

Budget Highlights

YTD September 9, 2024

Buildings-

- **Municipal Building**-Expenses include PD Burglar Alarm repairs, Solar panel repairs. We also upgraded the water treatment system, but this will be put to the PD budget.
- **Meeting House**-Gutters and downspouts. This was a Warrant Article
- **Town Hall** -Water leak in one of the bathrooms, we replaced the floors in both bathrooms and hall.
- **Town Center**-Removed one of the big maple trees by the cemetery, Unutil paid for removal and stump grinding. We also removed the dead spruce tree in front of the Elkins Museum.

Departments-

- **FD** – Ordered new engine, delivery date sometime in late 2025, radios being upgraded with grant money. Applied for and received grant for new equipment, mostly new hose and equipment for new engine. Dave Nelson retired in March, Herb Batchelder is now working 3 days per week and we are filling the rest of the time with Per-Diem FF's. We are also able to provide ALS with stocked pharmaceuticals through an arrangement with Concord Hospital. Ongoing discussions with Boscawen, Salisbury and Penacook Rescue on current and future costs and operations.
- **PD**-Chief Labrecque resigned in March, Justin Crotty appointed April 1. We have a candidate for the vacant Patrol Officer position. Hope to start this month.
- **HD** – Took delivery of new backhoe. Ordered new grader. Should be delivered this month. Two employees resigned. We haven't been able to hire anyone. Working on hiring seasonal rental trucks with drivers for winter operations.
- **Transfer Station**-Part-time employee left, still looking to replace. Break-in on a Sunday night, caused minor damage and petty cash was taken.
- **Town Office**-Hired Land Use Administrator in July. She is working with staff and Boards.

IT-

- We purchased a new computer for the Land Use Administrator. PD added a tablet for the new cruiser.

Taxes-

Taxes year to date-Collected \$4,208,080.47 which includes back taxes from previous years and interest and penalties. We have a total of \$111,743.21 in back taxes owed.

Revenue-Received \$12,045.66 from the Sam Lake Trust disbursement. To be deposited in the Capitol Reserve Account. Balance of \$69,172.58

Broadband Expansion-Comcast has been stringing new cable all over town. Hoping to have most connections available by the end of the year.

Budget lines are in expected areas of expenses, except for the Legal budget. We have over expended by over \$10,000. The Planning Board expended more than half the \$20,000 that has been expended. A new policy was put into place required approval for any legal counsel.

Direct Assistance-We have had to over expend this line.