TOWN OF HOLLIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE Annual Financial Statements For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen Town of Hollis, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Town's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Town's preparation and

fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that Management's Discussion and Analysis and Schedule of Funding Progress be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board*, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with evidence sufficient to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

September 11, 2015

Melanson Heath

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire, we offer readers this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2014.

A. OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

<u>Government-wide financial statements</u>. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of our finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on all assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned time off).

The government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities include general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health, welfare, culture and recreation, and conservation.

<u>Fund financial statements</u>. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. Fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available

at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the Town's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

An annual appropriated budget is adopted for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

<u>Fiduciary funds</u>. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Town's programs.

<u>Notes to financial statements</u>. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

<u>Other information</u>. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information which is required to be disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- As of the close of the current year, the total of assets exceeded liabilities by \$34,014,967 (i.e., net position), a change of \$777,198 in comparison to the prior year.
- As of the close of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,905,298, a change of \$618,157 in comparison to the prior year.
- At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$2,721,913, a change of \$393,488 in comparison to the prior year.
- Total long-term debt (i.e., bonds payable) at the close of the current year was \$7,085,000 a change of \$(380,000) in comparison to the prior year.

C. GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The following is a summary of condensed government-wide financial data for the current and prior years.

NET POSITION

Governmental					
	<u>Act</u>	iviti	<u>es</u>		
2014 20					
\$	11,905,313	\$	12,785,835		
	36,987,245		37,193,523		
_	270,000		-		
	49,162,558	_	49,979,358		
	7,526,319		9,068,763		
_	7,621,272	_	7,672,826		
	15,147,591		16,741,589		
	29,308,551		29,270,074		
	1,574,614		1,518,344		
_	3,131,802	_	2,449,351		
\$	34,014,967	\$	33,237,769		
	-	\$ 11,905,313 36,987,245 270,000 49,162,558 7,526,319 7,621,272 15,147,591 29,308,551 1,574,614 3,131,802	Activiti 2014 \$ 11,905,313 \$ 36,987,245 270,000 49,162,558 7,526,319 7,621,272 15,147,591 29,308,551 1,574,614 3,131,802		

CHANGE IN NET POSITION

		Governmental				
		<u>es</u>				
		<u>2013</u>				
Revenues:						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$	586,350	\$	563,184		
Operating grants and contributions		14,324		15,022		
Capital grants and contributions		192,457		189,452		
General revenues:						
Property taxes		7,148,128		7,029,610		
Licenses and permits		1,822,307		1,722,526		
Penalties, interest, and other taxes		247,674		417,668		
Grants and contributions not						
restricted to specific programs		371,330		357,041		
Investment income		74,450		112,921		
Miscellaneous		44,204		50,422		
Permanent fund contributions	_	6,740	_	3,750		
Total revenues		10,507,964		10,461,596		

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CHANGE IN NET POSITION

	Governmental						
	<u>Activities</u>						
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>					
Expenses:							
General government	3,463,497	3,215,500					
Public safety	3,319,815	3,211,876					
Highways and streets	1,404,102	1,776,537					
Sanitation	435,551	438,627					
Health	399,010	32,080					
Welfare	4,324	5,509					
Culture and recreation	499,922	464,132					
Conservation	60	7,334					
Interest	204,485	313,635					
Total expenses	9,730,766	9,465,230					
Change in net position	777,198	996,366					
Net position - beginning of year	33,237,769	32,241,403					
Net position - end of year	\$ 34,014,967 \$	33,237,769					

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent year, total net position was \$34,014,967, a change of \$777,198 from the prior year.

The largest portion of net position, \$29,308,551, reflects our investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings and improvements, machinery, equipment, and furnishings, infrastructure, and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

An additional portion of net position, \$1,574,614, represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining balance of unrestricted net position, \$3,131,802, may be used to meet the Town's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

<u>Governmental activities</u>. Governmental activities for the year resulted in a change in net position of \$777,198. Key elements of this change are as follows:

General fund revenues and transfers in in excess of expenditures		
and transfers out	\$	561,887
Nonmajor governmental funds revenues and transfers in in		
excess of expenditures and transfers out		56,270
Depreciation expense in excess of principal debt service		(623,491)
Capital asset additions, net of disposals		661,968
Other	_	120,564
Total	\$	777,198

D. FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

<u>Governmental funds</u>. The focus of governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the current year, governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$4,905,298, a change of \$618,157 in comparison to the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

Total	\$_	618,157
excess of expenditures and transfers out		56,270
Nonmajor governmental funds revenues and transfers in in		
and transfers out	\$	561,887
General fund revenues and transfers in in excess of expenditures		

The general fund is the chief operating fund. At the end of the current year, unassigned fund balance of the general fund was \$2,721,913, while total fund balance was \$3,330,684. As a measure of the general fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. Refer to the table below.

				Percentage of
				Total General
General Fund	<u>12/31/14</u>	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>Change</u>	Fund Expenditures
Unassigned fund balance	\$ 2,721,913	\$ 2,328,425	\$ 393,488	29.2%
Total fund balance	\$ 3,330,684	\$ 2,768,797	\$ 561,887	35.7%

The fund balance of the general fund changed by \$561,887 during the current year. Key factors in this change are as follows:

Revenues in excess of budget	\$	175,876
Expenditures less than budget		141,775
Change in encumbrances		139,939
Change in reserve fund		81,780
Use of fund balance		(236,088)
Other GAAP adjustments	_	258,605
Total	\$_	561,887

Included in the total general fund balance are the Town's reserve funds with the following balances:

	<u>12/31/14</u>	<u>12/31/13</u>	<u>Change</u>
Reserve funds	\$ 239,964	\$ 158,183	\$ 81,781

E. GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Differences between the original budget and the final amended budget resulted in an overall change in appropriations of \$236,088. This change relates to a use of voted reserves (fund balance).

F. CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

<u>Capital assets</u>. Total investment in capital assets for governmental activities at year-end amounted to \$36,790,029 (net of accumulated depreciation), a change of \$(274,562) from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and improvements, machinery, equipment, and furnishings, infrastructure, and construction in progress.

Addition information on capital assets can be found in the notes to financial statements.

Long-term debt. At the end of the current year, total bonded debt outstanding was \$7,085,000, all of which was backed by the full faith and credit of the government.

Additional information on long-term debt can be found in the notes to financial statements.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town of Hollis' finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Office of the Finance Director

Town of Hollis, New Hampshire

7 Monument Square

Hollis, New Hampshire 03049

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

	(Governmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Assets		
Current:	¢.	0 000 777
Cash and short-term investments Investments	\$	9,898,777 910,594
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		910,594
Property taxes		663,960
Departmental and other		18,235
Intergovernmental		38,436
Other assets		178,868
Other assets held in escrow	_	196,443
Total current assets		11,905,313
Noncurrent:		
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:		407.040
Property taxes		197,216
Capital assets: Land and construction in progress		22,694,067
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		14,095,962
Total noncurrent assets	-	36,987,245
TOTAL ASSETS	_	48,892,558
Deferred Outflows of Resources		270,000
	_	
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		49,162,558
LIABILITIES		
Current:		104 507
Accounts payable Accrued expenses		104,507 64,438
Due to school districts		6,160,065
Other liabilities		186,885
Accrued interest payable		17,008
Current portion of noncurrent liabilities:		,
Bonds payable		759,000
Compensated absences		23,308
Capital leases	_	211,108
Total current liabilities		7,526,319
Noncurrent:		
Bonds payable		6,326,000
Compensated absences		209,774
Capital leases		455,370
Net OPEB obligation	_	630,128
Total noncurrent liabilities	_	7,621,272
TOTAL LIABILITIES		15,147,591
NET POSITION Net investment in capital assets		29,308,551
Restricted for:		20,000,001
Grants and other statutory restrictions		1,243,157
Permanent funds:		202 764
Nonexpendable Expendable		302,761 28,696
Unrestricted		3,131,802
TOTAL NET POSITION	•	
TOTAL NET PUBLICIN	\$ ₌	34,014,967

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

				Program Revenues						penses) Revenues nges in Net Position
			-		0	perating		Capital		
			C	harges for	Gr	ants and	G	rants and	(Governmental
	<u>E</u>	<u>xpenses</u>		<u>Services</u>	Cor	ntributions	Co	ntributions		<u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:										
General government		3,463,497	\$	68,412	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(3,395,085)
Public safety		3,319,815		363,261		-		-		(2,956,554)
Highways and streets		1,404,102		11,150		-		192,457		(1,200,495)
Sanitation		435,551		53,860		-		-		(381,691)
Health		399,010		500		-		-		(398,510)
Welfare		4,324		-		-		-		(4,324)
Culture and recreation		499,922		89,167		14,324		-		(396,431)
Conservation		60		-		-		-		(60)
Interest		204,485	_		_				_	(204,485)
Total	\$	9,730,766	\$_	586,350	\$_	14,324	\$	192,457		(8,937,635)
			Ge	neral Reven	ues ar	d Contribu	ıtions:			
			F	roperty taxes	S					7,148,128
				icenses and		S				1,822,307
				Penalties, inte	•		kes			247,674
			(Grants and co	ontribut	ions not res	stricted			,
				to specific p	rogran	ns				371,330
			- 1	nvestment in						74,450
			N	/liscellaneous	S					44,204
			F	Permanent fu	nd con	tributions			_	6,740
			To	al general re	venue	and contri	butions	3	_	9,714,833
				Change in N	Net Pos	sition				777,198
			Ne	t Position:						
			E	Beginning of y	year .				_	33,237,769
			E	nd of year					\$_	34,014,967

TOWN OF HOLLIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS		General	G	Nonmajor overnmental <u>Funds</u>	C	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Cash and short-term investments Investments Receivables: Property taxes Departmental and other Intergovernmental Due from other funds Other assets	\$	9,174,966 - 959,176 18,235 38,436 54,455 178,868	\$	723,811 910,594 - - - 2,165	\$	9,898,777 910,594 959,176 18,235 38,436 56,620 178,868
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	10,424,136	\$	1,636,570	\$	12,060,706
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	· =	-, ,	`=	, ,	•	, ,
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued expenses Due to school districts Due to other funds Other liabilities	\$	95,367 64,438 6,160,065 3,804 186,885	\$	9,140 - - 52,816 -	\$	104,507 64,438 6,160,065 56,620 186,885
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,510,559		61,956		6,572,515
Deferred Inflows of Resources		582,893		-		582,893
Fund Balances: Nonspendable Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned	_	178,868 - 239,964 189,939 2,721,913	_	684,898 889,716 - - -	_	863,766 889,716 239,964 189,939 2,721,913
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	_	3,330,684	_	1,574,614	_	4,905,298
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$_	10,424,136	\$ <u></u>	1,636,570	\$ _	12,060,706

RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES TO NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

Total governmental fund balances	\$	4,905,298
 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. 		36,790,029
 Revenues are reported on the accrual basis of accounting and are not deferred until collection. 		484,893
Remaining capital lease proceeds held in escrow.		196,443
Deferred outflows of resources from bond refunding.		270,000
 In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due. Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds: 		(17,008)
Bonds payable		(7,085,000)
Compensated absences		(233,082)
Capital leases		(666,478)
Net OPEB obligation	_	(630,128)
Net position of governmental activities	\$_	34,014,967

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Revenues:		<u>General</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Go	Total vernmental <u>Funds</u>
Property taxes	\$	7,189,728	\$ -	\$	7,189,728
Licenses and permits		1,822,307	-		1,822,307
Penalties, interest, and other taxes		182,924	64,750		247,674
Charges for services		343,344	243,006		586,350
Intergovernmental		563,788	14,322		578,110
Investment income		17,397	57,053		74,450
Contributions		-	6,740		6,740
Miscellaneous	_	57,437	-		57,437
Total Revenues		10,176,925	385,871	1	0,562,796
Expenditures:					
Current:		2 220 450	7.054		2 245 542
General government		3,238,459	7,054 200,043		3,245,513
Public safety Highways and streets		2,967,433 1,479,110	200,043		3,167,476 1,479,110
Sanitation		435,551	-		435,551
Health		30,025	-		30,025
Welfare		4,299	25		4,324
Culture and recreation		58,300	406,695		464,995
Conservation		-	60		60
Debt service:					
Principal		650,000	-		650,000
Interest		296,983	-		296,983
Capital outlay	_	170,602			170,602
Total Expenditures	_	9,330,762	613,877	!	9,944,639
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures		846,163	(228,006)		618,157
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Refunding bonds issued		6,170,000	-	(6,170,000
Bond issuance costs		(45,831)	-		(45,831)
Payment to refunded bond escrow agent		(6,124,169)	-	(6,124,169)
Transfers in		5,066	289,342		294,408
Transfers out	_	(289,342)	(5,066)		(294,408)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	_	(284,276)	284,276	_	-
Change in fund balance		561,887	56,270		618,157
Fund Equity, at Beginning of Year	_	2,768,797	1,518,344		4,287,141
Fund Equity, at End of Year	\$_	3,330,684	\$ 1,574,614	\$	4,905,298

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 618,157
 Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense: 	
Capital purchases, net	661,968
Depreciation	(936,530)
 Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are fully deferred in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances. Therefore, the recognition of revenue for various types of accounts receivable (i.e., property taxes) differ between the two statements. 	(41,600)
 The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds and leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position: 	
Repayment of bonds	650,000
Proceeds of capital leases	(589,000)
Repayment of capital leases	252,039
Remaining capital lease proceeds held in escrow	196,443
 In the Statement of Activities, interest is accrued on outstanding long-term debt, whereas in governmental funds interest is not reported until due. 	92,500
 Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities, such as compensated absences and net OPEB obligation, do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. 	
Compensated absences	(38,495)
Net OPEB obligation	 (88,284)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$ 777,198

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES, AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

		Budgeted Amount	Actual	Variance with	
		From Prior		Amounts	Final Budget
	Original	Years'	Final	(Budgetary	Positive
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budgets</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Basis)</u>	(Negative)
Revenues and Other Sources:					
Property taxes	\$ 6,931,123	\$ -	\$ 6,931,123	\$ 6,931,123	\$ -
Licenses and permits	1,655,025	-	1,655,025	1,822,307	167,282
Penalties, interest, and other taxes	151,130	=	151,130	182,924	31,794
Charges for services	325,105	-	325,105	343,344	18,239
Intergovernmental	562,687	-	562,687	563,788	1,101
Investment income	10,000	-	10,000	17,358	7,358
Miscellaneous	52,200	-	52,200	57,437	5,237
Transfers in	60,200	-	60,200	5,065	(55,135)
Use of fund balance		236,088	236,088	236,088	
Total Revenues and Other Sources	9,747,470	236,088	9,983,558	10,159,434	175,876
Expenditures and Other Uses:					
Current:					
General government	3,178,211	126,133	3,304,344	3,287,185	17,159
Public safety	2,934,426	87,448	3,021,874	3,045,466	(23,592)
Highways and streets	1,547,071	-	1,547,071	1,479,110	67,961
Sanitation	460,235	-	460,235	435,551	24,684
Health	33,000	-	33,000	30,025	2,975
Welfare	9,900	-	9,900	4,299	5,601
Culture and recreation	42,302	22,507	64,809	58,300	6,509
Conservation	1	-	1	-	1
Debt service:					
Principal	650,000	-	650,000	650,000	-
Interest	296,982	-	296,982	296,982	-
Capital outlay	137,000	-	137,000	136,000	1,000
Transfers out	458,342	<u> </u>	458,342	418,865	39,477
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	9,747,470	236,088	9,983,558	9,841,783	141,775
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other					
sources over expenditures and other uses	\$	\$	\$	\$ 317,651	\$ 317,651

FIDUCIARY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2014

ASSETS	Agency <u>Funds</u>
Cash and short-term investments Investments	\$ 216,168 398,287
Total Assets	\$ <u>614,455</u>
LIABILITIES	
Other liabilities	\$ <u>614,455</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ 614,455

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Town of Hollis, New Hampshire (the Town) conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

A. Reporting Entity

The Town is a municipal corporation governed by an elected Board of Selectmen. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the government and applicable component units for which the government is considered to be financially accountable. In 2014, it was determined that no entities met the required GASB 14 (as amended) criteria of component units.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. <u>Measurement Focus</u>, <u>Basis of Accounting</u>, <u>and Financial Statement</u> Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *eco-nomic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as *program revenues* include (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general revenues* rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Town considers property tax revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

The Town reports the following major governmental fund:

• The General Fund is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The *Agency Fund* is used to account for money held by the Town on behalf of others (e.g., school capital reserve funds).

D. Cash and Short-Term Investments

Cash balances from all funds, except those required to be segregated by law, are combined to form a consolidation of cash. Cash balances are invested to the extent available, and interest earnings are recognized in the General Fund. Certain special revenue and permanent funds segregate cash, and investment earnings become a part of those funds.

Deposits with financial institutions consist primarily of demand deposits, certificates of deposits, and savings accounts. A cash and investment pool is maintained that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is reflected on the combined financial statements under the caption "cash and short-term investments". The interest earnings attributable to each fund type are included under investment income.

E. Investments

State and local statutes place certain limitations on the nature of deposits and investments available. Deposits in any financial institution may not exceed certain levels within the financial institution. Non-fiduciary fund investments can be made in securities issued by or unconditionally guaranteed by the U.S. Government or agencies that have a maturity of one year or less from the date of purchase and repurchase agreements guaranteed by such securities with maturity dates of no more than 90 days from the date of purchase.

Investments consist of corporate bonds and equities and mutual funds. Investments are carried at market value.

F. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the year are referred to as either "due from/to other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include land, buildings and improvements, machinery, equipment, and furnishings, infrastructure, and construction in progress, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$5,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Building improvements	20
Machinery, equipment, and furnishings	5
Infrastructure	50

H. Compensated Absences

It is the Town's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned and paid time off benefits. All vested time off is accrued when incurred in the government-wide financial statements. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities Statement of Net Position.

J. Fund Equity

Fund equity at the governmental fund financial reporting level is classified as "fund balance". Fund equity for all other reporting is classified as "net position".

<u>Fund Balance</u> - Generally, fund balance represents the difference between the current assets/deferred outflows and current liabilities. The Town reserves those portions of fund balance that are legally segregated for a specific future use or which do not represent available, spendable resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation or expenditure. Unassigned fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance that is available for appropriation in future periods.

The Town's fund balance classification policies and procedures are as follows:

- 1) Nonspendable funds are either unspendable in the current form (i.e., tax deeded property or prepaid items) or can never be spent (i.e., perpetual care).
- 2) Restricted funds are used solely for the purpose in which the fund was established. In the case of special revenue funds, these funds are created by statute or otherwise have external constraints on how the funds can be expended.
- Committed funds are reported and expended as a result of motions passed by the highest decision making authority in the Town (i.e., Town Meeting).
- 4) <u>Assigned funds</u> are used for specific purposes as established by management. These funds, which include encumbrances, have been assigned for specific goods and services ordered but not yet paid for.
- 5) Unassigned funds are available to be spent in future periods.

When an expenditure is incurred that would qualify for payment from multiple fund balance types, the Town uses the following order to liquidate liabilities: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Net Position - Net position represents the difference between assets/deferred outflows and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. The remaining net position is reported as unrestricted.

K. Fund Balance Policy

The Town's fund balance policy describes the appropriate level of unassigned fund balance reserve to be consistent with the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and the Government Finance Officer Association (GFOA) guidelines:

 DRA – Recommends retaining 5% to 10% of the gross general fund operating expenditures, including Town, School, and County appropriations. Unassigned fund balance is reported on the budgetary basis for tax rate setting purposes (see Note 17), which includes all property tax revenues that otherwise would have been deferred under the modified accrual basis. At December 31, 2014, unassigned fund balance on the budgetary basis was 11% of general fund operating expenditures (including Town, School, and County appropriations).

2. GFOA – Recommends retaining 8% to 17% of the gross general fund operating expenditures, including Town, School, and County appropriations. At December 31, 2014, unassigned fund balance was 9% of general fund operating expenditures (including Town, School, and County appropriations).

L. Use of Estimates

The preparation of basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the basic financial statements, and the reported amounts of the revenues and expenditures/expenses during the fiscal year. Actual results could vary from estimates that were used.

2. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

The Town's budget is originally prepared by the Selectmen's Office with the cooperation of the various department heads. It is then submitted to the Budget Committee, in accordance with the Municipal Budget Law. After reviewing the budget, the Committee holds a public hearing for discussion.

The final version of the budget is then submitted for approval at the annual Town meeting. The approved budget is subsequently reported to the State of New Hampshire on the statement of appropriation form in order to establish the current property tax rate.

The Selectmen cannot increase the total of the approved budget; however, they have the power to reclassify its components when necessary.

B. Budgetary Basis

The General Fund final appropriation appearing on the "Budget and Actual" page of the fund financial statements represents the final amended budget.

C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

The budgetary data for the general fund is based upon accounting principles that differ from generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Therefore, in addition to the GAAP basis financial statements, the results

of operations of the general fund are presented in accordance with budgetary accounting principles to provide a meaningful comparison to budgetary data.

The following is a summary of adjustments made to the actual revenues and other sources, and expenditures and other uses, to conform to the budgetary basis of accounting.

General Fund	Revenues and Other Financing Sources			Expenditures and Other inancing Uses
Revenues/Expenditures (GAAP basis)	\$	10,176,925	\$	9,330,762
Other financing sources/uses (GAAP basis)	_	5,066		289,342
Subtotal (GAAP Basis)		10,181,991		9,620,104
Adjust tax revenue to accrual basis		(258,605)		-
Add 2014 appropriation carryforwards to expenditures		-		139,939
Reverse reserve fund activity		(40)		81,740
To record use of fund balance	_	236,088	_	-
Budgetary Basis	\$_	10,159,434	\$_	9,841,783

3. Cash and Short-Term Investments

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. RSA 48:16 limits "deposit in any one bank shall not at any time exceed the sum of its paid-up capital and surplus." The Town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

As of December 31, 2014, the bank balance is categorized as follows:

Collateralized	\$ 12,327,440
Insured by FDIC	612,136
NHPDIP	455,275
Total Bank Balance	\$ 13,394,851

4. Investments

A. Credit Risk

Generally, credit risk is the risk that an issuer of an investment will not fulfill its obligation to the holder of the investment. State law employs the prudent person rule whereby investments are made as a prudent person would be expected to act, with discretion and intelligence, to seek reasonable income, preserve capital, and, in general, avoid speculative investments.

Presented below is the actual rating as of year-end for each category of investments of the Town:

		Fair	Minimum Legal	Exempt From	Rating as of	Year-end
Investment Type		<u>Value</u>	Rating	Disclosure	<u>Aaa</u>	<u>A - A3</u>
Corporate bonds Corporate equities Mutual funds	\$_	154,288 372,719 781,874	N/A N/A N/A	\$ - 372,719 781,874	\$ 83,479 \$ - -	70,809 - -
Total investments	\$_	1,308,881		\$ 1,154,593	\$ 83,479 \$	70,809

B. Custodial Credit Risk

The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty (e.g., broker-dealer) to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. The Town does not have policies for custodial credit risk.

C. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Town does not have an investment in one issuer greater than 5% of the total investments.

D. Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity of its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Information about the sensitivity of the fair values of the Town's investments to market interest rate fluctuations is as follows:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)					
	Fair	Less					
Investment Type	<u>Value</u>	Than 1		<u>1-5</u>		<u>6-10</u>	
Debt Related Securities:							
Corporate bonds	\$ 154,288	\$ 60,590	\$	71,864	\$	21,834	
Total	\$ 154,288	\$ 60,590	\$	71,864	\$	21,834	

E. Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in foreign exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Town does not have policies for foreign currency risk.

5. Taxes Receivable

The Town bills property taxes semiannually, in May and November. Property tax revenues are recognized in the fiscal year for which taxes have been levied. Property taxes billed or collected in advance of the year for which they are levied are recorded as a prepaid tax liability.

Property taxes are due on July 1 and December 1. Delinquent accounts are charged 12% interest. At the time of tax sale, in March of the next year, a lien is recorded on the property at the Registry of Deeds. The Town purchases all the delinquent accounts by paying the delinquent balance, recording costs and accrued interest. The accounts that are liened by the Town will be reclassified from property taxes receivable to unredeemed tax liens receivable. After this date, delinquent accounts will be charged interest at a rate of 18%. The Town annually budgets an amount (overlay for abatements) for property tax abatements and refunds.

Taxes receivable at December 31, 2014 consist of the following:

Property taxes:		
2014 levy	\$	712,959
Unredeemed taxes:		
2013 levy		152,336
2012 levy		80,996
2011 levy		31,065
2010 levy		18,433
Unapplied payments		(41,163)
Yield tax	_	4,550
Total	\$_	959,176

The Town collects property taxes for the Hollis School District, the Hollis Brookline Co-op, and the County of Hillsborough, New Hampshire. Payments to the other taxing units are normally made throughout the year. The ultimate responsibility for the collection of taxes rests with the Town.

6. Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The property tax receivables reported in the accompanying entity-wide financial statements reflect an estimated allowance for doubtful accounts of \$98,000.

7. <u>Intergovernmental Receivables</u>

This balance represents reimbursements requested from Federal and State agencies for expenditures incurred in 2014.

8. Interfund Fund Receivables/Payables

Although self-balancing funds are maintained, most transactions flow through the general fund. In order to obtain accountability for each fund, interfund receivable and payable accounts must be utilized. The following is an analysis of the December 31, 2014 balances in interfund receivable and payable accounts:

	Due From			Due To
<u>Fund</u>	<u>O</u>	ther Funds	<u>O</u> 1	ther Funds
General Fund	\$	54,455	\$	3,804
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	_	2,165	_	52,816
Total	\$_	56,620	\$_	56,620

9. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2014 was as follows (in thousands):

Governmental Activities:	E	Beginning <u>Balance</u>	<u>lı</u>	ncreases	De	ecreases		Ending <u>Balance</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated: Buildings and improvements Machinery, equipment, and furnishings Infrastructure	\$	10,138 5,801 13,950	\$	94 531 -	\$	(15) (425) -	\$	10,217 5,907 13,950
Total capital assets, being depreciated		29,889		625		(440)		30,074
Less accumulated depreciation for: Buildings and improvements Machinery, equipment, and furnishings Infrastructure	_	(4,550) (4,092) (6,827)		(293) (364) (279)	-	15 412 -	-	(4,828) (4,044) (7,106)
Total accumulated depreciation	-	(15,469)		(936)	-	427	-	(15,978)
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net		14,420		(311)		(13)		14,096
Capital assets, not being depreciated: Land Construction in progress	_	22,594 50		- 101	_	- (51)		22,594 100
Total capital assets, not being depreciated		22,644		101	_	(51)		22,694
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$	37,064	\$	(210)	\$	(64)	\$	36,790

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the Town as follows (in thousands):

Governmental Activities:

General government	\$	68
Public safety		446
Highways and streets		369
Culture and recreation	_	53
Total depreciation expense - governmental activities	\$_	936

10. Deferred Outflows of Resources

Deferred outflows of resources represent the consumption of net assets by the Town that is applicable to future reporting periods. Deferred outflows of resources have a positive effect on net position, similar to assets. As of December 31, 2014, the deferred outflows balance of \$270,000 is the difference between the refunded bonds and new bonds issued, as further described in Note 13.

11. Accounts Payable

Accounts payable represent 2014 expenditures paid after December 31, 2014.

12. <u>Capital Lease Obligations</u>

The Town is the lessee of certain equipment under capital leases expiring in various years through 2019. Future minimum payments under the capital leases consisted of the following as of December 31, 2014:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2015	\$ 211,108	\$ 13,687	\$ 224,795
2016	156,287	8,943	165,230
2017	133,586	5,488	139,074
2018	110,252	3,003	113,255
2019	55,245	536_	55,781_
Total	\$ 666,478	\$ <u>31,657</u>	\$ 698,135

13. <u>Long-Term Debt</u>

A. General Obligation Bonds

The Town issues general obligation bonds to provide funds for the acquisition and construction of major capital facilities. General obligation bonds have been issued for governmental activities. General obligation bonds currently outstanding are as follows:

Governmental Activities:	Serial Maturities <u>Through</u>	Interest Rate(s) %	(Amount Outstanding as of 12/31/14
Open Space Open Space and Safety Renovations GO Refunding Bond 2014 Series A GO Refunding Bond 2014 Series B-1 GO Refunding Bond 2014 Series B-2	01/15/19 08/15/35 08/15/19 08/15/25 08/15/35	3.73% 4.06% 1.72% 2.41% 3.36%	\$	585,000 330,000 1,036,000 3,627,000 1,507,000
Total			\$_	7,085,000

B. Future Debt Service

The annual payments to repay bonds payable outstanding as of December 31, 2014 are as follows:

Governmental Activities		<u>Principal</u>		<u>Interest</u>		<u>Total</u>
2015	\$	759,000	\$	138,409	\$	897,409
2016		702,000		166,405		868,405
2017		695,000		148,429		843,429
2018		683,000		133,044		816,044
2019		670,000		116,798		786,798
2020 - 2024		1,736,000		423,997		2,159,997
2025 - 2029		955,000		232,884		1,187,884
Thereafter	_	885,000	_	103,854		988,854
Total	\$_	7,085,000	\$	1,463,820	\$_	8,548,820

The general fund has been designated as the sole source to repay the governmental-type general obligation long-term debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.

C. Advance Refundings

The proceeds from the Town's general obligation bonds were used to advance refund \$1,000,000 of its October 15, 2004 Open Space bond with an interest rate of 3.42% and \$5,230,000 of its August 15, 2015 Open Space and Safety Renovations bond with an interest rate of 4.06%. The refunded bonds mature October 15, 2019 and August 15, 2035, respectively.

The refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the refunded bonds were removed from the Town's financial statements.

The advance refunding resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$426,585.

D. Changes in General Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended December 31, 2014, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities (in thousands):

		Total						Total		Less	Lc	Equals ong-Term
	Е	Balance					Е	Balance	(Current		Portion
		1/1/14	<u>A</u>	<u>dditions</u>	Re	eductions eductions	<u>1</u>	2/31/14	<u> </u>	Portion Portion	<u>1</u>	2/31/14
Governmental Activities												
Bonds payable	\$	7,465	\$	6,170	\$	(6,550)	\$	7,085	\$	(759)	\$	6,326
Other:												
Compensated absences		194		39		-		233		(23)		210
Capital leases		330		589		(252)		667		(211)		456
Net OPEB obligation		542		97	_	(9)		630	_	-	i	630
Totals	\$_	8,531	\$_	6,895	\$_	(6,811)	\$	8,615	\$_	(993)	\$	7,622

14. <u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>

Deferred inflows of resources are the acquisition of net assets by the Town of Hollis that are applicable to future reporting periods. Deferred inflows of resources have a negative effect on net position, similar to liabilities.

The general fund deferred inflow of resources balance as of December 31, 2014 represents \$582,893 of unearned tax revenue.

15. Restricted Net Position

The accompanying entity-wide financial statements report restricted net position when external constraints from grantors or contributors are placed on net position.

Permanent fund restricted net position is segregated between nonexpendable and expendable. The nonexpendable portion represents the original restricted principal contribution, and the expendable represents accumulated earnings which are available to be spent based in accordance with donor restrictions.

16. Fund Balances

The following is a summary of fund balances at December 31, 2014:

		Nonmajor General Governmental				
		Fund		Funds		<u>Total</u>
Nonspendable:						
Prepaid expenses	\$	176,954	\$	-	\$	176,954
Tax deeded property		1,914		-		1,914
Nonexpendable trust funds Nonexpendable permanent funds		-		382,137 302,761		382,137 302,761
	-	470.000	-		•	,
Total Nonspendable		178,868		684,898		863,766
Restricted:						
Expendable trust funds		-		135,571		135,571
Expendable permanent funds		-		28,696		28,696
Special revenue funds	-		-	725,449		725,449
Total Restricted		-		889,716		889,716
Committed:						
Flint Pond restoration		42,921		-		42,921
Compensated absences		45,165		-		45,165
Emergency municipal building and facility maintenance		110 720				110 720
Municipal transportation		119,730 18,147		-		119,730 18,147
Revaluation		14,001		-		14,001
Total Committed	_	239,964	•	-	•	239,964
		,				,
Assigned: Encumbrances		120.020				120 020
Subsequent year budget		139,939 50,000		-		139,939 50,000
Total Assigned	-	189,939	•	_	•	189,939
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Unassigned:						
Remaining fund balance	_	2,721,913	-	-		2,721,913
Total Unassigned	_	2,721,913	-	<u>-</u>		2,721,913
Total Fund Balance	\$_	3,330,684	\$	1,574,614	\$	4,905,298

17. General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance

The unassigned general fund balance reported on the balance sheet is stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which differs in respect to how unassigned fund balance is reported in accordance with the budgetary basis for reporting for the State of New Hampshire for tax rate setting purposes. The major difference is the State of New Hampshire considers revenues in connection with property tax receivables to be available to liquidate liabilities when billed rather than received.

The following summarizes the specific differences between GAAP basis and budgetary basis of reporting the general fund unassigned fund balance:

GAAP basis balance \$ 2,721,913
Deferred inflows 582,893

Tax Rate Setting Balance \$ 3,304,806

18. <u>Commitments and Contingencies</u>

<u>Outstanding Legal Issues</u> - There are certain pending legal issues in which the Town is involved. The Town's management is of the opinion that the potential future settlement of such claims would not materially affect its financial statements taken as a whole.

<u>Grants</u> - Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, principally the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amount of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the Town expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

19. Retirement System

The Town follows the provisions of GASB Statement No. 27, *Accounting for Pensions for State and Local Government Employees*, (as amended by GASB 50) with respect to the employees' retirement funds.

A. Plan Description

Full-time employees participate in the State of New Hampshire Retirement System (the System), a multiple-employer contributory pension plan and trust established in 1967 by RSA 100-A:2 and is qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. The plan is a contributory, defined benefit plan providing service, disability, death and vested retirement benefits to members and their beneficiaries. Substantially all full-time state employees, public school teachers and administrators, permanent firefighters and permanent police officers within the State of New Hampshire are eligible and required to participate in the system. Full-time employees of political subdivisions, including counties, municipalities and school districts, are also eligible to participate as a group if the governing body of the political subdivision has elected participation.

The New Hampshire Retirement System, a Public Employees Retirement System (PERS), is divided into two membership groups. State or local

employees and teachers belong to *Group I*. Police officers and firefighters belong to *Group II*. All assets are held in a single trust and are available to each group. Funding policies, vesting requirements, contribution requirements and plan assets available to pay benefits are disclosed in the System's annual report available from the New Hampshire Retirement System located at 54 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301-8507.

B. Funding Policy

Plan members are required to contribute a percentage of their gross earnings to the pension plan. The Town makes annual contributions to the pension plan equal to the amount required by Revised Statutes Annotated 100-A:16. The Town's contribution to the System for the year ended December 31, 2014 was \$597,349, which is equal to its annual required contribution for this year.

The payroll for employees covered by the System for the year ended December 31, 2014, was \$3,349,282. Contribution requirements for the year ended December 31, 2014 were as follows:

Town	\$	597,349
Employees' Contributions	_	305,727
Total	\$_	903,076

20. <u>Post-Employment Health Care Benefits</u>

Other Post-Employment Benefits

The Town has implemented GASB Statement 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions.* Statement 45 requires governments to account for other post-employment benefits (OPEB), primarily healthcare, on an accrual basis rather than on a pay-as-you-go basis. The effect is the recognition of an actuarially required contribution as an expense on the Statement of Activities when a future retiree earns their post-employment benefits, rather than when they use their post-employment benefit. To the extent that an entity does not fund their actuarially required contribution, a post-employment benefit liability is recognized on the Statement of Net Position over time.

A. Plan Description

In addition to providing the pension benefits described, the Town provides post-employment health care benefits for retired employees through the Town's plan. The benefits, benefit levels, employee contributions and employer contributions are governed by RSA 100-A:50. As of January 1,

2012, the actuarial valuation date, 7 retirees and 55 active employees met the eligibility requirements. The plan does not issue a separate financial report.

B. Benefits Provided

The Town provides medical, prescription drug, and mental health/ substance abuse to retirees and their covered dependents. All active employees who retire from the Town and meet the eligibility criteria will receive these benefits.

C. Funding Policy

Non-union and union retirees contribute 100% of the cost of the health plan.

D. Annual OPEB Costs and Net OPEB Obligation

The Town's 2014 annual OPEB expense is calculated based on the annual required contribution of the employer (ARC), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover the normal cost per year and amortize the unfunded actuarial liability over a period of thirty years. The following table shows the components of the Town's annual OPEB cost for the year ending December 31, 2014, the amount actually contributed to the plan, and the change in the Town's net OPEB obligation based on an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2012.

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$	101,563
Interest on net OPEB obligation		21,674
Adjustment to ARC	_	(25,659)
Annual OPEB cost		97,578
Contributions made	_	(9,294)
Increase in net OPEB obligation		88,284
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	_	541,844
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	\$_	630,128

The Town's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the plan, and the net OPEB obligation were as follows:

		Percentage of						
	Anr	nual OPEB	OPEB	Ν	et OPEB			
Year ended		Cost	Cost Contributed	Obligation				
2014	\$	97,578	9.5%	\$	630,128			
2013	\$	92,485	7.6%	\$	541,844			
2012	\$	87,517	4.4%	\$	456,370			
2011	\$	137,337	5.7%	\$	372,721			
2010	\$	129,347	3.0%	\$	243,168			
2009	\$	121,515	3.1%	\$	117,750			

E. Funded Status and Funding Progress

The funded status of the plan as of January 1, 2012, the date of the most recent actuarial valuation, was as follows:

Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)	\$	594,446
Actuarial value of plan assets	_	-
Unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL)	\$_	594,446
Funded ratio (actuarial value of plan assets/AAL)	_	0%
Covered payroll (active plan members)	\$_	2,897,712
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	_	21%

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amount and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples included assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision, as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to financial statements, presents multiyear trend information that shows whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

F. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the plan as understood by the Town and the plan members and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the Town and plan members

to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

In the January 1, 2012 actuarial valuation, the entry age method was used. The actuarial value of assets was not determined, as the Town has not advance funded its obligation. The actuarial assumptions included a 4% investment rate of return and an initial annual healthcare cost trend rate of 9%, which decreases to a 5% long-term rate for all healthcare benefits after four years. The amortization costs for the initial UAAL is a level percentage of payroll for a period of 29 years, on a closed basis. This has been calculated assuming the amortization payment increases at a rate of 4%.

21. Risk Management

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town carries commercial insurance. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the previous year and have been no material settlements in excess of coverage in any of the past three years.

22. <u>Implementation of New GASB Standards</u>

The GASB has issued Statement 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, which is required to be implemented in 2015. Management's current assessment is that this pronouncement will have a significant impact on the Town's basic financial statements by recognizing, as a liability and expense, the Town's applicable portion of the New Hampshire Retirement System's actuarially accrued liability.

TOWN OF HOLLIS, NEW HAMPSHIRE SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

Other Post-Employment Benefits

Actuarial Valuation <u>Date</u>	Actuarial Value of Assets <u>(a)</u>	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) - Entry Age (b)	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) <u>(b-a)</u>	Funded Ratio <u>(a/b)</u>	Covered Payroll <u>(c)</u>	UAAL as a Percent- age of Covered Payroll [(b-a)/c]
01/01/12	\$ -	\$ 594,446	\$ 594,446	0.0%	\$ 2,897,712	21%
01/01/09	\$ -	\$ 527,066	\$ 527,066	0.0%	\$ 2,811,308	19%

See Independent Auditors' Report.