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CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ANNUAL TOWN REPORT 2022

## Ganterbury Tales 2022 Trailblazers and Grossroads

In late spring of 2022, organizers Debra Allen and Diane Modugno envisioned, wrote, and organized an original production that would feature the "spirits" of early settlers and families of Canterbury to be presented in the Center Cemetery in late October. Said "Spirits" would appear along "The Eternal Way" at each grave site as visitors, guided by Specters, stopped to hear each character's story. Willing town "thespians" were recruited to play spirit parts. Spirits represented were:

## Sarah (Sally) Smith Morrill (1794-1861) Beth Blair

I was born in 1794 at the farm on Morrill Road. There were so many Morrills that we have 14 pages of genealogy in Lyford's History of Canterbury, which squeaks out the Clough's by half a page. They are everywhere in this cemetery; six monuments, a bench, and a Morrill burial chamber.


## Reverend James Scales

 (1707-1776) - Bob Scarponi

I was an early settler and Canterbury's first resident minister. I came here in 1742 where I taught and ministered for the next twelve years. I passed in July, 1776 just as the Declaration of Autonomy (ahh) Declaration of Independence was signed.

## (1862-1917) - Donna Miller

I was born in 1862, my mother died when I was 5 months old, and my father was killed when I was 9 months old (at Gettysburg) leaving me in the care of my grandparents, Thomas and Hanna Clough. I graduated from the Women's Medical College of N.Y. Infirmary in 1887. My ancestors Capt. Jeremiah and Thomas Clough were among Canterbury's first settlers and most prominent historical figures.


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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORTS <br> OF THE TOWN OFFICERS <br> OF THE TOWN OF <br> <br> CANTERBURY <br> <br> CANTERBURY New Hampshire 

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Comprising those of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Trustees of the Trust Funds, Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission, Cemetery Trustees, Energy Committee, Historical Society, Police, Fire, Town Administrator, Building Inspector, Agricultural Commission, Community Power Committee, Historic District Commission, Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, and Highway Departments.

## DEDICATION

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The 2022 Annual Report of the Town of Canterbury is dedicated to:

## Mike Capone

The 2022 Annual Town Report is dedicated to Mike Capone in recognition of his exceptional and extensive service to the Town of Canterbury and its citizens.

Mike's service history includes 2 years on the Economic Development Committee; 3 years on the Planning Board; 4 years on the Budget Committee; and 9 years as Selectman. In all that time and on all those boards and committees, no amount of time was too much and no effort too great - Mike gave it his all for this town.

Ask anyone who served with Mike or followed in his footsteps and they will all say the same thing: Mike was a model of consistency, quiet contemplation, strategic forethought, and forceful execution. He served as selectman before we had a town administrator, when selectmen performed all the administrative duties and operated the government directly. Mike was our de-facto town administrator, managing the town's business as a volunteer at no small cost to his own business. He did it so well that he set the standard for all future selectmen and town administrators and laid the groundwork for the professional town government we have today.

Mike - a grateful community salutes you!

## THANK YOU, TRANSFER STATION WORKERS



L to r: Andres Romero, David Bowles, David Heath, Fred Wells, and Evan Hauptman.

As many of you know, the Town has been trying to fill a vacancy for the position of Transfer Station Manager/Highway Department Employee. Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a qualified individual.

During this time, the staff at the Transfer Station, David Bowles and Andres Romero, with help from the Highway Department Employees John O'Connor, David Heath, Evan Hauptman, and Fred Wells have continued to provide our town residents with high quality services.

Thank You for all of your hard work!

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## TOWN OFFICES GENERAL INFORMATION



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Selectmen's Office \& Welfare Administrator
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Assessing Office
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783-9955
Monday 9-1 - Wednesday 9-1 - Thursday 10-2
Town Clerk/Tax Collector
spapps@canterburynh.gov
783-0153
Monday 9-3 - Tuesday 12-7 - Wednesday 9-3 - Thursday 12-7

## Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov
783-9033
Selectmen's Meetings
1st \& 3rd Monday of the month

## Planning Board Meetings

2nd \& 4th Tuesday of the month
Zoning Board of Adjustment
2nd \& 4th Wednesday of the month
Conservation Commission
2nd Thursday of the month
Solid Waste Committee
1st Thursday of the month
Historic District Commission
As needed

# TOWN OFFICERS - ELECTED 

昨选

SELECTMEN (3 years)
Robert Steenson, Chairman (2023)
Cheryl Gordon (2024)
Kent Ruesswick (2025)
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)
Samuel Papps (2025)
TREASURER (3 years)
Albert Edelstein (2025)
MODERATOR (2 years)
James Miller (2023)
Kathleen Doherty, Assistant Moderator
PLANNING BOARD (3 years)
Greg Meeh, Chair (2024) Scott Doherty, Vice Chair (2023)
Joshua Gordon (2025) Anne Dowling (2024)
Lucy Nichols (2023) John Schneider (2025)
Alternates:
Hilary Nelson (2024) Logan Snyder (2025)
Secretary: Lois Scribner Selectmen's Rep: Kent Ruesswick Associate: Mandy Irving

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)
John Goegel (2023)
Samuel Papps (2025)
Jan Cote (2024)

## SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)

Brenda Murray (2026) Denise Sojka (2024)
Pamela Smarling (2028)

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ray Craigie, 3 years, Chair (2025) Sarah Melasecca, 2 years (2023)
Rick Zeller, 3 years (2025) Florence Woods, 2 years (2024)
Linda Riendeau, 2 years (2023) Deborah Snow, 2 years (2024)
Rick Crockford, 2 years (2024) Ron Routhier, Alternate
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)
Greg Heath, Chair (2023)
Tiffany Brown (2025)
Steve Lundahl (2024)

## TOWN OFFICERS - APPOINTED

<br>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Kenneth Folsom
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Janice L. Stout
ACCOUNTING CLERK
Mary Hauptman

## ASSESSOR

Mandy Irving

## DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR <br> Jamie Huard-Ramos

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Donald O'Connor, Road Agent David Heath
Evan Hauptman Fred Wells
TRANSFER STATION
David Bowles Andres Romero
POLICE DEPARTMENT
Chief Michael Labrecque $\quad L t$. Michael Crockwell, P/T Officer
Katelyn Mills, F/T Officer Aaron Smith, F/T Officer
Justin Crotty, F/T Officer Kristofer Dupuis, P/T Officer
Deborah Nielsen, Admin. Asst.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gamache, Chief Scott Doherty, Dep. Chief, Paramedic

Guy Newbery, Deputy Chief, EMT
Evan Hauptman, Lieutenant, F.F.
Mathew Murphy, Lieutenant AEMT
Geoff Hubble, EMT
Chad Gamache, F.F., EMT
Aiden O'Brien, F.F., AEMT
Chris Acres, F.F./EMT
Richard Bilodeau, F.F., EMT
Cameron Burns, F.F., EMT
Finnegan Brown, F.F., EMT
Colin Evans, F.F., EMT

Craig Simpson, Captain
David Nelson, Lieutenant, EMT
Benjamin Davis, F.F.
Matt Nelson, F.F.
Herbert Batchelder, F.F./Paramedic
Rob Basha, F.F., AEMT
Dan Bickers, F.F., EMT
Mike Arnold, F.F., EMT-A
Michael Provencher, F.F., EMT
DJ Bickers, Explorer
Dale Caswell, Lifetime Member
FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTORMichael Gamache
HEALTH OFFICER (PUBLIC HEALTH)Nadine Dahl
DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICERGeoff Hubbell
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)
Joseph Halla, Chair (2024) F. Webster Stout (2024)Calvin Todd (2023) Jim Wieck (2025)
Christopher Evans (2023) Lisa Carlson, Secretary \& AlternateSean O’Brien, (2023) Alternate
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Ken Stern, Co-Chair (2025) Kelly Short, Co-Chair (2023)
Linda Fife (2025) Bob Fife (2023)
Steve Seron (2024) Ashley Reprecht (2023)
Teresa Wyman (2025) Audra Klumb (2025)
Bob Steenson, Selectmen's Rep.
LIBRARYRachel Baker, Director
Mary Ann Winograd, Circulation Services
Rose Howe, Circulation Services
Mary Ellen MacCoy, Circulation Services
Cheryl Ingerson, Youth Services Librarian
BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERJoel French
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
Kevin Bragg, Chair (2024) Virginia LaPlante (2025)
Anne Emerson (2023) Jeffrey Leidinger (2025)
Harry Kinter (2024) Lois Scribner, Alternate \& SecretaryKent Ruesswick, Selectmen's Representative
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Bob Scarponi, President Sandy Scripture, VP \& Corres. Sec.
Mary Ann Winograd, Treasurer Pam Jackson, Recording SecretarySam Papps, Curator (ex-officio) Ronald Routhier
Mary Jane Bergman Brian Titilah
Charles Sanborn Harry Kinter
Frederick Brewster Anne Emerson
CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN
Mark Stevens
CANTERBURY CEMETERY SEXTON
Kent Ruesswick

## SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Jack Travis, Chair (2025) Kent Ruesswick, 3 years (2025)
Kimberly Scamman, 3 years (2023) Emily Burr, 3 years (2025)
Lisa Travis, 3 years (2025) Rich Marcou, 3 years (2026)
Lois Scribner, Secretary Robert Steenson, Selectmen's Rep.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tyson Miller George Glines
Kelly Short John Carr
Robert Scarponi Art Rose
Briggs Lockwood
ENERGY COMMITTEE
Fred Portnoy Ruth Heath
John Hebert Sandy Hodsdon
David Day Claudia Leidinger
Beth McGuinn Jeff Beltramo
Kent Ruesswick, Selectmen's Representative

## OFFICIAL TOWN PERAMBULATOR

Mark Stevens
AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION
Wayne Mann, Chair (2023) George Glines (2024)
Mark Stevens, Vice-Chair (2025) Jill McCullough (2025)
Benjamin Davis (2023) Daimon Meeh (2025)
Nicole Glines (2024)
COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE
Howard Moffett, Chair (2025) Lenore Howe (2024)
Beth McGuinn (2024) John Schneider (2025)
Kelly Stonebraker (2024) Kathy Doherty (2025)
Tim Meeh (2024) Kent Ruesswick, Sel. Rep. (2024)

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Meghan Glines-O'Brien Jodie Martinez
Cheryl Durand Alexis Ellis
Carolyn Henry

# 2023 WARRANT FOR THE <br> ANNUAL TOWN MEETING STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 

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## 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 14, 2023
Time: 7:00 a.m.
Place: Canterbury Town Hall
Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

## SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the seventeenth day of March 2023 at seven o'clock to act on the following subjects.
Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars $(\$ 850,000)$ for the purpose of a new Fire Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars $(\$ 360,000)$ from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve created for this purpose; furthermore; with the balance of Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars $(\$ 490,000)$ to be paid for by the Selectmen accepting the Fire Fighter's Grant or, alternatively, and in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33), to authorize the Selectmen to issue not more than Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars $(\$ 490,000)$ of bonds and notes and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Three fifths Ballot Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seventy Dollars ( $\$ 3,228,070$ ) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars $(\$ 178,000)$ to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:
4915.3 Highway Equipment 10,000
4915.4 Highway Truck 30,000
4915.5 Highway Grader 30,000

| 4915.18 | Rescue Truck | 12,000 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 4915.19 | Fire Truck | 50,000 |
| 4915.24 | Landfill Closure | 1,000 |
| 4915.27 | Town Building Maintenance | 5,000 |
| 4915.30 | Highway Loader | 30,000 |
| 4915.31 | Highway Backhoe | 10,000 |
| Recommended by the Selectmen. |  |  |

Article 5: $\quad$ To see if the Town will vote to create a Bridge Maintenance or Construction Capital Reserve for the purpose of maintaining or the construction of bridges. The offsetting amount to come from the unassigned fund balance. (This represents the State of New Hampshire additional bridge fund (SB401) received in 2022 and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Transfer Station Capital Reserve to the Transfer Station Upgrade Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of upgrading the current transfer station and to authorize the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Two thirds vote required. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars $(\$ 150,000)$ for the purpose of purchasing a new Highway Truck, wing, and plow and to authorize the withdrawal of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars $(\$ 150,000)$ from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 8: $\quad$ To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Six dollars $(\$ 38,236)$ to pay principal $(\$ 35,000)$ and interest $(\$ 3,236)$ on the Gold Star Bond, said amount to be removed from the Town's Unassigned Fund Balance. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 9: $\quad$ To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Shaker Regional School Board to form a committee to initiate a review of the feasibility and suitability for the Town of Canterbury to withdraw from the Shaker Regional School District pursuant to the provisions of NH RSA 195:25 and to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars $(\$ 12,000)$ for the purpose of engaging educational and legal consultants as necessary to complete the review. Recommended by 2 Selectmen. Not recommended by 1 selectman.
Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars $(\$ 7,500)$ to purchase a zeroturn mower and to withdraw the funds from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Dollars $(\$ 7,000)$ to re-finish the Town Hall floors. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars $(\$ 7,500)$ to purchase an Air Conditioner/Condenser for the Municipal Building. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars $(\$ 7,500)$ to install a Ductless AC and Heating Unit at the Town Meeting House. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars ( $\$ 15,000$ ) for engineering, surveying, wetlands mapping, permitting, and conceptual design of a second entrance to Maple Grove Cemetery. Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Canterbury Community Power plan, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Canterbury Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary." Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 16: Shall the Town of Canterbury Re-Adopt the "Optional Veterans' Tax Credit" in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of $\$ 500$ ? (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.
Article 17: Shall the Town of Canterbury Re-Adopt the "All Veterans Tax Credit" in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Canterbury under RSA 72:28? (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.
Given under our hands and seal, this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Robert Steenson, Chair
Cheryl Gordon
Kent Ruesswick

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| TL | EXPENSE BUDGET | 2022 Budget | 12/31/22 | 2023 Budget | +/- LY Budget | \% chg | Est. 2023 <br> Revenue Offset | Encumb 2023 |
|  | $4130 \cdot$ EXECUTIVE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.1 - Selectmen Salaries | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.3 Town Administrator Salary | 58,300 | 58,300 | 61,215 | 2,915 | 5.0\% |  |  |
|  | 4130.4 - Office Equipment Repairs | 100 | - | 100 | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.5 - Selectmen Seminars | 500 | 25 | 500 | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.6 Telephone | 3,500 | 3,636 | 3,500 | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.7 - Printing | 200 | - | 200 | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.8 - Office Equipment | 1,500 | 900 | 1,000 | (500) |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.10 Office Supplies | 3,000 | 2,275 | 2,500 | (500) |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.11 Health Insurance | 36,986 | 36,986 | 40,975 | 3,989 |  | 8,195 |  |
|  | 4130.12 Postage | 1,600 | 1,071 | 1,200 | (400) |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.21 - Admin Wages | 33,046 | 26,720 | 34,698 | 1,652 | 5.0\% |  |  |
|  | 4130.22 - Assessing Wages | 58,666 | 58,694 | 61,599 | 2,933 | 5.0\% |  |  |
|  | 4130.25 - Misc. Other Expense | 100 | 124 | 100 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.54 - Administrative Training | 500 | 450 | 500 | 0 |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.55 - Advertising | 1,000 | 62 | 1,000 | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4130.56 - Printing Town Report | 4,500 | 4,946 | 5,500 | 1,000 |  |  |  |
| TL | Total $4130 \cdot$ EXECUTIVE | 212,498 | 203,189 | 223,588 | 11,090 | 5.2\% | 8,195 | 0 |
| 4135- INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Executive |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4135-1 - Network Server \& Installation | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4135-2 - Computers/Hardware | 1,000 | 1,022 | 1,000 | - |  |  |  |
|  | 4135-e - Software/Licensing | 10,750 | 11,282 | 11,800 | 1,050 |  |  |  |
|  | 4135-4 - Offsite Data Backup | 2,500 | 3,021 | 2,500 | - |  |  |  |

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|  |  |  |  | 4140．2 • Marriage License Fees |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4140.32 －Leave coverage／Town Meeting Minute－ | 4140.37 • Record Scanning | Total $4140 \cdot$ ELECTION，REG \＆VITAL STAT； |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | 4194 - GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \|c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| TL | EXPENSE BUDGET | 2022 Budget | 12/31/22 | 2023 Budget | +/- LY Budget | \% chg | Est. 2023 Revenue Offset | Encumb 2023 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | ENCUMBERED FROM PRIOR YEAR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Cemetery Maintenance | 600 | 600 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | TOTAL ENCUMBERED | 600 | 600 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Explanation of large over expenditures |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4220.9 - Fire \& Rescue Equipment ** | 14,800 | Revenue offset | via Grant |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4220.14 - Turn Out Gear ** | 31,450 | Revenue offset | via Grant |  |  |  |  |
|  | 4194-20 - Meeting House Maintenance ** | 3,220 | camera \& related | expenses for | adcasting meet |  |  |  |

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## REVENUE TO OFFSET 2023 BUDGET

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|  |  | Proposed 2022 | Actual 2022 | Proposed 2023 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | TAXES |  |  |  |
| 3185 | Yield Tax | 18,000 | 22,509 | 20,000 |
| 3190 | Interest \& Penalties on Taxes | 18,000 | 12,663 | 12,000 |
| 3186 | Payment in lieu of Taxes | 9,500 | 9,500 | 9,500 |
|  | Overlay | - | - |  |
|  | Sub-Total | 45,500 | 44,672 | 41,500 |
|  | INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE |  |  |  |
| 3350 | Warm zone grant | - | 50,556 |  |
| 3352 | Meals \& Rooms Tax | 130,000 | 211,381 | 130,000 |
| 3353 | Highway Block Grant | 93,000 | 175,179 | 93,000 |
| 3351 | Municipal Aid |  |  |  |
| 3356 | Reim. State \& Federal Forest Land | 175 | 165 | 165 |
| 3359 | Other State Revenues | 100 | 138 | 100 |
| 3359 | State of NH Grant | 0 | - | - |
| 3359 | Covid 19 1st Responder Stipend | 0 |  | - |
| 3359 | UCC Quarterly Income | 1000 | 1,005 | 1,000 |
| 3379 | Voter Checklist Town Portion | 100 | 350 | 100 |
| 3359 | ARPA Funds | **128,978 | **128,978 | - |
|  | Sub-Total | 353,353 | 438,775 | 224,365 |
|  | LICENSES \& PERMITS |  |  |  |
| 3220 | Motor Vehicle Permit Fees | 575,000 | 577,170 | 575,000 |
| 3290 | Municipal Agent Fees | 22,000 | 22,445 | 25,000 |
| 3290 | Other License \& Permit Fees | 3,000 | 4,118 | 4,000 |
| 3230 | Building Permit Fees | 12,000 | 28,995 | 13,000 |
|  | Sub-Total | 612,000 | 632,729 | 617,000 |
|  | CHARGES FOR SERVICES |  |  |  |
| 3914 | Bag Sales | 56,000 | 58,720 | 58,000 |
| 3914 | Recycling Income | 10,000 | 17,063 | 17,000 |
| 3914 | Transfer Station Fees | 14,000 | 15,198 | 15,000 |
| 3914 | Shaver Chargeback | 2,000 | 10,570 | 10,000 |
|  | Enterprise Fund Sub-Total | 82,000 | 101,550 | 100,000 |
| 3401 | Planning Board fees | 1,500 | 1,586 | 1,500 |
| 3401 | ZBA fees | 3,000 | 3,660 | 3,000 |
| 3401 | Police Subcontractors | 15,000 | 37,951 | 30,000 |
| 3401 | Fire Department Subcontractors | - | 1,750 | - |
| 3401 | Pistol Permits | 200 | 140 | 200 |
| 3401 | Police Department revenue | 200 | 260 | 200 |
| 3401 | Copier income | 25 | 14 | 100 |
| 3401 | Miscellaneous income | 200 | - | 200 |

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| 3401 | Fire Department inspections | 100 | 0 | 100 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3401 | Historical District Commission | 100 | 230 | 100 |
| 3401 | Town Building Rental | 100 | 150 | 100 |
| 3401 | Cemetery Plots | 2,500 | 2,600 | 2,500 |
| 3401 | Cemetery Corner Stones | - |  |  |
|  | Sub-Total w/o Ent Fund | 22,925 | 48,341 | 38,000 |
|  | Sub-Total with Ent Fund | 104,925 | 149,891 | 138,000 |
|  | MISC REVENUES |  |  |  |
| 3190 | Interest on deposits | 2,500 | 10,877 | 5,000 |
| 3934 | Proceeds of Long-Term Bond | - | - |  |
| 3501 | Sale of Municipal Property | 5,000 | 2,501 | 2,500 |
| 3503 | Health Insurance Reimbursement | 43,249 | 40,164 | 47,860 |
| 3503 | NSF Fee | 100 | 50 |  |
| 3503 | Insurance Claim Money | - |  |  |
| 3503 | Miscellaneous Revenue | 1,000 | 22,783 | 1,000 |
| 3503 | Sam Lake Trust | *13,000 | *13,819 | *13,000 |
|  | Sub-Total | 51,849 | 76,375 | 56,360 |
| 3915 | Transfers from Capital Reserves | - | 6,503 | 517,500 |
| 3916 | Library Offset - Trust funds | 17,950 | 8,863 | 18,550 |
|  | Sub-Total transfers | 17,950 | 15,365 | 536,050 |
|  | Sub-Total | 69,799 | 91,740 | 592,410 |
|  | Grand Total | 1,185,577 | 1,357,807 | 1,613,275 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Appropriations Recommended | 3,228,070 |  |  |
|  | Individual Warrant Articles | 1,327,988 |  |  |
|  | Total Appropriations | 4,556,058 |  |  |
|  | Less: Amt of Proposed Revenues \& Credits | 1,613,275 |  |  |
|  | Est Amount of Taxes to be raised | 2,942,783 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Sam Lake Trust - deposited to Captial Reserve - funds cound not be used to offset taxes per the State of NH Department of Revenue Administration |  |  |  |
|  | ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds cound not be used to offset taxes per the State of NH - Department of Revenue Administration |  |  |  |

## UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

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Unassigned Fund Balance
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes
Less Amount Voted - Gold Star
Total Retained
\$ 1,683,915
\$ -200,000
\$ -41,143
$\$ 1,442,772$
2022 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN
TOTAL RATE $=\$ 20.80$


## LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

## TOWN BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT BOND

Rate of Interest
Amount of Original Issue
Date of Original Issue
Principal payment date
Interest payment date Payable at
Maturities

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

GOLDSTAR

Rate of Interest
Amount of Original Issue
Date of Original Issue
Principal payment date
Interest payment date
Payable at:

3 \% -6\%
2,500,000
7/7/03
August 15
February 15 \& August 15
NH Municipal Bond Bank

4\%-5\%
\$800,000
7/21/05
August 15
February 20 \& August 20
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 | $32,183.76$ | 2018 | 40,000 | $10,681.76$ |
| 2009 | 40,000 | $30,183.76$ | 2019 | 35,000 | $9,041.76$ |
| 2010 | 40,000 | $28,183.76$ | 2020 | 35,000 | $7,598.00$ |
| 2011 | 40,000 | $25,799.76$ | 2021 | 35,000 | $6,228.00$ |
| 2012 | 40,000 | $23,799.76$ | 2022 | 35,000 | $6,142.50$ |
| 2013 | 40,000 | $21,799.76$ | 2023 | 35,000 | $3,235.50$ |
| 2014 | 40,000 | $19,799.76$ | 2024 | 35,000 | $1,704.26$ |
| 2015 | 40,000 | $16,297.76$ | 2025 | 35,000 | 874.00 |

SAM LAKE HOUSE LOAN
Rate of Interest 3.04\%

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

| FYE | Principal | Interest | FYE | Principal | Interest |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 2019 | $52,657.98$ | $3,911.54$ | 2021 | $53,664.91$ | $2,904.61$ |
| 2020 | $52,058.19$ | $4,511.33$ | 2022 | $55,029.13$ | $1,540.37$ |

## MORRILL ROAD BRIDGE / COMMAND CAR / POLICE CRUISERS

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

| FYE | Principal | Interest | FYE | Principal | Interest |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 2022 | $92,053.00$ | $14,300.73$ | 2025 | $50,000.00$ | $5,100.00$ |
| 2023 | $60,000.00$ | $11,220.00$ | 2026 | $50,000.00$ | $2,550.00$ |
| 2024 | $60,000.00$ | $8,160.00$ |  |  |  |

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## SAM LAKE TRUST FUND

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

Under the terms of the trust:
"...the income only is to be used by the Town of Canterbury, NH...for the betterment, improvements or other purposes that might be brought about on (testator's) home place, but not for other purposes."

## Clarfeld Management Report

Balance of Principal on Hand as of 01/01/2022
$\$ \quad 277,689.67$

## Cash Activity

Dividends \$ 7,469.11
Interest \$ 1,124.59
Long Term/Short Term Cap Gains \$ 1,659.74
Other Cash Receipts \$ 0
Fiduciary Fees (\$ 6,026.13)
Other Disbursements of Cash
Total Cash Activity $\quad\left(\begin{array}{l}\text { \$ 11,562.92 }\end{array}\right)$
Net Gain/(Loss)
Realized Gain/(Loss)
\$ 6,355.65
Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss)
Net Gain/(Loss) for the Period
(\$ 52,296.32)
Ending Market Value

| $(\$ \quad 45,940.67)$ |
| :---: |
| $\$ \quad 218,884.13$ |

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER - 2022

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Beginning Balance 01/01/2022 ..... \$ 3,848,650.13
Tax Collector ..... \$ 7,668,468.52
Town Clerk ..... 811,385.60
State of New Hampshire ..... 437,688.59
Grant Money Received ..... 179,533.80
Income from Departments ..... 118,389.31
Transfer from Sam Lake Trust ..... 13,819.39
Capital Reserve ..... 6,502.75
Library Offset ..... 8,862.52
Interest on Investments ..... 10,876.87
Enterprise Fund ..... 101,550.24
Payroll Account Deposits ..... 1,293,353.69
TOTAL REVENUE ..... \$ 10,650,431.28\$ 14,499,081.28
Selectmen's Orders Paid ..... 3,224,530.72
Payroll Disbursements ..... 1,291,337.56
ACH Transfers to State ..... 203,908.15
Tax Anticipation Note .....
Capital Reserve ..... 173,000.00
School Tax ..... 4,726,378.00
County Tax ..... 746,966.00
TOTAL EXPENSES ..... \$ 10,366,120.43
Ending Balance 12/31/22 .....  $4,132,960.98$
Conservation Commission Fund ..... 299,387.28

## LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND

## 樶 ${ }^{\frac{5}{5}}$

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

Balance on Hand as of 01/01/2022
Deposits
Withdrawals
Interest
Balance on Hand as of $\mathbf{1 2 / 3 1 / 2 0 2 1}$

| $\$ 226,476.87$ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\$$ | $71,287.00$ |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | $1,623.41$ |
| $\$ 299,387.28$ |  |

## RECONCILIATION - TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER

|  |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Property Tax Remitted to Treasurer | $\$ 7,549,211.06$ |
| Interest \& Penalties Remitted to Treasurer | $5,713.16$ |
| Converted to Liens Principle Only | $39,067.38$ |
| Redemptions | $52,137.94$ |
| Interest \& Costs Collected | $9,008.21$ |
| Deleted Credit | $(594.00)$ |
| Check Payments Reversed | $13,924.77$ |
| TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER | $\mathbf{\$ 7 , 6 6 8 , 4 6 8 . 5 2}$ |

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK - 2022

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Summary of Fees Collected for the Year Ending December 31, 2022

| MOTOR VEHICLE FEES COLLECTED | ACCT. $\#$ | AMOUNT |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | 3220.8 | $\$ 203,908.15$ |
|  | 3220 | $\$ 576,268.00$ |
|  | $3220 . B$ | $\$$ |
| SUB TOTAL |  | $\$ 781, \mathbf{0 7 8 . 0 3}$ |
|  |  |  |
| TOWN CLERK FEES COLLECTED | ACCT. $\#$ | AMOUNT |
| Agent Fee | 3240 | $\$ 22,445.46$ |
| Vital Statistics | 3290.4 | $\$$ |
| Marriage License | 3290.3 | $\$ 800.00$ |
| SUB TOTAL |  | $\$ 24,671.46$ |


| DOG LICENSE FEES COLLECTED | ACCT. $\#$ |  | AMOUNT |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Dog Overpopulation Fee | 3290.1 | $\$$ | $2,820.50$ |
| Dog Complaint | 3401.11 | $\$$ | - |
| SUB TOTAL |  | $\$$ | $\mathbf{2 , 8 2 0 . 5 0}$ |
| CREDIT ACCOUNT | $1+3401.42$ | $\$$ | $2,815.60$ |
| TOTAL FEES COLLECTED |  | $\mathbf{\$ 8 1 1 , 3 8 5 . 0 0}$ |  |

[^0]TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT时 2
Summary of Tax Warrants
For the Year Ending December 31

CREDITS

| REMITTED TO TREASURER | Account | Levy For 2022 |  | Prior Levies |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2021 | 2020 | $2019+$ |
| Property Taxes |  |  | ,300,881.30 | \$ | 154,533.35 |  |  |
| Land Use Change Taxes |  | \$ | 71,287.00 | \$ | 0 |  |  |
| Yield Taxes |  | \$ | 22,509.41 | \$ | 0 |  |  |
| Interest (Including Lien Conversion) |  | \$ | 1,535.88 | \$ | 3,259.78 |  |  |
| Penalties |  | \$ | 50.00 | \$ | 867.50 |  |  |
| Excavation Tax |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conversion to Lien (Principal Only) |  |  |  | \$ | 39,067.38 |  |  |
| ABATEMENTS MADE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property Taxes |  | \$ | 1,835.56 | \$ | 0 |  |  |
| Land Use Change Taxes |  | \$ | 1,450.00 | \$ | 0 |  |  |
| Yield Taxes |  | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 |  |  |
| CURRENT LEVY DEEDED |  | \$ | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Property Taxes |  | \$ | 243,469.85 |  |  |  |  |
| Land Use Change Taxes |  | \$ | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| Yield Taxes |  | \$ | 9,993.25 |  |  |  |  |
| Property Tax Credit Balance |  | (\$ | 5,525.15) |  |  |  |  |
| Total Debits |  |  | ,647,487.10 | \$ | 197,728.01 |  |  |

REMITTED TO TREASURER

| REMITTED TO TREASURER | Account | Levy For 2022 | Prior Levies |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | 2021 |  | 2020 |  | $2019+$ |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year |  |  |  |  |  | 39,370.52 |  | \$ 11,418.71 |
| Liens Executed During Fiscal Year |  |  |  | 41,126.06 |  |  |  |  |
| Interest \& Costs Collected After Lien Execution |  |  | + | 1,159.46 |  | 6,429.14 |  | \$ 1,419.61 |
| Total Debits |  |  |  | 42,287.52 |  | 45,799.66 |  | \$ 12,838.32 |
| SUMMARY OF CREDITS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Redemptions |  |  |  | 14,946.15 | \$ | 27,111.88 |  | 10,079.91 |
| Interest \& Costs Collected After Lien Execution | 3190 |  |  | 1,159.46 | \$ | 6,429.14 | \$ | \$ 1,419.61 |
| Abatements of Unredeemed Liens |  |  |  | 0 |  |  |  |  |
| Liens Deeded to Municipality |  |  | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 | \$ | 0 |
| Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year | 1110 |  |  | 26,179.91 |  | 12,258.64 |  | \$ 1,338.80 |
| Total Credits |  |  |  | 42,285.52 |  | 45,799.66 |  | \$ 12,838.32 |

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

# TOWN OF CANTERBURY 2022 SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY 

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Current Use Land Assessed Value ..... 1,786,106
Conservation Restriction Assessment ..... \$
Land (Improved and Unimproved) ..... \$ ..... 126,362,100
Residential Buildings ..... \$Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D\$
Commercial/Industrial. ..... \$214,196,305
Public Utilities .....
Total Gross Valuation ..... \$
Less Elderly Exemptions .....
1,369,100
Blind Exemptions ..... \$
Physically Handicapped Exemptions .....
Improvements to Assist Person w/Disabilities .....  $\$$
Total Gross Exemptions .....  $\$$44,890
17,533,400
8,263,500368,192,25330,000
450,00078,968
1,928,068
Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County \& Local Education Tax is computed .....  $\$$
Less Public Utilities ..... \$
366,264,185
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax computed .....  $\$$
358,000,6858,263,500
Veteran's Tax Credit .....  $\$$ ..... 45,500
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit ..... 15,400
All Veteran's Tax Credit .....  ..... 9,000
2022 Tax Rate
Town Tax Rate ..... \$ ..... 5.78
County Tax Rate ..... \$ ..... 2.04
School Tax Rate .....  $\$$ ..... 11.88
State Education Tax Rate .....  ..... 1.10
TAX RATE PER \$1,000 .....  ..... 20.80
2021 Median Ratio76.4\%

## SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY



|  | Acres | Assessed Value |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Town Hall \& Land | 5 | \$ | 314,700 |
| Elkins 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 |
|  | 17.43 | \$ | 3,470,900 |


| Map | Lot | \# | Road Name | Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission | Acres |  | Assessed Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 101 | 0020 |  | Shaker Road | Sherwood Forest | 0.69 | \$ | 71,100 |
| 101 | 0100 | 37 | Old Gilmanton Road | Sherwood Forest | 0.26 | \$ | 15,600 |
| 101 | 0120 |  | Old Gilmanton Road | Sherwood Forest | 0.02 | \$ | 1,600 |
| 101 | 0210 | 18 | Nottingham Road | Sherwood Forest | 0.26 | \$ | 15,600 |
| 101 | 0360 | 99 | Canterbury Shore Drive | Sherwood Forest | 0.71 | \$ | 38,400 |
| 101 | 0580 | 26 | Blue Boar Lane | Sherwood Forest | 0.24 | \$ | 14,600 |
| 101 | 0620 | 39 | Blue Boar Lane | Sherwood Forest | 0.31 | \$ | 6,900 |
| 101 | 0730 |  | Shaker Road | Lyford Cemetery | 0.08 |  |  |
| 102 | 0162 |  | Flowage/Dam Rights | Sherwood Forest | 0.00 |  |  |
| 102 | 0370 | 84 | Canterbury Shore Drive | Sherwood Forest | 0.39 | \$ | 38,700 |
| 102 | 0430 | Island | New Pond | Sherwood Forest | 0.25 | \$ | 22,500 |
| 102 | 0520 | 85 | Canterbury Shore Drive | Sherwood Forest | 0.25 | \$ | 12,200 |
| 102 | 0710 | 65 | Canterbury Shore Drive | Sherwood Forest | 0.28 | \$ | 16,800 |
| 102 | 0940 | 10 | Friar Tuck Road | Sherwood Forest | 0.24 | \$ | 14,600 |
| 102 | 1490 | 0 | Robin Shore Drive | Sherwood Forest | 0.04 | \$ | 18,800 |
| 102 | 1500 | Island | Lyford Pond | Sherwood Forest | 0.40 | \$ | 24,000 |
| 107 | 0240 |  | Kimball Pond Road | Kinter Lot/CCC* | 3.11 | \$ | 88,800 |
| 107 | 0250 |  | Kimball Pond Road | Hildreth Field/CCC* | 15.09 | \$ | 115,000 |
| 107 | 0260 |  | Kimball Pond Road | Hildreth Field/CCC* | 30.00 | \$ | 137,300 |
| 107 | 0290 |  | Center Road | Center Cemetery | 2.40 | \$ | 1,800 |
| 203 | 0080 |  | Snowshoe Hill Road | Wetlands/CCC | 7.00 | \$ | 21,000 |
| 203 | 0090 |  | Snowshoe Hill Road | Wetlands/CCC | 9.00 | \$ | 27,000 |
| 203 | 0160 |  | Mountain Road | Wooded/CCC | 2.30 | \$ | 11,000 |
| 203 | 0170 |  | Mountain Road | Wooded/CCC | 2.50 | \$ | 11,600 |
| 203 | 0180 |  | Mountain Road | Wooded/CCC | 4.30 | \$ | 16,400 |
| 203 | 0190 |  | Mountain Road | Wooded/CCC | 5.25 | \$ | 19,000 |
| 203 | 0200 |  | Mountain Road | Topography/CCC | 4.00 | \$ | 15,600 |
| 203 | 0220 |  | Mountain Road | R-0-W RD Thru Center of Lot/CCC | 45.00 | \$ | 70,500 |
| 203 | 0230 |  | Mountain Road | Wooded/ CCC | 5.40 | + | 19,400 |
| 203 | 0240 |  | Mountain Road | Wooded/CCC | 3.00 | \$ | 12,900 |
| 203 | 0290 |  | Harmony Lane | Gilmanton Town Line/CCC | 6.26 | + | 89,200 |
| 205 | 0050 |  | Misery Road | Northfield Town Line/CCC | 20.00 | \$ | 88,800 |
| 208 | 0090 |  | Baptist Hill Road | Irregular shaped lot | 1.60 | \$ | 39,300 |
| 208 | 0180 |  | Baptist Hill Road | Mathews Cemetery | 0.04 |  |  |
| 209 | 0040 |  | Shaker Road | Corner Lot | 0.43 | \$ | 30,800 |
| 210 | 0090 |  | Mountain Road | CCC | 3.70 | \$ | 11,100 |
| 211 | 0060 | ES | Route 106 | Backland/NHMS \& Soucook River | 0.63 | \$ | 1,900 |
| 216 | 0030 |  | Ayers Road | Backland | 0.04 | \$ | 100 |

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| Map | Lot |  | \# | Road Name | Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission | Acres |  | Assessed Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 218 | 003 | 0 |  | Off Oak Hill Road | Backland | 2.90 | \$ | 8,700 |
| 218 | 004 | 0 |  | Intervale Road | Backland/Northfield Town Line | 8.00 | \$ | 24,000 |
| 218 | 005 | 0 | Off | Oak Hill Road | Backland/Northfield Town Line | 0.21 | \$ | 600 |
| 219 | 009 | 0 | NS | Intervale Road | Backland/Northfield 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 |
| 227 | 006 | 0 |  | Asby Road | Brown Cemetery | 0.04 |  |  |
| 229 | 004 | 0 |  | Baptist Hill Road | Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery | 0.52 |  |  |
| 232 | 008 | 0 |  | Borough Road | Osgoodite Family 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 | 81.00 |  | 157,500 |
| 236 | 003 | 0 |  | Intervale Road | Merrimack River 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 | 7.40 |  | 22,200 |
| 238 | 004 | 0 |  | Northwest Road | Backland/Wetland/CCC* | 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 | Peverly 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 | R-O-W | Welch Road | Backland/Access/CCC | 15.00 | \$ | 53,700 |
| 245 | 005 | 0 |  | Baptist Road | Backland/Access/Pond/CCC | 20.00 | \$ | 42,600 |
| 245 | 007 | 0 |  | Baptist Road | Backland/Access/Pond/CCC | 23.00 | \$ | 23,500 |
| 245 | 008 | 0 |  | Baptist Road | Backland/Wetland/CCC | 10.70 | \$ | 13,200 |
| 245 | 009 | 0 |  | Baptist Road | Backland/Wetland/CCC* | 20.50 | \$ | 43,700 |
| 245 | 010 | 0 | SE | Baptist Road | Spender Meadow/Crane Neck Pond/CCC | 16.00 | \$ | 27,400 |
| 245 | 011 | 0 |  | Baptist Road | Backland/CCC | 66.00 | \$ | 74,300 |
| 246 | 013 | 0 |  | Baptist Road | Wetlands/R-OW/ Access/CCC | 3.90 | \$ | 46,200 |
| 247 | 032 | 0 |  | Southwest Road | Unknown ROW | 0.27 | \$ | 14,100 |
| 250 | 005 | 0 |  | Island | Island on Merrimack River | 0.61 | \$ | 70,100 |
| 252 | 033 | 0 | WS | Kimball Pond Road | Pond/CCC* | 19.06 | \$ | 121,500 |
| 253 | 039 | 0 |  | Pickard Road | Kimball II West 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 |
| 255 | 014 | 0 |  | Whitney Hill Road | Whitney \& Lovejoy Rds Triangle/CCC | 12.80 | \$ | 48,000 |
| 256 | 003 | 0 |  | Whitney Hill Road | N/F Samual Lovering Heirs | 22.00 | \$ | 107,600 |
| 257 | 008 | 0 | W OF | Whitney Hill Road | Backland/wetlands | 19.00 | \$ | 21,600 |
| 258 | 027 | 0 |  | Old Schoolhouse Road | Side of Class VI Road | 0.20 | \$ | 25,500 |
| 261 | 003 | 0 |  | West Road | Canterbury/Boscawen Bridge/CCC | 5.40 | \$ | 95,700 |
| 262 | 003 | 0 |  | Along Merrimack | N/F Elbridge Carter 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 |


| Map | Lot | \# | Road Name | Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission | Acres | Assessed Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 263 | 0430 |  | Abby Drive | Open Space/CCC | 0.63 | \$ 28,200 |
|  | 0440 |  | Cambridge Drive | Open Space | 0.66 | \$ 28,300 |
|  | 0110 |  | New Road | Concord Frontage/CCC | 28.00 | \$ 89,300 |
|  |  |  | Oxbow Pond Road | $\underset{\text { CCC* }}{\text { Riverland }}$ Conservation/ | 68.73 | \$ 220,400 |
|  |  |  |  | Acres |  | 870.17 |
|  |  |  |  | Parcel Values |  | \$3,533,700 |
|  |  |  |  | Town Building Values |  | \$3,470,900 |
|  |  |  |  | Town Owned Building and | Parcels | \$7,004,600 |

## THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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2022 was thankfully quieter than 2021 as Canterbury did not feature on worldwide journalism or social media platforms. The Covid-19 pandemic, while not officially over, quieted through the year. Targeted vaccine boosters and our town's relatively high vaccination rate delivered a healthier year for our citizens and a welcome easing of public health restrictions. Last year in this space we expressed hope that the tone of public discourse would improve, divisiveness would abate and the Canterbury traditions of respect and tolerance re-emerge. We are happy to report that by and large this was the case.

In a year where tensions around elections and democratic electoral processes remained high nationally, Canterbury conducted our elections for local, state and federal offices with smoothness, efficiency, accuracy and candor. This excellent performance was the direct result of the efforts of Town Moderator Jim Miller, Town Clerk Sam Papps, Supervisors of the Checklist Brenda Murray, Denise Sojka and Pam Smarling along with our Town Administrator Ken Folsom, our administrative staffers Jan Stout and Mary Hauptmann and all the citizen volunteers who manned the checklists, counted the votes and observed the process. Thanks to everyone who participated.

The select board and town staff bade farewell to Arthur Hudson as he concluded the second 3-year term of his encore stint as Selectman. After a close, competitive and most importantly respectful race to fill Art's seat, we welcomed Kent Ruesswick to the board and runner-up Calvin Todd to the Budget Committee.

Looking back on the year behind us and forward in anticipation it is clear that our town must face many of the challenges common to all municipalities in this era: rising operating costs, looming infrastructure and capital equipment needs, difficulty in hiring and retaining quality employees, a shortage of housing, especially affordable housing, and a changing climate.

While it won't be easy, Canterbury has the resources to meet these challenges now and in the future. Our financial position is strong. Years of cautious budgeting, judicious capital expenditures, consistent transfers to capital reserves, underbudget operations, effective tax collection and appropriate sales of town-owned properties have produced robust fund balances and limited long-term debt. The 5year Sam Lake House Loan was paid off in 2022 and the 20 -year Town Buildings Improvement Bond will be retired in 2023. Long-term debt payments represent just $6.2 \%$ of the total 2023 proposed operating budget and that percentage will decline further in 2024 and 2025 even with a bond for the new fire truck should that warrant article pass. The unreserved fund balance at the end of 2022 was approximately $\$ 1.4$ million including $\$ 258,000$ of restricted Federal ARPA funds and $\$ 49,700$ of restricted state bridge aid. Despite the restricted amounts that can only be used for certain purposes, the town has roughly $\$ 1.1$ million in reserve to address emergencies, avoid tax anticipation notes, help fund future capital needs and allow future selectboards to ease spikes in the tax rate.

We have abundant human resources to help meet the needs of the future. We have excellent, highly experienced and dedicated department heads in Road Agent John O'Connor, Police Chief Mike Labrecque, Fire Chief Mike Gamache, Town Clerk Sam Papps, Library Director Rachel Baker and Town Administrator Ken Folsom to navigate the challenging operating environment. Our firefighters, police officers, highway and transfer station crews and town office staff are top notch.

Finally, we also have an abundance of community resources. Our elected and appointed boards, commissions and committees of citizen volunteers work hard to proactively address the wide range of issues critical to all of us: planning, zoning, trust fund investments, cemetery management, conservation, agriculture, waste disposal, public health, library services, education, recreation, energy, our very history and now community power.

We are fortunate to live in a town that has come together and stayed together throughout its long history. May the spirit live on!

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Steenson
Cheryl Gordon
Kent Ruesswick

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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In 2022 we saw less impacts in the way of "normal" business from Covid-19. We have dropped the requirement for masks and have removed some of the other restrictions. Unfortunately, different strains of the virus are still with us and continue to negatively affect the population.

The Town received the second installment of the American Rescue Plan Act funding in the amount of $\$ 128,977$. We are still working with Comcast for
expanded Broadband. They have applied for Federal funding through the State to move forward with the project for Canterbury.

We also received an additional $\$ 49,000$ for Bridge Maintenance and or construction. This was a result of Senate Bill 401 that gave municipalities a one-time payment from State budget surplus. The Fire Department received over $\$ 50,000$ in grants for equipment. Unfortunately, they were not awarded the grant for a new Fire Engine or Radios. The Chief will apply again this year for these grants.

Some of the work to install a new baler at the Transfer Station was completed. New power lines were run and the baler was ordered. Unfortunately, the electrical entrance parts, which were ordered in August were not available. We are encumbering the funds to complete the work in 2023. A "Storage Container" was purchased to replace one of the "Storage Trailers." This will provide safe and usable space for storing recyclables.

New flooring was installed and painting was completed at the Municipal Building. Work was also done to the water softener system. We also replaced the fluorescent lights in the Fire Station truck bays with LED's. The Central NH Planning Commission worked with Town staff to complete the required update on the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is updated every 5 years. The process includes staff and members of the Fire, Highway, and Police Departments and takes several months to complete. Having an updated HMP allows the town to secure federal funding for projects that will assist the town in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.

The 2022 Operating Budget was underspent by $\$ 127,438$. We had vacancies in the Town Office (Deputy Town Clerk), Highway/Solid Waste (Transfer Station Manager/Highway Employee) and Police Department (Patrol Officer on Military Leave). We also received a reduced rate for Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance and underspent Salt, Sand/Salt Subcontractor and Winter Sand budgets (Thank you Global Warming!). We underspent the Road Tar budget and encumbered $\$ 16,189$ to the 2023 budget.

The 2023 Operating Budget is up by $\$ 122,698$ or $4 \%$ with a Revenue Offset of $\$ 155,359$ and $\$ 16,189$ in Encumbered Funds. Areas that saw the largest increases were: Healthcare - $11.7 \%$ increase; Electricity and Heating costs up by $\$ 14,640$; and Gas/Diesel/Oil costs up by $\$ 21,150$. Tipping Fees for Solid Waste are up from $\$ 74.70$ per ton to $\$ 85.00$ and Ground Water testing at the Transfer Station is up from $\$ 5,000$ to $\$ 6,560$ because of mandated increased testing for PFAS and PFOS. The Library budget is up by $\$ 41,661$ or $19 \%$, this includes $\$ 6,370$ in additional NH Retirement costs and an additional $\$ 25,452$ in wages. The Consumer Price Index rose by $6.5 \%$. The Board of Selectmen are proposing increases of $5 \%$ for most employees.

I would be remiss not to mention the hard work and cooperation of all the Town Office Staff, Employees, Elected, and Appointed Officials.

Respectfully Submitted,<br>Ken Folsom<br>Town Administrator

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## BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT



2022 was another busy year for building and zoning departments. I have issued a total of 246 permits. 48 building permits and out of those there were 4 new houses and 3 large commercial buildings. 74 electrical permits, 14 plumbing permits, 28 solar permits, 57 gas permits, 3 solid fuel permits, and 18 Certificates of Occupancies.

Respectfully submitted
Joel French
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

## PLANNING BOARD

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The Planning Board was pleased to welcome John Schneider who was the new member elected in 2022. Joshua Gordon was reelected. Joshua is the Board's senior member, having served for 10 years since joining as an alternate back in 2012. We thank both John and Joshua for being willing to serve with the other elected members and we extend thanks also to Logan Snyder for joining as an alternate and attending regularly.

We have been pushing forward the Master Plan project, which was started before the pandemic, but was largely postponed due to Covid restrictions during 2020 and much of 2021. Once it became possible to hold in-person meetings again we have worked with support from the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC) to achieve the following:

- Compiled and published results of the Community Survey for Master Plan Update - these are available on the Planning Board page of the town website.
- We held the first public Canterbury Master Plan Update Visioning Session on June 18. We were heartened to see a turnout of just over 40 attendees and there was spirited participation in the 3 areas of focus: (i) Land Use, Housing and Economic Development, (ii) Natural and Cultural Resources and Agriculture, (iii) Transportation, Community Facilities and Utilities.
- You can find a summary of that first visioning session available on the Planning Board page of the town website. Or contact the secretary if you would like a hard copy.
- Our 2nd public visioning session was held on October 11 and was specifically focused on Exit 17, Exit 18 and NH 106 commercial/industrial zones. Close to 30 residents and business owners attended and explored a number of thoughtful possibilities and concerns.
- A summary of that visioning session, prepared by the CNHRPC is also available on the Planning Board page of the town website.
We thank town residents, the other town boards, town commissions and CNHRPC for your participation and support. Our goal is to have a Master Plan ready for Town Meeting 2024.

Over the past year, in addition to several preconceptual discussions with applicants, we approved Site Plan applications for:

- 2 self-storage facilities at Exit 18 and 1 on Rt 106.
- 1 commercial building on Oxbow Pond Rd.
- 2 commercial buildings on 1 lot on Hall Rd.

We also approved two subdivisions, one on Hackleboro Rd. and one on Old Tilton Rd.

We would like to invite interested town residents to consider joining as alternates, find out more about the role and work of the Planning Board and run for membership longer term.

Special thanks to Planning Board Associate, Mandy Irving for office support and to Lois Scribner, secretary.

Greg Meeh, Chair
Planning Board.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

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| Case \# | Applicant | Appeal | Decision |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $2022-1$ | Shepherd, Caley \& John | Special Exception | Granted |
| $2022-2$ | Januszewski, Derek <br> Selectboard <br> Rehearing | Special Exception <br> Mtg to Consider | Granted <br> Denied |
| $2022-3$ | MDM Management, LLC <br> Office Establishment In <br> Commercial Zone <br> Special Exception ADU | Special Exception | Granted |
| $2022-4$ |  <br> Abigail Machson Carter | Special Exception | Granted |
| $2022-5$ | Gilman Girls, LLC | Special Exception | Granted |
| $2022-6$ | O’Brien, Sean | Special Exception | Granted |
| $2022-7$ | Shaw, Micah \& Aimee | Special Exception | Denied |
| $2022-8$ | Colby, Debra Lisa Hawkins | Special Exception | Granted |
| $2022-9$ | Martinson, Courtney \& | Special Exception | Granted |
|  | Jeremy |  |  |

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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I would like to thank all of you for your continued support to the Canterbury Police Department. In 2022, your police department went through some changes, Officer Smith resigned in September to pursue other interests outside of law enforcement. Officer Vincent Kirathi was hired in November, Officer Kirathi is full time certified and started his career in Manchester, NH. Unfortunately, Officer Mills resigned in January 2023; Officer Mills accepted a position at the Rochester Police Department.

The safety complex had all new floors installed. I encourage everyone to stop by and see how nice the building looks. All of us here appreciate the support of the residents for approving the upgrades.

The 2021 Hybrid cruisers which went into operation in January 2022 are running well, the average mile per gallon is 25 compared to the conventional cruisers we have which get an average of 14 miles per gallon.

If you ever need us to respond to an emergency or need to report something, call $9-1-1$ or the 24 -hour Merrimack County Dispatch Center at $603-228$-1010. If you need to speak to an officer or myself, please call the station at 603-783-0433.

Here are some statistics that your police department responded to during 2020, 2021, and 2022.

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| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Accidents | 17 | 19 | 3 |
| Arrests | 54 | 23 | 70 |
| Calls for Service | 2,428 | 1,826 | 2,360 |
| Citations | 828 | 477 | 1,995 |
| Field Interviews | 6 | 3 | 20 |
| Incidents | 245 | 180 | 167 |

Everyone here at the Canterbury Police Department is proud to serve you and the community. Open communications with everyone is the key to our success. Any time you need to speak to me about a problem or anything else please do not hesitate to call.

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

## FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

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This past year saw several changes in personnel, advancements in department capabilities as well as the purchase of compliant safety equipment for all members. Though several members have left the department for various reasons, we were fortunate that several new members have joined the department. We now have a roster of 26 but are always looking to add new members to our team. Whether you are active in another department or you are looking to get into the fire service or even if you just want to serve your community. Whether you have only EMS training, fire training or just a desire to serve or enter the profession with no previous training we would consider you. If you are interested, please reach out to the department to discuss.

Thanks in part to competitive grant money that we were able to secure, every member of the department is now equipped with compliant structural turnout gear. Safety of our members is our number one priority as they deliver services to our community. In addition, some grant monies were used to enhance our abilities to extricate those in certain situations that we had no capabilities to do previously. In the past we would have to wait for mutual aid to arrive to perform this task, now we are equipped and trained to carry out this procedure upon arrival.

This past year, we responded to 302 calls for emergency assistance. There were 49 training sessions held for our members on topics such as EMS, rescue, firefighting, and all the skills essential to the job functions. Town wide we also performed 35 inspections, drills, and demonstrations. Members also participated in the Memorial Day celebration, the fourth of July festivities, the Canterbury Fair, and the local blood drive to name a few.

I am grateful for the continued commitment of our members. While Lieutenant Dave Nelson handles most department business and operations during business hours, members of the call force are called upon after hours to handle most of the rest. All these people have family and job obligations as we all do but they still find time to respond without hesitation to your call for assistance when requested.

The department would like to thank the residents of town as well as the board of selectmen for their continued support.

Fire Chief Michael Gamache

## ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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The Library Trustees are excited to report that the past year has seen Elkins Public Library return to pre-pandemic levels of in-person participation. In response, the staff has increased hours of operation, returned to in-person events and talks, and created new programming, while ensuring a safe space for all to enjoy.

Some of the purchases through grants and budgeted funds over 2022 include air purifiers and air quality monitors in use every day and a portable sound system for talks and presentations throughout the campus of Elkins, Town Hall, and the Meeting House. A new and more effective router extender has also been purchased to allow greater free access to the internet for all both inside and outside of the library, and a wireless printer is available for patrons. A Discover Book bin has been placed outside the library to recycle used and worn books to literacy and community based organizations throughout the Northeast.

As part of ongoing building maintenance, we followed up last year's installation of new carpeting throughout the main library with the installation of new vinyl flooring in the conference room and bathrooms. A beautiful new roof was installed eliminating long-time leakage problems. In addition, an energy audit, conducted by the Canterbury Energy Committee, has identified areas where we can save money in future energy use.

New programming includes Tunes, Tales and Tumbles, led by the 2022 New Hampshire Library Association's Children's Librarian of the Year, Cheryl Ingerson. On Pins and Needles, a group of crafters that meet by the fireplace to share ideas and enjoy each other's company. Mystery lovers meet once a month for Murder, Mayhem, and Misadventure with Mary Ellen MacCoy. This group discusses all things mysterious, including books, mystery writing, and movies. Elkins Public Library Speaker Series hosted special evening presentations in the Town Hall and Meeting House. Other opportunities for the community to gather are the Elkins Café on the first and third Thursdays of the month, and Musical Mondays led by Library Director Rachel Baker. Ongoing programing include the multiple book groups for adults, including Sweet Grass, Old Man Boring Book Club, and the Evening Book Group led by Rose Howe. For the younger readers, programing includes Story Time, Afterschool Crew, 1000 Books Before Kindergarten, the Summer Youth Reading Program, this year creating an undersea wonder world called "Oceans of Possibilities." The Polar Express made it's debut in town this year with great attendance and cheers from happy participants.

The Friends of Elkins Public Library (FOEPL) is a group of volunteers who serve as a connecting link between the library and community and always welcome new members and ideas for the upcoming year. Through various fundraising efforts they provide important financial support for many library events and activities held throughout the year. They fund summer passes for the Currier Gallery, the Children's Museum, Shaker Village, Squam Lake, and NH State parks. The Friends group also helped to sponsor speakers on the future of Shaker Village, Master Gar-

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dening, and events relating to the summer reading program, "Oceans of Possibilities." And the FOEPL Garden Group, led by Doneta Fischer, has done extensive work to maintain the Rita Braskie Memorial Garden and installed labels of the plants with QR codes that link to an online Plantsmap. Our most popular program of weekly technical help is provided by FOEPL member, Katie McKay. Thank you for your contribution to your library.

With a talented and dedicated staff, Elkins provides a safe and welcoming space for all in our community to enjoy, connect, and grow. The library is always working to adapt and develop - come share your ideas and check out the new floor plan including a new teen and adult reading rooms!

Ray Craigie
Chairperson, The Elkins Public Library Board of Trustees

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022
Total Circulation Of Materials: ..... 19,613
Adult Fiction: ..... 3,843
Youth Fiction: ..... 5,285
Young Adult Fiction: ..... 431
Youth Non-Fiction: ..... 963
Magazines: ..... 155
Audio Books on CD: ..... 300
DVD: ..... 1,836
NH Downloadable Books: ..... 3,287
Hoopla: ..... 2,843
Inter-Library Loans: ..... 670Materials Purchased and Donated 2022
Adult Fiction: ..... 254
Adult Non-Fiction: ..... 59
Juvenile: ..... 129
Young Adult Fiction: ..... 40
Youth Non-Fiction: ..... 366
Audio Books on CD: ..... 0
DVD: ..... 59
Donations of Books, Magazines and DVD: ..... 142
TOTAL COLLECTION: ..... 19,755
number of items in Library
PATRON VISITS TO LIBRARY IN 2022: ..... 12,098

Canterbury, you love your library and you always have, I'll get to that a bit later. Behind every great library are great librarians and as the Library Director, I am familiar with the expertise and skills that librarians use to develop and provide the services and programs that inform, entertain, and enlighten us. I am also familiar with the hard choices the library must make when writing a budget. Our library should not choose between paying equitable wages to our staff and buying books, technology or other much-needed resources. But that, unfortunately, is what it often comes down to. Let's get back to that in a second, follow me down this rabbit hole for a bit.

The great thing about a library is that it's filled with information and historical data. After a quick review of our wonderful "new" Canterbury history that covers 1900 to 2000 (Grover, 2017) and the passages dedicated to outlining the rich history of libraries in Canterbury, I was compelled to read the Annual Town Reports and the Librarian Reports. In 1901, Elizabeth F. Houser was asked to write her first Librarian's Report where she refers to "in the seven years of the existence of the library." Ok, Elizabeth, I hear you. Sure enough, in 1894 we started paying Miss Houser $\$ 15.00$ a year for running the library and $\$ 28.00$ each month for teaching at the Centre School at the same time. In 1897, she was given a raise to $\$ 20.00$ per year. Now you can head over to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics to find a real neat inflation calculator, really, go do it. The library wages paid to Miss Houser would be equivalent to $\$ 532.16$ today but also keep in mind that a dollar today only buys $2.819 \%$ of what it did back then. This was a fair wage considering the Town Clerk was paid $\$ 25.00$ in 1897 and we were making quite a lot of money on hawk bounties and water tubs, point being; Canterbury has always valued their librarians and behalf of all who have come before me, thank you. We need to get back to being paid fairly.

This year, the library is proposing an increase in funding, one that would go towards righting inequalities and bringing the wages of our staff closer to being comparable with staff in the other town departments. Elkins Public Library has more fans than we can count, we are blessed each and every day to hear your compliments and receive your praise. Our librarians are well trained and educated in library sciences, they also have families to support and deserve to be compensated fairly for the expertise, skills and responsibilities of the job. I can think of almost no work more important than providing for the information and education needs of Canterbury. I am incredibly proud of our staff and I urge that everyone who values the library and the people who make it possible support this long overdue raise for our librarians.

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"Inflation Rate between 1900-2023: Inflation Calculator." \$15 In 1900 $\rightarrow 2023$ Inflation Calculator, https://www.in2013dollars.com/us/inflation/1900?amount $=15$.

Rachel C. Baker, Library Director<br>Roseann Howe, Circulation Manager and Adult Collection Librarian<br>Cheryl Ingerson, Youth Services Librarian<br>Mary Ann Winograd, Circulation Librarian<br>Mary Ellen MacCoy, Circulation Librarian

# CANTERBURY ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 

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The Energy Committee met on the first Monday each month for the year. The focus in 2022 was studying larger scale projects that would save money and move Canterbury to a more renewable and energy efficient position.

Projects studied during the year include:

- LED lighting upgrade to municipal building
- Addition of destratification fans to the Municipal Building high bays
- Addition of solar panel arrays to municipal building via conventional financing or Purchase Power Agreement (PPA)
We focused on studying the addition of a solar array to the Municipal Building rooftop. Various iterations of a proposed Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) were reviewed. Installation of an 70 kW array was estimated to cover the energy needs of all town buildings with no initial payment required by the town. Investors would purchase the solar array and sell the generated power back to the town at a below market rate, with the option of Canterbury purchasing the array at a discount in year 6. Due to the Inflation Recovery Act allowing towns to access direct payment of the $30 \%$ credit on total system costs, it was deemed the PPA was no longer the best option. Work now continues on studying the installation of municipal solar via conventional financial means and in other locations.

A new state law now enables towns to purchase wholesale power for their electric customers (Community Power), to stabilize energy costs for town residents. In August, the Energy Committee invited the Community Power Coalition of NH to present on its role as a nonprofit formed by towns to serve towns interested in Community Power. At the Committee's recommendation, the select board voted to join the Coalition and appointed members to the new Canterbury Community Power Committee to explore the option of community power.

As to committee membership, founding member and chairperson, Ruth Heath, stepped down and moved to the role of alternate as she made her bid to become a NH state representative. She continues to be a vital member of the committee and we would like to thank her for her dedication and commitment to the committee. In July, Howard Moffett was appointed to the committee and brings a wealth of knowledge in energy policy. Kent Ruesswick has assumed the role of board of selectman representative.

Respectfully submitted:
Jeff Beltramo, Chair
Claudia Leidinger, Secretary
Sandra Hodsdon (alternate)
Howard Moffett

Fred Portnoy, Vice-Chair<br>Ruth Heath (alternate)<br>Beth McGuinn

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## CANTERBURY HIGHWAY

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As I flip through my log to write this，Mother Nature kept us busy with storms and tree work appearing often on the pages．The Storm on July 29， 2022 stands out with 15 washed roads making it tough to move around＂the Fair，＂finishing the year with＂Elliott＂on December 23，2022，which closed 3 roads， 23 tree events， 8 wash outs，and water over 3 roads with many losing power for several days．

During the completion of the paving of Baptist Hill Road and a portion of Shaker Road，help we were able to clean up the＂dump＂yard using the old pavement pile when reclaiming a weak section before being topped．

2023 will see more of Shaker Road being reclaimed and paved．
Mother Nature also spoke up loudly for mud season to which the green grader was brought out to help．

Here at the Highway，we greatly and with big smiles，appreciate the time Boden Gendron was able to do the mowing／yard work this summer，also the knowledge and time of Ben Davis helping with the winter work again for the 2022／2023 sea－ son．

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

Respectfully submitted，
John O＇Connor
Road Agent

## PERAMBULATOR＇S REPORT 2022

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RSA 51：2 requires that，＂The lines between the towns in this state shall be per－ ambulated，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 successful to tackle just one abutting town each year．By the seventh year，all the surrounding town lines have been completed and it is time to start over again． 2022 was the year to tackle the boundary common with Gilmanton．The total dis－ tance is a little less than a mile，making this one of the shorter town lines，but that doesn＇t mean it is an easier one．One end of this line is anchored only by an imag－ inary point floating somewhere out in the middle of Rocky Pond．The means there isn＇t a solid starting point to measure from or start running a compass bearing off of．The town line boundary then goes up and over the ledge cliffs of Rocky Moun－ tain（aka Rocky Pond Mountain）which we found to be a rugged challenge．

The Gilmanton Selectboard designated their Town Manager, Heather Carpenter, to act as their representative and Ms. Carpenter and I were successful in perambulating this line. We recovered four of the five stone bounds of historical record and filed the appropriate Perambulation Report with the NH Secretary of State acknowledging the bounds found and the missing bound. Previous records indicate the last perambulation was done in 2009 and was also unsuccessful in locating this missing bound. Prior to 2009 there is a gap in the record with no Perambulation Returns filed until 1961, somewhat longer than the required seven years. The missing bound was last seen and documented in the 1955 report. I have asked the Selectmen to allocate money for some GPS survey work in 2023 to reset this missing bound.

A couple of carry-over duties were also accomplished in 2022. I attended several meetings with the City of Concord and/or the NHDOT regarding Concord/Canterbury town line bounds located within the on-going construction area(s) near Exit 17. Replacing these bounds before construction is completed does not make sense but making sure this task doesn't get forgotten at the conclusion of construction does. Also, the 2021 Loudon perambulation revealed that a Canterbury/Loudon bound on Shaker Road had been destroyed, likely by NHDOT during a road improvement project many years ago. With the help of local surveyor Web Stout, we were able to reestablish this missing bound late in the fall of 2022. The paperwork between the two towns that will amend the 2021 perambulation to include this reset monument has not yet been executed or filed with the Secretary of State, a carry-over duty to be tackled in 2023.

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

## AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

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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 provides assistance and guidance to Town Boards and Committees on agricultural related matters. The Commission has been revised and rejuvenated after years of semi-dormancy and welcomed some young blood, new members who are highly educated or experienced in the agricultural profession.

This year the Commission was asked to participate in the re-writing of the Town Master Plan. The Commission attended several vision sessions moderated by Central New Hampshire Regional Planning personnel. The Commission also met with the Planning Board and gave input on the agricultural related elements being dis-
cussed for inclusion into the Master Plan. Several areas of concern in the first draft were identified and addressed including right to trespass, proposed zoning changes, and the size and scale of farm operations in town.

In carrying out its mission this past year, members of the Commission also wrote several informative articles for the Town Newsletter. These articles recounted life on the farm or educated the reader on issues concerning agriculture and landownership in town. These articles were well received and generated positive feedback.

The Agricultural Commission supports and endorses agriculture in Canterbury from the largest farm to the smallest farm as well as the seasonal producer. In addition, the Commission advocates for landowners. Agriculture in the community is a thriving and robust group, ranging from maple to dairy, organic vegetables to locally grown meats and forest products.

Community residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact a member of the Commission on issues concerning agriculture.

Wayne Mann, Chairman

## COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE

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In August 2022, a representative of the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire met with the Town Energy Committee to discuss a new program authorized under New Hampshire law - Community Power. The non-profit Coalition allows NH municipalities to combine their residents' purchasing power and obtain electric energy at rates lower than those offered by the for-profit investorowned utilities. The Energy Committee subsequently asked the Select Board to consider joining the Coalition. In September, the Select Board voted to do so, and in early October it appointed our 8 -member committee to take the initial steps required to implement Community Power in Canterbury - and specifically to draft an Electric Aggregation Plan (EAP) for potential adoption by majority vote of residents at Town Meeting in March 2023.

The Committee met as often as bi-weekly from October through January, dividing its work between an EAP drafting group and an Outreach working group. The EAP went through three major revisions. The Outreach Group published regular accounts of our work in the weekly Town Email, the monthly Community Newsletter, and Facebook; conducted a town-wide Survey in both on-line and paper form; and held public hearings on the EAP on December 15 and January 12. The Survey results, Public Hearing slides, and final EAP are available on our web page at www.canterbury-nh.org/canterbury-community-power-committee.

The major benefits of Community Power will be:

1. Lower rates for default energy service, available to virtually all Town residents on a voluntary basis that allows no-cost "opt-out" at any time;
2. No change in delivery or billing: Unitil, Eversource, and the NH Electric Coop will continue to own, operate and maintain the "poles \& wires" used to deliver our electricity, and will continue to send monthly bills for both energy and delivery service;
3. More opportunities to take advantage of innovative technologies like renewable energy options, battery storage, and time-of-use rates;
4. Local control (by the Select Board) of energy rates, development of local generation projects to further reduce energy rates, and financial reserves that can also be used to reduce rates rather than going to the bottom line of investor-owned utilities;
5. An amplified, unified voice on energy policy at the State level before the Legislature and the Public Utilities Commission.
6. No cost to taxpayers: all Community Power costs after adoption of the EAP are covered out of the lower rates residents will pay for energy; none will be charged to taxpayers.
Please join us and vote "Yes" at Town Meeting on the Canterbury Electric Aggregation Plan.

Howard Moffett, Chair
Beth McGuinn, liaison to Energy Committee
Lenore Howe, EAP Working Group Leader
John Schneider, liaison to Planning Board
Kathy Doherty, Outreach Working Group Leader
Tim Meeh, comparative rate researcher
Kelley Stonebraker, Secretary \& Survey designer
Kent Ruesswick, BOS representative

## HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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During 2022, The Canterbury Historic District Commission reviewed three applications for project approval. Two were located in the Center District (Country Store roof and Town Hall steps), while the third was located within the Shaker Village District (new construction of an outbuilding). All three were given approval after review, with full support of the Commission.

Early in the year, we were pleased to support Harry \& Sarah Kinter's request to have their home on Kimball Pond Rd added to the Center district. Their proposal was accepted by the town at March town meeting and now this historic home, formerly abutting the existing CHD boundary, is included within it.

During the year, new detailed maps were created for both districts, prepared with the assistance of the Planning Board and the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission. These maps now show individual property lots within each district, which we believe is a huge improvement over using the old "meets and bounds" description in the ordinance. We hope this is of benefit to our residents.

Lastly, The HDC has spent considerable time over the last year and a half in examining our current HDC rules, regulations, and application process. Our intent in this effort was to find ways to improve communication, expectations and procedures for the residents, commission members and town staff. We are now preparing a final draft revision of this work that we will present this spring for public comment and participation. It is the HDC's desire to end up with an updated document for guidance and process; one that clarifies the procedures and criteria of the HDC, upholds the spirit of purpose behind the ordinance and works fairly and effectively for the citizens of Canterbury.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin A. Bragg
Chair, Canterbury Historic District Commission

## CEMETERY TRUSTEES

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With Covid related restrictions relaxed in 2022, the monthly Trustee meetings were once again held in The Meeting House and opened to the public. There were seven cremains interred at Maple Grove and four new plots were sold. In addition to the usual tasks and maintenance responsibilities required of your Cemetery Trustees, 2022 saw several new projects launched and we can happily report that most were successfully completed. A highlight list of the new projects would include:

Volunteers Diane Modugno and Deb Allen organized a successful cemetery history walk at the Center Cemetery. Volunteer actors assumed the persona of notable individuals buried within the cemetery and brought their story to life for attendees. This event was popular and both participants and attendees enjoyed themselves while learning some little known or forgotten history about life in Canterbury during the early days of our town. Our Sexton participated in this event to ensure it was done in a respectful manner and that there would be no damage to any headstones. Our Historian participated in researching and assisted in developing the actors' scripts. One notable character portrayed at this event was John P. Kimball and the Kimball family story follows this report.

A request and donations were received from descendants of Jeremiah Clough asking that the old iron gate at the Clough Cemetery on Center Road be restored. Trustees contracted with blacksmith David Court who fabricated and installed a
handsome new gate which everyone involved is pleased with. Kevin Fife assisted with the realignment of the granite blocks which anchor the gate hinge pins and it now functions once again.

A new entrance was created at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery to provide access to the lower topography which creates an opportunity to inter cremains in a previously inaccessible area. Kevin Fife reconstructed the stone wall to create this new barway, Brian Magoon removed the trees, and the town road crew provided the necessary gravel. Because of the age and uniqueness of this cemetery, the Trustees adopted supplemental rules to ensure that all future interments there will mirror the existing appearance and characteristics of this cemetery.

With an eye towards the need for future expansion at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Trustees began exploring the possibility of extending the internal road system such that an access could be created off Baptist Hill Road. This will require further study including surveying, wetland delineation, engineering, design and permitting, etc., but we have begun the process and met with licensed professionals for conceptual discussions.

In August we were disheartened to learn that vandals on 4 -wheelers had raced around inside Maple Grove Cemetery spinning up the turf and smashing flowerpots, American flags, and other gravesite ornaments. The police investigation is still on-going and anyone with any possible leads as to who the culprits might be should contact the Police Department. The Trustees anticipate installing hidden cameras to discourage this type of activity in the future.

Volunteers Gordon Jackson and Dale Caswell undertook the project of mapping and recording the headstone information in the old and outlying burial grounds. This is an ambitious project, and we'd like to recognize them and thank them for their efforts. We'd also like to thank the American Legion Post 31 in Penacook for donating and setting out US flags at the Veteran's headstones just prior to the annual Memorial Day service. Finally, we'd like to thank all the other numerous volunteers who donated their time in 2022 repairing gates, mowing, raking, cutting up downed trees, etc. and helping to keep our cemeteries looking cared for.

Respectfully submitted, John Goegel, Chairman<br>Jan Cote, Trustee<br>Sam Papps, Trustee<br>Kent Ruesswick, Sexton

## The KIMBALL Family

John Peverly Kimball was born in Boscawen in 1827, and married Mary Eliza Hills in 1852. The couple settled on the home farm of her father, Deacon Samuel Hill. Sam Hill was a blacksmith who lived just down the hill from Canterbury center on the farm now owned by Mark and Carol Stevens, at the sharp corner of Kimball Pond Road. In addition to being the town blacksmith, Sam Hill was an active leader in the Center Congregational Church and fiercely proud to have served as a

Deacon in the Church for 30 years. Sam Hill has the title, "Deacon" engraved on his headstone.

Deacon Sam Hill may not have been a warm and friendly man as he appears very stern and intimidating in photos. Perhaps he was just not very welcoming to the suitors of his daughter, but for some reason lost to history, John Kimball elected to write a letter to Deacon Hill asking for his daughter Mary's hand in marriage, rather than approach him face to face with the question. This 1852 marriage proposal letter survives and has been passed down to the current owners of the old Hill-Kimball farm.

John \& Mary Kimball operated the farm owned by Sam Hill for a number of years and then inherited it upon his death. Most of the buildings on Hill's farm were significantly altered into what you see today during the period when John P. managed the family farm. John P. raised Herford beef cattle, trained oxen, did railroad construction, and continued the blacksmith business started by his father-inlaw. John was a respected citizen in town and was elected to positions of authority. The descendants of John and Mary Kimball include two who also made a memorable name for themselves in Canterbury.

Frank Edwin Kimball, known as "Ed" Kimball was born in 1859 and eventually took over the family farm from his father John P. During Ed's tenure the family farm was developed into a busy prosperous dairy farm and was shipping milk twice daily on the southbound trains. In the 1930's, before electricity came to the farm, Ed Kimball needed a way to cool the milk and keep it cold on the train ride to the creamery, so he built an earthen dam across a wet meadow pasture and flooded it so he could harvest ice in the winters. Today we know this artificially dammed and flooded meadow as Kimball Pond, and it is the source of the road name "Kimball Pond Road." The property containing Kimball's Pond was conveyed to the Town of Canterbury in 1982.

Ed Kimball had a daughter born in 1889 named "Elsa." Elsa grew up on the family farm and attended the local one room schoolhouse until graduating in the 8th grade. For the next five years Elsa was then employed by the town teaching students only a few years younger than herself, in the very same one-room schoolhouse she had just attended. After five years, Elsa Kimball decided she wanted to continue her formal education and graduate from high school. She went on to college, obtained a Master's Degree and in 1932 a Ph.D. in sociology from Columbia University.

Her teaching career included instructor at New Hampshire State Teachers College and Professor at Smith College in Massachusetts. Somewhat incredibly, she then went on to serve as the head of the department of English and Social Science at the American College for Women in Istanbul, Turkey, during the mid-1930's. From 1938 to 1957 Dr. Elsa Kimball was a professor at MacMurray College in Illinois but retained ownership of the family farm here in Canterbury which she called home and returned to during school breaks.

The Kimball family members are buried in our Center and Maple Grove Cemeteries, look for the tallest obelisk headstone with the word, "text" oddly engraved on the west side. But that's a story for another day...

# CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY 

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Our Mission: To preserve Canterbury's history and sense of community
We began to slowly return to "normal life" in 2022 after our shared experience of living with Covid-19 restrictions for the past couple of years. In spite of impediments we managed to move positively ahead during the year:

- We designed, researched and wrote the text for the annual town report honoring Bud Thompson
- Continued the 14th year of our one-room schoolhouse program for all Canterbury elementary students (including kindergarteners) and all second grade classes from Belmont elementary, with invaluable help from enrichment teacher Karen Gingrich
- Co-hosted a program with Elkins Library in June featuring Shaker Village Director Leslie Nolan who presented a report on initiatives, programs and challenges facing the historic site
- Mounted the Luther Cody Exhibit in the Elkins Memorial Building featuring selections from our Archive
- Updated and published our annual Community \& Business Directory as a public service to welcome new residents and inform others about town services, organizations and local businesses
- Co-hosted two programs with Elkins Library, one given by Mark Stevens who told the story of the Great Fire of 1943 which ravaged the town center and the other, a film of a program featuring the late Hugh Fifield recounting his time as a" country road agent"
- Held our (much delayed) annual meeting on November 29th which included election of trustees and the election of Jeff Leidinger who will take Mary-Jane Bergman's seat as she becomes an ex-officio member
- Enhanced our website (www.canterburyhistory.org) with help from Jane Balshaw making it possible to post much more information. That made it possible to post both Mark Steven's and Hugh Fifield's programs so that they can be seen by anyone visiting our site.
- The entire Luther Cody collection of 650 vintage photographs has been posted to our website and individual photographs can be reproduced if you would like your own digitized copy
- Coordinated the presentation of the Boston Post Cane by the selectmen to Julia Brown in October
- Hosted "A Christmas Gathering" in December featuring selected, framed and matted Cody prints, as well as Canterbury history related items for sale. Mulled cider and refreshments were enjoyed by all
We extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Elkins Library, the selectmen, the elementary school staff, and all who have helped and supported our efforts over the year!


## UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Upper Merrimack River Local Advisory Committee, (known locally and affectionately as UMRLAC; 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 UMRLAC was created as a one of the first local river management advisory committees in 1990, enabled in RSA 483, as part of the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. It was a grassroots effort by the communities of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield, which the UMRLAC represents and for whom it conducts its statutory duties including permit review and management plan coordination. The UMRLAC 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 UMRLAC updates the Merrimack River Management and Implementation Plan (http://www.merrimackriver.org/managementplan) and coordinates the activities in it. Claire Lund and Wayne Ives have led the effort to revise the plan a chapter at a time, beginning with Agricultural and Forestry.

The UMRLAC reviewed and provided local comment on several project state permit applications in the upper Merrimack including alteration of terrain in Concord and Franklin (an additional one from several years ago in Franklin was withdrawn), alteration of terrain in Boscawen/Franklin, above-ground storage tank in Franklin, permits by notification in Franklin and Concord, shoreland in Canterbury and Bow, and state surplus land disposal in Concord. The UMRLAC was notified by the US Environmental Protection Agency of a spill into the Contoocook River in Boscawen. The UMRLAC responded to the NH Department of Transportation's initial project exploration enquiries for roadway construction in Boscawen.

Wayne Ives acted as lead in monitoring and commenting on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission applications for Eastman Falls, Kelley's Falls, Mad River, Lakeport, Contoocook, and Lowell projects.

All of the state's local river advisory committees have been represented by New Hampshire Senator Ruth Ward on the State of New Hampshire Rivers Management Advisory Committee. The Senator stepped down this year. A new representative will be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Executive Council.

Expert presentations are essential so that UMRLACers are well informed and can improve constantly their knowledge and skills. David Cedarholm, City of Concord, provided an overview of stormwater utilities, which municipalities can employ to manage their runoff and the associated costs.

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

The UMRLAC bid farewell to retiring representatives Anne Dowling, Canterbury; Arthur Fletcher, Bow; Tom Gilmore, Boscawen; Mary Lee, Northfield; and Donna Liolis, Franklin. Welcomed as new representatives were David Day, Canterbury; Mark Kaplan, Boscawen; and Claire Lund, Concord.

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

Please visit the UMRLAC at its new home on the web at https://www.merri-mackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee. The Upper Merrimack Watershed Association now hosts the UMRLAC's information on the newly designed website.

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

## Boscawen

Thomas Gilmore (resigned) Mark Kaplan

## Bow

Krista Crowell
Gary Lynn (resigned)

## Canterbury

Adrienne Hutchinson
David Day Anne Dowling

## Concord

Claire Lund

## At-large

Stephen C. Landry
Michele L. Tremblay

## Franklin

Wayne Ives
Donna Liolis (resigned)

## Northfield

Joyce Fulweiler
Mary Lee (resigned)

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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The conservation easement on the Glines family’s Sloping Acres Farm was finalized in January by Five Rivers Conservation Trust. The Conservation Commission supported the project with a contribution to fund long-term stewardship costs and some essential project expenses. Congratulations and thanks to the Glines for taking action to ensure some of Canterbury's best farming land will remain in agricultural use.

We're tremendously excited about the newest conservation project that the Commission is supporting: the Deepwood Forest project. Residents Ken and Ilene Stern are working with the Forest Society to conserve almost 400 acres off Bean Hill Road (mostly in Canterbury, with some acreage across the town line in Northfield) for the benefit of wildlife and enjoyment of residents.

The project is in a large area of undeveloped land, surrounded by other conservation areas, and identified by the Merrimack Conservation Partnership and the NHF\&G Wildlife Action Plan as a high priority area, and by The Nature Conservancy as part of a climate resilience corridor. The property has high quality soils, rich diversity of plants and animals, at least 37 vernal pools, and black gum trees - some of which may be more than 400 years old. Some species noted on property include eastern coyote, fox, bobcat, mink, fisher, and 43 breeding bird species. The Commission will provide funding for the Forest Society's project expenses and long-term stewardship of the property. Many thanks to the Sterns for making this project possible. If other residents are interested in conserving the ecological values of their property, the Conservation Commission would be delighted to hear from you!

Most of our 2022 work focused on planning and land management. We redrafted the Conservation section of the Master Plan and suggested changes to the Land Use section; worked with the Regional Planning Commission to improve resource maps of Canterbury; assisted with the Planning Board's charette to get resident input to the Master Plan; and continued working on our open space plan to identify conservation priorities for the town.

We conducted our annual monitoring of a third of the conservation easements that the Town holds on private property and are pleased that we encountered no serious problems. We reviewed wetland permits and advised the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board on road waivers and other permit applications.

Following our management plan for the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area (the field off Kimball Pond Road) we mowed half of the field to control invasives and improve walkability and left half of the field to continue into second-year growth, which to creates more varied habitat for wildlife. We're grateful to neighbors David Day and Lucy Nichols for mowing at the Riverland, and to the Highway Department for their help in numerous ways.

We concluded the year hearing from Doug Cygan, invasive species coordinator for the NH Department of Agriculture, and conservation professional Chris Kane about the success they have had in containing the spread of invasive species with
very limited and carefully targeted use of herbicides. They advocate the practicing IVM - integrated vegetation management - which uses biological, mechanical, chemical, manual, and other methods to control unwanted species. We hope to test this method of control next year at the Riverland parking lot.

The Conservation Commission is working to protect Canterbury's rural character. We thank departing members Sara Riorden (2021-22) and Linda Fife who served on the Commission for 14 years.

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

Kelly Short
Conservation Commission

## MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING

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## FIRST SESSION - March 8, 2022

Election Officials Present: James Miller, Moderator; Kathleen Doherty, Asst. Moderator; Samuel Papps, Town Clerk; Mary Ann Winograd, Brenda Murray, and Denise Sojka, Supervisors of the Checklist; Mary Hauptman and Jan Stout, Ballot Clerks. Also present: Cheryl Gordon and Robert Steenson, Selectmen; Kenneth Folsom, Town Administrator; Pamela Smarling, Assistant Elections Clerk.

The polling was held at the Old Town Hall, Canterbury, NH, and the polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. by Moderator James Miller.

Ballot Boxes for the Town and School District ballots were checked at 7:00 a.m. by Moderator James Miller and voter David Day of Oxbow Pond Road and then closed and locked.

Polling Hours were held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and a total number of 427 voters cast ballots. Of those, 22 were Absentee for the Town, and 8 were Absentee for the School District. There were 1832 voters on the checklist, and 8 new voters registered.

Polling was closed at 7 p.m. by Moderator James Miller, and Liz Boles of Harmony Lane was the last voter of the day. The count was conducted by the elections officials assisted by Lori Nigl.

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: (1 position, 3 years) | Ruesswick, Kent | 222 |
|  | Todd, Calvin | 198 |
| Planning Board: (2 positions, 3 years) | Gordon, Joshua | 358 |
|  | Schneider, John | 316 |
| Cemetery Trustee: (1 position, 3 years) | Papps, Samuel | 408 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Treasurer: (1 position, } 3 \text { years) } \\ \text { (write-in) } \end{gathered}$ | Edelstein, Albert | 372 |
|  | Witschonke, Mary | 20 |
| Supervisor of the Checklist: <br> (1 position, 6 years) | Smarling, Pamela | 386 |
| Town Clerk-Tax Collector: <br> (1 position, 3 years) | Papps, Samuel | 416 |
| Library Trustee: (2 positions, 2 years) | Snow, Deborah | 379 |
|  | Woods, Florence | 365 |
| Library Trustee: (2 positions, 3 years) | Craigie, Raymond | 378 |
|  | Zeller, G. Frederick | 363 |

# Zoning Ballot: Article 2 concerning Campgrounds 

passed YES: 247 NO: 136

## Zoning Ballot: Article 3 concerning 40 Kimball Pond Road joining the Historic District

passed YES: 355 NO: 63
Zoning Ballot: Article 4 concerning Campgrounds
passed
YES: 384
NO: 30

Reports were finalized at 11:10 p.m. by the Town Clerk.
The meeting convened until Friday, March 11, 2022, beginning at 7 p.m., at Canterbury Elementary School for the deliberative session.

Respectfully submitted, Samuel Papps, Town Clerk

## MINUTES OF THE SECOND SESSION OF TOWN MEETING: DELIBERATIVE

Held at Canterbury Elementary School, Friday, March 11, 2022.
Moderator Miller opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with welcoming remarks. He reviewed how the election went on Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 and then introduced the table; Ken Folsom, Town Administrator, Cheryl Gordon and Bob Steenson, Selectmen, Jim Miller, Moderator, and Sam Papps, Town Clerk. It was noted that Selectman Art Hudson could not attend the meeting due to a family obligation. Mr. Miller went over some rules for the meeting, and asked for a moment of silence for the people of Ukraine. Following the moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the body, and Mr. Miller introduced the ballot clerks for the evening; Mary Ann Winograd, Brenda Murray and Denise Sojka, Supervisors of the Checklist; Mary Hauptman and Jan Stout, Ballot Clerks, who were checking people in at the door. He then read the dedication of the Town Report, this year honoring Mary Ann Winograd of Foster Road.

Bob Steenson spoke about Arthur Hudson, the outgoing Selectman, noting that this was his second tenure as a member of the town's Select Board. He had previously served as a Selectman from 1979 thru 1983, and was also a Trustee of the Trust Funds. Art is a good citizen of this town, Mr. Steenson noted, and thanked him for his service to our community.

Moderator Miller then went over the rules for the meeting, noting that a Canter-bury-style Robert's Rules would be followed, requesting a motion and a second be made, and voting would occur with the yes-no cards. He did not anticipate any issues that would require a ballot vote. He noted non-residents that would be allowed to speak during the meeting included the Road Agent, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief. Motion was made by Emily Preston, seconded by Nate Bragdon to
allow those non-residents to speak. Motion carried. The second motion Mr. Miller asked for was to move Article 15 up for Carolyn Peterson-Henry to speak earlier on the School question. Motion was made to move Article 15 to follow Article 5 by Nate Bragdon, seconded by Donna Miller. Motion carried. He also asked those newly elected officers from Tuesday's voting to come up to be sworn in following the meeting. The results from Tuesday, March 8, 2022's Town Election (see 1st Session minutes attached.).

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million One Hundred Five Thousand Eighty-One Dollars $(\$ 3,105,081)$ for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required). Recommended by the Selectmen.

Motion was made by James Snyder; seconded by BJ Entwhistle.
Bob Steenson provided a recap of the history of the budget for the past several years, and then an overview highlighting changes to this year's budget. He noted old challenges of aging infrastructure, including a fire truck and a road grader. Scarcity of staff and shortages in departments have strained the town.

Bob Drew of Baptist Road made a motion to amend the budget to increase the Treasurer's salary by 6\%. Seconded by Sue Ann Erb of Morrill Road. Discussion ensued, and a vote was taken. The Supervisors of the Checklist counted the vote, and the motion passes 62 YES votes to 48 NO votes.

Bob Drew of Baptist Road thanked the Town employees for their work. He also asked about the Town Administrator's salary increase. Mr. Drew made a motion to amend the budget to not include an increase in the Town Administrator's salary line, seconded by Aurora Weger of Welch Road. Discussion ensued, and a vote was taken. The motion failed.

Adrianne Hutchinson of Hackleboro Road asked a question concerning the budget on page 21 for the Solid Waste wages. Bob Steenson responded about hiring an employee to work at the Transfer Station and the Highway Crew. Adrianne asked about the Library staff and their wages, and Bob responded that the Library Trustees are in charge of the library staff's compensation. Rachel Baker of Old Tilton Road, the new Library Director, asked to recognize Susan LeClair and her 35 years of service to the Town as librarian. Adrianne Hutchinson asked about the Town's Facebook account and why no posts had been added since 2020. She asked the Town to use Facebook more to get information out. She also noted that the Solid Waste committee was not on the Town's website, and the report was not in this year's annual report. Bob Steenson responded that these were helpful notes to take into consideration.

Moderator Miller asked for a vote on the amended budget that includes a $6 \%$ increase for the Treasurer's line, to bring the total budget to $\$ 3,105,381.00$. The Yes cards have it and the article passes.

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

Motion was made by Adrianne Hutchinson; seconded by Nate Bragdon.
Carolyn Peterson-Henry of Sunset Hill Road spoke about the article that is asking the Town to form a study committee to produce a review of the cooperative education agreement with Belmont that forms Shaker Regional School District. This article is informational seeking only, a yes vote is only to study the issue and is not a vote to leave the school district, and she reviewed statistics on enrollment and retention rates. This will provide the Town with an updated assessment.

Caley Spaulding Shepherd of Morrill Road noted that she did not attend Belmont High School because of the travel time, and she was in favor of the article.

Howard Moffett of Baptist Road stated he was neutral but asked how it would be implemented? Carolyn responded the committee would include one selectman from each town and other representatives from both communities. Howard asked about how that would affect the community if children were parceled out to different schools for their education.

Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road stated there was a lot to get through and she moved the question, seconded by Donna Miller.

James Snyder of Asby Road asked what the Selectboard's position was of the issue but the question had been moved.

## Moderator Miller asked for a vote on Article 15 and the vote carried. Article passed.

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

Motion was made by Nate Bragdon; seconded by Dale Caswell.
Scott Doherty, Deputy Chief for the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Department, reported that Engine 3 is 25 years old and has failed the pump test for the past five years. The pump has been rebuilt three times, and cannot be salvaged again. The money spent by the Town $(\$ 326,163)$ will only be expended from the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund if the firefighter's assistance grant is granted for the second half.

Polly Camire of Northwest Road asked about how the spec process worked between the Selectboard and the Fire Department. Scott responded there was a great relationship between the Department and the Board, and this is the engine
that the Department feels Canterbury needs. Bob Steenson echoed this, thanking the Fire Department for being good stewards of the Town's monies.

Seeing no further discussion, Moderator Miller called for the vote, and the article passed.

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

The Selectboard asked for a motion to table Article 7 because more information was needed

Nate Bragdon made the motion; Rich Tichko seconded. Moderator Miller called for the vote, and the motion to table was passed.

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

Motion was made by Ellen Scarponi; seconded by BJ Entwhistle.
Ken Folsom stated the existing machine was 20 years old and that new parts couldn't be procured. There was no discussion.

## Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.

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

Motion was made by Donna Miller; seconded by Rich Tichko.
Bob Steenson reviewed the annual article for paying the Gold Star Bond, and gave a brief history. In 2005, the Town purchased the Gold Star Sod Farm, 1,000 acres of land on Intervale Road and took out an $\$ 800,000$ bond to preserve the property from being developed. The Farm leased the property back from the town, but then sold the business and defaulted on the lease. The Town sold the property to Brookford Farm by vote of the Special Town Meeting. However, the original bond to purchase the property, like most municipal bonds, cannot be paid off early and thus funds from the sale were held in the Town's unreserved fund balance to make the annual bond payments. This article authorizes payment from the unreserved fund balance and has $\$ 0.00$ tax impact.

## Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.

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

Motion was made by Jesse Miller; seconded by Rachel Baker.
Ken Folsom stated the Safety Complex is no longer a new building and needs some new flooring.

Laurie Lockwood of Northwest Road asked why this was a warrant article and not coming from the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve. It was explained that

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the Capital Reserve account was created for emergencies and unforeseen events, such as the waterline break a couple of years ago.

## Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.

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

Motion was made by Ron Routhier; seconded by Linda Bliss.
Bob Steenson explained the means-tested program for articles 11 and 12 together. The income limits had not been adjusted for these exemptions since 2007 and they were being raised this year to reflect the increased property values since 2007 and keep the benefit consistent with the original intent of the exemption.

## Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.

Article 12. To see if the Town will modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be $\$ 75,000$. To qualify the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than $\$ 32,500$ or if married, a combined net income of not more than $\$ 45,000$, and own net assets not in excess of $\$ 75,000$ excluding the value of the person's residence. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Selectmen.

Motion made by Emily Preston; seconded by Howard Moffett.
No discussion.

## Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Dollars $(\$ 173,000)$ to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:
4915.3 Highway Equipment \$10,000
4915.4 Highway Truck \$30,000
4915.5 Highway Grader \$30,000
4615.18 Rescue Truck \$12,000
4915.19 Fire Truck \$50,000
4915.24 Landfill Closure $\$ 1,000$
4915.30 Highway Loader $\$ 30,000$
4915.31 Highway Backhoe \$10,000

Recommended by the Selectmen.
Motion made by Rachel Baker; seconded by Jill La Valley.
Ken Folsom discussed the use of the accounts for large equipment. To build up the accounts will lessen the tax impact when the vehicle needs to be purchased.

Laurie Lockwood asked about reinstating regular deposits into the Building Maintenance accounts. Ms. Lockwood made a motion to amend the article to include $\$ 10,000$ to the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve account, seconded by Ron Routhier. Bob Steenson said the accounts were to be used for unforeseen emergencies, and felt the amount in the Building Maintenance account was adequate, though Laurie made a valid point. Moderator Miller called for a vote on the amendment to add $\$ 10,000$ and the vote failed. The amendment did not pass.

Polly Camire asked if these amounts were included in the budget or in addition to the budget article already passed. Bob Steenson replied they were separate per the DRA.

## Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.

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

Motion made by Steven Rasche; seconded by Emily Burr.
Steven Rasche of Center Road spoke to the article, giving some background to the Transfer Station and why this baler was needed. With the baler comes a power upgrade, too, to power the bailer.

Beth Blair asked what the Selectmen's position was on the article. Bob Steenson replied he was in favor; this would also move the powerline to the transfer station onto the Town's property. Art Hudson was opposed; Cheryl Gordon was in the middle.

Emily Burr of Shaker Road stated this was the year to do it; the cost will only rise from here.

Moderator Miller called for a vote and the article was passed.
Mr. Miller read the last article, "To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting." and opened the floor.

Rachel Baker of Old Tilton Road noted that Ken Folsom was helping the Fire Department, with new Chief Mike Gamache to write grants and save the Town money.

Linda Bliss of Baptist Road commended the Transfer Station employees for their tireless efforts while they worked understaffed.

Jeff Beltramo of Hackleboro Road asked for a review of broadband and where the Town stands. Ken Folsom replied with information that ARPA funds had been
secured and so far only one proposal from Comcast had been received. Bob Steenson noted that the density standards aren't met to fill in the gaps on the coverage map. The Intervale is a critical area in Canterbury. Nate Bragdon of Morrill Road asked if the Town had explored any alternatives. Bob replied that Chris Blair had done a study on this several years ago but that hasn't solved the trees and placement of mountains. Hardwired is the best and most consistent.

Moderator Miller asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Kathy Doherty; seconded by Nate Bragdon. The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

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

| Date | Place | Person A | Residence | Person B | Residence |
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| February 22, 2022 | Belmont, NH | White, Michael D. III | Canterbury, NH | Laflam, Joslyn M. | Canterbury, NH |
| March 9, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Dyer, James J. IV | Canterbury, NH | Morrison, Christine M. Canterbury, NH |  |
| April 23, 2022 | Deerfield, NH | Greenough, Carolyn F. | Canterbury, NH | Judd, Nathan C. | Canterbury, NH |
| April 24, 2022 | Meredith, NH | Touchette, Jennifer N. | Canterbury, NH | Bryant, Leslie J. | Canterbury, NH |
| June 25, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Drobat, Christopher J. | Canterbury, NH | Sanderson-Colby, <br> Karin L. | Canterbury, NH |
| June 25, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Aseltine, Paul A. | Canterbury, NH | Bukowski, Casey T. | Canterbury, NH |
| August 20, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Gregory, Michael A. | Canterbury, NH | Johnstone, Kim A. | Canterbury, NH |
| August 27, 2022 | Seabrook, NH | Smith, Paige C. | Canterbury, NH | Gagnon, Thomas M. | Canterbury, NH |
| September 17, 20222 | Canterbury, NH | O'Brien, Aiden P. | Canterbury, NH | Buckley, Kelsie K. | Canterbury, NH |
| October 22, 2022 | Warner, NH | Ouellette, Chelsea L. | Canterbury, NH | Cayer, Brandon Z. | Canterbury, NH |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE RETURN IS CORRECT, ACCORDING TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.
SAMUEL PAPPS, TOWN CLERK
BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
Wolschleger, Elliott Francis
Reynolds, McKenzie Emilie

## Parent B

Toscano, Jennifer Lynn
Deschenes, Caitlyn Marissa
Stevens, Jessica J Deane, Emily Jean
Deane, Emily Jean Holloran, Molly Maureen
Reynolds, Samantha Emilie Cooper, Samantha Lynn
Perry, Patricia Lynne
Quarles, Rachel Hannah
Staton, Rebecca Grace
Keeler, Irma K Keeler, Irma K Fehn, Katelynn Susanne Howarth, Elise Rose Whitney, Skye Dina

## Parent A

Toscano, Michael Patrick Deschenes, Tyler John Stevens, Benjamin M Deane, Adam Nicholas Deane, Adam Nicholas Wolschleger, Ryan Neil Holloran, Eric Ryan
Reynolds, Kory Emerson Cooper, Michael Allen Perry, Joseph Garrett
 Doucet, Brennan Edward
Kydd-Keeler, Bryan M Minery, Tyler Michael Paninski, Gregory Robert Howarth, Mathueu Quinn Whitney, Eric Thomas John ()

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SAMUEL PAPPS, TOWN CLERK

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DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022

| Date | Place | Name | Name of Father | Name of Mother (Maiden) |
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| January 22, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Brunkhurst, Wilson Scott | Brunkhurst, Allan | Wilson, Dorothy |
| January 26, 2022 | Laconia, NH | Normandin, Helene | Brodeur, Alphonse | Poirier, Clothilde |
| March 13, 2022 | Rochester, NH | Fife, George Philander | Fife, Leon | Finley, Helen |
| March 21, 2022 | Concord, NH | Kelso, William Lewis | Kelso, Lewis | Whiting, Barbara |
| April 10, 2022 | Concord, NH | Tatro-Taylor, Debra Ann | Unknown | Tatro, Helen |
| April 10, 2022 | Concord, NH | Moyer, William Finn | Moyer, Clyde | Finn, Margaret |
| April 13, 2022 | Concord, NH | Davis, Leroy H | Davis, Clifford | Tyler, Noella |
| April 25, 2022 | Concord, NH | Nelson, William A | Nelson, Anton | Kirton, Mary |
| May 4, 2022 | Concord, NH | Foden, Vincent T Jr. | Foden, Vincent | Carline, Helen |
| May 11, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Hayslip, Ellwyn F Jr. | Hayslip, Ellwyn | Buck, Josephine |
| May 18, 2022 | Concord, NH | Briggs, Claire Elizabeth | Meuse, George | McKenna, Hilda |
| May 21, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Perry, Arthur Edward III | Perry, Arthur II | Beliveau, Georgette |
| June 5, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Hedberg, Thomas David | Hedberg, Axel | Gehner, Phyllis |
| July 23, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Stankatis, Carole J | Locke, Richard | Casey, Evelyn |
| August 15, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Boisvert, George Henry | Boisvert, Ernest | Boucher, Aurore |
| September 28, 2022 | Concord, NH | Desmarais, Richard A Jr. | Desmarais, Richard Sr. | Ladd, Ruth |
| October 20, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Paradis, Muriel M | Bedard, Arthur | Rondeau, Georgiana |
| October 27, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Weiser, Elsie L | Lievens, Edward | Rundquist, Alice |
| October 29, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Hazen, David Walter | Hazen, Walter | Spence, Elizabeth |
| November 14, 2022 | Canterbury, NH | Laplante, John Paul | Laplante, Frederick | Turgeon, Florida |

DEATHS - CONTINUED



## John Peverly Kimball (1827-1911) —

 Rick CrockfordI was a prominent farmer, businessman, and public servant. When my wife, Mary Elizabeth died in 1874, I ordered a modest memorial stone with instructions to put the text "The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want" underneath Mary's date of death and her age. The mason put the word "text" between Mary's age and the Bible verse. As recompense, the mason added a cap to the obelisk making it the tallest stone in the cemetery at the time.

Abiel Foster (1735-1806) Sampson Battis (1750?-1853?) - Mark Travis
My family settled here in 1761 and I preached in the church in the center. I served in the Continental Congress. My family was known for opposing slavery. Sampson Battis was enslaved to Archelaus Moore (of Windswept Farm) at the start of the Revolutionary War and he promised Sampson his freedom and 100 acres if he enlisted and served well. Sampson served well and was rewarded as Moore promised.


## Canterbury Tales 2022 Traillblazers and Crossiroads

Six spirits will rise from their graves to tell the life stories of local historic figures.

Spirits ~ Actors:
Sarah French Battey ~ played by Donna Miller
John P. Kimball ~ played by Rick Crockford
Rev. James Scales ~ played by Bob Scarponi
Sarah Morrill ~ played by Beth Blair
Abiel Foster and Sampson Battis ~ played by Mark Travis
President Abe Lincoln ~ played by Jim Miller
Angel of Information: Rev. Becky Josephson
Grim Reaper: Ron Turcotte
Specters: Arnie Alpert Brenda Travis Sandy Scripture Kent Ruesswick Polly Camire


[^0]:    I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

    Samuel Papps, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

