

SELECTMEN'S REPORT 2015

The 2015 year was not very eventful but there will be many changes to come in 2016 as several projects will be ramping up as the year progresses.

First of all, a very big thank you and congratulations to Gordon Lang for 40 years of service as our Fire Warden. Even though Gordon will remain as Deputy we certainly appreciate all his work and dedication to the town for that time period.

One very noteworthy change has been made in the Road Agent and Fire Chief position. As you know, Jay Henry has done a remarkable job at both positions and with the pending retirement of Bob Goudreau, as our Fire Safety Official, we felt that this was the time to separate these positions. Jay will be the full time Chief and Pat Kelley has taken over the roll as Road Agent.

The Doublehead parking issue has been temporarily solved as we provided parking along side of Dundee Rd. for this winter only. Jim Innes, of the Forest Service, has been working on this project to relocate the present parking lot to a new location. Hopefully, this will alleviate any future issues.

The Transfer Station will also be under construction soon, hopefully to become a full recycling facility and alleviate some traffic issues that presently exist. We also wish to thank Jon Edgerly for his years of service to our town and we wish him all the best.

The Valley Cross Road Bridge recently has seen the walkway closed for repairs. The bridge itself is fine but we will be working on refurbishing the bridge in the near future, as we are on a waiting list for financial support from the State.

The Jackson/Bartlett Ambulance Dept. will be seeking money for a new ambulance and we hope the town will support this purchase. I have worked with this group of people for several years and I am continuously impressed with their professionalism and dedication.

A special thanks to Chief Jette and the rest of the Police Dept. for their service as well. Now that Officers McDonald and Koplín have had a year under their belts and Officer Orsini has committed more time to the department, things are looking good for a stable and well trained staff. Hopefully, we can retain these fine young people for many years to come.

The Old Library has received quite a bit of work recently but there are several issues that need to be addressed in order to keep this building sound. Hopefully, the town will be supporting upkeep of this valuable and prestigious historic landmark.

Once again, a big thanks to Kathleen and the Chamber of Commerce for continuously organizing events for our lovely community. These events not only promote our beautiful area but support all the local businesses.

Lastly, I would like to thank our staff. I feel we have the greatest people here at the town offices and their dedication is muchly appreciated as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Board of Selectmen
John D. Allen, Chair
Bill Lockard
Bob Thompson