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The Legacy of the Canterbury Shakers and Bud Thompson

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained,
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.*

These few words to the song “Simple Gifts,” written by Elder Joseph Brakett in 1848, served to define to the world the spirituality, philosophy and commitment encapsulated in the Shaker religion. The people called Shakers established their society in the eastern part of the town about 1782 on a 100-acre farm owned by Benjamin Whitcher. The subsequent story of the Shakers has been documented and interpreted universally in mediums as diverse as books, films, music, dance, feature articles, essays, and more.

Many would say there is an “aura” about Shaker Village that kindles feelings of connectedness in visitors. Could that aura be found in the order and symmetry of the place? In the stone walls so precisely laid out? In the discovery of the creative imaginations and skills inherent in the many inventions created here? Or perhaps in visitors gaining a better appreciation of the words in the Shakers’ song, *“’Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be”*?

Charles “Bud” Thompson arrived in Canterbury in the 1950’s as an itinerant troubadour and was enamored with the Shakers. His arrival proved providential to the Shakers and to Canterbury as his presence resulted in profoundly changing the future prospects of both.

Over 32 years Bud worked tirelessly to first rescue the Village, then preserve it and finally, to secure its future as a precious legacy.

James Otis Lyford described well-known Shaker Elder Clay Henry Blinn in his “History of Canterbury” in 1912 in a way that could have just as easily applied to Bud Thompson decades later:

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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, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, BUILDING INSPECTOR, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS.

DEDICATION



For the past forty-five years, Mary Ann Winograd has supported the community of Canterbury, New Hampshire through numerous leadership roles. She has served as a Supervisor of the Checklist for forty-two of those years, registering generations of voters, and welcoming new residents to town at nearly one hundred elections since 1980. With her participation in many town projects and boards, including the Canterbury Fair, the PTO, Boy Scouts, as treasurer and trustee of the Canterbury Historical Society, and as circulation librarian at Elkins Public Library, Mary Ann has brought attention to detail, a high level of commitment, and a willing hand to assist wherever needed or on any task asked of her. As one of Canterbury's longest serving officials, she holds not only a wealth of institutional knowledge but also a clear moral bearing on issues facing her town and state, and with her reply to a question, a kind smile.

Mary Ann's example of leadership through action is one that the Town of Canterbury wishes to acknowledge with the dedication of this town report, and thank her for being a part of what makes our community special.

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TOWN OFFICES GENERAL INFORMATION



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Assessing Office
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783-9955

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

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
spapps@canterbury-nh.org
783-0153

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

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer
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
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month

Conservation Commission
2nd Thursday of the month

Solid Waste Committee
1st Thursday of the month

Historic District Commission
As needed

TOWN OFFICERS — ELECTED



SELECTMEN (3 years)

Cheryl Gordon, *Chairman* (2024)

Arthur Hudson (2022)

Robert Steenson (2023)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)

Samuel Papps (2022)

TREASURER (3 years)

Albert Edelstein (2022)

MODERATOR (2 years)

James Miller (2023)

Kathleen Doherty, *Assistant Moderator*

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)

Kent Ruesswick, *Chair* (2022) Scott Doherty, *Vice Chair* (2023)

Joshua Gordon (2022) Anne Dowling (2024)

Lucy Nichols (2023) Greg Meeh (2024)

Alternates:

Brendan O'Donnell (2022) *Secretary:* Lois Scribner

Selectmen's Rep: Cheryl Gordon *Associate:* Mandy Irving

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)

John Goegel (2023)

Samuel Papps (2022)

Jan Cote (2024)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)

Brenda Murray (2026) Denise Sojka (2024)

Mary Ann Winograd (2022)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ray Craigie, 3 years, *Chair* (2022) Sarah Melasecca, 2 years (2023)

Rick Zeller, 3 years (2022) Florence Woods, 2 years (2022)

Linda Riendeau, 2 years (2023) Deborah Snow, 2 years (2022)

Rick Crockford (2024)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)

Greg Heath, *Chair* (2023)

Tiffany Brown (2022)

Steve Lundahl (2024)

TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Kenneth Folsom

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Janice L. Stout

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Mary Hauptman

ASSESSOR

Mandy Irving

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Jamie Huard-Ramos

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Donald O'Connor, *Road Agent* David Heath
Evan Hauptman Fred Wells
TJ Bibeau, *Resigned*

TRANSFER STATION

Mark Marr, *Resigned* David Bowles
Andres Romero

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gamache, *Chief* Scott Doherty, *Dep. Chief, Paramedic*
Guy Newbery, *Deputy Chief, EMT* Craig Simpson, *Captain*
Evan Hauptman, *Lieutenant, F.F.* David Nelson, *Lieutenant, EMT*
Mathew Murphy, *Lieutenant AEMT* Zachary Powell, *EMT*
Geoff Hubble, *EMT* Matt Nelson, *F.F.*
Shawn Emond, *F.F., EMT* Chad Gamache, *F.F., EMT*
Aiden O'Brien, *F.F., AEMT* Rob Basha, *F.F., AEMT*
Bradley Reep, *AEMT* Katelyn Downs, *F.F., AEMT*
Colin Evans, *F.F., EMT* Derrek Trempe, *F.F.*
Benjamin Davis, *F.F.* Chris Acres, *F.F./EMT*
Michael Slattery, *F.F.* Richard Bilodeau, *F.F., AEMT*
Cameron Burns Michael Provencher

FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Michael Gamache

HEALTH OFFICER (PUBLIC HEALTH)

Nadine Dahl

DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER

Geoff Hubbell

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)

Joseph Halla, *Chair* (2024) F. Webster Stout (2024)
Calvin Todd (2023) Jim Wieck (2022)
Christopher Evans (2023) Lisa Carlson, *Secretary & Alternate*
Sean O'Brien, *Alternate*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Ken Stern, *Co-Chair* (2022) Kelly Short, *Co-Chair* (2022)
Linda Fife (2022) Bob Fife (2023)
Steve Seron (2024) Ashley Reprecht (2023)
Teresa Wyman (2022) Sara Riordan (2023)

Alternates:

Bob Steenson, *Selectmen's Rep.*

LIBRARY

Susan LeClair, *Director* Rachel Baker, *Co-Director*
Mary Ann Winograd, *Circulation Services*
Rose Howe, *Circulation Services*
Mary Ellen MacCoy, *Circulation Services*
Cheryl Ingerson, *Youth Services Librarian*

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Joel French

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Kevin Bragg, *Chair* (2024) Virginia LaPlante (2022)
Anne Emerson (2023) Jeffrey Leidinger (2022)
Harry Kinter (2024) Lois Scribner, *Alternate & Secretary*
Arthur Hudson, *Selectmen's Representative*

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bob Scarponi, *President* Sandy Scripture, *VP & Corres. Sec.*
Mary Ann Winograd, *Treasurer* Pam Jackson, *Recording Secretary*
Sam Papps, *Curator (ex-officio)* Ronald Routhier
Mary Jane Bergman Brian Titilah
Charles Sanborn Harry Kinter
Frederick Brewster Anne Emerson

CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN

Mark Stevens

2022 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 8, 2022
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Canterbury Town Hall

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the existing Canterbury Zoning Ordinance Article 19 Campgrounds as proposed by the Planning Board? This amendment is to open campgrounds to **allow** winter camping operation and emphasize that sites can only be used for temporary occupancy only. The amendment will **remove** the current operational requirement that campgrounds must be seasonal only, with an annual operation period that starts no earlier than March 21 and ends no later than November 15.

Article 3: Will the Town vote to expand the Center Historic District to include Tax Map/Lot #107/23, also known as 40 Kimball Pond Road, also known as the Kinter property, such that the following “metes and bounds” text is incorporated into the Center Historic District zone description in Article 13 of the Town Ordinance?

Article 4: Are you in favor of the proposed amendment to Canterbury Zoning Ordinance Article 8.1.A. Canterbury’s Variance Ordinance was adopted at a time when there was a distinction between “use variance” and an “area variance” and provided for both. Since then, the New Hampshire Legislature eliminated area variances and required that all variances follow the standard for use variances. This amendment makes Canterbury’s ordinance comply with the state law and provides a single variance standard.

SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the eleventh day of March at seven o’clock to act on the following subjects.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million One Hundred Five Thousand Eighty-One Dollars (\$3,105,081)

for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required). *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$650,000) for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Truck. Three Hundred Twenty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-Seven Dollars (\$323,837) to come from an assistance to firefighters grant, and Three Hundred Twenty-Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$326,163) to come from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. No amount shall be expended unless the grant funds are secured.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$14,000) to purchase ceiling fans for both the Highway and Fire Department garage bays. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$7,250) to purchase a Mig Welder and Plasma Cutter. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Three dollars (\$41,143) to pay principal (\$35,000) and interest (\$6,143) on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to replace the flooring in the Police Department. *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 11. To see if the Town will modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Canterbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$75,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$80,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$115,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$32,500 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$45,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required). *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 12. To see if the Town will modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$75,000. To qualify the person must have

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been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$32,500 or if married, a combined net income of not more than \$45,000, and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required) *Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$173,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	\$30,000
4915.5	Highway Grader	\$30,000
4615.18	Rescue Truck	\$12,000
4915.19	Fire Truck	\$50,000
4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$ 1,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	\$30,000
4915.31	Highway Backhoe	\$10,000

Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) to upgrade the Transfer Station power service from 100A to 400A, to upgrade the building wiring to accept the 400A service, and bring it up to code, to purchase a 60-inch vertical baler, and to purchase a variable frequency drive (VFD). *Petitioned Warrant Article.*

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the school board to form a committee pursuant to N.H. Rev. Stat. 195:25 to initiate a review of the feasibility and suitability for the Town of Canterbury to explore withdrawing from Shaker Regional School District and pursue agreements with surrounding towns (including Belmont) to provide multiple options for educational, athletic and extracurricular activities for Middle and High School students, Canterbury has a small student population and is surrounded by towns that offer more options to meet our students' needs within a closer proximity at a potentially lower cost per student. *Petitioned Warrant Article.*

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

Given under our hands and seal, this 7th day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

Cheryl Gordon, Chair
Arthur Hudson
Robert Steenson

2022 BUDGET – TOWN OF CANTERBURY



EXPENSE BUDGET	2021 Budget	Actual Expenses 12/31/2021	2022 Proposed	+ /(-) 2021 Budget	Percent Change	Est. 2022 Revenue Offset	Encumbered 2022
4130 — EXECUTIVE							
4130.1 Selectmen Salaries	9,000	9,000	9,000	—			
4130.3 Town Administrator Salary	55,000	58,761	58,300	3,300			
4130.4 Office Equipment Repairs	100	—	100	—			
4130.5 Selectmen Seminars	500	55	500	—			
4130.6 Telephone	3,500	3,848	3,500	—			
4130.7 Printing	200	—	200	—			
4130.8 Office Equipment	1,500	1,142	1,500	—			
4130.10 Office Supplies	3,000	3,441	3,000	—			
4130.11 Health Insurance	39,504	40,001	36,986	(2,518)		7,397	
4130.12 Postage	1,500	1,956	1,600	100			
4130.21 Admin Wages	32,084	28,240	33,046	962			
4130.22 Assessing Wages	55,346	58,039	58,666	3,320			
4130.25 Misc. Other Expense	100	—	100	0			
4130.54 Administrative Training	500	—	500	0			
4130.55 Advertising	1,000	1,496	1,000	—			
4130.56 Printing Town Report	4,500	4,059	4,500	0			
Total 4130 EXECUTIVE	207,334	210,039	212,498	5,164	2.5%	7,397	
4135 — INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY							
<i>Executive</i>							
4135-1 Network Server & Installation	13,500	4,000	—	(13,500)			
4135-2 Computers/Hardware	250	225	1,000	750			
4135-e Software/Licensing	10,114	9,329	10,750	636			
4135-4 Offsite Data Backup	4,000	2,341	2,500	(1,500)			
4135-5 IT/Network Support	10,000	10,000	10,000	0			
Sub-Total Executive	37,864	25,896	24,250	(13,614)	-36%	—	

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EXPENSE BUDGET	2021 Budget	Actual Expenses 12/31/2021	2022 Proposed	+ /(-) 2021 Budget	Percent Change	Est. 2022 Revenue Offset	Encum- bered 2022
<i>Town Clerk/Tax Collector</i>							
4135-6 Computers/Hardware	500	—	500	—			
4135-7 Software/Licensing	6,000	6,397	6,000	—			
4135-8 Computer Repair	1	—	1	—			
Sub-Total Town Clerk/Tax Collector	6,501	6,397	6,501	—	0%	—	
<i>Police</i>							
4135-9 Computers/Hardware	1,200	318	1,200	0			
4135-10 Software/Licensing	2,300	5,315	2,800	500			
4135-11 Computer Repair	1,000	—	1,000	—			
4135-12 Offsite Backup	—	293	293	—			
Sub-Total Police Department	4,500	5,633	5,293	793	18%	—	
<i>Fire</i>							
4135-12 Computers/Hardware	1,000	453	1,000	—			
4135-13 Software/Licensing	2,400	3,190	2,500	100			
4135-14 Computer Repair	500	—	500	—			
4135-15 Offsite Backup	—	293	293	—			
Sub-Total Fire Department	3,900	3,643	4,293	393	10%	—	
<i>Highway</i>							
4135-15 Computers	350	—	1	(349)			
4135-16 Software/Licensing	1	48	750	749			
4135-17 Computer Repair	750	—	250	(500)			
4135-21 Computer Repair — Trans. Station	250	405	250	—			
Sub-Total Highway Department	1,351	453	1,251	(100)	-7%	—	
<i>Conservation Commission</i>							
4135-18 Computers	1	—	1	—			
4135-19 Software/Licensing	1	48	48	47			
4135-20 Computer Repair	1	—	1	—			
Sub-Total Conservation Commission	3	48	50	47—			
TOTAL 4135 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	54,119	42,070	41,638	(12,482)	-23%	—	

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4140 — ELECTION, REG & VITAL STATS							
4140.1 Town Clerk Salary	15,215	14,872	26,671	11,456			
4140.2 Marriage License Fees	550	602	550	—			
4140.3 Deputy Town Clerk Wages	22,685	10,882	11,000	(11,685)			
4140.7 Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,200	939	1,200	—			
4140.8 Town Clerk Office Equipment	500	14	500	—			
4140.10 Town Clerk Seminars	1,100	440	1,100	—			
4140.11 Dog Tags	200	222	200	—			
4140.12 Election Wages	1,000	1,182	2,500	1,500			
4140.14 Election Advertising	350	607	500	150			
4140.15 Election Misc. Supplies	6,200	6,797	700	(5,500)			
4140.16 Voting Machine	500	300	2,100	1,600			
4140.19 Vital Statistic Fees	800	573	800	—			
4140.32 Leave coverage/Town Meeting Minutes	1,000	195	1,000	0			
4140.37 Record Scanning	500	—	500	0			
Total 4140	51,800	37,625	49,321	(2,479)	-5%		
4150 — FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION							
4150.1 Tax Collector Salary	28,612	28,569	29,470	858			
4150.03 Bookkeeper wages	24,034	23,116	25,476	1,442			
4150.4 Outside Auditing	16,250	15,250	16,250	—			
4150.5 Bank Analysis Fee	60	60	60	—			
4150.6 Tax Map Maintenance	500	335	500	—			
4150.7 Tax Collector Seminars	1,100	460	1,100	—			
4150.10 Registrar of Deeds	800	378	700	(100)			
4150.11 Tax Collector Health Insurance	—	—	11,731	11,731		2,346	
4150.12 Retirement	—	7,893	7,893	—			
4150.91 Tax Collector-Liens	750	500	600	(150)			
4150.93 Treasurer-Salary	4,859	4,859	4,859	0			
4150.95 Tax Collector Office Supplies	900	1,613	1,000	100			
4150.96 Tax Collector Postage	3,800	4,196	4,800	1,000			

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4150.98 Treasurer Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	896	1,000	—			
Total 4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	82,605	80,233	105,439	22,834	28%	2,346	
4153 — LEGAL EXPENSES							
4153.3 General Municipal	17,000	6,308	10,000	(7,000)			
Total 4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	17,000	6,308	10,000	(7,000)	-41%	—	
4155 — PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION							
4199.0081 Medicare	15,500	14,595	16,597	1,097			
4199.0082 Social Security	54,200	53,316	54,331	131			
4199.0083 Unemployment	1,000	1,810	1,000	—			
Total 4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	70,700	69,721	71,928	1,228	2%	—	
4191 — PLANNING/ZONING BOARD							
4191.1 PB Postage	900	785	900	—			
4191.2 PB Secretary Wages	5,000	4,527	5,000	—			
4191.5 PB Professional Services/Legal	8,000	3,000	6,000	(2,000)			
4191.6 PB Advertising	600	661	600	—			
4191.7 PB Printing	250	—	250	—			
4191.8 PB Supplies	300	1,050	300	—			
4191.9 PB New Equipment	500	—	500	—			
4191.10 PB Seminars	500	—	500	—			
Sub-total PLANNING BOARD	16,050	10,023	14,050	(2,000)		1,500	
4191.11 ZBA Secretary Wages	1,500	1,825	1,500	—			
4191.13 ZBA Postage	250	525	250	—			
4191.14 ZBA Advertising	750	1,573	750	—			
4191.15 ZBA Supplies	100	40	100	—			
4191.16 ZBA—Seminar	50	—	50	—			
Sub-total ZONING BOARD	2,650	3,962	2,650	—		3,000	
Total 4191 PLANNING/ZONING BOARD	18,700	13,985	16,700	(2,000)	-11%	4,500	
4194 — GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS							
4194-1 Center Electricity	600	495	600	—			

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4194.2 Town Hall Maintenance	600	592	600	—			
4194.3 Town Hall Electricity	1,000	980	1,000	—			
4194.5 Town Building Emergency Fund	1	—	1	—			
4194.7 Sam Lake Maintenance	1,000	3,395	1,000	—			
4194.8 Sam Lake Electricity	2,500	2,557	2,500	—			
4194.11 Elkins/Houser Bldg Maintenance	1,000	296	1,000	—			
4194.12 Historical Society Electricity	1,500	1,814	1,500	—			
4194.13 Town Buildings Heat/Oil/Propane	20,000	22,031	20,000	—			
4194.14 Municipal Building Electricity	8,000	7,108	8,000	—			
4194.16 Municipal Building Security System	800	961	800	—			
4194.17 Municipal Bldg Maintenance	6,000	44,156	6,000	—			
4194.18 Sam Lake Security System	900	299	900	—			
4194.19 Janitorial Services	13,000	12,740	13,000	—			
4194.20 Meeting House Maintenance	500	3,250	500	—			
4194.21 Transfer Station Security System	500	2,762	500	—			
4194.40 Elkins/Houser Security System	750	360	750	—			
4194.62 Town Hall Security	380	180	380	—			
4194.63 Center Maintenance	2,000	900	2,000	—			
Total 4194 GENERAL GOVT. BUILDINGS	61,031	104,874	61,031	—	0%		
4195 — CEMETERIES							
4195.1 Cemetery Wages	5,000	2,031	5,000	—			
4195.2 Sub-Contractor	1	—	1	—			
4195.3 Equipment Repairs	500	190	500	—			
4195.4 Gas & Oil	1	—	1	—			
4195.5 Parts & Supplies	1	360	1	—			
4195.6 Cemetery Maintenance	600	—	600	—			600
4195.7 Tree Removal	1,500	2,800	2,000	500			
4195.8 Record Keeping & Software upgrades	1,000	1,058	1,000	—			
4195.60 Headstone repairs	2,000	47	2,000	—			
4195.61 Maplegrove Cemetery Layout	500	0	500	0			
Total 4195 CEMETERIES	11,103	6,486	11,603	500	5%	2,500	600

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4196 — INSURANCE							
4196.2 Worker's Compensation	27,695	22,725	30,465	2,770			
4196.3 Liability	33,404	33,404	36,744	3,340			
Total 4196 INSURANCE	61,099	56,129	67,209	6,110	10%	—	—
4197 — ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.							
4197.1 NH Municipal Association	2,199	2,199	2,199	—			
4197.2 Central NH Planning	2,875	2,885	2,875	—			
4197.4 Assoc. of Assessing Dues	50	70	50	—			
4197.5 Reg/Conc Solid Waste	1	—	1	—			
4197.6 Upper Merrimack River	1	—	1	—			
4197.9 Federal DOT Drug Testing	1,000	1,243	1,000	—			
4197.10 Town Clerk Dues	40	—	40	—			
4197.11 Tax Collector Dues	40	—	40	—			
4197.12 NH Local Welfare Admin Assoc	30	30	30	—			
Total 4197 ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.	6,236	6,427	6,236	—	0.0%	—	—
4240 — BUILDING INSPECTION							
4240.1 Building Inspector Wages	8,000	7,338	10,000	2,000			
4120.2 Supplies	500	728	500	—			
4120.3 Seminars	100	—	100	—			
4120.4 Mileage	1,000	634	1,000	—			
4240.5 Subcontractor	—	—	—	—			
4120.10 Code Enforcement Wages	1,000	325	1,000	—			
Total 4240 BUILDING INSPECTION	10,600	9,025	12,600	2,000	19%	10,000	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	652,327	642,922	666,202	13,875	2%	26,743	600
4210 — POLICE							
4210.0c Part-Time Police Chief Salary	66,364	70,574	70,337	3,973			
4210.1 Wages	186,748	143,871	209,356	22,608			
4210.1b Overtime	14,000	7,804	7,000	(7,000)			
4210.1c Administration	25,968	28,479	30,152	4,184			
4210.d COVID 19 Stipend	—	4,252	—	—			

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4210.10 Sub-Contractor	20,000	13,428	15,000	(5,000)		15,000	
4210.2 Cruiser Maintenance	94	—					
4210.2f Ford Taurus **New SUV 4**	1,500	790	500	(1,000)			
4210.2e F-150 ** New SUV 2**	1,000	1,918	500	(500)			
4210.g Tires	2,000	1,495	2,000	—			
4210.h Insurance Deductible	2,000	—	2,000	—			
4210.2i Interceptor SUV 1	1,500	1,862	1,500	—			
4210.2j Interceptor SUV 3	1,500	1,266	1,500	—			
4210.K Explorer SUV 2	1,872						
4210.L Explorer SUV 4	1,872						
4210.3 Health Insurance	43,000	8,581	21,712	(21,288)		2,346	
4210.5 Radios & Repairs	3,300	4,609	3,300	—			
4210.6 Dispatch	18,162	20,857	21,757	3,595			
4210.7 Gas/Oil	7,500	5,102	5,500	(2,000)			
4210.8 Office Supplies	3,000	2,224	2,500	(500)			
4210.9 Uniforms	4,000	3,584	4,000	—			
4210.11 Seminars/Dues/Subscriptions	850	695	850	—			
4210.12 Prosecutor	6,500	1,568	1,803	(4,697)			
4210.13 Telephone	5,000	4,721	5,000	—			
4210.14 Training	3,000	2,176	3,000	—			
4210.16 Retirement	35,000	27,904	53,720	18,720			
4210.17 Disability Insurance	2,700	1,267	3,348	648			
4210.9I Supplies/New Equipment	6,500	7,033	6,500	—			
Total 4210 POLICE	461,092	369,898	472,835	11,743	2.5%	17,346	
4215 — EMERGENCY MGMT./CIVIL DEFENSE	1	—	1	—	—	—	
4220 — FIRE							
4220.W COVID 19 Stipend	—	51,755	—				
4220.70 Sub-Contractor	—	1,780	—				
4220.16 Part-Time Fire Chief	55,550	56,411	58,883	3,333			
4220.00 Full Time EMT	54,838	55,723	58,382	3,545			
4220.0T EMT Overtime	2,000	1,743	2,200	200			

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4220.01	25,510	25,420	25,510	—		4,862	
4220.1	20,000	19,824	20,000	—			
4220.02	6,500	7,497	8,518	2,018			
4220.04	860	855	860	—			
4220.2	1,500	—	1,500	—			
4220.3	1,100	205	1,000	(100)			
4220.31	2,000	5,037	2,500	500			
4220.3b	5,500	2,382	5,000	(500)			
4220.2c	4,000	1,142	4,000	—			
4220.3f	1,000	75	1,000	—			
4220.3g	2,000	1,468	2,000	—			
4220.3h	1,500	1,482	500	(1,000)			
4220.3j	1,000	382	1,000	—			
4220.3k	1,000	684	1,000	—			
4220.3l	2,000	2,000					
4220.4	4,200	2,410	4,200	—			
4220.5	26,892	25,341	24,490	(2,402)			
4220.6	10,000	8,910	10,000	—			
4220.8	4,000	4,195	4,000	—			
4220.9	9,000	4,265	9,000	—			
4220.10	2,800	704	2,800	—			
4220.11	1,400	914	1,400	—			
4220.13	7,000	5,338	8,000	1,000			
4220.14	10,000	7,718	10,000	—			
4220.12	3,000	2,603	3,000	—			
4220.91	450	408	450	—			
4220.92	4,715	2,078	4,715	—			
4220.93	5,000	2,775	5,000	—			
4220.94	2,550	360	2,550	—			
4220.95	50	3,914	50	—			
4420.15	1,000	981	1,000	—			
4220.16	1	—	1,000	999			

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4220.17 Fire Prevention Education	1,000	—	1,000				
Total 4220 FIRE	278,916	306,778	288,508	9,593.3%		4,862	
4415.2 Penacook Rescue	134,106	134,106	140,810	6,704			
4415.3 Belmont Rescue	5,000	5,000	5,000	—			
TOTAL 4155 RESCUE	139,106	139,106	145,810	6,704	5%	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY = Police + Fire + Rescue	879,115	815,782	907,155	28,040	3%	22,208	
4311-1 — HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION							
4311.1a Road Agent Salary	60,000	58,500	63,720	3,720			
4311.1 Wages	142,800	124,334	159,230	16,430			
4311.1b Overtime	25,500	14,856	20,000	(5,500)			
4311.2 Sub-Contractor	1	—	1	—			
4311.3 Equipment Repairs	3,500	3,246	3,500	—			
4311.T1 Truck 1 — 2011 International	10,000	13,295	10,000	—			
4311.T2 Truck 2 — 2005 Sterling	3,000	2,190	3,000	—			
4311.T3 Truck 3 — 2014 International	5,000	6,088	5,000	—			
4311.T4 Truck 4 — 2008 F-350	2,000	2,055	3,000	1,000			
4311.T5 Truck 5 — 2018 Freightliner	3,000	3,168	3,000	—			
4311.T6 Truck 6 — Water Truck	1,000	379	1,000	—			
4311.T7 Truck 7 — 2020 Ford F-550	1,000	276	1,000	—			
4311.T8 Truck 8 — Ford F-150	1,000	1,000	1,000	—			
4311.G Volvo Grader	15,000	4,119	15,000	—			
4311.3h Backhoe	4,000	10,302	4,000	—			
4311.BC Bob Cat	750	1,633	750	—			
4311.L Loader	4,500	716	4,500	—			
4311.GG Green Grader	500	421	500	—			
4311.4 Health Insurance	40,684	39,014	67,292	26,608			13,458
4311.5 Retirement	27,000	23,688	34,159	7,159			
4311.6 Telephone	2,500	1,460	2,000	(500)			
4311.7 Supplies	16,000	13,222	15,000	(1,000)			
4311.8 Gasoline & Diesel	28,000	22,144	33,000	5,000			
4311.9 Tires	4,000	4,594	4,000	—			

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4311.11 Equipment	1,500	1,500	1,500	—			
4311.12 Disability Insurance	3,960	3,231	3,700	(260)			
4311.13 Mowing Town Lands	5,000	2,117	5,250	250			
4311.14 Training	800	175	800	—			
Total 4311-1 HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION	410,995	356,723	464,902	53,907	13%	13,458	
4312.1 Salt	25,000	19,285	29,000	4,000			
4312.2 Winter Sand	25,000	15,579	25,000	—			
4312.3 Road Tar	225,000	184,244	230,000	5,000			
4312.4 Road Improvements	19,500	33,633	19,500	—			
4312.4T Tree Removal	3,000	—	3,000	—			
4312.4G Summer Gravel	16,000	19,195	16,000	—			
4312.5 Sand & Salt Subcontractor	12,000	6,798	12,000	—			
4312.6 Uniforms	1,500	1,284	1,500	—			
4312.30 Road Side Mowing	16,000	15,000	16,000	—			
4312.31 Signage	1,500	1,122	1,500	—			
Total 4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS	344,500	296,141	353,500	9,000	3%	—	
4313 — CULVERTS & BRIDGES							
4313.1 Culvert/Bridge Maintenance	5,000	6,494	5,000	—			
Total 4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES	5,000	6,494	5,000	—	0%	—	
4316 Street Lighting	2,500	2,697	2,500	—			
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	762,995	662,055	825,902	62,907	8%	13,458	
4321-1 — SOLID WASTE COLLECTION							
4321.1 Wages	42,900	37,122	43,750	850			
4321.3 Overtime	4,100	6,141	6,750	2,650			
4321.2 Recycling Services	23,000	33,903	32,000	9,000			
4321.4 Telephone	1,500	1,663	1,500	—			
4321.5 Supplies	1,500	881	1,500	—			
4321.6 Electricity	2,400	2,185	2,400	—			
4321.7 Gas & Diesell	1,500	2,047	1,750	250			
4323.8 Central NH Waste	1	—	1	—			

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4323.9 Building Maintenance	2,500	90	2,500	—			
4323.10 Seminars	400	100	400	—			
4323.11 Health Insurance	2,500	1,667	—	(2,500)			
4323.12 Truck Repairs (Other)	1	—	1	—			
4323.P Packer Truck	2,500	2,171	2,500	—			
4323 Trailers	4,000	4,000	—	—			
4323.15 Universal Waste	5,500	1,822	5,500	—			
4323.19 Ground Water Testing	12,000	6,258	5,000	(7,000)			
4323.16 Equipment Repair	1,000	67	1,000	—			
4323.17 PAYT Bag Purchases	7,000	7,400	7,200	200			
4321.18 Hazardous Clean-up	1	—	1	—			
4321.20 Hazardous Waste Day	1	—	1	—			
4321.19 Storm Water Drainage	1	—	1	—			
Total 4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	110,305	103,516	117,755	7,450	7%	80,000	
4324 — SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL							
4324.1 Co-op Tipping Fee	32,000	28,961	32,000	—			
Total 4324 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	32,000	28,961	32,000	—	0%	—	
TOTAL SOLID WASTE EXPENSE	142,305	132,477	149,755	7,450	5%	80,000	
4351 —ENERGY COMMITTEE							
4351.1 Clean Energy NH Membership	250	250	250	—			
4351.2 Training	150	0	150	—			
4351.3 Programs	250	400	250	—			
4351.4 Misc.100	100	—	—	—			
Total 4351 ENERGY COMMITTEE	650	650	750	100		—	
HEALTH							
4411.2 Health Officer	100	—	100	—			
4414.1 Animal Control	200	—	200	—			
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES	300	0	300	—	0%	—	

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WELFARE							
4441.1 Welfare Administrator	1	—	1	—			
4441.2 Aid/Disabled VNA	1	—	1	—			
4441.3 Community Action Program	2,600	2,600	2,600	—			
Total 4441 WELFARE ADMINISTRATION	2,602	2,600	2,602	—	0%	—	—
4442.1 Direct Assistance	7,000	1,183	4,000	(3,000)			
TOTAL WELFARE ASSISTANCE	9,602	3,783	6,602	(3,000)	-31%	—	—
4550 — LIBRARY							
4550.1 Wages	116,905	117,627	121,548	4,643			
4550.2 Maintenance	5,000	1,255	5,000	—			
4550.3 Books/Mag/Tapes/Prog	8,000	8,009	9,000	1,000			
4550.4 Dues/Migs/Education	198	300					
4550.5 Telephone	900	1,258	1,100	200			
4550.7 Electricity	2,500	1,535	1,500	(1,000)			
4550.8 Postage	200	168	200				
4550.9 Equipment Supplies	5,000	4,765	5,000	—			
4550.10 Health Insurance	38,050	37,295	64,198	26,148			
4550.15 Retirement	—	1199	7,000	7,000			
4550.21 Cleaning	4,000	4,094	4,200	200			
Sub Total Library	180,555	177,403	219,046	38,491	21%	12,840	
<i>From Library Trusts</i>							
4550.31 Program/Passes	1,500	1,764	2,500	1,000			
4550.32 Books/Mags/Tapes	5,000	4,860	5,000	—			
4550.33 Other Expenses	350	360	350	—			
4550.34 Contracts	2,000	4,543	2,500	500			
4550.35 Technology Labor	2,200	—	2,200	—			
4550.36 Capital Improvements	6,000	7,630	5,000	(1,000)			
4550.38 Continuing Education	400	110	400	—			
Sub Total Library Trusts	17,450	19,267	17,950	500			
Total 4550 LIBRARY —Grand Total	198,005	196,670	236,996	38,991	20%	12,840	

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4583 — PATRIOTIC PURPOSES							
4583.1 Memorial Day	250	217	250	—			
4583.2 Fourth of July	1	—	6,000	5,999			
Total 4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	251	217	6,250	5,999	2390%	—	
4589 — HISTORICAL SOCIETY							
4589.1 Preservation Expense	1,000	1,000	1,000	—			
4589.2 Misc. Supplies	150	150	150	—			
Total 4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1,150	1,150	1,150	—	0%	—	
4651 — HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION							
4651.1 Secretary Wages	200	1,093	1,000	800			
4651.2 Postage	100	—	100	—			
4651.3 Printing	50	163	50	—			
Total 4651 HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION	350	1,256	1,150	800	229%	—	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	199,756	199,293	245,546	45,790	23%	12,840	
PARKS & RECREATION							
4520.1 Repairs	1	—	1	—			
4520.2 Equipment	920	2,946	—	(920)			
Total 921	2,946	1	—	(920)		—	
Soccer program							
Field Maintenance	440	—	440	—			
Program Administration Costs	690	30	875	185			
Equipment	955	1,379	1,090	135			
Total Soccer program	2,085	1,409	2,405	320		—	
Youth Ski Program							
Program Administration Costs	70	—	—	(70)			
Total Youth Ski Program	70	—	—	(70)		—	
NH Youth Town Travel Basketball League							
Software Cost	210	—	—	(210)			

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Uniforms (One time cost) 3 teams	1,500	—	—	(1,500)			
Equipment 3 teams	900	—	—	(900)			
Total Basket Ball Programs	2,610	—	—	(2,610)			
Halloween							
Decoration & Supplies	250	672	500	250			
Refreshment & Candy Costs	600	322	600	—			
Disposal Fees	100	—	—	(100)			
Total Town Halloween Event	950	994	1,100	150		—	
TOTAL PARKS & REC	6,636	5,349	3,506	(3,130)	-47%	—	
4611 — CONSERVATION							
4611.1 Dues	500	650	500	—			
4611.2 Postage	50	—	50	—			
4611.3 Printing & Advertising	100	—	100	—			
4611.4 Supplies	50	—	50	—			
4611.5 Professional Services	1,000	—	1,000	—			
4611.6 Training	150	—	150	—			
4611.7 Easement Monitoring	2,190	2,190	2,235	45			
4611.8 Land Management	5,000	1,275	5,000	—			
4611.10 Rocky Pond Treatment	1,000	1,000	1,000	—			
4611.12 Administrative Support	500	819	800	300		6,487	
4611.13 Conservation Project Support	1	6,487	1	—			
TOTAL 4611 CONSERVATION	10,541	12,421	10,886	345	3%	6,487	
1790.3 2021 Cost of Debt Issuance	5,400	—	—	—			
4711.2 2003 Bond Principal (mun. bldg.)	115,000	115,000	115,000	—			
4711.5 2005 Gold Star Bond (principal)	1	—	1	—			
4711.8 2018 Sam Lake House	53,665	53,884	53,665	—			
4711.9 2020 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	—	—	92,053	92,053			
TOTAL PRINCIPAL	168,666	174,284	260,719	92,053	54.6%	—	
4721.7 2003 Municipal Building	10,362	10,362	7,200	(3,162)			

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4721.9 2005 Gold Star Interest	1	—	1	—			
4721.18 Sam Lake Interest	2,685	2,685	2,905	219			
4721.80 Tax Anticipation Note	1	—	1	—			
4721.81 2020 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	—	—	14,301	14,301			
TOTAL INTEREST	13,049	13,047	24,407	11,358	87.0%	—	—
CAPITAL LEASE PROGRAM							
4725.1 Cruiser Lease	—	—	—	—			
4725.2 Body Camera Lease	3,351	3,483	3,351	3,351			
TOTAL 4725 CAPITAL LEASE PROGRAM	3,351	3,483	3,351	—		—	
SUB-TOTAL ALL DEPT EXPENSE	2,849,292	2,665,547	3,105,081	255,789	9.0%	161,736	600
WARRANT ARTICLES							
WA-2022-6 Fire Engine			650,000				
WA-2022-7 Fire & Highway Garage Fans			14,000				
WA-2022-8 Mig Welder & Plasma Cutter			7,250				
WA-2022-9 Gold Star Bond			41,143				
WA-2022-10 Replace Flooring in PD			8,000				
WA-2022-13 Capital Reserves			173,000				
WA-2022-14 Transfer Station Elec/Baler			80,000				
WA-2021-4 Police Cruisers	101,053	100,516	—				
WA-2021-5 Morrill Road Bridge	158,000	158,000	—				
WA-2021-6 Building Inspector Software	5,900	5,900	—				
WA-2021-7 Gold Star Bond	41,288	41,228	—				
WA-2021-8 Capital Reserves	173,000	173,000	—				
WA-2021-9 Fire Department Command Car	53,000	53,000	—				
WA-2021-10 Elkins Library Roof	20,000	15,500	—				
TOTAL OF WARRANT ARTICLES	552,241	547,144	973,393	417,152		—	—
GRAND TOTAL with WARRANT ARTICLES	3,401,533	3,212,691	4,078,474	672,941	19.8%	—	600
ENCUMBERED FROM PRIOR YEAR							
Vertecon Compressor	52,500	52,500					
Fireworks	5,800	5,800					

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HP File Server	13,500	13,500					
Backhoe Repairs	32,782	32,782					
Fire & Rescue Equipment	28,550	28,550					
Engine 2 Repairs	6,084	6,084					
Volvo Grader Repair	9,546	9,546					
TOTAL ENCUMBURED	148,762	148,762					

REVENUE TO OFFSET 2021 BUDGET



	<i>Proposed 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Proposed 2022</i>
TAXES			
3185 Yield Tax	18,000	53,587	18,000
3190 Interest & Penalties on Taxes	10,000	20,315	18,000
3186 Payment in lieu of Taxes	9,500	9,500	9,500
3187 Excavation Tax (.20 per CY) Overlay	—	—	—
Sub-Total	37,500	83,402	45,500
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
3350 Warm zone grant	—	54,523	—
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	110,000	177,311	130,000
3353 Highway Block Grant	73,000	93,033	93,000
3351 Municipal Aid	—	—	—
3356 Reim. State & Federal Forest Land	185	172	175
3359 Other State Revenues	—	111	100
3359 Covid 19 Relief	—	9,815	—
3359 Covid 19 1st Responder Stipend	—	—	—
3359 UCC Quarterly Income	—	1,095	1,000
3379 Voter Checklist Town Portion	—	425	100
3359 ARPA Funds	—	128,978	**128,978
3359 COVID-19 Reimbursement	—	50,928	—
Sub-Total	183,185	516,391	353,353
LICENSES & PERMITS			
3220 Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	550,000	579,400	575,000
3290 Municipal Agent Fees	20,000	22,099	22,000
3290 Other License & Permit Fees	3,000	2,886	3,000
Sub-Total	573,000	604,385	600,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3914 Bag Sales	55,000	57,030	56,000
3914 Recycling Income	7,000	13,274	10,000
3914 Transfer Station Fees	10,500	16,018	14,000
3914 Shaver Chargeback	1,500	389	2,000
Enterprise Fund Sub-Total	74,000	86,711	82,000
3230 Building Permit Fees	13,000	13,728	12,000
3401 Planning Board fees	1,500	1,750	1,500
3401 ZBA fees	4,000	3,105	3,000
3401 Police Subcontractors	15,000	17,713	15,000
3401 Fire Department Subcontractors	—	2,100	—
3401 Pistol Permits	300	170	200
3401 Police Department revenue	500	135	200
3401 Copier income	50	—	25
3401 Miscellaneous income	200	125	200

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		<i>Proposed 2021</i>	<i>Actual 2021</i>	<i>Proposed 2022</i>
3401	Fire Department inspections	100	0	100
3401	Historical District Commission	100	90	100
3401	Forest Fire Reimb	—	0	—
3401	Town Building Rental	—	125	100
3401	Cemetery Plots	2,500	5,000	2,500
3401	Cemetery Corner Stones	—	—	—
	Sub-Total w/o Ent Fund	37,250	44,041	34,925
	Sub-Total with Ent Fund	111,250	130,752	116,925

MISC REVENUES

	From Surplus	—	—	—
3190	Interest on deposits	6,500	2,219	2,500
3934	Proceeds of Long-Term Bond	—	312,053	—
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	—	9,000	5,000
3503	Health Insurance Reimbursement	35,000	27,602	43,249
3503	NSF Fee	100	100	100
3916	Library Offset — Trust funds	17,450	19,267	17,950
3503	Insurance Claim Money	—	—	—
3503	Miscellaneous Revenue	1,000	53,209	1,000
3503	Sam Lake Trust	12,000	13,884	13,000
	Sub-Total	72,050	437,334	82,799
3915	Transfers from Capital Reserves	—	—	—
	Transfers from Unres. Fund Bal.	41,288	41,288	150,000
	Sub-Total transfers	41,288	41,288	150,000
	Sub-Total	113,338	478,622	123,941
	Grand Total	1,018,273	1,813,552	1,348,577

Appropriations Recommended	3,105,080
Individual Warrant Articles	973,393
Total Appropriations	<u>4,078,473</u>
Less: Amt. of Proposed Revenues & Credits	**1,219,599
Est. Amount of Taxes to be raised	<u>2,858,874</u>

***ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds could not be used to offset taxes per the State of NH — Department of Revenue Administration.*

UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

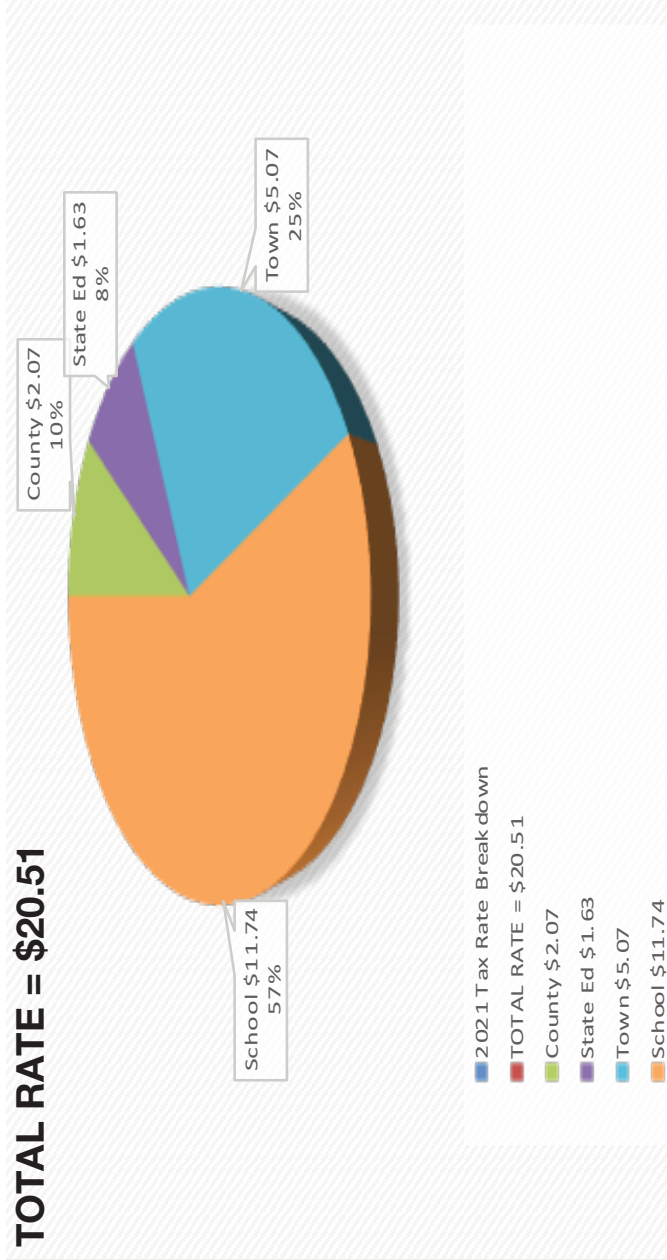


Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,575,545
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$ -150.00
Less Amount Voted — Gold Star	\$ -41,288
Total Retained	<u>\$ 1,384,257</u>

2021 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN



TOTAL RATE = \$20.51



2021 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value. Total Assessed Valuation = \$361,872,617

2021 TOWN EXPENSES

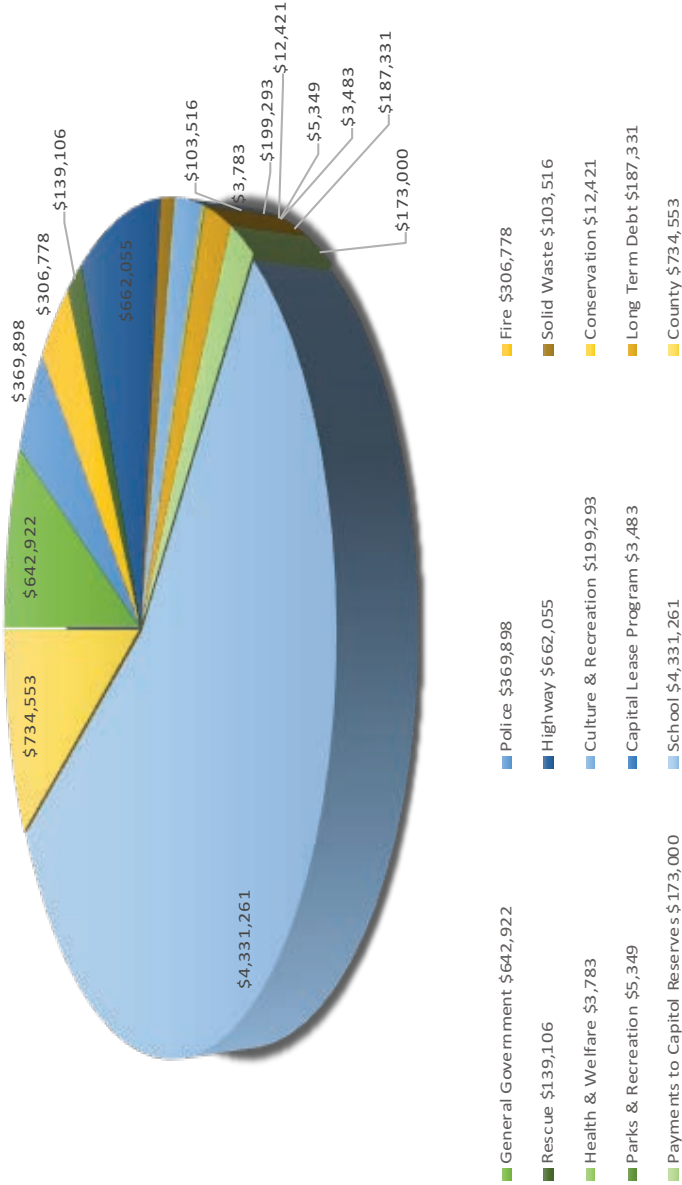


Chart represents monies paid by the selectmen in 2021 for the operating budget, school, and county appropriations. The amounts shown do not include warrant articles.

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	NH Municipal Bond Bank

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 20 & August 20
Payable at:	NH Municipal Bond Bank

<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



SAM LAKE HOUSE LOAN

Rate of Interest 3.04%
 Amount of Original Issue \$213,410
 Date of Original Issue 1/30/2018
 Principal payment date February 15 & August 15
 Interest payment date February 15 & August 15
 Payable at: Franklin Savings Bank

<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
2019	52,657.98	3,911.54	2021	53,664.91	2,904.61
2020	52,058.19	4,511.33	2022	55,029.13	1,540.37



MORRILL ROAD BRIDGE / COMMAND CAR / POLICE CRUISERS

Rate of Interest 0.75%
 Amount of Original Issue \$312,053
 Date of Original Issue 8/15/21
 Principal payment date February 15 & August 15
 Interest payment date February 15 & August 15
 Payable at: NH Muniicipal Bond Bank

<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>FYE</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Interest</i>
2022	92,053.00	14,300.73	2025	50,000.00	5,100.00
2023	60,000.00	11,220.00	2026	50,000.00	2,550.00
2024	60,000.00	8,160.00			

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Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2021

Name and Purpose of Trust	How Invested * Account #	Principal		Income		Balance at End of Year	Total Principal & Income
		Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Capital Gains (Losses)	Withdrawals		
Nonexpendable Trusts:							
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Church	105640006	200.00				200.00	264.45
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	105640007	4,000.00				4,000.00	4,278.72
Lucia Elkins - Elkins Mem Bldg Repairs	105640034	1,000.00				1,000.00	1,334.78
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	105640009	3,000.00				3,000.00	4,007.60
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	105640010	424.00				424.00	563.81
Lucia Elkins - Sick & Worthy Poor	105640011	6,987.00				6,987.00	7,642.95
John Kezar - School District	105640012	3,702.10				3,702.10	4,946.50
Benevolent Fund - Glasses & Dental	105640013	700.00				700.00	3,595.37
Canterbury Youth Fund	105640014	751.00				751.00	3,116.43
Thompson Memorial - 4H Scholarship	105640015	750.00				750.00	1,596.65
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	105640017	37,675.00				37,675.00	48,860.74
Subtotal		59,189.10	-	-	-	59,189.10	80,207.99
Expendable Trusts:							
Capital Reserve Funds							
Highway Equipment	105640003	60,077.20	10,000.00			70,077.20	75,978.39
Highway Trucks	105640004	99,000.00	30,000.00			129,000.00	141,181.80
Highway Grader	105640005	255,000.00	30,000.00			285,000.00	299,898.76
Firefighting Equipment (2)	105640029	33,709.50				33,709.50	36,636.76
Conservation	105640020	36,000.00				36,000.00	39,170.62
Transfer Station	105640022	-				-	6,179.34
Landfill Closure	105640024	112,723.00	1,000.00			113,723.00	133,311.60
Building Maintenance	105640027	25,326.62				25,326.62	26,552.61
Sam Lake House	105640028	13,319.27	13,884.48			27,203.75	29,341.66
Highway Dept Loader	105640031	20,000.00	30,000.00			50,000.00	50,174.22
Fire Truck	105640032	272,786.30	50,000.00			322,786.30	326,162.63
Rescue Truck	105640033	95,465.22	12,000.00			107,465.22	108,963.35
Highway Backhoe	105640034	10,000.00	10,000.00			20,000.00	20,004.95
Subtotal		1,033,407.11	186,884.48	-	-	1,220,291.59	1,293,556.69
Total		1,092,596.21	186,884.48	-	-	1,279,480.69	1,373,764.67

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

SAM LAKE TRUST FUND



The Town of Canterbury is a beneficiary of the Sam Lake Trust and in this capacity is entitled to funds according to the terms of the trust.

Under the terms of the trust:

*“...the **income** only is to be used by the Town of Canterbury, NH...for the betterment, improvements or other purposes that might be brought about on (testator’s) home place, but not for other purposes.”*

Clarfeld Management Report

Balance of Principal on Hand as of 01/01/2021	<u>\$ 277,689.67</u>
Cash Activity	
Dividends	\$ 6,361.01
Interest	\$ 2.64
Long Term/Short Term Cap Gains	\$ 1,659.74
Other Cash Receipts	\$ 0
Fiduciary Fees	(\$ 6,863.08)
Other Disbursements of Cash	(\$ 14,477.48)
Total Cash Activity	<u>(\$ 13,317.17)</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	
Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 106,981.59
Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 1,333.63
Net Gain/(Loss) for the Period	\$ 12,015.22
Ending Market Value	<u>(\$ 276,387.72)</u>

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER – 2021



Beginning Balance 01/01/2021	\$ 3,318,791.34
Tax Collector.....	\$ 7,614,146.64
Town Clerk	\$ 806,925.72
State of New Hampshire.....	\$ 272,146.66
Covid 19 Relief.....	\$ 60,742.50
Grant Money Received.....	\$ 183,500.26
Income from Departments	\$ 121,339.88
Transfer from Sam Lake Trust	\$ 13,884.48
Library Offset.....	\$ 19,267.34
Interest on Investments	\$ 2,218.81
Enterprise Fund	\$ 86,710.23
NH Municipal Bond Bank.....	\$ 312,053.00
Payroll Account Deposits	\$ 1,114,602.89
TOTAL REVENUE.....	\$ 10,610,538.41
	\$ 13,929,329.75
Selectmen's Orders Paid.....	\$ 3,253,752.91
Payroll Disbursements	\$ 1,122,159.71
ACH Transfers to State.....	\$ 199,978.00
Tax Anticipation Note.....	\$
Capital Reserve	\$ 173,000.00
School Tax	\$ 4,581,062.00
County Tax	\$ 750,727.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 10,080,679.62
Ending Balance 12/31/21	\$ 3,848,650.13
Conservation Commission Fund.....	\$ 226,457.64

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.”

Balance on Hand as of 01/01/2021	\$ 217,139.09
Deposits	\$ 15,500.00
Withdrawals	\$ 6,487.00
Interest	\$ 305.55
Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2021	\$ 226,457.64

RECONCILIATION – TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER



Property Tax Remitted to Treasurer	\$7,460,188.90
Interest & Penalties Remitted to Treasurer	8,380.43
Converted to Liens Principle Only	61,519.48
Redemptions	69,391.60
Interest & Costs Collected	14,666.23
Prior Year Payment Adjustment	
Check Payments Reversed	
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$7,614,146.64

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2021



Summary of Fees Collected for the Year Ending December 31, 2021

MOTOR VEHICLE FEES COLLECTED	ACCT. #	AMOUNT
	3220.8	\$ 199,978.00
	3220	\$ 578,456.00
	3220.B	\$ 944.32
SUB TOTAL		\$779,378.32

TOWN CLERK FEES COLLECTED	ACCT.#	AMOUNT
Agent Fee	3240	\$ 22,099.00
Vital Statistics	3290.4	\$ 1,100.00
Marriage License	3290.3	\$ 98.00
SUB TOTAL		\$ 23,297.00

DOG LICENSE FEES COLLECTED	ACCT. #	AMOUNT
Dog Overpopulation Fee	3290.1	\$ 2,594.00
Dog Complaint	3401.11	\$ —
SUB TOTAL		\$ 2,594.00

CREDIT ACCOUNT	1 + 3401.42	\$ 1,656.40
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		\$806,925.72

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

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT



Summary of Tax Warrants

For the Year Ending December 31, 2021

	Account	Levy For 2021	2020	Prior Levies 2019	2018 +
CREDITS					
UNCOLLECTED TAX BALANCE					
BEGINNING OF YEAR					
Property Taxes	3110		\$ 277,663.28		
Land Use Change Tax	3120		\$ 0		
Yield Taxes	3185		\$ 257.20		
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$ 970.51)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR					
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 7,339,644.00			
Land Use Change Tax	3120	\$ 15,500.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 53,707.98			
Excavation Tax	3187				
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 26,273.03			
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 1,795.07	\$ 6,585.36		
Total Debits		\$7,435,949.57	\$ 284,505.84		

REMITTED TO TREASURER	CREDITS			
	Account	Levy For 2021	Prior Levies	
		2020	2019	2018 +
Property Taxes	\$ 7,174,975.63	\$ 216,126.38		
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 0		
Yield Taxes	\$ 53,329.69	\$ 257.20		
Interest (Including Lien Conversion)	\$ 1,770.07	\$ 5,280.86		
Penalties	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,304.50		
Excavation Tax				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$ 61,519.48		
ABATEMENTS MADE				
Property Taxes	\$ 1,674.16	\$ 17.42		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	\$ 168.00			
UNCOLLECTED TAXES — END OF YEAR				
Property Taxes	\$ 193,600.73			
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$ 0			
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$ 5,472.00)			
Total Debits	\$ 7,435,949.57	\$ 284,505.84		

LIEN SUMMARY		Prior Levies		
REMITTED TO TREASURER	Account	2020	2019	2018 +
	Levy For 2021			
Unredeemed Liens Balance — Beginning of Year			\$ 28,816.63	\$ 28,722.61
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$ 64,251.57		
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution		\$ 1,842.58	\$ 3,751.17	\$ 9,072.48
Total Debits		\$ 66,094.15	\$ 32,567.80	\$ 37,795.09
SUMMARY OF CREDITS				
Redemptions		\$ 24,454.22	\$ 19,005.23	\$ 25,932.15
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	3190	\$ 1,842.58	\$ 3,751.17	\$ 9,072.48
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 37.92		
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 388.91	\$ 400.60	\$ 782.55
Unredeemed Liens Balance — End of Year	1110	\$ 39,370.52	\$ 9,410.80	\$ 2,007.91
Total Credits		\$ 66,094.15	\$ 32,567.80	\$ 37,795.09

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Samuel Papps, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2021 SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY



Current Use Land Assessed Value.....	\$ 1,832,960
Conservation Restriction Assessment.....	\$ 6,162
Land (Improved and Unimproved)	\$ 126,026,200
Residential Buildings	\$ 210,076,038
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D.....	\$ 65,157
Commercial/Industrial.....	\$ 17,655,900
Public Utilities.....	\$ 7,594,700
Total Gross Valuation	\$ <u>363,257,117</u>
Less Elderly Exemptions	\$ 780,000
Blind Exemptions	\$ 15,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions.....	\$ 480,000
Improvements to Assist Person W/ Disabilities	\$ 109,500
Total Gross Exemptions.....	\$ <u>1,384,500</u>
Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is computed	\$ 361,872,617
Less Public Utilities	\$ 7,594,700
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax computed.....	\$ 354,277,917
Veteran's Tax Credit.....	\$ 47,500
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 14,000
All Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 9,000
2021 Tax Rate	
Town Tax Rate	\$ 5.07
County Tax Rate.....	\$ 2.07
School Tax Rate.....	\$ 11.74
State Education Tax Rate	\$ 1.63
TAX RATE PER \$1,000	\$ <u>20.51</u>
2021 Median Ratio	96.6%

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY



	Acres	Assessed Value
Town Hall & Land.....	5	\$ 314,700
Elkins Library		\$ 740,000
Meeting House Building		\$ 136,800
Historical Society Schoolhouse		\$ 116,700
Sam Lake House		\$ 411,700
Municipal Building and Land	4.98	\$ 1,328,600
Transfer Station Building and Land.....	6.3	\$ 152,400
Gazebo and Land.....	0.31	\$ 48,700
Elkins Historical Building and Land.....	0.84	\$ 220,700
	17.43	\$ 3,470,900

Assessed Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation	Commission	Acres	Value
101	002		Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest		0.69	\$ 71,100
101	010	37	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest		0.26	\$ 15,600
101	012		Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest		0.02	\$ 1,600
101	019	12	Nottingham Road	Sherwood Forest		0.54	\$ 31,600
101	036	99	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest		0.71	\$ 38,400
101	058	26	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest		0.24	\$ 14,600
101	062	39	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest		0.31	\$ 6,900
101	073		Shaker Road	Lyford Cemetery		0.08	
102	016	2	Flowage/Dam Rights	Sherwood Forest		0.00	
102	037	84	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest		0.39	\$ 38,700
102	043	Island	New Pond	Sherwood Forest		0.25	\$ 22,500
102	052	85	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest		0.25	\$ 12,200
102	071	65	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest		0.28	\$ 16,800
102	094	10	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest		0.24	\$ 14,600
102	107	15	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest		0.23	\$ 14,300
102	149	0	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest		0.04	\$ 18,800
102	150	Island	Lyford Pond	Sherwood Forest		0.40	\$ 24,000
107	024		Kimball Pond Road	Kinter Lot/CCC*		3.11	\$ 88,800
107	025		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC*		15.09	\$ 115,000
107	026		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC*		30.00	\$ 137,300
107	029		Center Road	Center Cemetery		2.40	\$ 1,800
203	008		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC		7.00	\$ 21,000
203	009		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC		9.00	\$ 27,000
203	016		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC		2.30	\$ 11,000
203	017		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC		2.50	\$ 11,600
203	018		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC		4.30	\$ 16,400
203	019		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC		5.25	\$ 19,000
203	020		Mountain Road	Topography/CCC		4.00	\$ 15,600
203	022		Mountain Road	R-0-W RD Thru Center of Lot/CCC		45.00	\$ 70,500
203	023		Mountain Road	Wooded/ CCC		5.40	\$ 19,400
203	024		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC		3.00	\$ 12,900
203	029		Harmony Lane	Gilmanton Town Line/CCC		6.26	\$ 89,200
205	005		Misery Road	Northfield Town Line/CCC		20.00	\$ 88,800
208	009		Baptist Hill Road	Irregular shaped lot		1.60	\$ 30,800
208	018		Baptist Hill Road	Mathews Cemetery		0.04	
209	004		Shaker Road	Corner Lot		0.43	\$ 30,800
210	009		Mountain Road	CCC		3.70	\$ 11,100

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Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
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	\$ 8,700
218	004		Intervale Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	8.00	\$ 24,000
218	005	Off	Oak Hill Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	0.21	\$ 600
219	009	NS	Intervale Road	Backland/Northfield Town Line	0.24	\$ 700
221	002		Borough Road	N/F Peck	0.43	\$ 1,300
221	014		Borough Road	Smith Morrill Cemetery	0.05	
222	003		Borough Road	Backland/Access/CCC	22.00	\$ 45,500
223	013		Briar Bush Road	Wooded/CCC	20.00	\$ 115,500
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	\$ 74,700
234	014		Off Intervale Road	Backland/CCC	81.00	\$ 157,500
236	003		Intervale Road	Merrimack River Frontage	5.10	\$ 94,800
237	019		Big Meadow	Backland/Wetland/CCC	11.00	\$ 27,100
238	003		Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	7.40	\$ 22,200
238	004		Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC*	11.70	\$ 28,400
240	007		Abbott Road	Hannah Moore Lot/CCC	25.00	\$ 50,200
241	023		Baptist Hill Road	Maple Grove Cemetery	6.20	
241	031		Baptist Road	Pevery Meadow/CCC	10.30	\$ 24,600
241	033		Baptist Road	Old Rangeway	5.20	\$ 22,000
243	006		Shaker Road	N/F Berry, Viola Estate	3.70	\$ 11,100
245	003	OFF	Welch Road	Backland/Access/CCC	12.70	\$ 51,500
245	004	R-O-W	Welch Road	Backland/Access/CCC	15.00	\$ 53,700
245	005		Baptist Road	Backland/Access/Pond/CCC	20.00	\$ 42,600
245	007		Baptist Road	Backland/Access/Pond/CCC	23.00	\$ 23,500
245	008		Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC	10.70	\$ 13,200
245	009		Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC*	20.50	\$ 43,700
245	010	SE	Baptist Road	Spender Meadow/Crane Neck Pond/CCC	16.00	\$ 27,400
245	011		Baptist Road	Backland/CCC	66.00	\$ 74,300
246	013		Baptist Road	Wetlands/ R-OW/Access/CCC	3.90	\$ 46,200
247	032		Southwest Road	Unknown ROW	0.27	\$ 14,100
250	005	Island	Island on Merrimack River		0.61	\$ 70,100
252	033	WS	Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC *	19.06	\$ 121,500
253	039		Pickard Road	Kimball II West Cemetery	0.08	
253	042	WS	Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC *	22.20	\$ 126,400
254	001		Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow/CCC	12.50	\$ 30,000
254	003		Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow/CCC	10.80	\$ 26,600
255	014		Whitney Hill Road	Whitney & Lovejoy Rds Triangle/CCC	12.80	\$ 48,000
256	003		Whitney Hill Road	N/F Samuel Lovering Heirs	22.00	\$ 107,600
257	008	W OF	Whitney Hill Road	Backland/wetlands	19.00	\$ 21,600
258	027		Old Schoolhouse Road	Side of Class VI Road	0.20	\$ 25,500
261	003		West Road	Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge/CCC	5.40	\$ 95,700
262	003		Along Merrimack	N/F Elbridge Carter Heirs	16.50	\$ 37,100
263	017		Abby Drive	Open Space	0.52	\$ 27,600
263	021		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	3.00	\$ 36,000
263	026		Layton Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.44	\$ 25,100
263	031		Layton Drive	Open Space/CCC	14.40	\$ 61,400
263	035		Cambridge Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.97	\$ 29,900
263	040		Cambridge Drive	Pond/Open Space	3.80	\$ 38,400
263	043		Abby Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.63	\$ 28,200
263	044		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.66	\$ 28,300

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Map	Lot	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
264	011		New Road	Concord Frontage/CCC	28.00	\$ 89,300
267	051		Oxbow Pond Road	Riverland Conservation/CCC	*68.73	\$ 220,400
TOTALS						
Acres						870.68
Parcel Values						\$3,555,500
Town Building Values						\$3,470,900
Town Owned Building and Parcels						\$ 7,026,400

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



The second year of the coronavirus pandemic brought forth developments that affected our town both positively and negatively. On the positive side, the advent of the vaccines allowed, if not a return to normal, then at least a movement toward normalcy in our social, professional, and governmental interactions. In the best of Canterbury tradition, the vast majority of our townspeople displayed a high degree of personal and community responsibility, protected each other, cared for the ill, and helped our neighbors.

On the negative side, pandemic frustration and fatigue, perhaps abetted by the divisive political discourse nationally, seeped into our community and changed some people's behavior toward one another in unexpected and unfortunate ways. Our town employees, elected officials, and volunteers endured a disturbing amount of undeserved opprobrium and vitriol in the conduct of their duties, some from the very people they were working hard to serve and some from people afar with no connection to our community at all.

This behavior culminated in the "River Dave" saga and this report would not be complete if we failed to mention the event which amazingly saw Canterbury in news headlines around the world. This story of a squatter, in which the local media got the facts wrong, the national media picked up the inaccurate story then echoed it around the world, welcomed Canterbury to the 21st century spotlight in a most unwelcome manner. In the end the facts didn't matter, people believed whatever they wanted to believe and, on the basis of those false beliefs, condemned our entire community, verbally assaulted our town office staff with vicious, often obscene comments and directed threats at our elected and appointed officials. We sincerely hope this sort of behavior abates, soon, for the sake of all. And we surely thank Ken Folsom, Jan Stout, Mary Hauptman, Mandy Irving, Joel French, and Sam Papps for persevering and not letting this treatment keep them down for long.

Another consequence of the pandemic has been the impact on operating and personnel costs. The Police Department, Highway Department, and Transfer Sta-

tion ran short-handed all last year. The economy's return to full employment after a year of lockdowns and the significant wage inflation that followed made it exceedingly difficult to retain employees and fill open positions. We undertook an across-the-board assessment of our pay and benefits packages as compared to other NH towns of similar size and to the neighboring towns with whom we compete for employees. This effort revealed that our wage rates were not competitive, particularly for police and highway department positions. We were also mindful of the strong desire expressed by our citizens at Town Meeting last year that, as an employer, the town should pay a living wage to all employees.

We endeavored to address both of these concerns with performance bonuses at year end in 2021 and in the 2022 budget with a combination of base pay increases and performance/retention bonuses. While bonus packages are somewhat of a novelty in the public sector, we hope introducing them here will allow Canterbury to offer competitive compensation and aid retention of key employees without a huge percentage spike in base salaries. Total proposed wages for 2022 across all departments increased by \$63,139 or 5.7% from 2021 under this new structure. Labor, as a percentage of the overall budget, actually dropped from 40% of the total appropriation in 2021 to 38% in 2022.

Overall the proposed operating budget for 2022 is up \$255,796 or 8.9% over 2021, defying the best efforts of the Selectmen and the Budget Committee to keep it under the \$3 million mark. In addition to the aforementioned wage increases, the largest contributors to the jump are increases in long-term debt (\$103,411), NH Retirement System payments (\$34,897), and health care costs (\$28,968).

We thank all our town employees, elected officials, and volunteer appointees for their service to our community and their dedication to making and keeping Canterbury a great place to live.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Gordon
Arthur Hudson
Bob Steenson

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



We started 2021 hopeful that with the availability of the Covid-19 vaccination we could start to get back to regular business. Unfortunately, we are still in the grip of a Pandemic that has caused our definition of “regular business” to change dramatically. Our Town Meeting was held outside on a blustery day in May. I want to thank everyone that helped with the setup and operation of the meeting and to all the residents that braved the cold and windy conditions.

The Town Offices are open to walk-in customers and we have continued our day-to-day operations with the appropriate precautions in place. The Selectmen’s meetings are available for remote viewing and participation via GoToMeeting. Some of the other Boards and Committees also take advantage of this technology. The Town website has directions for any that wish to access these meetings.

The town was awarded American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$258,284. We hope to use these funds to put towards the expense of expanding Broadband access to all residents. To that end we sent Request for Proposal’s to several companies in June. We received only one proposal which was from Comcast. They currently provide services to approximately 80% of the town. We are working with them to move forward with a final proposal.

The revaluation was completed this year. The new tax value of the town is \$361,872,617. This is an increase of almost \$98 Million. The Town portion of the tax rate dropped from \$8.07 to \$5.07 per \$1,000. The overall rate went from \$27.59 to \$20.51.

The 2021 operating budget was underspent by \$159,553. The majority of this money was due to personnel vacancies in the Police and Highway Departments and the Deputy Town Clerks Position. We encumbered \$148,162 2020 funds that were spent on the SCBA Compressor, Eng. 2 repairs, Fire & Rescue Equipment, Backhoe and Grader Repairs, Server for Town Office and the Fireworks.

The operating budget for 2022 is up by \$255,789 or 9%. A large portion of this (\$103,411) is from increased Interest and Principal expenses for bonds. The other big increase is in Personnel costs, which are up \$155,519. These are from wage increases and changes in staffing that resulted in increased Healthcare, Retirement, Medicare, Social Security and Workers Compensation. There are Warrant Articles this year for a new Fire Engine, using grant money and Capitol Reserve funds, Fans for the Fire and Highway High Bays to cut heating costs, a new Mig welder and Plasma cutter for the Highway Dept. and funding deposits to the Capitol Reserve Account. There is also a Warrant Article for upgrades to the Transfer Station electrical entrance and a new baler.

Thank you to our Staff at the Town Office, Employees, Elected and Appointed Officials. We continue to provide our residents and visitors with friendly, quality and dependable services that make Canterbury a great place to live!

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Folsom
Town Administrator

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR



Welcoming in the New Year of 2021, the office of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector expanded payment options, removed appointment restrictions, and continued to follow practices to reduce transmission and keep our residents and staff safe. With the support of the Selectboard, the office started accepting credit card payments for transactions at the counter. The first session of Town Meeting was held at the Old Town Hall on the second Tuesday of March, with Ted LeClair as our moderator. The second session was postponed to the first Saturday in May, and was held on the Elementary School lawn, under a large tent with seating separated for distance, under the direction of our new Moderator, Jim Miller. The Sam Lake House was opened back up to the public in early summer, with masks still required for admittance. The Town was surprised in July when a scavenger hunt had people all over town, and the line of traffic up Hackleboro Road as the Town Clerk held office hours that Thursday was unbelievable! Over the past year, we issued 446 dog licenses and 14 marriage licenses, and recorded the births of 17 children and the deaths of 21 residents.

Looking toward the coming year of 2022, we will be expanding the office hours to meet the growing request for services. Effective January 1st, 2022, the office will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12 noon to 7 p.m. Please remember that the deadline for Dog License renewals is April 30th, 2022. There will be three elections held this coming year; the Town Election in March of 2022, the State Primary in September and the General Election in November of 2022. Please watch for notices on the Town's website, www.canterbury-nh.org and the Canterbury Community Newsletter.

Thank you for your support as we continue to serve our town in the coming year, and we look forward to your next visit to the office!

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT



2021 was another busy year for building and inspections as we continue through Covid-19 pandemic. I have issued a total of 180 permits. 32 building permits and out of those there were 10 New houses built in town. 36 electrical permits, 19 plumbing permits, 6 Solar permits, 84 gas permits and 3 solid fuel permits. The building department has received new software that allows for more accurate and easier research on all permits done on a property.

Respectfully submitted

Joel French

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

PLANNING BOARD



The 2021 elections saw two new Planning Board members. Anne Dowling and Greg Meeh signed up and were elected to the board. Also joining us for her first year was Lois Scribner. She picked right up on her new job as secretary, and I hope will be with the Planning Board for many years.

The Board really wanted to get started on work for the Plan for Tomorrow, which had been disrupted by the pandemic in 2020. We agreed on how we wanted to interact with the town and then quickly realized that although Board members and the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission were all getting shots and vaccinations, it was not clear how we could safely hold large indoor meetings with our fellow citizens that were originally planned for early October. Covid-19 still seems to be upon us although the Board continues to meet in person at the Meeting House or Town Hall. Work with the CNHRPC and other boards in town will continue in 2022 as the 2010 Master Plan (Plan for Tomorrow) is updated and redrafted.

The rest of the year was spent reviewing applications for site plans, approving several lot line adjustment projects for folks here in town, beginning a tentative interaction with some storage unit builders, and a possible cluster subdivision.

We are recommending three zoning amendments. These involve 1) removing seasonal restrictions on when campgrounds may be open; 2) a change in the Center Historic District zone to add the Kinter's property on Kimball Pond Road; and 3) a re-working of the wording in Article 8.1 regarding Variances to bring the town into conformance with statutes. The Board also began to look at the idea of redefining the allowed uses in the Industrial and Commercial zones in collaboration with the ZBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Ruesswick, Chair

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



Case #	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
2021-1	Snow, Allison	Special Exception	Granted
2021-2	Anderson, Chance	Special Exception	Denied
2021-2	Anderson, Chance	Mtg re: Rehearing	Denied
2021-2	Anderson, Chance	Special Ex. Rehearing	Granted
2021-3	van der Merwe, Dirk	Special Exception	Granted
2021-4	O'Brien, Sean & Leanne	Special Exception	Granted
2021-5	Berry, Ann & Jay	Use Variance	Granted
2021-6	Wood, James & Ziva	Special Exception	Granted
2021-7	LaCasse, Romeo	Use Variance	Granted

POLICE DEPARTMENT



I would like to thank all of you for your continued support to the Canterbury Police Department. 2021 was a challenging year for many of us, to include the police department. Officer Smith was deployed in the Military for most of the year and he just returned to us in December. We also lost Officer Bibeau in February when he left to continue his career with the Boscawen Police Department. In August our newest employee started, Officer Katelyn Mills who will be attending the 187th Police Academy starting January 3rd which will be 16 weeks long. We also send our deepest sympathies to Lorraine Heath and the family of Former Chief of Police Harry Heath who passed away March 10, 2021, Harry Heath was Chief of the Canterbury Police Department between 1979 and 1995. Rest in Peace Chief we have the watch from here.

If you ever need us to respond to an emergency or 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 2019, 2020 & 2021.

	2019	2020	2021
Accident	44	17	19
Arrests	123	54	23
Calls for Service	3,201	2,428	1,826
Citations	1,454	828	477
Field Interviews	50	6	3
Incidents	278	245	180

Everyone here at the Canterbury Police Department is 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 do not hesitate to call.

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

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT



The Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department received 363 calls for emergency assistance in 2021, a 20% increase over the previous calendar year. While this increase is significant, we met the challenge head on. I would like to recognize the members of the CVFD for their continued commitment to going above and beyond as they serve our community. We are also grateful for our mutual aid partners who assist us whenever requested.

In addition to these emergency calls we performed life safety demonstrations & fire drills in the local school, life safety inspections, propane install inspections along with many other types of services. We also provide assistance for those seeking fire permits to burn brush. In 2020 we supported several members who attained firefighter and/EMT certifications.

This past year, we completed the installation of \$50,000.00 grant funded system called a cascade system. This is a device that we use to fill our air tanks when they are depleted. We also received \$2000.00 in grant money to replace some of our outdated and in some cases non-functional forestry equipment. The 2010 command vehicle was replaced this fall with a new vehicle that has been equipped to meet today's needs.

We have recently completed applications for two separate grants to replace aging equipment. If successful these purchases must be met with some matching monies which has already been identified in the operational budget. The first grant would replace our communications system. Currently, many of our first responders are using communication devices that were manufactured in 1993. Newer technology would increase efficiency as well as operational safety for our members. The second grant that we applied for is to replace the 1996 fire engine number 3. This engine, though still functional has been unable to pump at its rated capacity for several years now.

The Canterbury Fire and Rescue Department would like to thank the members of the board of selectmen, our town administrator and his staff as well as the entire

community for their continued support over the past year, a year that has been a challenge for everyone. I am confident that brighter days are ahead. We look forward to putting 2021 behind us and continuing to be of service to all residents and visitors of our community whenever we are called upon.

*Yours in safety,
Chief Michael Gamache*

ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES



What a year this has been! It has presented challenges for all of us, and the staff of the Elkins Public Library has met these challenges with professionalism, creativity, and good humor. The sign on the library door requires masks but there are always smiles under the masks and in the eyes.

Programming has taken place in person and through remote access this year. Young readers participated in the 6-week summer reading program, Tails and Tales. Adult programs saw increased participation as the year progressed. These included “Keep Calm and Craft On” sessions and monthly meetings of the “Old Man Boring Book Club” and the “Book Group.” A special book group meeting was held with local author, Sarah McCraw Crow, as she described the writing process of her novel, *The Wrong Kind of Woman*, and answered questions from group members. The “Humanities to Go” programs were well attended by patrons in their living rooms as our library hosted the author of “A Libertarian Walks into a Bear” and “Harnessing the Wilderness on the trail of NH’s State Dog, the Chinook.” Many patrons tried their hand at preparing lovely cuisine with the help of Liz Barbour as she presented “Cooking with Liz, Creative Feasts.” Over 455 viewers tuned in to enjoy the “Winter Warm Up” program featuring Judy Pancoast! The “Story Time To Go” program, with 75 bags of books, games, and treats distributed every week during the summer to our young readers, was also a great success.

The library staff has undergone significant changes this year. Sue LeClair served as the library’s Director for the last 30 years! After building a strong staff, overseeing the construction of our beautiful new building, and creating a vibrant community library with programming for all ages, she retired in December. In honor of Sue and everything she has done for the town of Canterbury and the Elkins Public Library, the adult section of the library was dedicated to her. As we thank Sue for all of her hard work, we welcome Rachel Baker as the library’s new Director. Rachel has worked in the circulation department, served as the Children’s Librarian, and fostered the welcoming community spirit of Elkins since 2008. Her enthusiasm and dedication to the library is unmatched and I know of no one better suited to take up the reins of the directorship. As Rachel assumed her new role, the other veterans on the staff, Rose, Mary Ann, and Mary Ellen with their combined

years of experience have worked hard to make a seamless transition. We also welcomed Cheryl Ingerson to our full-time staff as our new Children's Librarian. Cheryl brings 14 years of experience to the Children's department and is a wonderful addition! She has instituted an in-person Story Time Program twice a week.

As the pandemic has led to varying degrees of isolation, the staff has worked tirelessly to adapt the library programming and ensure that it remains a community space where everyone can gather safely in person or online. Please visit in person or go online to use the Elkins website to see for yourself what a wonderful resource we have in Canterbury's Elkins library!

Ray Craigie

Chairperson, The Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



2021 was a busy year for Highway with a new bridge (Morrill—New Rd. Intersection) that replaced failing culverts, paving of aprons leading off Southwest Rd., work on Cambridge Dr., Intervale, Oak Hill, and Old Boyce.

We miss the energy of T.J. Bibeau and Mark Marr as we welcome the help from Sean O'Brian, Fred Wells, and Ben Davis.

We look forward to 2022 as we will be working on the north end of Canterbury. I hope to see you on the roads and thank you for your patience in the work zones.

Respectfully Submitted,

John O'Connor, Road Agent

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT



January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Total Circulation Of Materials:	20,931
Adult Fiction:	3,323
Youth Fiction:	836
Young Adult Fiction:	7,041
Youth Non-Fiction:	1,666
Magazines:	132
Audio Books on CD:	363
DVD:	1,771
NH Downloadable Books:	4,280
Hoopla:	1,085
Inter-Library Loans:	434

Materials Purchased

Adult Fiction:	178
Adult Non-Fiction:	69
Juvenile:	159
Young Adult Fiction:	61
Youth Non-Fiction:	19
Audio Books on CD:	4
DVD:	81
Donations of Books, Magazines and DVD:	57

As I have been sorting through files and cabinets in my new office, I found a button that reads, “Elkins Public Library, a place to grow.” The smile that just came across your face, as it did mine, is probably accompanied with your fond memories of your Elkins Public Library experiences. Those memories and experiences come from a long rich library tradition here in Canterbury, 30 years of which came under the leadership of Susan I. LeClair who retired this year after 35 years at Elkins Public Library. The strong foundation she has built allows us to continue to grow and I, along with so many others, are thankful to her for her dedication and service to the town of Canterbury.

The library provided many programs for all ages in 2021 resulting in a large number of people making a return to visiting the library. Story Time, Keep Calm and Craft On, Old Man Boring Book Club, Evening Book Group and Humanities to Go programs brought in many patrons and hundreds of views from home. We like to say that your library is “Always Available”, providing virtual participation through the use of the Owl Meeting Pro. Elkins Public Library has been awarded \$8703.97 in funding through the Institute for Museum and Library Services’

“Grants to States” program. The grant program is part of the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021 and is being facilitated by the N.H. State Library. The grant money allowed us to purchase the Owl Meeting Pro and accessories, an indoor and outdoor sound system for hearing impaired patrons, and two air purifiers to help ensure the health and safety of our library patrons. We received an additional \$1000.00 from The Deans Family Fund through the New Hampshire Charitable Association sponsored by the Riley Family. This money will fund our Summer Reading program and early literacy programming.

Hoopla and NH Downloadable books usage has doubled in the last year and so many residents enjoy our Wi-Fi available 24/7. Our updated website provides many helpful links to information and resources as well as a reservation feature to secure spots for our programs. Friends of Elkins Public Library promotes and supports many of our children programs and the work that we do each day, consider getting involved in this great group of people who support the work we do.

I know you will join me in recognizing our amazing staff, Cheryl Ingerson has joined our library family as our new Youth Services Librarian bringing years of library experience along with her. Roseann Howe has been promoted to the position of Circulation Manager. Mary Ann and Mary Ellen are the backbone of the library and embrace a willingness to grow and adapt to the changing library world. I am eager and honored to lead Elkins Public Library into the next chapter of our library’s life. I am grateful to you for your continued support. Thank you for loving your Library.

Rachel C. Baker, Library Director

Roseann Howe, Circulation Manager and Adult Collection Librarian

Cheryl Ingerson, Youth Services Librarian

Mary Ann Winograd, Circulation Librarian

Mary Ellen MacCoy, Circulation Librarian

CANTERBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT



The Energy Committee met monthly (except for July) via Zoom and in-person to continue our work of making residents aware of how to save energy. We also worked to further reduce energy use in Canterbury Town Buildings. Keeping in mind the adage “the cheapest — and greenest — energy is the energy you don’t use!” we took the following actions.

Energy Conservation for Residents:

- We **distributed LED bulbs** to the Canterbury Spruces' residents and through the Canterbury Elementary School; we also donated LED bulbs to the Loudon Food Pantry for use by residents of Canterbury and Loudon.
- We hosted a table at eight Market Days at the Canterbury Farmers' Market to inform residents about **weatherization discounts** available through their utility; we were able to assist several residents in their application for assistance.
- One member moderates a **Canterbury "FreeCycle" page**, where residents can offer items they no longer use and ask for items they need.

Energy Conservation in Town Buildings:

- One member is researching the conversion of our town streetlights to LEDs.
- Two members attended the annual Local Energy Solutions conference to learn and share with other town energy committees.
- Each member is assigned a town building and monitors its electricity and fuel usage in order to identify opportunities for savings.
- One direct result was a November Level 2 Energy Audit of the library and the Meeting House. Because of our work, it was heavily subsidized by Unutil; these audits have revealed many areas where energy could be conserved. We will follow up on their recommendations in 2022.
- We are assisting the town manager in continuing to implement the 2011 energy audit recommendations for saving energy and money in the Municipal Building complex.
- During the fall we helped get quotes on installing de-stratification fans in the two high ceiling bays and for the replacement of all lights with LEDs; we also initiated the request for Unutil grants to help pay for both.

Greener Energy:

- We prepared an informational sheet to help Canterbury solar owners to apply for **Reusable Energy Credits**.
- We have learned more about Community Power and Community Solar in the hope of helping our town transition to cheaper energy and alternative energy. We are hopeful our research will show us the ways the town (and town residents) can both decrease what they pay for electricity and also utilize greener electricity.

We encourage residents to let us know about energy saving and green energy initiatives they would like us to investigate, or even help us investigate!

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Heath, Chair
Fred Portnoy, Vice-Chair
Jeff Beltramo

Claudia Leidinger, Secretary
Beth McGuinn
Alternates: Sandra Hodsdon &
Kathleen McKay

PERAMBULATOR'S REPORT 2021



2021 Perambulator's 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...."

2021 was the year designated for perambulating the town line with Boscawen. When researching the historic records, I found that the last time this line was perambulated was 1961 which is just a tad bit outside the required seven-year period.

Whereas the Merrimack River divides the towns of Boscawen and Canterbury it may not seem necessary to periodically verify this town line, but the old records indicate a history of contentious lawsuits in the early 1850's regarding the location of this town line. It seems that both Canterbury and Boscawen were in agreement that the center of the river was the town line, but they disagreed on how the "center of the river" was to be determined.

In the lawsuits, one town argued that the center of the river was determined by equally splitting the difference between the opposing riverbanks. The other town argued that the deepest portion of the river channel represented the true middle of the river and therefore the town line location. The Merrimack River meanders widely in this area between the two towns, swinging from bank to bank with lots of bank hugging elbows and wide-open flat sandy areas between the high and distant banks. Thus, the difference between the two debated town line locations was significant. Equal access to the water during low water conditions, ownership of the islands, and ownership of sand and gravel mineral rights were in play depending on which way the courts ruled.

After much legal wrangling, to the dismay of abutting landowners who perhaps lost legal access to the water during droughts, the Supreme Court ruled that the town line and center of the river was determined by splitting the distance between the opposite banks regardless of where the water was or wasn't. The wisdom of the court seemed to be that splitting the banks would result in an equal cost share burden between Canterbury and Boscawen for the construction and maintenance of bridges spanning the river. The court then ordered that this line be marked with sufficient permanent monuments.

Establishing permanent monuments in a flowing and shifting river with eroding sandy banks is a challenge and the only bound of record ever established for this decreed town line, was a mark said to have been located on the Canterbury-Boscawen bridge which once connected West Road in Canterbury with Depot Street in Boscawen. This bridge was later removed except for the center pier which is located on a small island in the river.

Coordinating with Boscawen Selectperson, Lorrie Carey, I put in a canoe at the boat launch near the County Nursing Home at the point where the Canterbury/Northfield town line enters the river. I then "perambulated" down the river and stopped at the island containing the remnant bridge pier. After searching

this pier unsuccessfully for the town line marker, I concluded the mark must have been located on the portion of the bridge that had been removed. Continuing down the river I perambulated past the Muchyedo Banks, the Riverland Conservation Area Beach, and beneath the U.S. Route 4 bridge, before taking out at the Hannah Dustin Island near the point where the Canterbury/Concord town line enters the river.

After perambulating the river by canoe, I find that I likely would have disagreed with the 1851 Supreme Court decision. Speaking personally, I think the centerline of the river is better defined by the actual location of the river's water, rather than by distant sandbanks in an attempt to be more equitable to bridge building efforts. However, Selectperson Carey and I concluded that it was not in either town's interest to dispute or challenge the Court ruling, and we filed the Perambulation Report with the NH Secretary of State acknowledging the 1851 Supreme Court decision. There was no cost to the Canterbury taxpayers for this perambulation.

A couple of carry-over clean up duties were also accomplished in 2021. The completion of the paperwork for the perambulation of the town line with Loudon was wrapped up and filed with the Secretary of State. While the field work for this perambulation had been completed in previous years, the final report was not mutually accepted and executed by both towns until 2021.

Another carry over duty would include the seemingly annual pilgrimage to the NH Legislature to testify in opposition of proposed Legislation which would eliminate the requirement for perambulating town lines. Due to Covid related restrictions on public gatherings, the Public Hearing for this legislation was held on-line utilizing a Zoom type platform. Only the NH Municipal Association spoke in support of the Legislation. Their representative indicated that perambulating was too expensive and thanks to satellites and drone technology no longer necessary. Numerous surveyors, perambulators, landowners, and town officials testified in opposition indicating that perambulating is often a no-cost item, that drones and satellites won't dig up and reset a knocked over bound or re-blaze and re-paint fading marks, and that there are no governing minimum standards for GPS precision, accuracy, or qualifications of map makers. The proposed legislation did not pass again this year but is expected back in the next legislative session.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark C. Stevens, L.L.S.
Canterbury Perambulator*



AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION



The mission of the Canterbury Agricultural Commission is to be a voice for agriculture in the community. The Commission will promote and encourage agricultural interests, advocate for landowners, and educate the public concerning agriculture. The Commission will provide input and assistance on agriculturally related matters to the Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, and other interested parties.

After a prolonged period of inactivity, due to the pandemic, the Commission held a meeting of the newly re-formed Commission. Appropriately perhaps, the meeting was held in a barn and hay bales served for chairs. The credentials of the new Commission members are quite impressive. Five of the seven members have college degrees in an agricultural field and three of these members have master's degrees, two in agriculture. One of the members is a fourth-generation dairy farmer. All the Commission members are engaged in production agriculture to some extent.

The Commission has been reviewing Town Regulations and directives to ensure that they are Agriculture friendly.

Canterbury's agricultural community, although small, is robust. Offering fresh farm raised produce in season and several farms offer year-round shopping. There is a vibrant farmers market offering diverse products year-round. This follows a national trend of people wanting to buy food grown and produced locally. This contributes significantly to the ambience that is and the quality of life that is Canterbury.

Wayne A Mann, Chair

"...and on the 8th day, God looked down on his planned paradise and said, 'I need a caretaker.' So, God made a farmer."

PAUL HARVEY

CEMETERY TRUSTEES



The Covid-19 virus continued to limit to some degree the regular activities of the Trustees, Sexton, and Historian in 2021, but authorization by the Governor did allow us to resume graveside funeral services which had been prohibited in 2020. Trustee meetings were once again held in person and open to the public, but were socially distanced, wearing masks, and usually held outside in the bandstand at

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the town center. There were nine internments at the Maple Grove this year and five new plots were sold. Other significant events for the year would include:

In 2021 Canterbury lost long-serving Cemetery Trustee and former Sexton, Mr. Hugh R. Fifield. Although Hugh had stepped down from cemetery duties in 2020, his years of experience and institutional knowledge meant that he was still a valued source of information. The trustees were able to call upon him for insight and memory of past events. Hugh will be greatly missed by the Trustees and some of our favorite memories of serving with him follow this report. The Trustees welcomed Jan Cote in 2021 who will be filling the big shoes left behind by Hughie.

Cemetery inspections took place over a 3-day period in July and August and Trustees identified items needing to be addressed in the 35 town-maintained cemeteries. Our 40 +/- volunteer cemetery keepers do a terrific job with the routine maintenance of the smaller outlying cemeteries. We wish to extend our gratitude to all who donated their timekeeping these smaller graveyards looking well cared for. We'd also like to recognize the contribution of Fern and John Schneider and thank them for funding headstone repairs at the Moore Cemetery.

The ongoing project of researching, identifying, and recognizing the veterans within our cemeteries deserving of an American flag placed at their graves continues. We wish to thank Jim Place and the American Legion Post 31 in Penacook for donating and setting out US flags at the headstones of the 175 veterans in our cemeteries just prior to the annual Memorial Day service.

In the spring the trustees implemented the new computer software system, "Cemify." Cemify is a database which simplifies our record-keeping and an important tool for keeping track of burials and plots sold. Cemify is up and running now, but data input from the old 3" x 5" cards and on-the-ground verification work continues.

Feeling the need to update the existing cemetery rules and by-laws, the Trustees held public hearings throughout 2021 to solicit thoughts, input, and opinions on our existing rules, and then revised and adopted new rules and regulations on August 25th. Revised rules include provisions for green burials, and stricter requirements for the removal of grave ornaments before November 1st of each year, in preparation for pre-winter maintenance. The revised by-laws and rules & regulations can be found on the town website, <https://www.canterbury-nh.org/cemetery-trustees>. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with them if you are caring for a loved one's grave or considering your own future internment in a Canterbury cemetery.

Large ash trees at the Ham Cemetery, dead or dying from the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle, were found to be endangering the 150-year-old headstones and had to be taken down. Trustees contracted with Brian Magoon tree service, and he professionally removed them without any damage to headstones. Magoon also removed some dead or failing trees and encroaching brush at the Maple Grove Cemetery. The Trustees are pleased with Magoon's work and wish to extend our thanks to him.

2021 was not without its challenges and while there is always room for improvement, we feel it was a successful year. Thank you for support.

Hugh R. Fifield

Hugh R. Fifield was better known as “Hughie” to those of us who had the privilege of working alongside of him on the cemetery committee. He served the citizens of Canterbury as a Cemetery Trustee, Sexton, or gravedigger for 50 continuous years, and in his own words, “knew where the bodies were buried.” Hugh’s years of experience, long memory, and institutional knowledge will be greatly missed by us, but perhaps even more so, we’ll miss working with Hughie.

Hughie was a great storyteller with a subtle Yankee humor and sometimes you weren’t sure if he was being serious or pulling your leg with a poker face and dry-wit joke. Cemetery Trustee business meetings held around his kitchen table often included stories that left us chuckling or scratching our heads in bewilderment as they slowly unraveled in the telling. Coffee or light refreshments are sometimes served by whoever is hosting the Trustee meeting but at Hughie’s you never knew what to expect. Homemade doughnuts, ice cream, the best local cider, or fresh strawberry shortcake made appearances, but one memorable occasion included lobster that Hughie, “caught that morning in Kimball Pond.”

Hugh like to tell the story of how he was sitting in the former Canterbury Town Garage one day when old Walter Hatch came walking in. Hatch was the local gravedigger-for-hire and had been digging graves by hand for decades. By 1971 he was in his late 70’s and decided he was getting physically unable to dig and backfill graves by hand anymore. He was looking for someone young and strong to take over the business. He told Hughie he’d take care of the management end of the business and Hughie could handle the pick and shovel work. The two concluded they’d, “make money while others are going in the hole.”

For many years Hughie served as both a Trustee and the Sexton, and sometimes also as a private gravedigger. NH Statutes governing municipal cemeteries do not allow for one person to hold all of these positions simultaneously and it was the cause of much consternation at multiple Trustee meetings. Hughie never was too bothered by governmental rules and regulations and felt that the current situation was working just fine, “it ain’t broke so don’t fix it.” Other Trustees pointed out that the Sexton works for the Trustees, and the Sexton hires the gravedigger, so for one person to hold all three positions was a conflict of interest or at least created the appearance of a conflict of interest. To which Hughie replied, “I’ve buried hundreds of people and none of ‘em have ever complained, ‘bout a conflict of interest.”

Cemetery maintenance expenses are paid for by the property taxes levied on the town citizens. For that reason, the cemeteries are for only Canterbury residents. Non-residents are usually prohibited from being interred in a Canterbury cemetery. But there is some gray area wiggle room. The obvious exception is a person who lived in Canterbury most of their life and paid property taxes for decades, but in the final year of their life moved into an assisted care facility or took up winter residency in Florida. These are judgement calls that the Trustees wrestle with on a case-by-case basis. One memorable example involved a resident, “John” who contacted the Trustees wanting to know if his non-resident father-in-law could be buried in his family plot in a Canterbury cemetery. The Trustees evaluated the case

individually and then approached Hughie for his thoughts. When inquired of Hughie if John's father-in-law could be buried in Canterbury, Hughie asked, "is he dead?" When assured that he was, Hughie then asked, "did John kill him?" Those being two important criteria the rest of us hadn't considered.

Hughie would likely scowl at the thought of this page being included in the Annual Town Report. Every year when the Trustees were tasked with preparing a report of the accomplishments and expenditures for inclusion in the Annual Town Report, there'd be a debate. In the interest of transparency and full disclosure to the taxpayers, some Trustees felt that the more detailed the report the better. Hughie felt a report wasn't necessary at all, but if one had to be done, the less said the better. He theorized that every page printed in the report cost the taxpayers money and omitting the report saved money. He stated that anyone wanting to know about cemetery operations or expenses could just come talk to him and no one reads the report anyway. When other Trustees pointed out that the cost of a single page in the town report was negligible and it provided the only opportunity for Cemetery Trustees to reach the entire tax paying and voting members of Canterbury, Hughie would shake his head and grumble, "Waste of paper, just ends up at the dump."

Hughie approached the Trustees early in 2021 and asked that we make a special exception to one of the cemetery rules. The rules prohibit horses in Canterbury cemeteries for obvious reasons. Hugh asked if we could waive this rule just one time. He knew his final day would come soon and when it did, he wanted his coffin brought to the cemetery in a buckboard drawn by his team of draft horses. "I know you guys hate to make exceptions to the rules, but it won't hurt you none to do it one time," he said. Considering his 50 years of service to the Canterbury Cemeteries, there was no dissenting vote amongst the Trustees in allowing this final request. We will miss our friend and fellow Trustee, Hugh R. Fifield.

*Respectfully Submitted,
John Goegel, Chairman
Sam Papps, Trustee
Jan Cote, Trustee
Kent Ruesswick, Sexton
Mark Stevens, Historian*

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Our Mission: To preserve Canterbury's history and sense of community

Stymied but not deterred would be an apt description of our efforts in this, our second year of the Pandemic. Meetings were postponed until our first held on May

4th in the town hall. Regular monthly meetings resumed and we are pleased to present the following results:

We arranged to have our website redesigned, updated and linked to the town's by Jane Balshaw. Thank you, Jane for volunteering to do this and also, to our Archivist Sam Papps for your valuable help.

The trustees authorized the posting of the 650 digitized Luther Cody Glass Negative Collection to our website (canterburyhistory.org). Approximately 110 have been posted to date. Again, thanks to Jane Balshaw for volunteering to do so. Visit the site. The photos are wonderful!

We created a Historic Sign Committee headed by Fred Brewster with members Paul Lepasqueur, Mary Kerwin and Harry Kinter to identify sites in town that should be identified with signage. Preliminary approval has been received from the Division of Historic Resources and the DOT for our first site, being the Worsted Church. Many other sites are being considered by the committee.

Our One Room Schoolhouse Program was carried out in a modified form in June by CES teacher Karen Gingrich.

We updated and published our revamped *Canterbury Community and Business Directory* as a public service, making it available at no cost to all. They are available free at the Elkins Library and Canterbury Country Store. We appreciate the work Mary Jane Bergman did in compiling the information and also Ellen Scarponi's editing and formatting of its layout.

Harold Sargent's model of the Houser One Room Schoolhouse was moved from the Schoolhouse to the Elkin's Library for permanent display.

In December, the Trustees determined that the space we had always used for meetings and the archiving of our Collection should be rededicated. With the Trustee's approval to purchase a new computer, wireless printer and appropriate furnishings, the space will be transformed into the Research Center. Here, volunteers and Trustees will prepare our collection for digital conversion and entry not only to our computer, but also for the posting of our Collections' contents to our website for public view and research.

Unfortunately, the times required that we postpone: our annual meeting and votes for trustees indefinitely; cancel plans for an exhibit in the Elkins Memorial Building in the summer and fall and postpone planning for the presentation of programs through the N.H. Humanities in conjunction with Elkins Library.

However, in spite of all that has occurred we have prevailed and look forward to a brighter 2022.

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, (known locally and affectionately as UMLAC; pronounced Uhm'-re-lack) kept to its schedule with online meetings until June 2021 when the Governor's emergency order expired. The UMLAC then resumed its schedule of meeting on a rotating basis in the six upper Merrimack cities and towns.

The UMLAC was created as a one of the first local river management advisory committees in 1990, enabled in RSA 483, as part of the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. It was a grassroots effort by the communities of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield, which the UMLAC represents and for whom it conducts its statutory duties including permit review and management plan coordination. The UMLAC provides a voice for the upper Merrimack River towns and cities through the river's designation in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. The UMLAC updates the Merrimack River Management and Implementation Plan (www.merrimackriver.org/managementplan/) and coordinates the activities in it. On behalf of the UMLAC, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission applied for US Clean Water Action Section 604(b) funding, through the NH Department of Environmental Services, to update the plan. Funds were not awarded for this project. A single award was made to one group in a different part of the state.

Gary Lemay acted as lead in monitoring and commenting on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission applications for Eastman Falls, Kelley's Falls, Mad River, Lakeport, Contoocook, and Lowell projects. Wayne Ives picked up the leadership role when Gary did not seek an additional term.

The UMLAC reviewed and provided local comment on several project state permit applications in the upper Merrimack including solar array and culverts near I-89 in Bow; biosolids land application and a state surplus land review in Boscawen; exit 17 off I-93, underground storage tank, and invasive species in Concord; and two underground storage tanks and a solar array in Franklin. The UMLAC reviewed the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the Franklin Waste Water Treatment Plant.

The UMLAC was represented by Mike Hansen on the Brownfields Advisory Committee administered by the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. The UMLAC wrote a letter of support for the grant to continue the project. Gary Lynn is the lead since Mike Hansen did not seek an additional term.

All of the state's local river advisory committees have been represented by New Hampshire Senator Ruth Ward on the State of New Hampshire Rivers Management Advisory Committee.

The UMLAC sponsored the New Hampshire Rivers Council's Wild & Scenic® Film Festival and the Council's projects, as well as Friends of the Northern Rail Trail.

Experts from around the state provided UMLACers with education to help them serve better their communities when reviewing proposals. At the UMLAC's February meeting, Cheryl Bondi, NH Department of Environmental Services, and John Magee, NH Fish and Game Department provided an overview of stream crossings in New Hampshire. In March, Wayne Ives and Joe Schmidl, NH Department of Environmental Services updated everyone on the Instream Flow Program. Mike Marchand, NH Fish and Game Department, came to the August meeting with a presentation on the state's Wildlife Action Plan.

Non-statutory or discretionary programs include a variety of studies, planning activities, and programs related to the upper Merrimack River and its watershed. The UMLAC is working with the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association (UMWA) so that it may assume and manage its non-statutory activities including community outreach and an informative and data-rich website.

The Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program, which has been working for its communities' rivers since 1994, depends on the high quality work of over a hundred volunteers each year who monitor river and stream health on the upper Merrimack River and its tributaries at a total of seventeen sites from Franklin to Bow. During this past summer, we were able to monitor only four sites due to the pandemic. The Franklin Waste Water Treatment Plant analyzes them at no charge to detect the presence or absence of E. coli bacteria. The resulting data are used to determine if the upper Merrimack River is safe for swimming, fishing, boating, and other recreational activities. The information is shared with municipalities and other local officials for their health officers' and other local officials' use, as well as to the State of New Hampshire and the US Congress. We hope to find a way to return to monitoring more sites in the summer of 2021. We were able to provide a system to keep volunteers isolated and safe to collect the 2020 season of macroinvertebrate samples. May Maynard, a long-time volunteer, took home samples and equipment and finished the summer of 2019 samples. Sadly, this group of citizen scientists has not been able to work together since mid-February 2020.

The St. Paul's School of the Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program Winter Series and Birkhead Science Lectures partnership, and in-person Upper Merrimack Monitoring Program (UMMP) Bug Nights are on pause.

The UMMP work would not be possible without the generosity of all six of its municipal supporters and eleven Adopt-a-River Site Sponsors. Their support assures that the program has the resources that it needs to continue its programs. Adopt-a-River Site Sponsors include Aries Engineering, Inc., Elektrisola, Essex/Briar Hydro, Franklin Savings Bank, Franklin Wastewater Treatment Facility, Granite Shore Power, GZA Environmental, Inc., Nelson Analytical Lab, and Watts Regulator/Webster Valve.

Annual meeting was convened in February 2021. The slate of officers: Michele Tremblay, Chair; Steve Landry, Vice-chair; Krista Crowell, Treasurer; and Gary Lynn, Secretary, was elected.

Please visit the UMLAC's blog at www.MerrimackRiver.org/forum as well as its website, www.MerrimackRiver.org for further information on the river, committee membership, activities, summaries from prior meetings, upcoming meeting agendas, maps, water quality data, and photographs of brave and selfless volun-

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teers demonstrating their passion for water quality monitoring in the upper Merrimack watershed. Information is also available on Facebook and Twitter.

The UMR LAC meets on a rotating basis in its six represented communities on the second Monday of each month (except for holidays and unforeseen conflicts) at 7:00 PM. Thank you to the Towns, Cities, and other organizations in Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield for graciously hosting Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee meetings and for their financial support during the past year. All are welcome to attend the meetings, which are now held virtually due to the state of emergency. For further information on the UMR LAC and how to access meetings, please contact Michele Tremblay, Chair via telephone at 603.796.2615, email at UMRLAC@MerrimackRiver.org or through your representatives listed below, or visit MerimackRiver.org.

Boscawen

Thomas Gilmore

Canterbury

Anne Dowling
Adrienne Hutchinson

Franklin

Wayne Ives
Donna Liolis
Jeffrey Perkins, *(term expired)*

Bow

Krista Crowell
Michael Hansen
(term expired)
Gary Lynn

Concord

Rick Chormann
(term expired)
Gary Lemay, *(term expired)*
Claire Lund

Northfield

Mary Lee
Ashley Warner, *(term expired)*

At-large

Stephen C. Landry
Michele L. Tremblay

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



In 2021, the Conservation Commission managed town conservation property, reviewed wetland permits, and considered how to best conserve the town's rural character for the future. We began the year with the good news that our timber harvest of the Sawyer's Ferry Forest, conducted on the 81-acre forested property near Intervale and Battis Crossing Roads in December 2020, netted the town \$24,451 after expenses.

We ended the year knowing that the long-running effort to conserve the Glines family's Sloping Acres Farm would be completed in early January by Five Rivers Conservation Trust. The Conservation Commission supported the project with a contribution to fund long-term stewardship costs and some essential project expenses. Congratulations and thanks to the Glines for taking action to ensure some of Canterbury's best farming land will remain in agricultural use.

Related to Sawyer's Ferry, many thanks to Diane Clough who organized a volunteer crew of neighbors to remove three truckloads of trash, including 33 tires, carpets, a toilet, washing machine parts, a TV, and more.

The Commission maintained the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area on Kimball Pond Road and the Riverland Conservation Area off Oxbow Pond Road, managing both to support wildlife, provide recreation opportunities, and to suppress invasive species. We are deeply grateful to the volunteers, neighbors, contractors, and Town Highway Department who mow, pick up trash, remove invasives, and keep the parking areas and trails accessible. Thanks to Bob Fife and others who keep the "beaver deceiver" working and the water flowing at the outlet of Kimball Pond.

We conducted our annual monitoring of a third of the conservation easements that the Town holds on private property and are pleased that we encountered no serious problems. We supported the addition of swimmer safety notices and rescue equipment on conserved properties along the Merrimack River.

We are developing an open space plan that will help us identify conservation priorities and are helping to update the town's Master Plan, working with the Planning Board and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission.

Thanks to Ashley Ruprecht who served on the commission in 2021 before moving from town, and to Lois Scribner who provided administrative support to the commission last year.

And finally, the commission remembers long-time member Chris Blair who passed away in April. Chris contributed clear thinking, a passion for conservation, and a strong ethic of public service to our work from 2013–2021.

*Ken Stern,
Conservation Commission Chair*

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING



FIRST SESSION — March 9, 2021

Election Officials Present: Edward LeClair, Moderator; Kent Ruesswick, Asst. Moderator; Samuel Papps, Town Clerk; Jamie Huard-Ramos, Deputy Town Clerk; Mary Ann Winograd, Brenda Murray, and Denise Sojka, Supervisors of the Checklist; Mary Hauptman, Jan Stout, and Kathryn Dickson, Ballot Clerks. Also present: Cheryl Gordon, Arthur Hudson, and Robert Steenson, Selectmen; Ken Folsom, Town Administrator.

The polling was held at the Old Town Hall, Canterbury, NH, and the polls were opened at 7:01 a.m. by Moderator Edward LeClair.

Ballot Boxes for the Town and School District ballots were checked at 7:01 a.m. by Moderator Edward LeClair and voter Michael Capone of Ayers Road and then closed and locked.

Polling Hours were held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and a total number of 336 voters cast ballots. Of those, 35 were Absentee for the Town and 36 were Absentee for the School District. There were 2174 voters on the checklist, and 2 new voters registered.

Polling was closed at 7 p.m. by Moderator Edward LeClair, and Tim Gurshin, Jr. of Northwest Road was the last voter of the day. Pam Smarling, Ray Craigie, Rick Zeller, Dereck Huard-Ramos, and Beth McGuinn came to help count ballots.

Ballots were sent to Belmont by the Canterbury Police Department at 7:30 p.m., accompanied by Heidi Chaney of Southwest Road.

Town Ballot Results:

Selectman: (1 position, 3 years)	Gordon, Cheryl	204
(write-in)	Doherty, Scott	118
Planning Board: (2 positions, 3 years)	Dowling, Anne	281
	Meeh, Gregory	293
Cemetery Trustee: (1 position, 3 years)	Cote, Jan	310
Moderator: (1 position, 2 years)	Miller, James	300
Library Trustee: (2 positions, 2 years)	Melasecca, Sarah	286
	Riendeau, Linda	298
(1 position, 3 years)	Crockford, Richard	307
Trust Funds Trustee: (1 position, 3 years)	Lundahl, Steven	296
Zoning Ballot: Article 19 concerning Campgrounds		
	YES: 176	NO: 136 BLANK: 24

Reports finalized 9:15 p.m. by the Town Clerk.

Meeting convened until Saturday, May 1, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m., Canterbury Elementary School for the Town Deliberative Session.

MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION OF TOWN MEETING

Saturday, May 1st, 2021, Canterbury Elementary School
Canterbury, New Hampshire

The second session of Canterbury's annual Town Meeting was held outside under a tent at Canterbury Elementary School, and the meeting was opened at 10 a.m. by Moderator James Miller.

Moderator Miller, the town's newly elected moderator, introduced selectmen Cheryl Gordon, Art Hudson, and Bob Steenson, town administrator Ken Folsom, Sam Papps, town clerk-tax collector, and Kathy Doherty running the mic. Ground rules were gone over in regard to residents speaking, making amendments, and how voting on articles would be conducted. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held for losses that were sustained over the past year of 2020. Mr. Miller read aloud the results of the first session and thanked Ted LeClair and Kent Ruesswick for their years of service. He then reviewed the following Articles:

Article 3: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Fifty-Three Dollars (\$101,053) to purchase two police cruisers and, to further authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Three-fifths ballot vote required. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator Miller read Article 3. He also noted that both the Fire Chief and Police Chief, non-residents, will be allowed to speak.

Motion by Reginald Cloutier, second by BJ Entwistle.

Art Hudson led the discussion, stating that the two police cruisers being purchased are to replace the Ford Pickup Truck and the Chief's sedan. The pickup truck is being transferred to the highway department for their use, and the Chief's car will probably be sold at auction. The Selectmen chose to bond the cruisers and the fire chief's new command vehicle because the interest rate is anticipated to be about 1% versus the finance charge on a lease at 6%, so the town will be saving money issuing a five year bond. The first payment will be due next year, and the town will be paying about \$30,000 a year for the command car and the cruisers. During the selection process, the Selectmen looked at purchasing a hybrid vehicle, so the town can get some experience with that type of vehicle, and the hybrid will cost about \$3,500 more than a standard gas-run vehicle. The budget currently reflects the cost of one gas vehicle and one hybrid vehicle. Mr. Hudson then asked the floor for questions and discussion.

Reginald Cloutier: Mr. Cloutier stated he thought he had voted a few years ago on a lease product for 5 years at Town Meeting. Art Hudson responded that was in 2017, and that was a three-year term. Reggie then asked about those leased vehicles, if we still used them. Art clarified that we did buy out the leased vehicles, and we are replacing them, the pickup and sedan, with two new SUVs. Chief Labrecque

noted that the police department currently has four vehicles, but the 2011 sedan has 110,000 miles on it, and 2014 pickup truck has 108,000 miles on it.

Melinda Beltramo: Mrs. Beltramo asked for clarification about the line for police cruisers on page 26 and the wording of the warrant article on page 9. Art noted that the line on page 26 should have been 3, representing the warrant article, not the quantity of vehicles. Jim Miller then read page 26, and verbally corrected the misprint.

Nathaniel Bragdon: Mr. Bragdon asked about the vehicle to be auctioned off, and where the money would go, to offset the lease or into the General Fund? Art stated that the proceeds will be deposited into the general fund.

Kathleen McKay: Ms. McKay asked for clarification of lease printed on the line item versus purchase printed in the warrant article, and Art stated it would be purchased. She also asked why we need four cruisers rather than just two. Art stated in 2017, the police department was reviewed and at that time it was the recommendation to have four vehicles, with a plan in place of how we would replace them.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson asked in addition to the mileage, could the overall condition of the existing vehicles be spoken to as well? Chief Labrecque answered that the manufacturer Ford recommends a police packaged cruiser be replaced between 100,000 and 120,000 miles for safety purposes. The 2011 sedan is a vehicle purchased used through Grappone Automotive four years ago with 50,000 miles. The 2014 pickup, though equipped as a “police package” is not adequate and driving it has become a safety concern due to wear and tear. As a regular car, it would be adequate for a private citizen unless it rusted out, but the truck does have some rust on the door, and they are both becoming old as a police or first responder vehicle.

Moderator Miller asked for any further discussion and seeing none, he asked for a ballot vote on Article 3, starting at 10:24 a.m.

RESULT: Article 3 passed with 87 YES votes and 17 NO votes.

Article 4: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$158,000) to replace two culverts on Morrill Road with a concrete spanned bridge and, to further authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Three-fifths ballot vote required. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator Miller noted the placement of restrooms and the fire exits, and proceeded to read Article 4.

Motion by Albert Edelstein, second by Linda Bliss.

Bob Steenson spoke to the article, noting that currently there are two side-by-side old corrugated pipes that carry Hayward Brook under Morrill Road, just beyond the intersection with New Road. They are failing, having been monitored by the Highway Department for some time, and are in danger of collapse. Replacement in-kind is not an option due to current DES regulations, and the pipes are inadequate for the stream during a storm, when the road has been flooded in the past. The Selectmen explored several options for a replacement, and the concrete

span bridge is the same as bridges on Clough Pond, Randall, and Old Tilton Roads, and by the same vendor. It is the most cost-effective option, and has the least impact on the wetland surrounding. He also briefly explained the process of how they will replace the bridge, and asked for questions.

Audra Klumb: Ms. Klumb asked if the DES permitting has been done, or if that is included in the cost of the warrant article? Bob noted it is included in the full cost, and Aries Engineering has already completed and filed the permits with the state.

Moderator Miller asked for any further discussion and seeing none, he asked for a ballot vote on Article 4, starting at 10:30 a.m.

RESULT: Article 4 passed with 99 YES votes and 4 NO votes.

Article 5: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Three Thousand Dollars (\$53,000) to purchase a new Command car for the Fire Department and to further authorize the issuance of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Three-fifths ballot vote required. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator Miller read Article 5, and asked for a motion and a second.

Moved by James Snyder, seconded by Mary Miller.

Cheryl Gordon stated that the Selectmen would like to bond this, and in looking at past town reports, the command car the Fire Department currently has was purchased used in 2014. The fire chief at the time hoped to get six years out of the vehicle, and now the vehicle needs to be replaced. Chief Michael Gamache noted that the current vehicle is a 2010 Ford Explorer with 90,000 miles on it. When it was purchased in 2014 for \$18,000 it had 50,000 miles in it, but now it is unreliable as a first response vehicle in his opinion. The floor was then opened to questions.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson asked for a description of the function of the vehicle in the day-to-day operation of the fire department. Chief Gamache stated that the vehicle is assigned to the chief, and carries response equipment to emergencies. The new vehicle would be a F150, to get through town better, and be better set up to carry the equipment necessary at a call. Any incident that the chief responds to in town that will be the vehicle on the scene.

Jan Cote: Mrs. Cote asked how many days a week the car will be used? Chief Gamache responded that it will be in use 3 to 4 days a week.

Cate Ahern: Mrs. Ahern noted that in the past 7 years, with 40,000 miles driven over the time Canterbury has owned the vehicle that averages to less than 6,000 miles per year.

Beth McGuinn: Ms. McGuinn commended the Fire Department for using a 10 year old vehicle. She proceeded to ask with the low mileage, if a used vehicle was considered in their choice, and how many years the Fire Department expects to get out of the new vehicle. Chief Gamache stated that new was chosen over used because of the low rates through the municipal program at a local Ford dealer. If it is purchased new, a minimum of ten years is expected with an average of six or seven thousand miles put on the vehicle per year. Nine months of the past year

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there was no fire chief in Canterbury, and so the vehicle mainly sat idle. In the 2020 budget year, the line was overspent by almost \$2,000 on the current command vehicle, and now there are some significant issues that will need to be addressed.

Moderator Miller asked for any further discussion and seeing none, he asked for a ballot vote on Article 5, starting at 10:37 a.m.

RESULT: Article 5 passed with 81 YES votes and 21 NO votes.

Article 6: *To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$2,849,511) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required).* **Recommended by the Selectmen.**

Moderator Miller read Article 6 and asked for a motion.

Motion by James Snyder, second by Adrienne Hutchinson.

Bob Steenson started the discussion with an overview of the current state of the Town's finances. He noted in the coming years there will need to be capital improvements addressed at the transfer station and new equipment purchased for the fire department and highway department, but the Town is well-positioned to face these expenditures. In 2005, the Town had just completed the Municipal Building, renovations for the Library, and the conservation of the Gold Star Sod Farm lands on the Intervale. 3.2 Million dollars in debt, the Town embarked on a program of fiscal conservancy, and by 2015 had improved the state of our debt and savings. The Budget Committee and the Department Heads with the Selectmen have gotten the Town's debt by the end of 2020 down to \$684,000 and our savings are up to \$1.01 million. In the intervening years, the Fife Conservation area was purchased, culverts on Intervale Road were replaced, new Tanker and Fire Trucks were purchased, a number of vehicles were purchased for the Police, Fire and Highway Departments, and a new Town Office was built. In 2020, the Town underspent their budget by \$254,188 and some of the savings were due to unfilled positions and deferred projects. In 2021, the operating budget proposed is 0.08% down from the prior year, to realize savings on different areas. Department head salaries increased in the 2021 budget, and Bob noted this is in part due to the stability and managerial expertise brought to the positions, and the staffs they have hired to serve the town. The Town has a high caliber of professional expertise that is not always associated with small towns, and in an effort to acknowledge this performance and to preserve this capacity for the future, compensations were compared to other towns similar in size and scope to Canterbury. Very few towns in our state manage to maintain a part-time town government, Bob noted, and with that part time comes a considerable savings in tax dollars. The only other part of note in the budget is the recreation budget, re-instated by proposing youth programs in soccer, skiing and basketball, and support for the annual Halloween event. Healthcare and commodity prices are up for road paving, and Bob then asked for any questions and comments.

Linda Bliss: Mrs. Bliss stated she was under the impression that the Town Administrator and the Town Assessor are part time positions, and asked if either have contracts with the town, and if so, how many hours they work and how they

keep track of their hours. Mr. Steenson stated that the Town Assessor is a Town Employee, and the Town Administrator is a part-time employee-at-will, and does not have a contract, as are the other town employees with the exception of the Fire Chief and the Police Chief. Mrs. Bliss then asked how many hours a week the Town Administrator works, and Bob stated that Ken works roughly 26 hours a week, and is on-call 24/7.

Emily Preston: Ms. Preston appreciated that the Selectboard is looking at equitable salaries with other towns, but she is mindful of the people in town who have lost employment over the past year. She stated she was concerned how those people in the administration received 10% to 15% raises all in one year, while other places who are trying a similar approach of bringing salaries up do it incrementally over several years. This would be in consideration, she noted, of the other people who couldn't be there today because of concerns of COVID or the cold, or other reasons and they are unable to come and represent themselves. Ms. Preston would like the idea of spreading the raises over several years to be considered, and acknowledge those folks in town whose taxes are very much influenced by what happens on Town Meeting Day. Jim Miller asked if she was proposing an amendment and Emily stated that was just part of the discussion.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson stated her concern was along the same lines. The Town Administrator line was a 15% increase, and that made up almost a third of the increases that Selectmen Steenson spoke about. She was glad to see that the boots-on-the-ground people were thanked, in the police, highway, solid waste and fire departments, but the police employees received 3%, and the line increased 2% for solid waste employees. Ms. Hutchinson's concern was those departments receiving 2 to 3% wage increases is not reflective of the Town's thanks for those people. Bob Steenson replied that all the town employees have an annual review, and the Selectboard sets a range for compensation based generally on the Consumer Price Index, which was 1.8% last year. Based on performance against goals and objectives, the general range for employees was 1% to 3%, and there were a couple of people got higher than that. People starting earlier in the year, or middle of the year, are not eligible to receive the full increase. The Selectboard felt that the compensation was in line with the market, and that they approach it every year with a performance-based evaluation. The Selectboard was comfortable, Steenson stated, with the administration of compensation at that time.

BJ Entwistle: Ms. Entwistle asked about the 15% raise for the Town Administrator, and how they arrived at that number. Bob noted that this raise brings Ken up to a compensation level that is lower than the towns that were compared to Canterbury. The salary in Warner and other communities are in the \$60,000 range for town administrators, for those who have been able to maintain part-time status, and they felt that the adjustment should be made for the town administrator, the road agent, and the fire chief because they were relatively underpaid compared to their peers in the industry. The Fire Chief is in-line with the market because the town had to hire a new fire chief, and Bob noted that the old fire chief's salary was not reflective at all of what experienced professionals make.

David Day: Mr. Day stated the past numbers back to 2005 were eye-opening, and it's an excellent job by the town to reduce debt and increase savings. The salary lines being discussed impact many people because of the impact on resident's taxes, but salaries should be looked at because of the loss of Tom Bibeau from the police department, for a neighboring town who offered him more compensation. Human capital, losing assets like that in our town, is important to us because we don't only lose a great employee, but we also lose a lot of knowledge and relationships that people like that form in our town have more than dollar value. David wanted the folks sitting up at the table and the people who do the work in our town, to be aware of this.

Thomas Hedberg: Mr. Hedberg had questions about line 4130.11 for health insurance in the executive branch, where the town is allocating less money this year than last year given the rise in health care costs. He asked if the town got a better deal, or if the employees have picked up the increase in health care costs. Steenson stated that number was lower because of an employee who went off the town's health insurance and onto another plan. Mr. Hedberg also asked about line 4194.13, heating town buildings, and considering costs of oil and propane, he wondered if the town got a better deal this year. Bob responded that the Town has purchased the propane in conjunction with the school district, who receives a discount, and that number is reflective of the discount and the usage for the preceding year. We also have a town office that uses a great deal less energy than the old town office building.

Judy Elliott: Ms. Elliott wanted a clarification about the method of raises for hourly employees, this is a combination of CPI and performance reviews. She feels that the CPI should be a floor, everyone should get that, and good performance should be rewarded in addition to that. Bob Steenson stated that the evaluations and the salary increases are purely performance based against the goals and standards for the position, and the range of increase the town sets for the year is based on the CPI as an indicator. There is no floor, there is no automatic increase, the range is set by the CPI, and an individual's increase is based on the evaluation.

Kathleen McKay: Ms. McKay asked what the minimum wage is for the lowest paid town employee per hour? Bob looked for it, stating it's nowhere near the Federal Minimum Wage, and the answer was the town has a part-time employee who makes \$10.98 an hour.

Arnie Alpert: Mr. Alpert asked for an estimate of how much it would cost the town if every employee made at least \$15 an hour. Bob Steenson replied he could figure it out.

Cate Ahern: Ms. Ahern asked what Tom Bibeau's full time salary was, and Bob responded that Tom was at \$22.95 an hour. Ms. Ahern asked what that calculated to yearly, and Bob said the amount was not out of line for other officers, and that they have been known to move to other departments in pursuit of additional compensation. He noted that the base compensation for Officer Bibeau was about \$47,000 a year, and with overtime and detail pay, that raises the number considerably higher.

Mindy Beltramo: Mrs. Beltramo asked for the other towns that the comparative analysis was being made for Canterbury for administrative salaries, and if they

were looking at 26 hours a week? Bob Steenson stated that they were looking at hourly rate and the number of hours, and the towns that are usually benchmarked against Canterbury are Warner that is similar in size and scope to Canterbury, they have an interstate highway that runs through town, so they have some of the same issues with first response. Sanbornton, Chichester, Sutton, Salisbury, Webster were also looked at to be reasonably similar to Canterbury.

Beth McGuinn: Ms. McGuinn noted that Salisbury and Chichester have a business structure in town that is more residential in nature, rather than Warner who has a large downtown now and a much more robust business community that helps support their taxes.

Julie Dewdney: Ms. Dewdney asked that next year's budget reflect a \$15 minimum wage for any town employee. This seems to be a living wage and she'd love for us to support that. Bob Steenson noted the board would happily consider that, and there were only two employees that made less than \$15 an hour.

Ann Berry: Mrs. Berry asked if all the part timers are getting full benefits along with their wages. Bob Steenson replied they are not, the town does not offer part time benefits. There are some legacy employees that do, but the town had curtailed the practice in 2011. Mrs. Berry asked for clarification for a legacy employee, and Bob replied those are people grandfathered into the program, people who were on benefits before the policy was changed.

Howard Moffett: Mr. Moffett noted in response that if there only two town employees that are making less than \$15 an hour that bringing the minimum wage for town positions up next year is an easy call, and Bob Steenson agreed.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson felt that next year is not soon enough, and she proposed an amendment to the budget:

Amend pg. 12, line 4130.3 Town Administrator Salary: to decrease line to 5%, totaling \$2,392

Amend pg. 17, line 4210.1 Wages for Police Department: to increase line to 5%, totaling \$9,065 and distribute based on CPI or performance.

Amend pg. 20 line 4311.1 Wages for Highway Hourly: to increase line to 5%, totaling \$7,000

Amend pg. 21 4321.1 Wages for Solid Waste Department, to increase line to 5%, totaling \$2,100.

Mr. Miller asked for the amendment in writing, and proceeded to repeat back the amendment, asking for the sum of the numbers at the end. *The amendment was seconded by Kathleen McKay.* Discussion was then asked for.

Robert Scarponi: Mr. Scarponi spoke against the proposed amendment, stating that the Town Meeting Body is not the place to discuss these types of issues. The Selectmen with the Budget Committee has evaluated what is going on in neighboring towns, they have looked at employees and evaluated their performance, and come up with a standard. If the Town Meeting wanted to say, we endorse the idea of changing how we administer salaries, that's one thing, but to have some of us sit here and say, 5% is too much, it should only be 3%, and someone else say, it should be nothing, or 10%, there is no fair way to do this in a public meeting and Mr. Scarponi recommended that the meeting defer to the Selectmen and Budget

Committee in conjunction with Department Heads too come up with a plan and implement and administer salaries in that way.

Thomas Hedberg: Mr. Hedberg disagreed with this statement, and felt that the town meeting is the place for this kind of discussion, to direct the town to move in a different direction. This is the forum to speak to these issues, rather than let the committee take care of it and bring it back to us.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson stated it wasn't totally arbitrary to come up with those numbers, she looked at the increases among department heads and they appeared to be between 7.4% and 11% with the Town Administrator being the highest at 15%, and that if everyone feels that that 15% is deserved, it can be spread by 5% increases over three years to equal that amount. She proposes this because the CPI mentioned was 1.8% but there are employees in Solid Waste and Police departments that are receiving a 2% increase and the discussion shows that people are concerned about employees getting a livable wage. Mrs. Hutchinson felt those employees were getting left behind with a 2% or 3%.

Cate Ahern: Mrs. Ahern noted that the Town is losing employees, and stated that Tom Bibeau was loved by the town and he's gone, due to a financial motivated decision on his part.

Tyson Miller: Mr. Miller spoke against the proposed amendment, stating he is on the budget committee, and he wanted to note that no one from the town population were there to help make some of these decisions. He felt that was the appropriate forum, and invited residents to come to the hearings and meetings. Coming to a town meeting where half the people aren't even here is not the place to do this. Bob Steenson offered clarification, and explained that using the percentage on a top line budget does not translate to an employee's performance. A total number for a department may be 2% higher than last year, but that does not mean everyone in that department received a 2% raise. New employees effect the top line budget number. If it is the sense of this meeting, that with two employees earning less than \$15 an hour, there can be an adjustment made to bring those employees up to \$15 an hour without amending the budget, to make that statement about a living wage.

Kathleen McKay: Ms. McKay acknowledged that going to the budget meetings might be more appropriate, but felt that it is wrong to state Town Meeting is less of a valid forum because of time constraints and accessibility issue of getting to Town Meeting with people who work, especially with people who work later. She felt that there are more people at Town Meeting than the Budget Hearing that are able to voice their opinion, but in the future that more people should attend those budget meetings.

Moderator Miller asked for any further questions, and Kent Ruesswick moved the question. *Mr. Miller asked for a vote to move the question, and the Yeses had it. The vote was then taken on the amendment, to increase the budget by \$5,133 through decreasing the Town Administrator and other lines by \$4,768 combined, and the Nos had it. The amendment failed.*

Mr. Miller then asked for any further questions regarding the budget as originally proposed.

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Arnie Alpert: Mr. Alpert asked for clarification regarding the \$15 minimum wage for town employees this year without amending the budget, and Mr. Steenson affirmed that the selectmen can take away that the town would like the increase to be instated and change those employees compensation, without any financial impact.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson asked about accessibility to meetings, and what line item funds getting into those meetings? Bob Steenson replied that the town is carrying the cost of the WebEx system in the Executive IT budget. That platform is still available so the Town can conduct meetings thru video conference, in effect under the Governor's Emergency Order, and Senate Bill 95 is trying to make that permanent, and the Selectboard hopes to keep the video platform open. The cost is a small monthly fee, and the internet service is from the Sam Lake House, all paid for from the Town.

Moderator Miller asked for further questions and seeing none, brought Article 6 to a vote.

RESULT: Article 6 passed with majority yes votes.

Article 7: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$5,900) to purchase Avitar Building Permit System from Avitar Associates of New England, Inc. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator Miller read Article 7, and asked for a motion.

Moved by Albert Edelstein, seconded by James Snyder.

Bob Steenson described that this software would replace the manual building permit system in place currently, on spreadsheets, calendars and word documents. The new system is a modest expense for a major improvement to our current system.

Moderator Miller asked for further questions and seeing none, brought Article 7 to a vote.

RESULT: Article 7 passed with majority yes votes.

Article 8: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Eight dollars (\$41,288) to pay principal (\$35,000) and interest (\$6,288) on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. **Recommended by the Selectmen.***

Moderator Miller read the article and Kent Ruesswick moved the question. Moderator Miller brought Article 8 to a vote.

RESULT: Article 8 passed with majority yes votes.

Article 9: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars (\$173,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:*

4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	\$30,000
4915.5	Highway Grader	\$30,000
4915.18	Rescue Truck	\$12,000
4915.19	Fire Equipment (Truck)	\$50,000

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4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$1,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	\$30,000
4915.31	Highway Backhoe	\$10,000

Recommended by the Selectmen.

Moderator Miller read the article, and Selectman Steenson spoke to the article, stating this represents a fairly small increase in the appropriations compared to the last several years, this is part of the program of fiscal discipline that was discussed earlier, and the Selectboard asked for the voter's support.

Motion made by James Snyder, second by Jesse Miller.

Discussion was led by Reggie Cloutier, who asked how much is in each individual fund? Bob Steenson replied this can be found on page 32 of the Town Report, under Trust Funds, and all together there's a little more than a million dollars total.

Moderator Miller asked for further questions and seeing none, brought Article 9 to a vote.

RESULT: Article 9 passed with majority yes votes.

Article 10: *To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (20,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof on Elkins Public Library. Recommended by the Selectmen.*

Moderator Miller read the article and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Emily Preston, seconded by Nathaniel Bragdon.

Bob Steenson noted that the Elkins Public Library roof is failing, so far there hasn't been any damage or leaks but this is a matter that needs to be attended to. The original roof was installed incorrectly, and the manufacturer's warranty does not cover installation. There were several bids received, and the most recent one was under the amount in the article but it is uncertain what may be found under the shingles, so the Selectmen are comfortable with this number.

Moderator Miller asked for further questions and seeing none, brought Article 10 to a vote.

RESULT: Article 10 passed with majority yes votes.

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

Moderator Miller opened the floor to any other business from residents.

Ellen Scarponi: Mrs. Scarponi stated that a number of residents contacted her because she represents Consolidated Communications, asking about how high speed broadband can be brought to Canterbury. She announced that she and Consolidated will be meeting with the Selectboard in May to discuss the process of how other towns have brought gigabit-speed broadband access to all residents with no tax impact to the town.

Adrienne Hutchinson: Mrs. Hutchinson asked if the contactor who installed the library roof going to be considered for any future projects for the town, and the answer was "No!"

Kathleen McKay: Ms. McKay noted that she did not know what the Gold Star Bond is, and suggested in the future, that each article is gone over in detail for new residents.

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Moderator Miller asked for further questions and seeing none, he asked for a motion and second. A vote was held, and the Yeses have it.

Meeting adjourned 11:38 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Samuel J.P. Papps, Town Clerk*

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**



Date	Place	Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence
March 21, 2021	Madison, NH	Mills, Sandy G.	Canterbury, NH	Pinard, Jeffrey W.	Canterbury, NH
May 22, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Kasolo, Joseph K.	Kampala, Uganda	Fitzgerald, Erin M.	Canterbury, NH
July 3, 2021	Gilford, NH	Kinnett, Olivia M.	Canterbury, NH	Witham, Noah A.	Canterbury, NH
July 11, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Conley, Glenn L.	Canterbury, NH	Bissonnette, Stephanie L.	Canterbury, NH
August 7, 2021	Bow, NH	McDonald, Molly M.	Canterbury, NH	Holloran, Eric R.	Canterbury, NH
August 14, 2021	Meredith, NH	Nicholson, Ryan D.	Canterbury, NH	Stone, Alison M.	Canterbury, NH
October 9, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Solomon Jr., Edward J.	Canterbury, NH	Donahue, Catherine J.	Canterbury, NH

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RETURN IS CORRECT,
ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SAMUEL PAPPS, TOWN CLERK

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021



Date	Place	Name of Child	Parent A	Parent B
February 21, 2021	Concord, NH	Lach Martinez, Lucia Ruth	Martinez, Rachel	Lach, Lisa
February 25, 2021	Concord, NH	Kibumba, Henry George	Kasolo, Joseph	Fitzgerald, Erin
March 15, 2021	Concord, NH	Kolb, Prairie Moon	Kolb, Chadley	Kolb, Nicole
March 24, 2021	Concord, NH	Slattery, Mason Joseph	Slattery, Michael	Slattery, Sandra
April 1, 2021	Concord, NH	Ives, Alexander Seneca	Ives, Patrick	Ives, Christine
April 10, 2021	Concord, NH	Juranty, Sarah Jean	Juranty, James	Juranty, Brittany
April 16, 2021	Concord, NH	Crawford, Gryffin Emery	Crawford IV, James	Banley-Bill, Rebecca
June 18, 2021	Concord, NH	Andrus, Quinn Charlie	Andrus, David	Andrus, Keelin
June 18, 2021	Concord, NH	Dawson Jr, Christopher Michael	Dawson Sr, Christopher	Crosby, Monika
July 4, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Wilder, Beckett Henry	Wilder, John	Wilder, Betsy
August 7, 2021	Concord, NH	West, Isla June	West, Christopher	West, Kayleigh
August 12, 2021	Concord, NH	Keeler, Liliith Madeline Circle	Keeler, Tyler	Keeler, Jamie
October 7, 2021	Concord, NH	Witham, Julia Jean	Witham, Noah	Witham, Olivia
October 8, 2021	Concord, NH	Marsh, Levi Adam	Marsh, Matt	Marsh, Rachel
October 24, 2021	Concord, NH	Bos, Susan Theresa	Bos, Thomas	Bos, Cari
November 5, 2021	Concord, NH	Hill, Vivienne Parklynn	Hill, Jonathan	Scott, Mercedes
November 25, 2021	Concord, NH	Cotnoir, Finley Renee	Cotnoir, Stephanos	Cotnoir, Kaila

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SAMUEL PAPPS, TOWN CLERK

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**



Date	Place	Name	Name of Father	Name of Mother (Maiden)
January 2, 2021	Concord, NH	Stevens, Maisey Jeannine	Stevens, Benjamin	Carter, Jessica
January 21, 2021	Boscawen, NH	McKay, Dorothy Mary	Hughes, Charles	Gaul, Loretta
January 22, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Hanington, Joy C	Hanington, Herbert	Richards, Bea
January 28, 2021	Canterbury, NH	DiStefano, Elaine Michele	Tonra, Michael	Unknown, Mildred
January 29, 2021	Concord, NH	Hastings, Kristen	Keniston, Daniel	Moore, Jacqueline
February 13, 2021	Franklin, NH	Duperron, Sandra Lee	Haggett, Charles	Mathieu, Florence
February 19, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Scripture, Peter Dawson	Scripture, Paul	Dawson, June
March 1, 2021	Concord, NH	Geno, Thomas Royal	Geno, Royal	Shute, Dorothy
March 10, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Heath, Harry W	Heath, Joseph	Merrill, Viola
March 22, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Krupa, Frank Edward	Krupa, Frank	Howard, Connie
April 28, 2021	Concord, NH	Smart, Barbara A	Gilman, Marshall	Makenzie, Ruth
June 20, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Fifield, Hugh R	Fifield, Roland	Smith, Margaret
June 23, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Paradis, Jeanne C	Martin, Berthold	Wheeler, Marion
August 5, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Drapeau, Debra Jeanne	Croteau, Paul	Maillox, Lorraine
August 18, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Mastey, Pearl Grace	Szot, Steve	Kulig, Catherine
September 4, 2021	Concord, NH	Desmarais, Deborah L	Durgin, Edward	Johnson, Pauline
October 9, 2021	Concord, NH	Ryan, Joellen L	Logue, James	Polem, Lucille
October 24, 2021	Canterbury, NH	Lundskog, Roger Carl	Lundskog, Mark	Hinds, J Arlene
November 4, 2021	Concord, NH	Marden Sr, Anthony Paul	Marden, Robert	Lanzo, Florence

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December 16, 2021	Concord, NH	Johnson, Gordon Alan	Johnson, Leslie	Johnson, Anna
December 28, 2021	Concord, NH	Ogle, Harry	Ogle, George	Lewis, Laverne
<p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RETURN IS CORRECT, ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF SAMUEL PAPPS, TOWN CLERK</p>				
<p>BURIALS AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021</p>				
Curtis, Richard P.		Deary, Aurora L.*		Deary, George R.*
Deary, Helene J.*		Deary, Raymond E., Sr.*		Fifield, Hugh R.
Fifield, Pamela Ann		Johnson, Gordon A.		Paradis, Jeanne C.
		Pickard, Clifford J.		
<p><i>*Interred 2019, but omitted in Town Report</i></p>				

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“He was one of the most lovable men of his day and generation. Of large figure, strong features and handsome presence, he would have commanded attention anywhere. His kindly manner, melodious tones and hearty greeting drew people to him in admiration and friendship. His whole life was a benediction to the circle in which he moved and his influence was felt throughout the town.”

Bud left his own tribute to the Shakers in the 1990 Canterbury town report where he wrote”:

“We are grateful to have known you and are honored that you are part of our lives and our heritage. We are proud that you chose our lovely town to build your beautiful and historic village. Thank you Shaker friends, for letting your light so shine that people learning of your philosophy, your deeds and your inventiveness may find encouragement in these troubled and uncertain times...”

Bud was known for talking about the circle and its symbolism to American Indians. He would say that if a group of people stood or sat in a circle, they were all connected with no beginning and no end and all were equal. Perhaps the Shaker song had it right:



*“To turn, turn will be
our delight,
Till by turning,
turning we come round
right.”*



Top: Bud Thompson leads a tour of Canterbury Shaker Village.



Left: Eldress Bertha with Bud and Nancy Thompson.

Below: Bud Thompson looks on as Lillian Phelps shares a Shaker Lecture Poster.

