

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2012 was a good year for our Residents. The Town has taken a proactive approach to disasters and the training of town employee's. We only saw one storm in which we actually lost power, and the loss was only a number of hours instead of days like past storms. The Town and its employee's will continue to keep up the good work in 2013.

I also would like to finish a project which I started two years ago regarding the Town Hall. In 2010 we obtained a grant for an air conditioning/heating unit for upstairs. In 2011 we obtained another grant for the generator. These were vital components added to the Town Hall as we use this building for our shelter needs for residents during severe storms. The last piece to this project is installing a fire suppression system which is estimated to be about \$110,000. As we have in the past, we will apply for a grant and hopefully the cost will be cut in half to \$55,000. After this final step is complete, Town Hall will be protected in case of fire and will continue to be used as a shelter when needed.

As 2013 comes, the Emergency Management Department will begin training for Seabrook procedures. In 2014 we will have an annual drill that is approved by the Federal Government. This is a three day exercise that all Towns in a Seabrook ten mile radius must pass. This drill must be passed in order for Seabrook to run. This drill and associated costs to run this program are all paid for by Seabrook.

The Emergency Management Department will continue to apply for grants from the State as needed in 2013. We plan to continue and remain up to date on all training. Along with the Local Emergency Planning Committee we promise to serve the Town of Newton and its residents to the best of our ability and look forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence Foote
Emergency Management Director

GALE LIBRARY REPORT

The Gale Library continues to be a popular community resource that offers educational and recreational literature, various programs of interest, movies, music, computer access, and much more!

To start off the year, we are pleased to announce that a subscription purchase was made for Proquest Ancestry Library software. Databases are available to assist your online genealogical research. A username and password will be necessary to log in at: <http://ancestrylibrary.com>. Our newly-formed Genealogy Club welcomes new members to join in the discovery of historical details of the Newton community and surrounding area.

The library strives to stay current with technology and offers four computer stations that are available for public access, along with Wi-Fi service for all portable computer devices. Microsoft Office software is loaded on each of the stations with access to a printing station. Tutorial technological assistance is also available upon request.

E-books and audio book titles are available for remote downloads at: <http://nh.lib.overdrive.com>. A subscription to this service was purchased to provide an alternate method of information retrieval for those who enjoy an electronic option. There are never any late fees, just a prefix number necessary before your library card number to log on.

In addition, please keep in mind that the State of New Hampshire provides free online database access through NHewLINK: <http://www.nhewlink.state.nh.us/libraries/databases.html>. Reference resources are available on academic, professional, and health topics along with readers' advisory assistance.

A reminder that our online catalog: <https://galelibrary.follettdestiny.com> is available 24/7. Log on to check the status of your favorite book, place a request or renewal. All of this can be done even if the library is closed!

For those patrons who enjoy the convenience of key tags, we have purchased new combination library cards that are bar-coded along with a matching key tag! This new style of card also includes a pencil sketching of the library designed by Newton's local artist and Library Trustee, Carol Szot. These beautiful cards are available for new patrons or as a replacement option for current card holders.

Some staffing news this year includes the announcement to welcome Nicole Belisle-Briggs, Amanda Plante and Cathy Breslin in their Library Assistant I/Substitute positions. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated as library processing procedures and programming events continue to grow.

We are very proud to announce that Amanda Plante has written a novella, *The Brine Man*, and was selected as this year's winner of a New England Teen Writing Contest sponsored by local authors Berry & Croft!

Building maintenance is a constant concern to keep the facility safe and operational. This year the library was without water for a period of time in May. Epping Well and Pump installed a new Well Pro 32 gallon water tank and $\frac{3}{4}$ hp Franklin Stainless Steel pump to regain access. The repairs were approved and payment was made by Town Hall. A second library logo sign and directional arrow were both purchased by the Friends of the Gale Library and installed for improved visibility. Ongoing evaluation and repairs are made throughout the year.

The Friends purchased discount passes to York's Wild Kingdom Zoo and Animal Park in York, Maine, and also to the Children's Museum of New Hampshire in Dover, NH. These passes were available due to the reward of many hours of time devoted to book and bake sales and raffle fundraisers.

Gratitude is expressed to the Trustees, Friends and Staff for their efforts throughout the year to offer Patrons a warm and resourceful public library. We look forward to your next visit and the opportunity to provide cordial assistance!

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell, Library Director

Marilyn Landry, Chairperson
Sally Woodman, Alternate

Kathy Meserve, Treasurer
Carol Szot, Secretary

Gale Library Board of Trustees

Library Statistics – 2012

TOTAL REGISTERED USERS 4,589

TOTAL CIRCULATION: 25,763

Adult Fiction	5,005	Juvenile Fiction	2,526
Adult Non Fiction	1,853	Juvenile Non Fiction	865
Kill-A-Watt Meters	5	Graphic Novels	131
Cake Pans	14	Early Reader Fiction	5,640
Periodicals	2,281	Early Reader Non Fiction	718
VHS	187	Audio Books	389
CDs	453	MP3 Audio Books	4
DVDs	4,875	Miscellaneous Materials	8

NH OverDrive Downloadable Books 814

USAGE OF EQUIPMENT: 8,924

Museum Passes	30	Meeting Room Use	722
Internet Access/Productivity	1,712		
Electronic Databases	6,460		
Projector Speakers	1		

INTERLIBRARY LOAN: 709

Books borrowed from NH libraries: 298

Books loaned to other NH libraries: 411 *figure already included in circulation#

TOTAL CIRCULATION & USAGE: 34,985

BOOKS ADDED: 1,394

Gifts/Donations:	333
Reference:	4
Purchased:	1,057

AUDIO/VISUAL ADDED 266

Audio books	37
CDs:	29
DVDs:	194
Miscellaneous	6

2012 LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Story Hours
Book Review Circle (2 Groups)
Evening Story Hours
Angel Tree
School Outreach Programs
Read Across America
Genealogy Club
Movie Matinees
Friends' Holiday Basket Raffle
Bingo for Books
Chef Joy Cooking Presentations
Sleep Center Workshop

Crafts
First Graders' Night
Young Adult Activities
WMUR Josh Judge, Meteorologist
Art Show
Summer/Winter Reading Programs
Cribbage
Visits with Jasmine, the R.E.A.D. Dog
Friends' Trick or Treat Party
National Game Day
Jeopardy Night
Zombie Cupcakes

2012 LIBRARY PROGRAMS continued

Wii Nites for Teens
New Hampshire Big Read Programs
Fine Free Month
Author Visit
Growums Gardening Workshop
Guitar Lessons

Pumpkin Carving Night
Hazel Drive Kids Performances
Yarn Club
International Food Tasting Program
Babysitting Certification Classes
Edible Books Party

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Dream Big...READ!

The Norman Magic Show
Boston Museum of Science Space Lab
Journal Workshops
Sweet Dreams Pillowcase Workshop
Teddy Bear Sleepover
Chinese Lantern Workshop
Fairy Tea Lights

Rockets
Dream-catchers
Fireflies
Night Creatures
Mask Decorating
Camping
Stars
Ice Cream Party

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Meetings Attended 69

Estimated Value of Monthly Service

\$31,690.00

LIBRARY FINE FUNDS:

Fines Fund Received \$1,878.14

Respectfully submitted,
Theresa E. Caswell
Library Director

BUILDING SAFETY

The Building Department will continue the quality of service that the residents expect.

Samuel Zannini Jr., is the Deputy Assistant Building Inspector. Sam is a Master plumber by trade and his direct duties are plumbing inspector, gas inspector, mechanical inspector and the energy compliance inspector.

Dan Rielly is our Assistant Building Inspector, with direct duties as the electrical and foundation systems inspector. Dan is a Master electrician by trade.

Lawrence Middelmis is our Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Middelmis is tasked with enforcing zoning and building violations.

Barbara White is our Permit Clerk.

The Department of Building safety is dedicated to procuring a safe community through communication and education.

A total of **435 permits** were issued during 2012

Building permits	136
Plumbing	33
Electrical	100
Mechanical	82
Gas	81
Well	3
Code Enforcement Cases	18

Respectfully Submitted
Ronald LeMere
Chief Building Official
Department of Building Safety

CABLE NCAT – 20

This past year saw no major changes. The committee kept to the budget which did not allow for updating equipment. Due to budget constraints we were not able to continue to provide programs from other NHCCM, New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media, providers. These constraints also limited us to the number of meetings we could tape especially the school board meetings. At the beginning of the year we were able to send an operator to record the school board meetings which took place at Sanborn Regional HS. Each recorded meeting requires a cable operator to setup equipment, record the meeting, schedule re-broadcasting and put the equipment away. This proved to be too expensive and the committee decided to focus on town meetings only. The committee realizes that in order to meet the growing needs of the town, the cable budget will need to be increased from \$5500 to \$6500 for the upcoming year, 2013. This will allow us to broadcast and record more meetings and other special events.

We are still running on technology that is more than 10 years old which limits our ability to live stream meetings held at the town hall. The committee will be submitting a warrant article to ask the voters to approve creation of a new fund for the purchase of equipment, membership fees, and other items to keep the department running. The funding will come from the franchise fee that is collected and will not raise taxes.

We were able to record an interview with Chief Larry Streeter who guided us through the new Police station. We broadcasted this interview for 2 weeks prior to town meeting so that residents could make an informed decision when casting their vote. We were also present at the deliberative session, Memorial Day parade, opening ceremony for Newton Baseball and the dedication of the new Police station. We broadcasted two live presentations sponsored by the

Newton Historical Society, “Why Newton Exists” and “The Old Man of the Mountain”. We then re-broadcasted all of the events for those who were unable to attend.

The committee sponsored a Candidate’s Night in February for residents. The forum was moderated and a set of questions were asked of each candidate. The audience also participated by submitting questions to the moderator.

We look forward to providing quality programs such as the presentations sponsored by the Newton Historical Society in the coming year. The following events will be broadcast live in February; deliberative session and candidate’s night. We hope to see you there. If you have any suggestions or comments please send us email at cable@newtonnh.net. As always, we are looking for members to join us. You do not need to have any experience in the television world.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane M. Morin, Chairman
Cable Committee

ROAD AGENT

The Highway Department continues on with our yearly maintenance and improvement to the infrastructure of the Town, part of which was to follow along our 2009 Roadway Condition Evaluation Plan, which is scheduled to be updated in 2013. This year 1000’ of Crane Crossing Road, 1300’ of Heath Street and 1000’ of Hadley Road were completely reconstructed.

Winter and storm activities for the most part were quiet this season with only a passing glance from Hurricane Sandy, with minimal damage to our community. As far as winter storm activity, or better yet lack of winter storms, there was a significant 2012 unexpended balance remaining in the Highway Budget at year-end.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Pivero
Road Agent