

Report of the Building Inspector

I had received some comments last year about how lack luster my report had been. It is a building report, I would expect it would be a little dry ... Looking through the past four reports that I have written, these reports tend to get shorter each year and perhaps a little hurried and without my usual flare for writing.

Yes, I still enjoy being your Building Official, it is a wonderful town and I still enjoy stopping for the deer, turkeys and the occasional bobcat. I do have two exceptions, one was when a flock (Rafter) of two dozen turkeys on Tavern Road just would not get out of the way and another where a turkey was fighting with his reflection in my chrome bumper. The latter I had to go over and referee. It certainly has been interesting.

Despite what I enjoy, how well the year went and how optimistic I might be, there was a major loss here. Losing my friend and coworker Meredith Bolduc goes beyond anything that I could ever put into words. Having her answer (or debate) land use issues was extremely helpful for this position. Having her come in each morning with a smile on her face, a story to tell and the Meredith Report (Channel 9's weather) gave every day a great start. I wish I had paid more attention to the history, although I eventually got where Sand Hill is, I am still at a loss for Barrel Hill and giving me directions to homes with names of people who have not lived there for generations somehow did not help me get there though I did get there just the same...

Now for what you really want to know, it was a good year, we issued more permits in November than all of the permits issued the previous year. We were busy last year but fairly stagnant from the preceding years that kept showing growth. In 2011 we had only 94 major permits, 181 in 2012, 198 in 2013, 214 in 2014 and more than that (237) in 2015. Ever optimistic, I hope for more good growth and a better economy for next year.

Looking through each year's reports, the number of trade permits has also increased accordingly. In hopes that this offering will keep the critics happy and without further ado, I offer the chart below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Garage	3	Pool	7
Deck/Porch	11	Addition	4
Shed	7	Renovation	70
Trade Permits	383	Single Family Home	17
QuadPlex	4	Total Permits 2015	506