
Granite State Report

INDEPENDENT NEW HAMPSHIRE JOURNALISM · NORTHFIELD, NH

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission

The record, in public, for the people who paid for it.

Granite State Report gets New Hampshire's public records, reads them, publishes them, and reports what they show about how public power is used, from the State House to the town office. We answer to readers, never to the people we cover. We show our documents, name our sources, and correct our mistakes in public.

VISION

To be New Hampshire's leading transparency and public-records newsroom, and to leave the state a public record that is easier to get than when we started.

THE MISSION, LINE BY LINE

- ✓ **Tell the truth.** Every fact we publish rests on a document or an on-record source we can show you. If we cannot stand behind a claim, it does not run. When we find no record of something, we say that, and nothing more.
- ✓ **Hold power accountable.** We file the records requests, follow the paper to the people who made the decision, and ask them to answer before we publish. We report how public bodies treat the Right-to-Know Law, including when they ignore it.
- ✓ **Give people a voice.** Residents send tips, documents, and challenges, and we read all of it. A Northfield resident with a records fight gets the same hard look from us as a press release from Concord.
- ✓ **Build stronger communities.** We explain how New Hampshire law works so people can use it without us: how to file a request, what a town policy can and cannot do, who to call when a body goes silent. We also name the public servants who do the job right.
- ✓ **Create opportunities for the next generation.** Our methods, templates, and public tools stay free and in plain view, so a student, a first-time reporter, or a frustrated taxpayer anywhere in the state can do this work too.
- ✓ **Make a lasting difference.** Published stories stay published. Corrections stay attached. Documents stay in the archive. The measure is a public record that outlasts any single story, and a state where getting that record takes less of a fight.

Dexter Dow, Founder and Editor

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