



# CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2018



## Sam Lake House March 2018



## Sam Lake House February 2019



**Front Cover (left to right):** Staff of the Sam Lake House — Mandy Irving, Assessor; Jan Stout, Administrative Assistant; Mary Hauptman, Accounting Clerk; Lisa Carlson, Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector; and Ken Folsom, Town Administrator.

2018 ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS  
OF THE TOWN OF  
**CANTERBURY**  
New Hampshire



COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK, TAX COLLECTOR, LIBRARY TRUSTEES, TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS, PLANNING BOARD, BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, CONSERVATION COMMISSION, CEMETERY TRUSTEES, ENERGY COMMITTEE, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, POLICE, FIRE, HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDING INSPECTOR, AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.



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# TOWN OFFICES GENERAL INFORMATION



Web Site: [canterbury-nh.org](http://canterbury-nh.org)

***Town Administrator's Office***  
[kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:kfolsom@canterbury-nh.org)

***Selectmen's Office & Welfare Administrator***  
[jstout@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:jstout@canterbury-nh.org)

***Assessing Office***  
[mirving@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:mirving@canterbury-nh.org)

783-9955

Monday 9-1 — Wednesday 9-1 — Thursday 10-2

***Town Clerk/Tax Collector***

783-0153

Monday 9-3 — Tuesday 3-7 — Thursday 12-7

***Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer***  
[buildinginspector@canterbury-nh.org](mailto:buildinginspector@canterbury-nh.org)  
783-9033

***Selectmen's Meetings***

1st & 3rd Monday of the month

***Planning Board Meetings***

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

***Zoning Board of Adjustment***

As needed

***Conservation Commission***

2nd Monday of the month

***Solid Waste Committee***

4th Thursday of the month

***Historic District Commission***

As needed

## TOWN OFFICERS — ELECTED



### ***SELECTMEN (3 years)***

Arthur Hudson, Jr., *Chairman* (2019)  
Cheryl Gordon (2021)  
George Glines (2020)

### ***TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)***

Benjamin Bynum (2019)

### ***TREASURER (3 years)***

Albert Edelstein (2019)

### ***MODERATOR (2 years)***

Edward R. LeClair (2019)

### ***PLANNING BOARD (3 years)***

Jim Snyder, *Chair* (2020)     Art Rose, *Vice Chair* (2020)  
Kent Ruesswick (2019)     Tyson Miller (2021)  
Joshua Gordon (2019)     Hillary Nelson (2021)

#### *Alternates:*

Lucy Nichols (2020)

*Selectmen's Rep:* Cheryl Gordon     *Secretary:* Lori Gabriella

### ***CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)***

Hugh Fifield (2021)  
John Goegel (2020)  
Mark Stevens (2019)  
Kent Ruesswick, *Sexton* (2019)

### ***SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)***

Brenda Murray (2020)     Denise Sojka (2024)  
Mary Ann Winograd (2022)

### ***LIBRARY TRUSTEES***

Claudia Leidinger, *Chair* (2021)     Ray Craigie, 3 years (2020)  
Rick Zeller, 3 years (2019)     Florence Woods, 2 years (2020)  
Linda Riendeau, 2 years (2019)     Deborah Snow, 2 years (2020)  
Sarah Melasecca, 2 years (2019)

### ***TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)***

Greg Heath, *Chair* (2020)  
Laurie Lockwood (2021)  
Tiffany Cryans (2019)

# TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED



**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Kenneth Folsom

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

Janice L. Stout

**ACCOUNTING CLERK**

Mary Hauptman

**ASSESSOR**

Mandy Irving

**DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

Lisa Carlson

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Donald O'Connor, *Road Agent*     David Heath  
Richard Niolet     Evan Hauptman  
James Sawicki, *Retired*

**TRANSFER STATION**

Mark Marr, *Manager*     David Bowles  
Andres Romero

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

*Chief* Michael Labrecque     *Lt.* Michael Crockwell, *P/T Officer*  
Thomas Bibeau, *F/T Officer*     Aaron Smith, *F/T Officer*  
Justin Crotty, *F/T Officer*     Deborah Nielsen, *Admin. Asst.*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Guy Newbery, *Chief*     Nick Baker, *Captain*  
Craig Simpson, *Captain*     David Nelson, *Lieutenant, EMT*  
Mathew Murphy, *Lieutenant EMT*     Matt Nelson, *F.F.*  
Zachary Powell, *EMT*     Geoff Hubble, *EMT*  
Evan Hauptman, *F.F.*     Shawn Emond, *F.F.*  
Chad Gamache, *F.F. EMT*     Tyler Dymont, *F.F.*  
Shelby Wheeler, *F.F. EMT*     Katelyn Downs, *F.F. AEMT*  
Colin Evans, *F.F. EMT*     Briell Grant, *EMT*  
Kyle Gregg, *F.F.*     Benjamin Davis, *F.F.*  
Cameron Powell, *F.F.*     Dale Caswell, *F.F.*  
Scott Doherty, *F.F. Paramedic*



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## ***FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR***

Guy Newbery

## ***HEALTH OFFICER (PUBLIC HEALTH)***

Nadine Dahl

## ***DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER***

Vacant

## ***ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)***

Joseph Halla, *Chair* (2021)      F. Webster Stout (2021)  
Barbie Tilton (2021)      Gary Spaulding (2020)  
Jim Wieck (2019)      Christopher Evans (2020)  
Lisa Carlson, *Secretary & Alternate*

## ***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

Tom Osmer, *Chair* (2020)      Ken Stern, *Vice Chair* (2019)  
Kelly Short, *Treasurer* (2020)      Jon Nute, *Treasurer, resigned* (2018)  
Bob Fife (2020)      Charlie Krautmann (2020)  
Steve Seron (2021)

### *Alternates:*

Teresa Wyman (2019)      Faith Berry (2021)  
Linda Fife (2019)      Chris Blair (2019)  
Bob Steenson (2019)

## ***LIBRARY***

Susan LeClair, *Director*      Rachel Baker, *Children's Librarian*  
Mary Ann Winograd, *Circulation Services*  
Rose Howe, *Circulation Services*  
Mary Ellen MacCoy, *Circulation Services*

## ***BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER***

Scott LaCroix

## ***HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION***

Mark Hopkins, *Chair* (2020)      Ted West (2021)  
Virginia LaPlante (2019)      Anne Emerson (2020)  
Jeffrey Leidinger (2019)      Kevin Bragg (2018)  
Lois Scribner, *Secretary*

## ***HISTORICAL SOCIETY***

Bob Scarponi, *President*      Sandy Scripture, *Vice-president*  
Mary Ann Winograd, *Treasurer*      Pam Jackson, *Recording Secretary*  
Jan Cote, *Corresponding Secretary*      Sam Papps, *Curator (ex-officio)*  
Mary Jane Bergman      Brian Titilah  
Charles Sanborn      Harry Kinter  
Priscilla Lockwood

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## **CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN**

Mark Stevens

### **SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE**

Robert Steenson, *Chairman*, 3 years (2019)

Chris Blair, 2 years (2020)

Emily Burr, 3 years (2019)

John Dyer, 2 years (2020)

Steven Rasche, 3 years (2019)

Mark Marr, *Transfer Station Manager*

Cheryl Gordon, *Selectmen's Rep.*

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Robert Steenson

Tyson Miller

Kelly Short

John Carr

Robert Scarponi

Art Rose

Frank Tupper

Briggs Lockwood

Chris Blair

### **SAM LAKE COMMITTEE**

Ken Folsom

Nancy Roy

Mark Hopkins

Ted West

Bob Reed

Bob Steenson

Arthur Hudson, Jr., *Selectmen's Representative*

John Armstrong, *Volunteer/Architect*

### **ENERGY COMMITTEE**

Fred Portnoy

Ruth Heath

John Hebert

Sandy Hodsdon

David Day

Claudia Leidinger

Beth McGuinn

Nick Fox (*Resigned*)

Arthur Hudson, Jr., *Selectmen's Representative*

### **OFFICIAL TOWN PERAMBULATOR**

Mark Stevens

# 2019 WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



*The polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

*To the inhabitants of the Town of Canterbury in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified and warned of the Annual Town Meeting which will be held as follows:*

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019  
Time: 7:00 a.m.  
Place: Canterbury Town Hall

- Article 1:** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
- Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector under the provisions of RSA 41:45-a.
- Article 3:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amendment would resolve possible conflicts between an overlay district and an underlying base district.
- Article 4:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board? This Amendment would replace the old definition of Accessory Apartment and add a new article to the Zoning Ordinance, Article 18: Accessory Dwelling Units.

## SECOND SESSION

*The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday, the fifteenth day of March 2019, at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:*

- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Seven Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars (2,785,539) to defray town charges for the ensuing year. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Four Thousand forty-two Dollars (\$44,042) to pay principal (\$35,000) and interest (\$9,042) on the Gold Star bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Dollars (\$157,000) to be deposited into the Capital Reserves. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

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4915.3 – Highway Equipment	10,000
4915.4 – Highway Truck	30,000
4915.5 – Highway Grader	30,000
4915.18 – Rescue Equipment	10,000
4915.19 – Fire Equipment (Truck)	50,000
4915.24 – Landfill Closure	1,000
4915.27 – Town Bldg. Maintenance	6,000
4915.29 – Firefighting Equipment	20,000

- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Tax Collector. The salary to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, based upon qualifications, and with all statutory fees being paid to the Town Treasurer, all under the provisions of RSA 41:33, contingent on the vote of the official ballot at the first session of this town meeting held on March 12, 2019. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$111,240) for the purpose of purchasing SCBA's. One Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars (\$105,678) to come from an assistance to firefighter's grant, and Five Thousand Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars (\$5,562) to come from the Firefighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to purchase a 2018 Ford 350 to replace the 1983 GMC Utility/Forestry Vehicle. Said amount to come from the Fire Fighting Capital Reserve Fund. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for replacement cylinders for the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Said amount to come from the Fire Fighting Capital Reserve Fund. *Recommended by the Selectmen. If the grant in article #9 is received this article will be null and void.*
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to close the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund created in 2015. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Municipalities General Fund. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provision of RSA 35:1 for a Loader for the Highway Department and to appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) as an initial funding amount. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from this Capital Reserve Fund. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

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- Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Elkins Library Repairs Capital Reserve Fund to Elkins Memorial Building Repairs. *Recommended by the Selectmen. 2/3 Vote Required.*
- Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Rescue Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to Rescue Truck Capital Reserve Fund. *Recommended by the Selectmen. 2/3 Vote Required.*
- Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. *Recommended by the Selectmen. 2/3 Vote Required.*
- Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the replacement of the dam at Turning Mill Pond at Canterbury Shaker Village. *By Petition. Not Recommended by the Selectmen.*
- Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize secure storage, in the Sam Lake House garage/barn, of items necessary for conducting volunteer-led community activities, such as the Canterbury Fair, Town Halloween Celebration, etc. Such items, including tables, pop-up shelter tents, decorations, signage, etc., are currently stored in the basement of the Town Hall, and must be carried up a narrow staircase in order to be transported or used. Storage in the Sam Lake garage/barn would provide easy and safe access. *By Petition*
- Article 19:** Until recent years recycling made sense both environmentally and economically. With the current depressed commodity prices there are instances (mixed paper and some plastics for example) where it is cheaper to send the materials to the incinerator than it is to recycle them.

What should we do in those instances? Many towns have opted to forgo recycling those materials and instead send them to incinerators or landfills. This makes economic sense but there are environmental costs associated with that choice. Less paper recycling means more virgin paper production. Virgin paper manufacturing is one of the most environmentally harmful industries on earth. Furthermore, burning trash to make energy creates more carbon dioxide per kilowatt hour than do coal fired power plants.

Some people are comfortable making that tradeoff. Others are not. The Solid Waste Committee is divided on this issue.

Canterbury has a long history of environmental stewardship. First there was the mandatory recycling ordinance. Then there was implementing pay-as-you-throw. There have been numerous land conservation efforts. The Town has voted down several attempts to remove some of the land use transfer taxes from the conservation fund. There was the recent town wide survey which indicated a strong desire to continue and even increase the town's recycling. All of which indicates that our history and culture would give priority to

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environmental stewardship over simple financial cost benefit analysis.

Therefore, we request Canterbury continue to recycle all available materials even when there may be a negative financial impact. *By Petition*

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 4th day of February, in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.

*Arthur E. Hudson, Jr.*

*Cheryl A. Gordon*

*George R. Glines*

# 2019 BUDGET – TOWN OF CANTERBURY



EXPENSE BUDGET	2018 Budget	Actual Expenses 12/31/2018	2019 Proposed	+ /(-) 2018 Budget	Percent Change	Revenue Offset
<b>4130 — EXECUTIVE</b>						
4130.1 Selectmen Salaries	7,500	7,500	9,000	1,500		
4130.3 Town Administrator Salary	44,000	44,529	46,000	2,000		
4130.4 Office Equipment Repairs	300	—	100	(200)		
4130.5 Selectmen Seminars	500	90	500	—		
4130.6 Telephone	3,000	3,960	3,500	500		
4130.7 Printing	200	—	200	—		
4130.8 Office Equipment	1,000	1,023	1,500	500		
4130.10 Office Supplies	3,500	3,410	3,500	—		
4130.11 Health Insurance	42,000	41,852	45,981	3,981		16,542
4130.12 Postage	1,000	856	1,000	0		
4130.21 Admin Wages	28,387	22,472	29,350	963		
4130.22 Assessing Wages	49,440	49,757	51,650	2,210		
4130.25 Misc. Other Expense	—	1,154	200	200		
4130.54 Administrative Training	700	—	500	(200)		
4130.55 Advertising	500	1,787	1000	500		
4130.56 Printing Town Report	4,600	3,917	4,500	(100)		
<b>Total 4130 EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>186,627</b>	<b>182,306</b>	<b>198,481</b>	<b>11,854</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>16,542</b>
<b>4135 — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>						
<i>Executive</i>						
4135-1e Network Server & Installation	1,100	—	1,100	—		
4135-2e Computers/Hardware	1,000	—	1,000	—		
4135-3e Software/Licensing	6,570	10,287	9,400	2,830		

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<i>Executive — continued</i>						
4135-4e Offsite Data Backup	500	—	4,000	3,500		
4135-5e IT/Network Support	8,100	7,858	8,372	272		
<b>Sub-Total Executive</b>	<b>17,270</b>	<b>18,145</b>	<b>23,872</b>	<b>6,602</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	
<i>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</i>						
4135-6 Computers/Hardware	500	—	500	—		
4135-7 Software/Licensing	5,815	6,315	6,000	185		
4135-8 Computer Repair	1	—	1	—		
<b>Sub-Total Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	<b>6,316</b>	<b>6,315</b>	<b>6,501</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	
<i>Police</i>						
4135-9 Computers/Hardware	1,200	710	1,200	0		
4135-10 Software/Licensing	—	200	1,945	1,945		
4135-11 Computer Repair	1,000	500	1,000	—		
<b>Sub-Total Police Department</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>4,145</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>88.4%</b>	
<i>Fire</i>						
4135-12 Computers/Hardware	800	329	800	—		
4135-13 Software/Licensing	1,900	1,855	1,947	47		
4135-14 Computer Repair	500	—	500	0		
<b>Sub-Total Fire Department</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	
<i>Highway</i>						
4135-15 Computers	250	—	250	0		
4135-16 Software/Licensing	1	—	1	—		
4135-17 Computer Repair	500	—	500	0		
4135-21 Computer Repair — Trans. Station	250	—	250	—		
<b>Sub-Total Highway Department</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	



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<i>Conservation Commission — continued</i>						
4135-18 Computers	1	—	1	—		
4135-19 Software/Licensing	1	—	1	—		
4135-20 Computer Repair	1	—	1	—		
<b>Sub-Total Conservation Commission</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>—</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>4135 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 29,990</b>	<b>28,054</b>	<b>38,769</b>	<b>8,779</b>	<b>29.3%</b>	
<b>4140 — ELECTION, REG &amp; VITAL STATS</b>						
4140.1 Town Clerk Salary	13,939	15,700	12,845	(1,094)		
4140.2 Marriage License Fees	550	473	550			
4140.3 Deputy Town Clerk Wages	22,338	21,484	21,815	(523)		
4140.7 Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,200	1,821	1,200	0		
4140.8 Town Clerk Office Equipment	500	1,814	500	0		
4140.10 Town Clerk Seminars	1,000	559	1,000	—		
4140.11 Dog Tags	200	162	200	—		
4140.12 Election Wages	1,000	2,490	1,000	0		
4140.14 Election Advertising	200	426	200	0		
4140.15 Election Misc. Supplies	250	642	250	—		
4140.16 Voting Machine	2,000	2,083	500	(1,500)		
4140.19 Vital Statistic Fees	300	861	800	500		
4140.31 Deputy Town Clerk Health Ins	10,200	10,157	11,180	980		1,732
4140.36 Leave coverage	1,000	1,833	1,000	0		
<b>Total 4140</b>	<b>ELECTION, REG &amp; VITAL STATS 54,677</b>	<b>60,506</b>	<b>53,040</b>	<b>(1,637)</b>	<b>-3.0%</b>	<b>1,732</b>
<b>4150 — FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
4150.1 Tax Collector Salary	26,205	29,391	24,155	(2,050)		
4150.03 Bookkeeper wages	20,858	19,418	22,000	1,142		
4150.4 Outside Auditing	14,750	15,250	16,250	1,500		

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<b>4150 — FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION — continued</b>						
4150.6 Tax Map Maintenance	—	1,723	500	500		
4150.7 Tax Collector Seminars	600	1,066	1,000	400		
4150.10 Registrar of Deeds	700	398	700	—		
4150.11 Tax Collector Health Insurance	10,200	10,193	—	(10,200)		
4150.91 Tax Collector — Liens	500	364	500	—		
4150.93 Treasurer — Salary	4,080	4,080	4,080	0		
4150.95 Tax Collector Office Supplies	800	295	800	—		
4150.96 Tax Collector Postage	3,200	3,092	3,200	0		
4150.98 Treasurer Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	1,230	1,000	—		
<b>Total 4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>82,893</b>	<b>86,499</b>	<b>74,185</b>	<b>(8,708)</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>	
<b>4153 — LEGAL EXPENSES</b>						
4153.3 General Municipal	17,000	10,816	17,000	—		
<b>Total 4153 LEGAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>10,816</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>4155 — PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>						
4199.0081 Medicare	13,800	13,018	13,900	100		
4199.0082 Social Security	48,450	43,761	48,600	150		
<b>Total 4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>62,250</b>	<b>56,779</b>	<b>62,500</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	
<b>4191 — PLANNING/ZONING BOARD</b>						
4191.1 PB Postage	800	565	900	100		
4191.2 PB Secretary Wages	4,000	3,689	5,000	1,000		
4191.5 PB Professional Services/Legal	8,000	968	8,000	—		
4191.6 PB Advertising	500	637	600	100		
4191.7 PB Printing	250	—	250	—		
4191.8 PB Supplies	300	55	300	—		
4191.9 PB New Equipment	500	—	1,000	500		

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<b>4191 — PLANNING/ZONING BOARD — continued</b>						
4191.10 PB Seminars	200	170	500	300		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>14,550</b>	<b>6,084</b>	<b>16,550</b>	<b>2,000</b>		<b>1,562</b>
4191.11 ZBA Secretary Wages	1,000	1,663	1,500	500		
4191.13 ZBA Postage	250	448	250	—		
4191.14 ZBA Advertising	750	979	750	—		
4191.15 ZBA Supplies	100	21	100	—		
4191.16 ZBA Seminar	50	—	50	—		
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>3,110</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>500</b>		<b>830</b>
<b>Total 4191 PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>9,194</b>	<b>19,200</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>15.0%</b>	<b>2,392</b>
<b>4194 — GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS</b>						
4194-1 Center Electricity	500	586	500	—		
4194.2 Town Hall Maintenance	500	405	10,000	9,500		
4194.3 Town Hall Electricity	1,000	1,361	1,000	—		
4194.5 Town Building Emergency Fund	1	184	1	—		
4194.7 Sam Lake Maintenance	1,000	1,198	1,000	—		
4194.8 Sam Lake Electricity	1,000	1,506	3,000	2,000		
4194.11 Elkins/Houser Bldg Maintenance	3,000	2,535	3,000	—		
4194.12 Historical Society Electricity	1,000	1,379	1,000	—		
4194.13 Town Buildings Heat/Oil/Propane	25,000	30,492	25,000	—		
4194.14 Municipal Building Electricity	8,000	8,193	8,000	—		
4194.16 Municipal Building Security System	500	684	500	—		
4194.17 Municipal Bldg Maintenance	6,000	9,839	6,000	—		
4194.18 Sam Lake Security System	900	—	900	—		
4194.19 Janitorial Services	13,000	12,455	13,000	—		
4194-20 Meeting House Maintenance	4,500	4,783	1,000	(3,500)		
4194.21 Transfer Station Security System	500	240	500	—		

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<b>4194 — GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS — continued</b>						
4194.40 Elkins/Houser Security System	1,000	360	1,000	—		
4194.62 Town Hall Security	380	180	380	0		
4194.63 Center Maintenance	500	—	500	—		
<b>Total 4194 GENERAL GOVT. BUILDINGS</b>	<b>68,281</b>	<b>76,380</b>	<b>76,281</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	
<b>4195 — CEMETERIES</b>						
4195.1 Cemetery Wages	4,000	3,482	4,500	500		
4195.2 Sub-Contractor	1	—	1	—		
4195.3 Equipment Repairs	500	—	500	—		
4195.4 Gas & Oil	1	—	1	—		
4195.5 Parts & Supplies	1	—	1	—		
4195.7 Tree Removal	1,500	1,500	1,500	—		
4195.8 Record Keeping & Software upgrades	500	489	1,000	500		
4195.60 Headstone repairs	2,000	—	2,000	—		
<b>Total 4195 CEMETERIES</b>	<b>8,503</b>	<b>5,472</b>	<b>9,503</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>11.8%</b>	
<b>4196 — INSURANCE</b>						
4196.2 Worker's Compensation	27,931	27,931	17,295	(10,637)		
4196.3 Liability	29,421	29,421	30,577	1,156		
<b>Total 4196 INSURANCE</b>	<b>57,352</b>	<b>57,352</b>	<b>47,872</b>	<b>(9,481)</b>	<b>-16.5%</b>	
<b>4197 — ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL DEV.</b>						
4197.1 NH Municipal Association	2,300	2,115	2,185	(115)		
4197.2 Central NH Planning	2,721	2,721	2,732	11		
4197.4 Assoc. of Assessing Dues	20	45	40	20		
4197.5 Reg/Conc Solid Waste	1	—	1	—		

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<b>4197 — ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL DEV. — continued</b>						
4197.6 Upper Merrimack River	1	—	1	—		
4197.9 Federal DOT Drug Testing	1,000	1,101	1,000	—		
4197.10 Town Clerk Dues	40	20	40	—		
4197.11 Tax Collector Dues	20	40	20	—		
4197.12 NH Local Welfare Admin Assoc	30	30	30	—		
4197.30 NH Resource Recovery	120	—	—	(120)		
<b>Total 4197 ADVERTISING &amp; REGIONAL DEV.</b>	<b>6,253</b>	<b>6,072</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>(204)</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	
<b>4240 — BUILDING INSPECTION</b>						
4240.1 Building Inspector Wages	6,000	7,713	7,000	1,000		
4120.2 Supplies	80	531	80	—		
4120.3 Seminars	100	—	100	—		
4120.4 Gasoline	1,000	1,147	1,000	—		
4120.10 Code Enforcement Wages	2,000	1,525	2,000	—		
<b>Total 4240 BUILDING INSPECTION</b>	<b>9,180</b>	<b>10,915</b>	<b>10,180</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>10,906</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>599,705</b>	<b>590,344</b>	<b>613,059</b>	<b>13,353</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	
<b>4210 — POLICE</b>						
4210.0c Police Chief Salary	56,732	52,390	60,000	3,268		
4210.1 Wages	166,837	151,655	170,665	3,828		
4210.1b Overtime	20,000	17,693	20,000	—		4,879
4210.c Administration	21,112	19,760	23,800	2,688		
4210.10 Sub-Contractor	40,000	18,675	40,000	—		25,006
4210.2 Cruiser Maintenance	—	—	—	—		
4210.2c Expedition	2,000	512	—	(2,000)		
4210.2d Interceptor	2,000	801	—	(2,000)		
4210.2f Ford Taurus	2,000	1,001	2,000	—		

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<b>4210 — POLICE — <i>continued</i></b>						
4210.2e F-150	2,000	1,396	2,000	—		
4210.g Tires	2,000	1,726	2,000	—		
4210.h Insurance Deductible	2,000	1,281	2,000	—		
4210.2i Interceptor SUV 1		316	2,000	2,000		
4210.2j Interceptor SUV 3		316	2,000	2,000		
4210.3 Health Insurance	75,946	38,367	41,907	(34,039)		6,461
4210.5 Radios & Repairs	3,300	3,794	3,300	—		
4210.6 Dispatch	15,000	12,279	16,000	1,000		
4210.7 Gas/Oil	8,000	8,497	10,000	2,000		
4210.8 Office Supplies	3,000	2,469	3,000	—		
4210.9 Uniforms	5,000	4,687	5,000	—		
4210.11 Seminars/Dues/Subscriptions	600	726	800	200		
4210.12 Prosecutor	4,000	1,568	6,500	2,500		
4210.13 Telephone	4,700	5,084	5,000	300		
4210.14 Training	6,000	6,349	3,000	(3,000)		
4210.16 Retirement	40,000	35,232	45,000	5,000		
4210.17 Disability Insurance	1,800	968	2,100	300		
4210.18 Cruiser Lease	—	—	31,564	31,564		
4210.91 Supplies/New Equipment	5,475	5,673	6,000	525		
<b>Total 4210 POLICE</b>	<b>489,502</b>	<b>393,216</b>	<b>505,637</b>	<b>16,135</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>36,346</b>
<b>4215 — EMERGENCY MGMT./CIVIL DEFENSE</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>—</b>		
<b>4220 — FIRE</b>						
4220.16 Part-Time Fire Chief	33,868	31,903	35,000	1,132		
4220.00 Full Time EMT	51,000	50,985	52,200	1,200		
4220.0T EMT Overtime	1,500	1,931	2,000	500		

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<b>4220 — FIRE — <i>continued</i></b>						
4220.01 EMT Health Insurance	20,300	20,283	22,336	2,036		2,947
4220.1 Reimbursement	18,240	18,190	19,125	885		
4220.02 EMT Retirement	6,000	5,599	6,000	—		
4220.04 Disability	700	659	550	(150)		
4220.2 Forest Fire Costs	1,500	—	1,500	—		
4220.3 Vehicle Maintenance	1,000	668	1,000	—		
4220.3a Fire Engine #1	600	127	—	(600)		
4220.3i Fire Engine #2	1,500	1,543	1,650	150		
4220.3b Fire Engine #3	4,500	1,657	4,650	150		
4220.3c Rescue Truck	2,500	3,681	2,500	—		
4220.3d Forestry Tanker 1	1,000	1,944	—	(1,000)		
4220.3f Utility	700	926	1,000	300		
4220.3g Tanker	1,500	2,684	2,000	500		
4220.3h Command Vehicle	1,000	553	1,000	—		
4220.4 Training & Prevention	3,750	3,097	4,000	250		
4220.5 Dispatch	22,830	22,830	23,155	325		
4220.6 Communications	8,850	3,416	8,850	—		
4220.8 Gasoline & Oil	4,000	3,504	4,000	—		
4220.9 Fire & Rescue Equipment	8,600	7,016	8,800	200		
4220.10 Dry Hydrants	2,800	—	2,800	—		
4220.11 Office Supplies	1,400	878	1,400	—		
4220.13 Weekend Reimbursement	10,000	7,196	10,000	—		
4220.14 Turn Out Gear	8,400	7,435	8,400	—		
4220.12 Uniforms	2,150	1,074	2,650	500		
4220.91 Office Equipment	450	523	450	—		
4220.92 Medical Training	4,575	4,325	4,575	—		

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<b>4220 — FIRE — continued</b>						
4220.93 Medical Supplies & Equipment	4,600	2,490	4,600	—		
4220.94 Equipment Maintenance	2,500	1,482	2,500	—		
4220.95 Forest Fire Equipment	1,000	1,479	500	(500)		
4420.15 Wellness Fitness			500	500		
<b>Total 4220 FIRE</b>	<b>233,313</b>	<b>210,077</b>	<b>239,691</b>	<b>6,378</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>2,947</b>
4415.2 Penacook Rescue	45,880	44,500	124,000	78,120		
4415.3 Belmont Rescue	5,000	5,000	5,000	—		
<b>Total 4155 RESCUE</b>	<b>50,880</b>	<b>49,500</b>	<b>129,000</b>	<b>78,120</b>	<b>153.5%</b>	
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY = Police + Fire + Rescue</b>	<b>773,696</b>	<b>652,793</b>	<b>874,329</b>	<b>100,633</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	
<b>4311-1 — HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>						
4311.1a Road Agent Salary	58,000	42,736	52,500	(5,500)		
4311.1 Wages	142,000	140,645	121,495	(20,505)		
4311.OT Overtime	23,000	19,094	24,000	1,000		
4311.2 Sub-Contractor	1	1,215	1	—		
4311.3 Equipment Repairs	3,000	2,677	3,500	500		
4311.T1 Truck 1 — 2011 International	3,000	12,491	5,000	2,000		
4311.T2 Truck 2 — 2005 Sterling	3,000	2,605	3,000	—		
4311.T3 Truck 3 — 2014 International	1,800	2,035	5,000	3,200		
4311.T4 Truck 4 — 2008 F-350	2,000	5,114	2,000	—		
4311.T6 Truck 6 — Water Truck	500	61	1,000	500		
4311.T7 Truck 7 — 2007 F-550	2,000	49	—	(2,000)		
4311.T5 Truck 5 — 2018 Freightliner		2,500	3,000	3,000		
4311.G Volvo Grader	10,000	2,278	15,000	5,000		
4311.BH Backhoe	3,000	2,530	3,000	—		
4311.BC Bob Cat	500	394	500	—		



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<b>4311-1 — HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION — continued</b>						
4311.L Loader	4,500	224	4,500	—		
4311.GG Green Grader			6,000	6,000		
4311.4 Health Insurance	50,755	43,213	44,296	(6,459)		6,926
4311.5 Retirement	23,000	22,421	23,000	—		
4311.6 Telephone	2,500	1,988	2,500	—		
4311.7 Supplies	16,000	12,192	16,000	—		
4311.8 Gasoline & Diesel	30,000	30,163	30,900	900		
4311.9 Tires	4,000	3,641	4,000	—		
4311.11 Equipment	1,500	1,612	1,500	—		
4311.12 Disability Insurance	3,000	2,439	3,000	—		
4311.13 Mowing Town Lands	4,500	3,717	4,500	—		
4311.14 Training	800	571	800	—		
<b>Total 4311-1 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>392,356</b>	<b>358,607</b>	<b>379,992</b>	<b>(12,364)</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>	<b>6,926</b>
4312.1 Salt	29,000	24,699	29,000	—		
4312.2 Winter Sand	28,000	28,797	28,000	—		
4312.3 Road Tar	180,000	174,050	180,000	—		
4312.4 Road Improvements	19,500	57,010	19,500	—		49,738
4312.4T Tree Removal	1,500	—	1,500	—		
4312.4G Summer Gravel	12,000	8,877	12,000	—		
4612.5 Subcontractor	12,000	11,529	12,000	—		
4312.6 Uniforms	1,500	1,308	1,500	—		
4312.30 Road Side Mowing	8,000	7,351	16,000	8,000		
4612.6 Signage	500	605	1,000	500		
<b>Total 4312-1 HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>	<b>292,000</b>	<b>314,227</b>	<b>300,500</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>49,738</b>

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<b>4313 — CULVERTS &amp; BRIDGES</b>						
4313.1 Culvert/Bridge Maintenance	5,000	2,200	5,000	—		
<b>Total 4313 CULVERTS &amp; BRIDGES</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>4316 — STREET LIGHTING</b>	2,500	2,682	2,500	—		
<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>691,856</b>	<b>677,716</b>	<b>687,992</b>	<b>(3,864)</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>56,664</b>
<b>4321-1 — SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>						
4321.1 Wages	39,140	38,602	40,500	1,360		
4321.3 Overtime	250	—	250	—		
4321.2 Recycling Services	23,000	28,029	23,000	—		
4321.4 Telephone	1,500	1,468	1,500	—		
4321.5 Supplies	1,500	1,390	1,500	—		
4321.6 Electricity	2,400	2,277	2,400	—		
4321.7 Gas & Oil	1,500	1,523	1,600	100		
4323.8 Central NH Waste	1	—	1	—		
4323.9 Building Maintenance	2,500	871	6,500	4,000		4,000
4323.10 Seminars	400	180	400	—		
4323.11 Health Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,500	—		
4323.12 Truck Repairs (Other)	1	—	1	—		
4323.P Packer Truck	2,500	816	2,500	—		
4323.15 Universal Waste	3,500	2,527	3,500	—		
4323.19 Ground Water Testing	10,000	10,923	12,000	2,000		
4323.16 Equipment Repair	1,000	110	1,000	—		
4323.17 PAYT Bag Purchases	6,000	5,872	6,000	—		
4321.18 Hazardous Clean-up	1	—	1	—		
4321.20 Hazardous Waste Day	1	—	1	—		
4321.19 Storm Water Drainage	3,000	1,105	3,000	—		
<b>Total 4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION</b>	<b>100,694</b>	<b>98,193</b>	<b>108,154</b>	<b>7,460</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>4,000</b>

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<b>4324 — SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>						
4324.1 Co-op Tipping Fee	36,000	38,991	39,000	3,000		
<b>Total 4324 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>38,991</b>	<b>39,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENSE</b>	<b>136,694</b>	<b>137,184</b>	<b>147,154</b>	<b>10,460</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>HEALTH</b>						
4411.2 Health Officer	100	—	100	—		
4414.1 Animal Control	200	140	200	—		
<b>TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>WELFARE</b>						
4441.1 Welfare Administrator	1	—	1	—		
4441.2 Aid/Disabled VNA	1	—	1	—		
4441.3 Community Action Program	2,600	2,600	2,600	—		
<b>Total 4441 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>2,602</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
4442.1 Direct Assistance	8,000	1,753	5,000	(3,000)		
<b>TOTAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>10,602</b>	<b>4,353</b>	<b>7,602</b>	<b>(3,000)</b>	<b>-28.3%</b>	
<b>4550 — LIBRARY</b>						
4550.1 Wages	104,500	100,502	108,000	3,500		
4550.2 Maintenance	7,000	8,260	15,500	8,500		
4550.3 Books/Mag/Tapes/Prog	7,000	7,075	8,000	1,000		
4550.4 Dues/Mtgs/Educ	400	265	400	—		
4550.5 Telephone	900	938	900	—		
4550.7 Electricity	3,000	3,873	4,000	1,000		
4550.8 Postage	150	216	150	—		
4550.9 Equipment Supplies	5,000	4,279	5,000	—		
4550.10 Health Insurance	30,500	30,362	33,000	2,500		5,676

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<b>4550 — LIBRARY — <i>continued</i></b>						
4550.21 Cleaning	4,000	3,936	4,000	—		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>162,450</b>	<b>159,709</b>	<b>178,950</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>5,676</b>
<b>From Library Trusts</b>						
4550.31 Program/Passes	2,500	1,667	2,500	—		
4550.32 Books/Mags/Tapes	4,000	4,037	5,000	1,000		
4550.33 Other Expenses	350	438	350	—		
4550.34 Contracts	2,000	1,860	2,000	—		
4550.35 Technology Labor	2,000	2,697	2,000	—		
4550.36 Capital Improvements	3,750	4,129	6,000	2,250		
4550.38 Continuing Education	400	211	300	(100)		
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,038</b>	<b>18,150</b>	<b>3,150</b>		<b>15,038</b>
<b>Total 4550 LIBRARY — Grand Total</b>	<b>177,450</b>	<b>174,747</b>	<b>197,100</b>	<b>19,650</b>	<b>11.1%</b>	<b>20,714</b>
<b>4583 — PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>						
4583.1 Memorial Day	250	244	250	—		
4583.2 Fourth of July	5,000	5,123	5,200	200		
<b>Total 4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>5,450</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	
<b>4589 — HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>						
4589.1 Preservation Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	—		
4589.2 Misc. Supplies	150	150	150	—		
<b>Total 4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	
<b>4651 — HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>						
4651.1 Secretary Wages	500	—	100	(400)		
4651.2 Postage	50	—	50	—		
4651.3 Printing	50	—	50	—		
<b>Total 4651 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>(400)</b>	<b>-66.7%</b>	

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<b>TOTAL CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>	<b>184,450</b>	<b>181,264</b>	<b>203,900</b>	<b>19,450</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>20,714</b>
<b>PARKS &amp; RECREATION</b>						
4520.1 Repairs	1	—	1	—		
4520.2 Equipment	1	—	600	599		
<b>TOTAL PARKS &amp; REC</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>29,950.0%</b>	
<b>4611 — CONSERVATION</b>						
4611.1 Dues	500	575	500	—		
4611.2 Postage	50	—	50	—		
4611.3 Printing & Advertising	150	—	150	—		
4611.4 Supplies	100	—	50	(50)		
4611.5 Professional Services	500	2,010	1,500	1,000		
4611.6 Training	150	60	150	—		
4611.7 Easement Monitoring	2,010	1,950	1,965	(45)		
4611.8 Land Management	3,000	6,337	3,500	500		
4611.10 Rocky Pond Treatment	1,000	1,000	1,000	—		
4611.11 Cushman Elm	450	275	275	(175)		
4611.12 Administrative Support	1,000	—	1,000	—		
<b>TOTAL 4611 CONSERVATION</b>	<b>8,910</b>	<b>12,207</b>	<b>10,140</b>	<b>1,230</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>5,000*</b>
<b>LONG TERM DEBTS</b>						
4711.2 2003 Bond Principal (municipal bldg)	115,000	115,000	115,000	—		
4711.5 2005 Gold Star Bond (principal)	40,000	40,000	35,000	(5,000)		
4711.6 2002 Hildreth Field Note Prin	13,000	13,000	—	(13,000)		
4711.18 2018 Sam Lake House	—	—	56,424	56,424		
<b>TOTAL PRINCIPAL</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>168,000</b>	<b>206,424</b>	<b>38,424</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	
4721.7 2003 Municipal Building	27,196	27,196	21,643	(5,554)		
4721.8 Hildreth Field Note	293	293	—	(293)		

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<b>EXPENSE BUDGET</b>	<b>2018 Budget</b>	<b>Actual Expenses 12/31/2018</b>	<b>2019 Proposed</b>	<b>+ /(-) 2018 Budget</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Revenue Offset</b>
4721.9 2005 Gold Star Interest	10,682	10,682	9,042	(1,640)		
4721.18 Sam Lake Interest		356	3,353	3,353		
4721.80 Tax Anticipation Note	1	—	1	—		
<b>TOTAL INTEREST</b>	<b>38,171</b>	<b>38,526</b>	<b>34,039</b>	<b>(4,133)</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>	
<b>SUB-TOTAL ALL DEPT EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,612,387</b>	<b>2,462,526</b>	<b>2,785,539</b>	<b>173,153</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>152,242</b>
<b>WARRANT ARTICLES</b>						
WA-2018-4 Lease Police Cruisers	31,564	30,640				13,000
WA-2018-5 Capital Reserves	176,000	166,000				
WA-2018-6 SCBA	192,944	—				192,944
WA2018-7 Highway Truck	152,097	152,097				117,097
WA-2018-10 Voting Booths	2,218	2,218				
WA-2018-11 Commercial Washer/Dryer	11,834	11,834				
WA2018-12 Hydraulic Tools	9,111	8,545				9,111
WA2017-2 Sam Lake House	486,029	483,410				
WA-2019-6 Goldstar			44,042			
WA-2019-7 Capital Reserves			157,000			
WA-2019-9 SCBA			111,240			
WA-2019-10 Utility Forest Fire Vehicle			40,000			
WA-2019-11 Fire Dept SCBA Replacement Cylinders			18,000			18,000
WA-2019-13 Highway Dept Loader Capital Reserve			10,000			
<b>TOTAL OF WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>575,768</b>	<b>857,363</b>	<b>380,282</b>	<b>833,562</b>		
<b>SUB-TOTAL WITH WARRANT ARTICLES</b>	<b>3,188,155</b>	<b>3,319,889</b>	<b>3,165,821</b>	<b>(22,333)</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>985,804</b>

*\*Encumbered from 2017*

# REVENUE TO OFFSET 2019 BUDGET



	<i>Proposed 2018 Revenue</i>	<i>Actual as of 12/31/2018</i>	<i>Proposed 2019 Revenue</i>
<b>TAXES</b>			
Yield Tax	15,000	14,940	15,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	30,000	32,564	35,000
Payment in lieu of Taxes	9,000	9,600	9,000
Overlay	—	—	—
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>57,104</b>	<b>59,000</b>
<b>INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE</b>			
Shared Revenues	—	—	—
Meals & Rooms Tax	122,000	121,747	122,000
Highway Block Grant	95,000	97,165	95,000
Reim. State & Federal Forest Land	150	174	150
Other State Revenues	—	172	—
Voter Checklist Town Portion	—	200	—
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>217,150</b>	<b>219,458</b>	<b>217,150</b>
<b>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	495,000	543,485	495,000
Municipal Agent Fees	21,000	21,576	24,000
Other License & Permit Fees	3,000	2,154	3,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>519,000</b>	<b>567,215</b>	<b>522,000</b>
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			
Bag Sales	40,000	51,300	40,000
Recycling Income	16,000	12,492	16,000
Transfer Station Fees	16,000	15,212	16,000
Bestway Chargeback	16,000	16,561	16,000
<b>Enterprise Fund Sub-Total</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>95,565</b>	<b>88,000</b>
Building Permit Fees	7,500	10,906	7,500
Planning Board fees	2,000	1,562	2,000
ZBA fees	500	830	500
Police Subcontractors	60,000	25,006	60,000
Pistol Permits	—	210	—
Police Department revenue	500	671	500
Copier income	200	101	200
Miscellaneous income	200	89	200
Fire Department inspections	200	75	200
Historical District Commission	100	0	100
Forest Fire Reimb	—	0	—
Town Building Rental	—	0	—
Police Grant Patrols	5,000	4,879	5,000
Cemetery Plots	1,000	0	1,000

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	<i>Proposed 2018 Revenue</i>	<i>Actual as of 12/31/2018</i>	<i>Proposed 2019 Revenue</i>
Cemetery Corner Stones	—	0	—
<b>Sub-Total w/o Ent Fund</b>	<b>77,200</b>	<b>44,330</b>	<b>77,200</b>
<b>Sub-Total with Ent Fund</b>	<b>165,200</b>	<b>139,895</b>	<b>165,200</b>
<b>MISC. REVENUES</b>			
From Surplus	—	—	—
Interest on deposits	1,600	7,972	1,600
Proceeds of Long-Term Bond	—	—	—
Sale of Municipal Property	—	34,364	—
Health Insurance Reimburse.	39,759	26,399	39,759
NSF Fee	250	225	250
Library Offset — Trust funds	15,000	15,038	15,000
Insurance Claim Money	—	257	—
Miscellaneous Revenue	200	62,106	200
Concord Regional Solid Waste	—	—	—
Sam Lake Trust	10,000	24,674	10,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>66,809</b>	<b>171,034</b>	<b>66,809</b>
Transfers from Capital Reserves	148,855	333,545	76,582
Transfers from Unres. Fund Bal	50,682	0	44,042
<b>Sub-Total transfers</b>	<b>199,537</b>	<b>333,545</b>	<b>120,624</b>
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>266,346</b>	<b>504,579</b>	<b>187,433</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,221,696</b>	<b>1,488,250</b>	<b>1,150,783</b>
Appropriations Recommended			2,785,539
Individual Warrant Articles			380,282
Total Appropriations			3,165,821
Less: Amount of Proposed Revenues & Credits			1,150,783
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be raised			2,015,038

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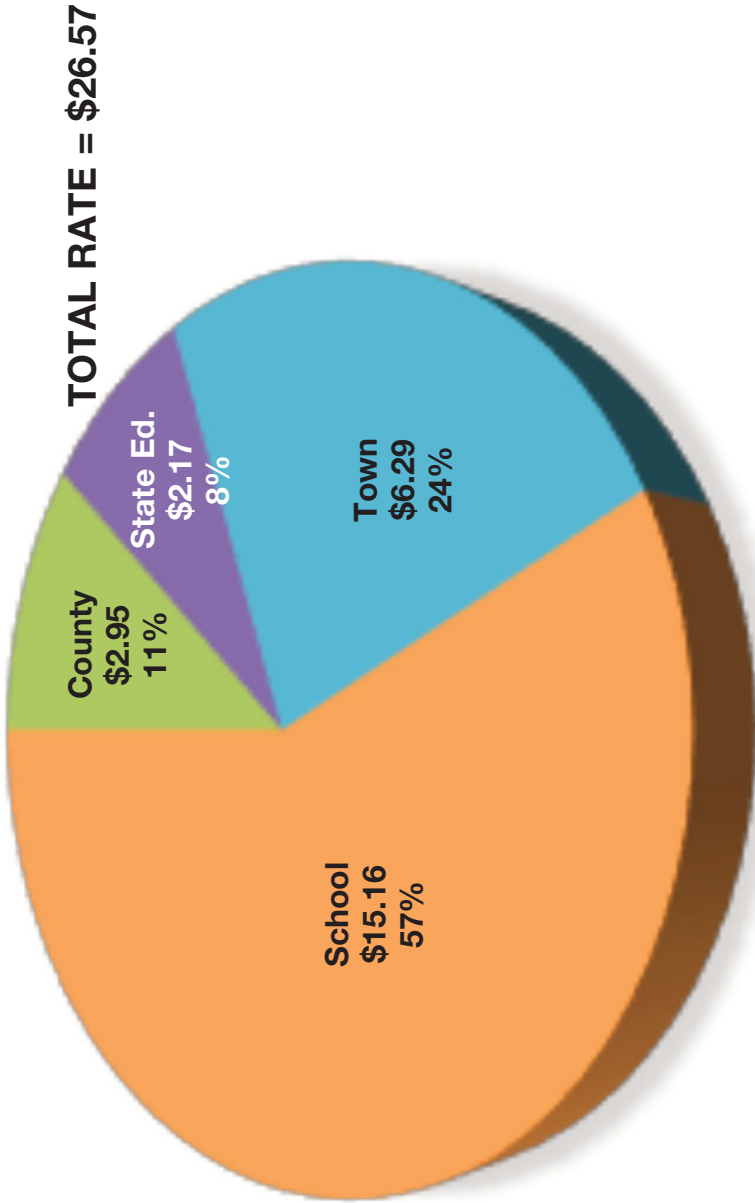
## 2018 UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE



Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,396,766
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$ -261,292
Total Retained	\$ 1,108,474

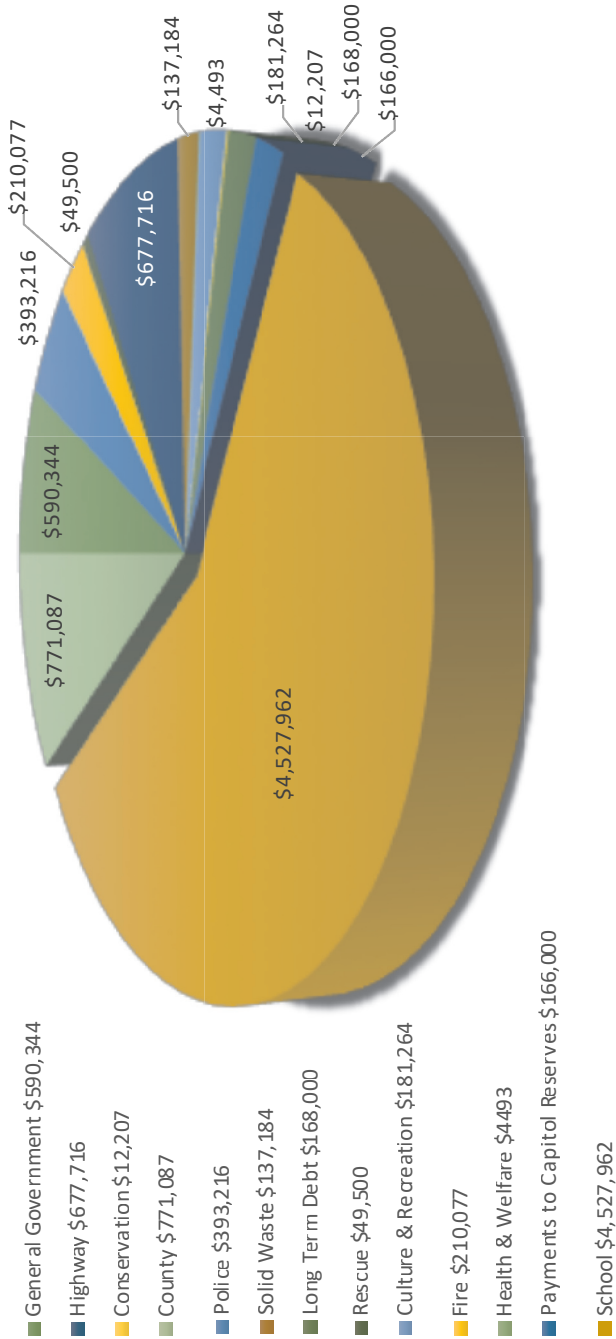


## 2018 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN



2018 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value. Total Assessed Valuation = \$261,291,821

# 2018 TOWN EXPENSES



**Chart represents monies paid by the selectmen in 2018 for the operating budget, school, and county appropriations. The amounts shown do not include warrant articles.**

# TOWN OF CANTERBURY LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS



## TOWN BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT BOND

Rate of Interest	3%–6%
Amount of Original Issue	2,500,000
Date of Original Issue	7/7/03
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15 & August 15
Payable at	State Street Bank & Trust CT

### Maturities

<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
2004	\$120,735	114,399.75	2014	\$115,000	51,750.00
2005	\$115,000	98,900.00	2015	\$115,000	41,380.00
2006	\$115,000	94,300.00	2016	\$115,000	37,630.00
2007	\$115,000	89,700.00	2017	\$115,000	33,880.00
2008	\$115,000	85,100.00	2018	\$115,000	27,196.00
2009	\$115,000	80,500.00	2019	\$115,000	21,642.50
2010	\$115,000	74,750.00	2020	\$115,000	16,180.00
2011	\$115,000	69,000.00	2021	\$115,000	10,361.50
2012	\$115,000	63,250.00	2022	\$115,000	7,200.00
2013	\$115,000	57,500.00	2023	\$115,000	3,580.00



## GOLDSTAR

Rate of Interest	4%–5%
Amount of Original Issue	\$800,000
Date of Original Issue	7/21/05
Principal payment date	August 15
Interest payment date	February 15 & August 15
Payable at:	State Street Bank & Trust CT

<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
2006	39,900	38,165.08	2016	40,000	14,297.76
2007	40,000	34,183.76	2017	40,000	12,297.76
2008	40,000	32,183.76	2018	40,000	10,681.76
2009	40,000	30,183.76	2019	35,000	9,041.76
2010	40,000	28,183.76	2020	35,000	7,598.00
2011	40,000	25,799.76	2021	35,000	6,228.00
2012	40,000	23,799.76	2022	35,000	6,142.50
2013	40,000	21,799.76	2023	35,000	3,235.50
2014	40,000	19,799.76	2024	35,000	1,704.26
2015	40,000	16,297.76	2025	35,000	874.00

# TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

**Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2018**

Name and Purpose of Trust	How Invested * Account #	Principal		Income		Balance at End of Year	Balance at Beginning of Year	Income	Expense	Total Principal & Income
		Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains (Losses)	Withdrawals					
<b>Nonexpendable Trusts:</b>										
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Church	0564-0006	200.00				200.00	52.55	4.68		257.23
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	0564-0007	4,000.00				4,000.00	85.16	75.70		4,160.86
Lucia Elkins - Elkins Mem Bldg Repairs	0564-0008	1,000.00				1,000.00	274.42	23.61		1,298.03
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	0564-0009	3,000.00				3,000.00	826.30	70.90		3,897.20
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	0564-0010	424.00				424.00	114.30	9.98		548.28
Lucia Elkins - Sick & Worthy Poor	0564-0011	6,987.00				6,987.00	310.17	135.20		7,432.37
John Kazar - School District	0564-0012	3,702.10				3,702.10	1,020.60	87.50		4,810.20
Benevolent Fund - Glasses & Dental	0564-0013	700.00				700.00	2,732.74	63.60		2,796.34
Canterbury Youth Fund	0564-0014	751.00				751.00	2,224.43	55.14		3,030.57
Thompson Memorial - 4H Scholarship	0564-0015	750.00				750.00	774.43	28.21		1,552.64
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	0564-0017	37,675.00				37,675.00	8,975.37	864.37		47,514.74
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>59,189.10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,189.10</b>	<b>17,390.46</b>	<b>1,418.89</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,998.45</b>
<b>Expendable Trusts:</b>										
<b>Capital Reserve Funds</b>										
Highway Equipment	0564-0003	48,000.00	10,000.00			58,000.00	3,133.54	947.44		62,080.98
Highway Trucks	0564-0004	184,000.00	30,000.00		100,000.00	114,000.00	5,509.98	3,020.54		122,530.52
Road Grader	0564-0005	165,000.00	30,000.00			195,000.00	5,761.83	3,163.96		203,925.79
Rescue Equipment	0564-0018	63,000.00	10,000.00			73,000.00	6,332.66	1,284.63		80,617.29
Fire Equipment	0564-0019	115,000.00	50,000.00			165,000.00	3,790.64	2,201.03		170,991.67
Firefighting Equipment (2)	0564-0029	45,900.50	20,000.00		8,545.00	57,355.50	629.22	820.19		58,804.91
Conservation	0564-0020	36,000.00				36,000.00	1,398.65	692.95		38,091.60
Transfer Station	0564-0022					-	5,899.78	109.32		6,009.10
Landfill Closure	0564-0024	100,723.00	10,000.00			110,723.00	13,870.45	2,123.26		126,716.71
Police Cruisers	0465-0030	12,648.75			12,648.75	-	1,323.80	195.08	351.25	1,167.63
Building Maintenance	0564-0027	9,326.62	6,000.00			15,326.62	562.00	183.22		16,071.84
Sam Lake House	0564-0028	208,725.00			212,000.00	(3,275.00)	2,477.82	2,872.74		5,350.56
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>988,323.87</b>	<b>166,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>333,193.75</b>	<b>821,130.12</b>	<b>50,690.37</b>	<b>17,614.36</b>	<b>351.25</b>	<b>889,083.60</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,047,512.97</b>	<b>166,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>333,193.75</b>	<b>880,319.22</b>	<b>68,080.82</b>	<b>19,033.25</b>	<b>351.25</b>	<b>967,082.04</b>

\* How Invested: All funds are invested with the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool of PFM Asset Management LLC.

## LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND



At the 1988 Canterbury Town Meeting the townspeople voted to “*deposit all revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the land use change tax) in the conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II.*”

<b>Balance on Hand as of 01/01/2018</b>	<u>\$ 139,311.89</u>
Deposits	\$ 51,707.53
Withdrawals	\$ 0
Interest	<u>\$ 391.13</u>
<b>Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2017</b>	<u>\$ 191,410.55</u>

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER – 2018

Beginning Balance 01/01/2018 .....	\$	<b>3,058,303.59</b>
Tax Collector .....	\$	7,063,436.07
Town Clerk .....	\$	756,365.74
State of New Hampshire .....	\$	225,420.59
Income from Departments .....	\$	130,191.38
Transfer from Sam Lake Trust .....	\$	24,674.18
Library Offset .....	\$	15,038.20
Interest on Investments .....	\$	7,971.66
Sam Lake House Loan .....	\$	213,410.21
Enterprise Fund .....	\$	95,544.83
Transfers from Capital Reserve .....	\$	333,545.00
Payroll Account Deposits .....	\$	1,005,497.62
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,871,095.48</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>12,929,399.07</b>
Selectmen's Orders Paid .....	\$	3,292,455.41
Payroll Disbursements .....	\$	998,596.77
ACH Transfers to State .....	\$	187,545.58
Capital Reserve .....	\$	166,000.00
School Tax .....	\$	4,527,962.00
County Tax .....	\$	771,087.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,943,646.76</b>
<b>Ending Balance 12/31/18 .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,985,752.31</b>
<b>Conservation Commission Fund .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>191,410.55</b>

## RECONCILIATION – TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER



Property Tax Remitted to Treasurer	\$6,822,198.83
Interest & Penalties Remitted to Treasurer	19,659.66
Converted to Liens Principle Only	105,544.94
Redemptions	91,990.00
Interest & Costs Collected	20,855.64
Check Payments Reversed	3,187.00
<b>TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>	<b>\$7,063,436.07</b>

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2018



MOTOR VEHICLE FEES COLLECTED	ACCT. #	COUNT	AMOUNT
	3220.8	5,194	\$ 187,545.58
	3220	3,911	\$ 541,064.16
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>9,105</b>	<b>\$728,609.74</b>

Motor Vehicle Renewals Total	3,041
New Registrations	581
Renewals By Mail	732
Transfers	448
Online Renewals	340

TOWN CLERK FEES COLLECTED	ACCT.#	COUNT	AMOUNT
Agent Fee	3240	3,808	\$ 22,219.00
Vital Statistics	3290.4	154	\$ 1,360.00
Marriage License	3290.3	10	\$ 70.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>3,972</b>	<b>\$ 23,649.00</b>

DOG LICENSE FEES COLLECTED	ACCT. #	COUNT	AMOUNT
Dog Overpopulation Fee	3290.1	314	\$ 1,402.00
Dog Complaint	3401.11	9	\$ 225.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>		<b>323</b>	<b>\$ 1,627</b>

Dogs Registered	350	\$ 2,480.00
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<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$756,365.74</b>
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*I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

*Kenneth Folsom, Interim Town Clerk*

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT



## Summary of Tax Warrants For the Year Ending December 31, 2018

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	Levy For Year 2018	Prior Levies	
		2017	2016
DEBITS			2015 +
Property Taxes		\$ 333,522.22	\$ —
Land Use Taxes		\$ 4,888.53	\$ —
Timber Yield Taxes			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$ 31,883.46)		
<b>TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR</b>			
Property Taxes			
Land Use Change Taxes			
Timber Yield Taxes			
Abatements Made		\$ 1,592.26	
<b>OVERPAYMENTS</b>			
New This Fiscal Year			
Interest — Late Tax		\$ 16,268.21	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 356,271.22</b>	



	Levy For Year 2018	2017	Prior Levies 2016	2015 +
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>				
Property Taxes	\$6,526,003.39		\$ 227,977.28	
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 46,819.00		\$ 4,888.53	
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 16,510.63			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$ 3,391.45		\$ 14,574.21	
Penalties			\$ 1,694.00	
Converted to Liens (Principal Only)			\$ 105,544.94	
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned				
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE</b>				
Property Taxes		\$ 1,592.26		
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>				
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES — END OF YEAR #1080</b>				
Property Taxes	\$ 307,968.58			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 828.00			
Yield Tax	\$ 201.12			
Remaining Overpayments — This Year				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$ 550.00)			
Prior Years' Overpayments Returned			\$ —	\$ —
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$6,901,172.17</b>	<b>\$ 356,271.22</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>

**Summary of Tax Warrants**  
*For the Year Ending December 31, 2018*

	Levy For Year		Prior Levies	
	2018	2017	2016	2015 +
<b>DEBITS</b>				
<b>UNREDEEMED LIENS BEGINNING OF TY</b>				
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY			\$66,797.45	\$ 89,477.28
Liens Executed During FY	\$	113,495.87		
Unredeemed Liens Elderly Liens Beg. Of FY				\$ 986.31
Unredeemed Liens During FY	\$	1,906.75	\$ 4,495.75	\$ 14,453.14
Interest & Costs Collected	\$	115,402.62	\$ 71,293.20	\$ 104,916.73
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>				
<b>CREDITS</b>				
<b>SUMMARY OF CREDITS</b>				
Redemptions	\$	32,082.24	\$ 18,280.31	\$ 41,627.45
Interest & Costs Collected	\$	1,906.75	\$ 4,495.75	\$ 14,453.14
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens	\$	839.15	\$	\$ 81.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	\$	80,574.48	\$ 48,517.14	\$ 47,768.83
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY				\$ 986.31
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>	\$	115,402.62	\$ 71,293.20	\$ 104,916.73

*I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.*  
 Kenneth Folsom, Interim Tax Collector

# TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2018 SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY



Current Use Land Assessed Value.....	\$ 1,565,866
Conservation Restriction Assessment.....	\$ 5,769
Land (Improved and Unimproved) .....	\$ 84,703,100
Residential Buildings .....	\$ 154,132,538
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D.....	\$ 64,422
Commercial/Industrial.....	\$ 15,432,200
Public Utilities.....	\$ 6,940,700
<b>Total Gross Valuation .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>262,844,595</u></b>

Less Elderly Exemptions .....	\$ 760,400
Blind Exemptions .....	\$ 30,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions.....	\$ 660,000
Improvements to Assist Person W/Disabilities .....	\$ 102,374
<b>Total Gross Exemptions.....</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,552,774</u></b>

Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is computed .....	\$ 261,291,821
Less Public Utilities .....	\$ 6,940,700
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax Computed .....	\$ 254,351,121

Veteran's Tax Credit.....	\$ 52,500
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit .....	\$ 14,000
All Veteran's Tax Tax Credits.....	\$ 5,500

### 2018 Tax Rate

Town Tax Rate .....	\$ 6.29
County Tax Rate.....	\$ 2.95
School Tax Rate.....	\$ 15.16
State Education Tax Rate .....	\$ 2.17
<b>TAX RATE PER \$1,000 .....</b>	<b>\$ <u>26.57</u></b>

# SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY



	Acres	Assessed Value
Town Hall & Land.....	5	\$ 239,600
Elkins Library .....		\$ 399,000
Meeting House Building .....		\$ 100,700
Historical Society Schoolhouse .....		\$ 107,100
Sam Lake House .....		\$ 111,200
Municipal Building and Land .....	4.98	\$ 1,056,900
Transfer Station Building and Land .....	6.3	\$ 102,100
Gazebo and Land.....	0.31	\$ 38,700
Elkins Historical Building and Land .....	0.84	\$ 172,800
	<b>17.43</b>	<b>\$ 2,328,100</b>

Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
101	002		Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest	0.69	\$ 56,900
101	006	47	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 13,300
101	009	41	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.27	\$ 13,500
101	010	37	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$ 13,500
101	012	33-35	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.02	\$ 1,300
101	019	12	Nottingham Road	Sherwood Forest	0.54	\$ 13,800
101	036	99	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.71	\$ 13,800
101	058	26	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 13,300
101	062	39	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	31.00	\$ 26,100
101	073		Shaker Road	Lyford Cemetery	0.08	
101	076	641	Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$ 13,000
102	003	10	Sherwood Forest Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$ 13,000
102	016	2	Flowage/Dam Rights	Sherwood Forest	0.00	
102	017	24	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$ 40,000
102	037	84	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.39	\$ 32,100
102	043	Island	New Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 20,000
102	052	85	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 12,200
102	071	65	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.28	\$ 13,500
102	094	10	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 13,300
102	107	15	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$ 13,000
102	109	11	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$ 13,000
102	111	7	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 13,500
102	118	44	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$ 9,800
102	120	48	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.23	\$ 9,800
102	149	0	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.04	\$ 13,800
102	150	Island	Lyford Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.40	\$ 20,200
107	024		Kimball Pond Road	Kinter Lot/CCC	3.11*	\$ 25,700
107	025		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC	15.09*	\$ 81,700
107	026		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC	30.00*	\$ 96,500
107	029		Center Road	Center Cemetery	2.40	\$ 800
203	005		Snowshoe Hill Road	Gilmanton Town Line	5.00	\$ 10,000
203	008		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	7.00	\$ 11,300
203	009		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	9.00	\$ 12,800
203	016		Mountain Road	Wooded	2.30	\$ 8,300
203	017		Mountain Road	Wooded /CCC	2.50	\$ 8,700
203	018		Mountain Road	Wooded	4.30	\$ 11,900
203	019		Mountain Road	Wooded /CCC	5.25	\$ 13,700
203	020		Mountain Road	Topography/CCC	4.00	\$ 11,400
203	022		Mountain Road	R-0-W RD Thru Center of Lot	45.00	\$ 48,000
203	023		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	5.40	\$ 13,900

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Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
203	024		Mountain Road	Wooded	3.00	\$ 9,600
203	029		Harmony Lane	Gilmanton Town Line	6.26	\$ 82,600
205	005		Misery Road	Northfield Town Line	20.00	\$ 74,200
208	009		Baptist Hill Road	Irregular shaped lot	1.60	\$ 31,200
208	018		Baptist Hill Road	Mathews Cemetery	0.04	
209	004		Shaker Road	Corner Lot	0.43	\$ 24,600
210	009		Mountain Road	CCC	3.70	\$ 7,400
211	006	ES	Route 106	Backland/NHMS & Soucook River	0.63	\$ 1,900
216	003		Ayers Road	Backland	0.04	\$ 100
218	003		Off Oak Hill Road	Backland	2.90	\$ 5,800
218	004		Intervale Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	8.00	\$ 13,800
218	005	Off	Oak Hill Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	0.21	\$ 400
219	009	NS	Intervale Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	0.24	\$ 500
221	002		Borough Road	N/F Peck	0.43	\$ 900
221	014		Borough Road	Smith Morrill Cemetery	0.05	
222	003		Borough Road	Backland/Access	22.00	\$ 30,400
223	013		Briar Bush Road	Wooded	20.00	\$ 87,000
227	006		Asby Road	Brown Cemetery	0.04	
229	004		Baptist Hill Road	Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery	0.52	
232	008		Borough Road	Osgoodite Family Cemetery	0.11	
233	012		Rum Brook Road	Bordered by I-93	5.80	\$ 34,800
234	014		Off Intervale Road	Backland/RR/PSNH/ROW	81.00	\$ 110,000
236	003		Intervale Road	Merrimack River Frontage	5.10	\$ 83,200
237	019		Big Meadow	Backland/Wetland	11.00	\$ 18,000
238	003		Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland	7.40	\$ 12,900
238	004		Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	11.70 *	\$ 19,000
240	007		Abbott Road	Hannah Moore Lot	25.00	\$ 33,500
241	023		Baptist Hill Road	Maple Grove Cemetery	6.20	
241	031		Baptist Road	Peverly Meadow/CCC	10.30	\$ 18,800
241	033		Baptist Road	Old Rangeway	5.20	\$ 17,100
243	006		Shaker Road	N/F Berry, Viola Estate	3.70	\$ 7,400
245	003	OFF	Welch Road	Backland/Access	12.70	\$ 39,400
245	004	R-O-W	Welch Road	Backland/Access	15.00	\$ 40,800
245	005		Baptist Road	Backland/Access/Pond	20.00	\$ 28,400
245	007		Baptist Road	Backland/Access/Pond	23.00	\$ 31,300
245	008		Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	10.70	\$ 13,200
245	009		Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	20.50*	\$ 29,100
245	010	SE	Baptist Road	Spender Meadow/ Crane Neck Pond	16.00	\$ 18,200
245	011		Baptist Road	Backland/CCC	66.00	\$ 49,500
246	013		Baptist Road	Wetlands/R-W/Access/CCC	3.90	\$ 35,800
247	032		Southwest Road	Unknown ROW	0.27	\$ 10,200
248	10		West Road	Unknown	0.89	\$ 2,700
250	005		Island	Island on Merrimack River	0.61	\$ 56,100
252	033	WS	Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC	19.06*	\$ 86,000
253	039		Pickard Road	Kimball II West Cemetery	0.08	
253	042	WS	Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC	22.20*	\$ 89,300
254	001		Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow	12.50	\$ 20,000
254	003		Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow	10.80	\$ 17,700
255	014		Whitney Hill Road	Whitney & Lovejoy Roads Triangle	12.80	\$ 48,900
256	003		Whitney Hill Road	N/F Samual Lovering Heirs	22.00	\$ 86,000
257	008	W OF	Whitney Hill Road	Backland/wetlands	19.00	\$ 14,400
258	027		Old Schoolhouse Road	Side of Class VI Road	0.20	\$ 38,800
261	003		West Road	Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge	5.40	\$ 83,800
262	003		Along Merrimack	N/F Elbridge Carter Heirs	16.50	\$ 24,800
263	017		Abby Drive	Open Space	0.52	\$ 22,100

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<b>Map</b>	<b>Lot</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Assessed Value</b>
263	021		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	3.00	\$ 34,000
263	026		Layton Drive	Open Space	0.44	\$ 25,100
263	031		Layton Drive	Open Space	14.40	\$ 50,900
263	035		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.97	\$ 29,900
263	040		Cambridge Drive	Pond/Open Space	3.80	\$ 35,600
263	043		Abby Drive	Open Space	0.63	\$ 28,200
263	044		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.66	\$ 22,600
264	011		New Road	Concord Frontage/CCC	28.00	\$ 64,600
267	051		Oxbow Pond Road	Riverland Conservation	68.73*	\$ 195,400
				<b>Totals</b>		
				Acres	719.04	
				Parcel Values		\$2,868,300
				Town Building Values		\$2,328,100
				<b>Town Owned Building and Parcels</b>		<b><u>\$5,196,400</u></b>

\*Conservation Easement

# THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



This past year we spent a great deal of time on the restoration of the Sam Lake House. During our discussions with Mark Hopkins last year it was decided that the Town, or more specifically Town Administrator Ken Folsom, would work in concert with Mark as the general contractor(s). Work began in April with the move of the Town offices to the Town Hall and the demolition of the old building. The schedule was for the offices to be relocated and opened in the Sam Lake House for the first Monday in November (the move was completed on Friday, November 2nd). It was a pleasure working with Mark, his crew Paul and Taylor, his sub-contractors, electrician Larry Martin and to Chance Anderson for his help with the granite steps and the granite sign posts. We would like to thank Charles and Heidi McLaughlin for their generous contribution for the office sign and to Unifil for providing the funds to upgrade the HVAC system from forced hot air (propane) to much more environmentally friendly mini-splits. The mini-splits were discussed during the building committee design meetings but were not selected because of budgetary restrictions. Discussions by the Energy Committee concerning the advantages of using the mini-split system reinforced our decision to find a way to provide funds for their use in the Sam Lake House. The building committee was appointed in 2015 and worked diligently in coming up with a design that was very appropriate for our town offices. We owe a great deal of gratitude to John Armstrong for providing pro bono architectural support for this project. The finish landscaping and the parking lot work will be completed next year.

During the design of the septic system for the Sam Lake House it was proposed that it would be an opportune time to provide sewage service to the Parish House and to the property known as the Canterbury Country Store. We agreed with the proposal with the following stipulations:

1. We get a legal opinion on any potential short-term or long-term liabilities.
2. There be no present or future financial obligations to the town.
3. United Church of Canterbury and the Community Market LLC be responsible for all charges for the changes made to the septic system to accommodate their connection.

These stipulations were met, and a joint use agreement was signed by all parties. The work on the system was completed and placed in service.

In addition to the reconstruction of the Sam Lake House we decided to start upgrading the garage. This past year a concrete floor was poured and structural improvements were completed. When completed the garage will be used for town storage.

As a result of the retirement of our road agent a search was initiated to fill that position. We conducted interviews and selected a member of our own highway department Donald (John) O'Connor to fill that position.

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We met with a representative from Penacook Rescue to discuss their budget request for 2019. We also met with the selectmen from Boscawen and Salisbury to discuss regional issues associated with ambulance service. These discussions are continuing in our effort to provide reliable emergency ambulance services to our citizens.

The latter part of the year had us dealing with the resignation of Ben Bynum, the Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We thank Ben for his seven years of dedicated service and wish him well in his new position with the Town of Hopkinton. We thank Lisa Carlson for stepping up and ensuring continued service from that office and to Cheryl Himes for her help.

We thank Mr. James Otis for his generous donation of the “John J. Railey” clock and to Bob Scarponi for his help in coordinating this acquisition.

We are fortunate to have employees and volunteers who take a personal interest in providing services to our citizens.

Sue LeClair and her staff at the Library continue to provide excellent service to our community including many instructional programs and special events in addition to the normal library services.

Administrator Ken Folsom and his staff of Jan Stout and Mary Hauptman, Assessor Mandy Irving, Police Chief Mike Labrecque, Fire Chief Guy Newbury, Road Agent John O’Connor and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Scott LaCroix have provided exemplary service to the citizens of our town.

The members of our operating committees work diligently throughout the year carrying out their duties and in providing guidance to the Board of Selectmen. We are very fortunate to have the spirit of volunteerism at such a high level in our town.

A look at the year ahead finds the proposed budget for 2019 showing an increase of \$173,153 or 6.6%. This consists of a \$78,120 increase in funding for continued service by Penacook Rescue and the result of adding the Police Department cruiser to the operating budget, and onetime expenses of painting the Town Hall, new LED lights in the Library, and upgrades to the Transfer Station electrical system. Subtracting these from the 2019 proposed operating budget would make the actual increase in spending 1.7%.

The BOS and Town Administrator Ken Folsom will continue to meet with our surrounding towns to investigate other sources for Emergency Ambulance Services.

Last but certainly not least thanks to Pam and Gordon Jackson for decorating the center with wreaths and lights, Beth and Chris Blair for decorating the Bandstand and to Unitil for their help with the lights for the tree.

We wish everyone a very Healthy and Happy 2019.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Arthur E. Hudson Jr.*  
*Cheryl A. Gordon*  
*George R. Glines*



# TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT



The major change for our town in 2018 was the construction of the new Town Office. We moved out of the Sam Lake House in March. Our temporary offices were in the Town Hall which the Town Offices moved out of in 1982. Although our offices this time were on the first floor, not in the basement.

The demolition and construction went well with only a few delays and we were able to move back, in October. The new building has more than lived up to our expectations. We want to thank everyone involved for the work that went into the design, planning and construction. Most of all we thank the residents of Canterbury for supporting the replacement of our Town Office.

During the design and construction, the town worked with the Canterbury United Community Church and the Canterbury Community Market to allow for an expanded and shared “leach bed” that would accommodate effluent from their properties as well as the Town Office. A legal agreement was signed by all parties describing any future maintenance and repair responsibilities.

We received a substantial increase request for services for 2019 for Penacook Rescue who provides ambulance response and transport for Canterbury and Boscawen and back-up to Salisbury. I, along with Chief Newbery and the Board of Selectmen, attended several meetings with representatives of these towns to discuss the reason for the increase. Penacook Rescue has historically operated with volunteer help. Unfortunately, the decline in volunteers has led them to move to a paid per diem staffing profile. This accounts for most of the increase. We will be working this year to explore our options for Emergency Medical Services.

Maintenance to town buildings included painting the Meeting House and Library, and completion of the painting and repairs to the windows at the Elkins Memorial Building. We had to replace the well pump at the Municipal Building and repairs were also done to the AC units in the Police Station.

The town portion of the tax rate for 2018 went up slightly from \$6.05 to \$6.29 with an equalization ratio of 86.6%. The total expenditures for the operating budget were \$161,919 below what was approved. The majority of unexpended funds was from Public Safety as a result of staffing changes that reduced the health care costs.

John O’Connor was promoted to Road Agent following the retirement of Jim Sawicki. Longtime resident, Evan Hauptman was hired by the Highway Department to fill the remaining vacancy.

I would remiss if I didn’t thank all the employees, volunteers, committee and board members, and residents that make Canterbury such a wonderful small town. We are fortunate to live in a beautiful area of the country and in a great community!

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
*Ken Folsom*  
*Town Administrator*

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



I would like to thank the residents for their patience driving thru various work zones this year as we had Pike reclaim a section of Old Tilton Rd. and paving parts of Old Tilton, Hackleboro and Intervale roads. We also had All-States do a sand seal on Shaker Rd. as we wait for the gas line upgrade north to Misery Rd. to be completed.

I welcomed the energy of T.J. Bibeau as he worked around school and weather to mow/trim cemetery and town properties. A big thank you goes out to Ben Bynum for the help in the spring clean-up.

With the retiring of Jim Sawicki, we were able to add Evan Hauptman to complete a crew of Dave Heath, Rich Niolet on Highway along with Mark Marr, Andres Romero, and David Bowles at the Transfer Station.

Thank you for the hard work to complete 2018 and we look forward to 2019 with work to be done on Morrill, Baptist Hill, Shaker and Intervale roads. I hope to see you on the roads.

*Respectfully,  
Donald "John" O'Connor  
Road Agent*

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## PLANNING BOARD



The 2018 Town elections resulted in Tyson Miller and Hillary Nelson being re-elected to the Board for three-year terms.

There were 7 public hearings: 5 lot line adjustments, 1 excavation permit, and 1 site plan review. The Board also heard 7 pre-application conceptual consultations.

The Board has continued to diligently work to address and revise the Table of Uses within the Zoning Ordinance. We are planning on presenting a proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance making Accessory Dwelling Units more flexible in line with new state regulations.

One of the Board's focuses in 2018 was to continue to challenge the New Hampshire Motor Speedway's applications for a country music festival, and a flat track for racing. It will continue to monitor the events and applications relating to the Speedway.

The Board is always looking for additional Alternate Members to join us in helping to shape the future of Canterbury. Any interested residents are welcome to attend any meeting to observe and discuss their interest with us.

*Respectfully submitted  
Jim Snyder, Chairman*

## BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT



This past year the number of building permits issued was 43, of which six were for new home construction. There were 53 permits issued for various non-building projects such as solar panels, generators, electrical service upgrades, hot water heaters and new heating systems. These all require inspections for compliance with State and Local code. Two commercial projects were started.

There were numerous complaints about Code issues requiring site visits and follow up.

As of January we've received a new house permit along with a couple sheds, a renovation, and a Demo permit for a new home. It looks to be another busy year around the Town.

In the coming weeks, I will be following up on any outstanding permits to ensure that any needed inspections are done. After all the required inspections are completed if needed a Certificate of Occupancy or Use permit will be issued for your records.

In closing, I encourage you to call me with any building or code questions or concerns you may have.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Scott LaCroix*  
*Building Inspector/Code Officer*

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## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION



Nothing was proposed in either historic district in 2018 that required a public hearing. The most visible project in the Center Historic District was the reconstruction of the Sam Lake House to better accommodate the needs of the town offices. Landscaping will be done in the spring.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Mark Hopkins, Chair*

# FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT



The department continued to see membership changes in 2018. While several senior members left the department, we were fortunate to have several new members join. Ben Davis joined the ranks coming over from the Webster Fire Department. Cameron Powell joined CFD and is currently enrolled in his basic firefighter training. Scott Doherty a long-time member of the fire and EMS service and state instructor also joined our ranks. They all bring diverse skill and ability to the department and we are fortunate to have them as members. Matt Murphy was promoted to the vacant lieutenant position. Our members were also busy with training and obtaining new skills in both fire and EMS. Two members obtained EMT certification, one member obtained Advanced EMT and two members obtained their Fire Fighter II certifications. This past year, members totaled up 3,000 hours of training activity in a wide variety of classes in fire, hazardous materials and EMS. This is a significant accomplishment for a 20-member organization. Along with all their hours of response and training, the members continue to be active in community activities including, Fire Prevention Week, Memorial Day, July 4th and Canterbury Fair. I very much appreciate their dedication to the department and the community.

While we were not successful in obtaining our proposed Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for our Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) we did re-apply this year. Using surplus equipment from one of our mutual aid partner towns, we were able to extend the life of our SCBA equipment for another year. We were, however, successful in applying for and obtaining two other grants. One was the States Warm Zone Grant that will provide joint training with police and supply equipment funds to help us manage situations with active shooter situations. The other grant was from State Forestry providing us with matching funds for protective clothing.

Our relationship with the Capital Area and Lakes Region Mutual Aid systems remains strong in areas of both emergency response and training. On numerous occasions we received aid for incidents in town and the department responded several times to assist towns with major incidents. We would particularly like to thank the Loudon Fire Department for their response on several occasions with their utility terrain vehicle (UTV) to assist us in search operations in the woods. The cooperation and coordination of all the town agencies – police, highway and school administration to accomplish our safety missions is appreciated. Not all towns have the strong interagency relationship that functions at our current level. We all benefit with this relationship in terms of a safer community.

The department would like to thank the community and the selectman for their support as we continue to improve and advance our level of service to the town.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Fire Chief Guy Newbery*

# POLICE DEPARTMENT



The Canterbury Police Department would like to thank all of you for your continued support. In 2018, we started using a new computer network which connects us to our dispatch center at the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office. This allows officers to have access to the computers in the cruisers in real time and eliminates the officers from having to enter data that the dispatch center has already entered saving the officer valuable time. All the neighborhood watch program signs have been installed around town, if anybody is interested please call or email Administrative Assistant Deb Nielsen. We also have a pharmaceutical drop box for any unwanted or unused medication in the police lobby. The Canterbury Police Department continues to strive for excellence in the service we provide all of you.

2018 has been a busy year, we hired two new officers, Aaron Smith and Justin Crotty who replaced the two officers who left us early this year. Both officers were full time certified with over ten years of service combined. Officer Smith is our evidence technician. Officer Crotty is a certified Firearms, Expandable Baton, OC instructor and a Field Training Officer.

I am sure everyone has seen the two new police cruisers driving around town, both vehicles came in in August. I hope everyone likes the new design. We went with the traditional black and white color scheme.

If you ever need us to respond to an emergency or you need to report something, call 9-1-1 or the 24-hour Merrimack County Dispatch Center at 603-228-1010.

If you need to speak to an officer or myself, please call the station at 603-783-0433.

Here are some statistics that your police department responded to during 2016, 2017, and 2018.

	2016	2017	2018
Accidents	31	34	46
Arrests	54	79	83
Calls for Service	2,181	1,701	2,512
Citations	968	1,342	1,623
Field Interviews	57	97	229
Incidents	113	172	235

Everyone working at the Canterbury Police Department are proud to serve you and the community. Open communications with everyone is the key to our success, at any time if you need to speak to me about a problem or anything else please don't hesitate to call.

*Respectfully,*  
*Michael P. Labrecque*  
*Chief of Police*  
*mlabrecque@canterbury-nh.org*  
*603-783-0433*

## ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES



Programs this past year at Elkins Library were aimed at all ages and interests. There was Rock 'N Read for infants and toddlers, Maker Space, Lego Club, and After School programs for elementary school children. Story Hour, Young Readers for Middle School aged children, and a Teen Advisory Group provided varied and engaging activities. Delightful stories told by Simon Brooks entertained the Winter Warm crowd in February; there were 164 happy children with their adults on Big Truck Day during April vacation. Our Summer Reading program, *Build a Better World*, reached over 300 children! Adult programs included four NH Humanities grant presentations partnered with the Canterbury Historical Society. Other special programs of interest were Restoring Brook Trout by the New Hampshire Fish and Game Wildlife Stewards, Preparing Local Food Systems for Climate Change: A Permaculture in an Uncertain Environmental Future and a Night Before Christmas Holiday Open House. Ongoing programs include two book discussion groups, Zen coloring and crafts including rug braiding and knitting.

Rachel Baker, our Elkin's Library full time Children's Librarian, was recognized by The NH Children's Librarians as the NH Children's Librarian of the Year. Rachel is well deserving of this great honor. She was again recognized at the Friends of Elkins Public Library Spring Extravaganza which featured Celtic music performed by Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki and his band and culminated in a very successful silent auction. The Friends group has donated so much time and money to the library. They have been extraordinary in their support for all library events.

Our building received some much-needed maintenance this summer with painting and trim repair. Rotting boards were replaced. We had to replace the mother board in the alarm system. The "new" library is going into its 14th year and projects for maintenance and improvements are being looked at for the future.

New trustees have been welcomed to the Library board. Ray Craigie, Sarah Melasecca and Rick Zeller are great additions to our board. Linda Riendeau has taken over the role of treasurer for the library.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Leidinger  
Chairperson Elkins Library Board of Trustees*

# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT



January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

<b>Total Circulation of Materials:</b> .....	<b>18,292</b>
Adult Fiction .....	3,672
Adult Non-Fiction .....	876
Youth Fiction .....	3,972
Young Adult Fiction .....	642
Youth Non-Fiction.....	658
Magazines .....	289
CD's.....	825
DVD's .....	3,172
Inter-Library Loans borrowed.....	867
Downloadable Audio Books .....	3,319

## Materials Purchased

Adult Fiction .....	226
Adult Non-Fiction .....	71
Juvenile .....	172
Young Adult .....	81
Youth Non-Fiction.....	62
Books on CD .....	72
DVD's .....	110
Donations (Books, CDs & DVDs) .....	83

Elkins Library offers a wide variety of reading materials, listening books and music on CD, Downloadable Books, periodicals and DVDs. WIFI, five public computer stations and two Chromebooks are available for public use. The Mary Hutchins meeting room may be reserved for non-profit groups. Patron visits totaled 15,704 in 2018. The library provided 294 programs such as Story Hour, Rock N' Read, Lego Club, Maker Space, Summer Reading, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, Book Discussions, Teen Advisory, Young Readers, Zen Coloring, Knitters, Quilters, Rug Braiding, Meditation, Humanities programs and other special events, such as children's performers, conservation and cultural programs; all of which resulted in 1,931 children, 162 teens and 922 adults in attendance. Additionally, the Children's Librarian made 52 Outreach visits to the classrooms at the Canterbury Elementary School.

We wish to express our gratitude to the Friends of Elkins Public Library who have assisted with activities, provided family passes, materials and funds for programs.

*Susan LeClair, Director*

*Rachel Baker, Youth Services*

*Rose Howe, Circulation Services*

*Mary Ann Winograd, Circulation Services*

*Mary Ellen MacCoy, Circulation Services*

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



<b>Case #</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Appeal</b>	<b>Decision</b>
2018-1	Premo, Darren	Area Variance	Denied
2018-2	Amico, James	Use Variance	Granted
2018-3	Lakeman/Snow	Variance	Denied
2018-4	Valz, James	Special Exception	Granted
2018-5	Bassett, Charles	Rehearing Request	Denied
2018-6	Goss-Power, Pamela	Special Exception	Granted
2018-7	O'Donnell, Kimberly	Special Exception — Access Apt	Granted
		Special Exception — Home Occup	Granted

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Carlson, Secretary*

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## ENERGY COMMITTEE



The newly formed Energy Committee met for the first time in June 2018. We quickly developed a mission and goals statement which was approved by the Selectboard in July. Our mission is to “to encourage and facilitate energy conservation, energy efficient practices, and the use of sustainable energy in the Town of Canterbury, including public buildings and properties, businesses, and resident homes.” Our main goal is to act in a supportive capacity to all town departments and committees in matters relating to conserving energy, increasing energy efficiency, and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions, and through education and outreach to promote energy conservation by all residents and businesses.

We have nearly completed our first task of contacting and/or visiting all town departments and committees to offer our assistance in finding ways to improve energy efficiency. In July the Selectboard acted on our suggestion to install mini-split heat pumps rather than a propane furnace, which will result in a significant savings over the years. We consulted with the Fire Department and are helping them research ways to conserve energy. The Library requested a lighting audit resulting in a quote for replacement of all bulbs with LEDs, decreasing those lighting costs dramatically.

Our first educational outreach was a well-attended “Button Up NH” workshop in October. We plan to disseminate educational materials about new energy saving



technologies in various public venues such as Town Meeting, Canterbury Fair, and Farmers' Markets. We are considering a Solarize Canterbury Campaign.

If residents or town committees would like assistance in matters of energy efficiency please contact us.

*Canterbury Town Energy Committee*

*Ruth Heath*

*Sandra Hodsdon*

*Fred Portnoy*

*Beth McQuinn*

*John Hebert*

*Alternates: Claudia Leidinger and David Day*

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## 2018 PERAMBULATION REPORT



RSA 51:2 requires that, *“The lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every 7 years forever, by the selectmen of the towns, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint for that purpose....”* As the appointed town line perambulator for the Town of Canterbury, I concentrated my 2018 efforts in perambulating the town line between Loudon and Canterbury.

Working with the appointed representative for Loudon, Selectman Stan Prescott, we spent several days in April and May feeding the mosquitos while searching for and recovering old town marks and bounds, some of which were first established in the late 1700's. Many of these bounds hadn't been perambulated with new dates and fresh markings since the 1960's. We did have some success and recovered a total 17 old granite town line bounds, chiseled boulders, engraved ledge outcrops, iron pipes, blazed trees, and other assorted markings.

All recovered bounds were freshly marked, photographed, and engraved with the year “2018” making them easier to find for future users. We did not blaze or mark the actual line between the bounds at this time as additional work is needed to determine the accuracy of some of the bounds that were recovered. Three additional called-for bounds were not found and appear to have been destroyed by construction activity in the area. The towns should consider replacing these monuments at some future opportunity.

In addition to the Loudon/Canterbury effort, I also continued working with Will Lamprey, my Northfield counterpart, and we were successful in finding two additional Northfield/Canterbury monuments that we hadn't been able to find in 2017. Tenacity pays off sometimes. *(See next page for pictures from this year's Perambulation.)*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Mark C. Stevens*

## Photographs from the 2018 Perambulation



*The boundary marker between Canterbury and Loudon. This stone is behind Miles Smith Farm in Loudon.*



*This marker was found off Asby Road.*



## HISTORICAL SOCIETY



*Our mission "To preserve Canterbury's history and sense of community"*

**WE RECEIVED A VERY SPECIAL GIFT** — The family of Canterbury resident and Civil War hero, John J. Railey, has honored his memory through a gift to the Historical Society of his 18th century case clock, which was built in Concord New Hampshire and attributed to well-known clockmakers Levi and Abel Hutchins. The clock has been installed in the Sam Lake House where it will be on permanent display. Lyford's 1912 History of Canterbury, New Hampshire 1727-1912 references Railey's time in Canterbury as a much-respected citizen and describes his Civil War service as a member of the famous Berdan's United States Sharp Shooters fighting in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where he was wounded. We are indeed indebted to the family for their wonderful "gift of history" to the Society.

**ARCHITECTURAL STUDY COMMITTEE** — We have initiated an Architectural Study Committee under the chairmanship of Harry Kinter in order to document 53 houses, the first group of over 100 identified as significant, both in terms of their age as well as their history. Committee members working in concert with owners are hard at work gathering deed, ownership, history, construction details and photographs for inclusion in our Archives. Further, plans are under way to mount an exhibit in the Elkins Memorial Building this summer incorporating the committee's research along with photographs of these same properties taken from the Cody Collection of glass negatives dating from the late 1800s.

**"WELCOME TO CANTERBURY" INITIATIVE!** — Trustee Mary Jane Bergman is leading this effort. We want to welcome new people to Canterbury, to let them know how things work like the process for registering cars, enrolling children in school, voting, dump rules, getting on the town email, accessing the farmer's market, businesses and craftsmen in town, not to mention available child care services. Also, what they may need to know about what is going on in town, how they can take advantage of them, and how to become personally involved, if they wish. When we were a smaller community, this was easier to do, but today it is more difficult. We often hear, *"I don't know anyone in town anymore!"* So we are working on several ideas to figure how we can make people feel "at home" right from the beginning. Think about when you first moved to town. We hope this effort will involve organizations, town boards, clubs, schools, everyone. You are welcome to help! As Uncle Sam said, *"We want you!"*

**EXHIBITS** — We were proud to host an exhibit focused on Canterbury in the 1800's that was planned, researched, and mounted by the 5th grade students at the CES. Under the supervision of teachers Karen Gingrich and Kim Wieck the show included period items that the students sought from Canterbury residents, as well as items chosen from the Society's Archive Collection. The exhibit opened on June 16th, with the students on hand to greet and talk with visitors about their efforts. The entire student body visited the show and it was a major success with many visitors over the summer and into the fall.

**PROGRAMS** — With the support of N.H. Humanities and in cooperation with Elkins Library we sponsored two programs, one on the History of N.H. Weather-vanes presented by Glen Knoblock, and another on Poor Houses and Town Farms in N.H. by Steve Taylor. Also, we were pleased to participate with Shaker Village in a program relating to Canterbury's World War I experiences.

**MOOSE PLATE GRANT RECEIVED** — We were awarded a grant for \$5,090.00 through the State's Conservation License Plate program intended to help public organizations like ours improve our ability to preserve and care for our Archive collection. This award will allow us to finally complete digitizing the remaining 168 glass plates not previously done. That means that over time we will have processed all 650 Luther Cody glass plate photographs of Canterbury dating from circa 1885 to circa 1905...a remarkable treasure.

**ONE ROOM SCHOOL HOUSE PROGRAM** — We completed our 11th year of this groundbreaking program. One of the reasons this program is so successful is because of our teacher volunteers Mary Jane Bergman, Dale Caswell, Amanda Osmer, Chuck Sanborn and Mark Stevens. Also, we receive great support from Shaker Regional Enrichment Teacher Karen Gingrich, elementary school Principal Mary Morrison and the entire CES staff. Thank you!

**SO MUCH TO DO!** — Our Oral History Project has stalled...there are just not enough people to plan and carry out interviews. That's one place we can use help. We are continuing our on-going efforts to make our Archive more accessible and could use help there, also. Our Cemetery project is on-going with the great help of the Cemetery Trustees and our Archivist, Sam Papps.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Scarponi, President*

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT



Several years ago, the Selectmen asked the Conservation Commission a series of very important questions. They wanted to know: how much conservation land does the town have, where is it, what are we doing with it, and what is the plan for the future. Over the past couple of years, we have been largely focused on answering these questions. In a sense we started by working on the first and last questions. That took the form of a research and mapping project to identify the properties owned by the town, the properties with easements the town is responsible for, and those properties and easements that the state or non-profit conservation groups have in Canterbury. Simultaneously we researched and created a second map which showed the locations and relative concentrations of various natural and rural resources in the town using known and available data from a variety of sources. After these projects were completed, we hired a professional to visit

each of the town owned conservation properties to conduct an on the ground natural resource inventory, and to visit each private property for which the town is legally responsible for the enforcement of a conservation easement. Finally, this past year we began to use those natural resource inventory reports to start drafting management plans for each of the town's conservation properties. A management plan was completed and approved by the Commission for the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area, and we have begun working on a management plan for the Sawyers Ferry Conservation Area. We welcome your input this coming year as we draft a management plan for each of the town's conservation properties.

Of course, not all of our time is spent on new projects. The annual management of properties and easements always consumes a large part of our time and effort. The commission handles the conservation easement monitoring responsibilities of the town and we completed the scheduled 2018 easement monitoring. We also reviewed many wetland and forestry permits, and provided input to other town boards when they asked. The annual mowing and trail work was completed on those properties that require it. Special projects such as the replacement of the Kimball Pond sign and the mowing of the Riverland were completed by Commission members donating their time and equipment. Commission members also gathered for fieldwork days on town properties on several occasions.

The Conservation Commission meets in the Meeting House, at 7:00 on the second Monday of the month.

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## CEMETERY TRUSTEES



2018 saw a reshuffling of the deck for the Cemetery Trustees. In May, Hugh Fifield resigned as the Canterbury Cemetery Sexton after holding the position for some 47 years. The Trustees would like to recognize and thank Hugh for his many years of service to the town as Sexton. Hugh did agree to stay on as a Cemetery Trustee. And, while it had never posed a problem over the many years that Hugh performed both duties, by State statute the Sexton cannot also be a Trustee, so Kent Ruesswick in turn resigned as a Trustee to accept the vacated position of Cemetery Sexton. To fill Kent's now vacant Trustee position, the Selectman appointed former Trustee Mark Stevens to return to the board and serve out the remainder of Kent's term.

Reshuffled duties were assigned as follows: Hugh would remain as Chairman. Mark would assume secretarial and bookkeeping responsibilities and would also handle genealogical or historical research requests. John Goegel would be responsible for overseeing the voluntary cemetery maintenance program and for veteran burial affairs. Along with Sexton duties, Kent would continue with the responsibility for keeping the burial records and for database entry.

A couple of “lost” cemeteries were rediscovered in 2018, including the William Maxfield cemetery which straddles the Loudon town line. There is an interesting story about William Maxfield, his farm, and his cemetery which follows this report if space allows. Another “lost” cemetery was rediscovered when an inquiry from a member of the public doing research on an ancestor led us to the discovery of an unlisted and unmapped private family burial ground dating back to the 1700’s. As this is a private cemetery on private property no town resources will be expended on it, but it will be added to our list of historical cemeteries and database for future genealogical researchers.

We were fortunate in 2018 to have the part-time summer help of Mr. TJ Bibeau taking care of the Center, Maple Grove, and Shell Meetinghouse Cemeteries. TJ did an outstanding job mowing, maintaining, and fall leaf clean up and we hope he is able to return next summer. Our volunteer cemetery keepers also performed well in 2018 and their donated efforts continue to save the town some tax dollars. We think that our cemeteries in general are looking better now than they have in a while and we’d like to thank all who had a hand in maintaining them in 2018.

With the help of Brian Magoon Tree Service, we tackled the problem trees in Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. Brian was able to take down some large trees or limbs that were overhanging the cemetery and in danger of falling and damaging headstones. Trustees and volunteers cleaned up fallen trees at the Ham, Cogswell, Hancock and other cemeteries as well. Other on-going projects for 2018 included updating the database, addressing incorrectly placed or missing flags at Veteran’s headstones, and responding to inquiries from genealogists and historians researching ancestors buried in Canterbury.

There were five internments at Maple Grove in 2018 and two new plots sold to individuals planning ahead for the inevitable future.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Hugh Fifield, Trustee  
John Goegel, Trustee  
Mark Stevens, Trustee  
Kent Ruesswick, Sexton*

### **William Maxfield**

On August 3, 1905, William Maxfield died of what was described as “cardiac dropsy and valvular disease of the heart.” Maxfield had lived all of his 76 years as a bachelor in his family’s farmhouse on Fletcher Road in Canterbury, near the point where the towns of Canterbury, Loudon, and Concord all come together. Maxfield worked his farm and apple orchard mostly alone, and peddled apples door to door with a broken-down wagon and horse.

Fletcher Road accessing his remote farm from Canterbury was a rough muddy round-a-bout way, so Maxfield often came and went through Loudon and did his business there as well selling his apples in Loudon Village. Village residents described him as frugal and poor, “He was short and chubby and had a full beard and wore a rusty looking coat. He looked like he didn’t have the things he needed.”



Maxfield's farm included the house and barn on ten acres in Canterbury, two acres in Concord and about 100 acres over the line in Loudon, much of it rocky, steep, or wetland. Thirty years after his death, the Maxfield farmhouse, a dark cape on an open hill, was torn down and workmen found books and old magazines stuffed beneath the floorboards to keep out the wind and cold. The family graveyard on the farm, where both his parents and grandparents were buried, straddles the town line between Canterbury and Loudon.

When Maxfield died in 1905 it was widely presumed that other than his farm, there would be few assets in his estate for the next of kin, whoever and wherever they might be. To everyone's surprise Maxfield had cash and savings worth some \$16,692 and a life insurance policy worth an additional \$20,000! This being a considerable amount of money in 1905. Maxfield also owned other real estate including rental property in both Penacook and Loudon.

Maxfield left nine relatives a combined total of only \$1,800 in his will. When the will and inventory of the estate were filed, the nine relatives along with five other relatives sued contesting the legality of the handwritten will and charging that the deceased Maxfield was not of sound mind and that the will had not been properly witnessed. The Superior Court in 1906 upheld the terms of the will and dismissed the charges and allegations raised by the complaining relatives.

Maxfield left money for a trust fund for the Free-Will Baptist Church on the corner of Baptist Road and Baptist Hill Road in Canterbury, to pay for the services of travelling preachers. This church was dismantled in 1964, moved to Tilton in pieces and reconstructed. Maxfield's trust fund may have been used up by that time.



Maxfield also left money for his burial expenses, desiring to be laid to rest between his parents in the family graveyard near his Canterbury home on Fletcher Road. Under the very specific terms of the will, Horace Fletcher, a neighbor, had a granite headstone monument placed in the center of the family plot. Although the farmhouse and a portion of the cemetery is in Canterbury, the monument is just over the line in Loudon. Terms of Maxfield's will included money as necessary for Loudon to keep his family cemetery in good repair.

The people of Loudon must have been pleasantly surprised to discover that frugal and poor William Maxfield left his farm, his worldly goods, and the bulk of his estate to the Town of Loudon. The only stipulation in his will was that he demanded the farm never be sold. In 1906 voters in Loudon accepted the several devices and bequests to the town by the late William Maxfield and voted to use this money to build a public library in the Village and name it in honor of him.

While this explains how the funding for the Maxfield Public Library in the Loudon village came about, and explains why the Town of Loudon owns a remote piece of Canterbury farmland, and also explains why the Maxfield Cemetery is cared for by Loudon and thus had fallen off the radar of Canterbury Cemetery trustees, it doesn't explain why Canterbury apple farmer William Maxfield scrimped, saved, and went without his whole life, to then give everything away upon his death.

# MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING FIRST SESSION

## March 13, 2018

Necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing were chosen by ballot. Absentee ballots were counted at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was recessed at 7:00 p.m. Ballots were counted and the results follow:

**Board of Selectmen:**

*1 position, 3 years*

Gordon, Cheryl.....306

**Library Trustees:**

*1 positions, 3 years*

Leidinger, Claudia.....326

**Library Trustees:**

*2 positions, 2 years*

Snow, Deborah .....318

Woods, Florence .....300

**Library Trustees:**

*1 position, 1 year*

Zeller, Rick.....39

**Supervisor of the Checklist:**

*1 position, 6 years*

Sojka, Denise.....320

**Planning Board:**

*2 positions, 3 years*

Miller, Tyson.....188

Nelson, Hillary .....195

Glines, Roy.....42

**Trustee of the Trust Funds:**

*1 positions, 3 years*

Lockwood, Laurie .....141

**Cemetery Trustee:**

*1 position, 3 years*

Fifield, Hugh .....330

**Moderator:**

*1 position, 2 years*

LeClair, Ted .....324

### Article 2

*To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the combined office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector under the provisions of RSA 41:45-a.*

Yes 96    **No 256**

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Benjamin Bynum  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector*

# SECOND SESSION

## March 16, 2018

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday, the sixteenth day of March 2018, at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following subjects:

Moderator Ted LeClair opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The Canterbury Rascals 4H group presented the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance. The Moderator explained

the rules for town meeting. He asked that all presentations be limited to ten minutes. He stated that his goal is a fair and respectful town meeting. His first item is a list of corrections for the town report. See included list.

### Article 3

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Two Million Five Hundred SixtyTwo thousand Four Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$2,562,421) to town charges for the ensuing year. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator LeClair read article 3.

*Motion by Jim Snyder, seconded by Doug Russwick*

*Selectman Art Hudson made a motion to amend Article 3 to include a payment on the Gold Star Bond of \$50,682. \$40,000 for principle and \$10,682 in interest to come from the unassigned fund balance. seconded by Selectman George Glines.*

The Moderator explained that this discussion will be on the amendment. Town administrator Ken Folsom explained that this has been in the budget since we bought the Gold Star property, and it was mistakenly left off of the town warrant. The Department of Revenue was contacted, and they explained that upon inserting this amount into the budget with specific language, the town would be covered. No further questions on the amendment.

#### **Amendment was voted on and passed.**

Moderator LeClair explained that we are now discussing Article 3 as amended.

Patrice Rasche said that she lives a mile from the elementary school and that the fireworks are very hard on her dogs. She asked the board to investigate something she read about, called silent fireworks or less noisy fireworks.

Norma Love explained that she wasn't for or against but had a question about the salary increases. She commented that most of the increases seemed to be about 2 to 3 percent, except for the town administrator's, which was more than that. Board member Art Hudson said he could address the one increase that most people are concerned about. He continued that, in the two years that he has been a selectman, Ken's abilities and job requirements have changed. Hudson expounded that Ken is on duty for the town almost 24 hours a day. If the alarm goes off or the pump stops working, he comes in. He brings his own generator down and fixes the problem. Hudson continued that he is in the office first thing in the morning at 8:00 a.m. and never leaves at 1:00 (p.m.). Selectmen Hudson felt that Ken wasn't getting paid as well as other town administrators in the area, and so he suggested a ten percent increase because he believes Ken really deserves it. He explained that it would be difficult for the three board members to do their job without him, and he is worth every penny that we pay him.

Ken Folsom spoke to some of the other increases in the town budget. On page 15, the budget increased due to an Avitar (software) tax map update and the addition of a town clerk module to be able to do boat registrations. This incurred a one-time \$500 charge that we will make back in a very short amount of time. On the elections and vital statistics line, the budget is up \$3,352 to make some increases for the voting machine because we have a primary coming up. He said the board has added \$1,000 to the tax collector's section to include leave coverage. When one person is out, it leaves only one person in the office, and the board had some con-

cerns when that person is there until 7:00 p.m., it's dark, and they are handling cash. After some discussion, money was put in the budget for another person to be there. Line 16 of the social security and Medicaid budget has increased. Line 19 for the building inspector has increased but that is offset by the revenue stream, which is up almost double what it was last year. The police department budget is higher, and the police chief is here if you have any questions. The fire department budget is up. The cost for Penacook Rescue (ambulance service) is up. The highway department budget is up, and this is the first year that we have separated out the overtime in the budget. He explained that there are actual figures on that this year. The recycling services has increased due to water testing. The Department of Environment Services (DES) found some chemicals in the water, which required us to up the budget because of more testing required by the Department of Environmental services. The library is up due to wages and maintenance items for the building.

Jim Miller explained that he was hoping someone would walk through the corrections to page 30 that involve formula errors and miscalculations of the warrant article costs. Ken spoke to the errors on page 30 on the revenue offsets. He expounded that it is an excel spreadsheet, and Mr. Miller pointed out the errors on election day and thanked him for it. Ken continued that Jim Miller came into the office the following day and they went through it line by line. They found some of the formulas on the spreadsheet were gone, causing errors. A sheet was handed out with the corrections. The biggest number to look at is the estimated amount of taxes to be raised, it should be \$1,911,493.00.

Judy Nelson asked which municipal property was sold last year in 2017. Art Hudson explained that we auctioned off a property the town took by deed.

Arnie Alpert wanted to more about the chemicals that were found. Ken Folsom explained that it is PFAS. A polyfluoral hydrocarbon that has been found in old landfills. The DES wanted to know if the fire department had done any training there with foam. The fire department couldn't find any records that they had. The water is tested by Aries engineering every year. It cost more to test for this substance and, since they found some, it required more testing, in turn requiring us to increase the budget, since the town is required to test for a certain number of years. There is no requirement for mediation at this point. They are testing one of the neighboring water wells. The biggest concern is the aquifer.

Kent Russwick mentioned that, on page 32, the print was too small to read.

Mindy Beltramo wanted to go to the administrative salary again. She explained that she recognized Art Hudson's graciousness in recognizing hard work and she said she believed that Ken Folsom had gotten an increase the year before as well, that was about 8 percent. She continued, stating that that is a \$9,000 increase over two years. She was curious if the rest of the town employees didn't work hard and diligent hours and asked if the administrator position had changed. She also asked what the hours of the town administrator's salary are that have been agreed upon. Selectman Art Hudson responded that the hours have not changed as far as setting numbers. Art said he knows the hours that Ken has been putting in, and it's much more than he originally contracted for. Art reiterated that he believed Ken was worth every penny and he is really saving the town some money. He stated that he deserved the raise that he was given this year. The board joked around about the

other duties as assigned in his job description and his increase was unanimous. David Balshaw said that it sounded like a merit-based increase in his wages this year and perhaps last year. He said Art Hudson mentioned that there were some money saving things that Ken shepherded and wanted to know what they were. Selectman Hudson spoke to the question saying that, when the alarm goes off for the sump pump, Ken gets his generator and takes care of it, even when it is not during his work hours. He fixes a lot of the maintenance problems that the town has so we don't have to hire anyone. Last year, we had the two water leaks that we were working on in December and January at 5:00 or 6:00 at night. He continued that he does a lot of work that no one knows he does. He said Ken is a valuable employee and we would hate to lose him. Ellen Scarponi asked if they had checked with other towns. She wondered if this is a more representative salary for other towns. Art Hudson responded yes, and that he has a good friend who is the town administrator in Gilmanton and he knows what this person is paid. Most of the town administrators are full time and, if you take what they are making and break it down for the amount of hours Ken is working, he is still a good buy for the town.

Jon Camire asked a question about the police capital reserve fund and whether it will change with the warrant article coming up (Article 4). He then clarified that he was referring to page 27, line 49.15. He noticed there is a 100 percent change. Ken Folsom said Article 5 has some changes that the department of revenue said we had to make this year. All the capital reserves will be voted on as a separate warrant article. That is why it is funded at \$0 on page 30, but if one goes to article 8, page 9, that is where it is funded. Jon Camire responded that that was his question, since, in the past, we have worked hard to have them in the budget, so they wouldn't be separate warrant articles that got voted on for specific purposes.

Seeing no further discussion, Moderator LeClair read the article.

**Article 3 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 4

*To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Ninety Four Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$94,693) payable over a term of 3 years for leasing police cruisers, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty One Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four dollars (\$31,564) and to withdraw Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$13,000) from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and to raise the balance of Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred Sixty Four Dollars (\$18,564) by taxation for the 2018 payment. **Two thirds ballot vote. Recommended by the Selectmen***

Article 4 read by Moderator LeClair.

*Motion by Doug Russwick, seconded by Laurie Lockwood*

Art Hudson explained that, when we hired Chief Mike Lebrecque a few years ago, we had to reorganize the department, and he has done a lot over the past couple of years. This is just a follow up on a plan he developed to replace the police cruisers, and he presented it to the budget committee. The budget committee thought it was a good plan, so the board brought it to town meeting. Chief Lebrecque spoke to the article, saying that, in the past, we have kept cruisers until they rust into the ground, so he worked with the Board of Selectmen to lease the

vehicles for 3 years, but keep them for 6. Every 3 years, we would lease 2 more. At the end of each lease, we will pay \$1.00 for each vehicle. Every 6 years, we would be “dumping” the oldest vehicles. If this is approved today, this would be all new equipment, all new lettering. The equipment would be transferred to the next cars and be used for a total of 12 years. He continued that he is trying to replace the 2010 Ford Expedition that has about 112,000 miles on it and has some issues. It is very worn out. The Ford Taurus we have has 112,000 miles also. His opinion is that they aren’t necessarily junk cars, but that they just aren’t police cruisers anymore. Priscilla Lockwood wanted to know how much we are raising this year and how do we pay for it in the future. Selectman Art Hudson said that it would cost \$18,564, and the next two years it would be \$31,564. The total for the warrant article is \$94,693, but we have \$13,000 in the fund right now. Priscilla wanted clarification on how much we were spending each year. Norma Love wanted to be sure that we are approving \$94,693 but are actually raising \$31,000 next year and the year after. Ken Folsom responded that that is correct. Laurie Lockwood asked if this would change the amount we put in the capital reserve fund. Art Hudson responded that we would be discontinuing that. Polly Camire wondered if, in 3 years, we would be see this same article again. Fred Portnoy wanted to know what advantage there was to leasing and not purchasing. Chief Labecque jokingly said “absolutely nothing.” It is a different kind of lease than most people get. It spreads the cost out. He explained that the other option would be to purchase a new car every year for the next few years. Judy Nelson asked how many vehicles the police department has right now. Mike Labecque explained that we have 4 right now. We will continue to only have 4. Reggie Cloutier was curious if we are purchasing these vehicles through the state. The Chief responded that, yes, these are through dealers that have the state contract, so they are much cheaper. The vehicle will go from the dealer to an electrical shop for equipment installation and then to a graphics shop, and that all of that is in the cost of the lease. They are all police package vehicles with a 5-year, 100,000-mile warranty. Emily Burr wanted to know if we are paying approximately \$30,000 a year every year. Chief Labecque answered yes. Jim Miller wanted to propose a correction on page 28 in the column that says 2018 proposed under warrant article 2018-4. It should only be the \$31,564 for the budget this year. Ken Folsom spoke to his point, stating that the actual cost to this year’s budget is \$18,564. He continued by referencing page 28 (Lease Police Cruisers) and explaining that it should read \$31,564 and that there will be \$13,000 revenue offset because of the capitol reserve expenditure. He continued that this is on the correction sheet. Rhonda Milliken shared that there seemed to be some confusion. She explained that her understanding was that if we spend \$31,000 every year, it makes a predictable amount to budget for and it defrays the cost and it eliminates the unpredictability of buying vehicles. Susan Kennedy wanted a better understanding of how it works. Are we committing into the future?

Chief Labecque explained the lease process.

Seeing no further discussion, Moderator Ted LeClair explained that, since we are committing future town meetings, this requires a 2/3 majority ballot vote but, since the amount in question is less than \$100,000, it does not require the polls to be open for 1 hour. He explained the voting process.

Moderator LeClair read the article to be voted on and opened the polls.

He read the results of the previous Tuesday's election results while the voting took place.

The polls were closed. Ted LeClair explained that, since article 5 depends on the results of the vote on Article 4, we will be discussing Article 6 while the votes are being counted.

Moderator LeClair reported the results of the ballot vote for Article 4:

**148 "yes" votes and 14 "no" votes. 103 votes were needed to pass with a 2/3 majority.**

**Article 4 passes.**

## Article 5

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Dollars (\$176,000) to be deposited into the Capital Reserves. Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Highway Truck	30,000
Highway Grader	30,000
Landfill Closure	10,000
Fire Apparatus	50,000
Firefighting Equipment	20,000
Rescue Apparatus	10,000
Highway Equipment	10,000
Town Building Maintenance	6,000
Police Cruiser	10,000

**Recommended by the Selectmen.**

Ted LeClair read Article 5.

*Motion by Jim Snyder, seconded by Chuck Sanborn*

*Selectman Art Hudson proposed an amendment to remove the police cruiser capital reserve amount and to amend the total to \$166,000. Seconded by Judy Nelson*

No discussion on the amendment

**Amendment voted on and passed**

Ted LeClair asked if there was any discussion on the article as amended. There was no discussion. The moderator read the article as amended.

**The article was voted on and passed**

## Article 6

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Four Dollars (\$192,944) for the purpose of purchasing SCBA's. One Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Seven Dollars (\$183,297) to come from an assistance to firefighters grant, and Nine Thousand Six Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$9,647) to come from the Firefighting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured. Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 6 was read by the Moderator.

*Motion by Jon Camire, seconded by Polly Camire*

Ken Folsom explained that it was the same article that we have voted on for the past 5 years, but we haven't gotten the grant, so they will be applying again this year. There has been an increase in the cost. He continued to explain that the fire chief was here to answer any questions. Art Hudson shared that a lot of the equipment is outdated, and Fire Chief Guy Newbery was able to acquire equipment from other fire departments to get us through one more year. There were no questions.

The Moderator read the article.

**Article 6 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 7

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars (\$152,097) for the purpose of purchasing a new Highway Truck with peripheral equipment and to withdraw One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and Seventeen Thousand Ninety Seven Dollars (\$17,097) from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, both established for this purpose, and to raise the balance of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) by taxation. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator LeClair read article 7.

*Motion by Doug Russwick, seconded by Al Edelstein*

Selectman George Glines expounded that one of the smaller highway trucks hasn't stood up [to the wear and tear], it's an F550, and the frame has been welded a number of times. The Board decided to replace it with a full-sized heavier duty truck. He stated that the 550 is junk and needs to be replaced. Hugh Fifield explained that he wanted to shed a little light on this. He wanted to know what the mileage is on the big trucks and why we need another one.

Road Agent Jim Sawicki asked if he was referring to the F350. Mr. Fifield asked why we needed two small trucks when we already have big ones. Jim Sawicki responded that we are replacing the F550 with a six-wheel big truck.

No more discussion.

Moderator LeClair read the article.

**Article 7 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 8

*To see if the Town will vote to change the manner in which the town treasurer position is filled, from election to appointment by the Board of Selectmen, under the terms of RSA 41:26e. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator LeClair read the article.

*Motion by Cheryl Gordon, seconded by Bob Steenson*

Art Hudson recognized that this has been a hot topic around town this week. He explained that he was going to read a statement after feeling that the public felt that the Board of Selectmen had lost confidence in the town clerk/tax collector and the Treasurer, which he said was totally not true. He continued, stating that this wasn't the reason they were asking for this change. He read the statement that the board of selectmen posted with the warrant. "We currently have a Tax Collector and a Treasurer that does a very good job and works well with the staff at the Town Office. When they decide to leave their respective positions, we would then have to elect



a new Tax Collector and Treasurer. With a town budget of over \$3 million the Board of Selectmen feel that the Treasurer's and Tax Collector's position should be appointed to allow a hiring process that includes a background check and a set of qualifications to ensure an individual that has the skills to perform the duties of the position."

Art Hudson continued, saying these reasons were the only ones the board used to recommend this change from elected to appointed. Selectman Hudson elaborated, saying that if you owned a business, you would want to know that your treasurer was qualified. He continued that when those positions are elected, you could get one candidate who could have zero experience. It takes a while to train for that job, and the board's concern had nothing to do with Ben [Bynum] (town clerk/tax collector) or Al [Edelstein] (treasurer); it was about the future. Al Edelstein introduced himself as the current treasurer and pointed out that he has been fulfilling this role for quite a few years. He continued to say that he is not in favor of this. He believes the town has their say and does not want to leave it in the hands of three people. He expounded that we have a community that likes to participate and stated that we have never had a problem in all the years that he has been here. He reiterated that he thinks we should vote against this so that we can continue to elect the treasurer. Jeff Beltramo wondered if we could change to a different setup and stated that he appreciates that the board wants a qualified person in a skilled position. The change that he suggests is that the board of selectmen and town administrator, the people who understand the day-to-day workings of the position, do the vetting of the candidates and that only those chosen by them would be put on the ballot. He also pointed out that he believes the results from Article 2 (ballot vote on making the tax collector appointed (defeated 256 to 96)) makes it clear what the town thinks of appointed versus elected. Art Hudson spoke, saying that it sounds like a good idea, but whoever wants to run for a position just signs up. There is no vetting. A person could sign up with zero experience. Mindy Beltramo wanted to know how this is different than electing our selectmen, asking what the experience is that they have. She continued to say that the town has faith in you to make policy and make recommendations on a three-million-dollar budget. It is not then left to us voters to find out about our candidates as we do for national candidates that may or may not have qualifications that we agree with. Art Hudson stated that the difference with the select board is that there are three of them, so there is more than one person to watch the others. Patrice Rache thinks that we have been lucky so far, but who knows who could sign up and stated that she speaks in favor of the article. Ruth Smith also recommended that the select board make available opportunities for a public forum to ensure that the town may ask questions of any candidates running for office. The townspeople should be able to get to know them and vet them in a public forum. Bruce Stratton stated that he thinks the audience is asking for the board to change their procedure so that, when someone comes in to sign up for that position, the qualifications be made public to make sure that they are qualified. The town should then decide who goes on the ballot. He suggested that, if anyone can sign up, the procedure would be changed so that the people signing up are aware of the candidates' qualifications before they sign up. Selectman George Glines pointed out that no one can prevent someone from signing up. Whether they qualify

or not, one can't prevent anyone from filing for any town office that they want to. Steve Blackmer stated that he would find it helpful if someone would talk a little bit about what the town treasurer does. Al Edelstein spoke to the question, stating that, first of all, the treasurer handles all of the cash and signs town checks and reconciles with Mary Hauptman (town bookkeeper) once a month. He also signed the construction agreement for the Sam Lake House construction project as a representative for the town. He said that he makes deposits about twice a week, except for during tax collection time, when it is three times a week. He continued that he is responsible for the financials in town 365 days a year. He added that the town itself is audited at least once a year. Laurie Lockwood made a couple of points, saying that considering the brief period we had to consider this, if the board and town administrator felt strongly about this, then it should be handled as a discussion over the next year and brought up again. She continued to say that the tax collection question was very decisive and since most people in town have to deal with Ben [Bynum] during the year, they have a better idea about what he does than the treasurer. She wondered if the audit results are public. She believes this is a similar question to question 2 that was on the ballot on Tuesday. She stated that she was speaking against the article. Art Hudson explained that the board started discussing this last September and had Al, the current treasurer, come in and discuss it with them. He said Al knew what our intentions were at that time, and Al stated that he was leaning toward supporting this. Art continued that the way it was explained to him, this meant that the treasurer would receive an annual evaluation and have the same protections as other employees and would allow the employee to comment on the job. He explained that the employees knew what the board was planning to do last fall. Selectman Hudson said that it was the board's fault for not having informational meetings. Judy Nelson wanted to know what would happen if the employee became a town employee and salaried. She wondered if the town would be responsible for health benefits and, if so, would that increase the cost of that position. Selectman Glines said he/she would be a part-time employee so this wouldn't apply. Howard Moffett asked what would happen if the tax collect/clerk or treasurer resigned during his or her term. Would the selectmen appoint someone for the remainder of the term? Art Hudson responded that he didn't know. Ben Bynum (town clerk/tax collector) explained that the board would appoint someone until the next town meeting. Teresa Wyman had two points. She thanked Art for acknowledging that the board didn't give much notice. She said she didn't know anything about this issue until she read it on Facebook. She believes that most people wouldn't run for an office if they were unqualified. She asked whether there was a procedure in place if someone made a mistake or was unqualified, as this could be a problem if they were elected or appointed. Town Administrator Ken Folsom explained that if a law is broken, there is a procedure in place, but if they are not competent, then there isn't any. Kevin Bragg said he spoke in opposition to the article. He continued, saying that he had just spoken with a group of people who were not familiar with the town meeting form of government and, in the process of explaining how close to the roots of government we are, he was struck by the fact that there were three issues at this meeting that moved us away from that. He pointed out the treasurer does not write the checks, but they are coming to the treas-

urer from other places. They do handle cash, and he doesn't feel that being elected or appointed has anything to do with being trusted. He thinks most people signing up for these offices have some relevant background, or at least good intention. He speaks in opposition. He doesn't want to contribute to the erosion of this form of government. Ben Bynum wanted to clarify something for the meeting. He stated that the reason the selectmen can't do anything is that, as an elected official, he works directly for the citizens of Canterbury, not for the select board. He continued, saying that there are government agencies that watch him, and he gets audited and is bonded, but he works for you. Dave Tirrell-Wysocki asked if as an elected official is not doing their job and a government agency is watching them is there any disciplinary control over that person at all? Is there only control if they are appointed? Art explained that he believes they do if they break the law. Dave Tirrell-Wysocki spoke, saying that this is a very important point for what you are asking us to do. Fred Portnoy said he had heard that if an inexperienced person gets elected, there are resources available to them. The people who hold those positions in other towns have a comradery and come together to assist. Julie Dewdney pointed out that this is a great example of something that needs a lot more discussion. She explained that she has done some reading of the Municipal Association information and that a municipal employee is quite different than the municipal official's job, as a municipal official's job is defined by state statute and the select board doesn't have supervisory control, regardless of whether they are appointed or elected. She continued by saying there is a lot of information that we don't know. She believes we need to trust the democratic process and she is a firm believer in the town government and electing as many people as we can.

*Motion to move the question (unknown person)*

Moderator LeClair explained that we are going to vote on stopping discussion.

*Motion to move the question was voted on and passed.*

Moderator Ted LeClair read article 8.

***The article was voted on and failed.***

### Article 9

*To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint the Tax Collector and set the range of annual compensation for the Tax Collector to be \$22,500–\$27,000, the salary to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, based upon qualifications, and with all statutory fees being paid to the Town Treasurer, all under the provisions of RSA 41:33, contingent on the vote of the official ballot at the first session of this town meeting held on March 13, 2018. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Ted LeClair read article 9.

Bob Scarponi wanted to know why we are voting on this, as it failed on Tuesday.

Moderator LeClair explained how the procedure will work. He continued that the easiest way to deal with this is to bring it up and then kill it. The motion to do that would be either to table it or postpone it indefinitely. He stated that we need to show that we considered the article.

*Jim Snyder made a motion, seconded by Nick Baker*

Ted LeClair then asked for another motion to either table or postpone indefinitely.

*Mike Capone made a motion to table the article. No second.*

There was a question from the audience about the implication of the two choices. Moderator LeClair explained that postponing indefinitely is a higher bar.

*Mike Capone made a motion to postpone indefinitely, seconded by BJ Entwisle*  
***Motion to postpone indefinitely was voted on and passed.***

## Article 10

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred and Eighteen Dollars (\$2,218.00) for the purchase of two voting booths (four voting stations) to bring the total number of booths to the legal requirement for presidential elections. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator LeClair read article 10.

*Motion by Sue Kennedy, seconded by Ellen Scarponi*

Ben Bynum, the current Town Clerk/Tax Collector, spoke to the article. He explained that state laws tell us how many voting booths we need per registered voter, and we have been seven or eight booths short. More are required for the state elections, like presidential elections.

We have found a temporary solution by using the temporary folding booths. He continued, saying that each booth has four stations, with one table at each booth lowered for handicapped access. These booths are easier to deal with than the older ones. Ben explained that we were keeping the old ones, and that the new ones would give us more options in the space where we vote. Polly Camire wanted to know what would happen if we voted no. Ben answered that we will continue to skate by until we really get called on it. Teresa Wyman was wondering how many people have had to wait in line at the poles. She said she doesn't remember ever having to wait. She is not in favor of the motion, saying the state aren't the ones in our voting area. Ben spoke, saying that we work very hard so that our citizens don't have to wait in line very long. He explained that the attorney general's office does come to almost every election, because we are close to Concord, and they go through an extensive checklist. We haven't gotten in trouble yet, but they do mention it. Rhonda Milliken wanted to know the rationale behind the law's requirements. Ben Bynum explained that he wasn't sure as he didn't write the law, but thinks that it is to make sure there are not long wait times, and they expect bigger turnouts at the bigger elections. Rhonda asked what it is based on. Ben continued, saying that the numbers are based on the number of registered voters. He explained he was unsure of the exact numbers, but bigger elections are required to have a booth for every 100 registered voters and small-town elections are something like one for every 125 voters. Doris Hampton wanted to know how adaptable the booths were for handicapped voters. Ted LeClair said that we currently have one accessible booth. Teresa Wyman spoke again saying that this feels like an unfunded mandate.

*Bob Steenson made a motion to move the question, seconded by Fred Portnoy.*

***Motion to end debate was voted on and passed.***

Moderator LeClair read Article 10.

The vote was too close to tell visually. Ted LeClair asked the ballot clerks (supervisors of the checklist) to count the green yes cards and the red no cards.

The count yielded 99 yes votes and 48 no votes

**Article 10 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 11

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Four dollars (\$11,834) for the purchase of commercial grade washer and dryer for the Fire Department. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator LeClair read the article.

*Motion by Dale Caswell, seconded by Susan Kennedy*

Town Administrator Ken Folsom spoke to the article. He said that the fire department currently has an inexpensive washer and dryer that doesn't clean their gear well enough. He explained that, if the turnout gear doesn't get clean, it wears out faster. It is a pay-me-now or pay-me-later situation. It will cost more later than it will now. Jon Camire spoke in favor of the article and asked permission from the fire chief to explain it a little bit. He expounded that this is a gear extractor and is meant only for turnout gear, not for anything else. One of the leading causes of death for firefighters is cancer and that is why they need this. Jon continued, saying that he has them at his full-time department and they (Canterbury) fight the same type of fires.

Hearing no further discussion, Moderator LeClair read the article.

**Article 11 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 12

*To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand One Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$9,111) to be withdrawn from the Firefighting Equipment Capital Reserve Account for the purpose of purchasing hydraulic rescue tools. **Recommended by the Selectmen***

*Motion by Dale Caswell, seconded by Ron Turcotte*

David Day asked if there were state funds available, due to the fact that they are used on the highway. Fire Chief Guy Newbery responded that he hadn't found any grants for this. He explained that the department had replaced a 30-year-old tool about two or three years ago. They purchased a small spreader and a cutter and rams. This equipment does not work on newer car technology. The plan was to add to the current system, in order to make this tool set complete.

Grazyna Medynski wanted to know how many items, as the article doesn't specify.

Chief Newbery explained that it was one tool and hydraulic hose.

No further questions.

Ted LeClair read the article.

**Article 12 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 13

*To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 10, Section 2, of the 1988 Town Meeting to change the percentage of revenue collected pursuant to RSA 79A (land use*

change tax) and deposited in the Conservation fund from 100% to 75% in accordance with RSA 36-A;5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A;25 II. **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

Moderator Ted LeClair read the article.

*Motion by Cheryl Gordon, seconded Doug Russwick*

Selectman Art Hudson spoke to the article, saying that they had been looking at this since last summer and, in at the 1990 town meeting, they took up this article about land use change tax (LUCT) allocation. It was proposed to change it from 100 percent to 50 percent and, during the discussion, one of the conditions added to it to not pass was that the LUCT was going to be the only source of income for the conservation commission. At that point, if it were the only source of income, then they would leave it at 100% percent He thought it would be a good idea for the town to receive some benefit from the land that has been in current use for a long time. He said the board thought 25 percent would be a reasonable amount to put into the general fund. The budget for the conservation commission is about \$8,000 dollars a year. He explained that he is the selectmen's representative to the conservation commission. Kelly Short, chairwoman of the conservation commission, said that she was not present for the conversation that Art was alluding to. She said that she would like to speak to the current warrant article. She explained that the LUCT fees are charged when land that is in current use. Land under current use has a lower tax rate because the land is undeveloped. When it comes out of current use, a penalty (LUCT) is paid. The penalty is put into the LUCT fund, which the 1988 town meeting decided to award 100% of to the conservation commission to be used to acquire and maintain land. Kelly mentioned that she is also on the budget committee and appreciated how hard the board works to keep the budget down, but she doesn't think this is a good way to do this. The conservation commission officially opposes this article. There are four reasons for this. Number one is the LUCT is the very best source of money for land conservation because it is always available to the conservation commission. There is no waiting to come to town meeting. She continued with the second reason, saying that it allows for conservation when it arises. Kelly stated that changing the allocation to 75 percent would have almost no effect on citizens' taxes, but it would significantly reduce the funds available to the commission. Kelly gave an example that, in 2017, the LUCT collected was \$13,700. 25 percent of that is \$3,400, which would equal a .013 effect on your tax rate. She continued, saying that if someone had an assessed value of \$250,000, he or she would have saved \$3.20, but the conservation fund would have been out \$3,400 dollars. The third reason is that the money is collected when land comes out of current use, which, she explained, means that, when development pressure rises, and we are losing open space, we get more money to do conservation projects. Kelly stated that there is a direct correlation: Less development, less money, and there have been years where there hasn't been any money. The fourth reason is that protected land is scenic and increases property values. It also costs the town less because fewer town services are needed. She concluded by saying that she has additional information if people want it. Beth McGuinn shared that she, as a conservation professional, she gets to see how well other towns do conservation. When the town allocates 100 percent, those commissions are much better equipped to help

landowners do easements to make sure that the land is always open and to leverage that donation by putting in a little bit of money to make sure land stays conserved. She thinks that people really appreciate the beautiful areas we have in town. She thinks that is why they are available, and she speaks in opposition to this article.

Polly Camire wanted to know if this is the commission's only source of income. Art Hudson explained that they have a budget and he said that he thinks they are a very conscientious group and they do a lot of good work. Doris Hampton wanted Kelly to explain the grant process because she thinks it is an important part of this discussion. Kelly Short shared an example from 2015. Jim and Sandy Carter put a conservation easement on 118 acres of their property called Spender Meadow. The commission used money from the change tax fund to commit to the project. Then they went to the New Hampshire Land and Heritage Community fund and got a grant showing how important it is to have the money on hand. The town contributed 6 percent of the project cost, LCHIP and the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department picked up the other 94 percent. This is an example of how Canterbury can leverage the money. This project may not have happened, if it had had to go to town meeting, due to deadlines.

*Jim Miller called the question, seconded by Briggs Lockwood.*

***Vote on motion to stop debate passes.***

Moderator LeClair read the article.

***Article 13 was voted on and failed.***

### Article 14

*To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of its current tax exemption on real property equipped with solar energy heating or cooling systems which limits said exemption to property with a maximum of \$5,000 of equalized assessed value and which was adopted by Town Ballot in 1976 and amended at the March Town Meeting in 1984, replace by adopting the provisions of RSA 72:62 for the property tax exemption on residential property equipped with solar energy systems, which exemption shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the assessed value of the solar energy systems, to show Canterbury's support for the use of renewable energy. The goal of the exemption is to create a tax neutral policy within the municipality that neither increases an individual's property tax, nor decreases the municipality's property tax revenues. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

*Moved by Al Edelstein, seconded by Ron Turcotte*

Jim Snyder spoke in favor of the article, saying it is clear that the intent is to have zero impact on your tax bill as a result of adding residential solar. He also suggested that, if we wanted to show support for alternative energy, we could lower the cost of the building permit for solar installations, saying that it went from \$0 in 2016 to \$200 in 2017. He continued, saying that he thought it was way out of line with other neighboring communities. Selectman George Glines spoke to the article, explaining that it was meant to be a tax neutral policy so that there would be no assessed value on a solar system. Tyson Miller spoke in favor of this amendment, stating that he just installed a solar system and he did some calculating to see what he would be taxed at the full value; the cost of his solar system of \$20,000. The solar will save him \$1,576 a year in electric bills, but the tax would be \$753, which brings the gain

down to \$823. Had he known that, he wouldn't have built it. He continued, saying we voted down Northern Pass, we voted down pipelines, the electricity he creates flows like water onto the grid, going where it is needed. The more energy we have, the less dependent we are on big corporations.

Moderator LeClair read the article.

**Article 14 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 15

*Shall the Town adopt the "All Veteran's property tax credit" under RSA 72:28-b. If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident who (1) served no less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or was an officer honorably separated from service and (2) is not eligible for and not receiving the credit for Veterans who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict or for veterans with a service-connected disability. If adopted the credit would be in the amount of \$500.00, which is the same amount as the credit for a veteran who served in a qualifying war or armed conflict. If the credit is adopted, any person desiring to claim the credit will be required to file an application with the Board of Selectmen or Assessor by April 15th of the tax year. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

*Motion by Rich Marcou, seconded by Jim Miller*

Laurie Lockwood requested that all of the articles be discussed by the people submitting them, because, in the past, when the selectmen tried to explain them, it was like pulling teeth to get the details. Rhonda Milliken explained that she moved to Canterbury a little over a year ago and found out about this exemption. She applied for it and found out that she didn't qualify. The conflict that qualified her to be a Legionnaire didn't qualify her for the tax exemption. She went on to explain that conflict was in Granada. Making it simpler and available to all veterans who served at least 90 days is fair and just. Rich Marcou spoke to the article, saying he brought this forward to the selectmen after gathering over 50 signatures at the transfer station to bring it forward as a petition warrant article. He explained that the select board decided to bring it forward and recommend it. He continued, saying this was a law change in 2016 and, as a veteran, you would have had to serve during a qualifying time period. He explained that he did his homework and there are 22 million veterans in the United States, 1.4 million on active duty. The census says that here are about 320 million Americans, which means about 7.3 percent are veterans. Of that 7.3 percent, 25 percent are peace-time veterans who don't qualify for the tax credit. Rich continued, saying that the state amended the law to remove the qualifying time periods, simply stating that one had to be a veteran to qualify. He looked at the taxes in Canterbury to see how many are receiving the veteran's credit. He explained that it wouldn't affect anyone who already receives the credit. This just pertains to someone like him, who has served on active duty and was honorably discharged. The board of selectmen asked him what the tax impact would be. He estimated, using the information that 7.5 percent of the population in Canterbury is comprised of veterans and there would be a 1.7 percent in residents who would qualify. Using the numbers from last year's town meeting, the impact would be approximately equal to 1.5 to 2 fireworks. Patrice Rache stated that she



wanted to give some historical perspective and, as someone who would benefit, she supports the article. In a rush to give benefits to all the veterans of all the wars we have been in, this benefit was available to all veterans. She and her husband benefited from it for years. Then the law changed to having certain qualified periods which exempted people like her husband from the benefit, but the town didn't catch on right away. It wasn't until the Department of Revenue reviewed the paperwork that it turned out Steve Rache wasn't eligible. She wanted to point out that when you sign up for the military, you don't know if you are going to go to war and, if you are fortunate, you don't have to. She thinks there should be a count somewhere of the people like her husband who lost this benefit. She believes that when the state passed this law a couple of years ago, they were trying to get back to where they were. Judy Elliot began by saying this is really hard to address and added that she says it with no disrespect for veterans. Her father was one and she is very proud of him. She continued, saying that this only works for her if we provide a similar benefit to public school teachers, nurses, firefighters, volunteer town officials, farmers, police and corrections officers, or similar public servants. Many people contribute to the welfare of this town, this state, this nation, and this world. She believes that we need to honor and benefit all of those people. Jesse Colby shared that he is an Army veteran and a police officer. He agrees that all those people do a great service, but this about the people that signed on the dotted line and put their lives in harm's way for everyone in this room. For the friends that didn't come back, he speaks in favor. Judy Nelson began by saying that she supports the article, but wanted to know more about the last line of the article. She read the last line about filing an application and wanted to know what kind of application, who has it, or whether it needs to be created. She also wanted to know how hard it is to apply. Rich Marcou responded that applicants would have to file for a tax exemption and show their DD214 to show that they were honorably discharged. Ken Folsom explained that applicants would come to the town office, and fill out the forms, and provide proof. He continued that the assessing clerk, Mandy (assessor), handles the applications, with final approval coming from the select board. Howard Moffett appreciated the suggestion that a lot of people in a lot of professions contribute, but felt it is different when someone may be called to go into combat and defend the country, with possible risk to their life. He understands that police and firefighters do that too, but this is something that he believes we need to support. He will also be voting in favor of the article that puts a cap on military spending. He continued by saying that, if we vote for a cap, we must be very careful to support the sacrifices and potential sacrifices of the men and women who wear the uniform, whether they are fighting in a war or not. Norma Love asked about the 90-day requirement, saying it felt like a short period of time. Rich Marcou answered saying it is in the RSA. He explained that the reason it is in front of the town tonight is because, when the law changed two years ago, the town had to opt into it or nothing changes. He explained the 90 days is for National Guard members, if they get deployed for active duty. Teresa Wyman started by saying this is difficult for her to say, because she doesn't want to be hated and she does respect that soldiers who come home with injuries and PTSD, but her father went to prison for refusing to register for a peacetime draft. A group of people moved to Shaker Road to form a community of people

who didn't believe in war, and there are a few left. She agrees with Judy Elliot that many people provide large services to the world and she doesn't begrudge thanking the veterans, but she would like to acknowledge the various parts of the town, like the Shakers, who don't believe in war.

Seeing no further discussion, Moderator LeClair read the article.

**Article 15 was voted on and passed.**

### Article 16

*To protect our environment and citizens from the impacts of climate change, we request that Canterbury appoint an energy committee that will research and advise officials, administrators, and citizens of Canterbury on steps necessary to limit greenhouse gas emissions.* **Petitioned Warrant Article**

Moderator LeClair read the article.

*Moved by Susan Kennedy, seconded by Fred Portnoy*

Ted LeClair asked if Claudia Leidinger would like to speak to the article.

Claudia thanked everyone for staying to hear them. She continued and said that she is proud that Canterbury is a leader in protecting our resources and decreasing our waste and use of energy. She continued to say that our pay-as-you-throw policy has saved money for the town, decreased waste, and recycled thousands of tons of materials. We have two solar arrays to power town buildings. We purchased the farm on the Merrimack (Gold Star Sod Farm) to preserve this unique resource, and now we have a farm that supplies our residents with organic food. She expounded that these are wonderful, but we need to do more, because the problem of climate change is not going away. The only way we can do it is as individuals. It needs our focused and continued attention. Fred Portnoy began by saying that we are all aware of the scientific evidence that greenhouse gases are driving rapid climate change all over the world. He referenced the graphs and posters in the hallway that show this and show the effects on New Hampshire on a couple of them. He pointed out that we have seen extreme rains in Texas and Louisiana and washed out roads and bridges in Alstead and Lincoln, New Hampshire. He continued, saying that we have seen repairs on Hackleboro Road and drainage repair on Shaker Road.

He continued to say that we have seen coastal flooding and rising water tables in Rye and New Castle that threaten roads and highways. He shared that many local industries rely on our temperate climate, such as apple orchards, maple syrup, skiing, and fishing. That national and state governments are choosing not to lead on this issue, leaving it to us, as a town and individually, to commit to conserving and using renewable energy to reduce our use of climate changing fossil fuels. He stated that we can't do this alone, but the question at hand is what Canterbury can do to help contribute to the solution. Ruth Heath spoke next, explaining that they are proposing an energy committee to help do this research and provide data to help in decision-making. This committee would educate all Canterbury citizens in the options to personally decrease their greenhouse gas emissions. She continued that we would be joining many other communities in New Hampshire and beyond. There are 56 other communities in New Hampshire that have energy committees to help them understand and analyze new technologies, products, and services that can help reduce emissions. Organizing this committee would recognize that we all

have a responsibility to be part of a solution. She said, in Michael Bloomberg's book *The Climate of Hope*, subtitled "how cities, businesses, and citizens can save the planet," it shows how societies are made stronger, healthier, and more resilient by decreasing greenhouse gas emissions. She believes this committee could help us be part of the solution. Ruth spoke again, saying that they had provided a paper that has a proposed list of responsibilities for the committee. Nick Fox said that when he read all these articles he was given, he decided to jump online and do some research for himself. He continued, saying Postcarbon.org speaks about the overpopulation issue and that it might be a reason for global warming. He said that, if this is the case, we need to tell people to stop having kids. ABC news states that global warming is not a crisis. He said this was written in conjunction with an editor for *The Journal for Biogeography* from the United Kingdom writing for *The World*. Continuing, Nick said Townhall.com states that 31,000 scientists have signed a document stating that there is no global warming and humans are not making this happen. Nick Fox does not believe we need a committee, and the fact that we are saying we need a committee and the idea isn't coming from the selectmen is the issue. That is the selectmen's job and it isn't our job. Continuing, he said that, in 2017, \$22.2 billion was spent on studying global warming, and there are 18 federal agencies engaged in activities related to global warming, which is twice what was spent on customs and border patrol enforcement. He doesn't think we need to do anything. We are already spending \$22 billion and have 18 agencies, and if they can't figure it out, how can we. We shouldn't be telling our neighbors to not have chickens or cows or shouldn't drive a particular kind of car. He believes it is an individual choice and not a community choice.

*James Miller moved the question, seconded by Norma Love.*

Ted LeClair explained that we are now voting on stopping debate.

***Motion to stop debate was voted on and passed.***

Moderator LeClair read the article.

***Article 16 was voted on and passed.***

## **Article 17**

*WHEREAS, the U.S. spends in excess of \$600 billion on its military programs, which is well over half of federal discretionary spending, and which in 2016 cost the average New Hampshire taxpayer \$3,069; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. spends more on its military forces than the next eight countries combined and five of them are close U.S. allies; and*

*WHEREAS, research shows the tax dollars spent on health care, education, clean energy, and infrastructure create more jobs per dollar than does spending on military program; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States has a stockpile of 6,250 nuclear warheads and is in the process of spending \$1.2 trillion on a whole new generation of nuclear weapons that would have the ability to annihilate life on earth; and*

*WHEREAS, the U.S. is the wealthiest nation on earth but trails many other nations in life expectancy, infant mortality, education-level, housing and clean air and water.*

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town of Canterbury, New Hampshire calls on the United States Congress to cut the Pentagon budget and to use the money to fund education, public and private sector family-sustaining job creation, environmental and infrastructure restoration, care for veterans and their families, and human services that our communities and state desperately need, and create tax cuts for working families. And further, that our Board of Selectmen will send copies of this resolution with a record of its adoption to our Congressional Delegation. **Petitioned Warrant Article.**

Moderator LeClair read the article.

*Motion by Judy Nelson, seconded by Ruth Smith*

Bill Taylor spoke to the article, explaining that this article is the product of a working group called “Canterbury Citizens 4 Democracy.” They looked at the federal government’s spending on defense and saw that is over 50 percent of the discretionary federal budget. He believes this is way too much, and we can get what we need for less. The objective is to ask our representatives to start talking about it. He said there is very little debate over military spending and there should be a lot more. He stated that this is the purpose of this resolution. Fred Portnoy spoke to the article, saying that this is an issue that the federal government is not going to solve on its own without leadership from us. Doris Hampton shared that when she saw a chart that showed what we spend as a country is equal to the military budgets of the next eight countries, she asked herself what it would take to us to feel safe in this country. She feels that there is so much fear and that no matter how much we spend on the military, it is not what will make us feel safe. She continued that, for our citizens to feel safe, they need to feel like they have livelihood that can support them, have healthcare, and feel their children have a future. Doris stated that the only way to get there is to start this discussion about tipping the balance of our spending. She ended by saying she speaks in favor of this article. Nick Fox stated that what he found on war spending is that Russia is number one and China is a close number two. The reason he thinks that people believe the United States is number one is the cost of our workers. Labor isn’t cheap. He rhetorically asked if anyone had bought anything from China or other countries. He spoke about adjusting figures for our labor costs. He said those figures come from Worldsecurity.org. He saw today that a lot of the equipment that the military uses today is old and needs to be replaced. There are ships that are 30 or 40 years old. He continued that, just like the fire department, we need to have updated equipment to keep our folks safe. We are here and talk freely because we do spend that money. He believes we are a safe country and we can’t get there by being cheap. He stated that he thought it was crazy that we are even talking about this, we should be talking about roads and bridges and equipment and keeping our people safe, but this is possible because we have freedom of speech. He ended with a quote from John Quincy Adams, “The firmest security for peace is the preparation during peace of the defenses of war”

*The question was called by Jim Snyder, seconded by Bob Steenson*

Motion to stop debate was voted on and passed.

Moderator LeClair read the last part of the article about the action to be taken.

**Article 17 was voted on and passed.**

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Mindy Beltramo suggested that, as we have a group, that there should be an update on the progression of the Sam Lake House project over the next few months. She noted that there haven't been any updates. She asked if Nancy Roy could say anything and Nancy Roy responded that she didn't have anything. She expounded that the original Sam Lake House committee hasn't gotten together in a while, and the project is now in the hands of the selectmen. Art Hudson explained that he thought that Ken Folsom had put something in the newsletter and on the website. Art explained that they went out for bids twice last year, maybe three times, and couldn't get bids that fit the budget. The board started to talk to Mark Hopkins last fall, and they worked out a contract with Mark and subcontractors to restore it for the \$400,000. The schedule is to start April 1st with a completion date in the fall. He continued that there were times when it wasn't possible to keep everyone updated because the board was in the bidding process, which needed to be kept secret. In the spring, Art explained that they were negotiating with a contractor, but it didn't work out. A lot of hours were put in to try to get it done last year. Mindy Beltramo asked if they were still using the original plan. Art Hudson responded that sometime last summer, they changed the plan because they couldn't get the building built for what was approved at town meeting. The committee looked at the plans and made some changes. David Balshaw asked if it was the same building. Art responded that it was. Ken Folsom spoke, saying it was the same building and the same footprint as what was presented last year. The only change is that there will be no second floor over the tax collector's office. It will be all truss construction, and that was the only change.

Donna Miller wanted to hear a report about the solid waste survey that was conducted. She asked that there be a public meeting at some point, so the results could be shared. Steven Rache responded that he is a member of the solid waste committee. He continued, saying they had a great response to the survey, much better than they expected. The survey found that 93 percent of the respondents already use the transfer station, which, he noted, means that the committee doesn't have much information about the people who don't use the transfer station. He shared some of the highlights. Most people recycle most things, glass, paper, aluminum, tin, plastic, metal in the 68-94 percent range. The rates are less for tires, electronics, and used motor oil. He explained that this was understandable, since most people don't change their own oil and electronics can be turned in when purchasing new ones. They were surprised to find less people compost than they thought. About 40 percent compost some or all of their compostable waste. They think that some people believe it is complicated to compost. He explained that this might be true on a city lot, but here you can make a pile in the woods away from your house and it will turn to mulch. This keeps the food out of the green bags, the pay-as-you-throw trash bags. They plan on having a composting seminar. Another response was that 75 percent of the people use the treasure house, with many people requesting that it be open more hours, which would require more volunteers. He thought it might be better to have fewer hours, but a consistent schedule. Most people are willing to sort more if it meant recycling more. The committee would like to include more plastic

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recycling. Most respondents would rather sort than go to single stream. He expounded that it would be very expensive to go single stream, and the only way the committee would recommend it, would be if an overwhelming number of people wanted it. He continued, stating there were many comments about how helpful and friendly the staff at the transfer station are. He commented that it must have been an oversight because there weren't any comments about how good-looking they are. He finished up by saying that, next year, the committee will be visiting other towns to see how their transfer stations operate and will come up with a design and wish list for ours. Emily Burr shared that there is a graph in the hall of the results.

Selectmen Art Hudson shared that, in front of him, is the History of Canterbury that was started by the historical society. They worked with Katherine Grover to write the book. He explained that there were many people involved, who worked very hard to get it finished. He asked that the people who were involved please stand up and be recognized. He commented that he was sure Ollie Fifield (deceased) was standing up also.

Art Hudson spoke about he 4th of July fireworks company explaining that they are having a hard time being able to do them on the 4th so they would like the 6th or 7th, which is a Friday or Saturday. He said that they are trying to get the fireworks scheduled for the fourth, but the board is unsure if that will happen. The board discussed it and thought that Friday would be the best time. If anyone has a thought, they should let Ken Folsom know.

Kent Ruesswick wanted to thank all the participants in the cemetery keeper program and mentioned that, if anyone is interested, they have an open cemetery that needs tending. It is easy to sign up and fun to do.

Jim Miller said that he had couple of questions about the Sam Lake project. He wanted to know what the garage was going to be used for and who makes that decision. His second question was about whether the plan calls for a slab basement or a new basement? Art Hudson responded that it is a full basement, and the plan is to restore the garage, but the board hasn't talked about what they are going to use it for. Jim asked if they were open to suggestions and Art responded they are always open to suggestions.

Ruth Smith shared that people get on the town-wide email list because there are a lot of good things happening in town. She explained that the address is in the town newsletter.

Moderator Ted LeClair thanked everyone deeply for a good town meeting, reminding everyone that it had been years since he moderated one. Ted asked for a motion to end the meeting.

*Motion by Ron Turcotte, seconded by Judy Nelson*

***Motion to end the meeting voted on and passed.***

Meeting ended at 10:17 p.m.

*A true copy attest Benjamin Bynum Town Clerk*

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Person A</b>	<b>Residence</b>	<b>Person B</b>	<b>Residence</b>
3/23/18	Goering, Emily C.	Canterbury, NH	O'Donnell, Brendan A.	Canterbury, NH
4/15/18	Winters, Sheri L.	Canterbury, NH	Corriveau, Sean T.	Canterbury, NH
5/26/18	Magoon, Brian K.	Canterbury, NH	Dath, Ariel S.	Sanbornton, NH
6/9/18	Ouellette, Michelle R.	Canterbury, NH	Nelson, Matthew D.	Canterbury, NH
7/28/18	Standley, Nicholas M.	Canterbury, NH	Casker, Courtney L.	Canterbury, NH
8/4/18	Cotnoir, Katie A.	Canterbury, NH	Van Cura, Craig J.	Canterbury, NH
8/11/18	Lowe, Ricky V.	Canterbury, NH	Smith, Rebecca A.	Manchester, NH
8/11/18	Guindon, Nicole E.	Canterbury, NH	Glines, Peter J.	Canterbury, NH
11/2/18	Adams Jr, Jonathan L.	Canterbury, NH	Wilson, Melissa M.	Canterbury, NH
11/10/18	Helm, Peter S.	Canterbury, NH	Herrick, Jeanne P.	Concord, NH
12/27/18	Martinson, Jeremy D.	Canterbury, NH	Siegel, Courtney J.	Canterbury, NH

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ACCORDING TO BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.*

*KENNETH FOLSOM, INTERIM TOWN CLERK*

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**



Date	Child's Name	Birthplace	Name of Father	Name of Mother
1/27/18	Dahood, Maddison Sherrilyn	Concord, NH	Dahood, Jr, Robert	Dahood, Cindy
2/2/18	Standley, Colter Steven	Concord, NH	Standley, Nicholas	Casker, Courtney
2/13/18	van der Merwe, Adri	Concord, NH	van der Merwe, Dirk	van der Merwe, Sonnette
2/16/18	Burkowski, Fiona Marie	Concord, NH	Burkowski, Richard	Burkowski, Marilyn
3/21/18	Bos, James Jack	Concord, NH	Bos, Thomas	Bos, Cari
4/14/18	Young, Forest Eskildson	Concord, NH	Young, Alex	Young Adams, Nikia
5/3/18	Fountain, Charles Robert	Concord, NH	Fountain, Adam	Fountain, Katlain
6/6/18	Reynolds, Ella Nydia	Concord, NH	Reynolds, Kory	Reynolds, Samantha
7/8/18	Cook, Sabine Patricia	Concord, NH	Cook, Ryan	Cook, Tegan
11/4/18	Deschenes, Adeline Maxine	Concord, NH	Deschenes, Tyler	Deschenes, Caitlyn
11/25/18	Shepherd, Caleb Alan	Concord, NH	Shepherd, John	Shepherd, Caley
12/2/18	Doucette, Lennon Kessler	Manchester, NH	Doucette, Derek	Doucette, Kieran

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**DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**



<b>Date</b>	<b>Place of Death</b>	<b>Name of Deceased</b>	<b>Name of Father</b>	<b>Name of Mother</b>
1/8/18	Canterbury	Fritzky, John	Fritzky, Frank	Gernat, Barbara
3/18/18	Concord	Power, Ruth	Goss, William	Smith, Beatrice
6/27/18	Epsom	Tupeck, Joan	Bunney, Cyrus	Nadeau, Isabelle
7/4/18	Belmont	Lima, Michael	Lima, Dennis	Gonsalves, Beatrice
7/5/18	Springfield, MA	Hauptman, Eric W.	Hauptman, John	Lutton, Mary
7/18/18	Boscawen	Rydberg, Theodore	Rydberg, Torel	Severensen, Amalie
8/8/18	Concord	Cleverly, Leighton	Cleverly, Harry	Aiken Marjorie
8/17/18	Concord	Goss, Derek	Goss, David	Barter, Deborah
9/16/18	Canterbury	Augustine, Jerome	Augustine, Lester	Hilker, Pearl
9/22/18	Concord	Authier, Francoise	Authier, Oliver	Vien, Rita
10/24/18	Canterbury	Murro, Rosina	Peter, Earnst	Kress, Augusta
11/20/18	Concord	Bois, Barbara	Gneiting, Emil	O'isheski, Lillian
12/1/18	Concord	Hayes, Debra	Cutting, Fred	Johnson, Elizabeth
12/1/18	Concord	Hutchinson, Roy	Hutchinson, Thomas	Newton, Charlotte
12/7/18	Concord	Johnson, Daniel	Johnson, Daniel	Unknown, Juliet
12/17/18	Concord	Bailey, Robert	Bailey, Edward	Hitchmoth, Lillian

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# SAM LAKE HOUSE REVIVAL

On September 16, 1940 Sam Lake signed his Last Will and Testament deeding upon his death his ...“home place, known as the Dearborn place, consisting of some seven acres, with the buildings thereon, the same to be used for the general purposes of the town, — for a town garage, storage of town equipment, play grounds, park or any purpose that the town may think wise to use my property, for the use and benefit of the town.”

Sam passed away on March 22, 1941. The deed to Sam’s house and property was transferred to the town in December of 1942.

The town rented the house and property until 1973. It sat vacant until 1981 when it was renovated to accommodate the Town Offices which had been in the basement of the Town Hall. In 1989 an addition was built for more office and meeting space.

It served the town well during the ensuing years. In 2014 the Selectmen felt that due to the age of the original building and the need for improved and larger working and storage space, improvements were needed. A committee was formed to determine the best solution.

The committee members toured the building, interviewed staff for current and future needs, and considered the buildings’ historical significance. Over the course of two years and multiple design changes it was determined that the existing building should be demolished and a new building erected on the site.

A warrant article for \$400,000 was approved at the 2017 March Town Meeting. Bids were solicited, but were all above the amount approved. The Selectmen decided to act as the General Contractor and hired sub-contractors for the project.

In April of 2018 the offices were moved to temporary spaces in the Town Hall. The “Sam Lake House” was torn down and a new building with a full basement was built. Construction was completed over the summer and the staff moved back in October.

The new “Sam Lake House” looks very similar in design. Added space includes a conference room featuring reclaimed floorboards and cabinetry from the old building. All the working and storage space is on one floor. There is also room for future office space if needed.

The new building was also built to be energy efficient with extra insulation and ductless heat pumps and air conditioning units that take advantage of the solar array that was put up in 2010. It also features a slate roof and copper valleys. Part of the project included lifting the garage and putting in a concrete foundation and floor.

## **Members of the Sam Lake House Committee:**

*Beth Blair, Ken Folsom, Mark Hopkins, Bob Reed, Nancy Roy, Bob Steenson,  
Ted West, Art Hudson — Selectmen’s Representative,  
and John Armstrong — Volunteer Architect.*

