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DEDICATION

Barbara Lucas

This Town Report is dedicated to Barbara Lucas who served as New Hampton's Town Administrator for 18 years, though she had worked for the Town prior to that time. She made the decision to retire at the end of 2019. Rather than have one individual write this dedication, we thought it best to have various residents, Selectmen, department heads, and employees say a few words to honor Barbara and her body of work. Barbara being the selfless person she is, would not want this recognition as she served our Town with all her heart, wanting nothing in return. Though she was not a resident in town her love for New Hampton was no different than those who have lived here.

Barbara may not want this recognition, but she deserves all of this, and more.
Barbara, the Town THANKS YOU!

Barbara lived a life of public service with her mind and her heart. Her ability to treat everyone with respect, regardless of their station in life made her a very valuable member of our community for so many years. Although she was extraordinarily knowledgeable, she took every opportunity to learn more and grow more. I worked with Barbara as a selectman during the time of the closing of the old Town dump in Bristol. It was a huge undertaking with an overwhelming combination of work with coordinating contractors, countless hours of paperwork that had to be done for NH DES and on top of all that, the involvement of the courts. She was always fully committed to taking responsibility for the proper closure of that landfill. This was just one example of dozens and dozens of projects that she managed successfully during her almost 30 years with the Town of New Hampton. She worked effectively with so many different Select-boards with dozens of individuals serving the Town on those boards. Does anyone appreciate how challenging and difficult that really is? Yet, her skills and her commitment to doing the right thing always allowed her to be equal to the task!

Mark & Theo Denoncour

Barbara Lucas is probably the most genuine, dedicated and true person I have met in my life. That is who she is. As an Administrator and "boss" I was constantly struck by her attention to detail and for her patience and support for those of us on a learning curve as we served on various boards and committees. She also had a phenomenal memory for detail and historical events in Town business. She was unequalled in her empathy and support - not just for employees, but for the citizens of this Town as well. It was my honor to work with her.

Kris Harmon

Barbara always responded to the big and the little matters of New Hampton. We appreciated her calm, deliberate and no-nonsense testimony and support during the long years of the town's opposition to the Northern Pass Transmission Project. As New Hampton's representative to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee, I found Barbara's knowledge of the history and current rules regarding the river and watershed key to the discussions and decisions before the committee. She was quick and funny. We enjoyed working with her.

Barry and Gretchen Draper

My family and I have lived in New Hampton for the past 40+ years. I had the honor and pleasure of working with and knowing Barbara both professionally and personally during the decades of her long successful tenure as the Town Administrator. She was remarkably diligent in everything she did. She had a moral compass that was second to none which provided leadership to all who met her. She always did the right thing, not just when it was convenient, but every time she was faced with a challenging and tough situation....and there were many she had to deal with over her professional life. She was one of the hardest working persons I have ever known, and she took her responsibilities as Town Administrator very seriously. Her dedicated leadership gained the high respect of her peers and colleagues, which ultimately served to elevate New Hampton to the highest level. She is simply one extraordinary human being, and we are all very fortunate that she made it her career to make New Hampton better and help make our community what it is today.

Jamie Emery

Competent, knowledgeable, organized, helpful, and friendly, are just a sample of the numerous adjectives that can be used to describe Barbara Lucus. When I first met her, before she became Town Administrator, she was already providing critical assistance to the Planning Board (and other boards) by working with applicants, organizing agendas, assuring that required notices went out, and producing draft minutes for Board approval. She knew the RSAs, kept the Board informed of changes to those RSAs that would impact their work. She also helped identify areas of weakness in the Board's rules that required further work. Another adjective I should have mentioned is subtle. For example, when the Planning Board Chair seemed to be overlooking an important consideration, a subtle kick under the table would usually bring him to his senses.

In her role as Town Administrator Barbara was truly the public face of the Town. She worked with citizens and applicants to help them understand issues and processes. She provided the background information to the various boards and departments to make it easier for them to conduct their hearings, carry out their deliberations, and to make their decisions. In summary, she helped facilitate the Town's ongoing operations, and was a model administrator.

Ken Kettenring

New Hampton is a better town because of Barbara. Her intelligence, foresight, dedication, patience, and fairness were an asset to all. She took the time to listen to those who needed to be listened to. I, for one, am most grateful. Thank you, Barbara.

Pat King

I am honored and thankful that I had the opportunity to work for, and be mentored by Barbara for 17 years. Through her compassionate dedication in serving the Town of New Hampton, Barbara cared about all the Town's citizens and property owners. She was patient and willing to listen to all who needed guidance on any issue. Barbara earned the respect of Selectmen, department heads, employees, residents, business owners, organizations, and anyone else she encountered. New Hampton was extremely lucky to have someone with her level of integrity and honesty, ensuring the Town's best interests were her primary objective.

Pam Vose

It was an honor and a privilege to work with Barbara Lucas over many years of service with the community. She was my sounding board when things were tough and always had the interest of what was best for the town at heart. Her loyalty to the town and Selectboard was very obvious. I would drive by the office many nights and see her lights still on working on a project she had to get done. Her husband Glen stated just recently to me "she was the glue that kept the place together". One of my relatives also told me they had tried to recruit her for employment in a neighboring community but she had turned it down because she enjoyed her work in New Hampton (what a surprise!). I could go on and on about many things she had done for the people of New Hampton but they asked me to keep this short. Thank you, Barbara, for your years of unselfish dedication to the Town of New Hampton and its residents!

Mike Drake

I had the pleasure of working with Barbara Lucus for 15 years. Her knowledge of government affairs and her great relationship with the residents of New Hampton was outstanding.

Jimmy Boucher

New Hampton was blessed with the many dedicated years of service from Barbara Lucas. Her knowledge of the town and State and Local regulations was unsurpassed. She will be always remembered for her integrity and fairness to all. She set the bar for those around her and for those who will follow in her footsteps. The Town of New Hampton is a much better community because of the efforts of Barbara Lucas.

Tom Smith

The Best: Courteous, kind, intelligent, cooperative, patient, attractive, a marvelous smile, an astute, loving mother of two, Glen's totally devoted wife and my very good friend. Fiercely loyal and dependable to New Hampton. Barb ran a great show for all New Hampton.

Pat Schlesinger

I had the honor and pleasure of working with Barbara Lucas for 21 years. During that period Barbara was the force that kept all the Boards, Departments, employees and volunteers unified and serving their best for the Townspeople. She was so dedicated to the Town and its citizens that she would spend hours of her personal time, beyond the normal work day, in the Town Offices. Barbara's knowledge of all facets of town administration was superb and she was always willing to share that knowledge with Town officials and citizens as well. Her reputation as a Town Administrator was well known beyond the borders of New Hampton. She was frequently consulted by administrators from other towns and New Hampshire state officials. Barbara was loved and respected by all who worked with her and especially by the citizens of New Hampton. Her time in New Hampton was extremely positive and had lasting effect on the Town.

Paul Tierney

I've heard it said, and it's true, I'm sure when you don't know what to say…
Just say thank you, for all those years.

Bob Moulton

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State of the Community

2023 was another year of challenges and progress in New Hampton.

As the pandemic receded further into the rear-view mirror, the Town and its residents have faced several challenges, including inflation which has challenged budgets both public and private. The competition for quality Town employees has intensified and retaining our employees while keeping taxes reasonable is a key focus for the Board, as you will see reflected in the proposed budget and warrant articles proposed this year.

As most property owners know, the real estate market in Town has been highly volatile over the past three years, which made our 5-yearly assessment revaluation process particularly difficult for many Town residents. It is important to note that the revaluation assessment process did not in and of itself increase the budget or total taxes collected – it just redistributes the burden between taxpayers based on the value of their property. Still, it is quite a sticker shock for many especially in the face of other financial challenges facing each household.

In the summer, at relatively short notice, we were faced with the prospect of finding a replacement Town Administrator. The Board made a conscious decision not to pursue a quick fix and instigated a comprehensive search for a high-quality Town Administrator. This search resulted in the hiring of Corey Davenport who started work in January 2024. We are very excited to welcome Corey, and hugely appreciative of the outstanding effort made by all team members in the Town office to fill the gap without a Town Administrator for 5 months while the search was ongoing. Thank you!

During the last year, Fire Chief Kevin Lang elected to retire after multiple decades of dedicated service to the Department and the Town. Through a comprehensive search, we were able to entice Scott Cathy, who has a wealth of experience at both local and state Fire and EMS levels, to join our department. We are sad to see Kevin step down, would like to thank him for all he has done, and wish Chief Cathy the best going forward.

In 2023 we also faced several hugely destructive storms that in a couple of cases resulted in Emergency declarations from the State. Repairs resulting from these storms put huge pressure on the Road crews and the Public Works budget. We were successful in recouping some (but by no means all) of the additional costs from FEMA.

Ken Kettenring, who has served this Town in a number of roles over the years, announced his retirement from his role as Moderator. His service to this Town is acknowledged and appreciated by this Board and all townspeople.

2024 will be a busy year for elections at the Town House – no fewer than four(!) separate elections will be held and run by our outstanding Town Clerk, Moderator and their respective teams.

During 2023 we took action to try to improve the relationship between the Town and the New Hampton School. While we are still discussing complex issues with respect to the tax status of current and future School property, we have reached agreement to recommend, on the warrant, the transfer Dr. Childs Road from the Town to the School. If approved it will result in saving the taxpayers the costs of longer term maintenance and upkeep of the road, paving the way for increased investment by the School in both Dr. Childs Road, and other improvements to maintenance and upkeep of both School and Town sidewalks in the precinct area.

In 2024 the Board will continue its efforts to sell selected properties owned by the Town to recoup back taxes owed, and to return these properties to the tax rolls, which all other things being equal should reduce the tax burden on all taxpayers. In 2023 we were unfortunately unable to close the sale of Town-owned property on Lindsay Lane due to some minor title issues, despite a successful bid process. We have initiated legal procedures to clear the title, and expect to complete that sale in 2024.

As always, the Board is extremely appreciative of all our amazing employees and volunteers who, with their dedication and commitment, make our community a great place to live and work.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Drake – Chairman
Eric Shaw
Bruce Harvey

Town Officers
ELECTED OFFICIALS

Selectmen

Michael A. Drake 2026 Eric Shaw 2024
Bruce Harvey 2025

Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Regina M. Schofield 2025

Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector (appointed)

Pamela B. Vose – Interim
Tamara Van Lenten – appointed Jan. 19, 2023

Moderator

Kenneth N. Kettenring 2024

Supervisors of the Checklist

Lucinda A. Ossola 2028 Michael J. Dowal 2024
Mary-Jo Vien 2026

Trustees of Trust Funds

David E. Katz 2025 Mark Garibotto 2024
Andrew Anderson 2026

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund

Theodora A. Denoncour 2025 Christine Hunewill 2024
Nathan Saler, School Board Rep.

School Budget Committee

John L. Jenness II 2023

School Board

Nathan Saler 2023

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Chief of Police
Joshua Tyrrell

Public Works Director
Jim O. Boucher

Fire Chief and Fire Warden
Scott T. Cathy *(appointed 6/1/23)*
Kevin Lang *(resigned 6/1/23)*

Emergency Management Director
Scott T. Cathy

Town Administrator
Vacant
Neil G. Irvine (resigned 8/6/23)

Treasurer
Shana Martinez *(resigned 9/6/23)*
Heidi Tarling *(appointed 9/6/23)*

Health Officer
Thomas J. O'Shea

Planning Board

Tania Hiltz 2024
Robert E. Broadhurst, Jr. 2026
Richard Shea 2025
W. Wesley Hays 2025
David E. Katz 2024
Kenneth A. Mertz 2025
Michael A. Drake, Selectmen's Rep 2026
Andrew Anderson 2024, Alt.
William Vachon 2024, Alt.
Katherine Bruning 2025, Alt.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Brett Newman 2025
Karyn Gattermann 2025
Jerry Heckman 2024
Andrew Akers 2024
Paul Tierney, Alt. 2025

Conservation Commission

Robert W. Pollock 2025
Maurice M. Schofield 2024
Deborah Pendergast 2026
Timothy Young 2024

Heritage Commission

David Katz 2025
Daniel Moore 2024
Mark Denoncour 2025
Bruce Harvey, Selectmen's Rep 2025

Ballot Inspectors

Cindy Deal
Dana S. Torsey
Angela Criscuolo
Kristin Drake
Shana Martinez
Lisa Clark
Edna Blake

State of New Hampshire **Belknap County**

Town of New Hampton
First Session of the Annual Meeting

February 6, 2023

Officials Present: Town Moderator: Ken Kettenring
Selectmen: Michael Drake; Bruce Harvey; Eric Shaw
Town Clerk /Tax Collector: Regina Schofield

Others Present: Supervisors of the Checklist: Lucinda Ossola, & Mary Jo Vien
Ballot Inspectors: Kristin Drake & Dana Torsey
Department Heads:
Town Administrator: Neil Irvine
Fire Chief: Kevin Lang
Police Chief: Joshua Tyrrell
Public Works Director: Jim Boucher
Finance Officer: Wendy Duggan

Moderator, Ken Kettenring called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Moderator asked Police Chief Tyrrell to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator recognized the Board of Selectmen, who on a yearly basis presents a plaque for dedication of service. Selectman Michael Drake stated that the recipient could not be in attendance due to illness and that the individual would be presented with the award tomorrow. He went on to say that, "Each year we pause for a moment at the beginning of deliberative session to recognize a member of the community who has given much of themselves in service to the community.

This year the Dedicated Service Award is being presented to Janan Hays a well-known and well-respected member of our community.

Selectman Michael Drake continued by saying that "Over the years, Janan has worn many hats, many if not all simultaneously; she organizes and informs her neighbors about important legislation, most recently regarding Short Term Rentals and gets them calling or writing their representative in Concord.

She worked diligently with others to have the Snake River designated a Prime Wetland and continues to monitor and report on the water quality of Lake Waukewan and the Snake River in addition to monitoring the Loon population, and being on guard against invasive aquatic species, be it milfoil or Chinese Mystery Snails.

When NHDOT began the discussions for the refurbishment of "Mosquito Bridge" on Waukewan Road, Janan was instrumental in community organizing on the New Hampton side of the river to ensure that the bridge retained its character as the project was developed, something that was very important to the residents in the area.

We could mention the Town Christmas Tree lights, but then we would have nothing to mention when it comes time to talk about her husband Wes, so we'll save that for another night.

Janan gives of herself with no thought of thanks or recognition, but tonight we extend our gratitude for all of her service to the Town of New Hampton.

Please join the Board in recognizing the Dedicated Service recipient for 2023… Janan Hays"

The Moderator listed his guidelines for this deliberative session as follows:

- All debate is through the Moderator.
- When asking to speak please address the Moderator and state your name and the street you live on for the record.
- Please speak clearly enough for all to hear.
- Participation by Non-New Hampton residents or non-property owner requires approval of the meeting.
- You may speak a 2nd time on an article only after all others have had an opportunity to be heard. (Moderator's Rule)
- Motion to call the question before all have spoken requires a 2/3 vote. (Moderator's Rule)
- Any resident or property owner may participate in the discussions, but only REGISTERED voters in the Town of New Hampton can vote.
- Any person who is not a "registered voter" in the Town of New Hampton please stand and be identified by the vote counters.
- Motions can be made to amend the articles (without changing the purpose, eliminating the subject matter or nullifying the subject matter). You can amend the dollar amount to include zeroing out the appropriation or the article can be accepted as written to be placed on the official ballot for consideration.
- Ballot votes
    - Requires written request of 5 voters prior to voting
    - Challenge to a non-ballot vote, immediately after vote is declared, requires 7 voters
- A motion for reconsideration must be made immediately following closure of the article.
- Once discussion has closed on any article, and the meeting has proceeded to subsequent articles, there shall be no reconsideration of any article. (Moderator's Rule)

The Moderator explained the guidelines were Moderator Rules. These rules are ones that he had developed over the years. These rules can be overruled by a straight majority of the meeting for that meeting if anyone wishes.

The Moderator asked those people who were not registered voters to stand and be counted. There were only Jimmy Boucher, the Public Works Director and Wendy Duggan, the Finance Officer.

Selectman Drake made a motion to allow Town of New Hampton Public Works Director, Jim Boucher and Finance Officer, Wendy Duggan who are not residents of New Hampton to participate in this meeting as necessary. This was seconded by Selectman Harvey. All were in favor – motioned passed.

Article #1: Election of Town Officers

1 Selectman	3-year term
Michael A. Drake	
Ingrid Heidenreich	
1 Trustee of Trust Funds	3-year term
Andrew Anderson	

The Moderator read the names who filed for office into the minutes and said that this is an announcement only and will appear on the ballot on March 14, 2023.

Article #2: Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the

warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three million Four hundred Eight thousand Two hundred Ninety-nine dollars and no cents ($3,408,299.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three million Two hundred Fifty-one thousand Four hundred Eighteen dollars and no cents ($3,251,418.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake made a motion to amend the article which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

The Moderator read the amended article:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Three million Three hundred Seventy-Four thousand Six hundred Ninety-nine dollars and no cents ($3,374,699.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three million Two hundred Fifty-one thousand Four hundred Eighteen dollars and no cents ($3,251,418.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

The Moderator asked the Selectmen to explain this article.

Ken Mertz of Main Street asked if a motion was needed. It was decided that it had already been done.

Selectman Drake explained the amendment. There were two factors involved with this decision. One, at the budget hearing, there was a question on some numbers on the Fire Department EMS budget in the salary line. The Board took another look with the final report of the past years budget and saw that there was money in that line item that didn't get spent, so the Board felt that they could reduce that line by $33,600, level funding for 2023.

The Moderator asked if there were any questions.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road for clarification on which line item it was coming out of. Town Administrator Neil Irvine stated that it was coming out of the EMS Ambulance Wages line.

Selectman Drake explained how the budget process works:

- On August 30, the Board requested the Department Heads to submit their proposed budgets for the following year.
- On September 28, the draft Budget and Warrant Articles were submitted to the Board.
- From October to December, the Board holds multiple meetings to discuss each line item and warrant articles.
    - There were 5 specific Budget meetings
    - They also discussed Budget material at the regular weekly Selectmen meetings.

- On January 7, the Board held a Budget Hearing in accordance to RSA 40:13 to present the preliminary budget.
- January 30 was the last day to post the Warrant, Budget and Default Budget
- On February 4, the First Session "Deliberative Session" was held as per RSA 40:13 III

Selectman Drake went on to say that this process takes about 6 months to conclude. The Board does not make their decisions lightly and tries to think of what is best for the town. They then present their decisions to the voters.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road stated that in looking at the Lease/Purchase Notes on the proposed budget, he would like clarification on what that included.

Town Administrator Irvine said that there is a slide on that later in the Selectmen's presentation. Mr. Torsey indicated he was willing to wait until then.

Selectman Drake went on to explain that the slide containing the Pie Chart which represents how the Tax Rate is apportioned. The State Education portion is 7%, the County portion is 7%, the Local Education is 52% and the Town portion is 34%. We will only be discussing the Town portion. He went on to explain that last year, we had forecasted a rate per thousand of $7.17, but when the final Tax Rate was set in the fall, it came in at $6.67. This year, we have estimated that the Rate will be $6.86 assuming all the warrant articles pass.

Selectman Drake explained the significant changes from last year's budget to this year's. They are:

- We are seeking your support for a 5% pay adjustment for all employees to keep pace with inflation.
- Health Insurance premiums increased by 11% for a total of $17,717 across all departments.
- "Cemetery" increased to $10,000 as voted last year to support Maintenance & Improvements at the Village Cemetery.
- 2023 is the full revaluation for property assessments as required by RSA 75:8-a., this is $40,000 over and above regular pickups for changes to a property.
- PD eliminated 2 part-time positions and reduced full-time staffing to 5 officers. Increases within the department were absorbed by this reduction in staffing.
- 2023 is an off year in the State & Federal election cycle and the reduced appropriations for Elections ($8,719) reflects this.
- Debt Service reduced due to paying off Highway F550 Dump Truck, plus refinancing of PSB Bond to 1.4%

Tom Smith of Dana Hill Road asked about the 5% increase per all employees, and why it did not include the Treasurer. He also stated that it should be mentioned that the Selectmen also increased their wage. Selectman Drake said that that they did not look at that particular position, but that they could certainly look into that. Mr. Smith said that he mentioned the Treasurer salary at the budget hearing.

Town Administrator Irvine clarified that the budget cannot be increased after the Budget Hearing without another Hearing, and that without a Hearing the changes have to be made by amendment at the Deliberative session.

Selectman Drake explained the increase on the Selectmen wage raise. In 2001, the wage per Selectmen was $2000. In 2002, it was raised to $2,375 and raised again in 2004 to $3,000. It has not been increased since then. The Board reviewed 67 communities on how their Boards were paid. New Hampton ranked 37 on that list. They determined the $500 increase per Selectmen from that study.

Tom Smith of Dana Hill Road feels that the Board deserves this, but the voters should be better informed about all the changes that were made.

Town Administrator Irvine explained the increases in the General Government portion of the budget.

- There was a 7.62% overall increase in the Executive line due to the 5% increase in salaries and the hire of a full-time shared position between the Selectmen's office and the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. Last year, the position was only budgeted from April to December. This year it is for the full year.
- There was an increase for GIS Mapping of $1,200. This helps the Selectmen's office by not having to spend a large amount of time responding Tax Card requests. This service makes the tax cards available online, and people can view and print them from there.
- There was the 11% increase in Health Insurance.
- Data Processing also increased by 14% due to the fact that all shared data processing is now under one-line item instead of by department, unless it is department specific software. This helps the Finance Office, by reducing the amount of time spent trying to figure out how to fraction out how much each department used for a particular invoice.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked why the Regional Association line increased by $4,600. Selectman Drake answered that the TTCC presented the need for the increase to the Board.

Selectman Drake asked Police Chief Tyrrell to explain his budget. Chief Tyrrell stated that the police department budget remained relatively flat, with an increase of 0.14% for 2023. The largest line increases are all associated with time requirements of the officers and training. On-call time increased due to losing assistance from state police availability to respond to a portion of overnight calls, and our officers covering 5 hours each night. Overtime increased due overall activity levels increasing. Arrests, offense reports, and accidents were all up over the previous year, and the associated court, call outs, and prosecution deadlines that go along with it. Most trainings are assigned during regular shifts with scheduling changes. Training time, which is the actual hours paid while attending training, not the cost of the courses, increased due to a state mandate of increased training in certain areas, and the need to send officers to specialized trainings to keep up with legal changes and the types of cases we are seeing. This also covers trainings hosted by the academy that are free to attend. Online training is used whenever practical and can be done on shift. Training, which is the cost of the course or program, increased to reflect the additional trainings we will be sending officers to. These are hosted by private, specialized companies. Also, new for this year, we are training all officers in Jiu-Jitsu. It has become highly recommended nationwide as it is a great tool when taking someone into custody with less use of force and reduces risk of injury. Several of our trainings are train the trainer, so we can send a single officer to a required field of training, who can then certify the rest of us without having to incur additional training and time costs. It also reduces the lack of coverage. These increases represent roughly $15,500.

Most increases were offset by changes made to staffing, which affected several line items including wages, part time wages, insurances, retirement, and uniforms and equipment, and a change made to directly connect our computers to our dispatch center. We reduced our staffing from 6 full-time officers to 5, and eliminated part-time completely. This hasn't negatively impacted services over past years. We have historically always been on-call overnight, we have regularly operated without being full staff, with many times only having 4-5 officers at any given time, and generally had one of those officers at the academy. This change allowed us to become fully staffed with quality officers and will help with retention. Our part-time officers, were also full-time officers at other departments, and their full-time schedules made it almost impossible to use them for coverage at times we needed them. There were costs with maintaining these positions that were not being utilized where the benefit did not outweigh the cost. Total wages decreased by $11,300 because of this change, including this year's requested adjustments. Data processing decreased by $2,200 due to the computer merger. Uniforms decreased by $4,200 due to the staffing change. These decreases represent roughly $17,500. The remaining lines were adjusted based on historical data and inflationary prediction.

June Smith of Main Street asked if Chief Tyrrell felt that the town was properly covered now. Chief Tyrrell answered that it was. The department is utilizing the FBI's guidelines for having 2.1 to 2.3 officers per thousand

residents, the services to the town have not been affected and an officer is always on-call at night, so not much has changed.

There were no further questions for Chief Tyrrell.

Selectman Drake then called upon Fire Chief Lang. Chief Lang explained that the amount of calls has increased every year since 2017. The department has 2 people on 7 days a week. Sundays, they work 10-hour shifts. There is also 2 people on-call at night. They get $5.25 an hour. Supplies have increased. The department also trains every Monday night. This is also paid. In prior years, not all the Monday night trainings were paid, so the attendance was poor.

There were no questions for Chief Lang.

Selectman Drake called upon Public Works Director Jim Boucher to explain his budget. Mr. Boucher said that most of the increases were due to salary increases and the training of the part-time Transfer Station/Highway position to be strictly full-time Highway. A full-time position was eliminated at the Transfer Station and 3 part-time positions are filled.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road stated that we no longer have to rent an excavator. He asked if he could ask questions pertaining to the excavator. The answer was yes. Mr. Torsey asked when we received the excavator. Mr. Boucher answered April. Mr. Torsey said that last year, the voters were informed of the dire need for a road side mower. He then asked when we started mowing roadsides. Mr. Boucher answered September. Mr. Boucher explained that the machine was not in working order for 4 months. Mr. Torsey clarified that a brand-new $140,000 machine was down for 4 months. Mr. Boucher answered yes. Mr. Torsey then asked where that machine was sitting right now. Mr. Boucher answered that it was parked at the prior location of the Dirty Worm. Mr. Torsey then asked where it was parked before that. Mr. Boucher answered Huckin's field. Mr. Torsey then asked how far the machine has gone in the past 6 weeks. It was answered about 2 miles. Mr. Torsey compared how the mowing of road sides has changed over the years. He is baffled on how little the machine has been used when last year we were in dire need of it. Mr. Boucher stated that the machine has been used for other things other than roadside mowing. Mr. Torsey countered that the warrant article from last year stated that that's what its primary use was.

Selectman Drake explained the Other Operating Budget slide. There is an increase in the Heritage Commission line due the re-forming of the Heritage Commission and that there is a warrant article later to discuss this. The animal Shelter line increased by $100. The other lines on that slide either reduced or remained unchanged.

Selectman Drake explained the Debt Service slide. He went onto explain the Debt Schedule and that many of the items will be fully paid for in 2024, in 2027 the bond for the Public Safety Building will have matured.

The overall change in the Operating Budget from last year, (not including individual warrant articles), is an increase of $100,726 (3.1%).

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #2 as amended to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The majority of the audience said Aye. There was one Nay. The ayes have it.

Article #3: Town Bridge Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to be placed in the Town Bridge Repair or Replacement Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2008 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing or replacing town owned bridges? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was $100,924.07. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (2-1) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake explained that this is the annual amount that is allocated every year. The only bridge that needs to be replaced is the Brook Road bridge that has been Red Listed for a while now.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked how much it would cost to have the bridge replaced. The question was deferred to Public Works Director Boucher. He answered that it would be approximately $220,000.

Selectman Shaw stated he was the one who voted against this article. He stated that they already had around $100,000, and they had received a one-time payment of $56,166 from the State that can only be used on bridges. With the storm that happened a few weeks ago, there is a reasonable chance that FEMA money might be available to fund the replacement of that bridge. Selectman Shaw is worried that if we appropriate too much money, then it would be less money that we would receive from FEMA. He feels that we can afford to skip one year of adding to this fund ourselves and that there is a good chance that it could be covered by the Federal Government.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked if the $50,000 that was mentioned was something that the town could hold onto or if it would lapse. Town Administrator Irvine answered that it does not expire, but that it can only be used for the specific purpose of performing bridge work. The total money for this purpose is a balance of $145,440. Mr. Torsey asked if FEMA would use that against us. Town Administrator Irvine answered that there was a possibility, but also the possibility of it being in our favor as we could show we had the money available for the town match. Most times with FEMA reimbursements, it is a 75/25 contribution.

June Smith of Main Street stated that if we do not put money to the fund this year, then it may become easier next year to say the same thing, and that we would stop putting money in all together.

Cindy Ossola of Straits Road asked how many Red Listed bridges were left in town. Public Works Director Boucher answer that this was the last one.

June Smith of Main Street asked how the Public Works Director felt about this. Mr. Boucher answered that he would like to have the money available to use on this project.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #3 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The majority of the audience said Aye. There was one Nay. The ayes have it.

Article #4: Surplus / Used Equipment Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to replenish the Surplus / Used Equipment Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2015 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of purchasing surplus vehicles or equipment? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was $5,117.33 The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be place on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Shaw.

Discussion: Selectman Drake stated that the current balance was $5,117.33. It was used in 2018 to purchase a used vehicle in the amount of $14,824 for the Fire Department. In 2022, a used baler was purchased for the Transfer Station in the amount of $5,328. A total is $20,152 has been expended from there and the Board would

like to replenish it. This fund helps the town buy equipment we need. ??? asked what would it cost us if we had to buy a new baler. Public Works Director Boucher answered that they ran about $17,000.
There was no further discussion.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #4 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #5: Fire Department Training Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be placed in the Fire Dept. Training Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2011 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying for mandatory Fire Dept. trainings? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was $10,662.62. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (0-3) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: ***Dana Torsey*** of Lower Oxbow Road wanted clarification on how a warrant article could get onto the ballot if the Board did not support it. It was answered that it was on the warrant for the Budget Hearing and so it had to come before the body at Deliberative and that any question that involves an appropriation has to have a Selectmen recommendation but it doesn't have to be support.

Discussion: Selectman Drake made a motion to amend the article which was seconded by Mr. Torsey.

The Moderator read the amended article:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Zero dollars ($0) to be placed in the Fire Dept. Training Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2011 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying for mandatory Fire Dept. trainings? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was $10,662.62. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

Selectman Drake explained after the public hearing the board went back to look at the Fire Department/EMS budget and it was decided to not support this article. The reason for this is because by looking at the budget, the balance in the account, and a history of what has been expended from the account from the past several years this warrant article is not needed this year. A town practice is to draw out of the Operating Budget first, and then go to an expendable trust only when we have to. We have only drawn from the expendable trust once.

Selectman Shaw stated that it will now read "Shall the Town raise and appropriate $0.00… What will happen if it gets voted down? Town Administrator Irvine answered that because it will be $0.00, nothing will happen.

The Moderator asked for those in favor of the amendment say Aye. The vote was unanimous.

Ingrid Heidenreich of Main Street asked why even put it on if it is a Zero amount. The Moderator answered that because it is on the warrant, it has to be put on.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #5 as amended to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #6: Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of

repairing Town owned vehicles? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2022 was $18,174.27. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Shaw asked for clarification on what would happen if the room were to vote no on putting the article on the ballot. The Moderator answered the room was voting on the question as written. We can only amend the dollar amount at this meeting and that all the questions go on the ballot.

Selectman Drake said that this expendable trust was created in 1997 to help with unexpected repairs. As Fire Chief, he remembers having a very minimal repair line in the Fire Department budget. The fund came in very handy when it was needed. Selectman Drake said the Board is anticipating some major repairs on Fire Engine 17-E3. Since 2017, this fund has been used on 4 occasions for a total of $15,062.

Ken Mertz of Main Street asked if this fund was only used for unforeseeable repairs. Town Administrator Irvine said that it was. Mr. Mertz said that if we are anticipating major repairs to the Fire Engine that was mentioned, why was that not put into the operating budget? Selectman Drake clarified that that particular repair would be in the operating budget.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #6 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #7: Appropriation for Portion of Public Safety Building

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Twenty-Five thousand dollars ($25,000) to partially pay the ninth year's bond payment on the Public Safety Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was authorized to be used for this purpose in 2011? The remainder of the annual bond payment ($139,106.09) is included in the Operating Budget Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake explained that this is the annual request to pay a portion of the loan we started when the Public Safety Building was constructed.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #7 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #8: Fire Department Ambulance Lease Payment

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven thousand Three hundred Forty-Four dollars ($37,344) to pay the third year's lease payment on 17A1, purchased in 2020, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $37,344 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was created for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Department in 1997, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Selectman Drake stated that this was the annual amount to fully pay the lease on the ambulance.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #8 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #9: Town Road Maintenance

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred Fifty thousand dollars ($250,000) for maintenance and improvements on Town owned roads, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $250,000 from Fund Balance, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: ***Dana Torsey*** of Lower Oxbow Road asked where this money was going. In the study, Dana Hill was second on the list, but it hasn't been done yet. What roads got done last year? Public Works Director answered that Mt. Vista, Lake View & Winona Heights had a complete restoration done. They finished up Sinclair, Drake, Hillside & Ridge Roads which were restored last year. This year he hopes to do Blake Hill. By concentrating on the far end so the trucks are not running over the freshly paved roads. Mr. Torsey stated that he never drives those roads, so he did not see their work.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #9 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #10: Fire Department Turnout Gear

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty thousand dollars ($80,000) for the purchase of 20 complete sets of turnout gear, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $4,000 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of $76,000 funded by a Firefighters Grant, with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the Operating Budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Fire Chief Lang spoke to this article saying that the gear that they have now is 10 years old.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked if the grant was completed or approved. Chief Lang answered that it was not yet. The grants are asked for at the beginning of the year and not awarded until around August.

Matthew O'Neill of Main Street who works for the Fire Department was calculating some figures and noticed that the cost of the gear was more than what was asked for.

Town Administrator Irvine asked for clarification on the dollar amount and if it would be greater than $80,000. Mr. O'Neill said yes. It would be $90,000. Mr. Irvine said that the option would be to amend this article to change the dollar amount.

Matthew O'Neill made a motion to amend amount on the warrant article to $90,000. This was seconded by Ingrid Heidenreich.

The article as amended now reads:

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety thousand dollars ($90,000) for the purchase of 20 complete sets of turnout gear, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $4,500 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of $85,500 funded by a Firefighters Grant, with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the Operating Budget under Article 02.

Ralph Perron of Drake Road asked the Fire Chief if this grant had been applied for yet. Chief Lang deferred this question to Mr. O'Neill. Mr. O'Neill answered that it hadn't been applied for yet, but that it was due on February 10. He intends to have it done by tomorrow.

The Moderator asked for those in favor of the amendment say Aye. The vote was unanimous.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #10 as amended to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #11: Fire Department Air Packs

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-five thousand Three hundred Fifty-five dollars ($35,355) for the purchase of 3 Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units (with Thermal Imaging Cameras and pack locators) for the Fire Department and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $35,355 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Fire Chief Lang stated that about 10 years ago, Honeywell had given the town air packs as they were trying break into the Fire Service Industry. Honeywell, could not support them and eventually stopped servicing the packs all together around 3 years ago. A few years ago, the Fire Department bought 12 air packs, but they really need 15. The three that he is requesting will go onto one of the engines that does not have any.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked what the warranty on the pack were. Chief Lang answered 15 years. Mr. Torsey asked about the warranty on the last set from Honeywell. Chief Lang said that he was unsure because they stopped servicing them.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #11 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #12: Fire Department Rescue Pumper Truck

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty thousand dollars ($750,000) for the purchase of a new Pumper/Rescue to replace a 17E3, a 1989 KME Fire Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $37,500 from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of $712,500 funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the Operating Budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (2-1) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake called upon Chief Lang to speak about this article. Chief Lang stated that the engine in question is a 1989 and is 34 years old. It is not used a lot because when something breaks, the department will try to replicate the part by making it themselves or it is very hard to find the replacement part. The newest engine is a 2016.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked if the 1989 was a pumper truck. Chief Lang answered that it was not. It is only a fire engine and has a water pump with attachments. Mr. Torsey clarified that they would be getting an exact replacement. Chief Lang said yes.

Ralph Perron of Drake Road asked for clarification on why one of the selectmen said no to this article.

Selectman Shaw had said no to this article. He then asked Chief Lang how many times it was used last year. Chief Lang answered between 6 to 8 times. Because it is not easy to fix. It works and runs, but he deters people from using it excessively. Selectman Shaw's decision was based on this information. It was also due to the Fire Chief's statement that the chances of getting this grant was very slim. Chief Lang stated that because they have 3 engines already, the grant people do not see a high need for it, and that they did not give out engines very often.

Selectman Shaw felt that the time spent writing the grant could be better served elsewhere if the chances of success were so slim. There are also several contingent draws on the Special Revenue Fund that aided his decision to vote against it.

Chief Lang stated that chassis were 2 years out, and then it would take another 2 years for someone to build you the engine. Acquiring a new engine would take at least 4 years before the town even saw it.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked if there still was certain criteria to be involved with Mutual Aid and does the town meet that criteria? Chief Lang answered that when you answer a Mutual Aid call, you send what you would like to receive. Mr. Torsey stated that years ago there was a list that the town had to comply with. Chief Lang said the maximum age for equipment is 20 years of service life.

Brad Ober of Winona Road is concerned that we are requesting too little an amount. He is involved with a bid process in the town of Gilford and the minimum bid came in at about $100,000 more than $750,000 we are requesting. He asked if there was a contingency plan and will we be able to find the extra money needed. Chief Lang stated that he has contacted a number of agencies and has found it has been difficult to get a quote on a new engine. Mr. Ober asked if there was a contingency fund available to make up the difference. Selectman Shaw says that it depends on the amount.

Ralph Perron of Drake Road asked if we could appropriate more money as a town at a later date. Selectman Drake said that we could probably call a special town meeting like we did when we built the Public Safety Building. Mr. Perron clarified that we would not wait until next March. Selectman Drake replied no because there is a time constraint on the grant.

Tamara Van Lenten of Straits Road asked if the grant had been submitted and applied for. Matthew O'Neill of Main Street answered that it had not, but was due February 10 as well. He stated that there was still time to amend the amount. In last year's dealings with FEMA, they do not give you the entirety of what is asked for. Anyone who had asked for this amount was given much lower funding.

Selectman Drake said that in his previous dealings with AFG, they had made it partially through the process several times, but had not been successful in making it through to the end. The last truck that was bought was only $350,000, but other towns in the area were spending closer to one million dollars.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #12 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #13: Highway Department Medium Duty Truck

Shall the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement for the lease and purchase of a fully equipped Highway Department Medium Duty Dump Truck, with a plow, sander and rake, for a total cost of One hundred Thirty-Five thousand dollars ($135,000), using $25,000 of ARPA funding, and to raise and appropriate Twenty-Six thousand dollars ($26,000) for the first year's payment? The remaining balance of $84,000 will be financed through the lease/purchase agreement. This lease agreement will contain an escape clause. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Shaw noticed a typo on line 4 between "funding. And". This was corrected to read "funding, and"

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot as corrected, which was seconded by Selectman Shaw.

Discussion: Selectman Drake called upon Public Works Director Jim Boucher to discuss this article. Director Boucher stated that last year we had a bad mud season and that only one truck was light enough to be on the roads capable of pulling the York rake. With this vehicle, we could do both sides of town and use it for plowing in the winter months.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked that after this truck is bought, how many trucks will we have that we can plow with. Mr. Boucher answered currently we have 5, this includes 1 one-ton, a pickup and 3 six-wheel dump trucks. If this truck is purchased, we will have 6. Mr. Torsey asked how many highway operators can plow. Mr. Boucher answered 5.

Ken Mertz of Main Street asked if by acquiring this additional truck would it be anticipated to make the life expectancy longer on the other trucks. It was answered that they hoped that it would.

Selectman Shaw added that this truck was presented based upon the need for it in mud season and that the majority of the other trucks in the fleet do not have the capability to help with mud season. It is not due to lack of trucks, but the fact that the other "bigger" trucks will be parked as they cannot be used for this purpose.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #13 to appear as corrected on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #14: Reimbursable Grants Fund

Shall the town vote to establish Reimbursable Grants Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of applying for grants which reimburse expenditures and to raise and appropriate Ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to put in the fund; and further, to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02.

The Selectboard does not recommend (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake explained that there was an opportunity last year to get a grant, but we were unable to, due to lack of funds available in the budget to do this. By having this grant fund, we would have monies available in case an opportunity like this arose again.
Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road asked if this was a one-time deal, and if the $10,000 that was appropriated would be put back into the fund. He also asked what would happen if a matching grant was applied for. Could this Fund be used for that as well?

Selectman Drake said yes and that this would have to be replenished each year.

Ralph Perron of Drake Road clarified that any money received would go directly to the General Fund, so we would have to vote again next year to replenish the monies taken out.

Chief Tyrrell stated that grants become available in July and need to be applied for by September. So, in doing this, he does not know what will be available for next year and that the it is hard to anticipate what to put into the budget. There was a great opportunity last year with 35% reimbursement to replace an item that had expired its shelf life, but there were not any funds to use.

Ken Mertz of Main Street asked if we still used a grant writing service and what is the cost of this. Town Administrator Irvine answered that we did and that it was $1500 for up to 5 grants.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #14 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #15: Establish a Heritage Fund

Shall the town vote to establish a Heritage Fund under the provisions of RSA 674:44-d for the proper recognition, use and protection of resources that are valued for their historic, cultural and community significance to the municipality whereby any appropriation made in support of the Heritage Commission remaining at year-end may be deposited into it. The town treasurer shall have custody of the fund and shall pay out the same only on order of a majority of the heritage commission without further town approval; and further raise and appropriate the sum of Ten thousand dollars ($10,000) to be placed in this Fund, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of $10,000 from Fund Balance?

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Harvey moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Drake.

Discussion: Selectman Harvey explained that they have reestablished the Heritage Commission mainly to help preserve our 225-year-old Town House. The perimeter foundation is showing signs of erosion, the columns underneath the floor are not supporting the floor, etc. The $10,000 that we are asking for is to help seek out grants that would be available to help preserve this precious building. This building is now on the Federal and State Historical lists, which limits what we can do to the building. We are unable to disturb the ground outside the building as it would need to have an archeological study to assess the digging. This building is such an important part of our community.

Mark Denoncour of Old Bristol Road added that David Katz, Dan Moore, Bruce Harvey and himself serve on this commission. They have met multiple times, and have focused a lot of energy into preserving this building. This building is the one building in town that exemplifies this community more than any other structure. The Board is working from a document that Architectural Historians Steven Bedard and Mae Williams created to give them a blue print of what the rehabilitation of the building would take. Included in that document was a

great history of the building including expenditures. Mr. Denoncour stated that very little money has been put into the building, but by looking at other aspects of the report, there are obvious structural deficiencies that have to be addressed. During the 1990's, the floor was replaced, some interior painting was done and an electrical box was added. They plan to fix it by focusing on one area at a time. This building is considered the oldest, continuously operated voting location in the country. We have a valuable resource that we are trying to protect. If anyone has any input and would like to help, the commission is open to the help.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road clarified that this was formed to help preserve what we have, but was concerned that the commission would try to "help" preserve private property. A number of years ago, Moulton Farm, Blake Farm and Indian Mortar (Torsey Farm) were on a list to be preserved. Mr. Torsey stated that he did not want the town to help preserve personal property. Would this commission be allowed to do that without the property owners consent? Mr. Denoncour stated that we do not have a historic district in this community, so the elements that go with that do not apply to New Hampton. He said the commission would be willing to do an inventory of the old structures in town to have on record. He is hoping that Tom Smith is willing to help them do this. The purpose of this commission was to preserve public property.

Ralph Perron of Drake Road asked if the building was still safe for the election on March 14. The answer was a yes it was.

June Smith of Main Street asked if we still intended to hold town meetings there. The answer was yes.

Ingrid Heidenreich of Main Street said that this was the second article to pull money from the Fund balance. If both passed, what would that leave in the Fund balance?

Selectman Drake answered that the audited Fund balance as od 12/31/2021 was $1,520,309, but we drew from that last year, so the unaudited DRA balance as of November 2022 was $1,010,435.

Selectman Shaw added that it is also recommended to stay in a range of 5% to 17%. Right now, they have about 12% that has been retained, and that there will be unexpended money from 2022 that flows into the Fund Balance once the auditors complete their work.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #15 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #16: Re-adoption of Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28 Optional Veterans Tax Credit, as amended in 2022 by the State Legislature (HB 1667)? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service, or who continues to serve. If adopted, the credit granted will be $500, the same amount as voted by the Town in 2012 under RSA 72:28.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Shaw.

Discussion: ***Dana Torsey*** of Lower Oxbow Road asked for clarification on the phrase discharged or continues to serve and if it applied to everyone. Town Administrator Irvine answered that this was required due to a House Bill that passed in 2022, which changed the qualifications on who could receive the tax credit. This applied to the Veterans and All Veterans credits, and included the optional tax credit that the town had previously adopted. We recently received clarification from the Veteran's Administration as what continuing to serve means. The

definition is 4 years of service and continues to serve. There are two available tax credits in town. One being the All Veterans which includes all other Veterans who did not serve in a qualifying war or combat area and the other the Optional Veterans Tax Credit both of which has a standard deduction of $50. We as a town have voted on granting our Veteran's a $500 tax credit. It was in opinion of the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) that if we did not readopt this article or the next article with the new criteria, then we would automatically revert back to the standard deduction of $50.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #16 as written to appear on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #17: Re-adoption of All Veterans Tax Credit

Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b All Veterans' Tax Credit, as amended in 2022 by the State Legislature (HB 1667)? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from service, or who continues to serve. If adopted, the credit granted will be $500, the same amount as voted by the Town in 2017 under RSA 72:28-b.

The Selectboard recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: ***Dana Torsey*** of Lower Oxbow Road asked if we also had a Disabled Veteran Tax Credit. Town Administrator Irvine answered that yes, we do, but that was not affected by House Bill 1667. Mr. Torsey asked if the credits worked on conjunction to each other. Mr. Irvine answered Yes and No. If you qualify for the Optional Veteran's Tax Credit and for the Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit, you are allowed to receive both, but if you only qualify for the All-Veteran's Tax Credit and the Disabled Veteran's Tax Credit, you can only choose one.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #17 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #18: Discontinuance Fire Department Equipment Capital Reserve

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Fire Dept Emergency Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1997. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake stated that the next few articles are more housekeeping issues. The Trustees of the Trust Funds have requested that these Capital Reserve Funds be discontinued due to inactivity for a number of years. The amount in this account is $1,788.97 which would go back into the General Fund.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #18 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #19: Discontinuance Highway Department Building Capital Reserve

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Highway Dept. Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: ***Dana Torsey*** of Lower Oxbow Road asked why we could not put this money toward a new Highway Garage, so that our millions of dollars' worth of Highway equipment could be under cover instead of outside.

Selectman Drake said that at the Budget Hearing, Tom Smith brought up the point of keeping these funds and adding to them. Capital Reserve Funds can only be used for what they were initially intended for. We can definitely recreate a new Capital Reserve, but cannot add a use to an existing one without a warrant article to do so. This one was created for the purpose of building a salt shed and contains $4,147.23.

June Smith of Main Street asked if this was just a housekeeping item. Selectmen Drake answered that it was, for the Trustees. These funds have been sitting dormant for a number of years. Town Administrator Irvine went on to say that we had two options: to expand the use of this Capital Reserve, or discontinue it and create an entirely new Capital Reserve with more flexibility.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #19 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #20: Discontinuance Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Highway Dept. Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created in 1969. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Shaw.

Discussion: Selectman Drake reiterated that this was a housekeeping article from the Trustees and that the remaining balance in this fund was $206.41

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #20 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #21: Discontinuance Conservation Easement Capital Reserve

Shall the town vote to discontinue the Conservation Easement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Discussion: Selectman Drake said that the remaining balance in this fund was $11,877.36. Town Administrator Irvine stated that this was not the Conservation Commission Fund. This Fund was established in 2004 to purchase an easement on some property on Dixon Hill Road. The developer went bankrupt and the town was awarded the property through tax deeding.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #21 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

Article #22: Zoning Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the New Hampton Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows:

To adopt the amended Floodplain Development Ordinance, which meets the minimum requirements of Section

60.3(b) of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations, as an addendum to the New Hampton Zoning ordinance?

The Planning Board recommends this amendment.

Selectman Drake moved that the article be placed on the ballot, which was seconded by Selectman Harvey.

Ralph Perron of Drake Road asked if we could talk about this as it was a Planning Board item. Should it not go straight to the second meeting. The moderator said that it has to come before the deliberative session for informational purposes as it was on the warrant but Mr. Perron is correct that we cannot amend it.

The Moderator asked those in favor of approving Article #22 to appear as written on the March 2023 ballot please say Aye. The ayes have it unanimously.

The Moderator asked if there was any discussion to come before the meeting.

Matthew O'Neill of Main Street asked if we could revisit Article 10 because the numbers will need to be changed. The Moderator answered that once we approved a warrant article, we could not go back. Mr. O'Neill asked if there was a motion, could we return to the article? The answer was still no.

Dana Torsey of Lower Oxbow Road inquired about the town was anticipating revenue of $120,000 on a sale of property and a police cruiser. What was the land? Selectman Shaw answered that we would be potentially selling the land. The Board had discussed the inventory of town land and was trying to see what was the fiscally responsible policy in respect to that land, and then look at the selling of it and getting it back on the tax roll. The Board has not decided if they are selling any land or what parcels that would include, but have done analysis on what the value to the town is.

Town Administrator Irvine asked in reference to Article number 5 whether the Board would like to change their recommendation of 0-3. It was answered that the recommendation is 2-1.

Matthew O'Neill of Main Street stated that with all due respect, wasn't that article already closed, so how can we amend it? It was answered that the article content was not being amended only the Selectmen's recommendation which is not part of the question.

Ingrid Heidenreich of Main Street asked if the Board could at least listen to what Mr. O'Neill has to say about Article 10 as a courtesy?

The Moderator said that we could listen to him as a courtesy, but pointed out that nothing could be changed as per the guidelines indicated on slide 5.

Matthew O'Neill of Main Street said that he spoke to the grant writer and was told that if we apply for 20 sets of turn out gear, that the computer will automatically kick us out, and we will be out of the running. We have a roster of 22 members, but can only apply for a maximum of 10 sets as that is the number of certified fire fighters. He stated that if we are allowed to request less than what we had originally asked for without amending the warrant article, then we would be fine. The Moderator responded that he believes that as long as it is not more that he should be okay, but that Mr. O'Neill should clarify this with Town Administrator. It was agreed that this could happen.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business that can legally come before the meeting. There was none.

The Moderator reminded everyone that Election Day was March 14, 2023 from 11am to 7pm at the Town House.

There being no further business to come before this meeting, The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mark Denoncour made a motion which was seconded by Ingrid Heidenreich to adjourn. Vote was unanimous and the Moderator declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Regina M. Schofield, New Hampton Town Clerk

State of New Hampshire **Belknap County**

Town of New Hampton
Second Session of the Annual Meeting

March 14, 2023

The polls were opened by Moderator Ken Kettenring at 11:00 a.m. at the Town House located on 86 Town House Road, New Hampton, New Hampshire for the purpose of voting by official ballot for town officers and warrant articles; also, for the purpose of voting by official ballot for the Newfound Area School District officers and warrant articles. The polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

Ballot Inspectors present were Lisa Clark, Angela Criscuolo, Cindy Deal, Kristin Drake, Shana Martinez, and Dana Torsey.

The results of the election for town officers and warrant articles were as follows:

ARTICLE #1:

Selectman – 3 years:	**Michael A. Drake**	**150 Votes**
	Ingrid Heidenreich	**81 Votes**

Write-ins:
Christopher Van Lernten- 3 Votes
Dana Torsey- 2 Votes
Michael Merchant- 1 Vote

Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 years:	**Andrew Anderson**	**191 Votes**

Write-ins:
Pam Vose- 1 vote

Warrant Article #2	**Warrant Article #3**	**Warrant Article #4**
Yes - 195	**Yes - 210**	**Yes - 198**
No - 57	**No - 41**	**No - 53**
Warrant Article #5	**Warrant Article #6**	**Warrant Article #7**
Yes - 202	**Yes - 206**	**Yes - 221**
No - 48	**No - 43**	**No - 28**
Warrant Article #8	**Warrant Article #9**	**Warrant Article #10**
Yes - 224	**Yes - 232**	**Yes - 202**
No - 25	**No - 18**	**No - 47**
Warrant Article #11	**Warrant Article #12**	**Warrant Article #13**
Yes - 199	**Yes - 176**	**Yes - 190**
No - 50	**No - 72**	**No - 59**

Warrant Article #14
Yes - 193
No - 56

Warrant Article #15
Yes - 173
No - 74

Warrant Article #16
Yes - 239
No - 11

Warrant Article #17
Yes - 235
No - 15

Warrant Article #18
Yes - 183
No - 65

Warrant Article #19
Yes - 173
No - 70

Warrant Article #20
Yes - 170
No - 72

Warrant Article #21
Yes - 163
No - 80

Warrant Article #22
Yes - 205
No - 39

Results of the Newfound Area School District as follows:

ARTICLE #1:

For School Board:

Bristol – 3 years

Joseph Maloney-	**135 Votes**
Randall Kelley-	**53 Votes**

Write-ins:
Dana Torsey - 1 Vote
Tamara Van Lenten - 1 Vote

New Hampton – 3 years

Fran Wendelboe	**127 Votes**
Michael Delaney	**113 Votes**

Write-ins:
Chip Sawyer - 1 Vote

For Budget Committee:

Bristol – 3 years

Write-ins:

Rick Alpers-	10 Votes	Joel Bean-	1 Vote
John Jenness-	4 Votes	Tom Keegan-	1 Vote
Rob Glassett-	2 Votes	Chris Bean-	1 Vote
Don Milibrand-	2 Votes	Jeff Shackett-	1 Vote
Dorcas Gordon -	2 Votes	Krista Larsen-	1 Vote
Barbara Rosendall-	1 Vote		

New Hampton – 3 years

Write-ins:

John Jenness II-	22 Votes	Steven Marsh-	1 Vote

Maurice Schofield-	2 Votes	Shana Martinez-	1 Vote
Michael Delaney-	2 Votes	Dana Torsey-	1 Vote
Matt ONeill-	2 Votes	Jamie Gilpatric Brown-	1 Vote
Fran Wendelboe -	2 Votes	Andrew Anderson-	1 Vote
Mark Denoncour-	2 Votes	Regina Adams-	1 Vote
		Wayne Roswell-	1 Vote

For District Moderator – 1 year **Edward "Ned" Gordon-** **198 Votes**

Write-ins:
Pam Vose - 1 Vote

Warrant Article #2	**Warrant Article #3**	**Warrant Article #4**
Yes- 151	**Yes - 183**	**Yes- 167**
No- 68	**No - 66**	**No- 81**

There were 209 regular ballots and 43 absentee ballots cast. A total of 252 voters out of 1762 (includes 6 new registered voters) voted. This averages out to be a 14% voter turnout.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina M. Schofield, New Hampton Town Clerk

NEW HAMPTON APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED AT THE SECOND SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 14, 2023 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

Article #	Amount to be raised by Taxes	Amount **NOT** to be raised by Taxes
1	Election Of Officers	
2	$ 3,374,699.00	$ 0.00
3	15,000.00	0.00
4	15,000.00	0.00
5	0.00*	0.00*
6	10,000.00	0.00
7	0.00	25,000.00
8	0.00	37,344.00
9	0.00	250,000.00
10	0.00	90,000.00
11	0.00	35,355.00
12	0.00	750,000.00
13	26,000.00	0.00
14	10,000.00	0.00
15	0.00	10,000.00
16	0.00*	0.00*
17	0.00*	0.00*
18	0.00*	0.00*
19	0.00*	0.00*
20	0.00*	0.00*
21	0.00*	0.00*
22	0.00*	0.00*
	$ 3,450,699.00	**$ 1,197,699.00**

No Monies Appropriated
Article Failed

Town of New Hampton, New Hampshire

Warrant
2024

To the inhabitants of the town of New Hampton in the County of Belknap in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in town affairs are hereby notified and warned that the two phases of the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet at the New Hampton Public Safety Building for the First Session of the 2024 Town Meeting to be held at the New Hampton Public Safety Building, 26 Intervale Drive, New Hampton on Monday, the 5th day of February, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The First Session will consist of explanation, discussion and debate of the warrant articles, which are attached, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to the warrant articles.

In the event of an emergency cancellation, the Deliberative Session will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the 2024 Town Meeting, to vote by official ballot Election of town officers, zoning amendments and the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the Town House, 86 Town House Road, New Hampton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next. Polls for voting by official ballot at the Town House will open at 11:00 a.m. and will close at 7:00 p.m. unless the town votes to keep the polls open to a later hour.

Article 01: Election of Town Officers

1 Selectman Eric Shaw	3 year term
1 Trustee of the Trust Fund Mark B. Garibotto	3 year term
1 Supervisor of the Checklist Michael Dowal	6 year term
1 Moderator Andrew Akers Edna L. Blake	2 year term
1 Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Fund Member Christine Hunewell	3 year term

Article 02: Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling

Three million Five hundred Seventeen thousand Four hundred Sixty-Five dollars and no cents ($3,517,465.00)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Three million Four hundred One thousand One hundred Thirty-Six dollars and no cents ($3,401,136.00), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action by the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in ANY other warrant articles. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 03: Fire Department Fire Hose Replacement

Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand dollars ($23,000) for the purchase of replacement fire hose(s)? This amount will be offset in the amount of Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty dollars ($21,850) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) The balance of One Thousand One Hundred Fifty dollars ($1,150) is to come from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, with no amount to be raised from taxation. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 04: Fire Department Dry Hydrant Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand dollars ($10,000) to be placed in the Dry Hydrant Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2017 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing and installing dry hydrants? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2023 was Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen dollars and Thirty-Seven cents ($18,918.37). The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 05: Hiring and Equipping Two Full-Time Employees in the Fire Department

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety-One Dollars ($94,291) for the purpose of hiring two full-time firefighter/EMS employees to work in the Fire Department? This amount also includes the outfitting of these two employees. The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 06: Fire Department Tanker/Engine

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand dollars ($750,000) for the purchase of a new Tanker/Engine to replace 17E3, a 1989 KME Fire Truck, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($37,500) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund with the balance of Seven Hundred Twelve Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($712,500) funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG), with no amount to be raised from taxation? This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2025. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 07: Appropriation for Portion of Public Safety Building

Shall the Town raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand dollars ($25,000) to partially pay the tenth year's bond payment on the Public Safety Building and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this amount from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was authorized to be used for this purpose in 2011? The remainder of the annual bond payment One Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Seventeen dollars and Fifty cents ($139,017.50) is included in the Operating Budget Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 08: Fire Department Ambulance Lease Payment

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four dollars ($37,344) to pay the fourth year's lease payment on 17A1 (ambulance), purchased in 2020, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of Thirty-Seven Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Four dollars ($37,344) from the Fire Department Special Revenue Fund, which was created for the purchase of vehicles and equipment for the Department in 1997, with no amount to be raised from taxation? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 09: Town Road Maintenance

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars ($250,000) for maintenance and improvements on Town owned roads? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 10: Purchase of a Police Cruiser

Shall the town raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand dollars ($80,000) for the purpose of purchasing a police cruiser, contingent upon a successful grant application? This amount to be offset by a grant from congressionally delegated spending in the amount of Eighty Thousand dollars ($80,000), with no amount to be raised from taxation. This article is contingent on receiving the grant. If the grant is not received, this article will be null and void. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 11: Planning & Zoning Consultant

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand dollars ($25,000) for the purpose of hiring a Planning & Zoning Consultant to assist in the updating of the master plan and zoning ordinance? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 12: Establish the Town Capital Equipment Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the town establish a Town Capital Equipment and Vehicle Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of purchasing capital equipment and vehicles and to raise and appropriate Two Hundred Thousand dollars ($200,000) to put in the fund, with this amount to come from general taxation; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund? The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 13: Reimbursable Grants Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars ($15,000) to be placed in the Reimbursable Grants Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2023 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of applying for grants which reimburse expenditures? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2023 was Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Eight dollars and Forty-Eight cents ($5,438.48) The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 14: Town Equipment Repair/Replace Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand dollars ($8,000) to be placed in the Equipment Repair/Replace Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2021 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying for major repairs for town equipment? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2023 was Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight dollars and Sixty-Two cents ($12,248.62). The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 15: Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand dollars ($22,000) to be placed in the Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 1997 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of repairing Town owned vehicles? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2023 was Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Three dollars and Five cents ($28,223.05). The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 16: Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand dollars ($27,000) to be placed in the Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund, created by Town vote in 2019 under RSA 31:19-a for the purpose of paying for repairs to Town buildings? The balance in this Fund as of Dec 31, 2023 was Twenty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventeen dollars and Thirty-Six cents ($23,217.36). The amount of the appropriation in this article is not included in the operating budget under Article 02. The Select Board recommends (3-0) this appropriation.

Article 17: Discontinuance of Doctor Childs Road

Shall the Town discontinue the entirety of Dr. Childs Road (Class V maintained town road) beginning at the intersection with Shingle Camp Hill Road and extending west to the end of the road? Said discontinuance shall be at no cost to the town and in accordance with all approvals. The Select Board recommends (2-0-1) this appropriation.

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before January 29, 2024, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at the Town Office at 6 Pinnacle Hill Road, the Town Transfer Station at 26 NH Route 132N and that an original was delivered to Regina Schofield, Town Clerk.

Name	Position
Michael A. Drake	Board of Selectmen, Chair
Eric Shaw	Selectman
Bruce Harvey	Selectman

New Hampton Budget

PURPOSES OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:4)	Appropriations 2023	Expenditures 2023	Appropriations 2024	Default Budget 2024
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Executive	$ 267,840.00	$ 244,475.34	$ 281,647.00	$ 267,840.00
Election, Registration & Vital	$ 85,722.00	$ 84,383.26	$ 105,808.00	$ 85,722.00
Financial Administration	$ 187,320.00	$ 191,776.78	$ 197,875.00	$ 187,320.00
Data Processing	$ 38,976.00	$ 35,949.53	$ 36,480.00	$ 38,976.00
Revaluation of Property	$ 65,000.00	$ 79,716.63	$ 65,000.00	$ 65,000.00
Legal Expense	$ 25,000.00	$ 10,953.13	$ 20,000.00	$ 25,000.00
Planning Board	$ 4,190.00	$ 4,657.24	$ 1,879.00	$ 4,190.00
Zoning Board	$ 3,972.00	$ 1,986.62	$ 1,714.00	$ 3,972.00
General Government Buildings	$ 16,875.00	$ 11,036.36	$ 15,725.00	$ 16,875.00
Cemeteries	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00
Insurance	$ 71,671.00	$ 71,671.00	$ 78,404.00	$ 78,404.00
Regional Associations	$ 63,098.00	$ 63,098.00	$ 66,459.00	$ 63,098.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:				
Police Department	$ 734,674.00	$ 698,308.98	$ 782,785.00	$ 734,674.00
Fire Department	$ 260,233.00	$ 220,511.11	$ 251,765.00	$ 260,233.00
Emergency Medical Services	$ 272,456.00	$ 218,243.13	$ 289,560.00	$ 272,456.00
Emergency Management	$ 4,445.00	$ 3,850.00	$ 495.00	$ 445.00
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS:				
Highways & Streets	$ 790,173.00	$ 813,984.07	$ 815,367.00	$ 790,173.00
Street Lighting	$ 870.00	$ 829.84	$ 800.00	$ 870.00
SANITATION:				
Solid Waste Transfer Station	$ 201,989.00	$ 205,422.72	$ 208,732.00	$ 201,989.00
Landfill	$ 10,616.00	$ 11,509.96	$ 6,054.00	$ 10,616.00
HEALTH:				
Health Department	$ 2,060.00	$ 1,883.88	$ 1,960.00	$ 2,060.00
ANIMAL CONTROL:				
Animal Shelter	$ 1,100.00	$ 1,100.00	$ 1,133.00	$ 1,100.00
WELFARE:				
General Assistance	$ 11,625.00	$ 5,338.62	$ 11,125.00	$ 11,625.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:				
Recreation Department	$ 3.00	$ -	$ 3.00	$ 3.00
Patriotic Purposes	$ 375.00	$ 218.77	$ 225.00	$ 375.00
Old Home Day	$ 3,000.00	$ 1,749.80	$ 2,125.00	$ 3,000.00
Heritage Commission	$ 500.00	$ 75.00	$ 200.00	$ 500.00
CONSERVATION:				
Conservation Commission	$ 835.00	$ 250.63	$ 360.00	$ 835.00
DEBT SERVICE:				
Principal - Public Safety Building Bond	$ 111,925.00	$ 111,925.00	$ 119,000.00	$ 119,000.00
Interest - Public Safety Building Bond	$ 27,182.00	$ 27,181.09	$ 20,018.00	$ 20,018.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	$ 500.00	$ -	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
Other Debt Service	$ 100,474.00	$ 100,473.40	$ 124,267.00	$ 124,267.00
SUBTOTAL:	$ 3,374,699.00	$ 3,232,559.89	$ 3,517,465.00	$ 3,401,136.00
WARRANT ARTICLES:				
Special Revenue Withdrawal for PSB	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	
Town Bridge Expendable Trust	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ -	
Reimbursable Grants Exp Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 15,000.00	
Surplus/Used Equipment Exp Trust	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ -	
Town Vehicle Repair Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ 22,000.00	
Heritage Commission Exp Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	

HWY Road Surfacing	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00
Police Cruiser			$ 80,000.00
FD Hose			$ 23,000.00
Equipment Repair/Replace Exp Trust			$ 8,000.00
Master Plan/Zoning Consultant			$ 25,000.00
FD full-time Employees w/ Gear (1/2 year)			$ 94,291.00
Town Capital Equipment Exp Trust			$ 200,000.00
Dry Hydrant Exp Trust			$ 10,000.00
Town Building Maintenance Exp Trust			$ 27,000.00
HWY Truck	$ 26,000.00	$ 26,000.00	$ -
FD Air Packs	$ 35,355.00	$ 35,310.00	$ -
FD AFG Turnout Gear	$ 90,000.00	$ 1,121.32	$ -
FD Ambulance	$ 37,344.00	$ 37,343.77	$ 37,344.00
FD Rescue Pumper/ Tanker	$ 750,000.00	$ -	$ 750,000.00
Total Warrant Articles	$ 1,273,699.00	$ 434,775.09	$ 1,566,635.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	**$ 4,648,398.00**	**$ 3,667,334.98**	**$ 5,084,100.00**

SOURCES OF REVENUE	**BUDGETED REVENUE 2023**	**ACTUAL REVENUE 2023**	**ESTIMATED REVENUE 2024**
TAXES:			
Land Use Change Taxes	$ 17,005.00	$ 17,005.00	$ 7,500.00
Yield Taxes	$ 40,016.00	$ 43,157.30	$ 30,000.00
Gravel Yield Taxes	$ 2,982.00	$ 2,982.38	$ 2,000.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	$ -	$ -	$ -
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	$ 24,000.00	$ 23,413.69	$ 24,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES:			
UCC Filings & Cert.	$ 1,060.00	$ 1,180.00	$ 950.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	$ 602,000.00	$ 634,138.58	$ 600,000.00
Building Permits	$ 11,500.00	$ 11,950.00	$ 10,500.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	$ 6,600.00	$ 6,982.00	$ 6,500.00
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Federal Grant	$ -	$ -	$ 814,350.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES-			
Rooms & Meals	$ 228,557.00	$ 228,557.20	$ 228,557.00
Highway Block Grant	$ 106,535.00	$ 106,535.00	$ 106,544.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	$ 137.00	$ 137.16	$ 160.00
Reimb. a/c Flood Control	$ 26,984.00	$ 26,983.63	$ 24,000.00
Other - forest fires, grants..	$ 805,020.00	$ 805,020.00	$ -
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
Income from Departments	$ 61,750.00	$ 63,636.79	$ 50,000.00
Other Misc Revenue	$ -	$ -	$ -
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
Sale of Municipal Property	$ 9,311.00	$ 9,311.00	$ 150,000.00
Interest on Investments	$ 87,000.00	$ 95,408.61	$ 50,000.00
Other -Ins. Dividends, Reimb. & Claims	$ -	$ -	$ 4,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Withdrawals from Capital Reserves	$ -	$ -	$ -
Withdrawals from General Trust Funds	$ -	$ -	$ -
Withdrawals from Special Revenue Funds	$ 139,699.00	$ 139,699.00	$ 100,994.00
Proceeds from Long Term Bonds			
Voted from Surplus	$ 260,000.00	$ 260,000.00	$ -
Fund Balance("Surplus")			
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	**$ 2,430,156.00**	**$ 2,476,097.34**	**$ 2,210,055.00**

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

TITLE OF APPROPRIATION	2023 Appropriations	Receipts & Refunds		2023 Expenditures	Balance/Overdraft	2024 Appropriations
TOWN CHARGES:						
Executive	$ 267,840.00	$ 12,456.00	(a)	$ 244,475.34	$ 23,364.66	$ 281,647.00
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	$ 85,722.00			$ 84,383.26	$ 1,338.74	$ 105,808.00
Financial Administration	$ 187,320.00			$ 191,776.78	$ (4,456.78)	$ 197,875.00
Data Processing	$ 38,976.00			$ 35,949.53	$ 3,026.47	$ 36,480.00
Revaluation of Property	$ 65,000.00			$ 79,716.63	$ (14,716.63)	$ 65,000.00
Legal Expense	$ 25,000.00			$ 10,953.13	$ 14,046.87	$ 20,000.00
Planning and Zoning	$ 8,162.00	$ 3,096.00	(b&c)	$ 6,643.86	$ 1,518.14	$ 3,593.00
General Government Buildings	$ 16,875.00			$ 11,036.36	$ 5,838.64	$ 15,725.00
Cemeteries	$ 10,000.00			$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ 10,000.00
Insurance	$ 71,671.00			$ 71,671.00	$ -	$ 78,404.00
Regional Associations	$ 63,098.00			$ 63,098.00	$ -	$ 66,459.00
Street Lighting	$ 870.00			$ 829.84	$ 40.16	$ 800.00
Town Landfill	$ 10,616.00			$ 11,509.96	$ (893.96)	$ 6,054.00
Health Department	$ 2,060.00			$ 1,883.88	$ 176.12	$ 1,960.00
Animal Control	$ 1,100.00			$ 1,100.00	$ -	$ 1,133.00
Welfare	$ 11,625.00	$ 2,438.00	(d)	$ 5,338.62	$ 6,286.38	$ 11,125.00
Recreation Department	$ 3.00			$ -	$ 3.00	$ 3.00
Patriotic Purposes	$ 375.00			$ 218.77	$ 156.23	$ 225.00
Old Home Day	$ 3,000.00	$ 36.00	(e)	$ 1,749.80	$ 1,250.20	$ 2,125.00
Heritage Commission	$ 500.00			$ 75.00	$ 425.00	$ 200.00
Conservation Commission	$ 835.00			$ 250.63	$ 584.37	$ 360.00
Principal - Public Safety Building Bond	$ 111,925.00			$ 111,925.00	$ -	$ 119,000.00
Interest - Public Safety Building Bond	$ 27,182.00			$ 27,181.09	$ 0.91	$ 20,018.00
Tax Anticipation Notes - Short term note	$ 500.00			$ -	$ 500.00	$ 500.00
Other Debt Service (Equipment Loans)	$ 100,474.00			$ 100,473.40	$ 0.60	$ 124,267.00
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	$ 1,110,729.00	$ 18,026.00		$ 1,072,239.88	$ 38,489.12	$ 1,168,761.00
OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS:						
Highway Department	$ 790,173.00	$ 325.00	(f)	$ 813,984.07	$ (23,811.07)	$ 815,367.00
Solid Waste Transfer Station	$ 201,989.00	$ 48,320.00	(g)	$ 205,422.72	$ (3,433.72)	$ 208,732.00
Police Department	$ 734,674.00	$ 1,245.00	(h)	$ 698,308.98	$ 36,365.02	$ 782,785.00
Fire Department	$ 260,233.00	$ -	(i)	$ 220,511.11	$ 39,721.89	$ 251,765.00
Emergency Medical Services	$ 272,456.00	$ 50.00	(j)	$ 218,243.13	$ 54,212.87	$ 289,560.00
Emergency Management	$ 4,445.00			$ 3,850.00	$ 595.00	$ 495.00
TOTAL OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS	$ 2,263,970.00	$ 49,940.00		$ 2,160,320.01	$ 103,649.99	$ 2,348,704.00
SUBTOTALS:	$ 3,374,699.00	$ 67,966.00		$ 3,232,559.89	$ 142,139.11	$ 3,517,465.00

WARRANT ARTICLES:				
Special Revenue Withdrawal for PSB	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ -	$ 25,000.00
Master Plan/ Zoning Consultant				$ 25,000.00
Town Bridge Expendable Trust	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ -	
Town Vehicle Repair Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ 22,000.00
Equipment Repair/Replace Expendable Trust				$ 8,000.00
Town Building Maintenance Expendable Trust				$ 27,000.00
Police Cruiser				$ 80,000.00
Surplus/Used Equipment Expendable Trust	$ 15,000.00	$ 15,000.00	$ -	
Reimbursable Grants Expendable Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	$ 15,000.00
Heritage Commission Expendable Trust	$ 10,000.00	$ 10,000.00	$ -	
Town Capital Equipment Expendable Trust				$ 200,000.00
HWY Road Surfacing	$ 250,000.00	$ 250,000.00	$ -	$ 250,000.00
HWY Truck	$ 26,000.00	$ 26,000.00	$ -	
FD 2 FT Firefighters/EMS (1/2 year)				$ 94,291.00
FD AFG Turnout Gear	$ 90,000.00	$ 1,121.32	$ 88,878.68	
Dry Hydrants Expendable Trust				$ 10,000.00
FD Engine	$ 750,000.00	$ -	$ 750,000.00	$ 750,000.00
FD AFG Fire Hose				$ 23,000.00
FD Ambulance	$ 37,344.00	$ 37,343.77	$ 0.23	$ 37,344.00
FD Air Packs	$ 35,355.00	$ 35,310.00	$ 45.00	
WARRANT ARTICLES TOTAL:	$ 1,273,699.00	$ 434,775.09	$ 838,923.91	$ 1,566,635.00
TOTAL ALL APPROPRIATIONS:	$ 4,648,398.00	$ 3,667,334.98	$ 981,063.02	$ 5,084,100.00

(a) Regulations, copies, bldg. permits
(b) Planning Board Application fees and regulations
(c) Zoning Board of Adjustment Application fees
(d) Welfare reimbursements
(e) Old Home Day donations
(f) Driveway permits
(g) Recycling, C&D charges
(h) PD fines, fees, reports
(i) Fire Dept. copies
(j) Emergency Management copies

Bond and Equipment Lease Debt Schedule

Year	Description			2023	2024	2025	2026	
Bond Payment			Balance as of 12/31/2023					
2012	**Public Safety Building (PSB)**	**$**	**501,834.55**	$164,106.09	$164,017.50	$163,787.35	$163,672.15	
	FD SRF Payment for PSB			$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	$ 25,000.00	
	Payment from General Fund			$139,106.09	$139,017.50	$138,787.35	$138,672.15	
	*Original 15 year Long Term Bond @ 3.75%, Maturity May 2027							
	Refinanced 2020 to 2.9%, Maturity February 2027							
	Refinanced 2022 to 1.4%, Maturity February 2027					Last payment		
Lease Payments			**Original Cost**					**Balances Remaining**
2020	**FD Ambulance**	**$**	**199,509.00**	$37,343.77	$37,343.77	-	-	$74,687.54
2020	**HWY CAT Backhoe**	**$**	**124,500.00**	$26,652.57	$26,652.57	-	-	$53,305.14
2020	**HWY Kenworth Dump Truck**	**$**	**171,682.16**	$34,177.62	$34,177.62	-	-	$68,355.24
2021	**HWY Kenworth Dump Truck**	**$**	**188,101.09**	$39,643.31	$39,643.31	$39,643.31	-	$118,929.93
			Sub Total	$137,817.27	$137,817.27	$39,643.31	$0.00	$315,277.85
			TOTAL	$301,923.36	$301,834.77	$203,430.66	$163,672.15	

Statement Of Appropriations And Taxes Assessed

APPROPRIATIONS:

Executive	$	267,840.00
Election, Registration & Vital Records	$	85,722.00
Financial Administration	$	187,320.00
Data Processing	$	38,976.00
Revaluation of Property	$	65,000.00
Legal Expense	$	25,000.00
Planning and Zoning Boards	$	8,162.00
General Government Buildings	$	16,875.00
Cemeteries	$	10,000.00
Insurance	$	71,671.00
Regional Associations	$	63,098.00
Police Department	$	734,674.00
Fire Department	$	260,233.00
Emergency Medical Services	$	272,456.00
Emergency Management	$	4,445.00
Highways & Streets	$	790,173.00
Street Lighting	$	870.00
Town Landfill	$	10,616.00
Solid Waste Transfer Station	$	201,989.00
Health Department	$	2,060.00
Animal Control	$	1,100.00
Welfare	$	11,625.00
Recreation Department	$	3.00
Patriotic Purposes	$	375.00
Old Home Day	$	3,000.00
Heritage Commission	$	500.00
Conservation Commission	$	835.00
Public Safety Building Bond Principal	$	111,925.00
Public Safety Building Bond Interest	$	27,182.00
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	$	500.00
Other Debt	$	100,474.00
Public Safety Bldg Special Revenue	$	25,000.00
Town Bridge Expendable Trust	$	15,000.00
Town Vehicle Repair Expendable Trust	$	10,000.00
FD Air Packs	$	35,355.00
FD Ambulance	$	37,344.00
FD Turnout Gear	$	90,000.00
FD Rescue Pumper	$	750,000.00
HWY Road Surfacing	$	250,000.00
HWY Truck	$	26,000.00
Heritage Commission Fund	$	10,000.00
Surplus/Used Equipement Expendable Trust	$	15,000.00
Reimbursable Grants Expendable Trust	$	10,000.00
SUBTOTAL:	$	4,648,398.00

LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES & CREDITS:

Land Use Change Taxes	$	17,005.00
Yield Taxes	$	40,016.00
Gravel Yield Taxes	$	2,982.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	$	-
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	$	24,000.00
Business Licenses & Permits	$	1,060.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	$	602,000.00
Building Permits	$	11,500.00
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees…	$	6,600.00
Federal Grants	$	-
Rooms & Meals Tax Distribution	$	228,557.00
Highway Block Grant	$	106,535.00
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	$	137.00
Reimb. a/c Flood Control	$	26,984.00
Other - forest fires, grants…	$	805,020.00
Income from Departments	$	57,000.00
Other Miscellaneous	$	-
Sale of Municipal Property	$	9,311.00
Interest on Investments	$	87,000.00
Other - Insurance Dividends & Claims	$	4,750.00
Special Revenue Fund	$	139,699.00
Capital Reserve Funds	$	-
Bond/Long Term Notes	$	-
Voted from Fund Balance	$	260,000.00
Unreserved Fund Balance -Reduce Taxes	$	-
TOTAL REVENUES:		
	$	2,430,156.00

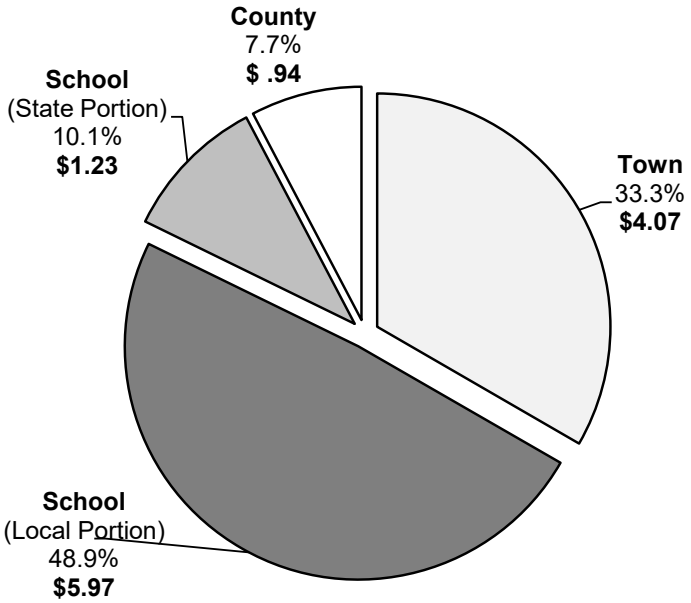
Total Town Appropriations	$	4,648,398.00
Less Revenues and Credits	$	(2,430,156.00)
Add: War Service Credits	$	79,100.00
Overlay	$	47,615.00
Net Town Appropriations	$	2,344,957.00
School Appropriations	$	4,937,789.00
County Appropriations	$	539,919.00
State Education Appropriations	$	653,838.00
Total of Town, School, County and State	$	8,476,503.00
Less Shared Revenues and Credits	$	-
Less Adequate Education Grant	$	(1,491,531.00)
Net	$	6,984,972.00
Property Taxes to be Raised	**$**	**6,984,972.00**
Less: War Service Credits	$	(79,100.00)
Tax Commitment	**$**	**6,905,872.00**

TAX RATES:	Town	$4.07
	Schoc	$5.97
	State	$1.23
	Count	$0.94
TOTAL TAX RATE:		$12.21 per One Thousand Dollars of Valuation

PROOF OF RATE

	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	
State Education Tax (no utilities)	529,970,462	$ 1.23	$ 651,864
All Other Taxes	576,785,762	$ 10.98	$ 6,333,108
		$ 12.21	**$ 6,984,972**

New Hampton 2023 Tax Rate @ $12.21/thousand



Summary Inventory of Valuation

Land	$242,345,676	
Buildings	$288,319,786	$530,665,462
Electric Utilities	$46,815,300	
		$577,480,762
Blind Exemptions	-	
Elderly Exemptions	$545,000	
School Dining Room, Dorms, etc.	$150,000	
		$695,000
NET VALUATION		$576,785,762

Financial Report

ASSETS:				
Cash:				
In custody of Treasurer				
General Fund	$	2,994,263.49		
Restricted:				
Conservation Commission	$	100,366.59		
Fire Department Special Revenue Fund	$	263,546.20		
Heritage Commission	$	10,073.32		
Police Department Fund	$	1,439.32		
Police Federal Drug Forfeiture Fund	$	100.06		
Central Street Bridge Sidewalk Escrow	$	12,258.86		
			$	3,382,047.84
Capital Reserve Funds:				
Highway Equipment	$	-		
Conservation Easements	$	-		
Fire Department Equipment	$	-		
Highway Department Building	$	-		
Total Capital Reserve Funds			$	-
Expendable Trust Funds:				
Town Bridge Repair or Replacement	$	114,077.32		
Town Building Maintenance	$	23,217.36		
Town Vehicle Repair Fund	$	28,223.05		
Gravestone Maintenance Fund	$	6,404.83		
Federal/State Surplus Fund	$	20,141.65		
Fire Dept. Training Fund	$	10,678.61		
Town Equip Repair and Replacement	$	12,248.62		
Unused PTO Fund	$	15,031.42		
Nature and Fitness Trail Fund	$	4,380.32		
Reimbursable Grants	$	5,438.48		
Hydrant Installation/Maint Fund	$	18,918.37		
Veterans Memorial Trust	$	213.14		
Total Expendable Trust Funds			$	258,973.17
Due Town from Trustees of Trust Funds	$	-		
Due Town from State of NH	$	-		
Due Town from Federal Government	$	-		
Due Town from Special Revenue Fund	$	-		
Due Town from Other	$	-		
Petty Cash Accounts	$	500.00		
			$	500.00
Unredeemed Taxes:				
Levy of 2022	$	53,052.81		
Levy of 2021	$	28,362.24		

Levy of 2020	$	10,565.59		
Levy of 2019	$	9,168.75		
Levy of 2018	$	4,521.03		
Levy of 2017	$	847.52		
Levy of 2016	$	850.13		
Levy of 2015	$	673.39		
Levy of 2014	$	666.12		
Levy of 2013	$	2,353.70		
Total Unredeemed Taxes			$	111,061.28
Uncollected Taxes:				
Levy of 2023	$	319,228.70		
In Lieu of Taxes	$	-		
Current Use Penalty	$	14,670.00		
Yield Taxes	$	-		
Gravel Taxes	$	-		
Credit Balance	$	(5,203.95)		
Total of Uncollected			$	328,694.75
Elderly and Disabled Tax Liens:				
Levy of 2023	$	-		
Levy of 2022	$	3,167.55		
Levy of 2021	$	4,561.37		
Levy of 2020	$	1,359.16		
Levy of 2019	$	5,065.00		
Levy of 2018	$	2,919.24		
Levy of 2017	$	4,610.91		
Levy of 2016	$	4,232.35		
Levy of 2015	$	4,425.89		
Levy of 2014	$	4,268.41		
Levy of 2013	$	3,119.92		
Levy of 2012	$	-		
Levy of 2011	$	1,351.95		
Levy of 2010	$	1,197.58		
Levy of 2009	$	1,281.06		
Levy of 2008	$	1,226.17		
Levy of 2007	$	1,143.57		
Levy of 2006	$	1,112.90		
Levy of 2005	$	909.05		
Levy of 2004	$	974.51		
Levy of 2003	$	930.16		
Levy of 2002	$	889.33		
Levy of 2001	$	915.42		
Levy of 2000	$	1,034.89		
Levy of 1999	$	1,127.85		
Levy of 1998	$	984.14		
Levy of 1997	$	930.93		

Levy of 1996	$	1,000.00		
Levy of 1995	$	852.37		
Levy of 1994	$	1,125.00		
Total of Disabled Liens			$	56,716.68
Allowance for Uncollected			$	(47,615.00)
Allowance for Disabled Liens			$	(56,716.68)
TOTAL			$	4,033,662.04
Fund Balance - December 31, 2022	$	1,252,536.00		
Fund Balance - December 31, 2023	$	1,383,355.58		
Committed Fund Balance - 12/31/2023	$	(107,639.00)		
Change in Financial Condition				
Increase in Fund Balance	$	23,180.58		
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Owed by the Town:				
Unexpended Special Appropriations:				
School District Payable	$	1,979,478.00		
Due Acct Payable & Payroll	$	-		
Tax Anticipation Note	$	-		
Total Accounts Owed by the Town			$	1,979,478.00
Due to Other	$	-		
Due to State -DMV	$	1,861.99		
Due to Overpayments	$	5,203.95		
Due to Conservation Commission from Town	$	17,005.00		
			$	24,070.94
Encumbered Funds	$	-		
			$	-
COMMITTED FUNDS:				
Capital Reserve Funds:				
Highway Equipment	$	-		
Conservation Easements	$	-		
Fire Department Equipment	$	-		
Highway Department Building	$	-		
Total Capital Reserve Funds			$	-
Expendable Trust Funds:				
Town Bridge Repair or Replacement	$	114,077.32		
Town Building Maintenance	$	23,217.36		
Town Vehicle Repair Fund	$	28,223.05		
Gravestone Maintenance Fund	$	6,404.83		
Federal/State Surplus Fund	$	20,141.65		

Fire Dept. Training Fund	$	10,678.61		
Town Equip Repair and Replacement	$	12,248.62		
Reimbursable Grants	$	5,438.48		
Unused PTO Fund	$	15,031.42		
Nature and Fitness Trail Fund	$	4,380.32		
Hydrant Installation/Maint Fund	$	18,918.37		
Veterans Memorial Trust	$	213.14		
Total Expendable Trust Funds			$	258,973.17
In custody of Treasurer: Restricted				
Fire Department Special Revenue Fund	$	263,546.20		
Conservation Commission Fund	$	100,366.59		
Heritage Commission	$	10,073.32		
Police Department Fund	$	1,439.32		
Police Federal Forfeiture Fund	$	100.06		
Central Street Bridge Sidewalk Escrow	$	12,258.86		
Total Restricted Funds			$	387,784.35
TOTAL LIABILITIES			$	2,650,306.46
Fund Balance - Current			$	1,383,355.58
TOTAL			$	4,033,662.04

Schedule of Town Property
as of December 31, 2023

Land & Buildings:			
Town Office, Town House, Land & Buildings		$	678,800
Public Safety Land & Building (Police & Fire Departments)		$	2,620,180
Highway Dept/Transfer Station, Land & Bldgs		$	760,740
	Subtotal:	$	4,059,720
Held under Conservation:			
Kelley-Drake Farm Land & Island		$	849,200
Glines Memorial Forest		$	94,700
Jenness Spring Land		$	137,700
Snake River Conservation Area (Spear, Baird and Bergeron properties)		$	324,300
Dolloff Brook Conservation Area		$	363,000
Jackson Pond		$	161,400
Bald Ledge		$	385,400
	Subtotal:	$	2,315,700
Land:			
Village Common		$	8,200
Huckleberry Road Land		$	13,500
Smoke Rise Land		$	346,700
	Subtotal:	$	368,400
Land & Buildings from Tax Deeds:			
Map/Lot R6-5	Chase Road		
Map/Lot R13-9	Old Bristol Road		
Map/Lot R5-10A	Off Straits Road		
Map/Lot U7-1	Route 104		
Map/Lot R8-1U	Winona Heights		
Map/Lot R5-13	Off Route 104		
Map/Lot R18-32	Winona Road		
Map/Lot U14-43	West Shore Road		
Map/Lot R19-3	Dixon Hill Road		
Map/Lot R7-29	Off Winona Road		
Map/Lot R5-11, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11E, & 11F	Lindsay Lane		
	Subtotal:	$	2,243,100
	TOTAL	$	8,986,920

Report of the Trustees of the Trust Funds

DATE	TRUST NAME	HOW INVESTED	PURPOSE	PRINCIPAL BEGINNING BALANCE	PRINCIPAL NEW FUNDS	PRINCIPAL GAIN/ LOSS	PRINCIPAL PAID OUT	PRINCIPAL ENDING BALANCE	INCOME BEGINNING BALANCE	INCOME INCOME	INCOME PAID OUT	INCOME ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL PRINCIPAL & INCOME
	Cemetery Funds												
03/01/44	David H Smith	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	2,496.36		(49.21)		2,447.15	10,145.92	311.85		10,457.77	12,904.91
02/19/51	John M Flanders	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	1,497.83		(29.53)		1,468.30	4,544.03	149.03		4,693.07	6,161.37
04/02/52	Ephlin Memorial	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	4,008.09		(79.01)		3,929.08	569.41	112.91	(315.00)	367.32	4,296.40
03/07/72	Elisha Smith	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	499.27		(9.84)		489.42	3,146.96	89.94	(210.00)	3,026.90	3,516.32
03/17/79	Frank P. Morrill	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Perp Care	4,992.81		(98.42)		4,894.39	8,659.93	336.77		8,996.71	13,891.10
	Cemetery Total			13,494.36	0.00	(266.02)	0.00	13,228.34	27,066.25	1,000.51	(525.00)	27,541.76	40,770.10
	Scholarship Funds												
04/21/58	Sarah Dow MacGregor	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Ed NH Girls	416,573.73		(8,211.99)		408,361.74	6,012.54	10,423.93	(9,407.00)	7,029.47	415,391.21
03/13/84	NH Women's Club	MMKT, TNotes, Bonds, Stocks	Ed NH Girls	14,999.03		(295.68)		14,703.35	1,080.64	396.64		1,477.28	16,180.63
	Scholarship Total			431,572.75		(8,507.66)		423,065.09	7,093.18	10,820.56	(9,407.00)	8,506.74	431,571.84
	Trust Fund Total			445,067.11		35,214.40		436,293.43	34,159.43	11,821.07	(9,932.00)	36,048.50	472,341.94

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND ACTIVITY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR 2023

ACCOUNT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDED	PAID	GAIN/ LOSS	INCOME	INC FEES	ENDING BALANCE
513	TOWN BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	MMKT	100,924.07	15,000.00	(2,067.00)		220.25	0.00	114,077.32
568	TOWN EQUIP REPAIR/REPLACE	MMKT	20,013.87		(7,788.36)		23.11	0.00	12,248.62
673	TOWN VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	MMKT	18,174.27	10,000.00			48.78	0.00	28,223.05
680	GRAVE STONE MAINTENANCE	MMKT	6,395.24				9.59	0.00	6,404.83
682	TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE	MMKT	23,182.58				34.78	0.00	23,217.36
684	SURPLUS/USED EQUIPMENT	MMKT	5,117.33	15,000.00			24.32	0.00	20,141.65
930	FIRE DEPT TRAINING	MMKT	10,662.62				15.99	0.00	10,678.61
132	UNUSED PTO	MMKT	15,008.91				22.51	0.00	15,031.42
773	REIMBURSABLE GRANTS	MMKT	0.00	10,000.00	(4,567.49)		5.97	0.00	5,438.48
975	HYDRANTS	MMKT	18,890.03				28.34	0.00	18,918.37
976	VETERANS MEMORIAL TRUST	MMKT	213.14				0.00	0.00	213.14
081	NATURE & FITNESS TRAIL	MMKT	4,124.13	250.00			6.19	0.00	4,380.32
	TOTAL		222,706.19	50,250.00	(14,422.85)	0.00	439.83	0.00	258,973.17

CAPITAL RESERVES ACTIVITY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW HAMPTON FOR 2023

ACCOUNT	PURPOSE	HOW INVESTED	BEGINNING BALANCE	ADDED	PAID	GAIN/ LOSS	INCOME	INC FEES	ENDING BALANCE
671	FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT	MMKT	1,788.97		(1,788.97)		0.00	0.00	0.00
674	CONSERVATION	MMKT	11,877.36		(11,881.94)		4.58	0.00	0.00
676	HIGHWAY DEPT	MMKT	206.41		(206.41)		0.00	0.00	0.00
686	HIGHWAY DEPT BUILDING	MMKT	4,147.23		(4,148.83)		1.60	0.00	(0.00)
	TOTAL		18,019.97	0.00	(18,026.15)	0.00	6.18	0.00	(0.00)

Respectfully submitted:

David E. Katz, Trustee
Mark Garibotto, Trustee
Andrew Anderson, Trustee

Tax Collector's Financial Report

For the Municipality of NEW HAMPTON Year Ending DEC 31, 2023

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES BEG. OF YEAR*	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES 2022	2021	
Property Taxes		$ 204,956.32		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes		$ 1,495.13	438.56	
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
Property Tax Credit Balance**	< >	$ (12,586.36)		
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	< >			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	$ 6,927,951.28	$ -
Resident Taxes		
Land Use Change	$ 34,010.00	
Yield Taxes	$ 3,304.73	$ 39,852.57
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		$ 2,982.38
Utility Charges		
NSF- Fees	$ 166.36	$ 131.84

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	$ 21,775.66			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Costs from Lien		$ 2,951.56		
Interest - Late Tax	$ 2,120.64	$ 5,673.71	$ 56.02	
Resident Tax Penalty				
TOTAL DEBITS	**$ 6,989,328.67**	**$ 245,457.15**	**$ 494.58**	**$**

Tax Collector's Financial Report

For the Municipality of NEW HAMPTON Year Ending DEC 31, 2023

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for Year of This Report	PRIOR LEVIES 2022	2021	
Property Taxes	$ 6,635,314.18	$ 148,521.17		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change	$ 19,340.00			
Yield Taxes	$ 3,304.73	$ 39,539.55	438.56	
Interest (include lien conversion)	$ 2,120.64	$ 8,625.27	$ 56.02	
Penalties-Costs Execution of Lien				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		$ 2,982.38		
Utility Charges				
Conversion to Lien (principal only)		$ 63,073.70		
NSF Fees	$ 166.36	$ 131.84		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	$ 388.01	$ 199.72		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd				
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR

Property Taxes	$ 319,228.70	$ -	0	
Resident Taxes	$ -			
Land Use Change	$ 14,670.00	$ -		
Yield Taxes	$ -	$ 1,808.15	0	
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd		$ -		
Utility Charges				
NSF - Check Fee				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance**	$ (5,203.95)	$ (19,424.63)		
TOTAL CREDITS	**$ 6,989,328.67**	**$ 245,457.15**	**494.58**	**$**

Tax Collector's Financial Report

For the Municipality of NEW HAMPTON Year Ending DEC 31, 2023

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2022	2021	2020	2019+
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beg. Of Year		$ 41,284.66	$ 29,317.37	$ 24,671.01
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$ 67,421.05			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	$ 799.31	$ 2,698.46	$ 5,601.32	$ 3,313.21
2nd Lien Executed During Fiscal Year				
TOTAL DEBITS	**$ 68,220.36**	**$ 43,983.12**	**$ 34,918.69**	**$ 27,984.22**

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES		
	2022	2021	2020	2019+
Redemptions	$ 16,157.39	$ 12,922.42	$ 18,751.78	$ 5,590.37
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	$ 799.31	$ 2,698.46	$ 5,601.32	$ 3,313.21
Refund				
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	$ 19.00	$ -	$ -	$ -
Liens Deeded to Municipality	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	$ 51,244.66	$ 28,362.24	$ 10,565.59	$ 19,080.64
TOTAL CREDITS	**$ 68,220.36**	**$ 43,983.12**	**$ 34,918.69**	**$ 27,984.22**

I certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Regina M. Schofield **DATE 1/5/2024**

Town Clerk's Financial Report

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

TOWN AUTO & MUNICIPAL AGENT FEES	$	634,138.58
STATE - DMV AUTO FEES	$	155,704.42
BOAT REGISTRATION FEES	$	2,731.00
DOG LICENSES	$	4,942.00
UCC FILINGS	$	1,180.00
MARRIAGE LICENSE FEES	$	650.00
MISCELLANEOUS FEES	$	1,071.29
VITAL RECORD FEES	$	1,130.00
TOTAL COLLECTED	**$**	**801,547.29**

I hereby certify that the above return is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Regina M. Schofield, Town Clerk

Town Treasurer's Report

Receipts on Hand			
	January 1, 2023	$	3,099,970.29
Receipts for Year 2022		$	8,551,434.95
	Total Receipts:	$	11,651,405.24
Paid Selectmen's Order		$	(8,657,141.75)
Balance in Treasury			
	December 31, 2023	**$**	**2,994,263.49**

Account Balances:

General Fund Account Balance	$	(52,076.19)
Sweep Account Balance	$	1,745,385.83
MBIA Account Balance	$	1,300,953.85
Total December 31, 2023	**$**	**2,994,263.49**

Selectmen's Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Michael A. Drake
Eric Shaw
Bruce Harvey
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Financial Record Audit

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC (Certified Public Accountants) has audited the financial statements for the Town of New Hampton. Audits have been performed on the financial records beginning January 1, 1996 through December 31, 2022. The audit for the year-end December 31, 2023, will begin shortly. The complete report will be available at the Selectmen's Office for public review.

New Hampton Police Department

2023 has been a busy year for the department. We have remained fully staffed for the second year in a row, and some members of the department that were considering making New Hampton their home have now done so.

We were able to successfully obtain several grants, to replace aging equipment, perform targeted patrols looking for speeding and distracted driving on state roads, and purchase the hardware and software needed to implement body cameras.

The department has been very involved in the community school this year, and continued to participate in community events such as Old Home Day, Trunk or Treat, Halloween in Mansfield Woods, and the Christmas Tree lighting.

The department has conducted or participated in numerous trainings this year far in excess of the state requirements. This is important for developing well rounded officers, shaping future career paths, and keeping the community safe.

Our overall activity has again increased this year, continuing the recent trend upwards. We had several large drug cases this year, with the largest resulting in the seizure of over a pound of fentanyl. All of our larger drug cases this year involved individuals who were already convicted felons, and were also found in possession of firearms which they were prohibited from possessing. We noticed an increase in DWI cases this year, and several people with complete disregard for the law who fled from police contact.

Stats as of 12/21/2023: We made approximately 2100 traffic stops, up from 1900 in 2022. This may have contributed to the positive decline in accidents we responded to this year, 58, which is down from 75 in 2022 and 65 in 2021. We had another record-breaking year for arrests; 248 which is up from 207 in 2022, which was our previous record. We investigated 109 criminal offenses, which is down from 124 in 2022, but were more complex cases, resulting in 40 search warrants compared to 29 in 2022.

In closing, I would like to thank the residents of New Hampton, all the members of the Department, and the other town departments for all of their continued support making this another wonderful and productive year. The department looks forward to serving our community into the new year, and doing whatever is needed to keep New Hampton safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Josh Tyrrell, Chief of Police

Police Department Activity

Total Calls for Service:	**5,762**		
Traffic Stops	2,232	Motor Vehicle/Parking Complaint	179
Extra Patrol	181	Overdose	2
Total Accidents	110	Follow Up	58
Total Arrests	251	Pistol Permits	10
Medical/Fire Assist	220	Police Information	33
Motor Vehicle Assist	6	Property(Lost/Found/Recovered)	67
Assist Other Agency	93	Property Check/Request	726
Alarms	64	Service of Paperwork	115
Animal Complaint	98	Sex Offender Registration	18
Assaults	4	Suspicious Activity	243
Burglaries	4	Thefts	35
Civil Matter/Complaints	35	Threatening	9
Community Service	17	Trespassing	7
Criminal Mischief/Vandalism	16	Untimely Death	3
Disturbance	5	Vin Verifications	50
Drug Activity	2	Welfare Checks	67
Harassment	13	911 Hang-Ups	11
Littering	2	Domestic Disturbance	13
Missing Person	1	Fraud	11

Fire Department

The men and women of the New Hampton Fire Department wish to thank the New Hampton community for their support and well wishes over the last year. This job can be stressful and unforgiving, but your continued support means the world to us and helps us through those tough calls and sleepless nights.

I would like to congratulate Chief Lang on a truly remarkable, and impactful career, congratulations on your retirement. Chief Lang was instrumental in providing a smooth transition. Thank you Chief.

I would like to thank all of you who stopped by, introduced yourselves, and said hello. The warm welcome was very appreciated. It can be difficult transitioning to a new position in a new community, but your support was wonderful.

Having a new boss can create tension, especially if the new Chief is an outsider. I would like to thank the men and women of the Fire Department for giving me the opportunity to show you my passion for the job, my commitment to the community, and my belief in Respect, Integrity, and Transparency as guiding values.

Six months into the job and I can still say I absolutely enjoy coming into the firehouse. Sorry, Public Safety Building.

This year the department responded to 727 calls. There were 324 medical calls, 362 fire calls, and 41 motor vehicle accidents. These calls were handled by 2,284 individual responses over 1,490 hours. This call volume represents our second busiest year ever. While the dreary weather pattern during the summer caused havoc in our personal activities, it reduced the visitors to the area and the inevitable calls for service.

We are in a rebuilding process. Since June 1st we have hired five members. These members will help the department and dedicate their time and energy to protecting and supporting the community for years to come.

The next year will bring its challenges, but I am confident we will continue to provide the best service possible, and I commit to you we will continue to seek ways to improve our performance. Feel free to stop by and say hello. We welcome your visits. It is your Public Safety Building, and we are always excited to show it off.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott T. Cathy
Fire Chief, Fire Warden, Emergency Management Director

Fire Department Equipment Fund

Fund Balance January 1, 2023			
	Franklin Savings Bank	$	95,894.02
	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	$	155,932.64
Receipts:			
Interest			
	Franklin Savings Bank	$	11.26
	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	$	10,966.08
Income			
	Ambulance Payments	$	120,184.87
		$	-
Expenditures:			
	Invoices	$	(80,381.55)
	Fee	$	-
	December 31, 2023 Total FSB	$	16,647.48
	December 31, 2023 Total NHPDIP	$	246,898.72
		$	263,546.20

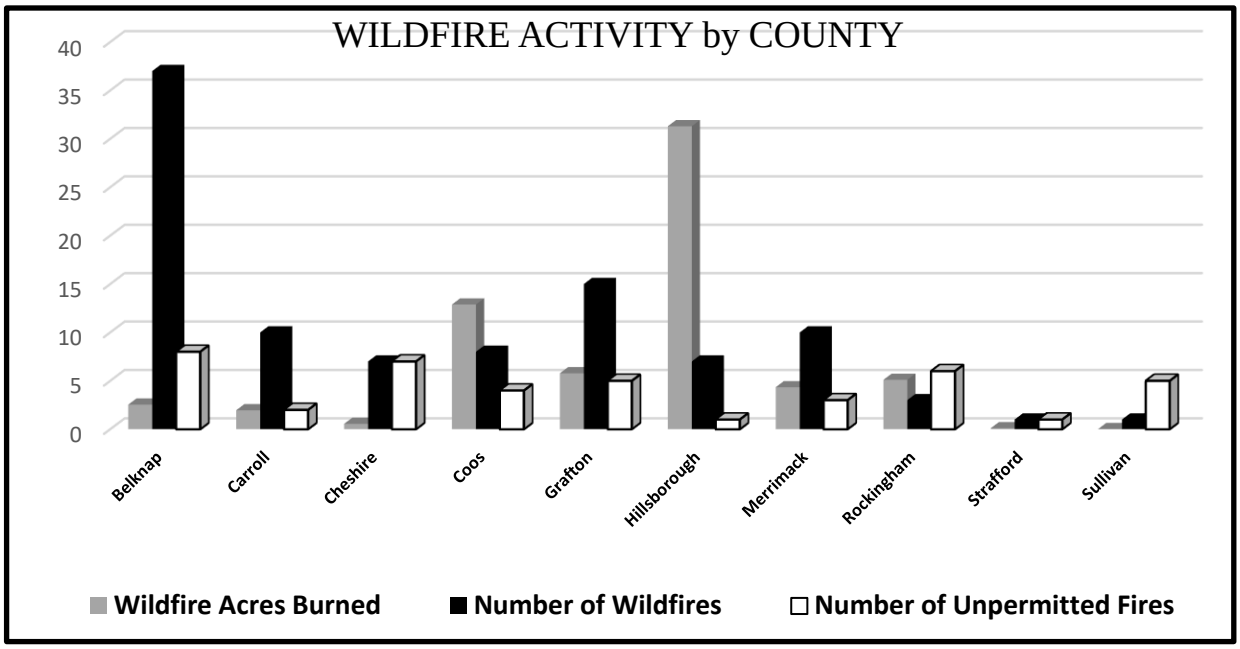
Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with eight structures threatened and three destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **A**lways **B**e **C**areful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. "**Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers.**

2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Number of Wildfires	99	59	66	113	15
Wildfire Acres Burned	64.5	203	86	89	23.5
Number of Unpermitted Fires *	42	48	96	165	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires

Causes of Fires Reported

Debris & open burning	80
Undetermined	22
Power generations, transmission, distribution	10
Natural	4
Other causes	4
Equipment & vehicle use	4
Recreation & ceremony	3
Arson	2
Smoking	1
Firearm & explosives use	0
Railroad operations & maintenance	0
Misuse of fire by a minor	0

Public Works Department

The Highway Department would like to start by thanking the town residents for another good year. The new F-600 that was voted in fits the department well. I would like to thank the public for the positive vote on this truck.

The highway crew encountered three flooding events this year that required extensive repairs. These events made routine maintenance and planned projects more difficult to complete. This much flooding is extremely difficult on the budget.

This year's projects consisted of chip sealing, paving, culvert replacements, widening and drainage improvement on Carter Mountain Road. Chip sealing took place on Shingle Camp Hill, Sinclair Hill, Pinnacle Hill, Drake Roads and Hillside Drive. Paving took place on Birch Way, Sand Hill, Gordon Hill, and Pine Meadow Roads and Fairway Drive. Drag shimming took place on Dana Hill Road by the intersection of Huckleberry Road to top of hill and from Winona Road to Lower Oxbow Road.

Although there were events such as floods that had a heavy impact, the regular maintenance such as grading, ditching, plowing, mud control, cold patching, culvert cleaning and culvert replacements were completed. Along with those, we have continued to conduct our roadside mowing that we began to catch up on during the previous year.

As always, it has been another great year and I continue to have the pleasure of working with the residents and employees of the Town. I would like to thank the residents, Town Staff and Board of Selectman for their continuous help and support throughout this successful year. I would like to thank the transfer station staff, Tom O'Shea, Doug Payne, Richard Shea, Paul Reinhardt and John Fravel. Most of all, I would like to thank the members of the Highway Crew, Harry Cote, Jeff Cantara, Jacob Seavey and Justin Hanser.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Boucher, Public Works Director

Transfer Station Recycling Center

The Public Works Department requires Transfer Station annual permit/stickers to be available to all residents at both the Town Office and at the Recycle Center with evidence of vehicle registration beginning January 2 of each year. Stickers must be visibly displayed on the vehicle's front windshield.

Everyone should recycle as it generates income to offset expenses and keeps our tax rate in line. Recycling is easy and it is the RIGHT way to preserve our environment. Resident Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) revenue was $33,830 for 2023 reflecting an increase of $6,133 (+22% increase) compared to $27,697 in 2022. Our Construction/Demolition (C&D) volume was 233 tons vs 212 tons in 2022 (+10%). Municipal Solid Waste tonnage was the same as the prior year at 862 tons. Recyclables was 145 tons versus 140 tons in 2022.

Revenue was $33,830 for 2023, reflecting an increase of $6,133, (22% increase) compared to $27,697 in 2022. Construction/Demolition (C&D) volume was 233 tons versus 212 tons in 2022 (up 10%). Municipal Solid Waste tonnage was 862 tons, identical to 2022. Recyclables was 145 tons versus 140 tons in 2022. Recyclable income earned was $18,106, combined with PAYT income at $33,830 ($16,341 in 2022) the total revenue earned was $51,936 versus $44,038 in 2022. Recyclable volume was 145 tons versus 140 tons in 2022. The volatile recycle market price by ton has been the at the lowest level in the past five years due to less demand and higher transportation costs (fuel surcharges).

Public Works and Transfer Station associates cleaned up two hazardous waste dump sites in New Hampton, located on Lindsay Lane and on Old Bristol Road.

The Mall of New Hampton remains closed. There is an Apparel Impact donation box for the collection of clothing, shoes, accessories, sheets, towels, blankets, and towels. Please support textile recycling.

The following items may be brought to the New Hampton Police Department: “Sharps”- used syringes and needles, expired and unused prescription drugs. A collection box is located in the Police department lobby.

Household Hazardous Waste:

Household Hazardous Waste includes item which are flammable, corrosive, reactive, explosive or toxic. Oil based Paints, mercury-based products (thermometers, smoke detectors), antifreeze, caustic cleaners, and specific batteries can be disposed at no charge to residents at the Annual Hazardous Waste Day. In 2024 collection will take place in Meredith, on Saturday morning, July 27th and in Bristol, Saturday morning, August 3rd. This is sponsored by the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LPRC) who can be reached at 603-279-8171. Residents can also safely dispose of hazardous materials by visiting the Hazardous Waste Product Facility located in Wolfeboro NH, which is open some Saturday mornings - May through October. Call for an appointment at 603-569-5826

Your employees at the Transfer Station, Tom OShea, Doug Payne, John Fravel, Paul Rheinhardt and Rick Shea remain of service and assistance to everyone. We take pride in the cleanliness at our transfer facility. We support recycling and suggest that when more residents recycle, we have an opportunity to reduce our tax dollars while minimizing landfill pollution for generations to come.

Conservation Commission

Curious weather continues to approach New Hampton with its icy days and warm thaws, and even on these days our conservation areas remain open for anyone wanting to enjoy the sun of a bright day, venture out to watch the winter birds, or to find a nice spot to watch a burning red sunset. One of the most important benefits of having conserved outdoor areas is always having somewhere to discover no matter what time of year! They are places to explore, rest, meditate, and provide so many experiences for winter bliss. Whether you are a hiker, snowmobiler, youth group, photographer, artist, or just need a quiet place to breathe, the Conservation Commission will continue to make sure these areas are available, cared for, and accessible for those who desire to have notable experiences and create unforgettable memories.

A reflection of 2023 brings forth many accomplishments and ongoing achievements from the members of the New Hampton Conservation Commission. Throughout the year the NHCC continued with the monitoring and maintenance of our surrounding areas. As the year began, we continued our venture with completing the easement for the approximately 134 acres of land known as *Bald Ledge*. Our members have worked diligently to obtain surveyors, forestry specialists, and conservation experts to provide management plans and baseline document reports. The Commission also worked hard to procure vendors to assist with environmental mitigation. Upon completion the easement will secure the area in perpetuity for residents of New Hampton and surrounding communities, and overall, any outdoor enthusiasts.

In July Shana Martinez resigned as Chair of the Conservation Commission, her work as chair led to many accomplishments. She was able to get conservation easements on property near Jackson Pond guaranteeing Public access to the pond. She worked with a landowner on Straits Road to place a large parcel of land that abuts Dolloff Brook and Class VI Chase Road to be set aside in perpetuity for conservation purposes. She led a cleanup of that same area. Much work was done to clean up the Snake River property along with the normal monitoring of existing conservation holdings through out the Town of New Hampton. For all these accomplishments and others, we are very thankful for all she did for the community.

The Conservation Commission, as with other Town of New Hampton Boards and Commissions, are seeking to increase members to the Conservation Commission to help assure that New Hampton maintains its rural character and maintains its natural beauty to coexist with the residential, commercial, and industrial uses of the land.

There is much work to be done, trails need to be maintained, properties need to be monitored, and we hope to wrap up the conservation easement with Lakes Region Conservation Trust on Bald Ledge. The Open Space plan needs to be updated to reflect the goals of the Conservation Commission and add to it easements and other properties now in some form of protection.

As in 2023, in 2024 we look at this new year as another opportunity for the NHCC to work with fervor to continue and carry on the dedicated work to safeguard our precious natural resources. We maintain the goal to continue to help educate our communities with information that can be learned from the various ecosystems our areas support and provide spaces where our youth can personally help their community. Most importantly, we hope that in 2024 we can gain many new volunteers and welcome new members!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert W. Pollock, Jr., Acting Chairman

Conservation Commission Financial Report

Fund Balance January 1, 2023			
	Franklin Savings Bank	$	2,708.93
	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	$	76,644.53
	Crystal View Easement	$	1,525.81
Receipts:			
Interest			
	Franklin Savings Bank	$	1.81
	NH Public Deposit Invest Pool	$	4,403.09
	Crystal View Easement	$	0.03
Income			
	Deposits in FSB Account	$	20,208.23
	50% Current Use	$	17,765.00
Expenditures:			
	Invoices	$	(800.00)
	December 31, 2023 Total FSB	$	1,318.97
	December 31, 2023 Total NHPDIP	$	99,047.62
		$	100,366.59

Planning Board

The year 2023 surfaced a big change for the New Hampton Planning Board. Ken Kettenring has served the Town as Chairman, for Thirty years, and has now retired from the Board. His years of service are greatly appreciated!

This past year, the Board has reviewed and approved one site plan application. Three Subdivision applications were approved, creating four more residential lots, and the Board approved two boundary line adjustments.

The Master Plan Sub-committee has continued their efforts to provide the Town with a plan that will include current and developing regional concerns and follow the direction of the 2019 Community Survey as well. The Capital Improvements Subcommittee has developed a chart that ebbs and flows with our changing needs. This is an easy tool to refer to and adapt, as the Selectmen find themselves faced with the challenges of satisfying all the needs of each department. The Ordinance and Regulation Review Sub-committee has worked diligently to update the Town's Zoning Ordinance. Currently they are at a crossroads, and not providing any changes for this year's Town Meeting. Instead, they will be looking to re-align the Zoning Ordinance with all other Regulation booklets, looking to expunge terms that are not in alignment across the board.

The Planning Board meets at 6:00 pm on the third Tuesday of every month; often in the Fire Department Training Room or sometimes upstairs in the Town Office. Please check the Public Notices portion of the website for agendas and location. Each Sub-Committee's meeting date, time and location are also posted on the town website. All are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
Tania Hiltz, Chair

Capital Improvements Plan (CIP)

The New Hampton Planning Board constituted a Capital Improvements Subcommittee at the regular meeting of June 20, 2023, in accordance with RSA 674:5-8. The subcommittee consists of Planning Board members David Katz, Subcommittee Chair, Robert Broadhurst, Tania Hiltz, Richard Shea, Andrew Anderson, and William Vachon. The Department proposals were evaluated by interviews with the Department Heads in posted public meetings held on July 24 and August 3, 2023. The Capital Improvements Plan was adopted by the Planning Board at public hearing on November 21, 2023, and is available on the Town website.

The subcommittee maintains a list of capital equipment and improvements with forecast replacement between 2024 and 2034. The list has stabilized and, barring unforeseen situations, the confidence of the forecasts is improved as the Departments use the report as a guideline for requests.

The subcommittee's recommendation follows its primary principles of public safety and quality of life and maintaining, as best as possible, a level rate of taxation. The Fire Department is custodian of the highest cost capital equipment, most of which have stringent certification requirements. Two key pieces of primary apparatus – Engine 1 and Engine 3 – require replacement in the immediate future at an estimated cost of $850,000 - $1,000,000 each with lead times to delivery of two years. Both ambulances purchased in 2019 will reach an end of life in the next seven years. The Town has diligently sought out grants to replace our primary apparatus without success.

The Police Department plans to alter its "buy 4 skip 1" cruiser plan to facilitate assignment of police cruisers to individual officers. This plan will extend the service life of the individual cruisers. The revised plan is estimated to save on the order of $150,000 over the next 10 years.

The Highway Department has followed the 2019 RSMS Report and town roads and culverts are being improved in a timely manner. The RSMS (Road Surface Management System) Report was updated in 2023. Cost forecasts for the remaining plan years are reflected in this update. The voters have consistently approved appropriations for road improvement which is a quality-of-life issue. Extreme weather has imposed some setbacks with major washouts. FEMA support may be available to address this problem. Additionally, the red listed Brook Road bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2024 at an estimated price of $247,000.

The Heritage Commission has started the grant process to implement the 2023 Historic Building Assessment plan for the Town House. A 2023 Moose Plate grant application had been submitted but was not successful. Grants are typically a 1:1 match. The need for matching funds is included in the forecasts.

All these major expenses in a relatively short time frame have created a challenge for the CIP subcommittee to levelized projected revenues from taxation, with many trade-offs to be made during the budget preparation process.

Key elements of this forecast include the following estimates:

- Continue in 2024 the upgrade of Town roads as outlined in the 2019 RSMS report updated to 2023 values.
- Replacement of the Brook Road bridge in 2024.
- Replacement of Engine 3 in 2027 at an estimated cost of $1,013,700.
- Concurrent replacements of Ambulances 1 &2 in 2031 at a combined cost of $1,184,600.
- Replacement of Engine 1 in 2028 at a cost of $1,044,200.

Respectfully submitted,
David Katz, CIP Subcommittee Chair

Zoning Board of Adjustment

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has the power to make variances or exceptions in zoning regulations, by a majority vote of its members, upon an appeal filed with it by the owner of any such land, to grant a permit based on considerations of justice and equity for a building or structure, or part thereof, in any case in which the board of adjustment finds, upon the evidence and arguments presented to it upon appeal.
Reasons for an owner to appeal to this board are:

- Appeal from an administrative decision relating to the interpretation and enforcement of the provisions of the zoning ordinance.
- Special exception for a proposed use
- Variance for using property in a way which is not permitted under the strict terms of the ordinance.
- Change in a non-conforming use by a special exception, into another non-conforming use.
- Equitable waiver of dimensional requirement when a lot or division of land, or structure is discovered to be in violation of a requirement imposed by a zoning ordinance.

The Board currently consists of five members, and all members are volunteers. The current members of the 2023/2024 Board are Brett Newman (Chairman), Karyn Gatterman (Clerk), Jerry Heckman and Andrew Akers as sitting members. Paul Tierney serves as an alternate member. We are currently in need of, and recruiting, one full member and one alternate. The vice-chair has yet to be named, following Andrew Livernois' resignation in October. The Board is most ably served by Land Use Administrator Pam Vose.

In 2023 the Board considered a total of 14 appeal applications:

- Five - Special Exceptions for a change to a Bed and Breakfast/Tourist home. Two of these were from the same applicant regarding the same property. The first application was denied (without prejudice) and the second was granted after receiving new information. Three applications were withdrawn. .
- Two - Special Exceptions for an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), both were granted.
- One - Special Exception for the creation of an additional apartment in a multi-family unit, which was granted.
- One - Special Exception regarding construction within a setback, which was granted.
- One - Variance for a change in non-conforming use to one that is still non-conforming, but no more than the previous non-conforming use, which was granted.
- One - Variance to allow a septic system to be built with a setback, which was granted.
- Three - Variances (from one applicant) regarding the location of outbuildings/structures relative to setback requirements. Two of these were granted and one was continued to the February 7th, 2024 meeting, pending further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett Newman, Chairman

Heritage Commission

The year 2023 was the first full year of this Heritage Commission's efforts. Scheduled and posted meetings were held in March, April, and July. The Commission is grateful to the voters of New Hampton for agreeing to fund a Heritage Fund. The money in this fund will be used to promote community engagement in the rehabilitation and be a source of matching funds for grants, where needed.

The Commission placed the majority of its 2023 efforts on the planning and preparation of an application for a Moose Plate grant to begin the first stage of rehabilitation of the Town House. The Historic Building Assessment completed in January, 2023 forms the roadmap for rehabilitation. The grant application was accepted by the New Hampshire Department of Historic Resources in June. We were notified in October that we were not selected to receive a 2023 Moose Plate grant. The Commission plans to try again in 2024 and seek out other grant opportunities as well. We have learned from this experience that the competition for preservation and rehabilitation grants in New Hampshire is highly competitive. We intend to take this lesson learned to heart with future applications.

Members of the Commission prepared and presented an information table at the 2023 Old Home Day. We had numerous visitors that voiced approval of our plans for the Town House.

We look optimistically to 2024. We have three elections scheduled in 2024 that will keep the Town House's record intact as the longest continuously used voting location in New Hampshire and probably in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,
David Katz
Mark Denoncour
Daniel Moore
Bruce Harvey, Select Board Member

Sarah Dow MacGregor Scholarship Committee

Balance 12/31/22	$	72.32
Deposits		
SDM Scholarship Fund		9407.00
Interest		.12
Total	$	9479.44

2023 SDM Scholarships awarded to

Alexia Barrett
Caleb Eckert
Noah Eckert
Olivia Green
Sydney Green
Julia Huckins
Mackenzie Jenkins
Bailey Jenness
Ryan LeBrun
Meghan Murray
Gabriel Tyson

Scholarship Expenditures	$	8550.00*
Postage		12.60
Total		8562.60
Balance 12/31/23	$	916.84

*one check reissued 1/3/24 not included in expenditures

New Hampton Garden Club

One of the things that makes gardening more of an art than a science is the unpredictability of the weather. Last summer was no different. It was cool and rainy in the spring and rainy in the summer. Although it made watering the containers an easier job, it took a toll on the flowers. The price of plants, even when purchased wholesale, soared this year. We purchased bedding plants at more affordable places and noticed the difference in quality. Live and learn.

As you may know, the garden club maintains eight sites around town. We have perennial gardens at the Korea/Vietnam Memorial off NH Route 104, Betty Huckins Garden at the lower door of Gordon-Nash Library, Friendship Garden on Main Street in front of the Christmas tree. Bulbs and annuals are planted in front of the memorial stone at the Town House. You may have noticed the watering trough on Main Street which we plant and maintain as well as the window boxes and banking at the Town Office. Finally, we plant and maintain the cauldron by the New Hampton Memorial Park at the entrance of the Public Safety Building Complex and the barrels in front of the Fire Department. Whew, lots of plants and fertilizer and lots of watering.

Again this year the garden club participated in the Public Safety Building Open House Day. Look for us again in 2024. We will have perennials from our gardens, assorted herbs and vegetable seedlings started by members of the club. Old Home Day is another of our plant sale fundraisers. Many house plants and some perennials are usually on sale there. We also have an interesting White Elephant sale. Your support of our sales helps us continue to maintain the gardens in town and provide programming to extend our gardening knowledge.

Another service the New Hampton Garden Club provides is buying and decorating wreaths for the town buildings. It's a project we always enjoy. Who doesn't like working in fresh balsam with shiny things? We feel proud to see them hanging on the buildings around town.

If you are interested in gardening, meeting new people and helping our community, we are happy to welcome you. Our meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month from April through December at the New Hampton Fire Station meeting room from 9:30-12:00. We'd love to have you join us.

Respectfully submitted,
Theo Denoncour, President

New Hampton Historical Society

From the Mission Statement: ... to share the rich heritage of the town with residents, visitors, and students through exhibitions, programs, interpretations, and presentations.

A major component of our work continues to be programs we sponsor throughout the year - often assisted by New Hampshire Humanities. These are dynamic, informative, varied, and generally draw between 30-40 guests. Our October presentation stretched the room with 58 in the audience – and we all learned so much from Professor Bob Goodby, who has been "digging" into the visible and invisible history of the indigenous people in our area. It was fascinating to learn that the roads we travel today (like 132 to Sanbornton) are based on trails that are hundreds – if not thousands – of years old.

The Museum on Dana Hill Road is a popular destination on Saturdays during the summer – and we had a real crowd visiting on the revitalized Old Home Day. We continue to publish an occasional newsletter, and while the "History Corners" in the town e-newsletter have been sporadic, there have been 26 of these colorful snippets of New Hampton history over the last few years. We get requests for assistance from across the country – generally for information on ancestors from New Hampton. A recent lengthy request with lots of research attached failed to notice that the person's ancestors settled in New Hampton, Iowa – not New Hampton, NH! One of the History Corners described how the town in Iowa was founded to honor our town.

On an organizational level, officers of the executive board are Kent Bicknell, President and Historian; Zac Curran, Vice-president; Mark Denoncour, Secretary; Stacy Nawoj, Treasurer; Julie Kirzner, Programs; and Jerrica Blackey, Curator. Members-at-large include Ruth and Peter Gulick, Noah Eckert, Henry Chace, Mike Dowal and Dan Moore. Like historical societies across the country – and certainly some local ones we have connected with – interest in the value of honoring and learning from the past appears to be dipping. We would love fresh ideas about how to build the NHHS to serve future generations as it has in the past.

Please visit the Museum next summer – or drop by the Gordon-Nash Library at any time to find out more about our town. See www.newhamptonhistory.org

Respectfully submitted,
Kent Bicknell, President

New Hampton Cemetery Association

The New Hampton Cemetery Association (NHCA) is a volunteer group that is comprised of members who have a stake in the NHCA. Given limited resources, we do our best to keep the cemetery in the condition consistent with its natural setting and history. The rustic cemetery, set on nine acres of rolling contours with many large trees throughout, is maintained at least twice a year: in time for Memorial Day and again for July 4th. As resources allow, we repair broken and fallen gravestones, attend to landscaping issues, provide water, and generally maintain the grounds, all of which takes time and money.

Sources of income include the sale of lots (trending down across the country as more people opt for cremation), donations, and an annual stipend from the town that covers 1/3 to 1/2 of yearly expenses. Occasionally we draw on our reserves, though our goal is to build an endowment to provide income in perpetuity.

In 2023, we had eleven burials and two new lots sold. In the fall, New Hampton School sent students to work in the cemetery for their Service Day and the group was very productive, cleaning for several hours. The day was very successful and we hope we can do it again.

This past fall the board and officers began a fund raising effort to augment the current income which the association takes in. We have received around two thousand five hundred dollars and hope to see that continue to increase annually. We are a non-profit organization and donations are deductible. Any person wishing to contribute may send checks to *New Hampton Cemetery Assn, P.O. Box #363, New Hampton, NH 03256*.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andy Moore, Secretary

Gordon-Nash Library

The Gordon-Nash Library at New Hampton School is thrilled to continue to provide services to the town, to surrounding communities and schools as we remain true to Judge Stephen G. Nash's 128 year-old wish to serve, "residents, students or sojourners" at no charge. Our primary staff, Jerrica Blackey, Library Director; Dr. Kent Bicknell, Curator of Special Collections; and Kaitlyn Gable, Children's Program Coordinator continue to serve in their individual roles as well as many others. Our part-time staff includes Chris Pollock, Leia Bridgham, Lara Arsenault and Mark Denoncour.

We celebrated Chris Hunewell's retirement after serving Gordon-Nash Library for over ten years. We are very thankful for her dedication to our community children. We welcomed a new Children's librarian, Kaitlyn Gable. Kaitlyn studied English and creative writing at Dartmouth College and is excited to put her skill to work for our community.

In 2023, we welcomed 88 new patrons and redesigned the library's website. During the 2023 summer we offered a wonderful summer reading program challenging readers to be *All Together Now – friendship, kindness, unity and community*. Summer readers were invited to join us during our evening programs of Touch-A-Truck, The Joyful Noise Ukulele Band & Sing-Along, Jerry Schneider's Program called "Support our pollinators," Gretchen Draper held a "Family Story Night", Movie Night, Squam Lakes Science Center showed us the "Earth Heroes," and returning favorite, Lindsay and her Puppet Pals. We ended the summer with an ice cream social. We continue our weekly storytime on Thursdays for all age groups.

Our multi-purpose room created excellent space for the continued support of our local Girl Scouts who meet twice a week during the academic year. It also provides space for yoga on Tuesday and Thursday, for monthly open mic poetry and prose readings, and monthly evening programs from the New Hampton Historical Society. The Judge Nash Meeting Room hosts groups like the New Hampton Cemetery Association as well as local tutors working with individuals. A LEGO group of over forty students from the Community School gathers monthly to build with volunteers Michael Dowal and Chris Hunewell. Their wonderful creations are on display (along with the handiwork of Ms. Blackey, come see the GNL built out of LEGOs!). On special occasions the Garden Club provides us with flowers and a holiday wreath, at the same time they maintain the Betty Huckins Memorial Garden. We are very grateful for their contributions.

We have helped visitors find relatives through the online AncestryLibrary Edition along with the rich selection of local books and records held in the library. The New Hampshire Libby app provides free eBooks and audiobooks (including magazines) to patrons who hold a valid library card. This year we have filled over 300 inter-library loan requests for books and DVDs from other libraries throughout NH and our patrons have asked us to borrow almost 200 items for them. We have helped patrons make copies and access the internet. New Hampton School students use the library during the day for research as well as for evening study from 6-9:30 p.m.

On display in the library are historical artifacts from the town including Shirley Noakes' father, Fred Noakes, The Yankee Whittler, as well as the town and New Hampton School. If you are interested in any of these items, we would be happy to give you a tour of our archive room and its holdings.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerrica Blackey, Library Director
https://gordonnashlibrary.org/

Regional Association Reports

American Red Cross

Disaster Response

In the past year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023), the American Red Cross has responded to **12 disaster cases** in **Belknap County**, providing assistance to **34 individuals**. Most commonly, these incidents were home fires. Red Cross workers were on the scene to provide food, clothing, lodging, emotional support, and more to families during their hours of greatest need. Our teams also provide Mass Care to first responders. Things like food, water, and warm drinks strengthen the brave people of your local Fire and Police Departments as they answer the call to keep your residents safe.

Town/City	Disasters	Individuals
Belmont	1	5
Center Barnstead	4	10
Center Harbor	2	6
Gilford	1	5
Laconia	1	3
Meredith	3	5

Home Fire Campaign

Last year, Red Cross staff and volunteers worked throughout Belknap County to educate residents on fire, safety, and preparedness. We made **9 homes safer** by helping families develop emergency evacuation plans.

Service to the Armed Forces

We proudly assisted **44 of Belknap County's Service Members**, **veterans and their families** by providing emergency communications and other services, including counseling and financial assistance.

Blood Drives

During the last fiscal year, we collected **2,822 pints of lifesaving blood** at **126 drives** in Belknap County.

Training Services

Last year, **642 Belknap County residents** were taught a variety of important lifesaving skills such as First Aid, CPR, Babysitting Skills and Water Safety.

Volunteer Services

Belknap County is home to **30 American Red Cross Volunteers**. We have volunteers from all walks of life, who are trained and empowered to respond to disasters in the middle of the night, to teach safety courses, to help at our many blood drives, and so much more. The American Red Cross is proud that 90% of its staff is made up of volunteers; they are truly the heart and soul of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Jordan, Development Coordinator

CADY

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of New Hampton for your support over the past year. Together we are preventing substance misuse and building possibilities, potential, and promise for our children.

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of 487 people in 2022. Use of addictive substances during adolescence poses serious risks of harm, including interference with brain development and significantly increased risk of addiction. We must remember addiction is a progressive disease that's preventable. CADY works to build protective factors and reduce risk for our children and youth, and together with our community partners, we are accomplishing that important goal.

Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such, it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on to ensure that we are supporting the healthy social and emotional development of children in our region. The most recent Newfound Region Youth Risk Behavior Survey data indicates that local youth are experiencing significantly higher rates of sadness, hopelessness, and rates of suicidal ideation than previously reported in 2019. Misuse of alcohol, high-potency marijuana, vaping products, and prescription drugs are risk factors of great concern. The lack of treatment and mental health services for children in New Hampshire makes preventing the problems before they start a more urgent goal.

With your support, CADY has continued to build youth resiliency by providing asset-building, high-impact prevention programming and leadership training for hundreds of area students in grades 5-12, including Suicide Prevention Training for Central NH youth. We also continue to provide our most vulnerable youth a second chance to overcome challenges, to learn, grow and to turn their lives around through our region's juvenile court diversion program, Restorative Justice (RJ). Many of the high-risk youth referred to RJ are already struggling with substance use disorders—this vital intervention is preventing entry to the addiction pipeline and saving lives. To provide wrap-around support, we have hired a highly qualified mental health professional to provide trauma-informed counseling to support RJ youth and their families. To learn more about our programs, please go to our website, CADYINC.ORG.

CADY believes every child deserves a promising future. That's why we're doing whatever it takes—every day—to help local children, especially those hardest to reach and most vulnerable. We, as trusted adults, need to work together to protect the precious years of childhood from the harms of social isolation, mental health crises, substance misuse, and addiction.

Thankfully, our collective action has the power to transform lives by preventing youth substance misuse through education, skill building, increasing early intervention services and social-emotional supports, and offering opportunities for mentoring and resiliency building. We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. We cannot do this critical work without you. Thank you, New Hampton, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Naro, Executive Director

Community Action Program

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is a New Hampshire based private, nonprofit organization that has been serving New Hampton residents since 1965. Our primary mission is to work with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist in efforts to become or remain financially independent. The agency provides a broad array of services that are locally defined, planned, and managed.

The agency operates a resource center open to New Hampton residents in Meredith, NH and another nearby in Laconia, NH. The Meredith CAP Area Resource Center is funded primarily from three main sources: local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (via the state utility companies) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (a federal program also known as Fuel Assistance Program). The Center is the local service delivery network for agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake, referral, contact, and support with residents of your community. We thank the town of New Hampton for your continued support of our work at the resource center. We will continue to work closely with your town to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

While the Meredith Center provides referrals and information for a variety of needs, there are two major areas of direct support provided to community members: fuel and electric assistance. Below are the specific data from New Hampton residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide $115,355.75 in energy assistance to the residents in New Hampton.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDED IN PAST YEAR

PROGRAM	Description	Units of Service	Value
Fuel Assistance Program	Assists income eligible households with cost of energy during prime heating season. This year, benefits were also given to assist with cooling costs.	Enrolled: 44 households 87 people	$67,964.71
Electric Assistance Program	Assists income eligible households by providing a specific tier of discount ranging from 8% to 76% off electric bills	Enrolled: 44 households	$20,557.04 amount of discount
Weatherization	Improves the energy efficiency of income eligible households	5 households	$26,834.00

Thank you so much for your support. If you'd like to learn more about our agency, please visit us at www.capbm.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Richards, Director, Energy and Area Resource Centers

Lakes Region Community Services

On behalf of all of us at Lakes Region Community Services and its Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Town of New Hampton for its ongoing financial support of LRCS to help assist residents of New Hampton.

Lakes Region Community Services is a nonprofit, comprehensive family support agency with the primary focus of providing services to individuals with developmental disabilities and/or acquired brain disorders and their families. A dynamic family-centered human services organization, LRCS and the Family Resource Center offer essential and critical services to those living in the greater Lakes Region communities over a lifespan, from early supports and services to elder care. At the core of LRCS' work are inclusion, acceptance, and building strengths and partnerships – whether at the individual, family or community level.

LRCS serves over 1,200 families and individuals residing throughout Belknap and Southern Grafton counties with a mission *"dedicated to serving the community by promoting independence, dignity and opportunity."*

In 2023, LRCS served 22 families in New Hampton, providing a variety of supports, such as Early Intervention, Resource Coordination, Family Support, Residential Supports, and Work/Day Support. All funds allocated to LRCS in a given town's budget go directly towards supporting work/day supports offered to individuals that reside in that town. Of the 21 individuals and families served in New Hampton, six children under age three received Early Intervention Services, and nine individuals received work/day support living with their families, thee people live with a shared Family Living provider and four individuals received support from the HomeAssist Program.

These funds assist individuals to participate in community and cultural events, social related activities and shopping within their community. As a result of the $300.00 donation received from the town of New Hampton, individuals we serve have an opportunity get out and experience their communities more frequently and participate in daily activities that many of us take for granted.

Lakes Region Community Services is dedicated to serving the needs of the community in the best way possible and the support of the communities we serve is so important to this effort. We are grateful for the funds that the Town of New Hampton provides to our organization and hope we can continue counting on your support in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Leda, Vice President of Development and Public Relations

Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) is designated by the state as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving 24 towns in Region 3 (Belknap and southern Grafton Counties).

LRMHC's **mission** is to provide integrated mental and physical health care for people with mental illness while creating wellness and understanding, in our communities. The organization's **vision** is to be the community leader providing quality, accessible and integrated mental and physical health services, delivered with dedication and compassion.

A CMHC serves the most vulnerable people that require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access needed services. Because of the nature of this work, LRMHC's annual budget is comprised of up to 70% Medicaid reimbursements. The resulting loss of Medicaid reimbursement revenue due to the expiration of the public health emergency (COVID), known as "unwinding", combined with increased case management efforts to re-engage this population and help those that are eligible to access benefits, has resulted in an unprecedented, extremely challenging 2024 Fiscal Budget year for LRMHC, as well as other community health agencies. The support of the towns we serve is more important than ever so that we can maintain services.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) "Mission Zero" plan to eliminate hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding by 2025 is a top focus of NH's 10-year Mental Health Plan. Because of the central location in the state, LRMHC has agreed to be a leader of this initiative and will dedicate part of the LRMHC Plymouth office location as a crisis center called **"A Place to Go**", expected to open in 2024. A Place to Go will offer people in crisis with acute psychiatric needs access to care and supports to address their immediate psychological needs.

Every dollar the town of New Hampton contributes is invested in care for people in New Hampton. It is leveraged with funds from other towns to offset the tremendous cost of high-quality access to care.

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, LRMHC served **3,622** patients, and provided over $**319,000** in charity care. **46 residents of New Hampton** accessed LRMHC services: 18 children (0-17), 25 adults (18-61), and 3 elders (62+). New Hampton residents represent **3%** of the LRMHC catchment area.

Similar to the police or fire department, Mental Health Care is a municipal service and a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Your appropriation ensures the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduces the burden on your town.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Vachon, Director of Development and Public Relations

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack counties enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC plans at the local, regional, and statewide levels and is an essential conduit for federal funding. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services such as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by an Executive Director.

The LRPC provides a forum for communities to share information and services from model ordinances and joint purchasing to solid waste districts and watershed management plans, and serves as a resource to support and enhance local planning and regional collaboration. The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:

- Transportation, land use, and watershed management planning
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance
- Economic development assistance
- Grant writing and administration
- GIS mapping
- Data collection and analysis

The following are highlights of our FY23 local and regional activities. For our full FY23 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at www.lakesrpc.nh.gov.

Award Presentation	• The recently renamed and redesigned Ayers-Cotton Environmental Service Award (formerly known as The Kim Ayers Award) was presented to New Hampton resident Kenneth Kettenring to acknowledge his decades of commitment and outstanding contributions in maintaining and improving the environmental quality of the Lakes Region and the Granite State. Mr. Kettenring was present to accept his award.
General & Technical Assistance	• Responded to request for copy of draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment report. • Worked with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership. • As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	• The LRPC is a great resource for community maps. Give us a call if your town needs updated zoning, town roads, or community facility maps for instance.
Grant Administration	• The LRPC provides a wide variety of grant writing and administration assistance to towns as needed.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	• Coordinated our 37th Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections in the Summer & Fall of 2023, and widely promoted this event to reach the maximum number of households. This event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities. • New Hampton Household Participation: 39

	• *Please go to our website (lakesrpc.nh.gov) if you missed this year's collection for alternative disposal options.*
Newsletters & Articles	• The LRPC helps coordinate information from many different sources and is a great resource for keeping towns up to date on planning issues and resources through both our website and direct contact.
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	• Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 335 copies of the annual *NH Planning and Land Use Regulation* books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of $96.25 for each book and $88.50 for each book with e-book. • New Hampton purchased 5 books and 3 books with e-books. Total saved: $746.75.
Road Surface Management System (RSMS)	• Developed scope and budget for updating RSMS. • Accomplished mapping and parameters of an RSMS update. • Conducted interview with Capital Improvement Program Chair concerning the usefulness of RSMS. • Provided 2023 forecasted repair data from RSMS update project to DPW Director.
Solid Waste Management	• Conducted a transfer station site visit to discuss efficiency improvements. • The LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events, regional purchase opportunities, and much more.
Technical Land Use Planning Assistance (TBG – A)	• The LRPC employs a professional land use planner to assist towns with technical land use issues which require a knowledge of land use law, NH RSA's, as well as state and local regulations on either a short or long-term basis.
Transportation Planning	• Conducted traffic counts at 7 locations within New Hampton as requested by the NH Department of Transportation. • Provided information to Town representative regarding traffic count numbers along Route 104 to assist in zoning discussions.

The LRPC is a participation-based organization where Commissioners have the final say on the annual budget and can determine what services the organization provides. New Hampton representatives to the LRPC during FY23 were: Commissioners Dave Katz and Andrew Anderson and TAC Advisor Robert Pollock, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Hayes, Executive Director

Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association

We are dedicated to providing a range of essential services to your community, including Skilled Nursing, Licensed Aides, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Workers, Speech Therapy, Spiritual Care, and Bereavement Counselors.

Your generous contribution will play a vital role in helping us offset the ongoing reduction in Federal Medicare program reimbursement rates and in providing care to New Hampton residents who require free clinics or lack insurance coverage. Over our last fiscal year which is from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023, we have conducted 1,172 in-home visits to serve our clients in New Hampton. The visits consisted of the following:

Skilled Nurse – 489
Licensed Nurse Aide – 267
Occupational Therapy – 104
Physical Therapy – 249
Medical Social worker- 23
Speech Therapy – 7
Counselor – 11
Chaplain – 18
Volunteer – 3
Physician - 1

Lakes Region VNA remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering high-quality home care and hospice services to all our clients, regardless of their ability to pay. We express our gratitude for your consideration and for the trust you have placed in us to provide the finest possible care to your residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Elliard, Finance Director

New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse

On behalf of *New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse*, I would like to thank the citizens of the town of New Hampton for their ongoing support. Your 2022-2023 allocation has enabled our agency to continue to provide services to those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in New Hampton and all of Belknap County.

New Beginnings is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support, and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence.

New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County. It provided services to twelve residents of New Hampton in FY23. Advocates provided myriad services to New Hampton residents, including counseling, accompaniment to court, parental support, support groups, safety planning, financial assistance, and transitional housing. Trained advocates provide 24-hour crisis intervention, accompaniment, safe shelter for victims and their children, weekly support groups for all ages, transitional housing, financial empowerment programming, and systems advocacy. All services are confidential, non-judgmental, and free of charge.

New Beginnings works closely with many social service agencies and multidisciplinary partners. Advocates respond 24-7 to Concord Hospital-Laconia, Laconia Family Court, Laconia District Court, and Belknap County Superior Court. Advocates partner with New Hampton Police on the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), which is designed to immediately connect a survivor with an advocate on-scene after a domestic disturbance with the goal of reducing domestic violence homicides. Advocates accompany non-offending caregivers to forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center. The New Beginnings Family Violence Prevention Specialist has office hours at the Laconia DCYF district office and partners with Child Protective Service Workers on cases of co-occurring domestic violence and child abuse or neglect. The Executive Director is a member of the steering committee of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team. The agency also facilitates the Belknap County Sexual Assault Response Team.

New Beginnings is the service provider for Sadie's Place, a five-unit transitional housing facility in Meredith serving Belknap County families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Sadie's Place opened its doors in September 2021 and is currently serving five families. Advocates work with each family to give them the tools they need to establish safe, permanent housing free from violence and abuse.
We are one of twelve member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV), promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal grants and contracts that provide federal and state funding for member programs.

Community support has always been our greatest asset. We look forward to continuing to work with you to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Shauna Foster, Executive Director

New Hampshire Humane Society

As has been the case every year, the 2023 partnership between the Town of New Hampton and New Hampshire Humane Society has been a beneficial and successful collaboration. This community partnership is not only cost-effective but is also a signal from New Hampton that the community espouses a compassion and love for animals that is such an integral part of the New England region.

This important contractual arrangement between us means that animals in need within the New Hampton town limits receive a positive outcome. Whether the issue is stray dogs or cats, unwanted litters, or residents needing help caring for pets, we try to be a solution and we are honored to be part of the lives of New Hampton citizens.

New Hampshire Humane Society maintains a staff of 18 animal care professionals, including on-site veterinarians. Within our capacity to do so, our team provides comfort, medical care, as well as emotional or behavioral rehabilitation to every animal. Animal Control and Law Enforcement personnel may access our facility 24 hours a day, every day, for strays or abandoned animals from the Town. While observing our capacity limitations, residents who can no longer care for their pets may surrender them to us by appointment.

New Hampshire Humane Society is a registered 501(c)3 organization relying solely on public support to carry out our mission. As an independent agency we receive funds through donations, grants, fundraising events, and service contracts with our local communities. Since our inception in 1900, we have been an advocate for animals and have blossomed into a full-service adoption agency and care facility. We also offer many community programs, including:

- A *Seasonal no-cost spay/neuter Program* made available to your municipality (Visit nhhumane.org for info.)
- *Pet Visitation Programs* for the senior facilities and children's hospitals throughout the region.
- *Educational outreach and enrichment Programs*.
- *Volunteer Opportunities* throughout the year.
- *Community Response Initiatives* to help families who are experiencing financial difficulties obtain pet food and supplies they need to keep their animals at home.
- And we facilitate public rabies, microchip, and vaccine clinics that are accessible to our municipalities.

In 2023, **117 services were provided to New Hampton families** including public and police strays, pet surrenders, reclaimed pets, adoptions by New Hampton residents, and/or spay/neuter surgeries or vaccines for resident pets. Thank you for your compassion for animals as reflected in this partnership.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Stanton, Executive Director

Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee

The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is a member organization of appointed local representatives that oversees the Pemigewasset (the Pemi) River corridor (one quarter mile on either side of the river) that traverses the municipalities of Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Franconia, Franklin, Hill, Holderness, Lincoln, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, Thornton and Woodstock. The members of PRLAC act on behalf of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to review and comment on state and local permits for activities impacting the corridor, and they communicate with municipalities and citizens regarding corridor management. The DES does not have adequate staff to visit most permit application sites in a timely fashion, and they have asked PRLAC as well as other Local Advisory Committees to perform this task for them. Our site visits collect data, make observations, and usually take photos of the sites of the proposed projects that will impact the Pemi corridor, and then we report our findings to DES, the developer, and the property owner. Although we ourselves do not have the authority to approve or deny an application, our observations influence the action that is taken by DES.

During 2023 PRLAC's membership remained strong, and we thank your town for providing knowledgeable and engaged representatives! Their participation continues to provide valuable insight and information as we pursue our mission. Just a reminder that Select Boards of each of the PRLAC towns may appoint up to 3 members to the committee.

The Pemi is a Class B River, meaning that it has high aesthetic value and is acceptable for swimming and other recreational activities, fish habitat, and for use as a public water supply after treatment. Our mission is to do those things necessary to maintain the Pemi's Class B water quality status. Historically, the Pemi has had a wide variety of surface water problems, and PRLAC has had considerable experience in identifying potential water quality issues before they become a crisis and make suggestions for prevention and remediation.

One role of PRLAC is to investigate permit applications that are submitted to DES. With the increase of development and infrastructure projects along the Pemi, our permit investigations have expanded dramatically. We continue to monitor individual and business growth for shoreline violations. One major concern we are still working on is the clear-cut mowing along the riverbanks by the various utility companies. We have observed that they are not leaving enough flora to keep the riverbanks stable, thus causing erosion. We continue to explore what options we have to control that process while protecting against invasive species. Although not specific to a permit application, some members did research as to the possibility of PFAS chemicals being manufactured and used in areas along the river corridor.

Several of the permit applications we received had to do with water withdrawals. Right now, the Pemigewasset River has 130 registered withdrawal users. PRLAC has seen a notable increase in withdrawal applications during this past year. Our objective is to balance sensible environmental and economic goals while respecting the rights and desires of riparian property owners of the region. We wish to ensure that there is enough water to support aquatic life, fish consumption, drinking water supply after adequate treatment, swimming, boating, and wildlife.

One way we are looking to protect this goal is to have the Pemigewasset River be a part of the DES Instream Flow Program. The Instream Flow Program ensures that rivers continue to flow in spite of the uses and stresses that people put on them. The Instream Flow Program operates within the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program statute, Section 9-c (RSA 483:9-c) and in accordance with Administrative Rule Env-Wq 1900. We are pleased to announce that the Pemigewasset River has been

chosen with active data collection already in process. We anticipate a final report in 2026. Here is the link for further information on this program: https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/instream-flow
Another key role of PRLAC is its participation with the DES Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), where PRLAC members tested water quality at 9 stations along the Pemigewasset and three tributaries that feed into the Pemi. Last year was the 22nd year of regular water testing at these 9 stations, and we recognize what a benefit it is to have been able to rely on our volunteers to perform a 20-year longitudinal study of the Pemi River water quality parameters! Testing takes place from Bristol to Thornton and runs from April into September. VRAP tests are conducted for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance, temperature, and chloride; all key elements in assessing overall river health. Additionally, after taking the previous year off due to COVID precautions, DES's lab was once again able to test for E coli, total phosphorus, and nitrogen at popular recreation sites on the river. We are hoping to add test sites to include the river north of Thornton to Franconia Notch. Information on DES's rivers and lakes testing program along with the results of our annual testing are posted on the DES website: www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/river-and-lake-monitoring.

Under state law, one purpose of the Local Advisory Committee is to develop a corridor management plan which communities may adopt as an adjunct to their master plan, and report to NH DES and communities on the status of compliance to laws and regulations. Our Management Plan is used to inform the public and serve as a resource for anyone interested in going forward with a project in the Pemi River corridor. During 2023, PRLAC worked diligently with Dave Jeffers and the staff at LRPC to complete the process by year's end. We are pleased to note that the approved document will be available to the public in the spring of 2024. Online access: https://www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmgmtplan.asp. We are extremely grateful to all who participated in the process.

PRLAC continues to benefit from the financial support we receive from the majority of the Pemi Corridor towns that we work most closely with. For that, we are very thankful! Your contribution goes directly towards protection of this key corridor resource. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. PRLAC meets at 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month from January through November. We have returned to in-person meetings with a Zoom option noted on the agenda. Details of the monthly meeting are posted through your Town, and all are encouraged to attend, and you can find out more information from reviewing the meeting minutes. The minutes of our meetings are available at our link: www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmeetings.asp.

PRLAC continues to be a dedicated group of volunteers with a focus on keeping the Pemigewasset River healthy and cared for so that all of us can utilize its beauty and its natural resources.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherrill D. Howard, Chair

Tapply-Thompson Community Center

2023 has been a wild ride here at the TTCC with so many positive things happening!

As we enter 2024 we will be reviewing options for our second location which will have a full-size gymnasium in the plans. With our ever-growing programs we need additional space to provide our communities with our many activities. We will not be leaving our current building but have received a $1,000,000 grant to do renovations and upgrades in our much beloved space. This will include a new handicap entrance with access to the basement and main floor, electrical upgrades, new security system and relocation of the offices. Work has begun and will be done in phases as we will continue to be using the building for programs.

This past summer we were able to bring back our *'Westward Bound Teen Expedition'* trip after a hiatus during Covid. This is an award-winning program that takes 12 incoming freshman students on a trip to visit National Parks in the Western United States. The chaperones include the TTCC Director, Principal of the High School and two high school teachers. This was our 14th trip. We visited the Arches National Park, Mesa Verde, Four Corners, and Great Sand Dunes National Park. It has been described as 'life changing' by many and the relationships that are built with the High School staff make an incredibly positive impact on their high school career.

This year we were able to provide over $28,000 in program scholarships to area families and had over 1,000 participants in our programs. We have teamed up with Newfound Country Store to offer the Annual Bridgewater Turkey Trot event. This event raised over $14,000 in 2023 which provided local families with gas, food and clothing gift cards to help those who are struggling. We continue to offer our *Every Child is Ours* weekly food bag program. This program provides bags of food containing 10 items for students who may be food challenged on weekends. We are currently filling 142 bags each week. Our Operation Warm program provided 136 children with coats, snowpants and boots this past fall. Clearly the need is great in our communities, and we are grateful for all the support we receive to make these opportunities available.

This past summer our camps filled within the first few days of registration opening. This created a waiting list of 60 children. Realizing how much these families depend on us for the well-being of their children in the summer we had to get creative! We made the decision to add a 4th camp – Project QUEST. Additional staff was hired and we were able to secure the use of the Bristol Elementary School as the site for that group. Incredibly, we were able to take everyone off the waiting list. We averaged 170 campers per day and despite the rain, rain, rain we were able to have a safe, fun, and successful summer!

We continue to offer all youth sports, adult pickleball, Shape Up Newfound and have added Dog Obedience, Adult Tap & Hip Hop, Youth Karate & Youth Dance classes. Baseball & Softball registration begins in February and Summer Program registration opens on March 1st.

We have been incredibly fortunate for the support from our donors and supporters this year as we raise funds for our building projects. And it is important that we give a huge thank you to our many volunteers who help us provide youth sports, staff events, and help wherever needed. We could not accomplish this without all of you! What an amazing community we live in!

This is just a brief snapshot of what we have been doing over the past year. We look forward to serving you in 2024! On behalf of our TTCC Staff & Board we thank you!!

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Dion, Director

Transport Central

Transport Central is a 501 (c) (3) agency operating in Plymouth, NH, for the purpose of providing rides to qualified people that have no other means to get to a doctor's appointment or to seek medical treatment. A qualified person is either 60 years old or greater, disabled, or a veteran not otherwise served. Since its inception in 2013, Transport Central has been providing this service for any qualified person in our 19-town catchment area. In the last eight years, Transport Central has provided just over 28,000 rides, while our volunteer drivers have exceeded 1.3 million miles providing trips to citizens in need.

Another service offered by Transport Central is mobility management, where we work with the elderly and disabled clients to help solve their overall transportation issues. This ranges from assisting them to reschedule their appointments, to finding alternative rides for them, and helping them understand how to utilize hospital and agency staff and services more effectively.

Transport Central does not receive sufficient state and federal funds to survive, so we must rely on grants from healthcare providers and town contributions to allow us to do our work.

In FY 2023, Transport Central provided 2,581 rides to qualified people in our catchment area, with a total of 119,625 miles that our volunteers traveled to get everyone to their medical appointments.

For the Town of New Hampton, Transport Central provided 46 rides for 5 people for a total of 1,502 total miles, which accounted for medical trips to and from appointments at Concord Hospital, Speare Memorial, Dartmouth Hospital, and other medical offices.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Bolton, Jr., Executive Director

Vital Statistics

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RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2023-12/31/2023
NEW HAMPTON

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
BROWN, ELLIOTT ROBERT	02/22/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	BROWN, NICHOLAS SAMUEL	BROWN, LUCIENNE
TORRES, VALENCIA JAZAKIN	03/01/2023	LEBANON, NH	TORRES, JAYDEN	BONY, SAVANNA ALYSSA
KING, GEORGIA GRACE	04/28/2023	CONCORD, NH	KING, MASON JAMES	KING, MACKENZIE CATHERINE
GORMAN, MCKENNA LINLEY	05/15/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	GORMAN, CONNOR JOHN	GORMAN, CAMMEY KEYSER
HANSON, PIPER JAMES	05/16/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	HANSON, JAMES BICKFORD	HANSON, FELECIA MARIE
SUGGS, SARAH JANE	05/27/2023	CONCORD, NH		DRAKE, KATELYN SUE
KELLER, LELAND JAMES	08/06/2023	CONCORD, NH	KELLER, SETH WILLIAM	KELLER, DEIDRE LINN
ESTRIDGE, BROOKS SHACKETT	08/18/2023	CONCORD, NH	ESTRIDGE, DILLON PAUL	ESTRIDGE, ELLORY ELIZABETH
GENTILE, EVERETT BUIAK	09/15/2023	NEW HAMPTON, NH	GENTILE, HANNAH ELISE	GENTILE, SHARON NICOLE
LINN, ALEXANDRA MARIE	09/21/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	LINN, ERIC WESLEY	SELKO, AMBER MARIE
SNELL, AUBREY FAITH	10/16/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	SNELL, CORY JAMES	SNELL, KAITLYN TAYLOR
BOWLER, AUTUMN JANE	10/18/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	BOWLER, BRIAN MAURICE	BOWLER, AMANDA MORRISON
TENNEY, SERAYAH JADE	11/20/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	GUIDI, MATTHEW PAUL	TENNEY, JASSMINE MARIE

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Regina M. Schofield, Town Clerk

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RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023
NEW HAMPTON

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
THIEME JR, RICHARD CHARLES NEW HAMPTON, NH	DECAREAU, SUSAN GAIL NEW HAMPTON, NH	NEW HAMPTON	NEW HAMPTON	02/11/2023
LACASSE, LINDSEY ELIZABETH NEW HAMPTON, NH	HUCKINS, JACOB TAYLOR BRIDGEWATER, NH	NEW HAMPTON	PLYMOUTH	05/20/2023
DREW, RILEY PAIGE NEW HAMPTON, NH	SMITH, KYLE PHILIP NEW HAMPTON, NH	NEW HAMPTON	RINDGE	08/13/2023
DECATO, RYAN M CENTER HARBOR, NH	DONAHUE, COURTNEY M NEW HAMPTON, NH	CENTER HARBOR	NEW HAMPTON	08/15/2023
BERRY, ANDREA MARIE NEW HAMPTON, NH	PRIFTI, RICHARD PAUL WEIR NEW HAMPTON, NH	NEW HAMPTON	BRISTOL	10/20/2023
GALLAGHER, CHAS EUGENE NEW HAMPTON, NH	MEDINA GILL, TIFFANY FAITH NEW HAMPTON, NH	NEW HAMPTON	MEREDITH	10/21/2023
JOHNSON, WILLIAM CALEB SANDWICH, NH	LOVETT, HANNA ELIZABETH NEW HAMPTON, NH	LACONIA	SANDWICH	12/23/2023

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023
NEW HAMPTON, NH

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	First Marriage/Civil Union Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to	Military
GRIFFIN, ERNEST CHARLES	02/19/2023	NEW HAMPTON	GRIFFIN, AUGUST	WILLIAMS, EDITH	N
CARTER, MARK ALLEN	02/24/2023	NEW HAMPTON	CARTER, DAVID	PATTEN, BETTY	Y
HARRIS, WILLIAM ELDRIDGE	03/03/2023	NEW HAMPTON	HARRIS, HENRY	BOYLE, PATRICIA	N
KOULALIS JR, MICHAEL ALLEN	03/04/2023	NEW HAMPTON	KOULALIS SR, MICHAEL	CLARK, BONNIE	N
KEITH, ALLEN PHELPS	03/25/2023	NEW HAMPTON	KEITH, UNKNOWN	MACERAYNE, BETTY	Y
MORIN, JOSEPH HERBERT	03/28/2023	MANCHESTER	MORIN, JOSEPH	PATTEN, EILEEN	Y
FLEURY, REBECCA ANGIE	05/13/2023	LACONIA	SMITH, EARLE	TENNY, NELLIE	N
WENDELBOE, MATTHEW	06/07/2023	NEW HAMPTON	WENDELBOE, EDWARD	RAPP, MILDRED	N
DUPONT, SCOTT M	07/25/2023	NEW HAMPTON	DUPONT, WALTER	WORSTER, JOYCE	N
STRIBLIN, FLORENCE LOUISE	07/28/2023	NEW HAMPTON	GALLAGHER, RICHARD	WILKINS, MARY	N
VALLELY, PAUL VICTOR	07/31/2023	NEW HAMPTON	VALLELY, PAUL	GIERLACH, LEONA	Y
GRAPES, JOAN A	08/18/2023	FRANCONIA	WOLFE, MERRILL	ANDERSON, JEANETTE	N
STEELE, LYNDELL E	09/02/2023	PLYMOUTH	STEELE, ROBERT	SMITH, LOUISE	N
CHAPMAN, JANIS MARIE	09/14/2023	NEW HAMPTON	AVERY SR, DAVID	CALDWELL, SANDRA	N
CONNOLLY, KENNETH DANIEL	09/26/2023	CONCORD	CONNOLLY, KENNETH	LARSEN, RUTH	N
HINES, SARA L	10/04/2023	CONCORD	HINES, LEONARD	STOCKS, BERNADINE	N
MOORE, SUSANNAH MARIE	11/06/2023	NEW HAMPTON	HUMBERT, RICHARD	POTEAT, PRISCILLA	N
DRAKE, MATTHEW PAUL	12/25/2023	NEW HAMPTON	DRAKE, MICHAEL	TORSEY, PATRICIA	Y

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Town of New Hampton

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

911

Police, Fire & Medical

State Police 1-800-525-5555
New Hampton Police Station / Police Dispatch 603-744-5423
Fire Station / Fire Warden 603-744-2735
Poison Information Center 1-800-222-1222

Governor Chris Sununu's Office 603-271-2121
Executive Councilor Joseph D. Kenney 603-271-3632
State Senator Timothy Lang 603-271-8631
State Representative Tom Ploszaj 603-279-9965
U.S. Senator Margaret Wood Hassan 603-622-2204
U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen 603-647-7500
U.S. Congressman Chris Pappas 603-935-6710
U.S. Congressman Ann McLane Kuster 603-226-1002

Selectmen's Office 603-744-3559
Town Clerk / Tax Collector 603-744-8454
Public Works Department / Transfer Station 603-744-8025

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Please refer to the links on our homepage for representatives from the Federal and State governments.

Selectmen's Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Fri.	8:30 – 4:00 p.m.
Wed. & Thurs.	10:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Business Meeting Thursday Evenings – 6:00 p.m.

Town Clerk's & Tax Collector's Hours:

Mon., Tues., Fri.	8:00 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 – 7:00 pm

Transfer/Recycling Station Hours:

Monday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.