

CANTERBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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The Center after the Fire of 1943

Canterbury's Town Hall is a fixture in the Center, having served as a traditional gathering place for religious, social, and political meetings for centuries. It was originally constructed as a two-story meeting house c.1756, fulfilling the Town's 1727 land charter from King George III of England.

It served the Town's early settlers as both a church and as a Town building for selectmen's meetings and others. Originally it sat in part of the present Center Cemetery.



The Town Hall being moved across the Center, c. 1949



Hazel Lee and Becky Fowler in the Town Hall, March 1954

It was altered to be only one story and moved c.1825 across the green, to sit beside what is today the Canterbury Country Store. It was again renovated c.1884 to create an open hall with the stage, as it appears today.

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OF THE TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF

CANTERBURY
New Hampshire



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

DEDICATION



**The 2023 Annual Report of the
Town of Canterbury is dedicated to:**

Jan Stout

Jan served the town as the Administrative Assistant from 1997 to 2023. Jan was the welcoming face of the town to anyone stopping in at the Town Office. Jan was always willing to help with any questions about town matters and did so in a kind and friendly manner. In addition to her regular clerical work as the Administrative Assistant, Jan was instrumental in preparing the Town Report as well as updating the town website, participation on the Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee, and assisting other staff at the Town Office. Jan worked at the town office through the demolition and rebuilding of the Sam Lake House and assisted in the recording of the committee work during this time. Jan worked with all of the various Boards and Committees as well as working with the staff and employees of the town. Jan also worked with the myriad of state agencies that required information from the town at different times of the year. Jan was also the Welfare Officer for the Town and assisted at all elections as a ballot clerk. When Jan retired, she took with her a historical knowledge of the innerworkings of the town in every aspect, and has been helpful even after her retirement whenever a question comes up that we contact her about. We thank Jan for the 26 years of dedication to the town and wish her a happy retirement!

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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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Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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603-783-0153

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Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

buildinginspector@canterburynh.gov

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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

Agricultural Commission

Quarterly on Tuesdays

Conservation Commission

2nd Thursday of the month

Budget Committee

As needed

Solid Waste Committee

2nd & 4th Monday of the month

Community Power Committee

Monthly as needed

Energy Committee

1st Monday of the month

Historical Society

1st Monday of the month

Cemetery Trustees

Monthly as needed

Recreation Committee

As needed

Library Trustees

3rd Monday of the month

Supervisors of the Checklist

As needed

TOWN OFFICERS — ELECTED



SELECTMEN (3 years)

Cheryl Gordon, *Chair* (2024)

Kent Ruesswick (2025)

Scott Doherty (2026)

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR (3 years)

Samuel Papps (2025)

TREASURER (3 years)

Albert Edelstein (2025)

MODERATOR (2 years)

James Miller (2025)

Kathleen Doherty, *Assistant Moderator* (2025)

PLANNING BOARD (3 years)

Greg Meeh, *Chair* (2024) Anne Dowling (2024)

Joshua Gordon (2025) John Schneider (2025)

Rich Marcou (2026) Logan Snyder (2026)

Hillary Nelson, *Alternate* (2026) Ben Stonebraker, *Alternate* (2026)

Lois Scribner, *Secretary* Mandy Irving, *Associate*

CEMETERY TRUSTEES (3 years)

John Goegel, *Chair* (2026)

Jan Cote (2024)

Sam Papps (2025)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST (6 years)

Denise Sojka (2024)

Brenda Murray (2026)

Pamela Smarling (2028)

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ray Craigie, 3 years, *Chair* (2025) Deborah Snow, 2 years (2024)

Rick Crockford, 3 years (2024) Florence Woods, 2 years (2024)

Rick Zeller, 3 years (2025) Sarah Melasecca, 2 years (2025)

Linda Riendeau, 2 years (2025) Ron Routhier, 3 years, *Alternate* (2026)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS (3 years)

Greg Heath, *Chair* (2026)

Steve Lundahl (2024)

Tiffany Brown (2025)

TOWN OFFICERS — APPOINTED



TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Kenneth Folsom

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Kathleen McKay

ACCOUNTING CLERK

Mary Hauptman

ASSESSOR

Mandy Irving

ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Jessica Scanlon

BUILDING INSPECTOR/CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Joel French

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Donald O'Connor, *Road Agent* David Heath
Evan Hauptman Robert D'Abbraccio

TRANSFER STATION

David Bowles, *Manager* Andres Romero
Caleb Phillips

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gamache, <i>Chief</i>	Scott Doherty, <i>Deputy Chief, Paramedic</i>
Guy Newbery, <i>Deputy Chief, EMT</i>	Craig Simpson, <i>Captain</i>
David Nelson, <i>Lieutenant, EMT</i>	Aiden O'Brien, <i>Lieutenant, AEMT</i>
Evan Hauptman, <i>Lieutenant</i>	Daniel Bickers, <i>Lieutenant, EMT</i>
Geoff Hubbell, <i>Safety Officer, EMT</i>	Benjamin Davis, <i>F.F.</i>
Matthew Nelson, <i>F.F.</i>	Matthew Murphy, <i>F.F., AEMT</i>
Chad Gamache, <i>F.F., EMT</i>	Robert Basha, <i>F.F., AEMT</i>
Colin Evans, <i>F.F., EMT</i>	Richard Bilodeau, <i>F.F., EMT</i>
Cameron Burns, <i>F.F., AEMT</i>	Michael Provencher, <i>F.F., AEMT</i>
Herbert Batchelder, <i>F.F., Paramedic</i>	Michael Arnold, <i>F.F., AEMT</i>
Finnegan Brown, <i>F.F., EMT</i>	Jay Heath, <i>F.F.</i>
Joel French, <i>F.F., AEMT</i>	Douglas J. Bickers, <i>F.F.</i>
David Newland, <i>F.F.</i>	Brandon Cayer, <i>F.F.</i>
Dale Caswell, <i>Lifetime Member</i>	

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FIRE WARDEN/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Michael Gamache

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Michael Labrecque, *Chief* Michael Crockwell, *Lieutenant*
Justin Crotty, *Sergeant* Kristofer Dupuis, *Officer*
Vincent Kirathi, *Officer*

HEALTH OFFICER

Geoff Hubbell

LIBRARY

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

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (3 years)

Joseph Halla, *Chair* (2024) F. Webster Stout (2024)
Calvin Todd (2024) Jim Wieck (2025)
Christopher Evans (2026) Sean O'Brien, *Alternate* (2026)
Lisa Carlson, *Secretary & Alternate* (2024)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 years)

Ken Stern, *Chair* (2025) Kelly Short, *Vice-Chair* (2026)
Steve Seron (2024) Teresa Wyman (2025)
Audra Klumb (2025) Lance Messinger, *Treasurer* (2026)
Bob Steenson (2026)

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION (3 years)

Kevin Bragg, *Chair* (2024) Harry Kinter (2024)
Jeff Leidinger (2025) Virginia LaPlante (2025)
Anne Emerson (2026)
Lois Scribner, *Secretary & Alternate* (2026)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

CANTERBURY CEMETERY HISTORIAN (3 years)

Mark Stevens (2026)

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CANTERBURY CEMETERY SEXTON

Kent Ruesswick

OFFICIAL TOWN PERAMBULATOR

Mark Stevens

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE (3 years)

Rich Marcou, <i>Chair</i> (2026)	Emily Burr (2025)
Steve Rasche (2025)	LeeAnn MacKey (2026)
Greg Heath (2026)	Lois Scribner, <i>Secretary</i>

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Tyson Miller	Kelly Short
Robert Scarponi	Art Rose
Briggs Lockwood	Robert Steenson
John Udaloy	Calvin Todd
Jan Stout	

ENERGY COMMITTEE (3 years)

Jeff Beltramo, <i>Chair</i> (2026)	Beth McGuinn (2024)
Claudia Leidinger (2024)	Fred Portnoy (2025)
Howard Moffett (2024)	Ruth Heath, <i>Alternate</i> (2025)
Kathleen McKay, <i>Secretary</i>	

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION (3 years)

Mark Stevens, <i>Chair</i> (2025)	Benjamin Davis, <i>Vice-Chair</i> (2026)
Daimon Meeh, <i>Secretary</i> (2025)	Craig Pullen (2024)
Eric Glines (2024)	Jill McCullough (2025)
Josh Marshall (2026)	Corinne Pullen (2026)
Nicole Glines, <i>Alternate</i> (2026)	

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE (2 years)

Howard Moffett, <i>Chair</i> (2025)	Lenore Howe (2024)
Beth McGuinn (2024)	Kelly Stonebraker (2024)
Tim Meeh (2024)	John Schneider (2025)
Ben Stonebraker (2026)	

RECREATION COMMITTEE (2 years)

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

2024 WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE



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

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

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Canterbury Town Hall

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

Article 2: (amends Articles 2, 5, and replaces Article 18, of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of amending the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) Ordinance, to allow attached ADUs by right in the zones where they are currently allowed, and to allow detached ADUs through a conditional use permitting process in the zones where they are currently allowed?

Article 3: (amends Article 5.2 of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of adopting a maximum flagpole height of 30 feet, which is the height of the flagpole in the town center?

Article 4: (amends Article 2, General Provisions, of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of adopting a maximum building height of 40 feet, to ensure adequate emergency response?

Article 5: (amends and replaces Article 6, of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of amending the Cluster Subdivisions Ordinance, with a new Cluster Neighborhoods section, which clarifies the requirements for permanently protected undisturbed open space, offers character-based incentives and design flexibility to protect the Town's historic and rural character, and, rather than as currently allowed by right, establishes a Conditional Use Permit notification process and an opportunity for residents input?

Article 6: (amends Article 2.11 of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of amending the short-term rental ordinance to clarify that, where they are allowed, only one is permitted per single-family home, with a two-year period of approval, and setting maximum occupancy based on septic capacity?

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Article 7: (amends Article 11 of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of clarifying the definitions in the current Number of Residential Building Permits ordinance such that the number of building permits allowed is based on the number of dwelling units, and such that no person or entity can receive more than 25 percent of the permits in any given year?

Article 8: (amends Section 5.3(C) of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of revising the Table of Uses to allow limited residential use in the Commercial District?

Article 9: (amends Article 12 of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of updating the current Floodplain Ordinance to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program, so that property owners can continue to qualify for flood insurance and disaster relief?

Article 10: (amends Article 13.2 of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning amendment as proposed by the Historic District Commission, for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 13.2 by deleting the narrative descriptions of the districts and following the “purpose” descriptions of each district adding the following sentence. “The boundaries of the districts are as set forth on the official Zoning Map of the Town of Canterbury”?

The Select Board voted in favor of this proposal, 3-0.

Article 11: (amends Article 13.5.(A) of the Zoning Ordinance) Are you in favor of the adoption of the zoning amendment as proposed by the Historic District Commission, for the town zoning ordinance as follows: amend Article 13.5(A) to read as follows: “The Historic District Commission shall conduct a hearing on all applications, unless a waiver of hearing is granted. Waivers shall only be granted when the application is not contrary to the spirit of the Ordinance, does not impact any abutter, and is not visible from a public way. In these instances, the Chair of the HDC in consultation with the Select Board Representative may waive the requirement for a public hearing. Before granting a waiver, a complete application must be filed and approved for completeness. The granting of a waiver does not relieve the applicant from meeting all other provisions of the Ordinance but exempts the applicant from the payment of a filing fee and abutter notification requirements. An administrative fee for processing the application may be imposed.”?

The Select Board voted in favor of this proposal, 3-0.

SECOND SESSION

The second session will be held at the Canterbury Elementary School on Friday the Fifteenth of March 2024 at seven o'clock to act on the following subjects.

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

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four-Hundred and Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$440,000) for the purpose of purchasing a new Motor Road Grader and the withdrawal of Four-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) from the Capital Reserve Account created for this purpose. The balance, Forty-Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to be raised by taxes.
Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three-Million, Three-Hundred and Twenty-Three Thousand, Four hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$3,323,453) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.
Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$118,000) to be deposited into the following Capital Reserves:

4915.3	Highway Equipment	\$ 10,000
4915.4	Highway Truck	\$ 30,000
4915.5	Highway Grader	\$ 30,000
4915.18	Rescue Truck	\$ 12,000
4915.24	Landfill Closure	\$ 1,000
4915.27	Maintenance & Repair of Town Buildings	\$ 5,000
4915.30	Highway Loader	\$ 30,000

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

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

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Dollars (\$33,000) for the purpose of preparing new cemetery lots at the Maple Grove municipal cemetery and to complete a lot line adjustment with abutter to add a parcel of land at the Cemetery for future expansion.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase and installation of a Ductless AC and Heating unit at the Canterbury Historical Society Archives storage room in the Elkins Public Library.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of negotiating a contract to upgrade the Town Website.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten-Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purchase of a Steam Cleaner and to withdraw the funds from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Account created for this purpose.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five-Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500) for the purchase of a Folder/Inserter for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six-Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) for the purpose of replacement and repairs to the Town Gazebo hand rails.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

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Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four-Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) for the purchase and installation of gutters for the Meeting House.

Majority Vote Required. Recommended by the Selectmen.

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

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-Four.

Cheryl Gordon, Chair
Kent Ruesswick
Scott Doherty

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2024 BUDGET – TOWN OF CANTERBURY



Expense Item	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Est. 2024 Revenue Offset
4130 EXECUTIVE						
4130.1 Selectmen Salaries	9,000	9,000	12,000	3,000	33.3%	
4130.3 Town Administrator Wages	61,215	61,297	63,663	2,448	4.0%	
4130.4 Office Equipment Repairs	100	0	100	0		
4130.5 Selectmen Seminars	500	100	500	0		
4130.6 Telephone	3,500	3,916	3,500	0		
4130.7 Printing	200	0	200	0		
4130.8 Office Equipment	1,000	989	1,000	0		
4130.10 Office Supplies	2,500	3,426	2,500	0		
4130.11 Health Insurance	40,975	35,329	31,448	-9,527	-23.3%	
4130.12 Postage	1,200	1,017	1,200	0		3,589
4130.21 Admin Wages	34,698	33,526	32,000	-2,698	-7.8%	
4130.22 Assessing Wages	61,599	61,564	64,062	2,463	4.0%	
4130.25 Miscellaneous	100	33	100	0		
4130.54 Administrative Training	500	0	500	0		
4130.55 Advertising	1,000	1,590	1,000	0		
4130.56 Printing Town Report	5,500	4,486	5,000	-500	-9.1%	
Total 4130 EXECUTIVE	223,587	216,273	218,773	-4,814	-2.2%	3,589
4135 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY						
EXECUTIVE						
4135-2e Computers/Hardware	1,000	480	1,000	0		
4135-3e Software/Licensing	11,800	18,766	17,000	5,200	44.1%	
4135-4e Offsite Backup	2,500	3,575	3,500	1,000	40.0%	
4135-5e IT/Network Support	10,000	10,894	10,000	0		
Sub-Total EXECUTIVE	25,300	33,714	31,500	6,200	24.5%	0
TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR						
4135-6t Computers/Hardware	500	0	500	0		
4135-7t Software/Licensing	6,530	6,921	6,530	0		
4135-8t Computer Repair	1	0	1	0		
Sub-Total TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR	7,031	6,921	7,031	0	0.0%	0
POLICE						
4135-12 Offsite Backup	300	510	600	300	100.0%	
4135-9p Computers/Hardware	2,500	3,453	2,500	0		
4135-10 Software/Licensing	3,000	3,478	3,200	200	6.7%	
4135-11 Computer Repair	500	135	500	0		

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Expense Item	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Offset
<i>Sub-Total</i> POLICE	6,300	7,576	6,800	500	7.9%	0
<i>FIRE</i>						
4135-15 Offsite Backup	300	510	600	300	100.0%	
4135-12 Computers/Hardware	1,000	1,468	1,000	0		
4135-13 Software/Licensing	2,500	2,237	2,500	0		
4135-14 Computer Repair	500	278	500	0		
<i>Sub-Total</i> FIRE	4,300	4,492	4,600	300	7.0%	0
<i>HIGHWAY</i>						
4135-21 Computer Repair - Transfer Stat	250	230	250	0		
4135-15 Computers/Hardware	500	399	500	0		
4135-16 Software/Licensing	50	208	50	0		
4135-17 Computer Repair - Highway	250	250	250	0		
<i>Sub-Total</i> HIGHWAY	1,050	1,086	1,050	0	0.0%	0
<i>CONSERVATION</i>						
4135-18 Computers/Hardware	1	0	1	0		
4135-19 Software/Licensing	48	48	50	2	4.2%	
4135-20 Computer Repair	1	0	1	0		
<i>Sub-Total</i> CONSERVATION	50	48	52	2	4.0%	0
Total 4135	44,031	53,838	51,033	7,002	15.9%	0
4140 ELECTION, REG & VITAL STATS						
4140.1 Town Clerk Salary	28,005	27,986	29,125	1,120	4.0%	
4140.2 Marriage License Fees	600	731	600	0		
4140.3 Deputy Town Clerk Salary	11,000	7,184	18,000	7,000	63.6%	
4140.7 Town Clerk Office Supplies	1,200	1,295	1,400	200	16.7%	
4140.8 Town Clerk Office Equipment	500	0	500	0		
4140.10 Town Clerk Seminars	1,100	848	1,200	100	9.1%	
4140.11 Dog Tags	200	359	300	100	50.0%	
4140.12 Election Wages	2,000	1,613	6,000	4,000	200.0%	
4140.14 Election Advertising	500	209	750	250	50.0%	
4140.15 Election Misc. Supplies	500	672	1,000	500	100.0%	
4140.16 Voting Machine	7,000	357	3,350	-3,650	-52.1%	
4140.19 Vital Statistic Fees	800	785	800	0		
4140.36 Leave Coverage/Town Mtg Minutes	1,000	234	1,000	0		
4140.37 Record Scanning	500	0	500	0		
Total 4140	54,905	42,272	64,525	9,620	17.5%	0

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Expense Item	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Offset
4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION						
4150.1 Tax Collector Salary	30,944	30,910	32,181	1,237	4.0%	
4150.03 Bookkeeper Wages	26,750	26,654	30,000	3,250	12.1%	
4150.4 Outside Auditing	16,250	16,500	16,000	-250	-1.5%	
4150.5 Bank Analysis Fees	1	0	1	0		
4150.7 Tax Collector Seminars	1,100	1,023	1,200	100	9.1%	
4150.10 Registrar of Deeds	500	342	500	0		
4150.11 Tax Collector Health Insurance	13,050	13,050	15,029	1,979	15.2%	3,006
4150.12 Tax Collector Retirement	8,288	8,125	8,295	7	0.1%	
4150.91 Tax Collector Liens	1,200	234	800	-400	-33.3%	
4150.93 Treasurer Salary	5,409	5,409	5,625	216	4.0%	
4150.95 Tax Collector Office Supplies	1,000	1,041	1,200	200	20.0%	
4150.96 Tax Collector Postage	5,000	4,669	5,500	500	10.0%	
4150.98 Treasurer Mileage Reimbursement	1,000	996	1,000	0		
Total 4150 FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	110,492	108,952	117,331	6,839	6.2%	3,006
4153 LEGAL EXPENSES						
4153.3 General Municipal	10,000	10,169	10,000	0	0.0%	
Total 4153 LEGAL EXPENSES	10,000	10,169	10,000	0	0.0%	0
4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION						
4199.81 Medicare	17,000	17,459	20,267	3,267	19.2%	
4199.0082 Social Security	56,000	63,124	86,658	30,658	54.7%	
7199.83 Unemployment Compensation	1	0	1	0		
Total 4155 PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	73,001	80,583	106,926	33,925	46.5%	0
4191 PLANNING BOARD						
4191.1 PB Postage	900	814	900	0		
4191.2 PB Secretary Wages	5,500	6,030	2,500	-3,000	-54.5%	
4191.5 PB Professional Services	5,000	20,355	5,000	0		
4191.6 PB Advertising	750	624	750	0		
4191.7 PB Printing	250	0	250	0		
4191.8 PB Supplies	800	1,349	800	0		
4191.9 PB Equipment	500	230	500	0		
4191.10 PB Seminar	500	0	500	0		
4191.11 ZBA Secretary Wages	2,500	2,610	2,000	-500	-20.0%	
4191.13 ZBA Postage	250	837	250	0		
4191.14 ZBA Advertising	1,000	2,027	1,000	0		

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4191.15 ZBA Supplies	100	356	100	0		
4191.16 ZBA Seminar	50	0	50	0		
NEW Land Use Administrator			20,800	20,800		
Total 4191	18,100	35,232	35,400	17,300	95.6%	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS						
4194 Center Electricity	840	771	750	-90	-10.7%	
4194.2 Town Hall Maintenance	1,000	3,718	1,000	0		
4194.3 Town Hall Electricity	1,400	1,270	1,500	100	7.1%	
4194.5 Town Building Emergency Fund	1	0	1	0		
4194.7 Sam Lake Maintenance	1,000	10,710	1,000	0		
4194.8 Sam Lake Electricity	3,500	3,353	3,500	0		
4194.11 Elkins/Houser Building Maint	1,000	665	1,000	0		
4194.12 Historical Society Electricity	2,100	2,219	2,100	0		
4194.13 Town Buildings Heat/Oil/Propane	28,000	30,575	30,000	2,000	7.1%	
4194.14 Municipal Building Electricity	9,000	9,406	9,000	0		
4194.16 Municipal Building Alarms	800	4,590	1,000	200	25.0%	
4194.17 Municipal Building Maintenance	6,000	10,631	6,000	0		
4194.18 Sam Lake Security System	900	628	1,000	100	11.1%	
4194.19 Janitorial Services	14,000	13,780	14,000	0		
4194.20 Meetinghouse Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,500	0		
4194.21 Transfer Station Security Syst	500	240	500	0		
4194.40 Elkins/Houser Security System	750	356	750	0		
4194.62 Town Hall Security System	380	178	400	20	5.3%	
4194.63 Center Maintenance	4,000	3,752	2,000	-2,000	-50.0%	
Total 4194	76,671	98,343	77,001	330	0.4%	0
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS						
CEMETERIES						
4195.1 Cemetery Wages	5,000	1,860	5,000	0		
4195.2 Sub-Contractor	1	0	1	0		
4195.3 Equipment Repairs	500	0	1	-499	-99.8%	
4195.4 Gas & Oil	1	0	1	0		
4195.5 Parts & Supplies	1	54	1	0		
4195.6 Cemetery Maintenance	1,600	2,407	3,100	1,500	93.8%	
4195.7 Tree Removal	2,000	4,250	2,000	0		
4195.8 Record Keeping Software	1,200	748	900	-300	-25.0%	
4195.60 Headstone repairs	4,000	3,650	4,400	400	10.0%	

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4195.61 Maplegrove Cemetery Layout	500	8	500	0		
Total 4195	14,803	12,976	15,904	1,101	7.4%	0
4196						
INSURANCE						
4196.2 Worker's Compensation	28,310	28,310	33,736	5,426	19.2%	
4196.3 Liability	36,536	36,536	42,465	5,929	16.2%	
Total 4196	64,846	64,846	76,201	11,355	17.5%	0
4197						
ADVERTISING & REGIONAL DEV.						
4197.1 NH Municipal Association	2,227	2,227	2,348	121	5.4%	
4197.2 Central NH Planning	2,875	3,033	3,160	285	9.9%	
4197.4 Assoc. of Assessing Dues	50	45	50	0		
4197.5 Reg/Conc Solid Waste	1	0	1	0		
4197.6 Upper Merrimack River	1	0	1	0		
4197.9 Federal DOT Drug Testing	1,000	964	1,000	0		
4197.10 Town Clerk Dues	40	20	50	10	25.0%	
4197.11 Tax Collector Dues	40	0	50	10	25.0%	
4197.12 NH Local Welfare Admin Assoc	30	30	50	20	66.7%	
Total 4197	6,264	6,319	6,710	446	7.1%	0
4240						
BUILDING INSPECTION						
4120.13 Telephone/Email	475	532	475	0		
4240.1 Building Inspection Wages	13,000	14,488	17,000	4,000	30.8%	
4120.2 Supplies	500	722	500	0		
4120.3 Seminars	500	0	500	0		
4120.4 Mileage	1,000	931	1,000	0		
4120.10 Code Enforcement	1,000	0	1,000	0		
Total 4240	16,475	16,672	20,475	4,000	24.3%	0
TOTAL	713,175	746,475	800,279	87,104	12.2%	6,595
4210						
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
POLICE						
4210.0C Police Chief Salary	74,642	71,608	77,627	2,985	4.0%	
<i>Officer Wages</i>						
4210.c Administration	31,065	30,922	31,999	934	3.0%	
4210.1b Overtime	7,000	4,729	7,000	0		
4210.1 Officer Wages - Other	226,453	182,640	233,948	7,495	3.3%	
<i>Officer Wages</i>						
<i>Cruiser Maintenance</i>						
Sub-Total	264,518	218,292	272,947	8,429	3.2%	0

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4210.M 2023 Ford Explorer	0	21,019	0	0	0.0%	0
4210.L 2021 Ford Explorer-SUV4	1,000	360	1,000	0	0	0
4210.g Tires	2,000	1,998	2,000	0	0	0
4210.h Insurance Deductible	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
4210.i Interceptor SUV1	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
4210.J Interceptor SUV3	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0
4210.K 2021 Ford Explorer-SUV 2	1,000	64	1,000	0	0	0
<i>Sub-Total Cruiser Maintenance</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>23,441</i>	<i>10,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0</i>
4210.3 Health Insurance	23,051	11,088	26,646	3,595	15.6%	5,329
4210.5 Radios & Repairs	3,300	303	3,300	0	0	0
4210.6 Dispatch	21,757	21,671	32,579	10,822	49.7%	0
4210.7 Gas/Oil	12,000	7,072	12,000	0	0	0
4210.8 Office Supplies	2,500	2,257	2,500	0	0	0
4210.9 Uniforms	4,000	2,662	4,000	0	0	0
4210.10 Sub-Contractor	15,000	22,145	15,000	0	0	15,000
4210.11 Seminars/Dues/Subscriptions	850	790	850	0	0	0
4210.12 Prosecutor	1,803	1,725	1,803	0	0	0
4210.13 Telephone	5,500	5,322	5,500	0	0	0
4210.14 Training	3,000	5,192	5,000	2,000	66.7%	0
4210.16 Retirement	54,000	38,920	55,782	1,782	3.3%	0
4210.17 Police Disability Ins	2,800	1,720	2,800	0	0	0
4210.91 Supplies/New Equipment	6,500	55,677	7,000	500	7.7%	0
Total 4210 POLICE	505,221	489,886	535,334	30,113	6.0%	20,329
Total 4215 Civil Defense	1	0	1	0	0.0%	0
4220 FIRE						
4220.W Wages	1,350	6,826	1,500	150	11.1%	1,500
4220.70 Sub-Contractor	1,350	6,826	1,500	150	11.1%	1,500
<i>Sub-Total Wages</i>	<i>61,827</i>	<i>62,180</i>	<i>64,300</i>	<i>2,473</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>0</i>
4220.16 Part-Time Fire Chief	2,600	1,235	2,600	0	0	0
<i>EMT Wages</i>	<i>61,301</i>	<i>60,401</i>	<i>63,753</i>	<i>2,452</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>0</i>
4220.00 EMT Overtime	63,901	61,636	66,353	2,452	3.8%	0
4220.01 EMT Wages - Other	26,100	17,389	15,029	-11,071	-42.4%	3,006
<i>EMT Health Insurance</i>	<i>22,000</i>	<i>26,040</i>	<i>25,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>0</i>
4220.1 Volunteer Reimbursement	2,000	26,040	25,000	3,000	13.6%	0

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4220.02 EMT Retirement	8,850	8,627	8,978	128	1.4%	
4220.04 EMT Disability Ins	900	898	900	0		
4220.2 Forest Fire Costs	1,500	858	1,500	0		
<i>Vehicle Maintenance</i>						
4220.3K 2020 Kawasaki UTV	1,000	0	1,000	0		
4220.3b Fire Engine #3	5,000	2,300	5,000	0		
4220.3c Rescue 1	4,000	2,114	4,000	0		
4220.3f Utility	1,000	1,174	1,000	0		
4220.3g Tanker1	2,000	15,486	2,500	500	25.0%	
4220.3h Command Vehicle	750	686	1,000	250	33.3%	
4220.3i Engine 2	3,000	2,680	3,000	0		
4220.3j 2019 F350 Forestry Truck	1,000	1,148	1,000	0		
4220.3 Vehicle Maintenance - Other	1,000	244	1,000	0		
<i>Sub-Total</i>	<i>18,750</i>	<i>25,831</i>	<i>19,500</i>	<i>750</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>0</i>
4220.3L Insurance Deductible	2,000	0	2,000	0		
4220.4 Training & Prevention	4,400	6,403	4,700	300	6.8%	
4220.5 Dispatch	26,091	26,091	28,489	2,398	9.2%	
4220.6 Radios & Pagers	10,000	10,269	10,000	0		
4220.8 Gasoline & Oil	6,000	5,839	6,000	0		
4220.9 Fire & Rescue Equipment	10,000	7,960	10,000	0		
4220.10 Dry Hydrants	2,000	0	2,000	0		
4220.11 Office Supplies	1,400	1,676	1,500	100	7.1%	
4220.12 Uniforms	3,000	1,787	3,000	0		
4220.13 Weekend Reimbursements	10,000	8,612	10,000	0		
4220.14 Turnout Gear	10,000	5,966	10,000	0		
4220.15 Wellness Fitness	1,000	1,372	1,000	0		
4220.17 Fire Prevention Education	1,000	909	1,000	0		
4220.61 Fire Hose	1,000	1,000	1,000	0		
4220.91 Office Equipment	500	679	600	100	20.0%	
4220.92 EMS Continuing Education	4,715	2,178	4,715	0		
4220.93 Medical Supplies & Equipment	5,000	3,171	5,000	0		
4220.94 Equipment Maintenance	2,550	1,078	2,500	-50	-2.0%	
4220.95 Forest Fire Equipment	50	47	50	0		
Total 4220 FIRE	305,884	295,322	306,614	730	0.2%	4,506

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TOTAL	811,106	785,208	841,949	30,843	3.8%	24,835
PUBLIC SAFETY						
HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION						
4311-1						
4311.1a	66,906	66,294	69,582	2,676	4.0%	
4311.1	170,000	153,103	182,000	12,000	7.1%	
4311.OT	25,000	18,394	39,500	14,500	58.0%	
4311.2	1	0	1	0		
<i>Equipment Repairs</i>						
4311.T1	10,000	17,141	10,000	0		
4311.T2	3,000	2,404	3,000	0		
4311.T3	5,000	14,313	10,000	5,000	100.0%	
4311.T4	3,000	187	3,000	0		
4311.T5	3,000	7,334	5,000	2,000	66.7%	
4311.T6	1,000	361	1,000	0		
4311.T7	1,000	1,869	3,000	2,000	200.0%	
4311.T8	1,000	1,566	2,000	1,000	100.0%	
4311.G	15,000	13,112	15,000	0		
4311.BH	4,000	2,568	2,000	-2,000	-50.0%	
4311.BC	750	1,023	1,500	750	100.0%	
4311.L	4,500	2,020	4,500	0		
4311.GG	500	0	500	0		
4311.3	3,500	1,235	3,500	0		
<i>Sub-Total</i>						
4311.4	55,250	65,134	60,000	8,750	15.8%	0
4311.5	71,250	78,082	60,116	-11,134	-15.6%	12,024
4311.6	38,750	33,209	39,384	634	1.6%	
4311.7	2,000	1,643	2,000	0		
4311.8	16,000	13,539	16,000	0		
4311.9	42,000	40,276	48,000	6,000	14.3%	
4311.11	4,000	3,495	4,000	0		
4311.12	1,500	654	1,500	0		
4311.13	3,300	3,495	3,300	0		
4311.14	5,250	3,710	5,250	0		
4311.15	800	5,545	800	0		
4311.15	1,500	623	1,500	0		
Total 4311-1	503,507	487,194	536,933	33,426	6.6%	12,024

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4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS						
4312.1 Salt	29,000	23,404	29,000	0		
4612.2 Sand & Gravel						
4312.2W Winter Sand	25,000	14,206	27,000	2,000	8.0%	
<i>Sub-Total</i>	25,000	14,206	27,000	2,000	8.0%	0
4312.3 Road Tar	230,000	206,042	230,000	0		
<i>Road Improvements</i>						
4312.4T Tree Removal	3,000	0	3,000	0		
4312.4G Summer Gravel	16,000	15,918	16,000	0		
4312.4 Road Improvements - Other	19,500	9,154	21,000	1,500	7.7%	
<i>Sub-Total</i>	38,500	25,073	40,000	1,500	3.9%	0
4612.5 Sand & Salt sub contractor	12,000	5,690	12,000	0		
4612.6 Signage	1,500	723	1,500	0		
4612.30 Road Side Mowing	16,000	16,000	16,000	0		
Total 4312-1 HIGHWAYS & STREETS	352,000	291,137	355,500	3,500	1.0%	0
4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES						
4313.1 Culvert/Bridge Maintenance	5,000	5,385	5,000	0		
Total 4313 CULVERTS & BRIDGES	5,000	5,385	5,000	0	0.0%	0
Total 4316 STREET LIGHTING	2,900	3,318	3,000	100	3.4%	0
TOTAL HIGHWAYS & STREETS	863,407	787,034	900,433	37,026	4.3%	12,024
4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION						
4321.1 Wages	48,000	52,537	68,300	20,300	42.3%	
4321.3 Overtime	5,000	5,976	5,000	0		
4321.2 Recycling Services	32,000	13,034	20,000	-12,000	-37.5%	
4321.4 Telephone	1,500	1,518	1,500	0		
4321.5 Supplies	1,500	659	1,500	0		
4321.6 Electricity	5,800	2,804	5,800	0		
4321.7 Gas & Oil	5,400	2,685	5,400	0		
4323.8 Central NH Waste	1	0	1	0		
4323.9 Building Maintenance	2,500	3,141	2,500	0		
4323.10 Seminars	400	240	400	0		
<i>Truck Repairs</i>						
4323.P Packer Truck Repairs	4,000	11,061	4,000	0		
4323.12 Truck Repairs - Other	1	0	1	0		

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<i>Sub-Total Truck Repairs</i>	4,001	11,061	4,001	0	0.0%	0
4323.15 Universal Waste	2,500	6,831	3,000	500	20.0%	
<i>Equipment Repairs</i>						
4323.T Trailer	4,000	5,452	2,000	-2,000	-50.0%	
4323.16 Equipment Repairs - Other	1,000	0	1,000	0		
<i>Sub-Total Equipment Repairs</i>	5,000	5,452	3,000	-2,000	-40.0%	0
4323.17 Bag Purchase	8,000	7,829	8,000	0		
4321.18 Hazardous Clean-up	1	0	1	0		
4321.19 Storm Water Drainage	1	0	1	0		
4323.19 Ground Water Testing	5,000	6,737	6,500	1,500	30.0%	
4323.20 Hazardous Waste Day	1	0	1	0		
4321.30 Committee Secretary Wages	0	1,040	1,000	1,000		
Total 4321-1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION	126,605	121,542	135,905	9,300	7.3%	0
4324 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL						
4324.1 Co-op Fee Ash Disposal	38,000	45,699	48,000	10,000	26.3%	12,000
Total 4324 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	38,000	45,699	48,000	10,000	26.3%	12,000
TOTAL SOLID WASTE	164,605	167,241	183,905	19,300	11.7%	12,000
4351 ENERGY COMMITTEE						
4351.5a Administration	750	165	750	0		
4351.6 Community Power Committee	500	196	2,500	2,000	400.0%	
4351.1 Clean Energy NH Membership	250	250	250	0		
4351.02 Training	150	23	150	0		
4351.3 Programs	250	0	250	0		
4351.5 Misc	100	68	100	0		
Total 4351 ENERGY COMMITTEE	2,000	702	4,000	2,000	100.0%	0
4411 HEALTH						
4411.2 Health Officer	100	0	100	0		
4411.1 Animal Control	200	140	200	0		
<i>Health Agencies</i>						
4415.2 Penacook Rescue	152,074	152,074	166,204	14,130	9.3%	
4415.3 Belmont Rescue	10,000	10,000	10,000	0		
<i>Sub-Total Health Agencies</i>	162,074	162,074	176,204	14,130	8.7%	0
Total 4411 HEALTH	162,374	162,214	176,504	14,130	8.7%	0
4441 WELFARE						

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4441.1 Welfare Administrator	1	0	1	0		
4441.2 Aid/Disabled VNA	1	0	1	0		
4441.3 Community Action Program	2,600	2,600	2,600	0		
Total 4441 WELFARE	2,602	2,600	2,602	0	0.0%	
4442 DIRECT ASSISTANCE						
4442.1 Direct Assistance	4,000	9,584	8,000	4,000	100.0%	
Total 4442 DIRECT ASSISTANCE	4,000	9,584	8,000	4,000	100.0%	
4550 LIBRARY						
4550.30 Trust Fund Expenses						2,500
4550.31 Programs/Passes	2,500	1,299	2,500	0		5,000
4550.32 Books/Mags/Materials	5,000	4,843	5,000	0		350
4550.33 Town Newsletter	350	350	350	0		4,000
4550.34 Contracts	3,000	2,727	4,000	1,000	33.3%	2,500
4550.35 Technology Labor	2,200	2,995	2,500	300	13.6%	5,000
4550.36 Capital Improvements/Computers	5,000	4,262	5,000	0		500
4550.38 Continuing Education	500	150	500	0		9,000
4550.39 Wages	9,000	8,359	9,000	0		28,850
Sub-Total Trust Fund Expenses	27,550	24,984	28,850	1,300	4.7%	
<i>Library Expenses</i>						
4550.1 Wages	138,000	138,000	149,000	11,000	8.0%	
4550.2 Maintenance Repairs	5,000	7,230	6,000	1,000	20.0%	
4550.3 Books/Mags/Materials	9,000	9,807	9,000	0		200
4550.4 Dues/Meetings/Education	500	550	700	200	40.0%	-25.0%
4550.5 Telephone	2,000	1,310	1,500	-500	35.0%	100
4550.7 Electricity	2,000	3,802	2,700	700	33.3%	20.0%
4550.8 Postage	300	464	400	100	15.0%	16,412
4550.9 Equipment Supplies	5,000	5,082	6,000	1,000		
4550.10 Health Insurance	71,338	71,338	82,060	10,722		
4550.11 Programs	1,000	976	1,000	0		
4550.15 Retirement	13,370	11,602	13,544	174	1.3%	
4550.21 Cleaning	4,200	4,056	4,200	0		
Sub-Total Library Expenses	251,708	254,215	276,104	24,396	9.7%	
Total 4550 LIBRARY	279,258	279,199	304,954	25,696	9.2%	
4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES						
4583.1 Memorial Day	500	443	500	0		

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Expense Item	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Offset
4583.2 Fourth of July	7,500	7,500	8,000	500	6.7%	
Total 4583 PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	8,000	7,943	8,500	500	6.3%	0
4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY						
4589.1 Preservation Expense	1,300	1,300	1,300	0		
4589.2 Misc. Supplies	200	200	200	0		
Total 4589 HISTORICAL SOCIETY	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0.0%	0
4651 HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION						
4651.1 Secretary Wages	1,000	1,150	1,050	50	5.0%	
4651.2 Postage	100	33	50	-50	-50.0%	
4651.3 Printing	50	231	200	150	300.0%	
Total 4651 HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION	1,150	1,414	1,300	150	13.0%	0
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	289,908	290,057	316,254	26,346	9.1%	45,262
4500 PARKS & RECREATION						
4520.14 Riverland Conservation Area	750	760	750	0		
4520.1 Repairs	1	0	1	0		
Soccer						
4520.3 Soccer Field Maintenance	520	151	450	-70	-13.5%	
4520.4 Soccer Program Admin Costs	0	113	120			
4520.5 Soccer Equipment	2,030	2,220	1,995	-35	-1.7%	
<i>Sub-Total Soccer</i>	<i>2,550</i>	<i>2,484</i>	<i>2,565</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Halloween</i>						
4520.10 Decorations & Supplies	600	349	600	0		
4520.11 Refreshment & Candy Costs	700	935	1,000	300	42.9%	
<i>Sub-Total Halloween</i>	<i>1,300</i>	<i>1,284</i>	<i>1,600</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>23.1%</i>	<i>0</i>
Total 4500 PARKS & RECREATION	4,601	4,528	4,916	315	6.8%	0
4611 CONSERVATION						
4611.1 Dues	700	600	700	0		
4611.2 Postage	50	0	25	-25	-50.0%	
4611.3 Printing & Advertising	100	74	100	0		
4611.4 Supplies	25	0	25	0		
4611.5 Professional Services	1,000	0	1,000	0		
4611.6 Training	150	65	150	0		
4611.7 Easement Monitoring	2,115	850	3,000	885	41.8%	
4611.8 Land Management	6,000	7,260	6,300	300	5.0%	

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Expense Item	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Offset
4611.10 Rocky Pond Treatment	1,000	1,000	1,000			
4611.12 Administrative Support	400	60	400			
4611.13 Conservation Project Support	1	36,943	1			
Total 4611 CONSERVATION	11,541	46,852	12,701	1,160	10.1%	
NEW Agricultural Commission						
NEW Administration			250	250		
Total Agricultural Commission	0	0	250	250		
4711 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBTS						
4711.9 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	60,000	60,000	60,000			
4711.2 Municipal Principal 03C	115,000	115,000	0	-115,000	-100.0%	
Total 4711 PRINCIPAL LONG TERM DEBTS	175,000	175,000	60,000	-115,000	-65.7%	
4721 INTEREST LONG TERM DEBTS						
4721.81 Cruiser-Bridge-Command Car	14,000	11,220	8,160	-5,840	-41.7%	
4721.7 Municipal Principal 03C	7,000	3,580	0	-7,000	-100.0%	
Total 4721 INTEREST LONG TERM DEBTS	21,000	14,800	8,160	-12,840	-61.1%	
4725 Capital Lease Program						
4725.2 Body Camera Lease	3,500	3,483	3,500			
Total 4725 Capital Lease Program	3,500	3,483	3,500		0.0%	
SUB-TOTAL ALL DEPT EXPENSE	3,228,819	3,195,778	3,323,453	94,634	2.9%	100,716
WARRANT ARTICLES						
2023-2 Fire Truck	850,000	360,000				
2023-4 Capital Reserves 2023	178,000	178,000				
2023-5 Bridge Capital Reserve	49,470	49,470				
2023-7 Highway Truck	150,000	70,010				
2023-8 Gold Star	38,236	38,236				
2023-9 School Feasibility Study	12,000	4,074				
2023-10 Zero-Turn Mower	7,500	6,549				
2023-11 Town Hall Floors	7,000	6,736				
2023-12 Air Conditioner/Condenser (Fire Dept)	7,500	7,500				
2023-13 Mini-Split - Meetinghouse	7,500	7,500				
2023-14 Cemetery	15,000	15,000				
2024-12 Backhoe			209,950			
2024-13 Grader			440,000			
2024-15 Capitol Reserve Deposits			118,000			

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Expense Item	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	Budget +/-	Percent Change	Offset
2024-16 Gold Star			36,704			
2024-17 Cemetery Expansion			33,000			
2024-18 Mini-Split for Hist. Soc.			10,000			
2024-19 Website Upgrade			10,000			
2024-20 Steam Cleaner for HD			10,000			
2024-21 Folder/Inserter for Town Clerk			5,500			
2024-22 Repair Gazebo Railings			6,000			
2024-23 Gutters for Meeting House			4,000			
2024-24 Sam Lake Trust Fund			15,000			
Total	1,322,206	743,074	898,154	-424,052	-32.1%	
WARRANT ARTICLES	1,322,206	743,074	898,154	-424,052	-32.1%	
GRAND TOTAL with WARRANT ARTICLES	4,551,025	3,938,851	4,221,607	-329,418	-7.2%	100,716

5000 ENCUMBERENCES	2023 Encumbered	Actual 2023	2024 Encumbered
4323.E Vertical Baler Encumbrance *	46,700	37,400	9,300
22-14E Vertical Baler Encumbrance *			23,958
4312.3E Road Tar	16,189	16,189	7,000
4140.E Voting Machine			6,525
4312.4E Road Improvements - Other			76,899
2023-7E Highway Truck			123,682
Total 5000 ENCUMBERED	62,889	53,590	123,682

*Encumbered from 2022 budget

REVENUE TO OFFSET 2024 BUDGET



		2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget
3100	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Tax	0	20,373	0
3185	Timber Tax	20,000	19,687	10,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	9,500	9,500	9,500
Total 3100	TAXES	29,500	49,560	19,500
3200	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	575,000	599,041	575,500
3230	Building Permits	13,000	23,796	15,000
3240	Municipal Agent Fees	25,000	22,107	20,000
3290	Other Licenses, permits & fees	4,000	4,292	2,100
Total 3200	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES	617,000	649,236	612,600
3300	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
3350.9	Grants-State of NH	0	10,530	0
3300.2	Rooms & Meals Tax	130,000	228,089	220,000
3350.3	Highway Block Grant	93,000	121,935	93,000
3350.4	State & Federal Forest Land	165	162	160
3359.1	Other State Revenues	100	123	100
3359.5	Voter Checklist Town Portion	100	400	200
3359.6	UCC Quarterly Income	1,000	945	900
3559.8	Municipal Aid	0	2,984	0
Total 3300	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	224,365	365,168	314,360
3400	CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401.68	Fire & EMS Training Reimbursement	0	4,178	0
3401.1	Planning Board Fees	1,500	1,616	1,500
3401.3	ZBA Fees	3,000	4,845	3,500
3401.6	Police Subcontractors	30,000	29,925	25,000
3401.10	Pistol Permits	200	120	100
3401.11	Police Department - Reports	200	375	200
3401.20	Copier Income	100	0	100
3401.42	Misc. Income	200	507	0
3401.50	Historic District Comm Fees	100	140	0
3401.52	Fire Department Inspections	100	40	100
3401.59	Town Hall Rental Income	100	0	100
3401.61	Sale of Hwy Truck	0	4,100	0
3401.63	Cemetery Plots	2,500	1,950	2,000
3401.67	Fire Dept Subcontractors	0	6,826	1,500
Total 3400	CHARGES FOR SERVICES	38,000	54,623	34,100
35	REVENUES FROM MISC SOURCES			
3190	Interest & Penalties	12,000	13,631	10,000
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	2,500	5,000	2,500
3502	Interest on Investments	5,000	70,629	10,000
3507	Health Insurance Reimbursement	47,860	41,552	43,366
3510	NSF Fee	0	25	0
3512	Library offset - Trust Funds	18,550	24,984	28,850
3515	Misc Revenues	1,000	13,489	1,000
Total 35	REVENUES FROM MISC SOURCES	86,910	169,310	95,716

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3500.1	ENTERPRISE FUND			
3401.40	Transfer Station Fees	15,000	17,184	15,000
3401.41	Recycled Waste	17,000	13,474	12,000
3401.58	Textiles	10,000	650	600
4100	PAYT Bags	58,000	55,210	55,000
4100.2	Private Hauler Reimbursement	0	12,778	12,000
Total 3500.1	ENTERPRISE FUND	100,000	99,297	94,600
3915	TRANSFERS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE	517,500	516,549	0
TOTAL REVENUE		1,613,275	1,903,741	1,170,876
Appropriations Recommended		3,323,453		
Individual Warrant Articles		898,154		
Total Appropriations		4,221,607		
Less: Total Proposed Revenue		1,110,144		
Est Amount of Taxes to be raised		3,111,463		

UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE

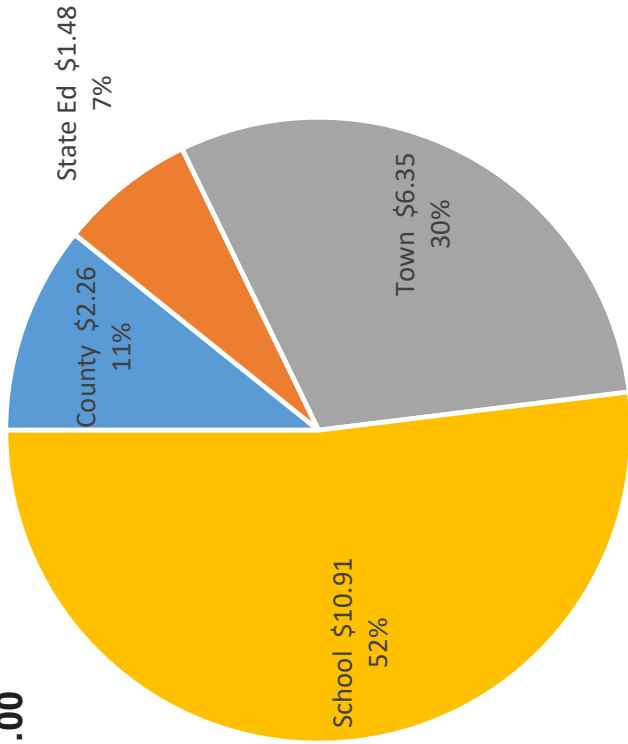


Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,754,892
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$ -
Less Amount Voted (Gold Star)	\$ (38,236)
Total Retained	\$ 1,716,656

2023 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN



TOTAL RATE = \$21.00



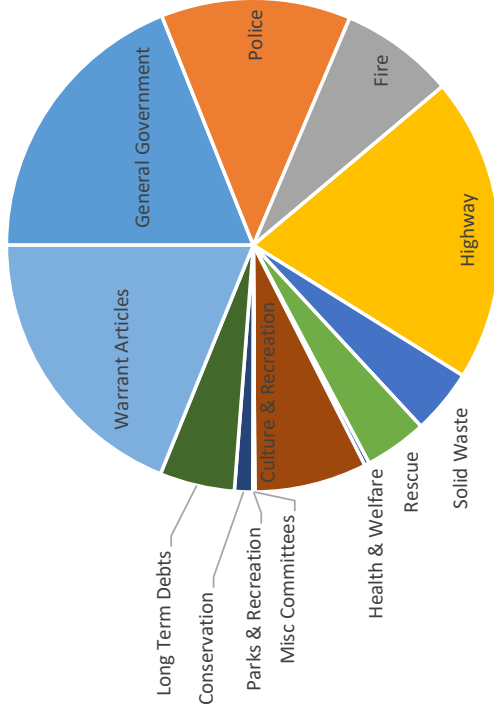
■ County \$2.26 ■ State Ed \$1.48 ■ Town \$6.35 ■ School \$10.91

2023 Tax Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value. Total Assessed Valuation = \$370,653,184

2024 TOWN EXPENSES

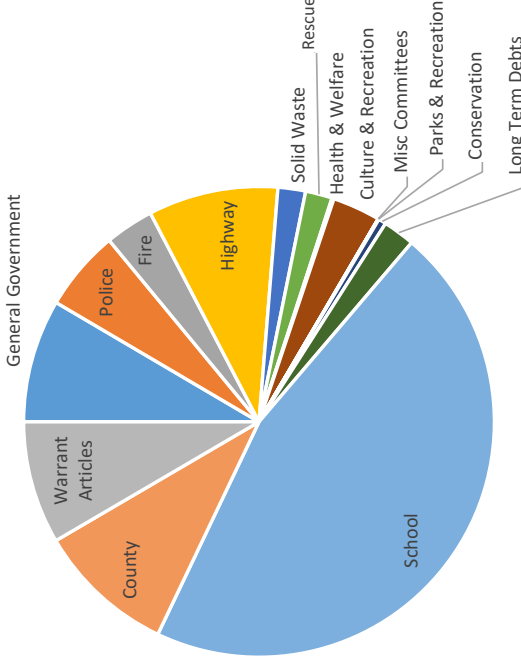


Municipal Only



- General Government \$746,475
- Police \$489,886
- Solid Waste \$167,241
- Rescue \$162,074
- Misc Committees \$702
- Parks & Recreation \$4,528

All Expenses



- Fire \$295,322
- Health & Welfare \$12,324
- Conservation \$46,852
- Highway \$787,034
- Culture & Recreation \$290,057
- Long Term Debts \$193,283

These charts represent monies paid by the Selectmen in 2023 for the operating budget, approved warrant articles, and school and county appropriations.

LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS STATEMENT OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS



TOWN BUILDINGS IMPROVEMENT BOND

Rate of Interest	3%-6%
Amount of Original Issue	\$2,500,000
Date of Original Issue	7/7/2003
Principal Payment Date	August 15
Interest Payment Date	February 15 & August 15
Payable At	NH Municipal Bond Bank

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

FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	FYE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST
2006	\$ 39,900	\$ 38,165.08	2016	\$ 40,000	\$ 14,297.76
2007	\$ 40,000	\$ 34,183.76	2017	\$ 40,000	\$ 12,297.76
2008	\$ 40,000	\$ 32,183.76	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

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MORRILL ROAD BRIDGE / COMMAND CAR / POLICE CRUISERS

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

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

SAM LAKE TRUST FUND



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

Under the terms of the trust:

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

Clarfeld Management Report A/C Reconciliation

Beginning Market Value 01/01/2023	<u>\$ 218,884.13</u>
Cash Activity	
Dividends	\$ 7,829.15
Interest	\$ 318.72
Long Term/Short Term Cap Gains	\$ 131.83
Fiduciary Fees	\$ (5,535.42)
Other Disbursements of Cash	<u>\$(11,607.21)</u>
Total Cash Activity	<u>\$ (8,862.93)</u>
Net Gain/(Loss)	
Realized Gain/(Loss)	\$ 1,466.60
Change in Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	<u>\$ 15,979.77</u>
Total Net Gain/(Loss)	<u>\$ 17,446.37</u>
Ending Market Value (Excluding Accruals) 12/31/2023	<u>\$227,467.57</u>

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Report of the Trust Funds, Summary of Principal, Income and Investments for the Town of Canterbury on December 31, 2023

Name and Purpose of Trust	*How Invested Account	Balance at Beginning of Year	New Funds Created	Principal Capital		Balance at End of Year	Income		Balance at End of Year	Total Principal & Income	
				Gain or Loss	Withdrawals		Income	Expense			
Nonexpendable Trusts:											
Benjamin Whidden - Cong Church	105640006	200.00				200.00		68.85	14.06	82.91	282.91
Lucia Elkins - Library Books	105640007	4,000.00				4,000.00		350.02	227.65	577.67	4,577.67
Lucia Elkins - Elkins Mem Bldg Repairs	105640034	1,000.00				1,000.00		357.03	71.01	428.04	1,428.04
Frank Drew - Library Unrestricted	105640009	3,000.00				3,000.00		1,074.39	213.23	1,287.62	4,287.62
Arthur & Mary Mudge - Library	105640010	424.00				424.00		149.22	30.00	179.22	603.22
Lucia Elkins - Sick & Worthy Poor	105640011	6,987.00				6,987.00		783.32	406.64	1,189.96	8,176.96
John Kezar - School District	105640012	3,702.10				3,702.10		1,326.84	263.18	1,590.02	5,292.12
Benevolent Fund - Glasses & Dental	105640013	700.00				700.00		2,955.30	191.31	3,146.61	3,846.61
Canterbury Youth Fund	105640014	751.00				751.00		2,417.36	165.81	2,583.17	3,334.17
Thompson Memorial - 4H Scholarship	105640015	750.00				750.00		873.27	84.97	958.24	1,708.24
Perpetual Care - Cemetery Lots	105640017	37,675.00		(150.00)		37,525.00		12,000.11	2,663.62	(68.18)	52,120.55
Subtotal		59,189.10	-	(150.00)	(150.00)	59,039.10		22,355.70	4,331.48	(68.18)	85,658.10
Expendable Trusts:											
Capital Reserve Funds											
Highway Equipment	105640003	80,077.20	10,000.00			90,077.20		7,247.71	4,681.47	(6,549.00)	95,457.38
Highway Trucks	105640004	159,000.00	30,000.00		(150,000.00)	39,000.00		14,775.46	7,710.12	22,485.58	61,485.58
Highway Grader	105640005	315,000.00	30,000.00			345,000.00		20,137.75	18,163.09	38,300.84	383,300.84
Firefighting Equipment	105640029	33,709.50				33,709.50		3,537.88	1,949.32	5,487.20	39,196.70
Conservation	105640020	36,000.00				36,000.00		3,823.47	2,084.14	5,907.61	41,907.61
Transfer Station	105640022	-				-		6,282.36	328.79	6,611.15	6,611.15
Landfill Closure	105640024	114,723.00	1,000.00			115,723.00		21,818.51	7,166.59	28,985.10	144,708.10
Building Maintenance	105640027	18,823.87	5,000.00			23,823.87		1,654.43	1,175.70	2,830.13	26,654.00
Sam Lake House	105640028	41,023.14	10,944.21			51,967.35		2,737.76	2,421.81	5,159.57	57,126.92
Highway Dept Loader	105640031	80,000.00	30,000.00			110,000.00		1,251.06	4,876.14	6,127.20	116,127.20
Fire Truck	105640032	372,786.30	50,000.00	(360,000.00)		62,786.30		9,213.44	15,721.94	24,935.38	87,721.68
Rescue Truck	105640033	119,465.22	12,000.00			131,465.22		3,410.44	6,680.16	10,090.60	141,555.82
Highway Backhoe	105640035	30,000.00	10,000.00			40,000.00		418.57	1,799.90	2,218.47	42,218.47
Jeremiah Clough Cemetery Trust	105640036	75.00				75.00		34.29	7.96	42.25	117.25
Bridge Maintenance and Construction	105640037	63,066.82				63,066.82		922.47		922.47	63,989.29
Subtotal		1,400,683.23	252,011.03	(510,000.00)	(510,000.00)	1,142,694.26		96,343.13	75,689.60	(6,549.00)	1,308,177.99
Total		1,459,872.33	252,011.03	(510,150.00)	(510,150.00)	1,201,733.36		118,698.83	80,021.08	(6,617.18)	1,393,836.09

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

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
TREASURER – 2023**



Beginning Balance 01/01/2023	\$ 4,132,960.98
Tax Collector	\$ 7,770,534.00
Town Clerk	\$ 836,062.82
State of New Hampshire	\$ 354,637.19
Grant Money Received	\$ 14,870.00
Income from Departments	\$ 109,892.07
Transfer from Sam Lake Trust	\$ 10,944.21
Capital Reserve	\$ 516,549.00
Library Offset	\$ 24,983.99
Interest on Investments	\$ 70,628.98
Enterprise Fund	\$ 100,181.56
Payroll Account Deposits	\$ 1,357,649.24
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 11,166,933.06
	\$ 15,299,894.04
Selectmen's Orders Paid	\$ 3,944,377.78
Payroll Disbursements	\$ 1,354,622.54
ACH Transfers to State	\$ 208,075.78
Tax Anticipation Note	\$ -
Capital Reserve	\$ 178,000.00
School Tax	\$ 4,732,909.00
County Tax	\$ 837,992.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 11,255,977.10
Ending Balance 12/31/2023	\$ 4,043,916.94
Conservation Commission Fund	\$ 288,973.31

LAND USE CHANGE TAX FUND



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

Balance on Hand as of 1/1/2023	\$ 299,387.28
Deposits	\$ 20,373.00
Withdrawals	\$ (36,943.00)
Interest Earned	\$ 6,156.03
Balance on Hand as of 12/31/2023	\$ 288,973.31

RECONCILIATION – TAX COLLECTOR TO TREASURER



Prop Taxes Remitted to Treasurer	\$	7,630,884.80
Interest & Penalties Remitted to Treasurer	\$	8,296.21
Converted to Liens Principle Only	\$	52,766.76
Redemptions	\$	66,384.71
Interests & Costs Collected	\$	8,241.52
Deleted Credit	\$	-
Check Payments Reversed	\$	3,960.00
TOTAL REMITTED TO TREASURER	\$	7,770,534.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK – 2023



Summary of Fees Collected for the Year Ending December 31, 2023

MOTOR VEHICLE FEES COLLECTED	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
	3220.80	\$ 208,075.78
	3220.00	\$ 598,097.00
	3220.B	\$ 944.04
SUBTOTAL		\$ 807,116.82

TOWN CLERK FEES COLLECTED	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Agent Fee	3240.00	\$ 22,106.80
Vital Statistics	3290.40	\$ 1,535.00
Marriage Licenses	3290.30	\$ 119.00
SUBTOTAL		\$ 23,760.80

DOG LICENSE FEES COLLECTED	ACCOUNT #	AMOUNT
Dog Overpopulation Fee	3290.10	\$ 3,757.00
Dog Complaint	3401.11	\$ -
SUBTOTAL		\$ 3,757.00

CREDIT ACCOUNT	1 + 3401.42	\$ 1,428.20
TOTAL FEES COLLECTED		\$ 836,062.82

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

Samuel Papps, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT



Summary of Tax Warrants
For the Year Ending December 31, 2023

	Account	Levy for 2023	2022	2021	2020+
DEBITS					
UNCOLLECTED TAX BALANCE					
BEGINNING OF YEAR					
Property Taxes	3110		\$ 243,469.85		
Land Use Change Tax	3120		\$ 0.00		
Yield Taxes	3185		\$ 9,993.25		
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$ 5,525.15)			
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR					
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 7,723,581.10			
Land Use Change Tax	3120	\$ 20,373.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$ 13,342.66			
Excavation Tax	3187				
OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS					
Property Taxes	3110	\$ 7,272.28			
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$ 2,043.04	\$ 6,253.17		
Total Debits		\$7,761,086.93	\$ 259,716.27		

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REMITTED TO TREASURER	Account	Levy for 2023	2022	2021	2020+
Property Taxes		\$7,400,121.92	\$ 190,703.09		
Land Use Change Taxes		\$ 20,373.00	\$ 0.00		
Yield Taxes		\$ 9,693.54	\$ 9,993.25		
Interest (Including Lien Conversion)		\$ 1,993.04	\$ 5,175.17		
Penalties		\$ 50.00	\$ 1,078.00		
Excavation Tax					
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)			\$ 52,766.76		
ABATEMENTS MADE					
Property Taxes		\$ 56,028.28	\$ 0.00		
Land Use Change Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
Yield Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00		
		\$ 0.00			
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED					
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR					
Property Taxes		\$ 272,998.03			
Land Use Change Taxes		\$ 0.00			
Yield Taxes		\$ 3,649.12			
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$ 3,820.00)			
Total Debits		\$7,761,086.93	\$ 259,716.27		

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LIEN SUMMARY

	Account	2023	2022	2021	2020+
SUMMARY OF DEBITS	Levy for				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$ 55,673.47	\$ 26,179.91	\$ 13,597.44
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year			\$ 2,206.07	\$ 3,991.07	\$ 2,044.38
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution			\$ 57,879.54	\$ 30,170.98	\$ 15,641.82
Total Debits					
SUMMARY OF CREDITS					
Redemptions			\$ 27,344.53	\$ 25,442.74	\$ 13,597.44
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	3190		\$ 2,206.07	\$ 3,991.07	\$ 2,044.38
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens			\$ 50.27		
Liens Decded to Municipality			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year	1110		\$ 28,278.67	\$ 737.17	\$ 0.00
Total Credits			\$ 57,879.54	\$ 30,170.98	\$ 15,641.82

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 2023 SUMMARY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY



Current Use Land Assessed Value	\$ 1,411,950
Conservation Restriction Assessment.....	4,707
Land (Improved and Unimproved).....	\$ 126,606,100
Residential Buildings.....	\$ 217,526,249
Discretionary Preservation Easement RSA 79-D	\$ 41,446
Commercial/Industrial	\$ 19,678,700
Public Utilities.....	\$ 7,477,100
Total Gross Valuation	<u>\$ 372,746,252</u>
Less Elderly Exemptions	\$ 1,609,100
Blind Exemptions.....	\$ 30,000
Physically Handicapped Exemptions.....	\$ 375,000
Improvements to Assist Person W/ Disabilities.....	\$ 78,968
Total Gross Exemptions	<u>\$ 2,093,068</u>
Net Valuation on which tax rate for Municipal, County ... & Local Education Tax is computed	\$ 370,653,184
Less Public Utilities	\$ 7,477,100
Net Valuation on which State Education Tax computed... \$	363,176,084
Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 46,000
Total Disability Veteran's Tax Credit	\$ 15,400
All Veteran's Tax Credit.....	\$ 9,500
.....	
2023 Tax Rate	
Town Tax Rate.....	\$ 6.35
County Tax Rate.....	\$ 2.26
School Tax Rate	\$ 10.91
State Education Tax Rate.....	\$ 1.48
TAX RATE PER \$1,000	<u>\$ 21.00</u>
2023 Median Ratio	72%

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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	Sub	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
101	002	0		Shaker Road	Sherwood Forest	0.69	\$ 71,100
101	010	0	37	Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$ 15,600
101	012	0		Old Gilmanton Road	Sherwood Forest	0.02	\$ 1,600
101	021	0	18	Nottingham Road	Sherwood Forest	0.26	\$ 15,600
101	036	0	99	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.71	\$ 38,400
101	058	0	26	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 14,600
101	062	0	39	Blue Boar Lane	Sherwood Forest	0.31	\$ 6,900
101	073	0		Shaker Road	Lyford Cemetery	0.08	
102	016	2		Flowage/Dam Rights	Sherwood Forest	0.00	
102	037	0	84	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.39	\$ 38,700
102	043	0	Island	New Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 22,500
102	052	0	85	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.25	\$ 12,200
102	071	0	65	Canterbury Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.28	\$ 16,800
102	094	0	10	Friar Tuck Road	Sherwood Forest	0.24	\$ 14,600
102	149	0	0	Robin Shore Drive	Sherwood Forest	0.04	\$ 18,800
102	150	0	Island	Lyford Pond	Sherwood Forest	0.40	\$ 24,000
107	024	0		Kimball Pond Road	Kinter Lot/CCC *	3.11	\$ 88,800
107	025	0		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC *	15.09	\$ 115,000
107	026	0		Kimball Pond Road	Hildreth Field/CCC *	30.00	\$ 137,300
107	029	0		Center Road	Center Cemetery	2.40	\$ 1,800
203	008	0		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	7.00	\$ 21,000
203	009	0		Snowshoe Hill Road	Wetlands/CCC	9.00	\$ 27,000
203	016	0		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	2.30	\$ 11,000
203	017	0		Mountain Road	Wooded / CCC	2.50	\$ 11,600
203	018	0		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	4.30	\$ 16,400
203	019	0		Mountain Road	Wooded / CCC	5.25	\$ 19,000

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Map	Lot	Sub	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
203	020	0		Mountain Road	Topography/CCC	4.00	\$ 15,600
203	022	0		Mountain Road	R-0-W RD Thru Center of Lot/CCC	45.00	\$ 70,500
203	023	0		Mountain Road	Wooded/ CCC	5.40	\$ 19,400
203	024	0		Mountain Road	Wooded/CCC	3.00	\$ 12,900
203	029	0		Harmony Lane	Gilmanton Town Line/CCC	6.26	\$ 89,200
205	005	0		Misery Road	Northfield Town Line/CCC	20.00	\$ 88,800
208	009	0		Baptist Hill Road	Irregular shaped lot	1.60	\$ 39,300
208	018	0		Baptist Hill Road	Mathews Cemetery	0.04	
209	004	0		Shaker Road	Corner Lot	0.43	\$ 30,800
210	009	0		Mountain Road	CCC	3.70	\$ 11,100
211	006	0	ES	Route 106	Backland/NHMS & Soucook River	0.63	\$ 1,900
216	003	0		Ayers Road	Backland	0.04	\$ 100
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 Town Line	0.24	\$ 700
221	002	0		Borough Road	N/F Peck	0.43	\$ 1,300
221	014	0		Borough Road	Smith Morrill Cemetery	0.05	
222	003	0		Borough Road	Backland/Access/CCC	22.00	\$ 45,500
223	013	0		Briar Bush Road	Wooded/CCC	20.00	\$ 115,500
226	002	0	ES	Route 106	Gifted by Burt Family	30.00	\$ 138,500
227	006	0		Asby Road	Brown Cemetery	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

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Map	Lot	Sub	#	Road Name	Descriptive/ Canterbury Conservation Commission	Acres	Assessed Value
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
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
263	043	0		Abby Drive	Open Space/CCC	0.63	\$ 28,200
263	044	0		Cambridge Drive	Open Space	0.66	\$ 28,300
264	011	0		New Road	Concord Frontage/CCC	28.00	\$ 89,300
267	051	0		Oxbow Pond Road	Riverland Conservation/CCC *	68.73	\$ 220,400

Acres	859.17
Parcel Values	\$3,543,000
Town Building Values	\$3,470,900
Town Owned Building and Parcels	<u>\$7,013,900</u>

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT



2023 was a year of personnel transition and several significant initiatives.

The selectmen, town office staff, and department heads bade farewell to Administrative Assistant Jan Stout who retired after 26 years of supremely dedicated service and welcomed Kal McKay to the team in her place. Town Clerk Sam Papps and the Sam Lake House team welcomed new Assistant Town Clerk Jessica Scanlon. Bob Steenson concluded a fifth term and the board welcomed Scott Doherty who added a selectman's hat to his existing helmet of Deputy Fire Chief.

David Bowles was promoted to Transfer Station Manager following in his father Norman's footsteps. Caleb Phillips joined the Transfer Station team and Robert D'Abbraccio joined the Highway Department. Vincent Kirathi was hired to fill one of two vacant Police Department "Patrol Officer" positions. The other position has remained vacant.

On an extremely sad note, our town lost lifelong resident, former Selectman and 2023 Budget Committee member George Glines who passed away unexpectedly in May. George's dedication to our community was foremost and his voice will be sorely missed in our deliberations. We also lost long time moderator Wayne Mann in March. Wayne was very active in the farming community and a member of the Agricultural Committee.

The study to potentially withdraw Canterbury from the Shaker Regional School District, mandated by warrant article at last year's Town Meeting, consumed a fair amount of Selectboard time and attention. A majority of the advisory committee voted to pursue withdrawal and submitted a plan to the State Board of Education (SBE). While the SBE found the study to be well-written, information on the actual cost to the taxpayers was difficult to obtain as were commitments from surrounding school districts to take Canterbury students, and the plan was rejected. We thank the School Board members, Belmont Selectmen, and all the citizen volunteers from Canterbury and Belmont for their time and effort.

The Town Meeting's decision to join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire was another initiative requiring our resources in 2023. The Canterbury Community Power Committee (CCPC), led by Howard Moffett, performed all the real work to get us to this successful outcome and we are extremely grateful for their guidance in the past year and going

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forward as the Selectboard contracts for future program services and electricity supplies.

Last year in this space we noted the future financial challenge of replacing our aging capital equipment. Unfortunately, the future came sooner than expected as the Highway Department and the Selectmen dealt with major failures of the backhoe, loader, grader, packer, dump trucks, and the Fire Dept. tanker. Many thanks to Evan Hauptman for not taking no for an answer and figuring out how to get the grader running again. The backhoe, however, was not repairable, hence this year's warrant article for replacements of the backhoe and grader. Fortunately, we have been saving money for these and our capital reserve accounts can be used to offset most of the costs.

The overall financial standing of our town is in good shape. The Town Buildings Improvement Bond was paid off this year which accounts for \$118,580 in funds not needed in 2024. At the end of 2023 we had \$1,754,892 in the Unreserved Fund Balance. Of which we used \$38,236 on the Gold Star Bond and \$8,934 for security cameras for the Sam Lake House. This amount allows us to avert tax anticipation funds and maintain a stable tax rate. We have over \$250,000 of ARPA funds in the URFB that will be dedicated to repairs of dirt roads in 2024 or 2025.

The main reason our town government functions well and delivers great service to our citizens is the performance of our town departments. We commend Town Administrator Ken Folsom and Town Clerk Sam Papps and the Sam Lake House team, Road Agent John O'Connor and the Highway Department, Chief Mike Gamache and the Fire Department, Chief Mike Labreque and the Police Department, Library Director Rachel Baker and the Elkins Library team for the exemplary execution of their duties and their careful stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

Nationally, as we head into the 2024 election cycle, our country is polarized to an unprecedented degree. Locally, let us remember that despite political differences, we are all neighbors who share in this wonderful community of Canterbury.

*Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Gordon (Chair)
Kent Ruesswick
Scott Doherty*

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT



The 2023 Operating Budget was underspent by \$33,043. We underspent the Road Tar budget and encumbered \$23,958 to the 2024 budget. Other encumbrances were: \$7,000 for the voting machine, \$6,525 for guardrails for Layton Dr., and \$76,899 for the body and plow for the new F-550. As mentioned in the Selectmen's report, we had equipment problems with vehicles at the Highway and Fire Dept. These resulted in over expenditures of budget lines and the need to sponsor warrant articles for a new Backhoe and Motor Road Grader.

House Bill 2 provided excess state funds to municipalities once again for Bridge Maintenance and/or construction. We received \$13,597. This was in addition to the annual Highway Block Grant of \$95,190.

The Fire Dept. was awarded \$72,368 in Assistance to Firefighters grant for Radios. This grant covers portable and mobile (vehicle mounted) radios. These funds will be distributed to the town upon delivery and installation of the radios in 2024. Unfortunately, the Fire Dept. was not awarded the grant for a new Fire Engine. The new engine was approved at last year's Town Meeting (WA 2023-2) even if we didn't get the grant. We used \$360,000 from the Capitol Reserve Account and ordered a new engine in June. We will be bonding the remaining \$490,000 to pay for the engine when it arrives sometime in late 2024 or early 2025.

We also received Grants for the baler at the Transfer Station (\$4,340) and the Master Plan update (\$10,530).

The Town sold a lot (Map 101, Lot 36) for \$5,000 and the 2008 Ford F-350 for \$4,100. We had two checks from Unitil for incentives for the ductless units installed at the Meeting House (\$591.67) and the Fire Station (\$358.33).

The Conservation Commission used \$36,943 from the Land Use Change Tax account to offset funds for a conservation easement off Bean Hill Rd.

The new baler for the Transfer Station was delivered and set up and is operating. We are currently baling cardboard, mixed paper, and plastic in the new baler. The final electrical work could not be completed because of equipment delays. We encumbered \$9,200 to complete the work when the 400-amp meter socket is delivered.

The 2024 Operating Budget is \$3,323,453 which is up by \$94,634 or 2.9% with a Revenue Offset of \$100,716 and \$123,681 in Encumbered Funds.

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Areas that saw the largest increases were: Healthcare (15.6% increase), Fees for Solid Waste are up from \$85 per ton to \$90, and Ground Water testing at the Transfer Station is up from \$5,000 to \$6,500 because of mandated increased testing for PFAS and PFOS. The wage line at the Transfer Station also went up due to full staffing and added hours.

Software & Licensing went up \$5,200 because of increased cost of QuickBooks and Anti-Virus.

The Consumer Price Index rose by 3.4%. We have done wage surveys with “similar” towns and found that our wages are competitive. However, we, as well as all other municipalities still have trouble finding qualified individuals to fill vacancies. The Board of Selectmen are proposing increases of 4% for most employees. The Budget Committee recommended an increase in the Selectmen’s salaries, this was included in the budget line.

The Selectmen are proposing to create a position for a Land Use Administrator. This position would take on a large portion of the work the Planning Board and ZBA secretaries do, such as application review, notification and decisions of hearings, and assisting with technical information to the various Land Use Boards.

The Shaker Regional School District budget for 2024/2025 has proposed increases that will result in an increase of the “School” portion of the tax rate from \$10.91 to \$14.56 per \$1,000. This is a result of reductions in the surplus the district carried for the past few years and the reduction of overall revenue by \$2,020,322 and a reduction of the Education Grant by \$455,470. There is much more detailed information on the proposed budget in the School District Report that can be found on the SAU80 and Canterbury Websites. I encourage all to review the school budget as this will have a significant impact on taxes for the 2024 December tax bill.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Folsom
Town Administrator

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT



In 2023 we welcomed Caleb Phillips to the Transfer Station staff, Robert D’Abbraccio to Highway, and wished clear roads to Fred Wells who left Highway. A thank you to Boden Gendron who helped us again with mowing, Ben Davis for helping with plowing, and to those unnamed who have helped clear roads of debris and kept beaver dams in check.

Some creativity with the loader/grader was needed as the backhoe failed this year and Mother Nature was on the cranky side with many “down-pours”.

Shaker Road was paved North of the Worsted Church to the Town-line and culverts were replaced on Borough Road. Future work will be a culvert/pavement on Ayers Road, pavement on Morrill Road and Mountain View Drive.

Thank you for your patience.

*Respectfully submitted,
John O’Connor
Road Agent*

FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT



The past year saw several enhancements to the fire side of the municipal facility. Sleeping and living quarters have been updated and are now functional. Thanks to these improvements we are now able to bring staffing in overnight when the situation warrants. While we have on duty staffing during business hours, if conditions warrant, the decision is made to staff overnight to reduce response times for those residents who request our assistance.

The end of 2023 saw a long-time member of our department hang up his helmet for the final time. After 25+ years of service to the town, Geoff “Hubbs” Hubbell has called it quits. We are all appreciative of his service and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

We applied for and received a grant for \$77,000 to replace our outdated communication equipment. This requires a 5% match from the town which amounts to almost \$4,000. Much of our communication equipment is over 25 years old and unreliable. It is unacceptable to put our responders

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in some of the situations that we put them in with inferior safety equipment and happily FEMA agreed with that assessment. Much time and effort went into this competitive process and I thank all who assisted us in the pursuit of securing these federal monies. I anticipate that this project will be completed sometime this year.

In 2023 we received 342 emergency calls for assistance, a 13.2% increase over the previous year. In addition, inspections, public demonstrations, trainings, etc. totaled 167. I am appreciative of the dedication and commitment of all the members of the Canterbury Fire Department.

In closing, we strive to openly communicate with all who either visit or call our station. We take pride in the working relationship that we maintain with other town departments, our mutual aid partners, the elected officials in town, and those who reside in and visit our community. Please contact me if there is ever a need to do so.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Gamache
Fire Chief
mgamache@canterburynh.gov
603-783-4798

POLICE DEPARTMENT



As we finish out 2023, I want to thank all of you for all the support the Police Department has received. We all enjoy working here in Canterbury, it's nice to be patrolling around and seeing all the people walking around town and giving us a friendly wave. Our staff is dedicated to serving this community with professionalism, respect, and honesty.

2023 brought us a little challenge as we were short one officer all year and we were unable to recruit a replacement for the opening. We will continue to look to fill this spot so we can serve all of you better.

There are a lot of people trying to scam you out of your hard-earned money; please do not give out any personal information to anyone who calls or emails you. As scary as it is to receive the call or email, take a moment to breathe. Your banks, credit card companies, deliveries, and government agencies will not call and ask for personal information or threaten to send someone to jail or ask you to go get gift cards and give them the numbers to pay off any debts.

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Deb Nielsen decided to retire, which will leave a big deficit in the front office. Deb has worked here just over 7 years, she was very dedicated and a hard worker, she brought warm conversations to all who came into the Police Department, and she will be missed by all of us. I want to congratulate Deb on her retirement and I hope she enjoys spending more time with her family and riding her motorcycle with her husband Dave.

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

Here are some of the statistics that your Police Department responded to during 2023.

Assist Citizens	32	Fraud/scams	7
Alarms	62	Harassment	8
Animal Complaints	80	Fraud/Bad Checks	7
Arrests	3	MV Complaints	51
Burglaries	5	MV Collisions	32
Building Checks	123	Motor vehicle stops	974
Civil Standby/Civil Matters	20	Assist Fire/Rescue	53
Criminal Mischief	5	Found/ Lost property	10
Criminal Threatening	1	IEA Transports	16
Domestics	14	Illegal Dumping	10
Total Calls for Service (Not all categories listed)			2,229

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michael P. Labrecque
Chief of Police
mlabrecque@canterburynh.gov

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT



January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023

Total Circulation of Materials:	20,425
Adult Fiction:	3,802
Youth Fiction:	5,990
Young Adult Fiction:	452
Youth Non-Fiction:	1,099
Magazines:	204
Audio Books on CD:	91
DVD:	1,332
NH Downloadable Books:	4,786
Hoopla:	1,841
Inter-Library Borrows:	624
Inter- Library Lends:	604
MATERIALS PURCHASED and DONATED 2023	
Adult Fiction:	365
Adult Non-Fiction:	61
Youth Fiction:	176
Young Adult Fiction:	55
Youth Non-Fiction:	58
Audio Books on CD:0
DVD:	59
Donations of Books, Magazines and DVD:	373
TOTAL COLLECTION:	18,942
PATRON VISITS TO LIBRARY IN 2023:	14,130

Operating a library means you’ve always got your hands full—balancing the needs of staff, patrons, facilities, library board, and other stakeholders with professional responsibilities like community interactions, legal and financial requirements, and a whole lot else that wasn’t in the job description. Libraries are under fire in the State of NH and in the country as a whole and it requires my attention at the state level. Our library serves as the community center providing programming and services that are not available elsewhere. Canterbury residents turn to the library for support and assistance with all sorts of requests, most of which are crucial to their well-being, health, and daily activity. This report serves as an opportunity for me to express my deep gratitude for letting me be the one to do it. I

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thank my Board of Trustees for their unwavering support and enthusiasm, the townspeople who praise us and support our work each and every day and to the Friends of Elkins Public Library for their help and financial support. However, the greatest thanks goes to my staff.

2023 was a year of big changes for Elkins Public Library. Our year started with a week's closure to do long overdue maintenance to the collection and library shelving. Our inventory process allowed us to cull the collection to make room for new titles and sections. A newly expanded magazine collection contributed to a 20% increase in circulation. A new Teen Room space was created which has led to an increase in YA circulation and our Teen programming attendance. We continue to review our collections to make sure all series are complete. The Adult Fiction section was moved and expanded to make room for the titles purchased or donated. Elkins Public Library had 14,130 patron visits in 2023 (a 35% increase over last year) and hosted over 99 programs for people under 18 and 90 programs for patrons over 18.

I know you will agree that the ultimate success of your library relies on the staff. Rose, in addition to being in charge of the entire collection has blossomed into quite a fine program facilitator expanding our book group offerings while maintaining the Inter-Library loan service with Mary Ellen's help. Cheryl has been recognized at the state level for her exemplary Children and Teen programming. Her weekly curriculum always includes solid foundations of early literacy and child development. She gracefully provides support and resources to families in our area and attracts participants from all over the state to her services. Mary Ann holds the complete knowledge of our entire collection, she is able to find titles, authors, and characters effortlessly. We are able to remain fine-free due to her diligence in overseeing overdues. One of Mary Ellen's many super powers is her readers' advisory skill, finding just the right title or series that she knows that you will enjoy. Her MMM group is innovative, exciting, and the highlight of many resident's months. I could not be more proud of our staff and I know you will join me in praising the hard work that they do. Thank you Canterbury for your support.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel C. Baker
Library Director*

ELKINS LIBRARY TRUSTEES



Elkins Library had a remarkably successful 2023! Our Library Director, Rachel Baker, has been elected to serve as the Vice President of the NH Library Association. The Friends of Elkins Library (FOEPL) is under new energetic leadership. The interior of the library has undergone several improvements with a new Teen Room complete with chairs and a couch fitted with USB charging units, a new filtered water filling station, a redesign of the entrance with more inviting open space, a wireless printer for public use, and a new ceiling mounted projector with a new sound system for use in the children's section.

The extensive year-round speaker series has been very well attended and has included talks by Maria Noel Groves on medicinal herbs, Rebecca Rule's humorous take on Town Meetings, Chris Schrader on eastern coyotes, Robert Goodby on Native American History and archeology, Mark Stevens on perambulation, and Steve Russell on Mt Sunapee's Old Growth forests. FOEPL has had some very successful fundraisers that have allowed the purchase of free passes for patrons to use at the Children's Museum, the Currier Museum, Squam Lakes Science Center, Petals in the Pines, Shaker Village and NH State Parks, and the purchase of equipment and supplies for library programming. The Elkins Memorial Garden has been certified in 2023 as a pollinator garden by the UNH Cooperative Extension. The garden served as the starting point for a presentation by John Forti for the CUCC Flower and Garden Festival. Library programs such as 'Old Man Boring Book Club', 'Evening Book Group', 'Murder, Mayhem and Misadventures', 'Elkins Cafe', 'Sweet Grass Group', 'Game Night' and numerous children's programs have continued to bring in enthusiastic participants.

The Elkins Library Trust Fund is used to support these programs in conjunction with funding from the town budget and FOEPL. The Trustees look forward to working with the library staff to create another exciting year at Elkins in 2024. The funding is important, but without the leadership of Rachel Baker and the dedication of the entire staff, none of this would happen. We thank them for their hard work. Keep an eye out for new programs and services in 2024, such as the Seed Library and the Telescope and Binocular Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Craigie
Elkins Library Trustees Chair

PLANNING BOARD REPORT



The Planning Board was pleased to welcome Logan Snyder and Rich Marcou, both elected as new members in 2023. Ben Stonebraker was appointed as an alternate, and Hillary Nelson, long time member, was also reappointed as an alternate. Vice Chair John Schneider served as the town rep on the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC).

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

The Board was fortunate to receive an Invest NH grant to assist in this endeavor. Board members and CNHRPC staff worked together during fourteen work sessions and also held an additional four Public Meetings in the autumn and winter.

These public gatherings were well attended; pizza and refreshments were available, there were many questions posed, and there was spirited, thoughtful debate each time. At the November 14 meeting an early session was held specifically for questions from parents.

Discussions included ideas about the Master Plan as well as suggestions for Ordinance amendments to be proposed for Town Meeting, including regularizing short-term rentals, making ADUs more user-friendly, setting a maximum height for flagpoles and buildings, clarifying the existing Cluster Neighborhood Ordinance, and adding a provision to allow adapting farmstead structures for residences to avoid the loss of historic structures and maintain the Town's agricultural character.

The Board has greatly appreciated the participation and support of Town residents, the other Town boards, Town commissions, and CNHRPC. The board made a number of changes to the Ordinance and Master Plan based on input from residents. Thank you to folks who turned out.

The board will finalize Master Plan updates in the next several months and it will be available on the Town Website. Over the past year, the Board has held 7 pre-conceptual discussions with applicants for both residential and commercial proposals.

Site plan review applications were approved for a commercial vehicle business at Exit 18, a nature playschool at Exit 17, and commercial properties at Exit 17. One further application was deemed incomplete.

Three storage facilities were approved, one on Route 106 and two on Hall Road (Exit 18).

There were two subdivision hearings, one of which was approved after

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revision and one of which is still pending.

The Chair and Board members also worked on updating their application procedures and considered road waivers to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The board also did some historical research into Discontinued Roads in town using the State Archives; attended Housing Academy training; reviewed Util tree work; and worked with the Chairs of other boards and commissions in town.

The Planning Board has a vacancy for one more alternate and would like to encourage interested town residents to consider joining in that capacity, to find out more about the role and work of the Planning Board and perhaps eventually run for membership longer term. The Board is very much a team effort. The Chair thanks the staff, the volunteer members, and alternates who dedicate so many hours to our meetings and preparation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Greg Meeh
Planning Board Chair*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT



Case #	Applicant	Appeal	Decision
2023-1	Cloutier, Reginald	Special Exception	Denied
2023-2	Malone, Michael	Special Exception	Granted
2023-3	Follansbee, Deborah	Special Exception	Granted
2023-4	Beltramo, Jeffrey & Melinda	Special Exception- Short Term Rental	Granted
2023-5	Doucet, Wayne	Special Exception- Short Term Rental	Conditionally
2023-6	McKerley Properties, LLC	Special Exception- ADU	Granted
2023-7	Phillips, Mark	Variance	Granted
2023-8	Lacasse, Romeo Big Toy Self Storage, LLC	Special Exception	Granted
2023-9	Glines, Peter & Eric	Variance	Granted
2023-10	Weger, Aurora Ann & Jay Berry	Special Exception- Short Term Rental	Denied
2023-11	Weger, Aurora	Special Exception	Denied

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ CODE ENFORCEMENT



2023 was another busy year for building and zoning departments with the new storage units and short-term rentals. I have issued a total of 248 permits: 43 building permits (5 new houses and several more large commercial buildings), 72 electrical permits, 16 plumbing permits, 14 solar permits, 73 gas permits, 9 miscellaneous permits, and 21 Certificates of Occupancy.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joel French
Building Inspector / Code Enforcement Officer*

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION



The mission of the Canterbury Agricultural Commission is to be a voice for agriculture in the community. The Commission promotes and encourages agricultural interests, advocates for landowners, and educates the public concerning agricultural endeavors. The Commission also provides assistance and guidance to Town Boards and Committees on agricultural related matters.

2023 saw the Commission shaken by the unexpected and sudden loss of long-time members Wayne Mann and George Glines. Both Wayne and George were founding members of the Commission and were highly respected within the farming community. Both men played key leadership roles on the Commission and will be greatly missed. While no one can replace Wayne or George, new members Josh Marshall and Craig Pullen were appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacant positions. Both Josh and Craig have farming backgrounds and will be an asset on our Commission. We also welcomed Corinne Pullen who volunteered to serve as an alternate.

We filled these vacant positions just in time to see another vacancy created, but this time due to happier circumstances. Regular member Nicole Glines and her husband Peter recently welcomed a baby daughter onto their farm. Nicole feared she wouldn't have the available time to commit to the Commission, so with regret I accepted her resignation as a regular

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member. However, I am happy to say she agreed to stay on as an alternate, and that Eric Glines volunteered to fill the position created by her resignation. We now have a fully staffed Commission made up of a mix of younger members well educated in the agricultural profession, and seasoned members with years of farming experience.

With the on-going process of re-writing of the Canterbury Master Plan, 2023 was a busy year for your Agricultural Commission. Members attended numerous planning sessions and public hearings held by the Planning Board, Selectboard, or Conservation Commission and we provided insight into the potential impacts on the farming community by the revisions being considered. We also provided written comments or proposed draft language when requested by the Planning Board.

Farm work requires laborers, and laborers require affordable housing which is in short supply in Canterbury. Developing on-the-farm housing is not a readily available option under current zoning ordinances and your Agricultural Commission has asked that the new Master Plan take this into consideration. Another area of concern was the revisions to the status of Class VI roads. These Class VI roads are often the only access to farm hayfields, cornfields, pastures, orchards, or woodlots and any change which might negatively impact the farmer's use of these roads would be concerning.

Finally, we responded and reacted to a few inquiries or concerns raised by residents and are always happy to do so. If you have a question or concern, please feel free to reach out to a member of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark Stevens
Agricultural Commission Chair

CEMETERY TRUSTEES



In addition to the regular duties and maintenance responsibilities required of your Cemetery Trustees, 2023 included the start of some new projects and some forward progress on projects begun in prior years. There were six cremains interments and two full casket burials at Maple Grove, and one cremains interment at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery. Seven Canterbury residents planning for the inevitable future purchased plots ei-

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ther at Maple Grove or Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery in 2023. A highlight list for the year would include:

The formation of the Canterbury Cemetery Association (CCA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, “friends of the cemeteries” organization created to accept donations and help fundraise for special cemetery projects. By forming this non-municipal committee, donations can now be received by the CCA which will then oversee expending the funds on special projects and cemetery improvements. We’d like to thank Diane Modugno for agreeing to head up this committee and serve as its first Chairperson.

In 2022, your Cemetery Trustees voted to resume burials at the Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery and adopted rules to preserve the historic nature of this cemetery. In 2023 we saw the first interment in this cemetery in over 100 years. Improvement work at this cemetery was ambitious and included the surveying and marking off of new plots, the removal of several very large pines which threatened to topple and damage the gravestones, and the repair of many of the damaged older headstones. We also installed a new sign and granite gate posts. Several residents reserved plots, desiring that this cemetery be their final resting place. The historical story of how this cemetery came to be named and situated at this location will be made available alongside this report.

Volunteers Diane Modugno and Deb Allen organized a second successful cemetery history walk at the Center Cemetery in late October. Volunteer actors assumed the persona of notable individuals buried within our cemeteries and brought their story to life for attendees. This event was popular and had a large turnout over three days. Both participants and attendees enjoyed learning about some unique people and life in Canterbury during the early years of our town. This event raised over \$2,600 which will go to the newly formed CCA and be used for special cemetery projects not covered by tax dollars.

Significant progress was made exploring the future expansion possibilities at Maple Grove Cemetery and we’d like to thank the voters for the funds appropriated in 2023 which were used for this expansion project. We’d also like to thank Web Stout and others for their volunteer efforts in delineating the jurisdictional wetlands, marking the property lines, and mapping the topography in a presently unused wooded area of the cemetery. With this work now completed we can better assess the feasibility of expansion in this direction. We also received an offer for the donation of a water tank to be installed in the spring and made available for visitors to use in watering flowers on loved one’s graves.

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We'd like to recognize the American Legion Post 31 in Penacook for donating and setting out American flags at the veteran's headstones prior to the annual Memorial Day service. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers who donated their time repairing gates, mowing, and raking, etc., to keep our outlying cemeteries looking cared for. Please remember to pick up any sentimental items placed at your loved one's headstone prior to our annual cleanup day on November 1st. If you would like to attend a Trustee meeting, we generally meet once a month in The Meeting House and our meetings are posted and open to the public.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Goegel
Cemetery Trustee Chair*

COMMUNITY POWER COMMITTEE



In the year since Canterbury residents said “Yes” to Community Power at Town Meeting in March 2023, our default electric energy service rate has dropped dramatically over three successive rate periods. Former Unitil default service customers have seen a rate drop of more than two-thirds (26 c/kWh in January 2023 to 8.1 c/kWh today); former Eversource customers have done almost as well (22 c/kWh in January 2023 to 8.1 c/kWh today); and even former customers of NH Electric Co-op who have opted in to Canterbury Community Power have seen their default rate drop (from 17 c/kWh in January 2023 to 8.1 c/kWh today). In the current 6-month utility rate period (February 1 - July 31, 2024), Canterbury Community Power's 8.1-cent “Granite Basic” rate continues to be the lowest residential default service rate in New Hampshire.

Our committee (CCPC) pulled out all the stops from January through March 2023. As a result, Canterbury was among the first 12 “Community Power Aggregations” (CPAs) in New Hampshire to “launch” or “go live” in 2023 as members of the non-profit Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH). Membership in the Coalition has provided steeply discounted energy rates for 96% of town residents—all except those who “opted out” or were not automatically enrolled in Community Power because they had contracts with third-party competitive energy suppliers or were served by the NH Electric Co-op, or because they have PV solar and the utilities have not yet complied with NH law requiring that

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they be credited for sales of excess energy back to the grid. (We expect this last problem to be resolved within the current 6-month rate period – either by NHPUC order or by settlement negotiations.)

Going forward, we are focused on four priorities:

- (1) continuing to offer the lowest possible electric energy rates to Town residents;
- (2) resolving the ongoing dispute that has kept some residents with PV solar from enjoying the credit to which they are entitled for excess sales back to the grid;
- (3) increasing Canterbury’s commitment to greener electric power, e.g. by asking residents and the Select Board to consider bumping up our Community Power default energy rate from “Granite Basic” (24.3% renewable) to “Granite Plus” (33% renewable) in the next 6-month period (August ’24 through January ’25)—provided that the Granite Plus rate would still be below the competing default rates from Unitil, Eversource, and the Co-op; and
- (4) beginning to explore possible opportunities for even more rate savings and greener power by developing our own local renewable generating and battery storage projects with financing from Federal sources and development help from CPCNH.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Moffett
Community Power Committee Chair

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



The biggest conservation project of 2023, Deepwood Forest, was finalized January 4, 2024 when Ken and Ilene Stern completed an easement with the Forest Society that conserves 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 property includes important wildlife habitat, soils, wetlands, and special natural areas, and 3.5 miles of trails for walking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. This project is an example of how funds allocated to conservation from the Land Use Change Tax can be used to leverage other funds and benefit all residents by permanently conserving land. The Conservation Commission covered 13% of the project cost, specifically the Forest Society’s project ex-

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penses and the endowment for its long-term monitoring of the easement. LCHIP, other funds, and foundations covered 87% of the cost. The Sterns made the project possible by generously donating almost half of the easement's value.

Deepwood Forest is in a large area of undeveloped land, near 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. Many thanks to the Sterns for making this project possible. If other residents are interested in conserving their property, please contact the Conservation Commission! (See February town newsletter for more information.)

In 2023 the Commission reviewed wetland permits (including a major project from Eversource to replace poles in town), continued to contribute to the Master Plan revision, and tackled several land management projects.

At the Riverland, in partnership with neighboring landowners and with incredible assistance from the Highway Department and advice and assistance from the state's Department of Agriculture Invasive Species Coordinator, we worked to slow the spread of invasive species throughout the property. Road Agent John O'Connor removed a line of boulders and ripped out a tangle of invasives extending 10 feet deep and 150 feet long from the parking area. In the fall, Doug Cygan followed up with a targeted herbicide treatment to slow regrowth. We also contracted services to mow down invasives along the entry road, the parking lot, the path to the beach, and town's large open area. The Commission is very grateful to the Road Agent John O'Connor and Doug Cygan for their assistance with this project, and for collaboration with neighbor Lucy Nichols.

At the Robert S. Fife Conservation Area (the field off Kimball Pond Road), we followed our management plan and mowed half of the field to control invasives and improve walkability and left half of the field to continue into second-year growth, which creates more varied habitat for wildlife. We expanded the mowing to include the entire perimeter to expand the walkable area and hold back invasives. Along the property's southern line, we collaborated with abutters to remove three huge white pines that were threatening their home.

In the fall, we were stunned and saddened by the sudden death of Chris Kane, a conservation leader from Concord who has for years monitored the conservation easements that the town holds on private property. Special thanks go to Norman Spicher, a colleague of Chris's and CCC Chair

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Ken Stern, who stepped in to complete the year's monitoring and reports. We encountered no serious problems.

We are pleased to have Lance Messenger as a new member, and to have Bob Steenson return as a member after serving again as a selectman. Bob Fife – who has long led the effort to conserve Canterbury's natural resources rural character – retired from the CCC after serving for 50 years, many of them as chair. We're grateful for Bob's leadership and long service (and expect his record won't be beaten anytime soon!).

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Short
Conservation Commission Chair*

ENERGY COMMITTEE REPORT



The Energy Committee met on the 1st Monday each month. The focus in 2023 was committee members attending conferences and workshops to stay abreast of the ever-changing energy landscape. The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has many grant programs relative to energy infrastructure. The committee continues to research and identify possible funding sources and tax credits for future projects applicable to the Town of Canterbury.

Projects completed or studied during the year include:

- Electric Vehicle demonstration in town center
- Repair of municipal solar panel array wiring
- Initial planning of Window Dressers build event (explained below) in fall of 2024
- Proposal to add PV solar to municipal building
- Launch of Community Power NH for the town of Canterbury

For the coming year, the Energy Committee is looking forward to working with other town organizations in the sponsorship of a Window Dressers event for the town. This is an opportunity for townspeople

to volunteer to make custom, interior-mounted storm windows that will improve the warmth and comfort of interior spaces, lower heating costs, and reduce carbon dioxide pollution. For a minimal cost, town residents will be able to request the storm windows for their house. Details will be provided later this year.

Educating residents of Canterbury on energy topics remains the committee's top focus. If you have a question, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Beltramo
Energy Committee Chair*

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION



This past year, commission members concluded a two-year review and update of our organizational regulations in an effort to produce a more defined, community oriented and user-friendly document and approval process. After lengthy review of Canterbury's and other NH towns' regulations and processes, along with input from the Selectboard, Planning Board, town counsel, and public hearing, we now feel we have an improved document and process that promotes the spirit and intent of the Historic District Ordinance and serves our citizens in a more clear and understandable manner.

Out of this work, two warrant articles were drafted for the 2024 Town Meeting. First, to revise the HDC ordinance boundary description from the existing "metes & bounds" survey language to a more user-friendly mapping reference, down to the lot level.

The second was to create a new approval process option that, when appropriate, would lift the burden and expense of a public hearing, for certain types of projects that, while still meeting the requirements of HDC regulations, were determined to be of a nature that had no impact upon abutters, the public and the spirit of the zoning ordinance. Again, we hope to create a way for our citizens to follow the process and purpose of this specific zoning without an unreasonable burden added to the scope of work involved.

Also, out of this revision work and with the assistance of the Central NH Regional Planning Commission, we have had maps of both the

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Center Historic District and Shaker Historic Overlay District created so that these zones are clearly identified, down to the property lot level, for easier reference for all folks.

In other business this past year, the commission reviewed and approved work done by the Canterbury Community Market, LLC for remediation and renovations to the Country Store and adjoining cottage rental, which are to be completed in 2024. A preconceptual meeting was held to discuss initial questions by the Canterbury United Community Church regarding possible renovations/upgrades to the Parish House. Discussions with Canterbury Shaker Village were initiated by the commission to engage and improve the communication between the Village and various town agencies in respect to town regulations and general informational sharing. We look forward to strengthening and improving this long standing and unique relationship with our community National Historic Landmark.

I would like to thank Commission members Anne Emerson, Ginger LaPlante, Jeff Leidinger, Harry Kinter, Kent Ruesswick, and our invaluable Lois Scribner for their hours of dedication to the town. Like all community boards and groups, this invaluable contribution of time is what makes a small-town unique and responsive. Please come to any HDC meeting (or any town board), as your talent, input, and concerns make our community better for all.

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Bragg
Historic District Commission Chair

CANTERBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Historical Society maintains an active and up to date website which can be found at www.canterburyhistory.org. Here you will find news and information about our past and current projects and initiatives, our archives, genealogies, the Canterbury Players, the entire 650 digitized collection of Luther Cody glass negatives dating from the 19th century, our blog, newsletter reports, and much more.

Some of our current efforts include continuing to conduct and transcribe recorded oral history interviews with longtime residents. After all, their recollections represent an historical record of Canterbury life experiences which will prove invaluable to future researchers and histori-

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ans. Our Historic Houses of Canterbury project is working to identify and document early houses and their stories. Historic houses will be identified through signs made possible by the work of our Signs Committee, the same group responsible for the N.H. State highway sign identifying and recognizing the historic Worsted Church at Hills Corner.

Of course, we continue with our One Room School house program in conjunction with the elementary school which will enter its 15th year in 2024. In addition, we continue digitizing and documenting our archive collection, as well as carrying on with our annual exhibit drawn from our archives collection.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to Mark Stevens for presenting two informative and entertaining programs and also for the support of the staff at the Elkins Library, the Selectmen's office, and the Canterbury Elementary school.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Scarponi
Historical Society President*

PERAMBULATOR'S REPORT 2023



Perambulation efforts in 2023 consisted of tackling some unfinished business, responding to requests, and working on unresolved issues. Examples would include the items listed below, and all work was done by volunteers at no expense to the Canterbury taxpayers. NH RSA 51:2 requires that, "The lines between the towns in this state shall be perambulated, and the marks and bounds renewed, once in every 7 years forever, by the selectmen of the towns, or by such persons as they shall in writing appoint for that purpose." Rather than perambulate the entire town once every seven years, I find it more successful to tackle just one abutting town each year. Since Canterbury abuts six towns, this means every 7th year I get the chance to catch up on unfinished business left over from prior years.

The 2021 perambulation of the Canterbury - Loudon Townline revealed that a bound located on Shaker Road had been destroyed, likely by NHDOT during a road improvement project. With the help of Web Stout LLS, this missing monument was re-set in the fall of 2022. In 2023, working with Loudon Perambulator, Stan Prescott, we completed the amended paperwork documenting this new bound. The two towns filed an Adden-

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dum with the Secretary of State amending the 2021 Perambulation Report. This Addendum includes the description, location, and measurements to our newest town bound.

I was tasked on three occasions by the Selectmen to assist them with determining where the Loudon or Northfield town line crossed through a particular area and whether a certain feature or item was in Canterbury or in the adjoining town. Twice I assisted two different surveyors, surveying different properties which straddle the Northfield town line; both were having difficulty locating the town line monuments, or desired to compare notes on the bounds found.

The Canterbury Historical Society and Elkins Library co-hosted an event where I was asked to give a slide show presentation describing what the Perambulator does. This presentation was well attended and apparently liked, as I was then contacted by a Loudon group and asked to give the same program to their group. I was also contacted by a producer from the PBS TV show Windows To The Wild, who had read a report I wrote about perambulating the Townline with Boscawen. This Boscawen perambulation required that we canoe the Merrimack River and the TV show producer asked if I'd be willing to recreate this perambulation with their TV show host in the canoe. This pseudo perambulation was filmed in the fall, and I'm told it will air sometime towards spring of 2024.

I attended several meetings with the Engineering Office of the City of Concord and/or the NHDOT regarding the Concord - Canterbury Townline bounds located within the on-going construction near Exit 17. Many of these bounds have been disturbed by construction projects over several years. 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. Since some of these bounds have been missing for years, determining who is responsible for re-setting them continues to be an on-going discussion and problem to be resolved in a future year.

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

RECREATION COMMITTEE



The Canterbury Recreation Committee is excited to share the outstanding accomplishments and heartwarming moments that made 2023 a standout year for our community.

Youth Soccer Triumphs: Our Youth Soccer program witnessed a record-breaking participation with 104 kids taking to the field. A huge thank you to the 16 volunteer coaches whose commitment to their teams made the season unforgettable. Congratulations are in order for the 4/5 team, whose skill and teamwork led them to an undefeated season!

Town Halloween Extravaganza: This year's Town Halloween celebration was a massive success, welcoming 282 trick-or-treaters who filled the town center with laughter and excitement. The addition of a 12-foot animated display paired with classic decorations from the past brought spirit to the event. It couldn't have happened without the dedication of 42 volunteers, who ensured a safe and fun experience for all.

Committee Growth and Appreciation: We're delighted to welcome new Recreation Committee members Danielle Krautmann and Kate Fehn, whose fresh perspectives promise to enhance our community programs. At the same time, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Meghan O'Brien, who has dedicated seven years to Youth Soccer leading the program since 2020. Meghan's commitment has left an indelible mark on our community, and we will miss her dearly.

As we reflect on the achievements of 2023, we look forward to building on this momentum in the coming year. It's the collective efforts of our community members that make Canterbury a vibrant and close-knit town. Thank you for being an integral part of our success!

*Respectfully submitted,
Randi Johnson
Recreation Committee Chair*

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE



A huge shout out to the new Transfer Station Manager, David Bowles and his “dumplings”, for all the great things happening in the “Realm”!

The new baler purchased after the 2020 town meeting was finally installed in the spring of this year (2023). However, getting the power upgraded to the Transfer Station has proven particularly difficult. A part is needed to finish the upgrade to 400 amps and is still backordered - going on 2 years as of this writing. According to Unitil, three phase power is not available and it's too costly to run from the Center of Town and then to the transfer station. Even with these challenges, a temporary connection has been made and the baler is now taking care of cardboard, mixed paper, and plastic. It has generated more revenue from these recyclables, ensuring the future of recycling in Canterbury. We, the committee, thank our fellow towns' people for their support.

A lot of effort is still being spent educating townsfolk about keeping recyclables free from “contamination” and how to sort items properly. When a bale contains material that is not of the same “kind”, it is deemed “contaminated” and, not only can that bale be refused by the recycler, but the whole load is in jeopardy of being turned away. When this situation arises, instead of being rewarded a hefty payment for the load, a refusal means the whole load must return home and be resorted. This is a great waste of time and money! If you don't know where it belongs, please ASK someone before leaving it somewhere it doesn't belong!

In this post-Covid era – this year also brought the re-opening of the very popular Treasure House. New rules are in place and a system enacted to ensure an efficient turn-over of “treasures”. A big thank you goes out to Emily Burr for organizing the volunteers to bring back the Treasure House. Everyone missed their “recycle” house. The House can only open when staffed by volunteers. Please note that items can NOT be left outside if no one is staffing the building. If you would like to help with the staffing, leave your name and number at the House when it is open and you will be contacted by a committee member.

The committee meets monthly, sometimes twice a month. Our current agendas have us sorting through the complexities of a possible building renovation and acquiring new equipment to make the town employees' job and the whole transfer station more efficient, while reducing

costs to the town and citizens. We are always looking for new members on the committee who might bring various knowledge and skills. We hope to soon be introducing the recycling of more items such as: an increase in the category type of plastics, foam packaging, and even composting food waste is being considered.

*Respectfully submitted,
Richard Marcou
Solid Waste Committee Chair*

UPPER MERRIMACK RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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

The UMLAC was created as one of the first local river management advisory committees in 1990, enabled in RSA 483, as part of the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. It was a grass-roots effort by the communities of Boscawen, Bow, Canterbury, Concord, Franklin, and Northfield, which the UMLAC represents and for whom it conducts its statutory duties including permit review and management plan coordination. The UMLAC provides a voice for the upper Merrimack River towns and cities through the river's designation in the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program.

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

The UMLAC reviewed and provided comment on over a dozen state alteration of terrain, shoreland, underground storage tank, and wetland permit applications in the upper Merrimack watershed including in Boscawen, Canterbury, Concord, and Franklin. Some reviews were informed by consultants and project principals participating in meetings to

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present the proposals and to answer questions. This participatory approach to permit review is expedient and provides the best possible result for each site.

Wayne Ives acted as lead in monitoring and commenting on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission applications for Lower and Upper Penacook Falls and Lakeport projects.

All of the state's local river advisory committees are now represented by Cory Ritz, who was approved this past year by the Governor and Executive Council to the New Hampshire Rivers Management Advisory Committee. Cory serves on the Souhegan River Local Advisory Committee and brings a local river management advisory committee perspective to the New Hampshire Rivers Management Advisory Committee.

Expert presentations are essential so that UMLACers are well informed and can improve constantly their knowledge and skills. Tracie Sales, Lakes and Rivers Programs Administrator, NH Department of Environmental Services who answered questions from the UMLACers about the Merrimack River Management and Implementation Plan revision process. Tom Tetreault, Stantec, presented an outline of preparing permit applications for larger utility projects. Kate Hastings, who leads the state's cyanobacteria program, provided an overview on harmful algal blooms and their implications to rivers.

The UMLAC provided support documentation to the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission's Brownfields funding application.

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 UMLAC bid farewell to retiring representatives Mark Kaplan, Boscawen and Joyce Fulweiler, Northfield. Welcomed as a new representative was Ted Nemetz, Franklin.

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

The Committee reviewed (and updated where appropriate) all of its governance and guidance documents, which may be viewed at <https://www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee/other-documents/>

Please visit the UMLAC at its new home on the web at <https://>

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www.merrimackriver.org/upper-merrimack-river-local-advisory-committee. The Upper Merrimack Watershed Association now hosts the UMR-LAC's information on the newly designed website.

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Hutchinson, David Day
Canterbury Representatives*

MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING



FIRST SESSION - March 14, 2023

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

The Polling was held at the Old Town Hall, Canterbury, NH. Ballot Boxes for the Town and School District ballots were checked at 7:00 a.m. by Moderator Miller and voter Jordy Cornog of Baptist Road and then closed and locked. Moderator Miller then opened the polls.

Polling Hours were held from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and a total of 387 voters cast ballots. Of those, 100 were Absentee for the Town, and 9 were Absentee for the School District. There were 1904 voters on the checklist, and 3 new voters were registered. 1 deceased voter was removed from the checklist.

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

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

Town Ballot Results:

Selectman: (<i>1 position, 3 years</i>)	Doherty, Scott	212
	Dole, Sumner	45
	Todd, Calvin	124
Planning Board: (<i>2 positions, 3 years</i>)	Marcou, Richard	214
	Nichols, Lucy	184
	Snyder, Logan	205
Cemetery Trustee: (<i>1 position, 3 years</i>)	Goegel, John	369
Moderator: (<i>1 position, 2 years</i>)	Miller, Jim	364
Library Trustee: (<i>2 positions, 2 years</i>)	Riendeau, Linda	345
	Melasecca, Sarah	324
Trustee of the Trust Funds: (<i>1 position, 3 years</i>)	Heath, Gregory	360

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Reports were finalized at 10:00 p.m. by the Town Clerk.

The meeting convened until Friday, March 27, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m., at Canterbury Elementary School for the deliberative session.

SECOND SESSION - MARCH 17, 2023

Moderator Jim Miller opened the meeting at 7 p.m., held at the Canterbury Elementary School Gymnasium on Baptist Road. He expressed comments of welcome to the voters gathered, and asked for acknowledgement of the veterans in the room, followed by applause from the voters. Zoe Perlet, a member of the Canterbury 4-H group, led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Miller then noted that Wayne Mann, the Town's moderator for twenty years and long-time community member, had passed away Monday, March 13th, and asked for a few moments of silence in honor of Mr. Mann. Bob Steenson read the Annual Town Report dedication for Mike Capone, noting that Mr. Capone had helped set the standard for town government, and his extensive service to the Town of Canterbury. Cheryl Gordon offered words of thanks to Bob Steenson, the Board of Selectman's outgoing member, and shared an anecdote of how they first met. She noted that Bob was instrumental in helping preserve Canterbury's river land, initiating the Pay-As-You-Throw initiative, and helped with getting the revaluation process streamlined for Canterbury. Beth Blair of Hackleboro Road then spoke about the Canterbury Farmers Market, that the group had been running a community market in the parking lot of the library for seventeen years and invited people to visit the baked goods table at the back for people to get refreshments.

Moderator Miller introduced the group at the dais; Town Administrator Ken Folsom, Selectmen Kent Ruesswick, Cheryl Gordon, and Bob Steenson, and Town Clerk Sam Papps. He proceeded to read the results of the voting session held that Tuesday, March 14th, 2023, thanking the highway crew, the elections team, and the counters for their work helping run a smooth election. He then noted there would be a ballot vote for Article 2, on the fire truck, and stated voters should use their yes/no cards to vote on items. He asked that the Road Agent Donald "John" O'Connor, the Police Chief Michael Labrecque, and the Fire Chief Michael Gamache, all non-residents, be allowed to speak if called upon, and the body responded verbally in the affirmative. Mr. Miller went through how the meeting would be run. He asked that Article 9 be moved up to follow Article 4, with the body verbally affirming this request. Then he read Warrant Article 2:

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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 purchase 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. ***Motion by Dale Caswell; second by Nate Bragdon.***

Bob Steenson spoke to this article, stating that the Engine 3 that this new truck would be replacing, was purchased in the 1990's, and that though through careful work by the Fire Department, the service life of the present Engine 3 had been extended but that at almost thirty years old, with maintenance issues and scarcity of parts, that it was time to replace it. The Fire Department had applied for a Fire Fighter's Grant last year, but the grant was not received, and that though a grant application had been submitted this year, there was no guarantee that it would go thru this year. With the Town's current debt load, having paid off the Sam Lake House bond, and soon paying off the Gold Star Bond, the Town was in a good financial place to take on the debt if it was necessary. Scott Doherty, a Deputy Chief of the Fire Department, reiterated that with lack of parts, it was a hard expectation to keep this truck serviceable.

Patrice Rasche of Center Road asked if the new truck would be run on diesel, and the answer was yes.

Nate Bragdon of Morrill Road asked what would happen to the new truck, if proceeds from its sale would offset the new truck. Bob Steenson replied that the Whites Farm Auction in Concord is how many municipalities dispose of surplus goods, that he didn't expect it to raise very much money but that proceeds would be deposited into the Town's General Fund and not be used to offset the new truck.

Jan Cote of Baptist Hill Road asked why the prior year's grant was not received by the Town. Scott Doherty responded that they do not receive any feedback from the Fire Fighters Assistance Grant folks, as to why the grant application was rejected. There was a large pool nationwide that they were competing with.

Alice Todd of Barnett Road asked if we had received this year's

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grant. Mr. Doherty responded that they had just applied and it was still in process. The Board of Selectmen noted that if the Town does not receive the grant this year, they will get a bond.

Rick Crockford of Ayers Road asked if they could get a refurbished truck, and Scott replied that was not the way to go in his professional experience.

Lisa Carlson of Morrill Road asked about the number of accidents on Interstate 93, and if there were federal monies available because we served the interstate. Scott Doherty noted that all highway calls were classified as a response by the Town and not categorized separately, and gave statistics, that in 2022 there were 17 calls and 6 mutual aid; in 2021 there were 11 calls and 9 mutual aid; and in 2020, there were 22 calls and 8 mutual aid. Bob Steenson noted that the Assistance Grant was federal monies, and Scott added that there were no other available sources of funding to his knowledge from the Federal Government.

Joshua Gordon of Shaker Road asked if the capital reserve held \$360,000 or if that was all that was being withdrawn? The Board of Selectmen clarified that the capital reserve fund for this purpose held \$381,999.74 but they would only withdraw the requested \$360,000 with the balance to be paid for by grant or by bond. They would like to leave some money in the fund for the next large expenditure.

Derek Jackson of Baptist Hill Road asked if the bond would be paid off by the time the Town needs another fire truck, and the answer was, in theory yes it should be paid off by then.

Polly Camire of Northwest Road asked if the engine that was purchased four years ago was paid off, and the answer was yes, Engine 2 was paid off.

Rich Marcou of Baptist Hill Road asked if the bid price was firm, if the actual cost would fluctuate from this amount, and the reply was the bid price was firm, from a reputable company.

Daryl Zerveskes of Morrill Road asked if the Town can self-fund this, through a loan raised by the citizens of Canterbury rather than take out a loan from another party. Bob Steenson replied that he was not aware of any mechanism in the law that allowed municipalities to borrow monies in this way, and the New Hampshire Bond Bank usually had competitive interest rates.

Mindy Beltramo of Hackleboro Road asked about the difference between the three trucks that the Town operates presently. Scott Doherty replied that technically these are “Fire Engines” and that a Fire Truck has a

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ladder; the Town does not possess such a truck, rather there are three Fire Engines that serve double duty. Engine 2 is the newest, and would be the first truck to respond to a call.

Emily Preston of Southwest Road spoke in favor of the article, and stated that she had seen a neighbor's house catch fire, and felt that it was the right equipment for the Fire Department to do their job that saved the resident's lives and their animals. The crowd applauded this statement.

Beth Blair of Hackleboro Road asked if the new truck would take some two years to be built, if the Town would be covered until the new truck would be put into service. The answer given by Scott Doherty was yes, that they would make sure that Engine 3 would be serviceable until the new truck arrived.

Lisa Marcou of Baptist Hill Road asked where the funds from the old truck would go and the Board of Selectmen replied it would be deposited into the General Fund.

Megan Portnoy of Baptist Road asked for an explanation of how the fire department worked. Scott Doherty responded that there was one full-time EMT on staff, and the Department had a part-time fire chief. The department otherwise consisted of volunteer staffing, and that the town also had mutual aid partners in surrounding towns that helped for large calls. The larger towns of Concord, Belmont, and Loudon, all have full time, career departments and they were not intended to service Canterbury, only supplement when the Volunteer Department needed help.

Reggie Cloutier of New Road asked about the manufacturer and inquired about the warranty or what if the company went out of business. Scott Doherty replied that the company was old and reputable and the Town had confidence it would not go out of business.

Geoff Hubbell of Hackleboro Road moved the question, seconded by Rick Crockford. Moderator Jim Miller asked for a vote, and the ayes had it, and so following reading the article again, he asked for the ballot vote to commence at 7:58 p.m. This vote was open for an hour; the results were read by Moderator Miller at 8:58 p.m.: **Yes: 178 votes: No: 21 votes. Article Passed.**

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Rick Crockford; second by Caley Shepherd.**

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Bob Steenson spoke for the Selectmen, stating that the Town was in good financial standing, and laid out the load of the outstanding debt that the town currently holds. The Sam Lake House bond was paid off last year; and the municipal complex bond would be paid off this year. The 4% increase in the Town's budget was about average; cost drivers were wages, retirement and health care funds costs, and rescue service contracts.

Derek Jackson of Baptist Hill Road inquired about the tax rate impact this budget would have, and Bob Steenson replied the impact from last year to this year's budget is about \$0.33 per thousand. The school rate was not calculated.

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

Moderator Miller read **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

Motion by Jim Snyder; second by Rich Marcou.

Bob Steenson noted that this is the same capital reserve system that the Town has used for the past several years. The overall tax rate impact on this article is \$0.47 per thousand.

Nate Bragdon of Morrill Road asked if this article held the same impact to the tax rate as the prior year, and Bob Steenson noted it was almost the same, with the addition of the \$5,000 for the Building Maintenance fund.

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

Moderator Miller read **Article 9:** 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

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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. ***Motion by Nate Bragdon; second by Caley Shepherd.***

Bob Steenson stated that this was modest funding for the legal counsel aspect of the process. The process initiated at the Town Meeting last year was not clear to the committee, and that this would serve as funding to ensure that the whole subject is examined.

Danielle Krautmann of Morrill Road said that she was a member of the study committee, and that the work of the committee could not be completed without a full study. Growth in the town is inevitable; as a community member, this fact-finding mission was important. She listed statistics about the district and things she had learned while serving on the committee, saying that the Shaker Regional School District's cost per pupil of \$18,400 is among the highest in the area.

John Goegel of Hackleboro Road spoke against the article, saying that as a resident of Canterbury for 50 years, he did not see how this article would serve the common good. He stated he had concerns about the homeschooled children in the district, if they would continue to have the same opportunities they do now.

Rue Toland of Hackleboro Road was a committee member, and asked to continue the study, stating that the money that was being asked for is necessary to get conclusive answers.

Ned Witham of Southwest Road spoke to his experience as a father of four children who attended Belmont, and cautioned that schools have the ability to deny students entry as they did for someone in Barnstead, ending that he was speaking against the article.

Nancy Flagg of Briar Bush Road spoke against the article, stating that she felt it was a waste of money and that if other schools are options, students will have to drive just as far as they do now to Belmont.

Robert Scarponi of Clough Pond Road introduced himself as the chairman of the 1982 committee that looked at the issue, stating it was a tough study then. He noted that he was for it if this article was help explore more options to make Shaker Regional School District more palatable to students and families.

Caley Shepherd of Morrill Road noted that she had attended private schools and felt no decreased sense of community that others had mentioned before. This article will help get more information together.

Nate Bragdon of Morrill Road also spoke about his children's expe-

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riences not attending the district and their involvement in the community despite not being in the schools.

Daimon Meeh of Shaker Road inquired as to if the figure of \$12,000 was adequate to cover the cost. Bob Steenson replied that there had been quotes received and the figure is good for the consultants needed.

Skye Savageaux of New Road spoke in favor of the article, stating that her experience at Shaker Regional School District was not perfect, but that any district won't be perfect. She was in favor of more information for making an informed decision.

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

Moderator Miller read **Article 5:** 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 un-assigned 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. **Motion by Nate Bragdon; second by Al Edelstein.**

Bob Steenson stated that the Town had received monies from the State of New Hampshire, totaling \$49,470, for the new construction and maintenance of bridges. To keep this money, a capital reserve needed to be created to save this money for the next bridge work that would come up. There is no tax impact. It cannot be used to pay off the bond on the Morrill Road culvert.

David Day of Oxbow Pond Road clarified that it can only be used for bridge work and no other purpose.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Rich Marcou; second by Carol Veenstra.**

Kent Ruesswick opened the article that there is \$6,200 in interest in the existing Transfer Station capital reserve, and to utilize that money for upgrades, there needs to be a new account created with a new title.

Greg Heath of Wyven Road stated that he believed that there needs

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to be an amendment to close the existing account, and open a new capital reserve account to initiate the transfer. Bob Steenson replied that this is how the DRA told the Town to do this process. Amendment was tabled.

Lisa Carlson of Morrill Road asked what sort of work needs to be done to the Transfer Station. Kent replied that there needs more space under cover, purchasing a new compactor. Work is ongoing with the new bailer that was purchased last year and parts are backordered.

Alice Todd of Barnett Road asked about the PFAs that are being tested for at the dump. The Board of Selectmen replied that it is being monitored.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by BJ Entwisle; second by Rachel Baker.**

Cheryl Gordon stated that the money for this project would be taken from the capital reserve, and that it had a zero-dollar tax impact.

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

Moderator Miller read **Article 8:** 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. **Motion by Emily Preston; second by Beth Blair.**

Kent Ruesswick gave a brief explanation of the Gold Star Project, and that this zero-dollar tax impact article was routine until the Gold Star Bond was paid off.

Nate Bragdon of Morrill Road asked how many more years we had on the bond. The answer was two more years.

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

Moderator Miller read **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 zero turn mower and to withdraw funds from the Highway

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Equipment Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. **Motion by Evan Hauptman; second by Nate Bragdon.**

Kent Ruesswick explained that the mower presently in service was a 2014, and that in the words of the Road Agent, it takes a quart of oil each time its run.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Rachel Baker; second by G. Edward Hudson.**

Kent Ruesswick explained that the wood floor in the old Town Hall is worn thin and needs to be addressed. After consultation with floor re-finishing companies, this may be the last time that it can be done before it needs to be replaced totally. The Town should get a few more years of wear from them, though.

Polly Camire of Northwest Road asked why this money wasn't coming out of the Building Maintenance Capital Reserve account. The Selectmen replied that this is an everyday maintenance expense and it's brought before the meeting for the sake of transparency. The Building Maintenance reserve is for emergencies or unexpected maintenance.

Teresa Wyman of Shaker Road asked for reassurance that there could be dancing on the floor once it was refinished, as several towns did not allow dancing when the new floors were put in. The Selectmen replied in the affirmative that dancing could take place.

Geoff Hubbell of Hackleboro Road asked if there was the option of putting down a synthetic floor rather than wood when it was time to replace it. Kent Ruesswick replied that when the time came in a few years to have to replace the floor, it should be replaced with wood.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Kelly Short; second by Nancy Hacking.**

Cheryl Gordon stated that there was no air conditioner in part of the Municipal Complex where staff offices are, and that this would keep that small part of the building cool.

Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road stated she was on the Energy

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Committee, and asked about the unit being installed. The Selectmen replied it would most likely be a mini-split.

Nate Bragdon of Morrill Road, Carol Veenstra of Morrill Road and Ruth Heath of Wyven Road, all had questions clarifying what sort of unit was being installed, and where it would be.

Ken Folsom, Town Administrator replied that when the building was constructed, the lines for air conditioning was installed but due to budget constraints, that phase of the project was never completed. This will complete the air conditioning project in the bunk room, and offices.

Patrice Rasche of Center Road asked that the Energy Committee be involved with decisions as to what sort of units would be purchased.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Kelly Short; second by Denise Sojka.**

Cheryl Gordon stated this would supplement the existing furnace in the Meeting House, and the blower that the current furnace uses sounds like an air craft carrier interferes with meetings.

Beth McGuinn of Southwest Road stated mini-splits do not do well, and that she does not think a mini-split should be installed.

Ruth Heath of Wyven Road stated that this cost seemed high for a mini-split unit, as they have one.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Audra Klumb; second by Nancy Hacking.**

John Goegel gave an explanation of the article and project that Maple Grove on Baptist Road is the Town's only active cemetery, and capacity is reaching its limit. The project to clear more space and create a second entrance off Baptist Hill Road needs to start with this planning stage and this article will be for a survey and engineering work.

Kent Ruesswick noted that the cemetery has been expanded several times to add more burial space, and this seems like the time to do it.

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Emily Preston of Southwest Road asked about the new entrance proposed, stating that creating more infrastructure will create more maintenance. Kent Ruesswick responded that the Committee has been talking to contractors, and that the new access road will not be tarred. It will make sure that the piece to be cleared can be accessed without tearing up the existing tar driveway.

Jonah Sutton-Morse of Hackleboro Road asked about how much more space will be gained. Kent Ruesswick responded that there will be several hundred more graves added.

Derek Jackson of Baptist Hill Road asked if the new graves would make money for the town. Kent Ruesswick responded that the money paid for a grave is returned to the Town and deposited into the General Fund, so yes it will.

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

Moderator Miller read **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. **Motion by Carol Veenstra; second by Geoff Hubbell.**

The Selectmen introduced Howard Moffett, who gave a presentation with Beth McGuinn about the project. Several residents inquired about how the process worked, and had clarifying questions.

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

Moderator Miller read **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). Motion by Rich Marcou; second by Ron Routhier.

Bob Steenson introduced articles 16 and 17, as housekeeping. The Legislature changed the law, RSA 72:28 II, and these articles readopts the new language of the laws.

Teresa Wyman of Shaker Road spoke at length in opposition to the article because of her pacifistic beliefs.

Carol Veenstra of Morrill Road responded that she was for the

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article, noting that voting in favor of these articles does not diminish any beliefs she had.

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

Moderator Miller read **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). ***Motion by Tyson Miller; second by Rich Marcou.***

Derek Jackson of Baptist Hill Road asked if there was a way to get firefighters, or first responders etc. a credit towards their property taxes. Bob Steenson responded that no such law existed to enable the Town to grant such a credit.

Rich Marcou of Baptist Hill Road gave some background as to why the All Veterans Credit was introduced.

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

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

Rich Marcou of Baptist Hill Road asked for volunteers for the Solid Waste Committee.

Kevin Bragg of Baptist Road made some comments on communication and the Town’s website, and asked that this be addressed in the coming year.

Steve Rasche of Center Road noted he was pleased to read in the Conservation Commission’s report about the Stem’s plan to conserve some land off Bean Hill Road.

Seeing no other business, there was a vote by voice to adjourn the meeting. Meeting closed at 9:52 p.m.

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

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**



Date	Place	Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence
January 3, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Zagars, Belinda Skye	Canterbury, NH	Alvarez, Eric Michael	Canterbury, NH
May 20, 2023	Gilmanton, NH	Thomas, Ross Gregory	Canterbury, NH	O'Neil, Christina Leigh	Canterbury, NH
June 2, 2023	Bethlehem, NH	Scott, Anna Lynn	Canterbury, NH	Minery, Tyler Michael	Canterbury, NH
August 26, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Bassett, John McCann	Canterbury, NH	Johnson, Rachel Elizabeth	Canterbury, NH
September 22, 2023	Chichester, NH	McLean, Arianna Cole	Canterbury, NH	Taylor, Manan Kalpeshbhai	Canterbury, NH
September 30, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Keville, Elias Abraham	Canterbury, NH	Quarles, Rachel Hannah	Canterbury, NH
October 7, 2023	Chichester, NH	Marchi, Richard Anthony	Canterbury, NH	Tetelman, Rachel Beth	Goffstown, NH
October 21, 2023	Jackson, NH	Cyr, Christopher Donald	Canterbury, NH	Peterson, Tracy Anne	Canterbury, NH
November 18, 2023	Chichester, NH	Horton, Landon David	Laconia, NH	Owen, Breanna Lynne	Canterbury, NH

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SAMUEL PAPPS, TOWN CLERK

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**



Date	Place	Name of Child	Parent A	Parent B
May 11, 2023	Manchester, NH	Silver, Harper Katherine	Silver, Brandon Lawrence	Silver, Haylee Anne
May 19, 2023	Concord, NH	Mallozzi, Vincent Eugene	Mallozzi, Joshua Vincent	Mallozzi, Paula Lynn
May 24, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Fournier, Colin James	Fournier, Andrew Scott	McDevitt, Kelly Anne
June 22, 2023	Lebanon, NH	Hill, Mavern Vito	Hill, Jonathan Alexie	Scott, Mercedes Lynn
July 17, 2023	Concord, NH	Polston, Athena Jeanne	Polston, Austin Michael	Sheran, Micki Lee
November 4, 2023	Manchester, NH	St Onge, Sawyer Alena	St Onge, Kevin Michael	Jope, Rebecca Nicole
November 24, 2023	Concord, NH	Parker, Ian David	Parker, Kevin Lee	Champney, Elizabeth Rachel
December 10, 2023	Concord, NH	Plue, Noelle Margaret	Plue, Jeffrey Alan	Plue, Rebecca Turturro
December 29, 2023	Concord, NH	Dorr, Taytum Quincy	Dorr, Justin Edward	Dorr, Shauntaye Mercedes

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**DEATHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF CANTERBURY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023**



Date	Place	Name	Parent A	Parent B
January 6, 2023	Concord, NH	Lamprey, Regina M	Lamprey, Harry	Dickerson, Mary
January 11, 2023	Concord, NH	Yonemura, George S	Yonemura, Harry	Yamada, Riu
February 22, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Bezanson, Peggy Sue	Drew, Stanley	Braley, Dorothy
February 28, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Bliss, Jay Winthrop	Bliss, Charles	Baldwin, Mary
April 7, 2023	Concord, NH	Lockwood, Mark Louis	Lockwood, Ronald	Moore, Helen
April 9, 2023	Tilton, NH	Audet, Todd Christopher	Audet, Richard	Paquin, Donna
May 11, 2023	Concord, NH	Gilines, George Raymond	Gilines, Raymond	Hassell, Norma
May 23, 2023	Concord, NH	Frye, Mary Eleanor	Lee, Albert	Byrd, Ouida
May 27, 2023	Concord, NH	Moyer, Susan Suttton	Sutton, Edward	Russell, Margaret
June 27, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Labonte, Janet	Larrivee, Ralph	Dupra, Irene
August 21, 2023	Concord, NH	Dufresne, Kenneth W	Dufresne, Kenneth	Shaw, Mitzpah
September 8, 2023	Manchester, NH	Sullivan, Barbara	Miller, Philip	Begley, Helen
October 21, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Eckhardt, Donald Henry	Eckhardt, Henry	Kludas, Freda
November 28, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Huckins, Kaylee Ann	Doubleday, Kim	Cullen, Cynthia
November 30, 2023	Concord, NH	Phelps, Kevin Ron	Phelps, Averil	Harlow, Jean

DEATHS – CONTINUED



Date	Place	Name	Parent A	Parent B
December 27, 2023	Canterbury, NH	Meeks II, Joseph Daniel	Meeks, Joseph	Kelly, Lareece

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BURIALS IN CANTERBURY CEMETERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

- ¹Chamberlain, Richard West
- ¹Glines, George Raymond
- ¹Hufstader, Robert Paul
- ²Kruzel, Paul
- ¹Paradis, Leo R.
- ¹Pickard, Edward James
- ¹Rogers, Stephen Arthur
- ¹Scripture, Peter D.
- ¹Towle, Aimee Curtis

¹Buried at Maple Grove Cemetery

²Buried at Shell Meetinghouse Cemetery

In the early 20th century, the town's horse sheds (where horses were tied up during meetings or church) extended off the west side of the building, serving both the Town Hall and the Congregational Church jointly.

A devastating fire on April 7, 1943 ravaged the Center, destroying the Congregational Church, the "Union Hall" containing the Giles general store and post office, and two private residences. The Town Hall was only saved by the quick thinking

of Walter Hatch, who had the foresight to pull the burning horse sheds away from the Town Hall, preventing the fire from spreading. The Canterbury community came together in the aftermath of the fire to redesign the Town Center and the Town Hall was moved on rails to its present site at the intersection of Center and Old Tilton Roads. This move had two strategic functions; firstly, it separated buildings from being as close as they were before the fire; and secondly it allowed for setting the Town Hall into the hillside, with a new basement.



"Storekeeper" Paul Ambeau selling cheese at the Canterbury Fair c. 1969



The cast of HMS Pinafore after the Canterbury Player's first performance in 1983

More of Canterbury's social meetings, events, and dances were held in the Town Hall after the 1943 fire. Weekend dances were held during the 1950's, sponsored by the Merrimack River Grange, the Canterbury PTA, the Women's Club, the Fire Auxiliary, and other groups, and graduations of the eighth grade from the Canterbury School

District were held on the stage. Sometimes, however, these gatherings got rowdy; a New Year's Eve Dance in 1948 was briefly interrupted when several rambunctious dancers began fighting, and Selectman George Peverly had to throw them out the front door into the snowbanks!

The Town Hall has always played a pivotal part of the annual Canterbury Fair, beginning in 1959, when the Fair used the Town Hall for the well-remembered “General Store”, full of wheels of cheese and food stuffs for sale complete with a “storekeeper”. In following the tradition of live performances in the Town Hall, a group of Canterbury residents formed the Canterbury Players in 1983 to perform Gilbert and Sullivan’s H.M.S. Pinafore as a fundraiser for construction of the Town’s bandstand. With rousing success and support from their neighbors and community, the troop went on to stage and perform nine more annual shows, bringing ringing laughter and rounds of applause to the Town Hall as the community celebrated the Player’s success for a decade.



Carl Thunberg (Moderator), Sabin Guertin (Town Clerk), Ida Higgins (Ballot Clerk) and Raymond Glines (Supervisor of the Checklist) surround the ballot box at Town Meeting c. March 1952.

The Town Building Needs Committee of 2004-5, chaired by Kent Ruesswick, resulted in lowering the building several feet under the direction of Steve Fifield, adding new granite facing, and a new addition off the back to house restrooms and a small kitchenette. The preservation of this structure has been an ongoing project, and this past year, new granite front steps, a custom railing and new front lights were installed. The interior maple floor was also refinished and sanded. This historic treasure has seen us through many celebrations, as well as challenges, and remains a mainstay of our town’s identity and our own historic legacy.

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