

Annual Report

of Town Officials, Departments,
and Committees

Town of Acworth New Hampshire



Memorial Day dedication of the completed Veteran's Memorial Park

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

Please bring this Report to Town Meeting
on Tuesday, March 10, 2026



Keyes Hollow Initial Assessment – June 16, 2025
NH Fish and Game; CT River Conservancy; Acworth and Lempster ConCom members;
UVLSRPC Representative

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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Selectmen 603-835-6879 Email: townoff@sover.net
Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m./Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Meetings: First, Third & Fifth Monday, 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk 603-835-6879 Email: atclerk@sover.net
Wednesday 4:30 - 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 - noon

Tax Collector 603-835-6879 Email: taxcoll@sover.net
Monday 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Planning Board Fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission Second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Board of Adjustment First Wednesday of the month for new business only at 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Trustees Regular or Special meeting dates posted
Ken Gagnon, Sexton

Library Trustees As needed, Guy Russell

Trustee of Trust Funds Regular or Special meeting dates posted
Contact Ann Kosa

Health Officer 860-601-2223, Jennifer Bland

Emergency Management Director 860-601-2223, Jennifer Bland

Highway Garage 603-835-6866, Collin Crosby, Road Agent

Transfer Station 603-835-6602, Charlie Bradt; John Comeau
Wednesday 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Library 603-835-2150
Tuesday & Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Emergency 911
Fire 603-352-1100
State Police Troop C 603-358-3333

TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Jim Jennison	Selectman	Term Ends 2026
Ryanne Schoonover	Selectman	Term Ends 2027
Kathi Bradt	Selectman	Term Ends 2028
Charlotte Comeau	Town Administrator	
Charlotte Comeau	Town Clerk	Term Ends 2028
Marianne Nevelson	Tax Collector	Term Ends 2026
Melinda Loiselle	Treasurer	Term Ends 2026
Lisa DeValk	Local Auditor	Term Ends 2026
John Luther	Moderator	Term Ends 2026
Marianne Nevelson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2030
Elizabeth Gowen	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2026
Karen Dillon	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2028
Sandra Binion	Inspector of Elections	Term Ends 2026
Linda Christie	Inspector of Elections	Term Ends 2026
Robin Luther	Inspector of Elections	Term Ends 2026
Overseer of Public Welfare	Board of Selectmen	
Health Officer	Jennifer Bland	Term Ends 2026
Ann Kosa	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2026
Sandra Binion	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2027
Laurie Luther-Houghton	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2028
Guy Russell	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Doug Robinson	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Andrea Alderman	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2027
Mary Hildreth	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2027
Melinda Loiselle	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2028
Lillie LeBlanc	Cemetery Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Claudia Istel	Cemetery Trustee	Term Ends 2027
Alison Ferrell	Cemetery Trustee	Term Ends 2028
Ken Gagnon	Sexton	

TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

Judy Aron	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2026
Sue Metsack	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2026
Jennifer Bland	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2027
John Balla	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2027
Claudia Istel	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2028
Cheryl Sanctuary	Budget Committee	Term Ends 2028
Jim Jennison	Ex-officio Member	
Mike Aaron	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026
Victoria Wuest	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026
Stephen Murray	Planning Board	Term Ends 2027
Rob Vogel	Planning Board	Term Ends 2027
Vacant	Planning Board	Term Ends 2028
Ann Marie Kosa	Planning Board	Term Ends 2028
Ryanne Schoonover	Ex-officio Member	
Gregg Thibodeau	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Mark Girard	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2027
Jennifer Bland	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Janet Slocum	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2028
Robert Traver	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026
Robin Ungeheuer	Alternate Member	Term Ends 2027
Lisa Hyatt	Alternate Member	Term Ends 2027
Lindley Hanson	Alternate Member	Term Ends 2028
Kathi Bradt	Ex-officio Member	
Raymond LeClair	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2026
Jennifer Bland	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2027
Linda Christie	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2027
Mary Hildreth	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2028
Daniel Young	Zoning Board of Adjustment	Term Ends 2028
Carl Henninger	Alternate Member	Term Ends 2028
Recreation Committee	Board of Selectmen	
FMRSD Board	Sarah Vogel	Term Ends 2028
Town Forester	Peter Rhoades	
Town Forester	Jeff Snitkin	
Tree Warden	Vacant	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTIES AND VALUES

Town Hall and Land 229-1	598,000	
Flagpole Lot 229-2	33,700	
Town Common 229-3	50,500	
Library and Land 229-32	384,500	
Hill/Lynn triangle 229-49	18,500	
Town Garage and Transfer Station 253-11	228,800	\$1,314,000
Land Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds:		
Hurd 201-108	267,700	
Murzda 206-1	25,000	
Farrell 206-8	50,800	
Owner unknown 210-20.1	5,400	
Augustinowicz 210-27	66,600	
Town Forest 211-1	39,400	
Town Forest 201-135	193,300	
Rullo 207-13	35,100	
Macanka 215-6	81,600	
Owner unknown 222-21	6,100	
Farnsworth (Ball Field) 222-4	105,700	
Buss Lot 226-1	3,800	
Jackman 229-17	198,900	
Ball 230-3	20,000	
Callum 234-18	53,400	
Roberts 236-10	69,700	
Jennison 240-9	121,300	\$1,343,800
Land Acquired Through Gift or Purchase:		
Pierce Brook 209-7	85,200	
Ward 218-4	41,000	
Town Wetlands 225-6	12,200	
Town Wetlands 226-9	5,800	
Conservation Associates 225-7	13,100	
Hamblet 226-8.1	6,400	
Stebbins Road 229-58	17,800	
Five Points School House 231-8	20,500	
Nye Road Cemetery 234-8	4,700	
Lubetkin/Cemetery 234-13	29,900	
Hill Road Cemetery 234-24	7,800	
Mill Pond Acre/Mica Shed 246-17	66,600	
Prince 246-57	4,100	\$315,100
TOTAL		\$2,972,900

NON-PARTISAN SAMPLE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL

<p>SELECTMAN 3 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>KATHARINE (KATY) HAAS <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>MODERATOR 2 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>JOHN LUTHER <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>LIBRARY TRUSTEE 3 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR TWO</p> <p>DOUGLAS (DOUG) ROBINSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>GUY RUSSELL <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>
<p>TAX COLLECTOR 1 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>MARIANNE W NEVELSON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS 3 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>ANN MARIE KOSA <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD 2 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>FRANK EMIG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>
<p>TREASURER 1 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>MELINDA LOISELLE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>CEMETERY TRUSTEE 3 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>LILLIE LEBLANC <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>PLANNING BOARD 3 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR TWO</p> <p>BRIAN ST. PIERRE <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>
<p>LOCAL AUDITOR 1 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>LISA DEVALK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST 6 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR ONE</p> <p>ADRIANE STURGEON <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>	<p>BUDGET COMMITTEE 3 YEAR TERM - VOTE FOR TWO</p> <p>FRANK EMIG <input type="radio"/></p> <p>SUSAN METSACK <input type="radio"/></p> <p>WILLIAM M VANNAH <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write-in)</p>



Article 01 Election of Officers

To Vote by Non-partisan Ballot for the following Town Officers

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| Selectmen: 1 for 3 Years | Library Trustees: 2 for 3 Years |
| Tax Collector: 1 for 1 Year | Cemetery Trustees: 1 for 3 Years |
| Treasurer: 1 for 1 Year | Planning Board: 1 for 2 Years |
| Local Auditor: 1 for 1 Year | Planning Board: 2 for 3 Years |
| Moderator: 1 for 2 Years | Budget Committee: 2 for 3 Years |
| Trustee of Trust Funds: 1 for 3 Year | Supervisor of the Checklist: 1 for 6 Years |

Article 02 Empower the Selectmen

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

Article 03 Apply for TANs

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

Article 04 Fund the Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$1,526,381 for general municipal operations with \$100,000 to come from unassigned fund balance (This amount represents partial FEMA reimbursement funds received in 2025) This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No; 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4:Yes, 1:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

Article 05 Long-Term Lease/Purchase of Truck

To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of up to \$168,000, payable over a term of five (5) years, to finance the purchase of a truck to replace the Highway Department's 2018 Dodge 5500, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,600 for the first year's payment under the lease/purchase agreement, with those funds to come from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes 0:No, 1:Absent (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4:Yes, 1:No, 1:Absent). (3/5 ballot vote required)

Article 06 Paving Cold Pond Road

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500,000 to pave Cold Pond Road with \$200,000 to come from unassigned fund balance. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

Article 07 Forest Road Bridge Replacement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum \$1,750,000 for the purpose of replacement of the bridge on Forest Road over Great Brook (Federal Project X-A005(517) NHDOT Project #44523). \$1,400,000 (80%) of said funds to come from Federal Bridge Aid Program; and \$350,000 (20%) of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is completed or by 2031, whichever is sooner. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)



Article 08 Fund the Fire Truck CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

Article 09 Fund the Highway Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2000. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required). Majority vote required

Article 10 Fund the Bridge CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 10,000 for the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

Article 11 Fund the Revaluation CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

Article 12 Fund the Building and Grounds CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 2:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Yes, 0:No, 1:Absent). (Majority vote required)

Article 13 Modify Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability

To see if the Town will vote to modify the Service-connected total disabled veteran tax credit from \$1,400 to \$1,700 pursuant to RSA 72:35. The optional tax credit for service-connected permanent and total disability shall replace other veteran credits in its entirety and not be in addition to. (Majority vote required)

Article 14 Adopt All Veterans Tax Credit

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$300 the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town under RSA 72:28. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 15 Other Business

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



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2026
MS-737

**Proposed Budget
Acworth**

For the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 18, 2026

BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

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

Name	Position	Signature
Susan Metsack	Budget Committee, Chair	<i>Susan Metsack</i>
Cheryl Sanctuary	Budget Committee, Vice Chair	<i>Cheryl Sanctuary</i>
Judy Aron	Budget Committee Member	<i>Judy Aron</i>
John Balla	Budget Committee Member	<i>JWB</i>
Jennifer Bland	Budget Committee Member	<i>JB</i>
Claudia Istel	Budget Committee Member	<i>Claudia Istel</i>

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:
<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division
(603) 230-5090
<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/about-dra/municipal-and-property-division/municipal-bureau>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
General Government								
4130	Executive	04	\$33,900	\$33,900	\$35,900	\$0	\$35,900	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	04	\$2,247	\$1,900	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	04	\$122,812	\$106,166	\$115,217	\$0	\$115,217	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	04	\$14,245	\$14,216	\$14,832	\$0	\$14,832	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	04	\$4,631	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	04	\$31,532	\$33,169	\$33,450	\$0	\$33,450	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	04	\$3,912	\$5,444	\$5,594	\$0	\$5,594	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	04	\$10,139	\$15,662	\$14,500	\$0	\$14,500	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	04	\$13,367	\$26,230	\$26,000	\$0	\$26,000	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	04	\$41,032	\$41,032	\$51,821	\$0	\$51,821	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	04	\$1,417	\$1,467	\$1,510	\$0	\$1,510	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	General Government Subtotal		\$279,234	\$291,186	\$311,824	\$0	\$311,824	\$0
Public Safety								
4210	Police	04	\$3,742	\$3,900	\$3,900	\$0	\$3,900	\$0
4215	Ambulances	04	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$11,400	\$0	\$11,400	\$0
4220	Fire	04	\$53,000	\$53,000	\$63,000	\$0	\$63,000	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	04	\$492,106	\$600,832	\$203,517	\$0	\$203,517	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Public Safety Subtotal		\$559,348	\$672,732	\$281,817	\$0	\$281,817	\$0



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Airport/Aviation Center								
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets								
4311	Highway Administration	04	\$13,805	\$15,260	\$14,110	\$0	\$14,110	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	04	\$423,665	\$428,601	\$447,312	\$0	\$447,312	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	04	\$3,564	\$3,500	\$3,700	\$0	\$3,700	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	04	\$113,439	\$119,600	\$116,700	\$0	\$116,700	\$0
	Highways and Streets Subtotal		\$554,473	\$666,961	\$581,822	\$0	\$581,822	\$0
Sanitation								
4321	Sanitation Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	04	\$86,769	\$77,258	\$90,487	\$0	\$90,487	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	04	\$8,396	\$9,000	\$8,550	\$0	\$8,550	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Sanitation Subtotal		\$95,165	\$86,258	\$99,037	\$0	\$99,037	\$0



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Water Distribution and Treatment								
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric								
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	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
Health								
4411	Health Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control	04	\$807	\$550	\$525	\$0	\$525	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	04	\$6,711	\$6,711	\$6,791	\$0	\$6,791	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Health Subtotal		\$7,518	\$7,261	\$7,316	\$0	\$7,316	\$0



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Welfare								
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	04	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Welfare Subtotal		\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
Culture and Recreation								
4520	Parks and Recreation	04	\$1,631	\$2,125	\$1,915	\$0	\$1,915	\$0
4550	Library	04	\$43,270	\$43,270	\$43,790	\$0	\$43,790	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	04	\$425	\$300	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	04	\$167	\$250	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$0
	Culture and Recreation Subtotal		\$45,493	\$45,945	\$46,455	\$0	\$46,455	\$0
Conservation and Development								
4611	Conservation Administration	04	\$1,019	\$11,050	\$29,050	\$0	\$29,050	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	04	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$3,000	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Conservation and Development Subtotal		\$4,019	\$14,050	\$32,050	\$0	\$32,050	\$0



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2025	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Not Recommended)
Debt Service								
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	04	\$0	\$1,000	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	04	\$0	\$500	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Debt Service Subtotal		\$0	\$1,500	\$600	\$0	\$600	\$0
Capital Outlay								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	04	\$85,009	\$149,283	\$66,960	\$0	\$66,960	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	04	\$260,352	\$1,287,549	\$95,500	\$0	\$95,500	\$0
	Capital Outlay Subtotal		\$345,361	\$1,436,832	\$162,460	\$0	\$162,460	\$0
Operating Transfers Out								
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$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			\$1,526,381	\$1,526,381	\$0	\$1,526,381	\$0



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026		Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations for Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)	(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
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05	\$33,600	\$0	\$33,600	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Long-Term Lease/Purchase of Truck</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	08	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund the Fire Truck CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	09	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund the Highway Equipment CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	10	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund the Bridge CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	11	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund the Revaluation CRF</i>				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	12	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fund the Building and Grounds CRF</i>				
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$71,100	\$0	\$71,100	\$0



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Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2026 (Not Recommended)
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07	\$1,750,000	\$0	\$1,750,000	\$0
			Purpose: Forest Road Bridge Replacement			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	06	\$500,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
			Purpose: Paving Cold Pond Road			
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$2,250,000	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$0



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	04	\$4,040	\$5,100	\$5,100
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	04	\$30,735	\$15,000	\$15,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	04	\$21	\$20	\$20
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	04	\$28,856	\$33,100	\$33,100
			\$63,652	\$53,220	\$53,220
			Taxes Subtotal		
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	04	\$90	\$200	\$200
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	04	\$248,202	\$248,100	\$248,100
3230	Building Permits	04	\$3,163	\$2,500	\$2,500
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	04	\$2,856	\$2,800	\$2,800
			\$254,311	\$253,600	\$253,600
			Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal		
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements	07	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
			\$0	\$1,400,000	\$1,400,000
			From Federal Government Subtotal		
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	04	\$86,805	\$86,805	\$86,805
3353	Highway Block Grant	04	\$191,335	\$191,335	\$191,335
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	04	\$112	\$112	\$112



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
State Sources					
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	04	\$0	\$100	\$100
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution		\$0	\$0	\$0
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	04	\$1,695	\$23,600	\$23,600
	State Sources Subtotal		\$279,947	\$301,952	\$301,952
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	04	\$21,242	\$18,000	\$18,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Charges for Services Subtotal		\$21,242	\$18,000	\$18,000
Miscellaneous Revenues					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	04	\$9,480	\$600	\$600
3502	Interest on Investments	04	\$29,946	\$25,000	\$25,000
3503	Rents of Property	04	\$1,035	\$1,000	\$1,000
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	04	\$2,317	\$2,650	\$2,650
	Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal		\$42,778	\$29,250	\$29,250
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0



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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2025	Selectmen's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2026
Interfund Operating Transfers In					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	05	\$24,750	\$33,600	\$33,600
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	04	\$29,050	\$29,050	\$29,050
	Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal		\$53,800	\$62,650	\$62,650
Other Financing Sources					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04, 07, 06	\$549,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
	Other Financing Sources Subtotal		\$549,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
	Total Estimated Revenues and Credits		\$1,264,730	\$2,768,672	\$2,768,672



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Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2026 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,526,381	\$1,526,381
Special Warrant Articles	\$71,100	\$71,100
Individual Warrant Articles	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000
Total Appropriations	\$3,847,481	\$3,847,481
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,768,672	\$2,768,672
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,078,809	\$1,078,809



Supplemental Schedule

1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee	\$3,847,481
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 (Line 1 less Line 6)	\$3,847,481
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 7 x 10%</i>)	\$384,748
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: (Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12)	
	\$4,232,229

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2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2025

ACWORTH TOWN HALL, 13 TOWN HALL ROAD

Elections – 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots opened at 2:35 p.m. and finished at 2:36 p.m.

Business Meeting – 7:05 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Polls closed at 8:01 and business meeting adjourned. Counting of ballots began

Counts given to Town Clerk beginning at 8:30

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Article 01: 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	
Kathi Bradt	152
Town Clerk – One person for three-year term	
Charlotte Comeau	158
Tax Collector - One person for one-year term	
Marianne Wierenga Nevelson	157
Treasurer - One person for one-year term	
Melinda R Loiselle	145
Local Auditor – One person for one-year term	
Lisa DeValk	150
Trustee of Trust Funds – One person for three-year term	
Laurie Luther-Houghton	158
Cemetery Trustee – One person for three-year term	
Alison Ferrell	153
Planning Board – Two persons for three-year term	
James Neidert	140
Dean Gowen (write-in)	22
Library Trustee – One person for three-year term	
Melinda Loiselle	157
Budget Committee – Two persons for three-year term	
Frank Emig	54
Claudia Istel	115
Cheryl Sanctuary	121

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2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Moderator John Luther called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He announced that the polls were suspended and would be open after the meeting for those that had not had a chance to vote. He asked whether all had their secret ballots to vote. He welcomed everyone and set ground rules asking everyone be civil to one another and that no foul language is acceptable. He then asked everyone to stand, the men to remove their hats, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator acknowledged Kathi Bradt. Kathi thanked all the people who signed the petition which resulted in the State coming forward with a \$300,000 grant and Gregg for administering the grant and Mark for overseeing the work.

She then thanked AVFR for working all day to put out the fire on Halls Pond Road with the support of Highway and our own Emergency Management during last year's drought.

Last she thanked Charlotte, John Luther and all the election people for guiding us safely through the biggest election we had ever seen back in November.

Article 02 – Alternate Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,033,324.03 for the FEMA-funded Alternate Project consisting of (a) restoration of Derry Hill Road and (b) purchase of a small truck for the highway department. This Alternate Project is to be carried out in lieu of the previously approved restoration of Nye Road following 2021 flash flood damage, it being determined that the public welfare would not be best served by such restoration. One hundred percent of the Alternate Project costs shall be covered by FEMA grant funding and no amount is to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be non-lapsing until December 31, 2030, per RSA 32:7, VI. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N)* *(Recommended by the Budget Committee, 4:Y, 1:N, 1A)*. *(Majority vote required)*

A motion was made by Norman Bernaiche. Seconded by Judy Aron.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Jennifer Bland spoke about this process.

After some discussion, the article was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 02 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

On a motion by Stephen Murrell. Seconded by Linda Christie, a recommendation to restrict reconsideration of this article was made. After a brief discussion with explanation on this meaning that the article can't be brought up for discussion again, the motion was moved to vote by voice vote.

RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 03 - Empower the Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers. *(Majority Vote Required)*

A motion was made by Helen Frink. Seconded by Mike Aron.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. A question was raised on the meaning of this. Mike Aron gave a historical background on this. With no further questions it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 04 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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ARTICLE 04 – APPLY FOR TANs

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. *(Majority vote required)*

A motion was made by Linda Christie. Seconded by Brenda Melius.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After a brief discussion it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 05 PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Article 05 - Fund the Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Budget Committee recommended sum of \$2,192,401 for general municipal operations with \$549,000 to come from unassigned fund balance (This amount represents partial FEMA reimbursement funds received in 2024) This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 5:Y, 1:N). (Majority vote required)*

A motion was made by Kathi Bradt. Seconded by Ken Cubberley.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Kathi gave a brief overview of this article. After some discussion, it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 05 PASSED BY A MAJORITY

On a motion by Stephen Murrell. Seconded by Jim Jennison, a recommendation to restrict reconsideration of this article was made. With no discussion, the motion was moved to vote by voice vote.

RESTRICT RECONSIDERATION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 06 - Fund the Fire Truck CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. *(Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)*

A motion was made by Jim Jennison. Seconded by Norman Bernaiche.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 06 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 07 - Fund the Highway Equipment CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2000. *(Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N). (Majority vote required)*

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A motion was made by RYANNE SCHOONOVER. Seconded by JIM JENNISON.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 07 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 08 - Fund the Bridge CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate 10,000 for the Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2014. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N) *(Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N).* (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by KATHI BRADT. Seconded by KEN CUBBERLEY.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 08 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 09 - Fund the Revaluation CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N) *(Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N).* (Majority vote required)

As the moderator read this article it was pointed out the wording stated "Building and Grounds CRF established in 2020 rather than Revaluation CRF established in 2010.

On a motion by JIM JENNISON. Seconded by BRENDA MELIUS the article was amended to read "fund the Revaluation CRF established in 2010". Amendment moved to vote by voice vote.

AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 09 as amendment moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 09 AS AMENDED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 10 - Fund the Building and Grounds CRF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 for the Building and Grounds Capital Reserve Fund established in 2020. (Recommended by the Budget Committee, 6:Y, 0:N) *(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, 3:Y, 0:N).* (Majority vote required)

A motion was made by KATHI BRADT. Seconded by JOE FEDORA.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. Being none, it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 10 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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2025 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (Continued)

Article 11 - Change the Class V portion of Russell Road to a Private Road

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue absolutely, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the Class V portion of Russell Road so-called and noted on Map 239, Lot 4 and State Nodal Map reference page 9 Nodal 0062-0063 (Anne Russell and Jennifer Mahoney) from its intersection at Grout Hill Rd. *(Majority vote required)*

A motion was made by Kathi Bradt. Seconded by Marianne Nevelson.

The Moderator asked for any questions or discussion on the article. After a brief discussion, it was moved to vote by voice vote.

ARTICLE 11 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12 - Replace the Road of the Alternate Project (By Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to replace Derry Hill Rd with Crescent Lake Road as the FEMA funded alternate project, reflecting that the town's best interest is in protecting Crescent Lake from contamination and that the continuing lack of maintenance of Crescent Lake Road is a key contributor to pollutants entering the lake. A contamination event in the lake would have a serious and detrimental impact on the current property assessments on the lake supporting tax revenue. *(Majority vote required)*

Due to the "restrict reconsideration" for warrant article 02, this was not discussed.

Article 13 - Other Business

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

Mike Aron asked that folks get involved with town boards. He encouraged people to come to the meetings. They just finished the latest revision of the Master Plan. He asked for a show of hands of anyone interested that would like to know more about it. It's on the calendar for this coming Saturday and will be at 2PM.

Gerry Demuro recognized people that are helping Acworth, in addition to the great job the highway dept. is doing. He mentioned that John Tuthill has been working with toxic waste which is coming into Claremont stating if this happens our county taxes will increase. He thanked our state reps. Mike and Judy Aron, for voting against this last week. He stated that he has received positive feedback from many people on how welcoming the staff is at our village store.

Geoffrey Jones spoke on having access to the Keene Sentinel prior to moving to Acworth but that the Sentinel doesn't deliver to Acworth. He would like to be able to have the Sentinel and suggested that perhaps the store could buy 50-60 copies a day to get the Sentinel to deliver here.

Gary Baber mentioned that the snow is going away therefore people need to apply for burn permits for brush piles and campfires. They are available online for campfires and the brush fires are available through Gary or one of his Lieutenants. Seasonal ones are available online.

Sarah Vogel is the school board representative for Acworth. She wanted to let people know there is going to be a research group created in each town in the district to participate in a school district reorganization study pursuant to RSA 195:16a to explore potential changes to our cooperative structure. She said there are some towns that want to pull out of the district. If that happens then this study will be put off until their study is complete. She encouraged people to get involved and be on the committee.

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Ryanne mentioned that she is on the committee and if anyone is not able to attend and has any questions to reach out to her. Her contact information is on the town website.

Judy Aron said the store is having a St Patrick's Day dinner on Monday March 17th at 5PM. Anyone can call the store and can come out to eat in or take out.

A motion was made by Jim Jennison. Seconded by William Vannah to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Motion passed. The Moderator announced at 8:00p.m. that the business portion of the meeting was adjourned and that anyone who wishes to vote may do so. There was no further voting so polls closed at 8:01 p.m. Meeting was recessed at 8:01 p.m. to count ballots.

Counting of ballots completed at 9:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. All information was given to the Town Clerk to compile and complete necessary paperwork.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Comeau
Acworth Town Clerk

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TAX COLLECTOR

The Board of Selectmen issued warrants for the collection of 2025 property taxes in the amount of \$3,505,442.00. Tax Collector remitted to Town Treasurer \$3,247,059.39 or 92.5%. Tax bills were due December 10, 2025. Warrants for Land Use Change Tax and Yield Tax were issued for \$4,040.00 and \$21,405.02 respectively.

Delinquency notices for the 2025 Taxes will be mailed in the middle of February 2026 to taxpayers notifying them of their balance due and to notify them of the lien date for 2025 Taxes Due: August 3rd, 2026.

All properties with uncollected 2025 taxes on August 3, 2026, will receive a Tax Lien regardless of the amount of taxes due. Liens are an expensive proposition – 14% interest plus various fees. Please pay.

The unpaid Tax levy of 2023 is scheduled for tax deeding on September 14, 2026. I recommend that those taxpayers start paying off immediately to avoid a Tax Collector's Deed. Tax Payments can now be made on the Town of Acworth website – Tax Collector's button. The program (free to the town) does give the amount of interest due if you are late paying but not always accurately. So do not be surprised if you have a balance due.

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.

Note: Tax Collector only collects taxes. The Assessors give me the bills to mail. Questions about your valuation should be directed to the Assessors via Town Administrator.

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

Levy	Invoice Description	Ath Issue	Beginning Balance	New Charges	Payments	Other Credits	Refunds	Ending Balance
2025	PROPERTY CREDIT MEMOS		-61.00		61.00			
2025	PROPERTY TAXES			3,505,442.00	-3,247,120.39			258,321.61
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-2,839.00		-2,839.00
	INTEREST CHARGES			1,347.65	-1,347.65			
2024	PROPERTY TAXES		1,618,180.57		-1,516,858.06			101,322.51
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-100,281.51			-100,281.51
	TAX ABATEMENTS					-1,400.00		-1,400.00
	INTEREST CHARGES			9,442.78	-9,442.78			
2025	LAND USE CHANGE			4,040.00	-4,040.00			
2025	YIELD TAXES			21,405.02	-21,405.02			
2024	YIELD TAXES		203.52	9,330.43	-9,330.43			203.52
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-203.52			-203.52
2025	EXCAVATION TAXES			20.74	-20.74			
2024	TAX LIENS			107,703.76	-31,181.77			76,521.99
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-6,199.31		-6,199.31
	INTEREST CHARGES			759.29	-759.29			
	OTHER CHARGES			383.00	-124.00			259.00
2023	TAX LIENS		68,560.54		-44,070.66			24,489.88
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-5,610.48		-5,610.48
	INTEREST CHARGES			7,645.76	-7,645.76			
2022	TAX LIENS		48,457.01		-45,199.60			3,257.41
	TAKEN BY DEED (INV)					-3,257.41		-3,257.41
	INTEREST CHARGES			15,261.97	-15,261.97			
2024	COSTS NOT LIENED			1,548.00				1,548.00
	CONVERT TO LIEN - TAXES				-1,548.00			-1,548.00
***** Grand Totals			1,735,340.64	3,684,330.40	-5,055,780.15	-19,306.20		344,584.69

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New Hampshire
 Department of
 Revenue
 Administration

2025
\$16.06

Tax Rate Breakdown Acworth

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,067,597	\$219,398,770	\$4.87
County	\$452,422	\$219,398,770	\$2.06
Local Education	\$1,797,563	\$219,398,770	\$8.19
State Education	\$201,938	\$215,118,470	\$0.94
Total	\$3,519,520		\$16.06

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Total	\$0		\$0.00

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$3,519,520
War Service Credits	(\$21,400)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$3,498,120



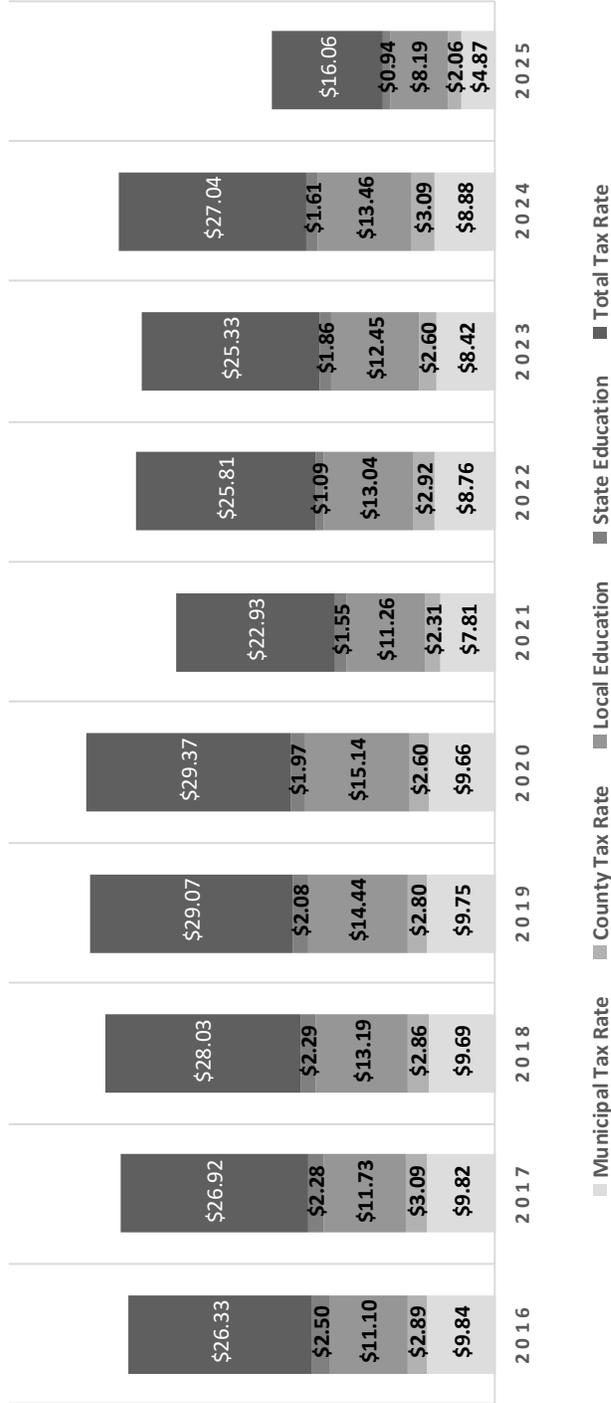
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 Deputy Director of Municipal and Property Division
 New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

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HISTORICAL TAX RATE

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 9.84	\$ 9.82	\$ 9.69	\$ 9.75	\$ 9.66	\$ 7.81	\$ 8.76	\$ 8.42	\$ 8.88	\$ 4.87
County Tax Rate	\$ 2.89	\$ 3.09	\$ 2.86	\$ 2.80	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.31	\$ 2.92	\$ 2.60	\$ 3.09	\$ 2.06
Local Education	\$ 11.10	\$ 11.73	\$ 13.19	\$ 14.44	\$ 15.14	\$ 11.26	\$ 13.04	\$ 12.45	\$ 13.46	\$ 8.19
State Education	\$ 2.50	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.08	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.61	\$ 0.94
Total Tax Rate	\$ 26.33	\$ 26.92	\$ 28.03	\$ 29.07	\$ 29.37	\$ 22.93	\$ 25.81	\$ 25.33	\$ 27.04	\$ 16.06
						Reval Year				Reval Year



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TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk hours are Wednesday 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 am - noon. **There is not always a car parked outside, however, there is a light as well as an open sign in the window when the office is open.**

As a reminder, when renewing your registration, providing the prior year car registration is required by state law, ***RSA 261:148, IV***. We only accept checks and cash (smaller bills are appreciated). Two checks are required, one for "The Town of Acworth" and one for "NHDMV".

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2026. The 2025 license will expire on April 30th. Beginning June 1st a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed. This is something many dog owners in Acworth are not complying with. Veterinarians send records of all Acworth dogs who have had their rabies vaccine. Many dog owners have never registered their dogs, and some have not renewed them. If you are one of those "pet parents" please take care of this immediately to avoid receiving calls, letters and/or the potential of being contacted by animal control. **Per state law RSA 466:100 "every dog, 3 months of age and older shall be vaccinated against rabies. Young dogs shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached 3 months of age."**

Below are some of the services available at the Town Clerk office:

- Register and title vehicles
- Complete marriage license applications
- Process birth, marriage and death certificates
- File wetland permit applications, and pole licenses
- Issue dog licenses
- Accept voter registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot
- Administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official
- Notary Public services

There is more information as well as various printable forms on the Acworth website at www.acworth.net

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather and/or illness. If you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 603-835-6879. If you are connected to the answering machine it means we are not in the office. Updated information will also be posted on the town website.

Charlotte Comeau,
Town Clerk

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TOWN CLERK FINANCIAL REPORT

MOTOR VEHICLES

Vehicle Registration	239,435.79
Clerk Fees	3,164.00
Title Fees	580.00
Title Transfer Fees	310.00
Municipal Agent Fees	4,701.00
E-Log Fees	184.00
Returned Check Fees	<u>25.00</u>
	248,399.79

DOGS

Licenses Issued: 187	
Town Fees	681.00
State Fees	351.00
Late Fees	<u>178.00</u>
	1,210.00

MARRIAGES

Licenses Issued: 4	
Town Fees	28.00
State Fees	<u>172.00</u>
	200.00

FILING FEES

Vital Record Copies: 23	
Town Fees	143.00
State Fees	<u>157.00</u>
	300.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Mail in fee	1.00
UCC	90.00
NH Statewide Checklist	<u>200.00</u>
	291.00

REMITTED TO TREASURER **\$250,400.79**

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TREASURER

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 2025</u>
4130 Town officers' salaries	
Selectmen - Jim Jennison	\$ 3,000.00
Selectmen - Ryanne Schoonover	3,000.00
Selectmen - Kathi Bradt	3,000.00
Treasurer - Melinda Loiselle	2,999.88
Deputy treasurer - Linda Christie	1,000.00
Tax collector - Marianne Nevelson	7,600.06
Deputy tax collector - Loretta Meserve	999.96
Town clerk - Charlotte Comeau	8,999.90
Deputy town clerk	1,799.98
Health officer - Jennifer Bland	1,000.00
Deputy health officer	-
Local auditor - Lisa Devalk	500.00
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	33,899.78
4140 Elections and vital statistics	
Stipends-election officials	1,318.39
Ballots	600.00
Public notices	-
Vital record fees	329.00
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	2,247.39
4150 Town office expenses	
Wages-administrative assistant	58,641.18
IRA	2,345.72
Health insurance	19,914.84
Annual Audit, general	17,000.00
Bank service charges	20.00
Computer, software and support	4,160.47
Deed office recording fees	138.00
Dues to Associations	1,285.00
Miscellaneous	13.60
Office equipment	2,387.27
Office supplies	1,568.98
Postage	648.01
Public notices	30.26
Services of forester	1,665.00
Telephone	1,522.25
Health officer expenses	902.50
Tax collector expenses	7,076.72
Town clerk expenses	2,646.26
Town reports and Town Meeting	846.00
Trustees of Trust Funds expense	-
Workshops and training	-
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	122,812.06
4152 Revaluation of property	
2025 Revaluation	24,750.00
Mapping	2,000.00
Property assessing	8,288.90
Revaluation and maintenance	3,956.00
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	38,994.90

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TREASURER (Continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2025

4153 Legal expenses		
Compliance	\$	-
General Services		4,630.81
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 4155 Payroll tax expenses		
Payroll taxes - FEMA		-
Payroll taxes-cleaning/shoveling		168.59
Payroll taxes-dump attendant		1,236.13
Payroll taxes-election officials		100.86
Payroll taxes-forest fires		-
Payroll taxes-EMD		2,339.14
Payroll taxes-health officer		76.50
Payroll taxes-highway		19,290.45
Payroll taxes-highway admin		1,056.10
Payroll taxes-planning board		261.20
Payroll taxes-road projects		-
Payroll taxes-town office		4,486.04
Payroll taxes-town officials		2,516.79
Payroll taxes expenses - other		-
		<hr/> 31,531.80
 4191 Planning and zoning		
Master plan expenses		-
Miscellaneous expenses		70.00
Public notices and postage		412.00
Recording and other expenses		16.00
Wages - building compliance		3,000.00
Wages - planning board		414.00
		<hr/> 3,912.00
 4194 Town hall expenses		
Building compliance		333.50
Electricity		1,368.83
Fuel oil		3,327.45
Mowing		2,372.50
Repairs & maintenance		422.50
Supplies		109.87
Wages - cleaning and shoveling		2,203.88
		<hr/> 10,138.53
 4195 Cemeteries		
Brush removal		-
Corner markers		550.00
Lawn Care		9,382.50
Miscellaneous expenses		-
Monument repair		1,184.61
Sexton		2,250.00
Tree work		-
		<hr/> 13,367.11

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TREASURER (Continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2025

4196 Insurance		
Property and general liability	\$	29,665.00
State unemployment insurance		2,333.00
Workmens compensation		9,034.00
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		41,032.00
4197 Regional planning associations		
UVLSRPC annual dues		1,416.83
4210 Police		
Contract services		342.29
Dispatch		3,400.00
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		3,742.29
4215 Ambulance		10,500.00
4220 Fire & Rescue services		53,000.00
4290 Emergency management		
FEMA Audit		4,000.00
Planning & Mitigation		8,620.96
Planning & Mitigation - UVLSRPC		1,477.50
Forest Fires other costs		3,390.79
Infrastructure recovery services		3,405.00
Crane Brook Road		335,409.00
Lynn Hill Rd		27,860.00
Nye Rd		10,225.00
Sam Putnam Rd		30,555.00
Thayer Brook Rd		8,960.00
Underwood Rd		27,625.54
Wages - EMD		30,577.05
FEMA grant expense road repairs		-
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		492,105.84
4311 Highway administration		
Wages - highway admin	\$	13,805.19
4312 Highway maintenance		
Wages-highway		227,214.14
Overtime wages-highway		20,475.89
Holiday overtime wages - highway		2,186.28
IRA / IRA substitute		9,995.04
Health insurance		42,319.26
Calcium chloride		19,323.29
Crack sealing		13,700.00
Culverts		5,735.05
Equipment Rental		-
Materials		5,304.32
Miscellaneous		-
Road signs		223.98
Roadside mowing		14,875.00
Salt		53,559.25
Small maintenance projects		1,200.00
Tree work		950.00
Trucking		6,603.20
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		423,664.70
4313 Bridge repairs		-

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TREASURER (Continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2025

4316 Street lighting		3,563.90
4319 Highway - general expenses		
Building compliance		226.00
Building maintenance		134.55
Diesel fuel		30,466.54
Drug testing		1,158.00
Electricity		3,541.92
Emergency tow		-
Gas		2,695.89
Heating fuel		9,255.24
Miscellaneous		278.00
New equipment		421.42
Radio communication		899.00
Repairs, parts		55,299.79
Safety		987.03
Supplies - office		494.50
Supplies - shop		6,349.68
Telephone/Internet		2,072.05
Training		360.00
Uniforms/clothing		1,044.39
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		115,684.00
4324 Solid waste		
Wages-dump attendant	\$	16,158.63
Capital improvements		-
Clothing		55.95
Comingle bin w/o glass disposal		4,101.70
Compactor truck/rent/disposal		25,698.12
Compliance		136.75
Demolition disposal fees		17,721.88
Electricity		1,439.62
Electronics recycling		915.00
Equipment		-
Fluorescent disposal		-
Freon extraction		112.00
Glass/ceramic disposal		1,402.88
Hazardous waste disposal		1,461.64
Metal disposal fees		2,000.00
Miscellaneous		241.18
Mixed paper disposal		6,192.65
Propane		-
Repair, maintenance, and permitting		3,822.56
Safety		-
Telephone		890.60
Tire disposal		2,006.00
Training		225.00
Waste Oil Disposal		2,186.70
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		86,768.86

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TREASURER (Continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2025

4325 Landfill closure		
Monitoring and maintenance		8,396.29
4414 Animal control		
Dog tags		110.00
State fees		260.50
Vet and boarding		436.64
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		807.14
4415 Health and other agencies		
American Red Cross		413.00
Fall Mountain Food Shelf		1,000.00
Fall Mountain Friendly Meals		1,000.00
Home Healthcare Hospice & CS		1,000.00
Hundred Nights		200.00
Monadnock Family Services		1,066.00
S W Community Services		1,182.00
West Central Behavioral Health		850.00
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		6,711.00
4445 Welfare		-
4520 Recreation		
Electricity	\$	261.17
Mowing		1,370.00
Recreation - other		-
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		1,631.17
4550 Library		
Wages-library		24,789.03
Payroll taxes-library		1,896.37
Lawn maintenance		1,115.00
Miscellaneous		105.10
Library appropriation paid		15,364.50
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		43,270.00
4583 Memorial Day expenses		425.00
4589 Other culture and recreation		
Maintain items of value		-
Other		167.39
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		167.39
4611 Conservation commission		
CC association dues		250.00
Crescent Lake testing		209.22
Miscellaneous expenses		560.00
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		1,019.22
4619 Conservation preservation		
Crescent Lake Host Program		3,000.00

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TREASURER (Continued)

Detailed Statement of Appropriation Disbursements for 2025
Summary of Conservation Commission Accounts

Conservation commission savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/25	\$	16,808.74
Land Use Change Tax Deposited		2,020.00
Donation - Center at Orchard Hill		(500.00)
Crescent Lake Association - Water Quality Testing		(209.22)
Interest income		13.95
Ending balance 12/31/25	\$	<u>18,133.47</u>

Cons. Comm. forest maintenance savings account

Beginning balance 1/1/25	\$	3,913.25
Timber sale proceeds		-
Forester expense		-
Interest income		3.23
Transfer to general fund		-
Ending balance 12/31/25	\$	<u>3,916.48</u>

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TREASURER (Continued)
Detailed Statements of Receipts for 2025

	<u>Jan - Dec 2025</u>
3100 Received from tax collector	
See tax collector report for breakdown of details	\$ 3,556,914.26
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3200 Received from town clerk	
See town clerk report for breakdown of details	250,228.79
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3319 From Federal sources	
3319.1 FEMA funds for 2021 Flood road repairs	-
3350 From State sources	
3352 Meals and rooms distribution	86,805.41
3353 Highway block grant	191,334.91
3356 Forest land reimbursement	111.80
3359.2 Other State grants	1,695.39
	<hr/> 279,947.51
3400 Revenue from services	
3404 Transfer station fees	21,241.50
3500 Miscellaneous sources	
3230.2 Building permit fees	3,163.00
3292.1 Driveway permit fees	90.00
3292.2 Planning board fees	185.00
3292.3 Sale of histories and maps	195.00
3292.5 Miscellaneous fees	40.00
3292.7 Equipment purchase reimbursement	-
3292.8 ZBA fees	410.48
3501.1 Sale of Municipal properties	8,129.66
3501.2 Cemetery lot sales	1,350.00
3502.1 Interest income on deposits	29,946.28
3503.1 Rent of town property	1,035.00
3509.1 Income from departments	-
3509.21 Recycling proceeds - fibers (mixed loose)	-
3509.22 Recycling proceeds - metal	2,309.80
3509.24 Recycling proceeds - electronics	6.80
	<hr/> 46,861.02
3915 From special revenue funds	
3915.2 Transfer from capital reserves for equipment	-
3915.4 Transfer from capital reserves for reval/maps	24,750.00
3915.7 Transfer from capital reserves for bridges	-
3915.8 Transfer from capital reserves for Bldg & Grounds	-
	<hr/> 24,750.00
3916 Trust and agency funds	
3916.1 Cemetery grants and trust funds	-
3917 Transfers from Conservation funds	
3917.1 Transfers from forest maintenance funds	-
3934 Proceeds from L/T Bonds (Loan for Flood Repairs)	-
Amount voted from fund balance (Surplus)	-
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Total Anticipated Income for 2025	<u>4,179,943.08</u>
Unanticipated Income	
Interest Income - ConsComm Savings Acct	13.95
Interest Income - FMF Savings Acct	3.23
ARPA Bowers Brook	5,943.25
2021 Flood - FEMA reimbursement	-
2023 Flood - FEMA reimbursement	295,290.55
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Total Unanticipated Income for 2025	<u>301,250.98</u>
Total cash receipts for 2025	<u>\$ 4,481,194.06</u>

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TREASURER (Continued)
Balance Sheets (General Fund, Comparative)

	<u>12/31/2025</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents		
Checking	\$ (19,327.51)	\$ (8,460.41)
Money market	2,233,056.81	923,422.31
Savings - Conservation Commission	18,133.47	16,808.74
Savings - Forest Maintenance Fund	3,916.48	3,913.25
Admin & Highway Dept Debit Card Account	(1,417.94)	5,741.31
Petty cash	150.00	150.00
Savings - performance bonds	750.00	1,500.00
	<u>2,235,261.31</u>	<u>943,075.20</u>
Taxes receivable		
Taxes receivable - property tax	259,492.69	1,618,184.93
Taxes receivable - timber yield tax	-	203.52
Tax liens receivable - 2022	-	48,457.01
Tax liens receivable - 2023	18,879.40	68,560.54
Tax liens receivable - 2024	70,581.68	-
Allowance for abatements-property tax	-	-
	<u>348,953.77</u>	<u>1,735,406.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,584,215.08</u>	<u>\$ 2,678,481.20</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	11,760.79	(405.81)
Deferred revenue - Prepaid property taxes	4,010.08	4.36
Employee advances	-	(720.96)
School district payable	1,051,791.25	1,099,375.60
Performance bond refundable	-	1,500.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>1,067,562.12</u>	<u>1,099,753.19</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,067,562.12</u>	<u>1,099,753.19</u>
Fund equity		
Opening balance Equity	-	-
Retained earnings	(405.81)	54.28
Fund equity - assigned	-	-
Fund equity - unassigned	1,344,289.14	582,018.89
Fund equity - encumbered 2024 - UVLSRPS SADES	-	5,000.00
Fund equity - encumbered 2024 - FRB Engineering	-	124,356.14
Fund equity - encumbered 2024 - Cemetery Monuments	-	2,500.00
Fund equity - encumbered 2024 - Groundwater monitoring	-	252.71
Fund equity - encumbered 2025 - Forest Rd core samples	5,000.00	
Fund equity - encumbered 2025 - Landfill closure monitoring	600.00	
Fund equity - encumbered 2025 - Bal HEB Infrastructure Svc	4,997.92	
Fund equity - encumbered 2025 - Grout Hill Bridge	100,000.00	
Fund equity - encumbered 2025 - Bal Crane Brook Rd contract	98,791.00	
Fund equity - encumbered 2025 - Cemetery tree work	3,000.00	
Fund equity - Conservation Comm.	18,133.47	16,808.74
Fund equity - Forest Maintenance	3,916.48	3,913.25
Potential Net Income	(61,669.24)	843,824.00
	<u>1,516,652.96</u>	<u>1,578,728.01</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$ 2,584,215.08</u>	<u>\$ 2,678,481.20</u>

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SELECT BOARD

In 2025 ongoing flood repair projects, the withdrawal of towns from the Fall Mountain Regional School District, and the revaluation, appeared repeatedly on Select Board agendas.

We have three remaining flood repair projects: replacing the Forest Road Bridge and reconstructing Thayer Brook and Crane Brook Roads. The Forest Road Bridge is being carried out under the State Bridge Program in which the State funds 80% of the cost. Currently, we anticipate construction in 2027. With Thayer Brook and Crane Brook Roads, we are working with FEMA. Because these sites have flooded before the repairs are subject to Hazard Mitigation which aims to prevent future events by improving the existing site. Of the two sites Thayer Brook is closest to completion with wetlands permitting in 2026 and construction in 2027. Crane Brook is the biggest project any of us have ever seen. At this time, it is still in the engineering phase with FEMA trying to control the costs, which is to our benefit. Our challenge will be preparing for the Town share of construction costs for each of these projects.

During Town Meeting ballot voting we will be asked to approve or disapprove Walpole and Langdon's withdrawal from our Regional School District. Ryanne has served as our representative at the committee meetings which took place throughout the year on this initiative. After the process was completed she and two others from the multi-town committee voted in the minority against the withdrawals on the grounds that they were not practical and not sustainable. The committee's overall affirmative vote was upheld by the State Board of Education and now we, the voters, have an opportunity to weigh in. Withdrawal of any member town from the district will impact the amount remaining members will be asked to pay in the form of taxes. If both Walpole and Langdon withdraw, the impact on Acworth taxes will be significant.

The 2025 property revaluation was completed in time for the fall tax bills. During the four years since our last revaluation property values have increased considerably and this was reflected in our total Town value which went from just over one hundred million to just over two hundred million. Generally, when value increases, tax rates decrease and this was true. Our Town tax rate moved from \$8.88 to \$4.87. Value around Crescent Lake, as shown in sales, increased in greater proportion than other residential property. This may have caused fall bills there to show an increase over the previous year relative to other residential properties. Our assessors worked to meet or speak to each property owner with questions concerning their new value.

During the year the Board reviews spending, building permit applications, Intents to Cut and to Excavate, and Road Improvement Applications. We are guided by the NH Department of Revenue on spending, our own Zoning Ordinance on building, the NH Department of Timber and Gravel on Intents and State law on highway issues. We're very fortunate to have a great team to work with. In addition to everything Charlotte does, Melinda Loiselle and Linda Christie help to oversee our money in their capacity as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. The Conservation Commission brings extra eyes to Intents and wetlands questions. Road Agent Collin Crosby and whole Highway Department work consistently to improve and maintain our roads. Jennifer Bland deals tirelessly with FEMA and the State Departments of Homeland Security and Environmental Services to make us eligible for flood repair reimbursement. Thanks to all of you. Come to our meetings on the first, third and fifth Mondays monthly. It takes all of us to keep Acworth going.

Kathi Bradt, Jim Jennison, Ryanne Schoonover

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HIGHWAY



Headwall made by Highway with stone donated by DMS quarry

At the start of the year, the Highway Department faced a series of snow and ice storms that required the four-member crew to work tirelessly to keep our roads safe for everyone.

Each year, the department undertakes essential maintenance tasks such as ditching, road grading, brush clearing, culvert cleaning, and roadside mowing. When spring arrives, one of the first priorities is sweeping Crescent Lake Road and the town's bridges. The crew also removes downed trees and brush, completes ditch work, and grades roads to repair winter damage.

As summer progressed, the team remained hard at work improving road conditions. Road grading became a major focus, as it is one of the most critical maintenance practices for dirt and gravel roads. Using the motor grader, the crew reshapes, levels, and contours road surfaces to ensure proper drainage. Creating a crowned, sloped surface prevents water from pooling—reducing erosion, potholes, soft spots, and ultimately structural failure. Because Acworth has many miles of gravel roads, grading and ditching make up a significant portion of our summer workload.

In addition to this ongoing maintenance, new culverts were installed on Crescent Lake Road, Gates Mountain Road, and Cold Pond Road, further strengthening our infrastructure and improving long-term road resilience.

The Highway Department continues to perform as much work in-house as possible, reducing the need for outside contractors and helping the town manage costs. Maintaining our extensive road network requires the right equipment and the ability to address issues on a regular schedule, which helps prevent long-term deterioration.

Highway personnel also maintain ongoing collaboration with FEMA and New Hampshire Homeland Security (HSEM). They participate in meetings and conduct site assessments related to past flood damage. This work will continue, as several roads still require repair. These remaining projects are expected to be completed internally over the coming year.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the hardworking and dedicated members of the Highway Department for their unwavering commitment throughout the year. With such a small team, many long and demanding days—and nights—are required. Their dedication makes the department's accomplishments possible, and I am deeply grateful for their efforts.

The Acworth Highway Department would also like to thank everyone who supported our work this past year.

Road concerns can be reported by calling the Highway Garage at 835-6866. Highway matters are discussed at every regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting, held on the first, third, and fifth Mondays of each month. Community suggestions are always welcome.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

As we started 2024, work continued with the damages sustained from the July 2023 flood with FEMA and HSEM. Acworth was assigned to a Navigation Team which will prevent several representative changes with FEMA and HSEM that we experienced in the 2021 flood. The Navigation Team assigns the same FEMA and HSEM individuals until our 2023 flood projects are completed. This has made working on the 2023 a positive experience and has sped up our reimbursement for the 2023 flood.

Currently FEMA has reimbursed the town \$653,493.29 for the 2023 flood. The town has requested a 50% portion of reimbursement for both the 2021 and 2023 flood from the state in the amount of \$215,033.30. Our four remaining projects from the 2023 flood are, Crane Brook Rd, Sam Putnam, Thayer Brook and Underwood and being worked by HEB Engineering due to the challenges of repairs.

We have started the process with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to update our 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan through a federal grant. Hazard Mitigation is a community driven plan to help reduce or eliminate long term risks caused by hazards or disasters. Hazard Mitigation is beneficial to the town as it creates awareness of hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities that would impact our community. There was lots of progress being made with road repairs, The most impactful one was getting the bottom portion of Crane Brook Rd open for travel. Currently we are working with HEB Engineering on final permanent repairs to Crane Brook Rd. Crane Brook presents with several challenges which includes the 30 culverts that were in the impacted damage area, with Crane Brook crossing Crane Brook Rd 10 times, making this project very difficult on permanent repairs preventing the road from washing out in future storms.

It was determined that the Town qualified for an Alternate Project instead of the Nye Rd Culvert. An Alternate Project with FEMA is a permanent project that uses Public Assistance funding to replace a damaged facility with a new one that serves the same community. The Town requested FEMA approval for Derry Hill Rd and a small truck for the Highway Dept. The Scope of Work for Derry Hill Rd and a quote for the small truck have been reviewed and approved by FEMA and was in the process of being obligated before town meeting. However, due to a recent petition warrant article submitted requesting to change the road from Derry Hill to Crescent Lake, it will need to wait until the result of the vote, delaying the obligation process. The alternate project reimburses at 90% and 5% from the state leaving the town portion at 5%.

Emergency Management and the Highway Dept. continue to meet with FEMA and HSEM weekly as we still have a lot of work that needs to be completed for the 2023 flood.

Special thanks to everyone for their continued patience and support. Acworth is truly a very special place to live.

Jennifer Bland
Emergency Management Director

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TRANSFER STATION AND RECYCLING

	TYPE	SHIPMENTS	TONS/UNITS	COST	INCOME
Waste Disposal	C&D	26	92.50	16,970.76	
	MSW	24	175.87	24,729.92	
	Batteries	1	/6	26.65	
	Bulbs	-		-	
	Comingle	11	9.39	3,766.45	
	Electronics	1	1.85	915.00	6.80
	Freon	1	/14	112.00	
Waste Recycled	Glass	2	18.81	1,402.88	
	Metal	8		2,000.00	2,309.80
	HHW/Motor Oil	1	/289	2,186.70	
	Paper/Cardboard	20	23.11	5,867.65	
	Propane	-		-	
	Tires	1	/55	800.00	
Total Cost				58,778.01	
Transfer Station Fees					<u>21,241.50</u>
Total Income from fees and recycling proceeds					23,558.10
Total Cost after fees and proceeds				35,219.91	

Measurable tonnage shipped for disposal:

Construction, Demolition Debris, Bulky Waste 92.50 tons

Municipal Solid Waste (Household Refuse) 175.87 tons

Measurable recyclables shipped for processing: 53.16 tons

Total Waste and Recyclables 321.53 tons

Acworth paid \$1,461.64 for residents to participate in the Keene household hazardous waste collections. This consists of 24 collections per year with 12 in the Spring and 12 in the Summer/Fall. The dates are posted at the PO, the transfer station and on the website when available. The collections are held at the Keene Solid Waste Facility off Route 12 North from 8am-1pm.

A sticker is required to use the transfer station. This can be obtained through the town office.

If you have any questions about where to place disposables, please ask the attendant.

Board of Selectmen office

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 info@nhrecycles.org
 www.NHrecycles.org

ACWORTH, NH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Reporting Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 (NH Recycles' fiscal year)

Congratulations – you are active recyclers! Recycling isn't just good for your wallet, it's great for the environment, saving energy and resources. NH Recycles, your nonprofit municipal recycling partner, helped your community move the recyclable materials below to market, where they were processed into raw materials and remanufactured into new products. Learn more at www.NHrecycles.org.

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	RECYCLED AMOUNTS	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT! Here is just one benefit of recycling each material instead of manufacturing new products from virgin resources.
ELECTRONICS	3,698 LBS.	 You saved enough energy to power 118 homes for one day!
GLASS	37,620 LBS.	 You kept the equivalent of about 225 trash bags out of the landfill!
PAPER &/OR CARDBOARD	56,280 LBS.	 You saved 478 trees!
TIRES	5,040 LBS.	 You saved 120 gallons of oil!

AVOIDED EMISSIONS



Recycling uses much less energy than making products from virgin resources, which means fewer greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere.

By recycling the materials above, your community helped avoided approximately **237,461** pounds of carbon dioxide emissions. That's like removing **24** passenger cars from the road for an entire year!

**The above data was calculated using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Waste Reduction Model (WARM).

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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

The Trustees of Trust Funds met 5 times in 2025: January, April, July, October, and December.

January Meeting:

Funds were disbursed to the library trustees in the amount of \$2,400.50 based on interest income in 2024. Reviewed and accepted the MS9 Annual Report.

(March) At the town meeting, Laurie Luther-Houghton was re-elected for a three-year term.

April Meeting:

Officers were elected: Sandra Binion, chair; Ann Kosa, bookkeeper; Laurie Luther-Houghton, recording secretary. It was decided to maintain current investment strategies for 2025 unless developments in the market or economy warrant making changes.

July Meeting:

An audit was required due to the fact the town received FEMA money. The auditors were provided with all the documents they needed from the end of 2022 through 2024.

A check for the Capital Reserve Fund for \$17,951.00 as received from the FM Regional School District pursuant to Article 8 of the school district warrant which required that up to that amount be added to the Acworth (FM) Capital Reserve Fund.

October Meeting:

No new business.

December Meeting: Funds were disbursed to the library trustees in the amount of \$749.39 based on interest income in 2025. \$24,750.00 was paid to the town from the Revaluation CRE. \$36,907.28 was paid to the Fall Mountain Regional School District from the Acworth Elementary School CRF.

2025 Summary:

The ending balances (principal and income) on December 31, 2025, are as follows: Capital Reserve Funds \$306,843.67, Perpetual Care Funds \$168,223.12, Library Funds \$105,105.12 and Mitchell and Jeffrey Funds \$83,820.66.

For the Trustees of Trust Funds

Laurie Luther-Houghton, Recording Secretary



Town of Acworth IMS-9
Year Ending December 31, 2025

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CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Date	TRUST NAME	Type	Purpose	How Invested	% OF BALANCE TOTAL E / 10/1/25	BALANCE E / 10/1/25	NEW FUNDS	GAIN/LOSS	EXPEND	ANNUAL TOTALS				BALANCE E / 12/31/25	Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	Transf/Income	BALANCE E / 12/31/25	Total Tax Cost	Unrealized Gain/Loss	Market Value
										BALANCE E / 1/01/25	Gross Income	Mgmt Fees	Transf/Income								
03/14/2000	Highway Equipment	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	16.30%	45,236.56	10,000.00	(1.55)		55,236.01	1676.87	(248.29)	-	5,750.18	60,985.19	317.84		61,303.03			
03/12/2002	Dump Closure	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	5.58%	13,189.48	-	(0.52)	-	13,188.96	573.74	(84.96)	-	4,255.32	17,444.28	90.92		17,535.20			
03/14/2006	C P Road Paving	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	0.39%	7.67	-	(0.03)	-	7.64	40.50	(5.96)	-	1,223.21	1,230.85	6.41		1,237.26			
01/05/1900	Ac. Elementary School CRF	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	18.49%	51,977.09	-	(1.75)	(36,907.28)	15,068.06	1902.98	(281.77)	-	5,884.50	20,952.56	109.20		21,061.76			
03/09/2010	Reval CRF	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	12.95%	36,821.80	5,000.00	(1.22)	(24,750.00)	17,070.58	1332.80	(197.34)	-	3,703.85	20,774.43	108.27		20,882.70			
03/11/2014	Bridge Repair or Replacement	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	5.80%	10,906.17	10,000.00	(0.53)		20,905.64	597.29	(88.43)	-	7,254.83	28,160.47	146.77		28,307.24			
03/10/2020	Acworth Fire & Rescue Fire Truck Purchase	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Police/Fire	Common Investment	17.08%	49,826.86	10,000.00	(1.62)	-	59,825.24	1757.75	(260.27)	-	3,619.61	63,444.85	330.66		63,775.51			
03/12/2019	Building and Grounds CRF	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Maintenance and Repair	Common Investment	3.34%	9,554.43	2,500.00	(0.32)		12,054.11	343.52	(50.87)	-	890.63	12,944.74	67.47		13,012.21			
12/15/2021	Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	6.96%	19,985.68	-	(0.66)	-	19,985.02	715.68	(105.97)	-	1,775.43	21,760.45	113.41		21,873.86			
12/21/2022	Fall Mt Capital Reserve Fund	Capital Reserve (RSA34:35)	Capital Reserve (Other)	Common Investment	13.10%	37,807.61	17,951.00	(1.08)	-	55,757.53	1576.07	(229.58)	-	3388.32	59,145.85	308.25		59,454.10			
Capital Reserve Fund Totals														28,782.12	10,517.20	(1,553.44)	37,745.88	306,843.67	1,599.20	308,442.87	

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ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY - LIBRARIANS

The year 2025 was a busy one for us. We had regular visits from the Acworth School, a Summer Reading Program, a Lawn Party with Art Show and we are reviving our Reading Group program in January 2026.

Our Summer Reading Program in 2025 included Building a Bug Hotel and learning about insects, a visit to the Beehives in Acworth, Mariposa Museum's "Around the World in 12 Colors" and a Scavenger Hunt. All readers received a new book at the end of summer.

During 2025, we had 2,591 patron visits; 2,291 adult books were borrowed; 750 children's books and 211 DVDs were borrowed. Our patrons borrowed 372 books and DVDs from other libraries through the State Library's Inter-Library Loan service. We had 137 patron visits to use our computers or wireless internet. We welcomed 14 new patrons.

During 2025, we added 711 titles to our collection, adding new books -fiction, non-fiction and childrens - every month.

The New Hampshire Downloadable Books program was well-used in 2025. This program allows patrons access to ebooks, audiobooks and magazines. We have 57 patrons using NHDB. In 2025, they checked out 1,024 audiobooks, 434 ebooks and 301 emagazines.

In August through September, we hosted an art show displaying works of several local artists and we hope to host another in 2026. If you would like to participate, please let us know.

Please visit or email/phone us with questions or requests. We thank our patrons, visitors, trustees and all who assisted us during 2025.

Susan Metsack, Kathi Bradt and Opal Wright, Librarians

Phone 835-2150; Email: acworthlibrary@gmail.com

Hours: Tues/Thurs 11:30am to 5:30pm, Sat/Sun 11:30am to 4:30pm.

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ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As trustees of the Acworth Silsby Library, we are committed to upholding our mission statement which is to: "Provide Acworth's residents and other interested persons of all ages with materials, services, and programs which best meet their educational, informational, and recreational needs. The collection will be in a variety of formats suitable for various ages. The Library provides access to resources beyond the community through inter-library loan, computer and internet access, and membership in library organizations. The Acworth Silsby Library is a public library serving the residents of Acworth, both full-time and seasonal."

2025 began with our 8th Annual Dessert Event on February 16th. Once again, bakers of all ages cooked up an amazing array of desserts for the enjoyment of attendees. Instead of our usual raffle, prizes were awarded to the winners of many spirited rounds of BINGO. In the end, almost everyone was able to choose at least one item from the prize tables. There were also children's activities and crafts. This event is open to everyone, bakers and non-bakers alike, and has become a popular mid-winter social event.

The Library received a generous donation of a Minelab 340 metal detector from George Streeter, representing the Professional Treasure Hunters Historical Society of Marlborough, NH and Streeter's Treasure Hunters that is available for loan to patrons. It is one of the first items available for loan from our Library of Things (LOT). The Library hopes to have other items available for loan in the future.

On August 17th, the Library hosted a well-attended Lawn Party/Open House/Art Show. The afternoon featured refreshments, live music, and artwork by local artists. Thank you to our library staff, artists, volunteers, and guests who helped make this day a resounding success. Special thanks to Lillie LeBlanc and Victor Brandt for providing musical entertainment. We hope to make this an annual community event.

A second printing of "Old Acworth" was authorized by the trustees and is currently on sale at the Library. The book consists of historical photographs from the collection of the Acworth Silsby Library and is presented to the town as a reflection of times past.

The large maple near the front entrance has been in decline for a number of years and there were safety concerns relating to falling branches. After consulting local experts, it was determined that it should come down. Thank you to Anthony Lee and crew for felling the tree and taking care of the subsequent clean-up and to the Town of Acworth road crew for chipping the brush.

The trustees thank our wonderful staff, patrons, and visitors who make our Library a welcoming, vital part of our community as well as a place of life-long learning. We look forward to seeing you at the Library in 2026.

Library Trustees,
Guy Russell, Melinda Loiselle, Doug Robinson, Andrea Alderman, Mary Hildreth

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ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY - TRUSTEES FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>ACCOUNT BALANCES</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>12/31/2025</u>
CHECKING	\$168.47	\$898.37
SAVINGS (Gen & Income Accts)	\$5,829.57	\$5,386.93
SAVINGS (Building Maint Acct)	\$2,768.49	\$4,629.49
SAVINGS (Aija Russell Mem Bk Fund)	\$3,344.96	\$2,607.11
CD	\$12,865.20	\$13,183.08
	<u>\$24,976.69</u>	<u>\$26,704.98</u>

<u>INCOME</u>	2025 <u>BUDGET</u>	2025 <u>ACTUAL</u>	Variance to <u>Budget</u>
TOWN APPROPRIATION	\$43,270	\$43,270	\$0
(SALARIES / TAXES / OTHER)			
OTHER INCOME			
CD & SAVINGS INTEREST	\$650	\$335	(\$315)
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	\$500	\$1,320	\$820
RESTRICTED INCOME :			
DESIGNATED INCOME :	\$7,500	\$5,175	(\$2,325)
USE OF RESTRICTED LIBRARY FUNDS (Jeffrey Fund Int. for books)	\$1,050	\$729	(\$321)
	\$0	See note below	
	<u>\$52,970</u>	<u>\$50,828.72</u>	<u>(\$2,141)</u>
 <u>EXPENSES (Library & Town Funds)</u>			
SALARIES & PAYROLL TAXES	\$28,000	\$26,685	(\$1,315)
			(includes snow removal)
BOOKS (ADULT) & PERIODICALS	\$7,600	\$7,134	(\$466)
BOOKS (CHILDREN)	\$1,000	\$1,309	\$309
HEAT SYSTEM / HEATING FUEL	\$3,500	\$2,240	(\$1,260) (a)
ELECTRICITY	\$1,000	\$923	(\$77)
COMMUNICATIONS (PHONE & INTERNET)	\$2,000	\$2,165	\$165
SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	\$500	\$403	(\$97)
POSTAL / BANK FEES / SVC CHG	\$200	\$154	(\$46)
GROUNDKEEPING (MOWING)	\$2,000	\$1,303	(\$698)
DUES / FEES / TUITION	\$165	\$190	\$25
PROGRAMS / EVENTS	\$1,000	\$891	(\$109)
COMPUTER / COPIER (HARDWARE & SOFTWARE)	\$1,755	\$1,788	\$33
MISC. EXPENSE	\$250	\$2,024	\$1,774 (b)
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$4,000	\$1,892	(\$2,108) (c)
GRANTS / DESIGNATED GIFTS	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<u>\$52,970</u>	<u>\$49,100</u>	<u>(\$3,870)</u>

2025 RESTRICTED / DESIGNATED / RESERVED LIBRARY FUNDS

Richard & Clarence Jeffery Memorial Library Fund Accumulated Interest	\$13,557	(restricted gift)	(in CD & Savings)
Codman & Gertrude Hislop Book Fund Accumulated Interest	\$4,554	(restricted gift)	(in CD & Savings)
Designated account for building repairs	\$4,629	(designated income)	
Designated income account from income-producing equipment	\$316	(designated income)	
Civic Expansion / Community Outreach	\$0	(designated income)	

- (a) Heating fuel - budgeted high for unpredictability of temps & fuel prices
- (b) Misc. Expense - 2nd printing of Old Acworth picture book
- (c) Building Maintenance - some projects didn't get accomplished in 2025

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PLANNING BOARD

The Acworth Planning Board met regularly throughout 2025 to carry out its responsibilities related to land use planning, development review, ordinance maintenance, and long-range community planning. The Board's work this year reflected a balance between routine regulatory duties and several significant policy discussions that will shape the Town's future.

A major accomplishment in 2025 was the completion of the Acworth Master Plan update. Early in the year, the Board reviewed and refined the Vision Statement and draft sections for clarity, consistency, and responsiveness to future considerations, including potential changes to school district arrangements. A Public Information Session was held in February, and while attendance was modest, the Board noted that this has historically been typical for Master Plan outreach. Following additional refinements, the Master Plan was presented at a May Joint Boards meeting, where it was formally announced as complete. The updated Master Plan provides an important framework for future land use decisions, conservation priorities, and infrastructure planning. The Board would like to thank the Master Plan volunteers, Mary Hildreth and Linda Christie.

The Planning Board reviewed and acted on a variety of land use applications during the year. These included multiple lot mergers, a subdivision on Borough Road, a lot line adjustment involving Town-owned land, excavation permits, and a non-residential site plan review for the DMS Quarry. In each case, the Board worked carefully to balance regulatory compliance, property owner needs, environmental considerations, and the broader interests of the Town. Several applications involved coordination with other boards, including the Select Board, Conservation Commission, Highway Department, and state agencies.

Driveway permits represented a significant portion of the Board's regulatory workload. Numerous permits were reviewed and approved, often contingent on Road Agent input regarding drainage, culvert sizing, and safety. In parallel, the Board undertook a comprehensive revision of the Driveway Permit Application to improve clarity, completeness, and efficiency. The revised form, adopted mid-year, includes clearer submission requirements, updated fees, and a more user-friendly format. The Board also began discussions with the Highway Department to develop clearer standards for privately installed culverts along Town roads.

Throughout 2025, the Board devoted considerable time to ordinance-related discussions. Topics included the potential adoption of a local building code ordinance and appointment of a Building Inspector, clarification and improvement of zoning definitions—particularly “dwelling” and “yurt”—and exploration of possible future ordinances related to short-term rentals, farm animals, and other emerging issues. While no new ordinances were advanced to Town Meeting this year, the Board intentionally focused on research, coordination, and public communication to ensure any future proposals are well-founded and clearly explained.

The Planning Board also participated actively in Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) discussions, particularly related to roads, highway equipment, and long-term infrastructure needs. Joint discussions with the Highway Department and Select Board helped identify priorities, funding strategies, and grant opportunities.

Finally, the Board experienced membership transitions, including resignations, appointments of alternates, and efforts to fill an Administrative Assistant position. Despite these changes, the Board maintained a quorum and continued its work effectively. We welcomed Dean Gowen and Ryanne Schoonover to the board, and we reluctantly bid goodbye to Jim Neidert.

The Acworth Planning Board appreciates the support and collaboration of Town staff, other boards, and residents, and remains committed to thoughtful planning and responsible stewardship of the Town's future.

Acworth Planning Board

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

We had another great year of accomplishments for our Acworth Conservation Commission (ACC). Thank you to our members and to the volunteers who supported our Commission. We hope you will consider joining us at our meetings or at our events in 2026.

Our Conservation Commission (Concom) has been focusing on the following areas:

- Improve Water Quality
- Improve and/or increase Forest, Wetlands, and Wildlife Habitats
- Address Climate Change
- Engage the Community

2025 accomplishments

- Improve Water Quality
 - A watershed assessment of Crescent Lake was completed. The lake is at a tipping point for excessive phosphorus levels and an increased risk of cyanobacteria blooms. The report identified 27 action items, and implementation of the items has begun. 18 landowners have started, completed, or expressed interest in actions on their property. The Acworth and Unity highway departments completed work on 11 culverts.
 - Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) completed the assessment of our perennial stream culverts and ditches. The last portion of the evaluation, seasonal drainage ditches, is in progress.
- Improve and/or increase Forest, Wetlands, and Wildlife Habitats
 - The assessment of the South Acworth Forest continued. Two logger assessments are pending. The Concom may begin forest management of the Gove Road Town Forest (GRTF). GRTF is 4 ½ times larger and was last harvested in 2001-2006.
- Improve and Increase Wildlife Habitats
 - We continue to annually monitor over 2400 acres of conserved land for any issues or misuse.
 - The survey of a town-owned property on Crescent Lake that has significant wildlife value continues.
 - 3 of our members are engaged in a Pollinator Pathway Project Garden behind the Village Store.
 - Our commission reviewed 11 intents to cut, 8 permit reviews, complaints, or inquiries.
 - We continue to advocate for our Green-Up Day to remove garbage and debris from our roadsides.
- Protect Wetlands - Concom led a site review of the Keyes Hollow/Keyes Hollow Road water conveyance issue with CT River Conservancy, NH Fish and Game, an environmental engineer, Acworth and Lempster ConCom, and an Upper Valley Regional Planning (UVLSRPC) representative. A recommendation was made to return the conveyance to the area east of Keyes Hollow Road. An assessment estimate of \$24,000 was created, and a grant application was submitted to and awarded by the Davis Conservation Foundation for \$15,000. Efforts are in-progress to obtain additional funding.
- Address Climate Change - We continue to include aspects of climate change resiliency in all our efforts, wherever applicable.
- Engage the Community – Quarterly articles in the town’s newsletter continued. The Concom donated funds to the Center at Orchard Hill, covering the costs for 4 Acworth children. Concom membership increased to 6 members and 3 alternates. Concom has 5 volunteers to help with projects.
- Professional Development and Training – One of our members attended the NH Association of Conservation Commissions (ACC) Wetlands Training Program, and another member attended the annual NH ACC meeting.
- Other Administrative Accomplishments
 - Revision and updating of the By-Laws
 - Presentation and Publication of the Conservation Plan

The Acworth Conservation Commission – Gregg Thibodeau (Co-chair), Jennifer Bland (Co-chair), Kathi Bradt, Select Board Rep., Janet Slocum, Mark Girard, Rob Traver, Robin Ungeheuer (alternate), Lisa Hyatt (alternate), Lindley Hanson (alternate)

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CRESCENT LAKE ASSOCIATION

In 2025, Crescent Lake Association, The Town of Acworth, The Acworth Conservation Commission and The Acworth Highway Department conducted several successful initiatives that helped to preserve the future of Crescent Lake, the community and the town. In 2026, CLA will continue to conduct several important initiatives.

Crescent Lake saw decreased rains and witnessed several lakes and rivers around New Hampshire challenged by new invasive species, cyanobacteria and increased incidence of diminished water quality. At Crescent Lake, thankfully, we avoided cyanobacteria – though we were likely at a tipping point several times throughout the season.

The CLA 3rd Annual Water Quality Forum was held on August 2nd at the Unity Elementary School with professionals from NH DES presenting current and historical data on invasive species and ways to mitigate certain impacts on water quality. Over 75 people attended. Education is key. The CLA Water Quality Group completed a watershed assessment, using Stone Environmental. The Assessment was funded by CLEAR Trust. The CLA Water Quality Group (WQG), comprised of dedicated volunteers from Sullivan County Conservation District, Acworth Conservation Commission, Unity Conservation Commission, and members of the CLA Board of Directors, is in the process of prioritizing and implementing 2026 Watershed Management tasks.

The Acworth Highway Department replaced five culverts on Crescent Lake Rd, and plan to continue replacing more in 2026. A grant application was submitted to hire an engineering consultant for the preliminary road design work on Crescent Lake Road. Those tasks aligned with several tasks on the Watershed Management Plan. The culvert and road work will positively impact diverting water flow that will hold back sediment from getting into the lake.

The Town of Acworth funded \$3,000 to the CLA-NH Lake Host Program. The funds were impactful and ensured that all boats (including visiting boats that typically are the carriers of invasive species) got inspected and all boat owners got reminded of the importance of cleaning boats. Crescent Lake continues to be surrounded by other lakes that are witnessing milfoil and other invasive species. Crescent lake has been kept “invasive-free”. The Lake Host volunteers monitored, inspected, and informed boaters from mid-June to mid-September. No invasive species on watercraft were found.

Crescent Lake Association focused on building partnerships with the Town of Unity and Town of Acworth Highway Department, CLEAR Trust and the CLA Water Quality Group to identify goals, clarify questions, and determine the best way to work together for the future of the lake and towns. CLA’s priority is to continue these important partnerships by continuing open communications.

The Milfoil Swim team conducted their search on June 7th. The primary goal is to search the most vulnerable portion of the lake for invasive weeds. No invasive species were found.

Tom Dombroski is conducting a Dam survey to identify property lines. The Dam property is owned by CLA and is 1/10th of an acre. Crescent Lake conducted water quality testing 4 times. Testing results showed no significant change from previous year’s numbers.

The Crescent Lake Association Board of Directors

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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Acworth Cemetery Trustees Claudia Istel, Lillie LeBlanc, and Alison Ferrell (newest trustee) met monthly from April through December. The trustees welcomed Ken Gagnon as the new Sexton for 2025. Ken's mapping and computer skills, as well as his managing and maintenance of the cemetery are invaluable. The trustees joined the New Hampshire Cemetery Association to stay informed on best practices.

Trustees sold one 12 x 12' lot and six smaller plots in 2025. Granite corner markers, currently costing \$300 per set of four, continue to be installed for traditional lots, with the cost included in the lot price. The full body plots can accommodate concrete vaults and caskets or green burials, following Cemetery Regulations. This year all the burials were cremains.

Significant progress was made in developing the Knoll area in the northeast corner of Hill Road cemetery. Ken mapped the area, which will be designated for cremains only, with 6 x 6' plots, using metal pin markers rather than granite corner markers, reducing costs and ensuring plots can be located with metal detectors. Several plots in the Knoll area have already been assigned to families who had previously purchased space there. The trustees would like to establish a scattering garden at the top of the Knoll for spreading ashes and are researching this possibility.

Current prices for traditional cemetery lots remain:

- 12 x 24' lot \$1,050 (4 bodies)
- 12 x 12' lot \$550 (2 bodies)
- 12 x 6' lot \$400 (one body or 3 sets of cremains)
- 6 x 6' lot (Knoll area) \$400 (4 sets of cremains)

Cemetery maintenance saw important improvements this year. Ken used specialized cleaning products to remove lichen from marble headstones throughout Nye Road cemetery and much of the old Hill Road cemetery, dramatically improving their appearance and readability. Mountainside Mowing continued regular grounds maintenance. A culvert was installed to improve drainage. Monies encumbered from 2024 were used for monument repairs by the Keene Monument Company. \$3000 has been encumbered to be spent on tree work in 2026 that wasn't able to be scheduled in 2025. A drier year meant a large savings in mowing, so a significant amount of the budget was returned to the town for the fund balance.

The trustees use a shared Google sheet to centralize record keeping. Ken's updated cemetery map, the older map, and a link to www.findagrave.com to locate graves and headstone epitaphs are on the town webpage, with physical maps available for viewing in the town offices.

Jennifer Bland again coordinated volunteers to honor our deceased veterans by decorating the graves of veterans with evergreen Christmas wreaths through the Wreaths Across America program, including much appreciated clean up in January.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Ferrell, Claudia Istel, Lillie LeBlanc, Trustees

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VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE COMPANY, INC

Incident Type	Total
Incident Type Category: 1 - Fire	
111 - Building fire	5
142 - Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	1
	Total: 6
Incident Type Category: 3 - Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	
311 - Medical assist, assist EMS crew	1
320 - Emergency medical service, other	1
321 - EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	56
322 - Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
324 - Motor vehicle accident with no injuries	3
350 - Extrication, rescue, other	2
351 - Extrication of victim(s) from building/structure	1
	Total: 66
Incident Type Category: 4 - Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	
400 - Hazardous condition, other	4
412 - Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	1
424 - Carbon monoxide incident	1
440 - Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other	3
444 - Power line down	5
	Total: 14
Incident Type Category: 5 - Service Call	
551 - Assist police or other governmental agency	2
561 - Unauthorized burning	4
571 - Cover assignment, standby, moveup	4
	Total: 10
Incident Type Category: 6 - Good Intent Call	
600 - Good intent call, other	1
611 - Dispatched and cancelled en route	4
651 - Smoke scare, odor of smoke	1
	Total: 6
Incident Type Category: 7 - False Alarm & False Call	
733 - Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	1
743 - Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
744 - Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	7
745 - Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	8
746 - Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	1
	Total: 19
Incident Type Category: 8 - Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	
800 - Severe weather or natural disaster, other	2
8131 - Tree limb burning/smoldering on wire	2
	Total: 4
	Total: 125

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VITAL STATISTICS

Acworth Resident Marriage Report January 1 - December 31, 2025

<u>Person A's Name</u>	<u>Person B's Name</u>	<u>Place of Marriage</u>	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Fradkin, Ezra Lappen	Knight, Katia Chantal	So. Acworth	05/23
Hood, Tyler Robert	Boynton, Jordan Olivia	Acworth	08/02

Acworth Resident Birth Report January 1 - December 31, 2025

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Father's/Mother's Name</u>
Wunsch, Dean Stuart	03/15	Lebanon	Wunsch, Timothy Edward Wunsch, Emma Lee
Gore, Roman Cano	09/13	Lebanon	Gore, Logan Colin Sargent, Marissa Jean
Martinez, Grayson Mathew	12/26	Keene	Martinez, Isaiah Michael Fales, Mariyah Krystin

Acworth Resident Death Report January 1 - December 31, 2025

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Sanborn Jr, Scott A	38	Acworth	03/28
Malarich, Fumiko M	91	Acworth	05/15
Ledbetter, Gerald Tip	68	Acworth	05/28
Skinner, Robert Michael	78	Acworth	06/08
Rhoades, Elenora L	96	Acworth	06/15
Nunes, Melvyn Donnel	77	Unity	06/16
Bishop, Richard Samuel	97	Unity	08/07
Phinizy, Elin Calvert Myrin	76	Keene	09/26

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