVENTS		\$1,200	\$1,209.54	\$10
COMPUTER / COPIER		\$1,500	\$1,129.71	(\$370)
MISC. EXPENSE		\$300	\$229.77	(\$70)
BUILDING REPAIR (see resolution)	See note below	\$2,000	\$862.21	(\$1,138)
GRANTS / DESIGNATED GIFTS		\$0	\$0.00	\$0
		<u>\$45,200</u>	<u>\$42,984.19</u>	<u>(\$2,216)</u>

2018 EXPENSES USING RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (included above)

* BUILDING REPAIR / RENOVATION	- Routine Maintenance & Additional Shelving	\$862
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2019 DESIGNATED / RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund	\$12,233	(restricted gift)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund	\$4,037	(restricted gift)
Designated income account from income-producing equipment	\$714	(designated income)
Civic Expansion / Community Outreach	\$2,216	(designated income)
Building repair / renovation Savings	\$3,529	(designated income)
- Update/Repair Storm Windows		
- Repair/Replace Book Drop Box		
- Additional Shelving for Books		

2018 Librarians' Report

The Acworth Silsby Library had 3647 visits from patrons and visitors in 2018 and added 30 new patrons. We circulated 4870 books during the year and continue to add fiction, non-fiction, children's books and DVD's to our collection monthly.

We had 468 patron visits for computer use in 2018. In December, we upgraded our high speed DSL internet connection. We have computers for public use as well as a wireless connection. Patrons use our computers 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 21 young readers participated. Each participant received the gift of a new book from the Library. We hosted Springfield, VT author Erin Rounds who talked about her new children's book "Charlotte's Bones" about a fossil skeleton found in a Northern Vermont field. Andrea Alderman, who joined our Library Staff in September, hosted a young adult reading group this past summer. The group read "Where the Redfern Grows" by Wilson Rawls.

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. In 2019, book donations will be accepted at the Library after June 1st.

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 76 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 566 books circulated via the ILL system.

We thank our patrons, volunteers and all who assisted us throughout the year.
Susan Metsack, Linda Thomson-Mohr, Nancy Fitz-Rapalje, Andrea Alderman,
Librarians; Phone 835-2150; E-mail acworthlibrary@myfairpoint.net
Website www.acworthlibrary.org; Library hours: Sat. and Sun. 11:30am-4:30pm;
Tues. and Thurs. 11:30am to 5:30pm
Susan Metsack, Acworth Silsby Library

2018 Cemeteries Report

Cemetery Trustees meet monthly between April and November, usually the fourth Thursday of the month at 4 PM in the Town Hall. Acworth residents and former residents who wish to purchase the right of interment in the Hill Road cemetery should contact Sexton Kris Fenderson. A 6 by 12 foot lot, adequate for one full-body burial or three sets of cremains, costs \$400. A 12 by 12 foot lot (space for two full-body burials) costs \$550, and a 12 by 24 foot lot is \$1050. Prices include maintenance and the \$200 cost of corner markers, incised with the family initial, from the Keene Monument Company. Cornerstones must be installed within 90 days after the lot is purchased. A stone with the name and dates of the deceased must be installed within 6 months of a burial. New plantings are not permitted, as they hamper mowing and may overgrow adjacent lots. Artificial flowers and decorations must be removed by October 31, and holiday decorations by May 1. Cemetery trustees respond to questions about green burials or accommodating Jewish burial customs.

Volunteer Lorraine LaCasse has worked to update listings for our Batchelder Nye cemetery in the Find A Grave website (www.findagrave.com). In 2015 archaeologists mapped and photographed all burials in that cemetery with funds from a grant from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust. Reconciling this data with the website creates a valuable and accessible tool for genealogists researching family connections online.

In January 2019 we completed the first stage of clearing the northeast corner and entrance to the New Hill Road Cemetery. Our past practice was to postpone tree cutting and monument repair until the mowing season ended to ensure that our funds would cover the necessary clean up. The winter of 2018 arrived before monument repair could be done. Now that our budget is adequate to cover lawn care, we will be able to have monument repair and tree work done earlier in the year.

The 2018 cemetery walk contributed donations to the Acworth Veterans Memorial Park Project. John Luther represented Revolutionary soldier James Campbell. Jim Neidert played Civil War soldier Theron Duncan, and David Huffling portrayed his son, John. Chris Salmon played Morris Ring, Jr. Jennifer Bland and Maureen Thibodeau portrayed editors of the World War II era Acworth Newsletter, mailed to "our boys" in the service.

Our antique horse-drawn hearse, purchased by the town in 1879, is in the church-owned horse sheds. Restoration has begun with repair to the wheels, funded by a grant from the Acworth Community Charitable Trust. Repairs are needed to the woodwork, leather dashboard, seat cushion, and seat back. We have identified an Amish carriage shop in Pennsylvania capable of doing the leatherwork, but would prefer to employ local craftspeople. The warrant for Town Meeting includes an article requesting \$5,000 for restoration of the hearse. The restored hearse will be available for display at the cemetery walk or similar festivities. We do not plan for it to be used for transport.

We welcome input and would be happy to answer questions about the hearse or other cemetery matters. Acworth Cemetery Trustees: Lillie LeBlanc, Claudia Istel, Helen Frink, Chair, Kristian Fenderson, Sexton

2018 Planning Board Report

The Planning Board began the year tabulating responses to its questionnaire to property owners about their vision for Acworth. Over 150 responses were tallied and the most frequent request was to keep Acworth as it is. There was support for the rural character, the quiet, small town feel and the sense of community.

The responses were used in 2018 to update the Vision statement in the Town Master Plan which the State requires be updated every five years. During 2019 the Board will move on to updating the Land Use section of the Master Plan. This is where it is important to mention any types of development the Town might consider valuable and supportive of the Vision statement so they can be incorporated into our zoning and other regulations.

During the year the Board held public hearings for four minor subdivisions and tree work by two utility companies on the Town's scenic roads. Each of these requires Board members to make time to view the property or road so they are familiar with them. Site visits were also made to a Crescent Lake property applying for Nonresidential Site Plan Review and to several new driveway sites.

The Board hosted a spring and a fall Joint Boards meeting. These meetings give Town officials an opportunity to share information and discuss areas of concern together. During the spring meeting considerable time was devoted to Acworth Fire and Rescue Company's certification process with the State Fire Marshall. Acworth is unique in having an independent company providing fire protection and their work is appreciated by all. Consolidated Communications vice president Rob Koester came to the fall meeting and described the improvements his company plans for internet in our area.

The Planning Board provides a basis for the Town budget in its annual update each fall of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Selectmen meet with the Board to describe road projects and equipment needs. The purpose of the CIP is to show how these major expenses can be fit into a multi-year projection that will result in a tax rate that stays fairly level over time.

During 2018 Matt Connors joined the Board as an alternate. Alternates participate in all Board discussion and vote when a full member is absent. The Planning Board meets monthly and would welcome other residents interested in becoming alternate members. It is a way to learn about the Board and its various responsibilities.

Acworth Planning Board

2018 Conservation Commission

The Acworth Conservation Commission meets monthly to review Shoreland Protection and Wetland Permits, Intents to Cut Wood or Timber, and septic designs. Each fall we monitor conservation easements on private property, and coordinate with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests to monitor town-owned properties: the East Acworth Wetlands and the Gove Town Forest. A timber harvest of ash trees not yet damaged by the emerald ash borer is scheduled to take place in January in the Town Forest. The Town Forest and Wetlands, totaling about 377 acres, are open to everyone for hiking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and hunting. An additional 1,890 acres of private land is preserved under a variety of conservation easements, ensuring that much of Acworth will remain beautiful and unspoiled.

We organize an annual Green Up Day to clean up roadside litter on the third Saturday in April. This year thirty-six volunteers filled sixty-seven trash bags with bottles, cans, candy wrappers, and countless other items that were sorted at the transfer station to salvage the recyclables. We appreciate those who organize groups to clean up roadsides near their homes. We also thank the numerous other residents who regularly patrol specific routes to keep ahead of the litter.

We contribute \$500 from our Conservation Fund each year toward tuition for Acworth children attending summer nature camps at Alstead's Orchard School. We also pay the town's share of water quality testing at Crescent Lake.

The Acworth Conservation Commission is a member of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission, and members and townspeople are welcome to attend their annual meeting and workshops, held on the first Saturday in November. Visit their website at www.nhacc.org. Important workshops on conservation easements, forestry, and land use are also offered at the Saving Special Places meeting, held in Alton, NH each spring and organized by UNH Cooperative Extension. Visit their website at <https://saving.special.places.org>.

This past February we hosted a well-attended presentation on bobcats through the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game. In April Doug Cygan of the state Department of Agriculture gave a talk on invasive plants. If you would like to suggest other topics related to wildlife, forestry, wetlands or other conservation issues please contact any member of the Conservation Commission.

Liz Cubberley left the Conservation Commission in the fall to pursue graduate studies, and we miss her energy and enthusiasm. If you are interested in becoming an alternate member of the Conservation Commission, please let us know. We meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the town hall, and meetings are open to the public.

Conservation Commission Members: Shawn Bowman, Lillie LeBlanc, Helen Frink, Beverly Buxton; Alternates: Carole Wallace, Jennifer Bland; Selectman: Jim Jennison

2018 Crescent Lake Association Report

The 2018 Crescent Lake season opened with a successful underwater surveillance of the "hot spots" of Crescent Lake, monitoring for any invasive plants or marine life that might have occurred over the previous winter and early spring. We're happy to report no incident of invasive weeds or animals were reported in 2018, which confirms the educational outreach conducted by New Hampshire Lakes Association in conjunction with a talented and dedicated crew of Lake Hosts employed by Crescent Lake continues to be a good model for warning the public of the dangers of transporting invasive species.

With 915 courtesy inspections completed by our paid Lake Hosts, and continuous education to anyone who wished to launch watercraft in Crescent Lake, we're hopeful the right allocation of resources and education is working. It is time not to become complacent, however, as invasive species know few boundaries and fewer predators.

Crescent Lake also celebrated our first-ever birth of loons on the lake over the summer. The two adult parents has scoped out the lake for some time before selecting Crescent Lake. Of the two eggs, one remained viable and bore a loon chic which spent the remainder of the summer posing for pictures and learning "the ropes" from parents. Loons make their nesting selections by water quality and good food prospects, which we are thankful we have protected well. Most often the young loon will return and we'll be keeping our eyes peeled for the return "adolescent" loon in the coming spring.

Water quality remains among the top strategic focus points of the Crescent Lake Association and we thank every property owner, on and off the lake, who maintains the ecosystem around us. Crescent Lake Association thanks our towns of Acworth and Unity for the support (financial and resource) we gladly receive every year. We appreciate the partnerships we enjoy with our towns and hope you will continue to support our efforts to keep Crescent Lake among the best lakes/rivers in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,
Crescent Lake Association,
Kevin Brenker,
Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

2018 Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc. Report

Last year Acworth Fire and Rescue responded to one hundred twenty-five (125) calls. These included the following:

One (1) chimney fire

Three (3) Still alarms (smoke detectors, CO detectors)

One (1) Vehicle fire

Three (3) Motor vehicle accidents

Four (4) Service calls

Twenty-five (25) trees/wires

Seventy-four (74) Medical calls

Fourteen (14) Mutual aid responses

Acworth Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, Inc., Gary Baber, Chief

2018 Vital Statistics

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Lawler, Craig	Florida	11/17/17
Wellens, Mark	Acworth	02/10
Mason, Laura	Claremont	08/05
Santolucito Sr, Robert	Lebanon	09/28
Hammond, Harry	So Acworth	10/25
Stocker, Winifred	So Acworth	11/16

Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2018

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Lebeau, Travis L	Houghton, Rhiannon I	Charlestown	02/14
Butson, Roger W	Morris, Laura J	So Acworth	06/23
Rosello, Jeffrey L	Comeau, Ceara A	Manchester	06/23
Brown, Charles B	Fogelgren, Kristin J	Acworth	09/09
Haines, Wesley E	Smith, Courtney M	So Acworth	09/22
Heringer, Morgan E	Huffling, David L	Acworth	10/20

Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2018

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Stacy, Eivan Kent	01/06	Keene	Stacy, Corey Stacy, Nicolyn
Curtis, Frances Esme	04/06	Acworth	Curtis, John Curtis, Kerry
Clow, Zaylynn Victoria	04/10	Lebanon	Clow, Nieko Pohl, Tanya
Conboy, Khaleesi Ryelynn Jaymes	08/06	Lebanon	Conboy, Jesse Kopacz-Conboy, Tamara

2018 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.