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2024



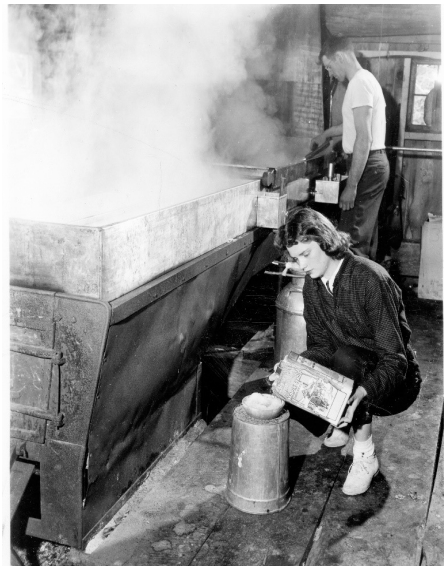
Canterbury Farming Traditions

In 2024, Canterbury continues to exemplify a commitment to honoring a farming heritage by maintaining open space for grazing, the preservation and utilization of barns and active support of the 4-H program and the Canterbury Farmers Market.

When roads were once lined with fences and stone walls to contain animals and the majority of land was turned over to agricultural pursuits, farmers had fields of crops and pastures of animals to feed their families. They harvested timber to build and heat their homes. Later generations of those farmers in the nineteenth century commodified their products to large-scale focuses, including sheep, dairy herds, poultry and the cultivation of apples. These products became exports to be shipped by train to larger markets. Some families hosted boarders from Boston and New York that came and stayed for the summer, helping to augment the farm's income. In 1873, Canterbury farmers established the Merrimack River Grange, the local chapter of a national farming group that was an influential community organization for almost a century. They were later succeeded by the Canterbury 4-H chapter which is still active today. Local photographer Luther Cody traveled through Canterbury at the dawn of the twentieth century, and with his camera captured the fields, forests and faces of the town. This forever preserved a rural landscape shaped by the farmers and their families who lived here for generations.



EDNA MORRILL WITH SHEEP



FIFIELDS BOILING SAP

2024 ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF

CANTERBURY

New Hampshire



COMPRISING THOSE OF THE SELECTMEN, TREASURER, TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR, TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS, ASSESSOR, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT, FIRE DEPARTMENT, POLICE DEPARTMENT, BUILDING INSPECTOR, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, LIBRARY TRUSTEES, PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION, CEMETERY TRUSTEES, COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE, CONSERVATION COMMISSION, ENERGY COMMITTEE, HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PERAMBULATOR, RECREATION COMMITTEE, SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE, UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND PENACOOK RESCUE SQUAD

DEDICATION



We are pleased to announce the 2024 Town of Canterbury Annual Report is hereby dedicated to the husband-and-wife team of **Howard Moffett and Lois Scribner**.

Howard served Canterbury as a volunteer on the Conservation Commission and the Community Power Committee, which helped Canterbury rate payers save significant money and gave them a voice in their electric rates. At the same time, Lois was busy serving the town as the Secretary for the Planning Board, Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, and the Solid Waste Committee.

Lois and Howard’s volunteer spirit to serve our community wasn’t reserved only for Town Boards. Howard was an early member of “the store” coalition which formed in 1999-2000 to save our small country store when it looked like it might close forever. Howard prepared the legal documents which created the “Canterbury Community Market LLC” and did so at no cost to the fledgling coalition or the Canterbury community.

Howard has also been a Trustee at Shaker Village, served in leadership roles for the Canterbury United Church, and was elected by the citizens of Canterbury to serve as their Representative in the NH Legislature from 2012 to 2020.

When Howard and Lois moved out of town in 2024, Canterbury lost two citizens who exemplify the volunteer spirit of Canterbury, and we will miss them greatly. Thank you, Howard and Lois.

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TOWN OFFICES INFORMATION

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Selectmen's Office & Welfare Administrator

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Assessing Office

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Town Clerk-Tax Collector

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603-783-0153

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

Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

603-783-9033

Land Use Administrator

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Board of Selectmen

1st & 3rd Monday of the month

Zoning Board of Adjustment

4th Wednesday of the month

Solid Waste Committee

2nd & 4th Monday of the month

Cemetery Trustees

Monthly as needed

Agricultural Commission

Quarterly on Tuesdays

Community Power Committee

2nd Wednesday of the month

Recreation Committee

As needed

Planning Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month

Conservation Commission

2nd Thursday of the month

Energy Committee

2nd Monday of the month

Library Trustees

3rd Monday of the month

Historic District Commission

3rd Wednesday of the month

Historical Society

1st Monday of the month

Supervisors of the Checklist

As needed

TOWN OFFICERS – ELECTED

SELECTMEN (3 years)

Kent Ruesswick (2025)
Scott Doherty (2026)
Beth Blair (2027)

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)

Samuel Papps (2025)

TREASURER (3 years)

Albert Edelstein (2025)

MODERATOR (2 years)

James Miller (2025)
Kathleen Doherty, *Assistant Moderator* (2025)

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)

Greg Meeh, <i>Chair</i> (2027)	John Schneider, <i>Vice-Chair</i> (2025)
Joshua Gordon (2025)	Logan Snyder (2026)
Rich Marcou (2026)	Megan Portnoy (2027)
Hillary Nelson, <i>Alt.</i> (2026)	Brendan O'Donnell, <i>Alt.</i> (2027)
Jonas Sanborn, <i>Alt.</i> (2027)	Kent Ruesswick, <i>Selectboard Rep.</i>
Michelle Hammond, <i>Secretary</i>	Lois Scribner, <i>Secretary, Retired</i>

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)

John Goegel, *Chair* (2026)
Jan Cote (2027) Sam Papps (2025)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)

Brenda Murray, *Chair* (2026)
Pamela Smarling (2028) Denise Sojka (2030)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ray Craigie, 3 years, <i>Chair</i> (2025)	Sarah Melasecca, 2 years (2025)
Rick Zeller, 3 years (2025)	Deborah Snow, 2 years (2026)
Linda Riendeau, 2 years (2025)	Florence Woods, 2 years (2026)
Rick Crockford, 3 years (2027)	Ron Routhier, 3 years, <i>Alt.</i> (2026)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)

Greg Heath, *Chair* (2026)
Tiffany Brown (2025) Silvia Styles (2027)

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TOWN OFFICERS – APPOINTED

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Kenneth Folsom

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kathleen McKay

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Mary Hauptman

ASSESSOR

Mandy Irving

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Jessica Lozier

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Joel French

LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR

Gail Ober, *Resigned*

Jan Stout

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Donald O'Connor, *Road Agent*

Robert Ralph

Boden Gendron, *Seasonal*

Ben Davis, *Seasonal*

Roy Plisko, *Seasonal*

Evan Hauptman, *Resigned*

David Heath, *Retired*

Robert D'Abbraccio, *Resigned*

TRANSFER STATION

David Bowles, *Manager*

Andres Romero

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Justin Crotty, *Chief*

Kristopher Dupuis, *Lieutenant*

Vincent Kirathi, *Officer*

Michael Dumas, *Officer*

Jordan Westgate, *Officer*

Deanna Sepessy, *Admin Assistant*

Michael Labrecque, *Chief, Retired*

Michael Crockwell, *Retired*

LIBRARY

Rachel C. Baker, *Library Director*

Mary Ann Winograd, *Circulation Librarian*

Cheryl Ingerson, *Youth Services Librarian*

Mary Ellen MacCoy, *Circulation Librarian*

Roseann Howe, *Circulation Manager, Adult Collection Librarian*

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gamache, *Chief*

Scott Doherty, *Deputy Chief, Paramedic*

Herbert Batchelder, *F.F., Paramedic*

Guy Newbery, *Deputy Chief, EMT*

Craig Simpson, *Captain*

David Nelson, *Lieutenant, EMT*

Aiden O'Brien, *Lieutenant, AEMT*

Evan Hauptman, *Lieutenant*

Daniel Bickers, *Lieutenant, EMT*

Matthew Nelson, *F.F.*

Matthew Murphy, *F.F., AEMT*

Chad Gamache, *F.F., EMT*

Robert Basha, *F.F., AEMT*

Douglas J. Bickers, *F.F.*

Richard Bilodeau, *F.F., EMT*

Cameron Burns, *F.F., AEMT*

Michael Provencher, *F.F., AEMT*

Benjamin Davis, *F.F.*

Michael Arnold, *F.F., AEMT*

Finnegan Brown, *F.F., EMT*

Brendan Cain, *F.F.*

Joel French, *F.F., AEMT*

Geoff Hubbell, *Lifetime Member*

Dale Caswell, *Lifetime Member*

Grace George, *Resigned*

David Newland, *Resigned*

Jay Heath, *Resigned*

Colin Evans, *Resigned*

FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Michael Gamache

HEALTH OFFICER

Geoff Hubbell

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)

Jim Wieck, *Chair* (2025)

F. Webster Stout, *Vice-Chair* (2027)

Calvin Todd (2027)

Christopher Evans (2026)

Sean O'Brien (2027)

Brendan O'Donnell, *Alt.* (2027)

Scott Herrick, *Alt.* (2027)

Lisa Carlson, *Secretary*

Joe Halla, *Chair through March 2024*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 years)

Ken Stern, *Chair* (2025)

Kelly Short, *Vice-Chair* (2026)

Steve Seron (2027)

Teresa Wyman (2025)

Audra Klumb (2025)

Lance Messinger, *Treasurer* (2026)

Bob Steenson (2026)

Charles Comey, *Alt.* (2027)

Beth Blair, *Selectboard Rep.*

CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN (3 years)

Mark Stevens (2026)

CANTERBURY CEMETERY SEXTON

Kent Ruesswick

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3 years)

Kevin Bragg, <i>Chair</i> (2027)	Harry Kinter (2027)
Jeff Leidinger (2025)	Anne Emerson (2026)
Alex Young, <i>Alt.</i> (2027)	Kent Ruesswick, <i>Selectboard Rep.</i>
Lois Scribner, <i>Secretary & Alt., Retired</i>	Virginia LaPlante, <i>Resigned</i>

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ron Routhier, <i>President</i>	Jeff Leidinger, <i>Vice-President</i>
Fred Brewster, <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Sandy Scripture, <i>Corresponding Secretary</i>
Mary Ann Winograd, <i>Treasurer</i>	Sam Papps, <i>Archivist</i>
Harry Kinter	Mary Kerwin
Anne Emerson	Chuck Sanborn
Pam Jackson	Bill Adams
Brian Titilah, <i>Deceased</i>	

OFFICIAL TOWN PERAMBULATOR

Mark Stevens

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE (3 years)

Rich Marcou, <i>Chair</i> (2026)	LeeAnn MacKey (2026)
Steve Rasche (2025)	Elle Bezanson (2027)
Greg Heath (2026)	Roy Plisko (2027)
Kent Ruesswick, <i>Selectboard Rep.</i>	Michelle Hammond, <i>Secretary</i>
Emily Burr, <i>Resigned</i>	Lois Scribner, <i>Secretary, Retired</i>

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Art Hudson	Cheryl Gordon
Bob Scarponi	Jan Stout
Bob Steenson	John Udalay
Briggs Lockwood	Kelly Short
Calvin Todd	Tyson Miller

ENERGY COMMITTEE (3 years)

Ruth Heath, <i>Chair</i> (2027)	Beth McGuinn (2027)
Jeff Beltramo (2026)	Beth Blair, <i>Selectboard Rep.</i>
Howard Moffett, <i>Resigned</i>	Claudia Leidinger, <i>Resigned</i>
Fred Portnoy, <i>Resigned</i>	

RECREATION COMMITTEE (2 years)

Randi Johnson (2026)	
Danielle Krautmann (2026)	Katelynn Fehn (2026)

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (3 years)

Benjamin Davis, <i>Chair</i> (2026)	Mark Stevens, <i>Vice-Chair</i> (2025)
Daimon Meeh, <i>Secretary</i> (2025)	Craig Pullen (2027)
Eric Glines (2027)	Jill McCullough (2025)
Josh Marshall (2026)	Corinne Pullen (2026)
Nicole Glines, <i>Alternate</i> (2026)	Beth Blair, <i>Selectboard Rep.</i>

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE (2 years)

Tom Franco, <i>Chair</i> (2026)	Cheryl Franco (2026)
Beth McGuinn (2024)	John Schneider (2025)
Tim Meeh (2024)	Fred Portnoy (2027)
Kent Ruesswick, <i>Selectboard Rep.</i>	Ellen Scarponi, <i>Resigned</i>
Howard Moffett, <i>Resigned</i>	Kelly Stonebraker, <i>Resigned</i>
Ben Stonebraker, <i>Resigned</i>	Lenore Howe, <i>Resigned</i>

2025 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 11, 2025

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 Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Canterbury Planning Board for the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To enact certain administrative revisions to the Ordinance including:

To amend Article 5.3, Section C, Table of Principal Uses in Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To correct omission in the Table of Uses of the Farmstead Alternative by Conditional use permit in the Rural District (RU), the Residential District (R), the Center Historic District (CHD), and the Shaker Village Museum Preservation District (SVMPD).

To clarify that Convenience Stores may include gas pumps and diesel pumps by Special Exception, except for underground storage tanks in the aquifer protection overlay.

To allow Commercial EV Charging Stations in the Commercial District (C) and the Industrial District (I) by right and to permit them by Special Exception in the Center Historic District (CHD) and in the Shaker Village Museum Preservation District (SVMPD).

To permit Commercial Solar in the Commercial (C) and Industrial (I) Districts by Special Exception.

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To indicate as foot note number 1 to the Table of Principal Uses, residential uses are permitted in the Commercial District (C) as part of a commercial cluster development only. This shall apply to Cluster Developments for Single Family, Pre-site built housing, Manufactured housing, Two-Family, and Multi-Family.

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Canterbury Planning Board for the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article 3, Definitions, by adding the following defined terms:

COMMERCIAL SOLAR means a for-profit facility that generates electricity by means of a solar photovoltaic device that is directly connected to an electric distribution utility's distribution grid and is not a community solar facility, regardless of the operational capacity that the facility is designed for or capable of.

COMMERCIAL EV CHARGING STATION

One or more charging units designed to charge Electric Vehicles (EV) for a fee at a site open to the general public.

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Canterbury Planning Board for the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend 18.3.3.A in the following manner: ~~A Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be constructed on an existing nonconforming lot.~~
A Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit shall not be constructed on a lot of less than 1.75 acres excluding slopes over 15% and wetlands.

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Canterbury Planning Board for the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To amend Article 6.9, Commercial Cluster Development, Section B to read:

Commercial cluster development under this section may be used only for permitted uses in the Commercial and Industrial Zones upon approval of the subdivision and site plan by the Planning Board. A commercial cluster development shall have a minimum tract size of five (5) acres. The total number of lots or units in the commercial cluster development shall not

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exceed the number of lots that would be allowed if the entire tract were developed consistent with dimensional requirements otherwise applicable to the property, except when a density bonus is granted by the Planning Board, as permitted in Sections 6.6 & 6.7. Acreage allotment required for any use shall not be less than the actual acreage of that use / lot(s). In acting upon an application for commercial cluster development, the Planning Board shall follow the procedural requirements under Land Development Regulations as amended. ~~its Subdivision Regulations and Site Plan Regulations.~~

To amend Article 6.4 Section I to add item number 5: Wetlands and steep slopes combined shall not account for more than 20% of undisturbed Designated Open Space.

To amend Article 6.9, Commercial Cluster Development, Section C to add item number 5: No Commercial Cluster development shall be more than 50% residential.

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Canterbury Planning Board for the Town of Canterbury Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Add a new Section 1.1 to read as follows:

The Planning Board has the authorization to make non-substantive editing and formatting changes including the following:

To correct misspelled words.

To eliminate duplicate text.

To change asterisks in the table of uses to numbered footnotes.

To update references to the Site Plan Regulations and Subdivision Regulations to references to the Land Development Regulations.

To update and correct any numbering or spacing issues.

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SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the Fourteenth of March 2025 at seven o'clock to act on the following subjects.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$3,485,250) 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.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$6.11

Cost for \$400K home: \$2,444.63

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$88,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

4915.3	Highway Equipment	10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	30,000
4915.18	Rescue Truck	12,000
4915.24	Landfill Closure	1,000
4915.27	Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings	5,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	30,000

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.23

Cost for \$400K home: \$92.90

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Dollars (\$35,874) to pay principal (\$35,000) and interest (\$874) on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars (\$7,000) for the purchase of a ballot counting device, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

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Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand (\$80,000) for the renovation of the Sam Lake House (Town Office) Garage, with said funds to come from the Sam Lake House Capital Reserve Fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) for the purpose of “Weatherization” of the Elkins Public Library.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.05

Cost for \$400K home: \$21.11

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Voting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing voting equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.01

Cost for \$400K home: \$5.28

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing renewable energy systems, and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in this fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. Additional funds would come from the Community Power adder funds and will not require any tax funding.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.003

Cost for \$400K home: \$1.06

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) for a feasibility and suitability study for the Town of Canterbury Transfer Station, to renovate/expand the Transfer Station at the current site or determine if the current site is not suitable for this purpose and authorize the withdrawal of

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Six Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500) from the Transfer Station Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 16: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$10,500) for the purpose of holding a Household Hazardous Waste Day at the Canterbury Transfer Station.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.03

Cost for \$400K home: \$11.08

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to replace the existing packer truck with a stationary electric compactor with variable frequency drive, a compaction container, and the installation of a concrete pad.

By Petition. Majority Vote Required. Not Recommended by the Selectmen.

Estimated Tax Impact: Cost per \$1000: \$0.16

Cost for \$400K home: \$63.34

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Transfer Station Upgrade capital reserve fund for the purpose of doing a feasibility and suitability study on the current Transfer Station and any future engineering site work on this site or any other potential site.

By Petition. 2/3 Vote Required. Not Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

Article 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the forced distribution of funds from the Sam Lake Trust Fund. The exact dollar amount is to be determined by the Trustees of the Sam Lake Trust Fund and distributed to the Town by the end of the calendar year.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen. No Tax Impact.

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

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

Scott Doherty, *Chair*

Kent Ruesswick

Beth Blair

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Expense Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2025 Revenue Offset
4130 EXECUTIVE						
4130.1 Selectmen Salaries	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4130.3 Town Administrator Wages	63,663	63,663	66,209	2,546	4.0%	4.0%
4130.4 Office Equipment Repairs	100	0	100	0	0.0%	0.0%
4130.5 Selectmen Seminars	500	935	500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4130.6 Telephone	3,500	4,279	3,800	300	8.6%	8.6%
4130.7 Printing	200	0	100	-100	-50.0%	-50.0%
4130.8 Office Equipment	1,000	1,290	1,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4130.10 Office Supplies	2,500	3,339	2,800	300	12.0%	12.0%
4130.11 Health Insurance	31,448	31,447	45,000	13,552	43.1%	11,375
4130.12 Postage	1,200	972	1,000	-200	-16.7%	-16.7%
4130.21 Admin Wages	32,000	34,762	41,400	9,400	29.4%	29.4%
4130.22 Assessing Wages	64,062	64,062	66,624	2,562	4.0%	4.0%
4130.25 Miscellaneous	100	2,513	100	0	0.0%	0.0%
4130.54 Administrative Training	500	25	250	-250	-50.0%	-50.0%
4130.55 Advertising	1,000	69	250	-750	-75.0%	-75.0%
4130.56 Printing Town Report	5,000	3,979	2,000	-3,000	-60.0%	-60.0%
4130.15 Disability/Life Insurance			2,260	2,260		
Total 4130 EXECUTIVE	218,773	223,335	245,393	26,620	12.2%	11,375
4135 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
<i>EXECUTIVE</i>						
4135-2e Computers/Hardware	1,000	728	1,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4135-3e Software/Licensing	17,000	16,781	17,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4135-4e Offsite Backup	3,500	4,152	3,500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4135-5e IT/Network Support	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Sub-Total EXECUTIVE</i>	<i>31,500</i>	<i>31,661</i>	<i>31,500</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR</i>						
4135-6t Computers/Hardware	500	0	500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4135-7t Software/Licensing	6,530	7,168	6,900	370	5.7%	5.7%
4135-8t Computer Repair	1	0	1	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Sub-Total TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR</i>	<i>7,031</i>	<i>7,168</i>	<i>7,401</i>	<i>370</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>POLICE</i>						
4135.12 Offsite Backup	600	713	600	0	0.0%	0.0%
4135-9p Computers/Hardware	2,500	2,184	2,500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4135-10 Software/Licensing	3,200	3,587	3,500	300	9.4%	9.4%
4135-11 Computer Repair	500	2,008	500	0	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Sub-Total POLICE</i>	<i>6,800</i>	<i>8,491</i>	<i>7,100</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>FIRE</i>						
4135.15 Offsite Backup	600	713	800	200	33.3%	33.3%
4135-12 Computers/Hardware	1,000	809	1,000	0	0.0%	0.0%

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4135-13 Software/Licensing	2,500	2,200	2,500	0	0.0%	
4135-14 Computer Repair	500	2,374	500	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total	4,600	6,096	4,800	200	4.3%	0
FIRE						
HIGHWAY						
4135-21 Computer Repair - Transfer Stat	250	0	250	0	0.0%	
4135-15 Computers/Hardware	500	0	500	0	0.0%	
4135-16 Software/Licensing	50	48	250	200	400.0%	
4135-17 Computer Repair - Highway	250	0	250	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total	1,050	48	1,250	200	19.0%	0
CONSERVATION						
4135-18 Computers/Hardware	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4135-19 Software/Licensing	50	268	300	250	500.0%	
4135-20 Computer Repair	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total	52	268	302	250	480.8%	0
Total 4135	51,033	53,731	52,353	1,320	2.6%	0
4140 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
ELECTION, REG & VITAL STATS						
4140.1 Town Clerk Salary	29,125	29,256	30,290	1,165	4.0%	
4140.2 Marriage License Fees	600	559	600	0	0.0%	
4140.3 Deputy Town Clerk Salary	18,000	17,280	22,500	4,500	25.0%	
4140.7 Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,400	1,121	1,400	0	0.0%	
4140.8 Town Clerk Office Equipment	500	406	500	0	0.0%	
4140.10 Town Clerk Office Seminars	1,200	558	750	-450	-37.5%	
4140.11 Dog Tags	300	214	300	0	0.0%	
4140.12 Election Wages	6,000	5,573	3,000	-3,000	-50.0%	
4140.14 Election Advertising	750	0	500	-250	-33.3%	
4140.15 Election Misc. Supplies	1,000	4,624	500	-500	-50.0%	
4140.16 Voting Machine	3,350	3,743	1,200	-2,150	-64.2%	
4140.19 Vital Statistic Fees	800	1,023	800	0	0.0%	
4140.36 Leave Coverage/Town Mtg Minutes	1,000	0	500	-500	-50.0%	
4140.37 Record Scanning	500	0	250	-250	-50.0%	
Total 4140	64,525	64,357	63,090	-1,435	-2.2%	0
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
4150.1 Tax Collector Salary	32,181	32,050	33,468	1,287	4.0%	
4150.03 Bookkeeper Wages	30,000	29,414	31,200	1,200	4.0%	
4150.4 Outside Auditing	16,000	16,750	17,000	1,000	6.3%	
4150.5 Bank Analysis Fees	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4150.7 Tax Collector Seminars	1,200	979	1,200	0	0.0%	
4150.10 Registrar of Deeds	500	525	500	0	0.0%	
4150.11 Tax Collector Health Insurance	15,029	15,028	15,000	-29	-0.2%	4,449
4150.12 Tax Collector Retirement	8,295	8,295	8,626	331	4.0%	

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4150.91 Tax Collector Liens	800	512	800	0	0.0%	
4150.93 Treasurer Salary	5,625	5,625	5,850	225	4.0%	
4150.95 Tax Collector Office Supplies	1,200	1,284	1,200	0	0.0%	
4150.96 Tax Collector Postage	5,500	4,371	5,500	0	0.0%	
4150.98 Treasurer Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	938	1,000	0	0.0%	
4150.15 Disability/Life Insurance			1,011	1,011		
Total 4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	117,331	115,771	122,357	5,026	4.3%	4,449
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES						
4153.3 General Municipal	10,000	23,865	10,000	0	0.0%	
Total 4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	10,000	23,865	10,000	0	0.0%	0
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION						
4199.81 Medicare	20,267	18,657	21,814	1,547	7.6%	
4199.82 Social Security	86,658	64,828	93,273	6,615	7.6%	
4199.83 Unemployment Compensation	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
Total 4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	106,926	83,485	115,088	8,162	7.6%	0
4191 PLANNING BOARD						
4191.1 PB Postage	900	574	900	0	0.0%	
4191.2 PB Secretary Wages	2,500	11,130	3,500	1,000	40.0%	
4191.5 PB Professional Services	5,000	4,995	5,000	0	0.0%	
4191.6 PB Advertising	750	1,154	250	-500	-66.7%	
4191.7 PB Printing	250	0	250	0	0.0%	
4191.8 PB Supplies	800	1,363	800	0	0.0%	
4191.9 PB Equipment	500	0	100	-400	-80.0%	
4191.10 PB Seminar	500	210	250	-250	-50.0%	
4191.11 ZBA Secretary Wages	2,000	2,855	1,000	1,000	0.0%	
4191.13 ZBA Postage	250	821	250	0	0.0%	
4191.14 ZBA Advertising	1,000	1,862	1,400	400	40.0%	
4191.15 ZBA Supplies	100	339	200	100	100.0%	
4191.16 ZBA Seminar	50	0	50	0	0.0%	
4191.17 Land Use Administrator	20,800	7,016	24,000	3,200	15.4%	
Total 4191 PLANNING BOARD	35,400	32,319	39,950	4,550	12.9%	0
4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS						
4194.1 Center Electricity	750	669	750	0	0.0%	
4194.2 Town Hall Maintenance	1,000	7,017	2,000	1,000	100.0%	
4194.3 Town Hall Electricity	1,500	1,506	1,500	0	0.0%	
4194.5 Town Building Emergency Fund	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4194.7 Sam Lake Maintenance	1,000	988	1,000	0	0.0%	
4194.8 Sam Lake Electricity	3,500	4,031	3,750	250	7.1%	
4194.11 Elkins/Houser Building Maint	1,000	1,358	1,000	0	0.0%	

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4194.12 Historical Society Electricity	2,100	2,162	2,100	0	0.0%	
4194.13 Town Buildings Heat/Oil/Propane	30,000	29,050	30,000	0	0.0%	
4194.14 Municipal Building Electricity	9,000	9,432	9,000	0	0.0%	
4194.16 Municipal Building Alarms	1,000	2,308	2,000	1,000	100.0%	
4194.17 Municipal Building Maintenance	6,000	8,073	6,000	0	0.0%	
4194.17 Sam Lake Security System	1,000	628	1,000	0	0.0%	
4194.19 Janitorial Services	14,000	13,780	14,000	0	0.0%	
4194.20 Meetinghouse Maintenance	1,500	309	500	-1,000	-66.7%	
4194.21 Transfer Station Security Syst	750	581	500	0	0.0%	
4194.40 Elkins/Houser Security System	750	422	1,000	250	33.3%	
4194.62 Town Hall Security System	400	584	500	100	25.0%	
4194.63 Center Maintenance	2,000	3,025	2,000	0	0.0%	
Total 4194 GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	77,001	85,922	78,601	1,600	2.1%	
4195 CEMETERIES						
4195.1 Cemetery Wages	5,000	2,300	4,000	-1,000	-20.0%	
4195.2 Sub-Contractor	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4195.3 Equipment Repairs	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4195.4 Gas & Oil	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4195.5 Parts & Supplies	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4195.6 Cemetery Maintenance	3,100	1,700	3,100	0	0.0%	
4195.7 Tree Removal	2,000	3,589	2,000	0	0.0%	
4195.8 Record Keeping Software	900	836	900	0	0.0%	
4195.60 Headstone repairs	4,400	4,700	4,400	0	0.0%	
4195.61 Maplegrove Cemetery Layout	500	208	500	0	0.0%	
Total 4195 CEMETERIES	15,904	13,332	14,904	-1,000	-6.3%	
4196 INSURANCE						
4196.2 Worker's Compensation	33,736	33,736	37,784	4,048	12.0%	
4196.3 Liability	42,465	42,465	46,287	3,822	9.0%	
Total 4196 INSURANCE	76,201	76,201	84,071	7,870	10.3%	
4197 ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.						
4197.1 NH Municipal Association	2,348	2,348	2,426	78	3.3%	
4197.2 Central NH Planning	3,160	3,160	3,172	12	0.4%	
4197.4 Assoc. of Assessing Dues	50	45	50	0	0.0%	
4197.5 Reg/Conc Solid Waste	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4197.6 Upper Merrimack River	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4197.9 Federal DOT Drug Testing	1,000	702	1,000	0	0.0%	
4197.10 Town Clerk Dues	50	0	50	0	0.0%	
4197.11 Tax Collector Dues	50	0	50	0	0.0%	
4197.12 NH Local Welfare Admin Assoc	50	0	50	0	0.0%	
Total 4197 ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.	6,710	6,255	6,800	90	1.3%	

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4240 BUILDING INSPECTION						
4120.13 Telephone/Email	475	650	500	25	5.3%	5.3%
4240.1 Building Inspection Wages	17,000	13,991	17,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4120.2 Supplies	500	650	1,000	500	100.0%	100.0%
4120.3 Seminars	500	0	500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4120.4 Mileage	1,000	579	1,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4120.5 Sub Contractor		120	500	500		
4120.10 Code Enforcement	1,000	0	1,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
Total 4240 BUILDING INSPECTION	20,475	15,990	21,500	1,025	5.0%	5.0%
Total 4152 REVALUATION OF UTILITIES	0	0	6,500	6,500	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	800,279	794,563	860,607	60,328	7.5%	15,824
4210 POLICE						
4210.0C Police Chief Salary	77,627	88,571	85,000	7,373	9.5%	9.5%
<i>Officer Wages</i>						
4210.c Administration	31,999	29,172	35,000	3,001	9.4%	9.4%
4210.1b Overtime	7,000	6,823	10,000	3,000	42.9%	42.9%
4210.1 Officer Wages - Other	233,948	188,390	221,855	-12,093	-5.2%	-5.2%
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>272,947</i>	<i>224,386</i>	<i>266,855</i>	<i>-6,092</i>	<i>-2.2%</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Cruiser Maintenance</i>						
4210.M 2023 Unit 5	0	525	1,000	1,000		
4210.L 2021 Unit 1	1,000	135	2,000	1,000	100.0%	100.0%
4210.g Tires	2,000	256	3,000	1,000	50.0%	50.0%
4210.h Insurance Deductible	2,000	0	2,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.J 2018 Unit 4	2,000	765	2,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.J 2018 Unit 3	2,000	1,842	2,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.K 2021 Unit 2	1,000	1,347	2,000	1,000	100.0%	100.0%
4210.2 Cruiser Maintenance - Other	30	0	0	0	40.0%	0
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>4,900</i>	<i>14,000</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>40.0%</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Cruiser Maintenance</i>						
4210.3 Health Insurance	26,646	15,000	28,000	1,354	5.1%	382
4210.5 Radios & Repairs	3,300	4,734	3,300	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.6 Dispatch	32,579	32,579	20,202	-12,377	-38.0%	-38.0%
4210.7 Gas/Oil	12,000	9,621	15,000	3,000	25.0%	25.0%
4210.8 Office Supplies	2,500	3,162	2,500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.9 Uniforms	4,000	4,463	4,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.10 Off Duty Details	15,000	57,169	15,000	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.11 Seminars/Dues/Subscriptions	850	470	850	0	0.0%	15,000
4210.12 Prosecutor	1,803	1,725	1,803	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.13 Telephone	5,500	5,041	5,500	0	0.0%	0.0%
4210.14 Training	5,000	3,020	5,000	0	0.0%	0.0%

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4210.16 Retirement	55,782	61,111	102,670	46,888	84.1%		
4210.17 Disability/Life Insurance	2,800	2,489	4,099	1,299	46.4%		
4210.91 Supplies/New Equipment	7,000	8,190	7,000	0	0.0%		
Investigation Expenses			500	500			
Total 4210	535,334	526,631	581,279	45,945	8.6%		15,382
Total 4215	1	0	1	0	0.0%		0
4220							
FIRE							
4220.W Wages							
4220.70 Off Duty Details	1,500	6,438	1,500	0	0.0%		1,500
Sub-Total	1,500	6,438	1,500	0	0.0%		1,500
4220.16 Part-Time Fire Chief	64,300	64,300	66,872	2,572	4.0%		
EMT Wages							
4220.0T EMT Overtime	2,600	306	0	-2,600	-100.0%		
4220.00 EMT Wages - Other	63,753	73,697	75,000	11,247	17.6%		
Sub-Total	66,353	74,004	75,000	8,647	13.0%		0
4220.01 EMT Health Insurance	15,029	3,757	0	-15,029	-100.0%		
4220.1 Volunteer Reimbursement	25,000	30,318	30,000	5,000	20.0%		
4220.02 EMT Retirement	8,978	3,590	0	-8,978	-100.0%		
4220.04 Disability/Life Insurance	900	203	0	-900	-100.0%		
4220.2 Forest Fire Costs	1,500	484	1,500	0	0.0%		
Vehicle Maintenance							
4220.3K 2020 Kawasaki UTV	1,000	510	1,000	0	0.0%		
4220.3b Fire Engine #3	5,000	140	5,000	0	0.0%		
4220.3c Rescue 1	4,000	2,631	4,200	200	5.0%		
4220.3f Utility	1,000	87	1,000	0	0.0%		
4220.3g Tanker1	2,500	4,814	3,500	1,000	40.0%		
4220.3h Command Vehicle	1,000	894	1,100	100	10.0%		
4220.3i Engine 2	3,000	7,487	3,500	500	16.7%		
4220.3j 2019 F350 Forestry Truck	1,000	852	1,000	0	0.0%		
4220.3 Vehicle Maintenance - Other	1,000	40	1,000	0	0.0%		
Sub-Total	19,500	17,454	21,300	1,800	9.2%		0
4220.3L Insurance Deductible	2,000	0	2,000	0	0.0%		
4220.4 Training & Prevention	4,700	6,984	6,000	1,300	27.7%		
4220.5 Dispatch	28,489	29,299	30,385	1,896	6.7%		
4220.6 Radios & Pagers	10,000	81,738	5,000	-5,000	-50.0%		
4220.8 Gasoline & Oil	6,000	5,561	6,300	300	5.0%		
4220.9 Fire & Rescue Equipment	10,000	14,920	11,000	1,000	10.0%		
4220.10 Dry Hydrants	2,000	4,310	2,000	0	0.0%		
4220.11 Office Supplies	1,500	1,585	1,600	100	6.7%		
4220.12 Uniforms	3,000	2,059	3,000	0	0.0%		

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4220.13	10,000	9,915	10,000	0	0.0%	
4220.14	10,000	5,974	10,000	0	0.0%	
4220.15	1,000	166	1,000	0	0.0%	
4220.17	1,000	1,150	1,000	0	0.0%	
4220.61	1,000	10,430	1,000	0	0.0%	
4220.91	600	1,498	700	100	16.7%	
4220.92	4,715	2,661	5,000	285	6.0%	
4220.93	5,000	8,984	5,250	250	5.0%	
4220.94	2,500	3,652	2,550	50	2.0%	
4220.95	50	0	0	-50	-100.0%	
Total 4220	306,614	391,431	299,957	-6,657	-2.2%	1,500
TOTAL	841,949	918,062	881,237	39,288	4.7%	16,882
4311-1	HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION					
4311.1a	69,582	68,964	72,365	2,783	4.0%	
4311.1	182,000	100,793	225,900	43,900	24.1%	
4311.OT	39,500	12,353	39,500	0	0.0%	
4311.2	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
	<i>Equipment Repairs</i>					
4311.T1	10,000	15,953	15,000	5,000	50.0%	
4311.T2	3,000	1,325	3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.T3	10,000	5,924	10,000	0	0.0%	
4311.T4	3,000	938	3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.T5	5,000	5,290	5,000	0	0.0%	
4311.T6	1,000	95	1,000	0	0.0%	
4311.T7	3,000	2,703	3,000	0	0.0%	
4311.T8	2,000	2,490	2,000	0	0.0%	
4311.G	15,000	6,932	3,000	-12,000	-80.0%	
4311.BH	2,000	598	1,000	-1,000	-50.0%	
4311.BC	1,500	414	750	-750	-50.0%	
4311.L	4,500	686	2,000	-2,500	-55.6%	
4311.GG	500	93	500	0	0.0%	
4311.3	3,500	4,070	3,500	0	0.0%	
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>64,000</i>	<i>47,510</i>	<i>52,750</i>	<i>-11,250</i>	<i>-17.6%</i>	<i>0</i>
4311.4	60,116	39,608	70,000	9,884	16.4%	20,466
4311.5	39,384	22,041	44,901	5,517	14.0%	
4311.6	2,000	1,378	1,500	-500	-25.0%	
4311.7	16,000	12,196	16,000	0	0.0%	
4311.8	48,000	21,641	35,000	-13,000	-27.1%	
4311.9	4,000	2,667	4,000	0	0.0%	

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4311.11 Highway Equipment	1,500	148	1,500	0	0.0%	
4311.12 Disability/Life Insurance	3,300	2,139	3,980	680	20.6%	
4311.13 Mowing Town Lands	5,250	4,600	5,250	0	0.0%	
4311.14 Training	800	130	800	0	0.0%	
4311.15 Highway Uniforms	1,500	346	1,500	0	0.0%	
Total 4311-1	536,933	336,513	574,948	38,015	7.1%	20,466
4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4312.1 Salt	29,000	22,733	29,000	0	0.0%	
4612.2 Sand & Gravel	27,000	9,053	20,000	-7,000	-25.9%	
4312.2W Winter Sand	27,000	9,053	20,000	-7,000	-25.9%	0
<i>Sub-Total</i>	230,000	203,292	230,000	0	0.0%	
4312.3 Road Tar						
<i>Road Improvements</i>						
4312.4T Tree Removal	3,000	4,200	3,000	0	0.0%	
4312.4G Summer Gravel	16,000	14,595	15,000	-1,000	-6.3%	
4312.4 Road Improvements - Other	21,000	20,114	21,000	0	0.0%	
<i>Sub-Total</i>	40,000	38,910	39,000	-1,000	-2.5%	0
4612.5 Sand & Salt sub contractor	12,000	9,863	12,000	0	0.0%	
4612.6 Signage	1,500	603	750	-750	-50.0%	
4612.30 Road Side Mowing	16,000	16,058	16,000	0	0.0%	
Total 4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS	355,500	300,511	346,750	-8,750	-2.5%	0
4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES						
4313.1 Culvert/Bridge Maintenance	5,000	5,000	1,000	-4,000	-80.0%	
Total 4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES	5,000	5,000	1,000	-4,000	-80.0%	0
Total 4316 STREET LIGHTING	3,000	2,888	3,000	0	0.0%	0
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	900,433	644,912	925,698	25,265	2.8%	20,466
4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION						
4321.1 Wages	68,300	63,016	74,757	6,457	9.5%	
4321.3 Overtime	5,000	278	5,000	0	0.0%	
4321.2 Recycling Services	20,000	14,664	5,000	-15,000	-75.0%	
4321.4 Telephone	1,500	2,321	1,000	-500	-33.3%	
4321.5 Supplies	1,500	559	750	-750	-50.0%	
4321.6 Electricity	5,800	2,616	3,000	-2,800	-48.3%	
4321.7 Gas & Oil	5,400	2,461	3,500	-1,900	-35.2%	
4323.8 Central NH Waste	1	0	1	0	0.0%	
4323.9 Building Maintenance	2,500	841	2,500	0	0.0%	
4323.10 Seminars	400	100	400	0	0.0%	
<i>Truck Repairs</i>						
4323.P Packer Truck Repairs	4,000	692	2,000	-2,000	-50.0%	

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Expense Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2025 Revenue	Offset
4323.12 Truck Repairs - Other	1		0	1	0	0.0%	
Sub-Total Truck Repairs	4,001	692	2,001	-2,000	-50.0%		0
4323.15 Universal Waste	3,000	1,963	2,500	-500	-16.7%		
Equipment Repairs							
4323.T Trailer	2,000	0	500	-1,500	-75.0%		
4323.B Baler Repairs	1,000	83	200	200			
4323.16 Equipment Repairs - Other	3,000	0	800	-200	-20.0%		0
Sub-Total Equipment Repairs	8,000	8,863	1,500	-1,500	-50.0%		
4323.17 Bag Purchase	1	0	8,000	0	0.0%		
4321.18 Hazardous Clean-up	1	0	1	0	0.0%		
4321.19 Storm Water Drainage	1	0	1	0	0.0%		
4323.19 Ground Water Testing	6,500	7,510	10,100	3,600	55.4%		
4321.30 SWC Secretatory Wages	1,000	980	1,000	0	0.0%		
SWC Miscellaneous	135,904	106,947	122,011	-13,893	-10.2%		0
Total 4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION							
4324 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	48,000	46,181	51,000	3,000	6.3%		12,000
4324.1 Co-op Fee Ash Disposal	48,000	46,181	51,000	3,000	6.3%		12,000
Total 4324 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL							
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	183,904	153,128	173,011	-10,893	-5.9%		12,000
4351 ENERGY COMMITTEE							
4351.5a Administration	750	115	250	-500	-66.7%		
4351.6 Community Power Committee	2,500	180	1,000	-1,500	-60.0%		
4351.7 CCPC Secretary Wages	1,000		1,000	1,000			
4351.1 Clean Energy NH Membership	250	300	250	0	0.0%		
4351.02 Training	150	0	150	0	0.0%		
4351.3 Programs	250	145	250	0	0.0%		
4351.5 Misc	100	35	100	0	0.0%		
Total 4351 ENERGY COMMITTEE	4,000	775	3,000	-1,000	-25.0%		0
4411 HEALTH							
4411.2 Health Officer	100	0	100	0	0.0%		
4411.1 Animal Control	200	0	200	0	0.0%		
4415 Health Agencies							
4415.2 Penacook Rescue	166,204	166,204	185,122	18,918	11.4%		
4415.3 Belmont Rescue	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	0.0%		
Sub-Total Health Agencies	176,204	176,204	195,122	18,918	10.7%		0
Total 4411 HEALTH	176,504	176,204	195,422	18,918	10.7%		0
4441 WELFARE							
4441.1 Welfare Administrator	1	0	1	0	0.0%		
4441.2 Aid/Disabled VNA	1	0	1	0	0.0%		

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Expense Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2025 Revenue	Offset
4441.3 Community Action Program	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0.0%		
CASA Donation			2,500	2,500			
Total 4441	2,602	2,600	5,102	2,500	96.1%	0	0
4442 DIRECT ASSISTANCE							
4442.1 Direct Assistance	8,000	13,775	20,000	12,000	150.0%		
Total 4442	8,000	13,775	20,000	12,000	150.0%	0	0
4550 LIBRARY							
<i>Trust Fund Expenses</i>							
4550.30 Programs/Passes	2,500	1,790	2,500	0	0.0%	2,500	
4550.32 Books/Mags/Materials	5,000	5,894	5,000	0	0.0%	5,000	
4550.33 Town Newsletter	350	350	350	0	0.0%	350	
4550.34 Contracts	4,000	4,025	5,000	1,000	25.0%	5,000	
4550.35 Technology Labor	2,500	2,939	2,500	0	0.0%	2,500	
4550.36 Capital Improvements/Computers	5,000	1,895	4,500	-500	-10.0%	4,500	
4550.38 Continuing Education	500	170	1,000	500	100.0%	1,000	
4550.39 Wages	9,000	0	9,000	0	0.0%	9,000	
Sub-Total	28,850	17,063	29,850	1,000	3.5%	29,850	29,850
<i>Library Expenses</i>							
4550.1 Wages	149,000	158,864	155,356	6,356	4.3%		
4550.2 Maintenance Repairs	6,000	5,874	6,000	0	0.0%		
4550.3 Books/Mags/Materials	9,000	9,092	8,000	-1,000	-11.1%		
4550.4 Dues/Meetings/Education	700	747	800	100	14.3%		
4550.5 Telephone	1,500	1,723	1,900	400	26.7%		
4550.7 Electricity	2,700	3,126	3,300	600	22.2%		
4550.8 Postage	400	351	500	100	25.0%		
4550.9 Equipment Supplies	6,000	3,852	5,500	-500	-8.3%		
4550.10 Health Insurance	82,060	82,060	54,000	-28,060	-34.2%	8,241	
4550.11 Programs	1,000	1,162	1,500	500	50.0%		
4550.15 Retirement	13,544	13,886	14,071	527	3.9%		
4550.21 Cleaning	4,200	4,821	4,500	300	7.1%		
455.17 Disability/Life Insurance			2,544	2,544			
Sub-Total	276,104	285,558	257,971	-18,133	-6.6%	8,241	8,241
Total 4550 LIBRARY	304,954	302,620	287,821	-17,133	-5.6%	38,091	38,091
4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES							
4583.1 Memorial Day	500	488	500	0	0.0%		
4583.2 Fourth of July	8,000	7,604	8,000	0	0.0%		
Total 4583	8,500	8,092	8,500	0	0.0%	0	0
4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY							
4589.1 Preservation Expense	1,300	1,775	1,300	0	0.0%		
4589.2 Misc. Supplies	200	200	200	0	0.0%		

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Expense Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2025 Revenue	Offset
Total 4589	1,500	1,975	1,500	0	0.0%		0
4651 HISTORICAL SOCIETY							
HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION							
4651.1 Secretary Wages	1,050	940	1,050	0	0.0%		
4651.2 Postage	50	196	50	0	0.0%		
4651.3 Printing	200	389	200	0	0.0%		
Total 4651	1,300	1,524	1,300	0	0.0%		0
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	316,254	314,212	299,121	-17,133	-5.4%		38,091
4500 PARKS & RECREATION							
4520.14 Riverland Conservation Area	750	880	900	150	20.0%		
4520.1 Repairs	1	0	1	0	0.0%		
<i>Soccer</i>							
4520.3 Soccer Field Maintenance	450	200	450	0	0.0%		
4520.4 Soccer Program Admin Costs	120	1,211	120	0	0.0%		
4520.5 Soccer Equipment	1,995	487	1,995	0	0.0%		
Soccer - Other	173	173	0	0	0.0%		
<i>Sub-Total</i>	2,565	2,071	2,565	0	0.0%		0
<i>Halloween</i>							
4520.10 Decorations & Supplies	600	732	600	0	0.0%		
4520.11 Refreshment & Candy Costs	1,000	1,043	1,000	0	0.0%		
<i>Sub-Total</i>	1,600	1,775	1,600	0	0.0%		0
Total 4500	4,916	4,726	5,066	150	3.1%		0
4611 CONSERVATION							
4611.1 Dues	700	600	700	0	0.0%		
4611.2 Postage	25	0	25	0	0.0%		
4611.3 Printing & Advertising	100	0	100	0	0.0%		
4611.4 Supplies	25	0	25	0	0.0%		
4611.5 Professional Services	1,000	0	500	-500	-50.0%		
4611.6 Training	150	0	150	0	0.0%		
4611.7 Easement Monitoring	3,000	2,715	2,800	-200	-6.7%		
4611.8 Land Management	6,300	4,873	6,300	0	0.0%		
4611.10 Rocky Pond Treatment	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.0%		
4611.12 Administrative Support	400	15	400	0	0.0%		
4611.13 Conservation Project Support	1	0	1	0	0.0%		
Total 4611	12,701	9,203	12,001	-700	-5.5%		0
4652 Agricultural Commission							
4652.1 Administration	250	284	250	0	0.0%		
Total 4652	250	284	250	0	0.0%		
4711 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBTS							
4711.9 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	60,000	60,000	60,000	0	0.0%		

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Expense Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2025 Revenue	Offset
Backhoe Lease			23,896	23,896			
Total 4711	60,000	60,000	83,896	23,896	39.8%		0
INTEREST LONG TERM DEBTS							
4721							
4721.81 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	8,160	8,160	8,160	0	0.0%		
Total 4721	8,160	8,160	17,339	9,179	112.5%		0
INTEREST LONG TERM DEBTS							
4725							
4725.2 Body Camera Lease	3,500	3,483	3,500	0	0.0%		
Total 4725	3,500	3,483	3,500	0	0.0%		0
SUB-TOTAL ALL DEPT EXPENSE	3,323,452	3,104,087	3,485,250	161,798	4.9%		103,263
WARRANT ARTICLES							
2024-12 Backhoe	209,950	66,404					
2024-13 Grader	440,000	425,000					
2024-15 Capital Reserve Deposits	118,000	118,000					
2024-16 Gold Star	36,704	36,704					
2024-17 Cemetery Expansion	33,000	33,000					
2024-18 Mini-Split for Hist. Soc.	10,000	6,700					
2024-19 Website Upgrade	10,000	10,000					
2024-20 Steam Cleaner for HD	10,000	8,519					
2024-21 Folder/Insenter for Town Clerk	5,500	5,500					
2024-22 Repair Gazebo Railings	6,000	6,000					
2024-23 Gutters for Meeting House	4,000	3,370					
2024-24 Sam Lake Trust Fund	15,000	12,046					
2025-8 Capital Reserve Deposits			88,000				
2025-9 Gold Star Bond			35,874			35,874	
2025-10 Ballot Counting Device			7,000			7,000	
2025-11 Sam Lake House Garage Renovation			80,000			80,000	
2025-12 Weatherization of Elkins Public Library			20,000				
2025-13 Voting Equipment Capital Reserve Fund			5,000				
2025-14 Renewable Energy Capital Reserve Fund			1,000				
2025-15 Transfer Station Upgrade Study			6,500			6,500	
2025-16 Hazardous Waste Day			10,500				
2025-17 Electric Compactor (Not Recommended)			60,000				
2025-19 Sam Lake Trust Fund			15,000			15,000	
Total WARRANT ARTICLES	898,154	731,243	328,874	-569,280	-63.4%		144,374
GRAND TOTAL with WARRANT ARTICLES	4,221,606	3,835,330	3,814,124	-407,482	-9.7%		247,637

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Expense Item	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2025 Revenue Offset
5000 ENCUMBERENCES						
22-14E Vertical Baler Encumbrance	9,300	9,267	2025 Encumbered			
4312.3E Road Tar	23,958	23,958	43,353			
4140.E Voting Machine	7,000	0				
4312.4E Road Improvements - Other	6,525	6,338				
2023-7E Highway Truck	76,899	76,899				
4611.8e Conservation - Land Mgmt			2,000			
4195.6e Cemetery Maintenance			2,572			
4210.91e Police Dept			34,582			
Total 5000 ENCUMBERED	123,682	116,461	82,507			

New to 2025 budget

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REVENUE TO OFFSET 2025 BUDGET

		2024 Budget	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
3100	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Tax	0	41,447	0
3185	Timber Tax	10,000	12,468	10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	9,500	6,250	10,500
Total 3100		19,500	60,165	20,500
3200	LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	575,500	634,999	575,500
3230	Building Permits	15,000	21,204	15,000
3240	Municipal Agent Fees	20,000	22,526	20,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	2,100	4,338	2,100
Total 3200		612,600	683,067	612,600
3300	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
3350.9	Grants-State of NH	0	95,702	0
3300.2	Rooms & Meals Tax	220,000	237,714	220,000
3350.3	Highway Block Grant	93,000	67,117	77,741
3350.4	State & Federal Forest Land	160	129	100
3359.1	Other State Revenues	100	440	100
3359.5	Voter Checklist Town Portion	200	400	100
3359.6	UCC Quarterly Income	900	1,050	900
3559.8	Municipal Aid	0	29,153	0
Total 3300		314,360	431,704	298,941
3400	CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401.68	Fire & EMS Training Reimb.	0	4,737	1,000
3401.1	Planning Board Fees	1,500	1,369	1,500
3401.3	ZBA Fees	3,500	3,095	3,000
3401.6	Police Dept Off Duty Details	25,000	77,390	25,000
3401.10	Pistol Permits	100	200	100
3401.11	Police Department - Reports	200	418	200
3401.20	Copier Income	100	18	0
3401.42	Misc. Income	0	-479	0
3401.50	Historic District Comm Fees	0	270	100
3401.52	Fire Department Inspections	100	0	100
3401.59	Town Hall Rental Income	100	375	100
3401.63	Cemetery Plots	2,000	5,200	2,000
3401.67	Fire Dept Off Duty Details	1,500	6,971	1,500
Total 3400		34,100	99,564	34,600
35	REVENUES FROM MISC SOURCES			
3190	Interest & Penalties	10,000	12,112	10,000
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	2,500	30,000	2,500
3502	Interest on Investments	10,000	83,549	20,000
3507	Health Insurance Reimbursement	43,366	35,059	44,913
3510	NSF Fee	0	25	0
3512	Library offset - Trust Funds	28,850	23,729	29,850
3515	Misc Revenues	1,000	38,442	1,000
2025-9	Gold Star Bond (WA 2024-16)	36,704	36,704	35,874

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2025-10	Voting Machine			7,000
2025-19	Sam Lake Trust (WA 2024-24)	15,000	12,046	15,000
Total 35		147,420	271,666	166,137
3500.1	ENTERPRISE FUND			
3401.40	Transfer Station Fees	15,000	16,283	15,000
3401.41	Recycled Waste	12,000	12,482	12,000
3401.58	Textiles	600	623	600
4100	PAYT Bags	55,000	56,510	55,000
4100.2	Private Hauler Reimbursement	12,000	12,694	12,000
Total 3500.1		94,600	98,591	94,600
3915	TRANSFERS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	450,000	455,602	86,500
TOTAL REVENUE		1,672,580	2,100,359	1,313,878

Appropriations Recommended	\$	3,485,250
Individual Warrant Articles	\$	268,874
Total Appropriations	\$	3,754,124
Less: Total Proposed Revenue	\$	1,313,878
Est Amount of Taxes to be raised	\$	2,440,246

UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

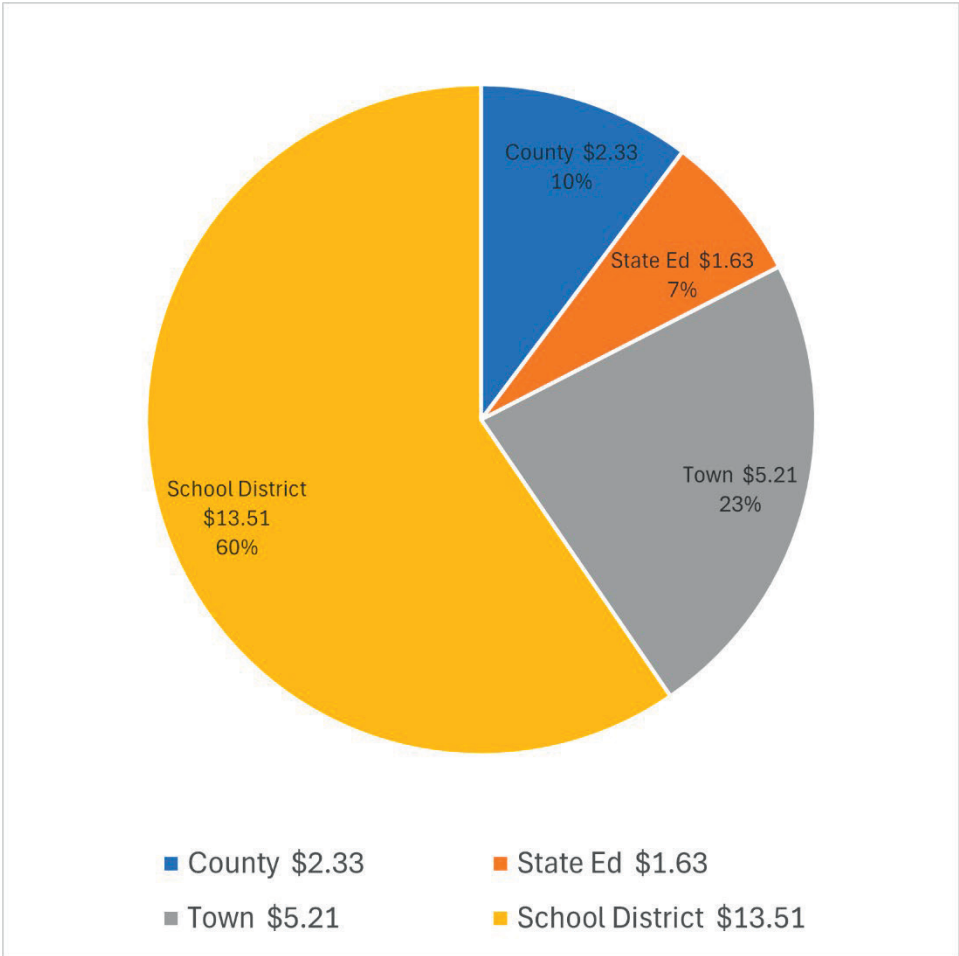
Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,945,084
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$	(500,000)
Less Amount Voted (Gold Star)	\$	(36,704)
Total Retained	\$	1,408,380

2024 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL RATE = \$22.68

2024 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value.

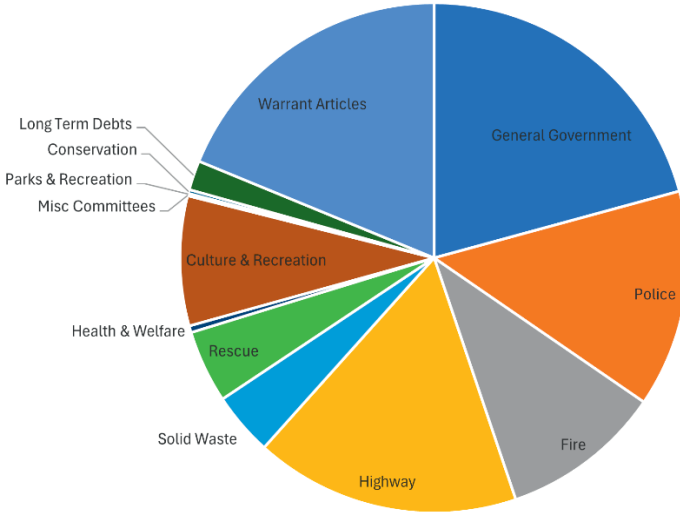
Total Assessed Valuation = \$ 378,911,589



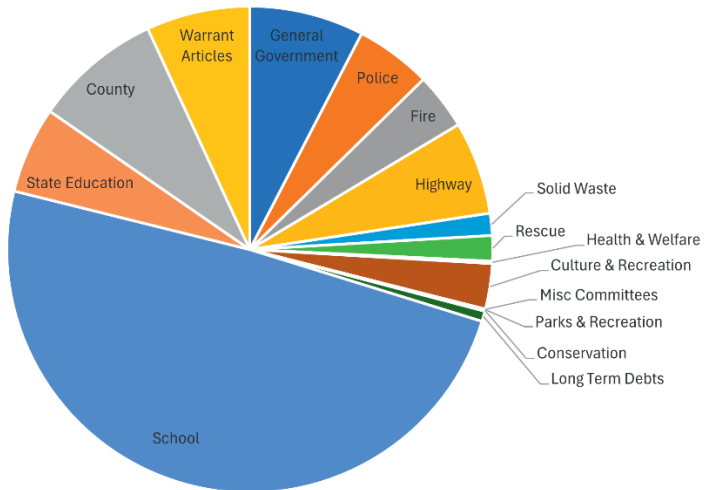
2024 TOWN EXPENSES

These charts represent monies paid by the Selectmen in 2024 for the operating budget, approved warrant articles, and school, state, and county appropriations.

Municipal Only



All Expenses



- General Government \$794,563
- Police \$526,631
- Fire \$391,431
- Highway \$644,912
- Solid Waste \$153,128
- Rescue \$176,204
- Health & Welfare \$16,375
- Culture & Recreation \$314,212
- Misc Committees \$1,059
- Parks & Recreation \$4,726
- Conservation \$9,203
- Long Term Debts \$71,643
- School \$5,119,581
- State Education \$599,824
- County \$884,749
- Warrant Articles \$719,197

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**LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS
STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE
REQUIREMENTS**

GOLDSTAR

Rate of Interest	4% - 5%
Amount of Original Issue	\$800,000
Date of Original Issue	7/21/2005
Principal Payment Date	August 15
Interest Payment Date	February 20 & August 20
Payable At	NH Municipal Bond Bank

FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
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	\$ 32,193.76	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

**MORRILL ROAD BRIDGE / COMMAND CAR /
POLICE CRUISERS**

Rate of Interest	0.75%
Amount of Original Issue	\$312,053
Date of Original Issue	8/15/2021
Principal Payment Date	February 15 & August 15
Interest Payment Date	February 15 & August 15
Payable At	NH Municipal Bond Bank

FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2022	\$ 92,053	\$ 14,300.73	2025	\$ 50,000	\$ 5,100.00
2023	\$ 60,000	\$ 11,220.00	2026	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,550.00
2024	\$ 60,000	\$ 8,160.00			

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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 A/C Reconciliation

Beginning Market Value 1/1/2024	\$ 227,467.57
Cash Activity	
Dividends	\$ 8,422.47
Interest	\$ 304.06
Long Term/Short Term Cap Gains	\$ 1,108.08
Fiduciary Fees	\$ (5,760.72)
Other Disbursements of Cash	\$ (12,249.66)
Total Cash Activity	\$ (8,175.77)
Net Gain/(Loss)	
Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 1,436.13
Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 6,952.63
Total Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ 8,388.76
Ending Market Value (Excluding Accruals) 12/31/2024	\$ 227,680.56

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 1/1/2024	\$ 288,973.31
Deposits	\$ 41,446.50
Withdrawals	\$ -
Interest Earned	\$ 6,759.51
Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2024	\$ 337,179.32

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Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2024

Name and Purpose of Trust	Account	Balance at Beginning of Year		New Funds Created	Principal Capital Gain or Loss		Balance at End of Year	Income		Balance at End of Year	Total Principal & Income	
		Beginning of Year	End of Year		Withdrawals	Income		Expense				
Nonexpendable Trusts:												
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Church	105640006	200.00	200.00				200.00	15.13	82.91	98.04	298.04	
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	105640007	4,000.00	4,000.00				4,000.00	244.63	577.67	822.30	4,822.30	
Lucia Elkins - Elkins Mem Bldg Repairs	105640034	1,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00	76.31	428.04	504.35	1,504.35	
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	105640009	3,000.00	3,000.00				3,000.00	1,287.62	229.11	1,516.73	4,516.73	
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	105640010	424.00	424.00				424.00	32.23	179.22	211.45	635.45	
Lucia Elkins - Sick & Worthy Poor	105640011	6,987.00	6,987.00				6,987.00	436.95	1,189.96	1,626.91	8,613.91	
John Kezar - School District	105640012	3,702.10	3,702.10				3,702.10	282.79	1,872.81	3,574.91	5,274.91	
Benevolent Fund - Glasses & Dental	105640013	700.00	700.00				700.00	205.55	3,146.61	3,852.16	4,052.16	
Canterbury Youth Fund	105640014	751.00	751.00				751.00	178.18	2,583.17	2,761.35	3,512.35	
Thompson Memorial - 4H Scholarship	105640015	750.00	750.00				750.00	91.28	958.24	1,049.52	1,799.52	
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	105640017	37,525.00	37,525.00				37,525.00	2,785.17	14,595.55	17,380.72	54,905.72	
Subtotal		59,039.10	59,039.10	-	-	-	59,039.10	4,577.33	26,619.00	31,196.33	90,235.43	
Expendable Trusts:												
Jeremiah Clough Cemetery Trust	105640036	75.00	75.00				75.00	6.28	42.25	48.53	123.53	
Capital Reserve Funds												
Highway Equipment	105640003	90,077.20	99,082.53		(994.67)		99,082.53	5,142.14	5,380.18	2,997.99	102,080.52	
Highway Trucks	105640004	39,000.00	69,000.00				69,000.00	4,197.87	22,485.58	26,683.45	95,683.45	
Highway Grader	105640005	345,000.00	21,928.99		(353,071.01)		33,709.50	9,470.79	38,300.84	842.64	22,771.63	
Firefighting Equipment	105640029	33,709.50	33,709.50				33,709.50	2,094.55	5,487.20	7,581.75	41,291.25	
Conservation	105640020	36,000.00	36,000.00				36,000.00	2,239.43	5,907.61	8,147.04	44,147.04	
Transfer Station Upgrades	105640038	-	-				-	353.31	6,611.15	6,964.46	6,964.46	
Landfill Closure	105640024	115,723.00	116,723.00				116,723.00	7,763.18	28,985.10	36,748.28	153,471.28	
Building Maintenance	105640027	23,823.87	25,685.58		(3,138.29)		25,685.58	1,428.49	2,830.13	313.83	25,999.41	
Sam Lake House	105640028	51,967.35	64,013.01				64,013.01	3,196.53	5,159.57	8,356.10	72,369.11	
Highway Dept Loader	105640031	110,000.00	140,000.00				140,000.00	7,117.78	6,127.20	13,244.98	153,244.98	
Fire Truck	105640032	62,786.30	62,786.30				62,786.30	4,687.58	24,935.38	29,622.96	92,409.26	
Rescue Truck	105640033	131,465.22	143,465.22				143,465.22	7,929.23	10,090.60	18,019.83	161,485.05	
Highway Backhoe	105640035	40,000.00	31,566.64		(36,843.36)		31,566.64	1,033.64	2,218.47	95.47	3,252.11	
Bridge Maintenance and Construction	105640037	63,066.82	63,066.82				63,066.82	922.47	165,483.73	164,009.18	67,408.69	
Subtotal		1,142,694.26	878,692.59		(394,047.33)		878,692.59	60,080.20	61,554.75	1,042,701.77	1,042,701.77	
Total		1,201,733.36	937,731.69		(394,047.33)		937,731.69	64,657.53	61,554.75	195,205.51	1,132,937.20	

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

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER – 2024

Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	\$	4,043,916.94
Tax Collector	\$	8,562,622.25
Town Clerk	\$	880,310.93
State of New Hampshire	\$	336,002.83
Grant Money Received	\$	95,701.54
Income from Departments	\$	197,187.15
Transfer from Sam Lake Trust	\$	12,045.66
Capital Reserve	\$	455,602.08
Library Offset	\$	23,729.08
Interest on Investments	\$	83,549.00
Enterprise Fund	\$	97,832.96
Payroll Account Deposits	\$	1,448,883.34
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	12,193,466.82
	\$	16,237,383.76
Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$	3,905,349.66
Payroll Disbursements	\$	1,435,454.66
ACH Transfers to State	\$	214,745.85
Tax Anticipation Note	\$	-
Capital Reserve	\$	118,000.00
School Tax	\$	5,212,074.00
County Tax	\$	884,749.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	11,770,373.17
Ending Balance 12/31/2024	\$	4,467,010.59
Conservation Commission Fund	\$	337,179.32

RECONCILIATION TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER

Prop Taxes Remitted to Treasurer	\$	8,437,187.91
Interest & Penalties Remitted to Treasurer	\$	7,445.44
Converted to Liens Principle Only	\$	45,079.04
Redemptions	\$	53,744.34
Interests & Costs Collected	\$	4,666.45
Deleted Credit	\$	-
Check Payments Recovered	\$	14,499.07
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$	8,562,622.25

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Summary of Fees Collected for the Year Ending December 31, 2024

Motor Vehicle Fees Collected	Account #	Amount
	3220.80	\$ 214,745.85
	3220.00	\$ 633,997.00
	3220.B	\$ 1,001.96
Subtotal		\$ 849,744.81

Town Clerk Fees Collected	Account #	Amount
Agent Fee	3240.00	\$ 22,526.42
Vital Statistics	3290.40	\$ 1,960.00
Marriage Licenses	3290.30	\$ 91.00
Subtotal		\$ 24,577.42

Dog License Fees Collected	Account #	Amount
Dog Overpopulation Fee	3290.10	\$ 3,647.50
Dog Complaint	3401.11	\$ 25.00
Subtotal		\$ 3,672.50

Credit Account	1 + 3401.42	\$ 2,316.20
Total Fees Collected		\$ 880,310.93

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

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Tax Warrants for the Year Ending December 31, 2024

DEBITS

Uncollected Tax Balance Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for 2024	Levy for 2023
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 272,998.03	
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 3,649.12	
Property Tax Credit Balance		\$ (3,820.00)	
Taxes Committed This Year			
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 8,503,211.00	
Land Use Change Tax	3120	\$ 41,446.50	
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 13,062.41	
Overpayment Refunds			
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 6,032.00	
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 1,824.92	\$ 5,620.52
Total Debits		\$ 8,561,756.83	\$ 282,267.67

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for 2024	Levy for 2023
Property Taxes	\$ 8,153,464.70	\$ 227,918.99
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 41,446.50	
Yield Taxes	\$ 10,708.60	\$ 3,649.12
Interest (Including Lien Conversion)	\$ 1,749.92	\$ 4,641.52
Penalties	\$ 75.00	\$ 979.00
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$ 45,079.04
Abatements Made		
Property Taxes	\$ 15,139.00	
Yield Taxes	\$ 594.01	
Current Levy Deeded		
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year		
Property Taxes	\$ 343,443.30	
Yield Taxes	\$ 1,759.80	
Property Tax Credit Balance	\$ (6,624.00)	
Total Credits	\$ 8,561,756.83	\$ 282,267.67

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LIEN SUMMARY

Summary of Debits	Levy for 2023	Levy for 2022	Levy for 2021+
<u>Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year</u>	\$ -	\$ 28,278.67	\$ 737.17
<u>Liens Executed During Fiscal Year</u>	\$ 47,604.11	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution</u>	\$ 1,462.54	\$ 2,976.62	\$ 227.29
Total Debits	\$ 49,066.65	\$ 31,255.29	\$ 964.46
Summary of Credits			
<u>Redemptions</u>	\$ 32,538.50	\$ 20,468.67	\$ 737.17
<u>Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution (Account 3190)</u>	\$ 1,462.54	\$ 2,976.62	\$ 227.29
<u>Liens Deeded to Municipality</u>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year (Account 1110)</u>	\$ 15,065.61	\$ 7,810.00	\$ -
Total Credits	\$ 49,066.65	\$ 31,255.29	\$ 964.46

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

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk-Tax Collector

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**TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2024 SUMMARY
OF TAXABLE PROPERTY**

Current Use Land Assessed Value	\$	1,329,201
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$	4,366
Land (Improved and Unimproved)	\$	126,832,200
Residential Buildings	\$	224,713,249
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	\$	41,446
Commercial/Industrial	\$	16,788,295
Public Utilities	\$	11,105,900
Total Gross Valuation	\$	380,814,657
Less Elderly Exemptions	\$	1,419,100
Blind Exemptions	\$	30,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions	\$	375,000
Improvements to Assist Person W/ Disabilities	\$	78,968
Total Gross Exemptions	\$	1,903,068
Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County & Local Education Tax is computed	\$	378,911,589
Less Public Utilities	\$	11,105,900
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax computed	\$	367,805,689
Veteran's Tax Credit	\$	47,000
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit	\$	15,400
All Veteran's Tax Credit	\$	10,500
2024 Tax Rate		
Town Tax Rate	\$	5.21
County Tax Rate	\$	2.33
School Tax Rate	\$	13.51
State Education Tax Rate	\$	1.63
TAX RATE PER \$1,000	\$	22.68
2024 Median Ratio		64.5%

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SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Acres	Assessed Value
Town Hall & Land	5	\$ 314,700
Elkins Public Library		\$ 740,600
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
Total	17.43	\$ 3,470,900

Map Lot Sub #	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
101 002 0	Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest	0.69	\$ 71,100
101 010 0	37 Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$ 15,600
101 012 0	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.02	\$ 1,600
101 058 0	26 Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 14,600
101 062 0	39 Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.31	\$ 6,900
101 073 0	Shaker Road	Lyford Cemetery	0.08	\$
102 016 2	Flowage/Dam Rights	Sherwood Forest	0.00	\$
102 043 0	Island New Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 22,500
	Canterbury Shore			
102 052 0	85 Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 12,200
	Canterbury Shore			
102 071 0	65 Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.28	\$ 16,800
102 094 0	10 Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 14,600
102 149 0	0 Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.04	\$ 18,800
102 150 0	Island Lyford Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.40	\$ 24,000
107 024 0	Kimball Pond Road	Kinter Lot/CCC *	3.11	\$ 88,800
107 025 0	Kimball Pond Road	Robert S. Fife/CCC *	15.09	\$ 115,000
107 026 0	Kimball Pond Road	Robert S. Fife/CCC *	30.00	\$ 137,300
107 029 0	Center Road	Center Cemetery	2.40	\$ 1,800
203 008 0	Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	7.00	\$ 21,000
203 009 0	Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	9.00	\$ 27,000
203 016 0	Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	2.30	\$ 11,000
203 017 0	Mountain Road	Wooded / CCC	2.50	\$ 11,600
203 018 0	Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	4.30	\$ 16,400
203 019 0	Mountain Road	Wooded / CCC	5.25	\$ 19,000
203 020 0	Mountain Road	Topography/CCC	4.00	\$ 15,600
		R-0-W RD Thru Center		
203 022 0	Mountain Road	of Lot/CCC	45.00	\$ 70,500

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Map Lot Sub #	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
203 023 0	Mountain Road	Wooded/ CCC	5.40	\$ 19,400
203 024 0	Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC Gilmanton Town	3.00	\$ 12,900
203 029 0	Harmony Lane	Line/CCC Northfield Town	6.26	\$ 89,200
205 005 0	Misery Road	Line/CCC	20.00	\$ 88,800
208 018 0	Baptist Hill Road	Mathews Cemetery	0.04	\$
209 004 0	Shaker Road	Corner Lot	0.43	\$ 30,800
210 009 0	Mountain Road	CCC Backland / NHMS &	3.70	\$ 11,100
211 006 0	ES Route 106	Soucook River	0.63	\$ 1,900
216 003 0	Ayers Road	Backland Backland / Northfield	0.04	\$ 100
219 009 0	NS Intervale Road	Townline	0.24	\$ 700
221 002 0	Borough Road	N/F Peck	0.43	\$ 1,300
221 014 0	Borough Road	Smith Morrill Cemetery	0.05	\$
222 003 0	Borough Road	Backland/Access/CCC	22.00	\$ 45,500
223 013 0	Briar Bush Road	Wooded/CCC	20.00	\$ 115,500
226 002 0	ES Route 106	Gifted by Burt Family	30.00	\$ 138,500
227 006 0	Asby Road	Brown Cemetery Shell Meetinghouse	0.04	\$
229 004 0	Baptist Hill Road	Cemetery Osgoodite Family	0.52	\$
232 008 0	Borough Road	Cemetery	0.11	\$
233 012 0	Rum Brook Road	Bordered by I-93	5.80	\$ 74,700
234 014 0	Off Intervale Road	Backland/CCC Merrimack River	81.00	\$ 157,500
236 003 0	Intervale Road	Frontage	5.10	\$ 94,800
237 019 0	Big Meadow	Backland/Wetland/CCC	11.00	\$ 27,100
238 003 0	Northwest Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC Backland/Wetland/CCC	7.40	\$ 22,200
238 004 0	Northwest Road	*	11.70	\$ 28,400
240 007 0	Abbott Road	Hannah Moore Lot/CCC	25.00	\$ 50,200
241 023 0	Baptist Hill Road	Maple Grove Cemetery	6.20	\$
241 031 0	Baptist Road	Pevery Meadow/CCC	10.30	\$ 24,600
241 033 0	Baptist Road	Old Rangeway	5.20	\$ 22,000
243 006 0	Shaker Road	N/F Berry, Viola Estate	3.70	\$ 11,100
245 003 0	OFF Welch Road	Backland/Access/CCC	12.70	\$ 51,500
245 004 0	ROW Welch Road	Backland/Access/CCC Backland/Access/Pond/C	15.00	\$ 53,700
245 005 0	Baptist Road	CC Backland/Access/Pond/C	20.00	\$ 42,600
245 007 0	Baptist Road	CC	23.00	\$ 23,500
245 008 0	Baptist Road	Backland/Wetland/CCC Backland/Wetland/CCC	10.70	\$ 13,200
245 009 0	Baptist Road	*	20.50	\$ 43,700

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Map Lot Sub #	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
		Spender Meadow/Crane		
245 010 0	SE Baptist Road	Neck Pond/CCC	16.00	\$ 27,400
245 011 0	Baptist Road	Backland/CCC	66.00	\$ 74,300
		Wetlands/ R-OW /		
246 013 0	Baptist Road	Access / CCC	3.90	\$ 46,200
247 032 0	Southwest Road	Unknown ROW	0.27	\$ 14,100
		Island on Merrimack		
250 005 0	Island	River	0.61	\$ 70,100
252 033 0	WS Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC *	19.06	\$ 121,500
		Kimball II West		
253 039 0	Pickard Road	Cemetery	0.08	\$
253 042 0	WS Kimball Pond Road	Pond/CCC *	22.20	\$ \$126,400
254 001 0	Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow/CCC	12.50	\$ \$30,000
254 003 0	Spender Meadow	Spender Meadow/CCC	10.80	\$ \$26,600
		Whitney & Lovejoy Rds		
255 014 0	Whitney Hill Road	Triangle/CCC	12.80	\$ \$48,000
	Old Schoolhouse			
258 027 0	Road	Side of Class VI Road	0.20	\$ \$25,500
		Canterbury/Boscawen		
261 003 0	West Road	Bridge/CCC	5.40	\$ \$95,700
		N/F Elbridge Carter		
262 003 0	Along Merrimack	Heirs	16.50	\$ \$37,100
263 017 0	Abby Drive	Open Space	0.52	\$ \$27,600
263 021 0	Cambridge Drive	Open Space	3.00	\$ \$36,000
263 026 0	Layton Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.44	\$ \$25,100
263 031 0	Layton Drive	Open Space/CCC	14.40	\$ \$61,400
263 035 0	Cambridge Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.97	\$ \$29,900
263 040 0	Cambridge Drive	Pond/Open Space	3.80	\$ \$38,400
263 043 0	Abby Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.63	\$ \$28,200
263 044 0	Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.66	\$ \$28,300
264 011 0	New Road	Concord Frontage/CCC	28.00	\$ \$89,300
		Riverland		
267 051 0	Oxbow Pond Road	Conservation/CCC *	68.73	\$ \$220,400

Acres	845.10
Parcel Values	\$ 3,377,700
Town Building Values	\$ 3,470,900
Town Owned Building and Parcels	<u>\$ 6,848,600</u>

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We reach the end of another year with great appreciation to the efforts of Town officials, both elected and appointed, and the Town Employees who keep Canterbury safe, clean, functioning, and fiscally sound. Many who fill these positions give their time and efforts for not just one or two years, but one or two decades – and more! We offer profound thanks to the following dedicated community members and wish the best to their replacements:

Cheryl Gordon, who stepped down from the Board of Selectmen after 4 terms, not to mention her 30 years of service to Canterbury as Town Clerk-Tax Collector. Beth Blair was voted in to fill Cheryl's vacancy, and much appreciates the wisdom (and back copies of Town reports) that Cheryl has shared with her.

Joe Halla, who served as Chairman of the ZBA from 1980-2024. Joe's 40+ years of service have had a lasting impact on the community, and we thank him for his tenacity. The new Chairman of the ZBA, Jim Weick, has big shoes to fill!

Lois Scribner served as recording secretary on many boards and committees, and her retirement is sorely felt. It has been promising to welcome Michelle Hammond to the team, and to also welcome back Jan Stout into the Town's new position of Land Use Administrator.

Lt./EMT David Nelson retired after having served the Canterbury Fire Dept. for 24 years. In his stead we welcome Herb Batchelder, a retired Firefighter/Paramedic from North Reading, MA a with long history of family ties to Canterbury.

Chief Michael Labrecque retired from the Canterbury Police Dept. after serving the Town since 2016. We thank our outgoing Chief for making sure there was an admirable choice for his replacement. Our new Chief, Justin Crotty, has served the community as Sergeant for many years with the Canterbury Police Dept.

We also said goodbye to Police Lt. Mike Crockwell. We will miss his calm and professional demeanor. In a nod to his many years experience as an officer, Kristopher Dupuis has been promoted to part-time Lieutenant. We welcomed two new full-time police officers, Michael Dumas and Jordon

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Westgate, and are pleased to have found a new Police Admin. Assistant, Deanna Sepessy.

David Heath, retired after 40 years of dedicated service and hard work for our Highway Dept. His has been a hard position to fill, and the Highway Dept. continued to have a challenging year after David's departure. We also appreciated the skill and hard work of Evan Hauptman who also left the Highway Dept. this past year.

It must be noted that even with a wealth of work to be done, recruitment and retention of employees has been particularly challenging. This situation is not unique to Canterbury itself – many of the surrounding communities are short staffed in all areas. The Selectboard and Town Administrator have spent much of this year planning on the best way to attract new employees and make Canterbury an attractive and viable choice for long-term careers. Salary and benefits are important considerations, but housing is an equal challenge.

Another concern this past year was the dramatic increase in our tax bill, realized particularly in December. The Board of Selectmen and Town Administration focused a great deal of energy on getting out as much information across all media – the town website, Community Newsletter, Town Email List, etc. – to keep residents informed and provide ways to ask questions.

On the lighter side of town business, we were pleased to see the bandstand on the green get a bit of a facelift with new, strong railings, and the promise of fresh paint and rot-treatment come Spring. The historic Town Hall was outfitted with window inserts thanks to volunteer efforts and the Window Dressers Team, and the Center was once again aglow with lights on the giant Spruce and gazebo thanks to the Recreation Committee, Friends of Canterbury Center, and a variety of volunteers.

We also thank Kim Scammon and the group of residents who took on the project of replacing the failing culvert system off Rocky Pond. This project was a monumental undertaking. We also acknowledge and thank the residents around Lyford Pond for their hard work in stabilizing the Lyford Pond dam. The dam was built by the Shakers approximately 200 years ago and was becoming unstable. Thanks to a cooperative effort between the Friends of Lyford Pond and the State of New Hampshire Dam Bureau, the dam has been stabilized. More work will eventually be

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needed, but the future of the dam is much brighter. Both the dam and culvert repairs give us hope for the future of our community.

We are happy to report that a long-term project was finally completed. The Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen worked with Comcast/Xfinity to finally bring high speed internet to all residents of our town. Despite supply chain issues almost all residents now have broadband available. As of this writing, approximately 20 residences are still waiting for service, which should become available soon. Thanks for your patience as we worked through this challenge!

It is a very old saying that goes “It takes a Village to raise a child.” In Canterbury, the Board of Selectmen is just part of our village. It is the concentrated effort of Town Administrator and support staff, employees, committee members, and volunteers that continue to keep Canterbury strong. Let us continue to work together in 2025 and look forward to celebrating our 300th year during our Tricentennial in 2027!

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Doherty, *Chair*
Kent Ruesswick
Beth Blair

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

The 2024 Operating Budget was underspent by \$219,365. We underspent in several areas due to vacancies and reduced spending, and overspent in others due to unexpected costs. Legal was over by \$13,000, due in part to costs for Planning Board reviews and the Selectmen sponsored a Right to Know seminar for all town boards and committees. We also had a water leak at the Town Hall which resulted in the need to replace the floors in the bathrooms and hall. This cost was off-set by the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Account.

The Baler at the Transfer Station is now operating, which enables us to ship cardboard and paper to a buyer and receive income, instead of having to pay to get it recycled. However, the markets change which sometimes forces us to have to pay to recycle, especially mixed paper.

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We encumbered funds for Road Tar (\$43,353), Police Dept. Tasers and Body Cameras (\$34,582), Conservation Land Management (\$2,000), and Cemetery (\$2,572).

The Fire Dept. was awarded \$72,368 in Assistance to Firefighters grant for Radios in 2023 and this year purchased new radios both for vehicles and portables as well as a new antenna at the Safety Complex. They also received a grant and purchased new Fire Hose for \$10,000 and other equipment for \$4,095. The new Fire Engine is due to be delivered in 2026.

We also received grants for the Master Plan updates and Zoning work for - \$9,320 and a grant for \$3,500 to secure storage for voting records.

The town sold three town owned lots. Map 102 Lot 36 for \$2,500, Map 208 Lot 9 for \$24,000, and Map 101 Lot 21 for \$3,500.

The 2025 Operating Budget is \$3,485,250 which is up by \$161,798 or 4.9% with a Revenue Offset of \$103,263 and \$82,507 in Encumbered Funds. Areas that saw the largest increases were: Fees for Solid Waste are up from \$90 per ton to \$95; Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance went up \$7,800; Direct Assistance went up \$12,000. Penacook Rescue fees increased by \$18,918. We met with Boscawen, Salisbury, and Merrimack County Commissioners to discuss the increase. This is directly tied to PRS operating costs. Part-Time Police Chief Mike Labrecque retired in March and the Selectmen promoted Justin Crotty. We now have a Full-Time Police Chief; three Full-Time Patrol Officers and Kris Dupuis as our Part-Time Lieutenant. Full-Time Firefighter/EMT Dave Nelson also retired in March. We now staff day time coverage with a Part-Time FF/Paramedic and Per Diem FF/EMT's.

The Consumer Price Index rose by 2.9%. We have done wage surveys with "similar" towns and found that our wages are competitive. However, we, as well as all other municipalities are still having trouble finding qualified individuals to fill vacancies. The Board of Selectmen are proposing increases of 4% for most employees.

As everyone is aware, the Shaker Regional School District budget caused a significant tax impact for Canterbury residents. The School District budget for 2025 is on the Canterbury Town and School District Websites. I encourage all to review the school budget as this will continue have a significant impact on taxes for 2025.

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As always, I want to thank all the staff, employees, and members of the various Boards and Committees for their dedicated work throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Folsom, *Town Administrator*

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

In the spring of 2024, long time department employee, Lieutenant Dave Nelson retired from full time service after 24 years. Lt. Nelson remains a member of our on call force; I am thankful for his service to the town. After much deliberation on how we would ensure adequate staffing moving forward, a decision was made to staff using a hybrid model of having a regular employee three days a week and then staffing using a per diem format 2 days a week. The Selectmen as well as the Town Administrator were instrumental in the development of this plan. We are still staffed with someone on duty Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. For regular business such as permits, you can call or stop by during these hours, and someone will be glad to assist you. For emergencies, call 911 and someone will be there to assist you 24/7.

In 2024, we received 386 emergency calls for requests through 911. These calls included medical calls, interstate incidents, as well as fires. This amount was 13% more than we did in 2023. Inspections, public education demonstrations, and trainings totaled 196.

I am appreciative of the volunteers who continuously contribute their time, effort, and skills to the department. If it weren't for the efforts of these 20+ members, as well as the members who have come before them, we would not be able to respond to emergencies in town. Much of the work that they do is unheralded such as training and preparing the tools and equipment to respond. Be sure to acknowledge their efforts if you ever have the opportunity to do so.

In closing, we are appreciative of the continued support of the residents of the town. We at Canterbury Fire-Rescue take pride in serving our community and look forward to continuing to do so in 2025.

Respectfully,
Michael Gamache, *Fire Chief*

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT

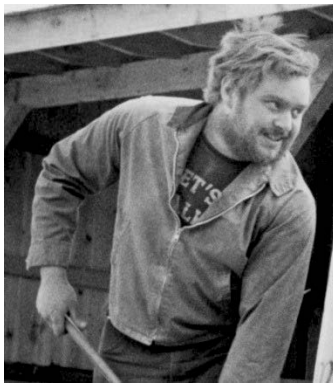
2024 was another busy year for building and zoning. I have issued a total of 196 permits, including 2 additional storage buildings added to Hall Road. 41 were building permits, 6 of which were new houses. 49 were electrical permits, 15 were plumbing permits, 10 were Solar permits, 54 were gas permits, 2 were pool permits and 15 were Certificates of Occupancies.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel French, *Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer*

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

I'll start by thanking David Bowles and Andres Romero for working the year short handed. There is a lot of action at the Transfer Station and they handle it well. Thank you to Boden Gendron for mowing, Transfer Station, and Highway fill in. Thank you to Roy Plisko for stepping in to mow and help in highway. Thank you to Ben Davis, Roy Plisko, Nick Galambos, and Matt Remillard for plowing help this 24/25 season. Thank you to those unnamed who have helped clear roads of debris and kept beaver dams in check. Highway wishes dry roads and greener grass to Evan Hauptman and Robert D'Abbraccio.



We also want to give special thanks David Heath, who retired in late 2024 after 40 years of dedicated service. He has been a staple of the Highway department and Transfer Station since the 80s and we wish him a pleasant retirement.

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In late February, the new backhoe showed up followed by the grader in October.

The deep cross culvert on Ayers Road was repaired, with reclaim/paving to be done in 2025. Part of Morrill Road, Mountain View Drive, and the Library Parking lot were paved.

For 2025, parts of Intervale Road, Hackleboro Road, and Borough Road are to be paved. You will see truck traffic in June as we add gravel to various sections of dirt roads.

I hope to see you on the roads and thank your for patience in the work zones.

Respectfully submitted,
John O'Connor, *Road Agent*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

As we finish out year 2024, I want to thank all of you for the continued support of the Police Department while we went through some changes. With the retirements of Chief Michael Labrecque and Lieutenant Michael Crockwell, we took a loss to a well of knowledge and experience. While we lost that knowledge and experience, we have also gained some new faces as we hired Officer Michael Dumas and Officer Jordan Westgate. I know that Michael and Jordan will enjoy working here in Canterbury just as I do.

2024 continued to bring us some challenges as we were short one officer for the majority of the year. We were finally able to fill that position in September and had a fully staffed schedule in November.

The Administrative Assistant position was filled temporarily by our very own Jan Stout who selflessly came out of retirement to assist us in a time of need. Jan did an amazing job but sadly she did not want the job permanently. In April, we hired Deanna Sepessy who is now our permanent Administrative Assistant.

There are a lot of people trying to scam you out of your hard-earned money, please do not give out any personal information to anyone who calls or emails you. As scary as it is to receive a call or email, take a moment and breathe. Your banks, credit card companies, delivery, and

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government agencies will not call and ask for personal information, or threaten to send someone to jail or ask you to go get gift cards to pay fines.

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 of the statistics that your Police Department responded to during 2024.

Assist Citizens	83	Illegal Dumping	5
Alarms	101	Fraud/Scams	7
Animal Complaints	65	Harassment	2
Arrests	29	Fraud/Bad Checks	3
Burglaries	4	MV Complaints	34
Building Checks	235	MV Collisions	31
Civil Standby/Civil Matters	11	Motor Vehicle Stops	1021
Criminal Mischief	6	Assist Fire/Rescue	84
Criminal Threatening	2	Found/Lost Property	15
Domestics	7	IEA Transports	4

Total Calls for Service: 6,443

(Not all categories listed)

Everyone here at the Canterbury Police Department is proud to serve you and the community. Open communications with everyone are 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,
Justin Crotty, *Chief of Police*

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT

January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024

Total Circulation of Materials: 21,878

Adult Fiction	4,272	Audio Books on CD	54
Adult Non-Fiction	915	DVD	1,047
Juvenile	6,081	NH Downloadable Books	5,568
Young Adult Fiction	385	Hoopla	2,135
Youth Non-Fiction	1,284	Inter-Library Borrows	694
Magazines	209	Inter-Library Lends	617

Materials Purchased and Donated

Adult Fiction	328	Young Adult Fiction	73
Adult Non-Fiction	81	Youth Non-Fiction	49
Juvenile	191	DVD	15

Total Collection: 19,190

Patron Visits to Library: 14,558

Programs serving patrons 0 – 5 years	56 Programs	1,753 Attendees
Programs serving patrons 6 – 11 years	30 Programs	733 Attendees
Programs serving patrons 12 – 17 years	20 Programs	91 Attendees
Programs serving patrons 18 and up	156 Programs	262 Attendees

New Hampshire loves the public library and what it stands for. According to The Institute of Museum and Library Services there are 17,078 public libraries in the United States as of 2024 (this does not include academic, school, and government libraries). New Hampshire boasts 285 public libraries and is proud to be home to the first tax-supported library in the entire country (established 1883). American Libraries work to advance innovation, lifelong learning, and cultural and civic engagement. Over the past few years, this dynamic system of an American public library has experienced a profound change in its identity and purpose. We have had to adapt our services, cull our collections, and vary our program offerings to suit the needs of our community. Each and every day we have patrons tell us how much they value this library for our programs, collection, and community collaborations. On behalf of the Library staff I would like to

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extend sincere thanks and share with you that it is our pleasure to serve you, we are invigorated by your support and your suggestions.

The NH State Library system has been in the news recently and as I am currently serving my term as the President of the NH Librarians Association, it feels like a great time to explain the system of libraries in this great state. Almost all NH towns operate a library; 13 cities, 221 towns, and 25 unincorporated places. As I mentioned before, there are 285 public libraries in the state. Most of these, with the exception of privately funded libraries, have a Board of Trustees. RSA 202-A:2 defines a board of Library Trustees as “the governing body of the library.” Trustees are vested with the entire custody and management of the library. They hire the Library Director, adopt policies to govern the library’s operation, and advocate for adequate financial support of the library. Trustees have the power to expend all funds provided to the library, and to determine how they will be spent. NH public libraries are not town departments, subject to jurisdiction and review by the town manager and/or Selectboard. The NH Supreme Court affirmed in *Town of Littleton v. Kathryn Taylor* (April 1994) that the library is a separate and distinct entity from the town. The court ruled that the board of trustees is the sole governing body of the library and that library employees are not town employees. Elkins Public Library has always maintained a wonderful relationship with the town, working very closely with administration and the Selectboard. As a member of this community, you should know that you have direct say in what happens in your library. We receive no state or federal funding, unlike so many other state library systems. The Friends of Elkins Public Library do a wonderful job supplementing our funding and supporting our programming. The NH State Librarian is in charge of running the State Library, and Canterbury is in charge of running Elkins Public Library, and that is pretty cool. My promise to you is that we will continue to bring you the programs, services, and collection that you deserve for your tax dollars. Thank you for allowing us to be YOUR Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel C. Baker, *Library Director*

ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Elkins Library had a remarkably successful 2024! Our Library Director, Rachel Baker, has been elected to serve as the President of the NH Library Association. The Friends of Elkins Library (FOEPL) gave over \$6,000 to support library programming from funds raised through raffle baskets, dues, and donations. Mrs. Baker has been working with the Community Power Committee to make recommendations for heating and adding insulation. Blinds have been installed in the director's office and two new comfortable chairs have been added to the Adult Fiction area. Fresh paint has been applied in the New Adult Fiction and Teen rooms and ceiling tiles have been replaced as needed. The front desk has added QR coding, SMS messaging, and now gives transaction receipts for items being borrowed. As part of the Library of Things, Elkins now has a seed library, a portable PA and wireless microphone for Canterbury based groups, telescopes, a voltage meter, and binoculars for patron lending. The library has added a Toshiba color copier, scanner, and printer available for patrons' use.

What a year we have had with the Elkins Speaker Series! It has been very well attended and included talks by Laurie Lockwood on Permaculture gardens, Steve Blunt from the Hutchinson Family Singers, Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki's Irish Pub Night, David Tirrell-Wysocki on the history of NH Primary Season, Evan Christensen on Luther Cody, Steve Taylor on One Room Schoolhouses, Mark Stevens on the History of the Canterbury Store, Kim Varney Chandler on Covered Bridges in NH, Ty Gagne on his book 'The Last Traverse', a talk on Lyme Disease, 'Around the World' with Jim and Isobel, Adair Mulligan on NH cellar holes, and Mark Stevens on Canterbury Barns. How many of those did you attend? Another popular benefit the library brings to its patrons are free passes to the Children's Museum of NH, Montshire Museum of Science, The Wright Museum, the Currier Museum, Squam Lakes Science Center, Petals in the Pines, Canterbury Shaker Village, and NH State Parks.

Ongoing library programs such as 'Old Man Boring Book Club', 'Evening Book Group', 'Murder, Mayhem and Misadventure', 'Elkins Cafe', Chess Mates – a youth structured chess club, 'Game Night' and numerous children's programs like Miss Cheryl's Tuesday morning Story Time or her Tunes, Tales, and Tumbles on Thursdays have continued to bring in enthusiastic participants young and old.

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The Elkins Library Trust Fund is used to support these programs in conjunction with funding from the town budget and FOEPL. The Trustees look forward to working with our talented library staff to create another educational and exciting year at Elkins in 2025!

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Craigie, *Library Trustee Chairman*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Case #	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
2024-1	Silveria, Kristen	Variance	Withdrawn
2024-2	Bartilucci, Tara	Special Exception	Granted
2024-3	McClure, Beth & Ronald	Variance	Granted
2024-4	Rogowsky, Marcia & Robert	Special Exception – STR	Granted with Condition
2024-5	GRJH, Inc	Special Exception	Granted with Condition
2024-5	GRJH, Inc	Variances - 2	Not Needed
2024-6	O'Donnell, Kimberly	Special Exception	Granted
2024-7	Martinez-Gould, Mercedes	Special Exception	Continued to 2025

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board was pleased to welcome elected new member, Megan Portnoy, and Greg Meeh was reelected. Brendon O'Donnell and Jonas Sanborn were appointed as alternates. Ben Stonebreaker, alternate for several years, resigned as he has moved to Maine. Thank you, Ben, for your time with us. John Schneider who has served as the town rep on the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) resigned from that duty this year and the board needs to find a replacement. Our diligent and long serving secretary, Lois Scribner also moved and has been replaced by Michelle Hammond. Thanks to Lois for years of service and to both for making a smooth transition. And, thanks to Jan Stout who is assisting the town's land use boards.

The Planning Board has had a very full workload this year. The most time-consuming project was the ongoing work to finalize the town's Master Plan, building on the vision sessions and public meetings held in 2022,

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2023 and 2024. The Board approved and adopted Chapters 1 – 7 in meetings towards the end of 2024 and approved the final two chapters in January 2025. The Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) was a tremendous technical resource for the Board and helped keep us moving forward despite the pandemic challenges. Of course, our volunteer board members dedicated countless hours to the meetings as well as to research and preparation. And thanks to so many Canterbury residents and the town boards and commissions who took time out of their lives to attend meetings and provide input during the process. Also, thanks to the Invest NH grant that covered much of the cost.

Over the last few years, it became clear that our Rules of Procedure, our Subdivision and Site Plan Regulations, our application procedures, and our Fee Schedule needed an update. It is normal for town ordinances, policies, procedures, and regulations to be updated on a regular schedule to stay current with changes in the law and the development environment in our area. The Board made good progress on Rules and Procedures, Fee Schedule, and formed a subcommittee to address the much larger project of regulations.

The subcommittee had seven meetings to date, and we owe much thanks to member Rich Marcou who spent many, many hours working on organization, typos, cross references, and numbering in the document. With assistance from CNHRPC the subcommittee made numerous revisions working toward a more comprehensive, better organized, easier to use regulation that is also adequate for the type of development pressure we are experiencing in central NH. Another challenge is keeping up to date with the Right to Know law requirements. Town Administration organized a session to educate Town Employees and Board members on Right to Know law requirements and all Planning Board Members attended at least one of the sessions.

We also considered a road waiver for a building permit on Snow Shoe Hill Road to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and we worked with the Chairs of other town boards and commissions.

For 2025 – 26, the town has secured a grant in the amount of \$17,745 to continue work on ordinance and regulation updates. This grant is from the Municipal Zoning and Planning Grant Program funded by NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs as part of the Invest NH initiative with

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ARPA State Fiscal Recovery Funds administered jointly by NH Housing, Plan NH, and NH Cooperative Extension.

Over the past year, the Board has held 5 conceptual discussions with applicants. Two were commercial proposals at exit 18 which then became site plan reviews. One was for a subdivision which never moved forward. Two were for detached additional dwelling units. One of these was referred to the Zoning Board for a variance and one has never moved forward. There was one lot line adjustment approved at Maple Grove Cemetery. There were two site plan review applications approved: A&B Vending and Patriot Holdings, both at exit 18. Three subdivisions were approved, one each on Southwest Road, Asby Road, and Wyven Road.

There is a lot of training offered for board members which is very helpful. It is challenging for members to find the time to take advantage of these opportunities. Thanks to those who have. Last year 2 members participated in Housing Academy training, 3 members participated in a Municipal Association session on roads, and at least 2 members participated in at least 1 of the lunch time training series.

The Planning Board has vacancies for at least one more alternate and encourages interested town residents to consider joining in that capacity to find out more about the role and work of the Planning Board. Alternates are appointed by the Planning Board; members are elected at Town Meeting elections. The Board is very much a team effort. The Chair thanks the staff, the volunteer members, and alternates who dedicate so many hours to our meetings and preparation.

Respectfully submitted,
Greg Meeh, *Planning Board Chair*

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

The mission of the Canterbury Agricultural Commission is to be a voice for agriculture in the community. The Commission promotes and encourages agricultural interests, advocates for landowners, and educates the public concerning agricultural endeavors. The Commission also assists in providing guidance to town boards and committees on agricultural related matters.

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A big thank you to Mark Stevens for filling the role of chairman these last few years. He remains on the board as vice chair and continues to be a critical asset to the board. We can proudly say we have the State Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, Josh Marshall, on our board as well. He provides us with frontline insight into New Hampshire agriculture and keeps Canterbury on the leading edge; thank you, Josh! Craig Pullen and his wife Corrine continue to serve as valued board members and bring the equine industry with them. Eric Glines provides us with direct insight into the dairy industry as the owner of one of the last dairy farms in town. Jill McCullough and Daimon Meeh keep our meeting minutes straight while Daimon brings his knowledge of crop and soil sciences to the table. Jill's long time farming background in the north end of town brings with it a wealth of knowledge to the board. Canterbury is very fortunate to have such a well-rounded and knowledgeable commission.

Overall, 2024 was rather quiet as far as agriculture related issues go. The work on the master plan as it pertained to the commission has finished. We are still watching issues with road classification and affordable housing for agricultural workers.

We received some questions from town residents pertaining to agriculture and we were able to direct them to the proper channels given our wide spread of expertise. If you read this and find yourself having questions pertaining to agriculture in town, please direct them to myself or any of the other board members.

If you ate today, thank a farmer.

Respectfully submitted,
Benjamin Davis, *Agricultural Commission Chair*

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

2024 was a productive year for your Cemetery Trustees and significant progress was made on some new projects in addition to our regular duties and maintenance responsibilities. There were six cremains interments and four full casket burials at Maple Grove this year. Thirteen new plots were sold to Canterbury residents at either Maple Grove or Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. A highlight of accomplishments for the year would include:

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The acquisition of approximately a half-acre of property on the north side of Maple Grove which will link the property to other areas for possible future expansion. This area will also provide opportunities for better vehicle turning and possibly future parking on top of the hill. We'd like to thank Web Stout, LLS, for donating the surveying work necessary for this acquisition. Brian Magoon then took down a handful of very large pine trees growing along the common boundary line of the newly acquired parcel. These trees posed a hazard to many of the headstones and graves in the area and we were glad to see them expertly removed. Future plans include installing a barway through the existing stone wall and graveling an access road onto the newly acquired property.

On the southwest side of the cemetery Mark Padula completed the stumping, grubbing and rough leveling of the area cleared of trees and brush in 2023. Kevin Bragg did the final grading and seeded the area. The design layout of future plots to be sold in this newly reclaimed area is now well underway.

At the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery, we'd like to thank Jeff Leidinger for constructing and installing a new wooden gate at the Baptist Hill Road entrance. At the Shell Meetinghouse Road entrance, blacksmith David Court modified and installed a historic chain, previously owned by Hugh Fifield and donated by his daughter Amy Fifield. We are pleased to have both access points to this cemetery now gated once again and delighted that much of it was done with donated labor and materials.

Your Cemetery Trustees worked cooperatively with the 501(c)-3 non-profit Canterbury Cemetery Association to accept donations for the George Shannon memorial monument which was installed at the Center Cemetery over the summer. George Shannon's story follows this report. We hope you'll read it and then spend a few minutes at Canterbury's newest memorial and reflect on George Shannon's sacrifice.

Volunteers Diane Modugno and Deb Allen organized a third successful cemetery history walk at the Center Cemetery in late October. During this event, volunteer actors assumed the persona of individuals buried within our cemeteries and brought their stories to life for attendees. This event was popular and had a large turnout over three days. Both participants and attendees enjoyed learning about some unique Canterbury residents and over \$1,400 was raised for the Canterbury Cemetery Association. These

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funds will be used for special cemetery projects not covered by municipal tax dollars.

The water tank donated in 2023 for use at Maple Grove was installed by Mike Cote in the spring of 2024 and we'd like to thank him for his volunteer labor. This tank now provides the opportunity for visitors to water the flowers on the graves of their loved ones. We'd also like to thank our fire department for keeping this tank filled.

As budgets allowed, we had some success with ongoing headstone repairs. Don Cotnoir uprighted, repaired, and cleaned five headstones at the Hancock Cemetery, and one at the Center Cemetery. Charlie Beede uprighted and repaired one at the Center Cemetery and one at Maple Grove. We are pleased with the work of both gentlemen.

In 2024 we adopted a formal policy for the placement of U.S. flags at the graves of honorably discharged military veterans. We'd like to thank the American Legion Post 31 in Penacook for donating and setting out American flags at our veterans' headstones prior to the annual Memorial Day service. We'd also like to thank the town highway crew and all the volunteers who donated their time, mowing, raking, and keeping our outlying cemeteries looking cared for. Please remember to pick up any sentimental items placed at your loved one's headstone prior to our annual November 1st cleanup day. If you would like to attend a Trustee meeting, we typically meet once a month in the Meeting House and our meetings are posted and open to the public.

Respectfully submitted,
John Goegel, *Chairman*

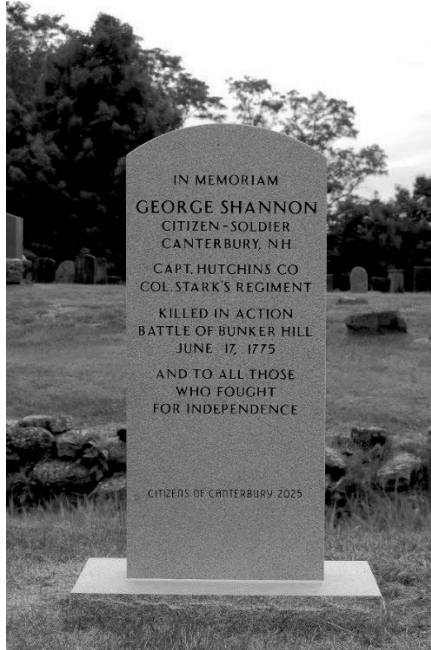
George Shannon
Citizen - Soldier

On April 19, 1775, American patriot citizen-soldiers faced down the British Redcoat regular army at Lexington and Concord Massachusetts in the opening battles of the American Revolutionary War. Later that spring, 32-year-old George Shannon, and thirteen other citizens from Canterbury marched out of town to join forces with Captain Gordon Hutchins' Company in Concord. Hutchins owned a store in Concord and was known for using his own resources to supply and provision the soldiers under his

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command. This practice proved to be too personally expensive for Hutchins and he was forced to sell both his house and store.

George Shannon, and the rest of Hutchins' Company formed as part of the New Hampshire First Regiment under the command of Colonel John Stark, and assembled in Medford, Massachusetts. In addition to George Shannon there would eventually prove to be as many as 26 Canterbury residents in Stark's Regiment at the battle of Bunker Hill.



In mid-June new intelligence reported that the British army had plans to occupy the Charlestown Heights, a narrow peninsula across the Charles River from Boston. By sunrise on the morning of June 17th, American unit commanders William Prescott, Thomas Knowlton and John Stark had successfully managed to get their troops into solid defensive positions. Five hundred men led by Col. Stark protected the left flank bordering the Mystic River and they successfully repelled and countered two British charges before running out of ammunition and engaging in an orderly retreat.

The Battle of Bunker Hill was technically won by the British who ultimately captured the contested ground. But it was a Pyrrhic victory, as the British suffered approximately 1050 casualties, including a loss of 40 percent of their officer corps. This was more than twice the casualties

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suffered by the Americans. A classic example of, “a few more victories like this and we’ll lose the war.”

George Shannon and 32 other New Hampshire patriots were killed on Bunker Hill in that bloody confrontation. Other local soldiers who died in battle included John Manual from Boscawen, James Reed from Henniker, William Mitchell of Concord, and Major Andrew McClary from Epsom. Their remains were removed from the battlefield and interred in the Salem Street Burying Ground in Medford Massachusetts. Their names and hometowns were memorialized on a monument erected at the Bunker Hill Training Field in Boston. Back home in Canterbury, George Shannon left behind his now widowed wife, Mercy, and their 6-year-old son, John, at the family residence on the east end of Ayers Road, near the intersection with Borough Road.

Calendar year 2025 marks the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill and it is appropriate that the town has chosen to honor George Shannon and all the Canterbury citizen-soldiers who fought in the war for our country's independence with the erection of this memorial in the northeast corner of the Center Cemetery. We’d like to acknowledge and thank those who contributed to and made this project possible:

Debbie Allen	Colin and Katrina Goegel	Thomas Kelly
Charlie Beede (stonemason)	Kate and John (Capt, USA) Goegel	Lance and Kathleen Messinger
Susan and Dale (Capt, USMC) Caswell	Mark Stevens (CMSgt., USAF)	Jeff Marcoux and Joanna Nugent
Michael and Jan Cote	Beth Koester	John Patrick Goegel
Richard, Susan, and Adam Decato	Nancy and Charles Hacking	Timothy Gershin and Olivia Henry
Diane Modugno	Mark and Doris Hampton	Sam Papps
Kent Ruesswick and Doneta Fisher	Chuck and Wendy Sanborn	Ron Turcotte and Judy Nelson
Bob and Ellen Scarponi	Mark and Brenda Travis	Moira Goegel
Canterbury Cemetery Association	Canterbury Fund	Canterbury Historical Society

Contributions were also made in the form of special remembrances - In Honor of John Forbes, 1LT, USA (Vietnam, 1970-71); In Memory of Francis Egan, Capt, USAF (KIA 12/19/1972, Vietnam); In Memory of Richard Proscia, PFC, USA (KIA 12/15/1967, Vietnam).

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

In the two years since its inception, Canterbury Community Power Committee has advised the Select Board and saved residents over \$250K on their electric bills. Ninety percent of customers that are active with Canterbury Community Power are on the Canterbury Basic Rate. There are 875 current accounts, which is a 65% participation rate from all electric accounts. As of January 2025, Canterbury Community Power has a discretionary reserve of around \$4,000, being held by CPCNH. These funds come from the .02 cent adder, to the Canterbury Basic Rate. The funds are targeted for energy related projects for the town, at the discretion of the Selectboard. We will continue to keep the Town updated on the savings that we are providing. While the rates fluctuate, CPCNH has driven the total cost of electricity down, for all ratepayers, whether they are selecting CPCNH, or not.

From June 2024 to August 1, 2024, the generation subcommittee worked tirelessly on a Municipal Solar Grant Application. While we didn't win the Grant, we gained a great deal of knowledge, from working with solar contractors, utilities on interconnection, doing site analysis, reviewing solar designs, and calculating electric usage budgets, schedule, and savings for the Town. Multiple presentations were given to garner support from the Selectboard and Historic District Commission. At present, we have begun the steps for the weatherization of Elkins Public Library. Our goal is to eventually weatherize all the municipal buildings. We are also moving forward on getting town approval to accomplish the municipal building solar project.

Going forward, we are focused on the following priorities:

- Continuing to offer the lowest possible electric energy rates to Town residents.
- Continue to monitor Net Metering resolutions and House Bills, with CCPNH and the PUC. Support will be needed by residents to resolve net metering.
- We continue our search for grants for Renewable Energy Generation, as well as Distributed battery, and Battery Energy Storage Systems.
- Canterbury residents have expressed frustration with cell coverage, and we have that on our, "to do" list, as well. We are

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planning a survey to locate the dead spots in town and other related information.

- At present, we are looking for the town to approve funds for the weatherization of Elkins Public Library. Our goal is to eventually weatherize all the municipal buildings, saving significant energy.
- Canterbury Community Power is committed to saving the town's energy dollars and creating revenue through renewable energy for the town, in line with the Canterbury Plan for Tomorrow.
- We continue to seek volunteers that can offer support with legal, outreach, or a general interest in renewable energy. We can work around people's work/life schedule.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Franco, *Chair*

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2024 started on a high note when Ken and Ilene Stern completed a conservation easement with the Forest Society on Deepwood Forest, nearly 400 acres off of Bean Hill Road. The town covered just 13% of the project, which conserves important wildlife habitat, soils, wetlands, and special natural areas, and created 3.5 miles of trails for residents to walk, hike, ski, and snowshoe. (See the 2023 annual report for details.) This project is our most recent example of how funds allocated to conservation from the Land Use Change Tax are used to leverage other public and private funds and benefit all residents by permanently conserving land.

Early in the year, we worked with the Forest Society to pursue conservation of 520 acres adjacent to Shaker Village and Shaker State Forest, but unfortunately the landowner decided not to move forward with a conservation easement.

During the year, the Commission reviewed wetland permits, made final contributions to the Master Plan revision, and managed town conservation properties, including:

- **Riverland:** Suppressing invasive species by manually removing bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, and autumn olive; removing

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bittersweet-infested trees that were an impediment to mowing (necessary to control invasives); and mowing the field, right-of-way to the beach, and perimeter of the access road and parking lot.

- **Robert S. Fife Conservation Area:** Removing bittersweet, glossy buckthorn, and brushy growth along the rock wall; mowing half of the field to control invasives and improve walkability (while leaving half the field to continue into second-year growth, which creates more varied habitat for wildlife). We also contracted for services in 2025 that will bury several piles of rocks (the property’s conservation easement prohibits removing them) to facilitate mowing, which is essential to keep invasive species in check.
- **Kimball Pond Conservation Area:** Replaced the “beaver deceiver” that had been washed downstream by floods. The beaver deceiver is an ingenious DIY contraption that enables us to keep water flowing out of the pond without destroying the hard work of resident beavers.

The Commission sincerely thanks Road Agent John O’Connor and crew for their assistance on several of these projects, as well as volunteers Pete Helm, Jeannie Herrick, Susan DeCato, Geoffrey Hubbel, and Selectperson Beth Blair.

And with the help of our new team of Pete Helm and Emily Landry, we completed the year’s monitoring of conservation easements held by the town and were pleased to find no easement violations. A conservation easement enables a landowner to permanently conserve important conservation values while maintaining ownership of their property.

We plan to hold an information session this spring for landowners who would like to know more about how easements can help them achieve their goals for how their property is treated in the future. Look for more information in the town email and newsletter.

If you’d like to find out more about our work or become a member, please contact a current CCC member.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Short, for the Conservation Commission

ENERGY COMMITTEE

The Energy Committee met regularly to continue our work, with this year's focus on making residents aware of how to save energy and lower their carbon footprint.

Collaboration with the Canterbury Community Power Committee: Since CCPC's inception, two Energy Committee members have served as liaisons between the committees. In November, the committees met jointly to coordinate our efforts, planning to meet quarterly together going forward. CCPC will help fulfill some of our goals around reducing energy use in Canterbury town buildings.

Energy Conservation for Residents: Keeping in mind the adage "The cheapest - and greenest - energy is the energy you don't use," our major project this year has been to lead the effort in the Merrimack Valley WindowDressers project. This project provided energy-saving interior insulating window inserts for people in Canterbury, Loudon, Webster, and Henniker, partnering with organizations in those towns. The inserts are low-cost and high quality because they are assembled by local volunteers at a community build. It was a very time intensive project, with hundreds of hours by the coordinators at monthly meetings, outreach events to find residents needing window inserts and volunteers to participate measuring and building the windows, and coordinating this large project and eighty five volunteers.

At the Merrimack Valley Community Build in November 2024, volunteers assembled 198 inserts over five days at our Town Hall. Thirty households now have warmer homes and are spending less money on fuel, while lowering their carbon footprint. Fourteen Canterbury households plus our Town Hall received inserts. One of the goals of the project is to provide inserts to those who might not be able to afford them; 28% of Canterbury inserts were either free or at a deep discount, thanks to generous support from the Canterbury Fund and Revision Energy. Food for the lunches was provided by many volunteers and donations from Hackleboro Orchards, Concord Food Coop, and Brookside Pizza.

We expect to continue to support this effort in coming years but with less effort by the Energy Committee members, as we have gathered support of very satisfied residents in the four towns we served in 2024.

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We thank Claudia Leidinger, Fred Portnoy, and Howard Moffett for their many years of service to the committee. Each left the committee this year to fulfill family obligations.

We look forward to building our membership in 2025 to engage in new initiatives to save money and energy for residents and in town buildings. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the Energy Committee. And if you have suggestions about energy saving and green energy initiatives you would like us to investigate, please reach out to us!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Beltramo, *Chair*

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

This was an active year for the Historic District Commission, on both a public front in the form of applications and hearings, and with an internal aspect with work on procedural and organizational matters to help codify and improve our service. Highlights of this work in 2024 are as follows.

Five HDC applications from Shaker Village for repairs to the Brethren Shop roof, Horse Barn gate, School House repairs, installation of generators, and repairs to the Meeting House (this later one withdrawn). Furthermore, discussions were held regarding ways to improve the interaction between CSV and the HDC, so as to keep the town “in the loop” about activities at the village that require town oversight, but with an understanding of the uniqueness of having a National Historic Landmark in our collective “backyard”.

Application from the Canterbury Community Market for a roof addition and sitework to address septic line repair, surface drainage, and ADA access at the back of the Country Store.

Other HDC work this year included:

- discussions with the Canterbury Historical Society on plans regarding their Historic Houses of Canterbury and “cellar-holes” projects.
- BOS and Cemetery Committee talks regarding the removal and replanting of a maple tree alongside the Center burial ground.
- Preconceptual plans by the CCPC for possible solar projects in the district.

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- Work with the newly created Land Use Administrator regarding how the HDC application/approval process would be administered.

All this work would not be possible without the generous time given by our volunteer board members, along with the staff at the Sam Lake Office, thank you all. I would especially like to acknowledge three long-time members for their years of dedication to this board and our community. Ginger Laplante, Lois Scribner, and Jeff Leidinger have contributed their expertise, sound judgment, and fair-mindedness over their many years serving our town. We will miss them on many levels and again thank them so very much. It is my hope that others in our community will step in like these three folks and carry on in our town's volunteer spirit. The more we are all involved, the better the end results and the HDC would love to have you contribute if you are so inclined!

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Bragg, *Chair*

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Our mission is to “preserve Canterbury’s history and sense of community”

Throughout the year the Society has endeavored to expand access to Canterbury's history by adding to the material available on the website (www.canterburyhistory.org); presenting educational programs for the community; conducting and publishing research regarding the community; completing oral histories to document our history; and collecting, displaying, and exhibiting historical artifacts and information at the Elkins Memorial Building to better inform the residents of Canterbury of our rich history.

Ron Routhier succeeded Bob Scarponi as President of the Board of Trustees following Bob's departure from the Board after years of dedicated service. Bill Adams joined the Board in June following the untimely loss of long time Trustee Brian Titilah and his wife, Helena. The Society extends its sincere sympathy to Brian's family and wishes to recognize his numerous contributions to the Society and the community. In November, Chuck Sanborn, Anne Emerson, Sandy Scripture, and Mary Ann Winograd were reelected to three year terms on the Board.

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The website continues to be expanded with the addition of videos of community presentations, committee reports, links to current research, and informational material regarding the community. The Historic Homes Committee is researching and drafting descriptions of historic residences for inclusion in a book of community residences to be published in concert with the tricentennial celebration. The Sign Committee has designed and coordinated the printing of signs to be used in the identification of historic properties. The Cellar Hole Committee was formed and began the identification, research, and inspection of numerous sites throughout the community. Community education was promoted with three lectures cosponsored with Elkins Public Library, including two presentations by Mark Stevens on Franklin Pierce and the Barns of Canterbury and a NH Humanities program presented by Adair Mulligan on Cellar Hole Research. In May, Web Stout gave a presentation on the evolution of the Town's layout from the original proprietors' lots to the current lot configuration. The "Canterbury Store" was the featured annual exhibit at the Elkins Memorial Building (EMB), including photographs, memorabilia, list of storekeepers, and related artifacts. The EMB is now being used for monthly meetings, exhibits, and research. Additional research resources continue to be available in the "Archives" room at the Elkins Library. Routine maintenance of the Elkins Building and the Houser Museum continues to be completed with repair and replacement of storm windows, painting, and updated signage. Lastly, the one-room schoolhouse project continued for its 15th year, with all classes from the Elementary School participating along with the second grade from Belmont Elementary School. Karen Gingrich, the enrichment teacher for the district, coordinated the program for the students with help from Trustees Chuck Sanborn and Anne Emerson and long time program contributor Dale Caswell.

The Trustees wish to thank the staff of Elkins Public Library, the Board of Selectmen, the staff of the Elementary School, and the residents of Canterbury for their ongoing support of the Society. Without all of their help we could not hope to accomplish a fraction of what we have done this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of the Canterbury Historical Society

PERAMBULATOR'S REPORT

NH 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....”*

Rather than perambulate the entire town once every seven years, I find it more practical to tackle perambulating the common line of just one abutting town each year. By the seventh year, all the surrounding lines have been completed and it is time to start over again. 2024 was the year to tackle the Belmont boundary line. The total distance of this line is about 1200 feet, which makes it Canterbury's shortest boundary line with an adjoining town, but that measurement is deceiving as this boundary is in a remote location with no nearby road access. No matter which direction you approach from, some lengthy wilderness trekking is necessary before you arrive at the point where you can then begin the perambulation.



The Belmont Selectboard designated Land Use Technician, Mr. Rod Cameron, as their representative and Mr. Cameron and I were successful in recovering all of the town line monuments and renewing the marks on this common town line. We also completed, executed, and filed the required Perambulation Report with the NH Secretary of State. With this successful perambulation behind us, Canterbury - Belmont is now a done

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deal until 2031 which seems like a long way off, but I'm always surprised by how quickly these seem to come around again.

Respectfully submitted,

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Canterbury Recreation Committee is proud to reflect on an incredible year filled with community spirit, volunteer dedication, and exciting new milestones.

Youth Soccer: Growth and Development

Our Youth Soccer program saw 80 enthusiastic kids take the field this season, guided by 16 dedicated volunteer coaches. This year, our teams competed against four neighboring towns, fostering both skill development and sportsmanship. We kicked off the season with the return of the skills clinic for participants and coaches, setting the tone for a fantastic season. A huge thank you to all who helped make this program possible!

Town Halloween: A Spooky Success!

Canterbury's beloved Halloween tradition continued to thrive, with 273 trick-or-treaters bringing the town center to life with laughter and excitement. This year, we transformed the Meeting House into a Kraken and expanded our collection of festive inflatables. Thanks to the efforts of 44 incredible volunteers, the event was a safe and memorable experience for all.

Carrying on a Beloved Tradition: The Christmas Tree Lighting

The Canterbury Christmas Tree Lighting has been a cherished town tradition for years, thanks to the dedication of Gordon Jackson, who coordinated the event in the past. In 2024, Canterbury Recreation proudly stepped in to continue this beloved tradition.

Partnering with the newly formed Friends of Canterbury Center, we worked together to raise funds to replace the lights for the tree. The event was made even more special with a stunning performance by the talented young violinists of Canterbury's Suzuki Strings, filling the evening with beautiful holiday music.

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This magical night wouldn't have been possible without the collective efforts of our community. From repairing and stringing the lights to organizing the event, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone involved. A special thank you to Aidan from Canterbury Elementary School, who had the honor of lighting the tree, and to Dave and Jane Balshaw, who warmed up the crowd with delicious hot cocoa at the Canterbury Country Store.

Celebrating Our Volunteers

Our programs wouldn't be possible without the tireless efforts of our incredible volunteers. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Brian Magoon for his unwavering dedication to Canterbury Recreation. His support has been invaluable to every event, and we simply could not have pulled off the tree lighting without him.

As we celebrate the successes of 2024, we look forward to another year of fun, growth, and community togetherness. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this year so special—your participation and support are what make Canterbury such a vibrant and welcoming town!

With gratitude,
The Canterbury Recreation Committee

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

This year has been a busy one for the committee. The highlight was the survey we sent out to the 1,121 town households via the Postal Service. Respondents submitted responses on paper or through an online form. We were thrilled to receive 367 responses (32.7%) and will be utilizing this information moving forward. Thank you!

We have been concerned about the long-term costs for the Town and are ultimately working to reduce these. The current issue at the Transfer Station centers around the lack of storage space needed to store bales of processed recyclables. Our recycling endeavors provide a monetary incentive for items that would normally go in the trash stream. When there is no longer any storage space, recyclable items are temporarily added to the household trash.

Tipping fees (charged to the town per ton to dispose of our household trash) have increased 25% over the last 5 years. Reducing the amount of

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our waste stream is the goal. If we were to exclude and compost food waste town-wide, we could reduce the tipping fee by at least 20% or more. Both the lack of storage space and not excluding the food waste are contributing to the amount of our household trash that we can control.

As a result of the survey, and the current site constraints, we are hoping to do a feasibility study on some options we have identified. These include adding more storage to the current site (if possible), exploring the cost of a town-wide trash pickup model, partnering our efforts with another town, and lastly, building a new facility. We hope to provide you with information about our analysis next year.

We are also hoping to hold a Hazardous Waste Day for town residents this year in the month of May. It has been 8 years since the last event and was terminated early because the allocated budget had been reached. Our hopes are to hold more frequent events in the future, hopefully every two or three years on a smaller scale. Stay tuned for news about this event in the Spring.

In other news, our request for a credit card reader has been approved and is hoped to be installed soon. This is one step toward making everyone's visit to our "dump" a cashless experience. Problems with the collection of used motor oil have been resolved for the immediate future. The Treasure House still needs volunteers to provide a consistent set of "open" hours to divert more items from the trash stream. Please consider picking up a 2-hour shift (or partner with a friend and split the shift!) to enable this resource to stay open every Saturday of the month.

Going forth, we will be working on designing and updating the Fee Schedule to provide a user-friendly list of "free" items, along with accepted items and their associated disposal costs. Please do not just drop an item where you think it belongs. It is frustrating and usually ends up being more work for the Transfer Station staff. As always, check in with the friendly staff to ask for directions for disposal or if you merely need assistance dropping things off.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Marcou, *Chair*

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, (known locally and affectionately as UMLAC; pronounced Uhm'-re-lack) has had a year of transitions and is holding steady to its statutory roles reviewing state permits as a voice for its municipalities and to draft, publish, and manage its river corridor plan.

The UMLAC was created as 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 is updating the Merrimack River Management and Implementation Plan (<http://www.merrimackriver.org/managementplan>), which will bring it current with new requirements, and provide the basis for an evergreen document that allows for simple activity tracking and responsiveness to emerging issues or changing priorities.

The UMLAC reviewed and provided comment on over two dozen alteration of terrain, shoreland, underground storage tank, wetland, pesticide and herbicide application program, wastewater treatment plan operations, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, and laboratory industrial discharge applications in the upper Merrimack corridor in Boscawen, Concord, and Franklin. Some reviews were informed by consultants and project principals participating in meetings to present the proposals and to answer questions. This participatory approach to permit review is expedient and provides the best possible result for each site.

Claire Lund prepared new categorical response letters for the major water-related permits that the UMLAC reviews.

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Barbara Griffin is the UMLAC representative to the Brownfields Advisory Committee. Wayne Ives acts as lead in monitoring and commenting on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission applications for Lower and Upper Penacook Falls and Lakeport projects. Barbara and Krista Crowell participate in and follow the Bow-Concord Connections NH Department of Transportation project and provide Merrimack River watershed perspectives and documentation, including the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association's Turkey River Watershed Restoration and Management Plan.

The UMLAC welcomed as a new representative Barbara Griffin from Bow.

The annual meeting was convened in November. The slate of officers: Michele L. Tremblay, Chair; Steve Landry, Vice-chair; and Adrienne Hutchinson, Secretary, were elected.

Shane Csiki, State Geologist with the New Hampshire Geological Survey, NH Department of Environmental Services, provided a presentation to inform the UMLAC's work on the Merrimack River management plan revision. Tracie Sales and Sydney Gendreau, Rivers Management and Protection Program, NHDES provided information on management plan requirements and answered questions about revision processes. These expert presentations are essential so that UMLACers are well informed and can improve constantly their knowledge and skills.

The Committee continues to review and update all of its governance and guidance documents (<https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/other-documents/>) including an evergreen version of the management plan update.

Non-statutory or discretionary programs include a variety of studies, planning activities, and programs related to the upper Merrimack River and its watershed, managed by the Upper Merrimack Watershed Association.

The UMLAC meets on a rotating basis in its six represented communities (where and when space is provided) 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

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Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee meetings during the past year. All are welcome to attend. Should you be interested in becoming an UMLACer to represent your community, wish further information on the Committee, or want to know how to access meetings, please contact Michele Tremblay, Chair, via telephone at 603.796.2615, email at UMLAC@MerrimackRiver.org or through your representatives listed below, or visit <https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee>.

Bow

Krist Crowell
Barbara Griffin

Boscawen

Vacant

Canterbury

Adrienne Hutchinson
David Day

Concord

Clair Lund

At-large

Stephen C. Landry
Michele L. Tremblay

Franklin

Wayne Ives
Ted Nemetz

Northfield

Vacant

PENACOOK RESCUE SQUAD

Penacook Rescue Squad had a busy and challenging 69th year. The department did experience an increase in call volume during 2024 ending with 1,223 emergency responses. As emergency responses increased this year, the acuity of patient care increased as well. To assist with this we implemented a Paramedic response vehicle. This was the utility vehicle staffed with a paramedic during the higher call volume timeframe to respond to paramedic-level incidents, assist the 2 person crew with lifting, moving, and patient care if needed. This vehicle also allowed for coaching and mentoring of newer members and response to simultaneous calls. The department also faced a significant impact on staffing levels. The department had to become creative to manage a full schedule with employees in various educational courses including paramedic school, clinical rotations, and military commitments. Department staff members logged many long shifts and our community partners provided assistance to close any gaps. The department also conducted an aggressive hiring campaign to onboard new staff. The primary service area encompasses the towns of Boscawen, Canterbury, and Salisbury, adding the calls for EMS services to other mutual aid communities; the Department had a total call volume for 2024 of 1,223 emergency calls. Call volume continues to

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increase for our Department. In 2010 we responded to 695 incidents and in 2000 we responded to 402 incidents.

We are honored and privileged to continue serving in each of these communities. We thank all of our community partners for the support provided to us in each town. We look forward to serving next to all of our public safety partners to provide a safe community for all to enjoy.

Total Number of Runs: 1,260

Scene Incident City Name	Number of Runs	% of Total Runs
Boscawen	881	69.92%
Canterbury	192	15.24%
Salisbury	143	11.35%
Webster	17	1.35%
Concord	15	1.19%
Franklin	6	0.48%
Penacook	2	0.16%
Andover	1	0.08%
Epsom	1	0.08%
Tilton	1	0.08%
Other	1	0.08%

CENTRAL NH REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Established in accordance with state law, the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) is a voluntary association of 20 communities in Merrimack and Hillsborough Counties. John Schneider was the Town's representative to the Commission in 2024.

CNHRPC's mission is to comply with State statute (RSA 36:47) by preparing and adopting regional land use and transportation plans and a regional housing needs assessment. CNHRPC evaluates developments of regional impact (RSA 36:54-58) and provides data, information, training, and high-quality, cost-effective services to our member communities. CNHRPC also provides technical assistance services, including zoning ordinance development, grant writing assistance, circuit rider assistance, plan review services, local master plan development, capital improvements program development and guidance, hazard mitigation planning guidance, and Planning Board process training. CNHRPC

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advocates for member communities and assists and encourages them in both municipal and regional endeavors.

In 2024, CNHRPC undertook the following activities in Canterbury and throughout the Central NH Region:

- Provided continued technical assistance to Planning Boards on various topics.
- Assisted with the completion of the Canterbury Plan for Tomorrow update. Staff continued to work closely with the Town's Planning Board, planning staff, and volunteers throughout the process. Staff also initiated work to assist with the update of the Capital Improvements Program (CIP).
- Worked with the Planning Board to develop new Land Development Regulations to replace the Site Plan and Subdivision Regulations, including the update of roadway typical drawings by the CNHRPC on-call engineer. Staff also provided zoning ordinance update assistance as requested.
- Provided support to Economic Development Committees across the region, including meeting coordination, agenda development, and work plan identification. Staff provided assistance related to a variety of tools and tax incentives including the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive (NH RSA 79E) and the Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ) program (NH RSA 162-N).
- In Canterbury, CNHRPC staff assisted with an update of the Road Surface Management System (RSMS) to streamline road maintenance planning and help more accurately predict future maintenance costs.
- Conducted 186 state and local traffic counts throughout the region, including 13 in Canterbury.
- Provided Development of Regional Impact (DRI) review services for communities.

For additional information, please contact the CNHRPC staff or visit us at www.cnhrpc.org. CNHRPC Commission meetings are open to the public and those interested are encouraged to attend.

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MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

FIRST SESSION – MARCH 12, 2024

Election Officials Present: Jim Miller, Moderator; Kathleen Doherty, Assistant Moderator; Samuel Papps, Town Clerk; Brenda Murray, Denise Sojka, and Pam Smarling, Supervisors of the Checklist; Mary Hauptman and Kathleen McKay, Ballot Clerks. Also present: Cheryl Gordon, Kent Ruesswick, and Scott Doherty, Selectmen; BJ Entwisle and Ellen Bassett, Assistant Election Clerks.

The Polling was held at the Old Town Hall, Canterbury, NH. Ballot Boxes for the Town and School District ballots were checked at 7:00 a.m. by Moderator Miller and voter Betty Fifield of Shaker Road and then closed and locked. Moderator Miller then opened the polls. The Town's Accuvote Ballot Counting Device was used to tally the votes cast.

Polling Hours were held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a total of 543 voters cast ballots. Of those, 36 were Absentee for the Town, and 29 were Absentee for the School District. There were 1,870 voters on the checklist, and 4 new voters were registered.

Polling was closed at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Miller, and the count of votes was conducted by election officials assisted by Bob Steenson, Ray Craigie, Steve Rasche, Kelly Papps, Ray Chesley, and Beth McGuinn.

School District Ballots were sent to Belmont by the Canterbury Police Department at 7:30 p.m., accompanied by Assistant School District Moderator Heidi Cheney of Southwest Road.

Town Ballot Results:

Selectman:	Todd, Calvin	200
<i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Blair, Beth	332
Planning Board:	Bragdon, Nate	49
<i>(2 positions, 3 years)</i>	Franco, Tom	64
	Meeh, Greg	382
	O'Donnell, Brendan	170
	Portnoy, Megan	236
	Sanborn, Jonas	89
Cemetery Trustee:	Cote, Jan	492
<i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>		

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Supervisor of the Checklist: <i>(1 position, 6 years)</i>	Sojka, Denise	482
Library Trustee: <i>(3 positions, 2 years)</i>	Crockford, Rick	419
	Snow, Debbie	438
	Woods, Florence	404
Trustee of the Trust Funds: <i>(1 position, 3 years)</i>	Styles, Silvia	448
	Franco, Tom	52
Zoning Ballot:		

Article 2	Passed	Yes: 422	No: 101
Article 3	Passed	Yes: 404	No: 127
Article 4	Passed	Yes: 445	No: 88
Article 5	Passed	Yes: 409	No: 112
Article 6	Passed	Yes: 428	No: 97
Article 7	Passed	Yes: 463	No: 65
Article 8	Passed	Yes: 394	No: 113
Article 9	Passed	Yes: 505	No: 26
Article 10	Passed	Yes: 483	No: 43
Article 11	Passed	Yes: 441	No: 80

Moderator Miller announced the results of voting at 8:38 p.m.

Reports were finalized at 9:30 p.m. by the Town Clerk.

The meeting convened until Friday, March 15, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Canterbury Elementary School for the deliberative session.

SECOND SESSION – MARCH 15, 2024

Moderator Jim Miller opened the meeting at 7 p.m., held at the Canterbury Elementary School Gymnasium on Baptist Road. He expressed comments of welcome to the voters gathered, and asked for acknowledgement of the veterans in the room, followed by applause from the voters. Cate McDonald, a member of the Canterbury 4-H group, led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Miller asked for a few moments of silence for the people of Ukraine and Gaza. Cheryl Gordon read the Annual Town Report dedication for Jan Stout, noting that Jan had retired the prior summer after 24 years of service. Scott Doherty offered words of thanks to Michael Labrecque, who was retiring after serving 7 ½ years as our Chief of Police. Kent Ruesswick expressed the Board’s thanks to David Nelson, who was retiring after 24 years of service on the

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Canterbury Fire Department. Ken Folsom, Town Administrator spoke about Cheryl Gordon, who was stepping down from the Selectboard after 4 terms as selectman, and prior to that, 31 years as Canterbury's Town Clerk-Tax Collector. Moderator Miller stated that registered voters were given a yes-no card at the door, which would be used to vote on a question, and signify that they could be recognized by the Moderator. He explained that the Canterbury Farmers Market was running a baked goods table at the back for people to get refreshments, and the Energy Committee, FOEPL, Shaker Village, and the Cemetery Trustees, all had tables at the back of the room to share information. Mr. Miller then thanked all the election workers and counters from Tuesday's Town election, the Road Agent John O'Connor, and his staff, and announced there were 543 voters who cast ballots in the election.

Moderator Miller introduced the group at the dais; Town Administrator Ken Folsom, Selectmen Kent Ruesswick, Cheryl Gordon, and Scott Doherty, and Town Clerk Sam Papps. He asked that the Road Agent Donald "John" O'Connor, the Police Chief Michael Labrecque, and the Fire Chief Michael Gamache, all non-residents, be allowed to speak if called upon, and the body responded verbally in the affirmative. He also recognized Edgar Rivera, who was taping the meeting. He proceeded to review the rules of how the meeting would run, and how to address questions and make amendments. Mr. Miller read the results of the voting session held that Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, thanking candidates for running for the offices. He asked that Article 15 be moved up to follow Article 12, with the body verbally affirming this request. Then he read Warrant Article 12:

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-six Thousand Four-Hundred and Five dollars (\$26,405) for the first year's payment towards a new backhoe. This payment is for a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of \$197,950 payable over a term of seven (7) years. Furthermore, to offset the lease agreement amount using \$40,000 from the Capital Reserve Account created for this purpose as the Selectmen are agents to expend, and to trade-in the current Backhoe for Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000). This lease contains an escape clause. *Motion by Beth McGuinn; second by Bob Scarponi.*

Kent Ruesswick introduced the article, stating that the DRA asked the Town to rewrite the article, and noted that this article would need to be

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voted on annually because the lease contract has an “escape clause” built into it. He gave a brief summary of how the old backhoe died this past year, and the necessity that a new one be procured for the Road Crew to do their jobs effectively and efficiently. Because money was coming out of Capital Reserves to help cover the cost of the item, the first year was paid for in full. Moderator Miller opened the floor for questions, and there were none. He then asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$118,000) 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

4915.24 Landfill Closure \$ 1,000

4915.27 Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings \$ 5,000

4915.30 Highway Loader \$ 30,000.

Motion by Jacob Mason; second by Clifton Mathieu.

Scott Doherty introduced the article, explaining the capital reserve program and putting money away for large expenditures.

Rick Crockford of Ayers Road inquired as to the life expectancy of the new road grader, and the reply was 15 to 20 years. Kent Ruesswick noted that they would resume contributions to the Capital Reserve Fund for the grader, partway through the lifetime of the new one.

Patrice Rasche of Center Road inquired as to the \$11,000 of repairs to the Packer Truck at the Transfer Station, and if there were plans for a Capital Reserve to replace it as she had heard the cost for one would be expensive. Kent Ruesswick responded that they were trying to use the existing packer for as long as they possibly could.

Having no other questions, Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four-Hundred and Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$440,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Motor Road Grader and the withdrawal of Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from the

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Capital Reserve Account created for this purpose. The balance, Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be raised by taxes. ***Motion by John Udaloy; second by Frank Tupper.***

Scott Doherty stated the existing grader in service is 22 years old, and there were no more parts readily available. He commended Evan Hauptman of the Road Crew for his tenacity in finding parts and fixing it for this year, but warned that it was only a matter of time until it was unrepairable. He explained the new grader would have a 20 to 25 year life expectancy.

Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road inquired if they were replacing the Capital Reserve amount right away. Scott Doherty responded that there would likely be a few gap years before the Town resumes Capital Reserve contributions.

Jacob Mason of Carter Hill Road asked if there was a trade-in value for the old grader and if it was going to be applied to the cost of the grader. John O'Connor replied that if the old grader is still running at the time of purchasing the new one, then the trade-in value would be assessed.

Sean McDonald of Old Gilmanton Road asked if the Caterpillar Grader had been demoed because he had understood that Cats don't road well. John O'Connor replied that it had not been demoed.

Having no other questions, Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three-Million, Three-Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Four hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$3,323,453) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. ***Motion by Emily Preston; second by Kelly Short.***

Scott Doherty gave an overview of the budget and described the rises in lines including the underspending of the 2023 budget by \$33,000; 4% COLA raises for town employees; and a \$1,000 increase in the Selectmen's salaries, which had only been raised once since 1979. He also noted a new Land Use position had been created to assist the Planning, Zoning, Conservation, and Historic District boards, ending that the 2.9% increase over last year's budget could be interpreted as modest. The

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School District budget and finances were discussed, and that the increased cost of school funding would be apparent in the December 2024 tax billing. He also announced that the Selectboard had heard from Comcast that grants had been secured and that broadband internet would be coming to the remaining approximately 256 residences in town that did not have broadband to date.

Jessica Treadway of Intervale Road inquired if their road would get internet, and the answer was yes.

George Rogers of Old Schoolhouse Road asked about the tax impact of the operating budget and warrant articles, and Scott Doherty responded that \$261.72 represented the impact of the warrant articles.

Bob Steenson of Hackleboro Road noted in reply that he had attempted to recreate the numbers proposed by the SRSD for their projection of the tax rate increase, and could not come up with the projected numbers the District had published. Steenson cautioned not to panic quite yet.

Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Six Thousand Seven-Hundred and Four dollars (\$36,704) to pay principal (\$35,000) and interest (\$1,704) on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. *Motion by Kelly Short; second Ruth Smith.*

Cheryl Gordon explained this article had been the same since 2005, and was a housekeeping item.

Patrice Rasche of Center Road inquired where the money came from. Cheryl replied when the Town sold the farm to Brookford Farm, the proceeds were deposited into the General Fund, and payments continued to be made on the bond despite not owning the property anymore. This is an annual payment.

Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) for the purpose of preparing new cemetery lots at the Maple Grove municipal

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cemetery and to complete a lot line adjustment with abutter to add a parcel of land at the Cemetery for future expansion. ***Motion by Dale Caswell; second by Rich Marcou.***

John Goegel and Jan Cote introduced themselves as Cemetery Trustees, and reported that in the past year, local partners had helped with donated time to survey and chart out wetlands and boundaries. Now that the land had been cleared, the second phase of this project includes removing stumps and preparing the area to sell lots. It was anticipated that \$208,000 would be raised in revenues with the new 464 graves being sold.

Frank Tupper of Ayers Road inquired what the cost of a cremation plot at the cemetery was, and the answer was \$250 each. He also commented that perhaps the private family cemeteries helped take the pressure off the Town for burials in the municipal cemetery.

Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase and installation of a ductless AC and heating unit at the Canterbury Historical Society Archives storage room in the Elkins Public Library. ***Motion by Judy Nelson; second by Emily Burr.***

Ron Routhier, President of the Canterbury Historical Society, introduced the article and gave some background as to why a new unit was necessary. Many town documents, scrapbooks, and old glass plate negatives were kept in the Archives room, and it was time to keep them safe with a replacement climate control system.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of negotiating a contract to upgrade the Town Website. ***Motion by Felipe Salas-Ogilvie; second by Beth McGuinn.***

Ken Folsom stated that there were several RFP's received in response to the bid for the creation of a new Town website, and that Kathleen McKay, the Administrative Assistant, could answer technical questions.

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Frank Tupper of Ayers Road asked if there were people in town who could provide this service and the answer was yes, there was one proposal from a company in town.

Patrice Rasche of Center Road inquired if this money was for hardware, and the answer was no. She also offered an observation that items need to be put up on the website in a timely manner.

Mindy Beltramo of Hackleboro Road asked Kathleen McKay to speak more to the new website.

Kathleen McKay of Shaker Road spoke to the current website, which is cumbersome and outdated. The new website will give the town more control over how it looks and how it interacts with residents or users. Mindy inquired about a community calendar feature which was confirmed will be a part of the new site.

Kevin Bragg of Baptist Road thanked the board for taking the suggestions given at last year's Town Meeting and bringing about this necessary change, and asked if digital records could be placed on the new website, which was answered in the affirmative.

Ruth Smith of Southwest Road asked if there would be surveys to ask what residents want on the new website, and it was stated that there would be surveys going out to garner input from residents in April or May.

Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of a Steam Cleaner and to withdraw the funds from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account created for this purpose. **Motion by Bob Steenson; second by John Udaloy.**

Kent Ruesswick explained that the present steam cleaner was not working and it would be used for cleaning trucks and equipment and thawing out frozen culverts.

Emily Preston of Southwest Road asked if it was going to be used to prevent the spread invasive species, and the answer received was no, it will not.

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Seeing no other questions, Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five-Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) for the purchase of a Folder/Inserter for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office. *Motion by Ron Routhier; second by Rachel Baker.*

Sam Papps gave a background of how many items the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's office mails out each year, and explained that per state statute, property tax bills must be sent out by mail. He also noted that the folder/inserter, if purchased, would be available for other town boards and committees to use.

Seeing no questions, Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six-Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of replacement and repairs to the Town Gazebo hand rails. *Motion by Emily Burr; second by Kathleen Doherty.*

Kent Ruesswick spoke to the article, stating that the existing rails were rotting and were in need of replacement. They had received one bid so far for the work, and the rails would be replaced with wood.

Mark Hopkins of Foster Road stated that he was in favor of replacing the railings with wood, since it is within the Center Historic District.

David Emerson of Shaker Road asked if this included the bench seats and the answer was no, the seats are still sound.

Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four-Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase and installation of gutters for the Meeting House. *Motion by Caley Shepard; second by BJ Entwisle.*

Kent Ruesswick stated the Selectmen were trying to do better with maintenance of buildings, and that the gutters were a part of that. The

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installation of gutters would help deflect the water that has rotted some of the siding at the Meeting House.

Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards. Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **Article 24:** To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept up to Fifteen-Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) from the forced distribution of funds from the Sam Lake Trust Fund. The exact dollar amount is to be determined by the Trustees of the Sam Lake Trust Fund and distributed to the Town by the end of the calendar year. **Motion by Kelly Short; second by Judy Nelson.**

Ken Folsom explained the history of the Sam Lake Trust and that tax laws force the distribution of the excess interest accrued to the beneficiary of the Trust, in this case the Town of Canterbury. It must be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for the Sam Lake House and can only be used for the maintenance of the Sam Lake House property. The amount this year is not known and they chose \$15,000 based on prior years receipts from the Trust.

Bob Scarponi of Clough Pond Road asked if the money could be used for the bandstand railings, and the answer was no because it is not part of the Sam Lake property.

Alexandria DiNome of Morrill Road inquired if they could use the funds for the Sam Lake Garage, and the reply was yes it could go towards that.

Judy Nelson of Center Road inquired why the money had to be taken, and Ken Folsom explained the tax consequences of not taking the money, and that it goes into the Sam Lake House Capital Reserve Account. Judy queried how much land was with the house, and the answer was 7 acres.

George Rogers of Old Schoolhouse Road asked what if the amount exceeds the \$15,000. It gets retained by the Trust but with a penalty.

Mindy Beltramo of Hackleboro Road inquired about the status of the Sam Lake Garage, and the Canterbury Fair's usage of space for supplies. Ken Folsom replied that the long-term plan for the garage space, as determined during the building planning process of the Sam Lake House in 2017, was that the Garage could be retrofitted as permanent record storage space for Town records.

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Moderator Miller read the article again and asked for a show of cards.
Motion carried; **Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller opened the meeting to any other business that would come before the body.

Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road spoke about Community Power and how Canterbury saved over \$105,000 in electricity costs over the past eight months.

Ruth Smith of Southwest Road made a presentation on the Canterbury Farmers Market.

Kelly Short of Hackleboro Road spoke as a member of the Conservation Commission, acknowledging the Stern's gift of conserving land off Bean Hill Road.

Claudia Leidinger of Hackleboro Road spoke on behalf of the Energy Committee, and invited residents to a workshop on building interior storm windows.

Seeing no other business, there was a vote by voice to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Samuel Papps, Town Clerk
Canterbury, New Hampshire

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MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Date	Place	Person A's Name	Residence	Person B's Name	Residence
May 30, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Dowling, John Francis	Canterbury, NH	Merrill, Serena Ivy	Portland, ME
June 26, 2024	Bristol, NH	Capone, Michael Robert	Canterbury, NH	Duggan, Wendy Jean	Bristol, NH
August 10, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Stone, Jennifer Rose	Canterbury, NH	Wright, Nicholas Douglas	Canterbury, NH
September 13, 2024	Warner, NH	Dowling, Max Gonzales	Canterbury, NH	Page, Marisol Linda	Canterbury, NH
September 14, 2024	Pittsburg, NH	Sosinski, Stephanie Claire	Canterbury, NH	Stremperfer, Sarah Maria	Canterbury, NH
September 14, 2024	Canterbury, NH	White, Matthew Allen	Canterbury, NH	Giblin, Kristen Louisa	Canterbury, NH
September 14, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Richard, Theresa Mary	Canterbury, NH	Samaniego, Ramon Diego	Canterbury, NH
October 3, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Bruckler, Joseph Matthew	Canterbury, NH	Lombardo, Danielle Marie	Canterbury, NH
October 12, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Roy, Luke Yves	Canterbury, NH	DeLuca, Michele Lynn	Canterbury, NH
November 4, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Gillespie, Isabel Beatriz	Canterbury, NH	Coming, Jeremy Ryan	Franklin, NH
November 13, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Mejia Fernandez, Bertha Liliar	Canterbury, NH	Zikaras, Brain Joseph	Canterbury, NH
December 9, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Vanvalkenburg, Lynne Michel	Canterbury, NH	Duval, Mark Anthony	Canterbury, NH

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

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BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Date	Place	Child's Name	Parent A's Name	Parent B's Name
January 26, 2024	Concord, NH	Glines, Georgia Ann	Glines, Eric Raymond	Glines, Fiina Maria
February 5, 2024	Concord, NH	Cole, Reya Hope	Cole, Jeffrey Michael	Cole, Katherine Lynn
March 8, 2024	Concord, NH	Juranty, Michael Edward	Juranty, James Edward	Juranty, Brittany Michelle
June 21, 2024	Concord, NH	Davis, Sanderson Ladds	Davis, Benjamin Raymond	Ladds-Davis, Amy Elizabeth
July 26, 2024	Concord, NH	Stevens, Lainey Roo	Stevens, Benjamin Matthew	Stevens, Jessica Jeannine
July 29, 2024	Concord, NH	Holt, Lillian Lynn	Holt, Nicholas Michael	Holt, Shelby Lynn
August 13, 2024	Concord, NH	Lach Martinez, Julian Michael	Lach, Lisa Amanda	Martinez, Rachael Elizabeth
September 26, 2024	Concord, NH	O'Brien, Connor James	O'Brien, Aiden Patrick	O'Brien, Kelsie Kempton
September 27, 2024	Manchester, NH	Jacobs, Isabella Anne	Jacobs, Nathan Robert	Jacobs, Mary Kate
October 28, 2024	Lebanon, NH	Slattery, Lucas Frederick	Slattery, Michael Sean	Slattery, Sandra Marie
November 29, 2024	Concord, NH	Keeler, Hudson James	Kydd-Keeler, Bryan Michael	Keeler, Irma Krupic

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Date	Place	Decedent's Name	Parent A	Parent B
March 13, 2023*	Concord, NH	Mann, Wayne Abbott	Mann, Wallace Ray	Gilliatt, Ethel Lord
January 14, 2024	Concord, NH	Harper Jr., Frank T	Harper Sr., Frank	Thomas, Gladys
January 15, 2024	Concord, NH	Knowlton, Ruth Ann	West, Charles	Jones, Lois
January 20, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Zannini, Anthony Joseph	Zannini, John	Disalvo, Maria
January 24, 2024	Concord, NH	Papps, Peter Elias	Papps, Jean	Mourginis, Ourania
January 26, 2024	Loudon, NH	Dow Sr., Francis Frank	Dow, Frank	Atwood, Thelma
February 12, 2024	Concord, NH	Harper, Sandra J	Hokinson, Russell	Courage, Izbella
March 11, 2024	Concord, NH	Dragon, Anna Marie	Waltos Sr., Louis	Nascimento, Mary
March 16, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Adams, Roger Eskildson	Adams, Roger	Lincoln, Beverly
April 13, 2024	Walcott, IA	Titilah, Brain Douglas	Titilah, Robert	Dolan, Anna
April 13, 2024	Walcott, IA	Titilah, Helena Aukje	Van West, Pieter	Visser, Aukje
April 15, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Dow, Jaunita B	Baraw, Charles	Laidlaw, Ernestine
April 15, 2024	Concord, NH	Gregory, Phyllis Ann	Beck, Charles	Olson, Ellen
May 6, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Cleverly, Jean Marie	Thomas, Garvin	Kindell, Esther
May 13, 2024	Concord, NH	O'Hara, Diane Kathleen	O'Hara, Leonard	Creedon, Margaret
May 20, 2024	Concord, NH	Cummings, Jean Rae	Garen, Bsuter	Unknown, Ruth
May 20, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Scrivens, Thomas Russell	Scrivens, Alvin	Hayes, Alice
May 27, 2024	Lebanon, NH	Mitchell, John J	Mitchell, Alfred	Gray, Eileen
June 14, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Reidsema, Timothy B	Reidsema, Russell	Fuller, Cynthia
June 18, 2024	Concord, NH	King, Janet Lynn	King, George	Sass, Olga
July 22, 2024	Concord, NH	Borner, Cathy Lou	Borner, Carl	Sloat, Carol
July 26, 2024	Concord, NH	Fife, Kevin Leon-Armand	Fife Sr., John	Fife, Betty
August 14, 2024	Concord, NH	Buchanan-Parker, Karen Winslow	Paulsen, Wilbur	Kelley, Muriel
October 1, 2024	Concord, NH	Moulton, William Harrison	Moulton, John	Macomber, Velma
October 16, 2024	Boston, MA	Coughlin, Michael David	Coughlin Jr., Emory	Mills, Floya
November 2, 2024	Boston, MA	Travis, Mark Lewis	Travis, Lewis	Grace, Martha
December 29, 2024	Canterbury, NH	Blais, Wayne William	Blais, Wayne	Rule, Linda

**Entry omitted by error from the 2023 Annual Town Report.*

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BURIALS AT MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Brown, Harry W. Jr.	Houman, Johanna (Stohrer)	*Lee, Roland Stebbins
Dow, Francis Sr.	Lee, Richard B.	Papps, Peter Elias
Echhardt, Donald H.	*Lee, Christopher	Smartt, Rena (Skonecki)
Fife, Kevin Leon-Armand	*Lee, Mary (Clough)	Smartt, Samuel Gordon Witham, Elvin A.

**Three burials from 2002 reported as delayed in 2024.*

Presently, Sloping Acres Farm and Brookford Farm are the two active commercial farms in Canterbury, and many family farms in town produce products ranging in size and scope from soaps to firewood, eggs, meat, cheese, maple syrup, vegetables, and contribute to the legacy of agriculture in town. The Agricultural Commission supports the community's commitment by helping to shape planning, conservation, and land use initiatives with the preservation of agriculture in mind. The community Farmers Market is an annual series that brings vendors with fresh produce and homegrown goods to town each year from Merrimack County and beyond. The Shaker Village fields in East Canterbury have cows grazing in them each summer, a testament to the museum's preservation of the Shaker's legacy in the agricultural history of the state. Canterbury is dotted with family maple sugar houses that produces maple syrup in the winter months, and many of the old post-and-beam barns are preserved by families today as features heralding their property's agricultural past. As our town begins to mark the celebration of its third century, the farming legacy left by those early settlers is still an active part of what makes Canterbury a special place to live, to raise families, and to grow in community.

Written and researched by Sam Papps and Bob Scarponi. Photos courtesy of the Canterbury Historical Society and the Canterbury Shaker Village.



PEVERLY POTATOES



DEWEY ON TRACTOR WITH
IRVING GREENWOOD



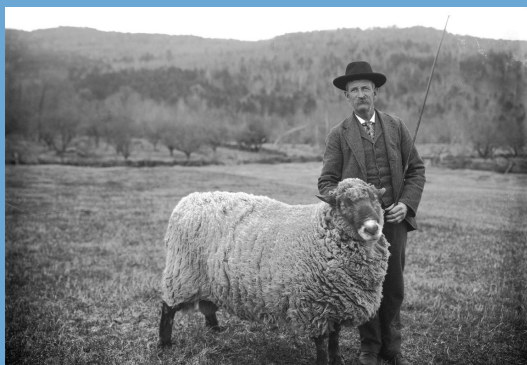
CLARENCE FIFE PLOWING
WITH TEAM



PICKING GRAPES



DAVID SANBORN'S TEAM



EDWIN HEATH WITH SHEEP



SAWMILL GROUP



EVERETT KIMBALL'S TEAM



RAKING HAY