

*2015 Annual Report from the  
Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, and Health Officer*

The past year saw a decrease of 86 permits (597 to 511) issued during the fiscal year 2015 where the previous year saw an increase of 180 additional permits. The majority of the decrease of permits can be attributed to Electrical (-25) and Mechanical permits (-59) which totaled (84) of the (86). It appears that almost everyone has a generator as they have been installed at a rapid pace since the December 2008 Ice storm where almost 450,000 lost power. Some were without power for over two weeks! Fourteen months later the February 2010 wind storm knocked out power to almost 400,000 homes and businesses.

It is the first week of January 2016 and we have only had one minor snow storm and the weather has been unseasonably warm....but are you ready? Ready for the next power outage or heavy rains flooding your basements and property? If you have a Generator and sump pump how old are they? And as important as having one of each when was the last time you checked their operation or had them serviced?

This office also deals with complaints that range from tenant and landlord disputes, sanitary conditions at restaurants, and neighbor disputes. The Complaint form is on line and has to be completed before any action is taken. Anonymous complaints will not be addressed unless it is an immediate threat to life safety. The reason for this is without the complaint the person or business could say they were singled out. As the Health Officer this office performs a variety of duties from inspecting septic basin areas to health complaints. Part of the work is advising the residents of the dangers of Triple E (EEE), and West Nile Virus (WNV). I have the town's web site updated as I receive alerts from the Department of Health and Human Services on the variety of issues that affect the health and safety of all of us. Last year three samples of mosquitoes tested positive for West Nile Virus (WNV) in Manchester, Keene, and East Kingston. One batch of mosquitoes caught in Newton in September and one batch in Candia have tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE).

2015 Building Permits Issued

Type of Construction	Residential	Commercial	Total
New Home/Structure	5	0	5
Remodel	66	31	97
New Mobile Home	5	0	5
Demolition	5	0	5
Electrical	102	36	138
Plumbing	41	14	55
Mechanical	90	20	110
Accessory Structure	16	2	18
Pools	4	0	4
Septic	24	3	27
Signs	0	10	10
Other	0	0	37
Totals	358	116	511

If you have any concerns, or questions please feel free to contact this office at 964-8650, or email me at [kkelley@northhampton-nh.gov](mailto:kkelley@northhampton-nh.gov)

Sincerely,  
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