

THE
HISTORY OF HILLSBOROUGH,
NEW HAMPSHIRE,
1735-1921

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the Selectmen. One Trustee is elected biennially for a term of two years. The membership has been:

1877-78, Rev. Harry Brickett.	1887-94, Marcellus H. Felt.
1877-98, Charles W. Conn.	1895 to date, George W. Haslet.
1879-80, Cornelius Cooledge.	1897-1902, John Goodell.
1881-86, Brooks K. Webber.	1905 to date, Leon S. Hill.

Four persons have acted as Librarians during the 43 years since its incorporation, as follows:

Willis G. Buxton, from the opening to the fall of 1881.

Mrs. Brooks K. Webber, 1881 to 1890.

Mary Bixby, succeeding Mrs. Webber and continuing until the fall of 1903.

Mrs. Ada H. Brown, 1903, to the present time.

WATER SUPPLY.

Hillsborough has an abundant supply of excellent water, the source being Loon Pond. October 18, 1886, Messrs. Goodhue and Birnie of Springfield, Mass., gave a bond to the town for the purpose of laying the pipes and constructing a system of water works for the town. The work was undertaken and carried out, the company putting in an iron pipe cement lined. This system was in operation for ten years, when it was purchased January 11, 1897, by the Hillsborough Bridge Village Fire precinct at a cost of \$45,000. The Water Commissioners at this time were Stephen Dennison, Brooks K. Webber and John B. Smith.

Soon after its purchase by the town a reconstruction of the whole system was begun, and this work has been continued until a greater part has been relaid. The main line of pipe was relaid in 1910 at an approximate cost of \$26,000. The original cement-lined pipe has been replaced by cast iron. The pipe starts at sixteen inches, reduced to fourteen inches, fire protection considered, twelve lines of hose giving satisfaction. The average pressure is seventy pounds to the square inch.

According to the commissioners' report for 1920 the total cost of water works has been to January 13, 1920, \$76,347.69, divided as follows:

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Original cost,	\$45,000.00
Extensions,	5,182.29
Excess renewals,	24,829.19
Service connections,	609.69
Building account (gate house),	160.00
Meter account,	566.52
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Total,	\$76,347.69

The number of hydrants is 44; number of service connections, 427.

William Oscar Story, Superintendent, Clerk and Manager of the works for twenty-two years, recently resigned from the office, deserves a large share of the credit for the success of the water works among the best in the state for its size.

The Board of Water Commissioners at the present time comprises Victor Mosley, Stillman H. Baker, Alfred L. Mansfield, Jesse C. Parker and Charles A. Jones.

HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE VILLAGE FIRE PRECINCT.

The growth of Bridge Village in the number of its inhabitants and increase in valuation of property made it apparent that precautionary measures should be taken towards fire protection. Accordingly a petition was circulated and signed by some of the leading citizens for the formation of a fire department, and the following action taken by the town:

March 23, 1870, upon a petition of twenty-four legal voters of Bridge Village, it was

Voted "Pursuant to the foregoing application of ten or more of the legal voters of Hillsborough Bridge in the town of Hillsborough, we here by fix by suitable boundaries a village fire district including said village to be known as the "Hillsborough Bridge fire district, and to be bounded as follows,

Beginning at the town line between Hillsborough and Deering, at the corner of John Codman farm, and southwest corner of Hiram Grimes running northerly on said Codman's line to land owned by Warren W. Hill (known as the Smith farm), thence northerly on said Hill's east line to the river crossing the river to the northeast corner of the Preston land thence northerly and westerly on said Preston east and north line to the Henniker road, crossing the said road to the northeast corner of William T. Whittle land thence westerly on said

Whittle's north line to the old road running by said Whittle's house. Thence northerly on said road to the northeast corner of Abel C. Burnham's meadow. Thence westerly on said Burnham's north line to J. S. Burt's land to James Newman's land. Thence westerly on said Newman's north line to Herbert Kimball's land. Thence westerly, on said Kimball's north line to northeast corner of Samuel M. Baker's land. Thence westerly on said Baker's north line crossing the road leading from Bridge Village to Hillsborough Centre to Luke McClintock land. Thence southerly on said McClintocks east line to land of Erickson Burnham. Thence easterly and southerly on said Burnhams and east line to northeast corner of Silas N. Sawyers farm. Thence westerly on said Sawyers north line to the Bible Hill road. Thence northerly on said road to the northeast corner of Charles D. Robbins land, thence westerly on said Robbins north line crossing the Beard road and river to the northwest corner of said Robbins land. Thence southerly on said Robbins west line to Antrim line. Thence easterly on Antrim and Deering lines to the bounds first mentioned

Witness our hands first day of July 1870.

George Brockway,
Erastus Wilson
George E. Hoyt

A true copy attest

Wm B Whittemore Town Clerk

Above report of the Selectmen was adopted by the town at a special meeting called in Newman's Hall August 6, 1870.

PLAN OF FIRE PRECINCT.

In June, 1886, Mr. George C. Patten prepared a plan or map of the proposed territory covering the fire precinct, the following being a copy of his Field Notes submitted to the town:

Field Notes and Description of a Survey of the Fire Precinct Hillsborough Bridge, N. H., Surveyed by George C. Patten, June, 1886.

Beginning on Deering line being the north line of said Deering and the south line of Hillsborough at the corner of land owned by George Burnham; thence s. 87 W. following the line of said towns until said lines intersects the westerly boundary of land owned by F. C. Grimes; thence north 45 rods; S. 83 W. 16 rods; N. 6 W. 37 rods by said Grime's land, to the highway leading from Hillsborough Bridge to Lower Village; thence N. 70 W. 58 rods by said highway to corner of Bower's land; thence N. 4 E. 17 rods by said Bower's Land; S. 83 W. 5 rods; N. 4 E. 46 rods to N. E. corner of said Bower's land and land of heirs of Ammi Smith; thence S. 83 W. 56 rods; N. 4 E. 62 rods to Dascomb lot by land of said Smith heirs; thence S. 85 W. 18 rods;

N. 4 E. 40 rods; N. 83 E. 58 rods by said Dascomb lot to land of Dr. Burnham; thence N. 9 E. 54 rods; N. 83 E. 18 rods by said Burnham's land to land of A. J. Barney; thence S. 9 W. 8 rods; N. 83 E. 68 rods; N. 3 E. 8 rods by Burnham lot to corner of Marcy lot; thence by the Marcy lot N. 83 E. 54 rods to the Centre Road; thence N. 41 W. 92 rods by said road; thence N. v20 E. 18 rods; thence N. 88 E. 110 rods by land of Herbert Flanders to the corner of the Lacy Lot; thence same course by land of Alvah Merrill 38 rods to land of Ed Gould; thence N. 10 rods; S. 86 1-2 E. 30 rods and also 52 rods by land of said Gould and Levi Bixby to corner of land of said Bixby and Seth Millen; thence S. 24 E. 60 rods by said Bixby land to old Henniker road; thence by said road S. 14 W. 44 rods to land of William Whittle; thence E. 38 rods; S. 6 W. 32 rods; thence S. 75 E. 4 rods by land of said Whittle to the New Henniker road; thence N. 15 E. 42 rods to corner of land of Mrs. William E. Gould; thence S. 60 E. 37 rods by said Gould land to the railroad thence by the railroad N. 38 E. 91 rods to the river bend; thence by the river S. 16 E. 70 rods; thence S. 65 1-2 W. 50 rods; S. 14 W. 138 rods; S. 77 E. 80 rods; S. 12 W. 87; S. 87 W. 52 rods by the river left bank; thence S. 14 1-2 E. across the river and highway 60 rods to the corner of said George Burnham land, the place of beginning and bounds first mentioned—The whole of the above description being conformity to a plan or map of said precinct drawn by George C. Patten dated June, 1886, to which reference may be had for more particular description.

GEORGE C. PATTEN, Surveyor.

Marcellus H. Felt was President of the first meeting and Frank E. Merrill was made Clerk, a position the latter held for a considerable period. Three fire wards, a term which has since been changed to "commissioners" were chosen as follows: Edwin B. Morse, Ruthven Childs and Lewis W. Gallond.

The present Commissioners are John B. Tasker, John H. Grimes and Daniel W. Cole.

The judicious manner in which this department has been managed during the 34 years of its existence is shown by the figures which place its total indebtedness at \$26,650.00, while there was a balance in the treasury January 31, 1920, of \$530.63, leaving the net debt \$26,119.37. To over-balance this are the unavailable assets of the department, viz:

Water system,	valued at	\$76,347.69
Precinct building and lot		5,000.00
Fire apparatus		2,000.00

Total,		\$83,347.69
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