

# Annual Report

of the Town Officials, Departments & Committees

Town of Alstead

New Hampshire



Rockingham Hotel Fishing Club

Pickerel caught through the ice at Lake Warren

December 28, 1907

Lake Warren, N.H.

**For the year ending December 31, 2023**

**Town Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

# Dedication

The Alstead Select Board would like to dedicate this years Annual Report to the residents of Alstead.

You have demonstrated resilience, strength and determination in overcoming so much over recent years.

We appreciate your support, kindness, and dedication to making Alstead a GREAT place to live, work and raise future generations.

We thank you!!



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# TOWN INFORMATION

[www.alsteadnh.org](http://www.alsteadnh.org)

## SELECT BOARD OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR 603-835-2986 Fax: 603-835-2178

Misty Gratacos Email: [mgratacos@alsteadnh.gov](mailto:mgratacos@alsteadnh.gov)

Monday – Thursday 8:00am – 4:00pm

**MEETINGS:** Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. at Town Offices, unless otherwise posted (check website)

## TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR 603-835-2242 Fax: 603-835-2178

Julie Bacon, Town Clerk/Tax Collector Sharon Iozzo Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Email: [jbacon@alsteadnh.gov](mailto:jbacon@alsteadnh.gov) [siozzo@alsteadnh.gov](mailto:siozzo@alsteadnh.gov)

Monday & Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday: 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

## HIGHWAY GARAGE

603-835-2428 Cell 603-209-3899

Prescott Trafton, Road Agent

Email: [prescotttrafton@comcast.net](mailto:prescotttrafton@comcast.net)

## TRANSFER STATION

Jesse Moore, Director of Sanitation 603-835-2425 or 603-439-7155

Wednesday and Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## AMBULANCE/RESCUE SQUAD Non-emergency 603-439-7155

Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief Email: [alsteadambulance1ac1@gmail.com](mailto:alsteadambulance1ac1@gmail.com)

**MEETINGS:** Third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency 603-835-6088

Kim Kercewich, Fire Chief

**MEETINGS:** Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Non-emergency 603-835-6277

Fax: 603-835-5546

Stephen Murrell, Police Chief

[www.alsteadpolice.com](http://www.alsteadpolice.com)

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Steven Reynolds 603-313-3846

Deputy Emergency Management Director: Darren Perlongo 770-883--2734

## HEALTH OFFICER

Michael Jasmin 603-209-4068

Assistant Health Officer: Randall Rhoades 603-835-9018 evenings

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

**MEETINGS:** first Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. at the Town Offices

## PLANNING BOARD

Vacancy 603-209-6846 Email: [alstead.pb-zba@comcast.net](mailto:alstead.pb-zba@comcast.net)

**MEETINGS:** second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vacancy

**MEETINGS:** first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bruce Bellows 603-835-6751

## SHEDD-PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 603-835-6661

Alyson Montgomery, Librarian Email: [librarian@sheddporter.org](mailto:librarian@sheddporter.org) [www.sheddporter.org](http://www.sheddporter.org)

Tuesday 2:00–5:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Thursday 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 - Noon

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police, Ambulance and Fire – 911, 24-hour dispatch 355-2000

## TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

<http://www.alsteadnh.org>

### Select Board

Joel McCarty	Select Board	Term Ends 2024
Matthew Saxton	Select Board	Term Ends 2025
Gordon Kemp	Select Board	Term Ends 2026

### Elections

Susan Norlander	Moderator	Term Ends 2024
David Miller	Assistant Moderator	Term Ends 2024
Erin Heidorn	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2024
Barbara (Bobbie) Wilson	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2026
Penny Gendron	Supervisor of Checklist	Term Ends 2028

### Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Julie Bacon	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	Term Ends 2024
Sharon Iozzo	Deputy Town Clerk/Tax	Term Ends 2024

### Treasurer

Hans Waldmann	Treasurer	Term Ends 2026
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### Department Heads

Prescott Trafton	Director of Public Works	Appointed
Steve Murrell	Police Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Fire Chief	Appointed
Kim Kercewich	Forest Fire Warden	Appointed
Steven Reynolds	Emergency Management	Appointed
Darren Perlongo	Asst. Emergency Mgmt.	Appointed
Jesse Moore	Ambulance Chief	Appointed
Alyson Montgomery	Librarian	Appointed
Matthew Saxton	Zoning Officer	Appointed
Michael Jasmin	Health Officer	Appointed
Randall Rhoades	Asst. Health Officer	Appointed

### Trustee of Trust Funds

Bruce Bellows, Chair	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2024
Jodi Kercewich	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2025
Allan Kauders	Trustee of Trust Funds	Term Ends 2026

### Shedd Porter Memorial Library

Susan Norlander, Asst. Chair	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2024
Joseph Levesque	Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Jeff Smull	Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Matthew Saxton, Chair	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2025
Carol Reller, Clerk	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2025
Karn McShane, Treasurer	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026
Kathy Torrey	Library Trustee	Term Ends 2026

## TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES - CONTINUED

### Inspector of Elections - Terms Ends 2024

Ellen Chase	Laurence Howard	Marge Noonan
Holly Gay	Michael Jasmin	Joanne Wildes
Chris Hanson	Mark Mastrocinque	

### Planning Board

Gordon Kemp	Ex-Officio Member	
Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Ellen Chase	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
Justin Falango	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
David Konesko	Planning Board	Term Ends 2025
Peter Rhoades, Chair	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026
Chris Reitmann	Planning Board	Term Ends 2026

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Joseph Cartwright	Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Kevin Clark	Zoning Board of	Term Ends 2024
David Konesko	Zoning Board of	Term Ends 2024
Joseph Levesque	Zoning Board of	Term Ends 2025
Dennis Molesky, Chair	Zoning Board of	Term Ends 2025
Michael Rau	Zoning Board of	Term Ends 2025

### Conservation Commission

Joyce Curll	Alternate	Term Ends 2024
John Mann	Alternate	Term Ends 2024
Sarah Webb, Chair	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2024
Donna Sabin	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2024
Joyce Campbell-Counts	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2025
David Moody	Conservation Commission	Term Ends 2026

### Cemetery Commission

Bruce Bellow, Chair	Cemetery Commission	Term Ends 2024
Jodi Kercewich	Cemetery Commission	Term Ends 2025
Allan Kauders	Cemetery Commission	Term Ends 2026

### FMRSD School Board-Alstead Representative

Joseph Levesque	School Board Member Alstead Rep. FMRSD	Term Ends 2025
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**SAMPLE**  
**OFFICIAL BALLOT**  
**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**  
**ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

*Julie A. Bacon*  
TOWN CLERK

<p><b>SELECTBOARD</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Joel C McCarty <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Michael Kercewich <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>	<p><b>MODERATOR</b> (Two Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Susan E Norlander <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>	<p><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST</b> (Six Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Erin Heidorn <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>
<p><b>TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Julie A Bacon <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>	<p><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Bruce A Bellows <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>	<p><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Susan E Norlander <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>
<p><b>CEMETERY COMMISSION</b> (Three Year Term) Vote for not more than one</p> <p>Bruce A Bellows <input type="radio"/></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p>(write in)</p>		





OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

*Julie A. Bacon*

TOWN CLERK

TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the right of your choice(s) like this:

ARTICLES

**Article 02 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,946,541. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,746,784 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Should Article 06 pass, the operating budget shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$2.81 per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 03 Bridge Design and Consulting Services**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purposes of continuing the ongoing analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and cost estimating for the replacement of the currently closed bridge on Hill Road and the bridge on Comstock Road. \$250,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$0 per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 04 Rescind SB2**

To see if the town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 (known as SB 2), as adopted by the Town of Alstead on Tuesday, March 12, 1996, so that the official ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the official ballot is required by state law? This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (3/5 Majority Required)

Yes  No

**Article 05 Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Drewsville, Homestead, Cobb Hill (apron), and North roads with \$255,000 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and \$145,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.75 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 06 Ambulance Revolving Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of funding expenses of the Alstead Ambulance Department. All revenues received for ambulance services will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. Should this Article pass, the operating budget, Article 02, shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required)

Yes  No

**Article 07 Backhoe**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe with \$50,000 of said funds to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988; and up to \$150,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.77 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 08 Dam Engineering**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of funding Phase One analysis for Lake Warren and Vilas Pool Dams, with \$75,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.38 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 09 Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #1**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for Thayer Brook Road in the area of the emergency bypass, with \$8,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.04 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 10 Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #2**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for two (2) culverts on Thayer Brook Road, one (1) culvert on South Woods Road, and one (1) culvert on North Road, with \$17,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.09 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 11 Transfer Station Safety Upgrades**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of implementing safety upgrades at the Transfer Station, with \$5,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.025 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 12 1-Ton Truck To Replace The 2012 Dodge Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000 for the purpose of purchasing a 1-ton truck for use by the ambulance and by other departments, with \$40,000 of said funds to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund subject to DRA approval. If DRA does not approve using Ambulance Capital Reserve funds then the amount will be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.205 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 13 Fire Department Turnout Gear**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$12,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.06 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

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**Article 14 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,368 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$18,368 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.095 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 15 Fire Dept. New Brush Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new brush truck, with \$1.00 of said funds to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 16 Electrical Upgrades for Town Hall**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 for the purpose of upgrading the electric service for the Town Hall, adding additional electrical outlets to the Town Hall, with \$2,400 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.012 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 17 Lighting Upgrade for Village Fire Station**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,800 for the purpose of upgrading lighting at the Village Fire Station, with \$6,800 of said funds to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.035 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 18 Library Roof Repair**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the library roof, with \$30,000 of said funds to come from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 19 Sign Trailer Subscription**

To see if the town will vote to approve a three-year contract with All Traffic Solutions Inc. for electronic sign software and warranty, with each year of the cost items of said contract as follows:

Fiscal Year 2024 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2025 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2026 - \$2,550

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550 for the current fiscal year, with \$2,550 of said funds to be raised by taxation. If this Article passes, the annual cost of \$2,550 for 2025 and \$2,550 for 2026 will be included in the operating and default budgets for those years. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.01 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 20 Add to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be added to capital reserves: \$15,000 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$20,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$0 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$0 to be raised by taxation.

\$45,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$45,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.49 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**Article 21 Create Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the town's backup generators and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to be placed in this fund, with \$500 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 0.01 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

**TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NH**

**OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**TOWN ELECTION**

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

*Julie A. Bacon*

Town Clerk

I certify upon honor that I have assisted the voter in marking his/her ballot upon request

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Election Officer





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**Article 01 Election of Officers**

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

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**Article 02 Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$2,021,342. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,746,784 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Should Article 06 pass, the operating budget shall be reduced by \$50,000. This article is recommended by the Select Board (2-1). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$ ? per 1000)

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**Article 03 Bridge Design and Consulting Services**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$205,000 for the purposes of continuing the ongoing analysis, planning, specification, design, permitting and cost estimating for the replacement of the currently closed bridge on Hill Road and the bridge on Comstock Road. \$205,000 to come from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2012. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$0 per 1000)

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**Article 05 Paving**

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**Article 06    Ambulance Revolving Fund**

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**Article 07    Backhoe**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$2 for the purpose of purchasing a backhoe with \$1 of said funds to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988; and up to \$1 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and will not lapse until December 31, 2026. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact ?? cents per 1000)

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**Article 08    Dam Engineering**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of funding Phase One analysis for Lake Warren and Vilas Pool Dams, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

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**Article 09    Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #1**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for Thayer Brook Road in the area of the emergency bypass, with \$8,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.04 cents per 1000)

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**Article 10    Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study #2**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of conducting an H&H study for two (2) culverts on Thayer Brook Road, one (1) culvert on South Woods Road, and one (1) culvert on North Road, with \$17,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.09 cents per 1000)

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**Article 11    Transfer Station Safety Upgrades**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of implementing safety upgrades at the Transfer Station, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)



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**Article 12 1-Ton Truck To Replace The 2012 Dodge Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of purchasing a 1-ton truck, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

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**Article 13 Fire Department Turnout Gear**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of purchasing new sets of turnout gear, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

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**Article 14 Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA air packs, with \$1 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

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**Article 15 Fire Dept. New Brush Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1.00 for the purpose of purchasing a new brush truck, with \$1.00 of said funds to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)

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**Article 16 Electrical Upgrades for Town Hall/Village Fire Sta**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of upgrading the electric service for the Town Hall/Village Fire Station, and adding additional electrical outlets to the Town Hall, with \$10,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.05 cents per 1000)

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**Article 17 Lighting Upgrade for Village and East Alstead Fire**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for the purpose of upgrading lighting at both the Village Station and the East Alstead Station, with \$5,000 of said funds to be raised by taxation. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0.03 cents per 1000)

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**Article 18 Library Roof Repair**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing the library roof, with \$30,000 of said funds to come from the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010. (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: 0 cents per 1000)





**Article 19 Sign Trailer Subscription**

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Fiscal year 2025 - \$2,550

Fiscal year 2026 - \$2,550

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,550 for the current fiscal year, with \$2,550 of said funds to be raised by taxation. If this Article passes, the annual cost of \$2,550 for 2025 and \$2,550 for 2026 will be included in the operating and default budgets for those years.

**Article 20 Add to Capital Reserve Funds**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums to be added to capital reserves:

\$1 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

\$1 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$1 to be raised by taxation.

The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact: ?? cents per 1000)

**Article 21 Create Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the town will vote to establish a Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing and replacing the town's backup generators and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 to be placed in this fund, with \$1 to be raised by taxation. Further, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact ?? cents per 1000)



Proposed Budget

Alstead

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Form Due Date: 20 Days after the Annual Meeting

This form was posted with the warrant on: January 29, 2024

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECTMAN	
JOEL C. McCARTY	SELECTMAN	
GORDON L. KEMP	Selectman	

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**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>						
4130	Executive	02	\$89,948	\$100,559	\$120,575	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	02	\$42,538	\$52,259	\$70,298	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	02	\$43,801	\$43,822	\$46,789	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	02	\$29,269	\$31,500	\$34,350	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	02	\$3,629	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	02	\$186,623	\$210,309	\$221,749	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	02	\$13,044	\$11,053	\$10,275	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	02	\$143,430	\$191,386	\$152,707	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	02	\$29,143	\$29,191	\$29,191	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	02	\$25,110	\$25,110	\$27,370	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	02	\$5,265	\$3,679	\$3,700	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$46,467	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$658,267</b>	<b>\$708,868</b>	<b>\$727,004</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>						
4210	Police	02	\$188,491	\$204,853	\$209,856	\$0
4215	Ambulances	02	\$72,136	\$56,473	\$73,553	\$0
4220	Fire	02	\$45,065	\$104,422	\$61,906	\$0
4240	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	02	\$117,328	\$29,639	\$33,641	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$423,020</b>	<b>\$395,388</b>	<b>\$378,957</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>						
4311	Highway Administration	02	\$75,833	\$82,655	\$90,508	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	02	\$321,209	\$807,621	\$509,007	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	02	\$5,520	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$10,426	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>			<b>\$412,988</b>	<b>\$896,776</b>	<b>\$606,015</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Sanitation</b>						
4321	Sanitation Administration	02	\$82,293	\$72,326	\$88,604	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	02	\$129,697	\$102,092	\$130,643	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$211,990</b>	<b>\$174,418</b>	<b>\$219,247</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>						
4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>						
4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>						
4411	Health Administration	02	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	02	\$17,057	\$17,257	\$16,907	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$18,057</b>	<b>\$18,257</b>	<b>\$17,907</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>						
4441	Welfare Administration		\$0	\$10,330	\$0	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance	02	\$3,973	\$0	\$10,580	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$6,583	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$10,556</b>	<b>\$10,330</b>	<b>\$10,580</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for	Appropriations	Proposed Appropriations for period	
			period ending	for period ending	ending 12/31/2024	
			12/31/2023	12/31/2023	(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>						
4520	Parks and Recreation	02	\$26,250	\$7,845	\$9,304	\$0
4550	Library	02	\$57,897	\$49,000	\$50,451	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	02	\$325	\$376	\$376	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	02	\$0	\$1	\$1	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$84,472</b>	<b>\$57,222</b>	<b>\$60,132</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>						
4611	Conservation Administration	02	\$451	\$1,076	\$1,000	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$451</b>	<b>\$1,076</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	02	\$0	\$500	\$500	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>						
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$257,714	\$435,000	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$577,690	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$835,404</b>	<b>\$435,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



### Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2023	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>					<b>\$2,021,342</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Special Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	07 <i>Purpose: Backhoe</i>	\$2	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	15 <i>Purpose: Fire Dept. New Brush Truck</i>	\$1	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	21 <i>Purpose: Create Backup Generator Capital Reserve Fund</i>	\$1	\$0
4903	Buildings	18 <i>Purpose: Library Roof Repair</i>	\$30,000	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	03 <i>Purpose: Bridge Design and Consulting Services</i>	\$205,000	\$0
4911	To Revolving Funds	06 <i>Purpose: Ambulance Revolving Fund</i>	\$1	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	20 <i>Purpose: Add to Capital Reserve Funds</i>	\$8	\$0
<b>Total Proposed Special Articles</b>			<b>\$235,013</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**Individual Warrant Articles**

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4210	Police	19	\$2,550	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Sign Trailer Subscription</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	14	\$1	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Self Contained Breathing Apparatus</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	13	\$1	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Department Turnout Gear</i>		
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	12	\$1	\$0
		<i>Purpose: 1-Ton Truck To Replace The 2012 Dodge Truck</i>		
4903	Buildings	16	\$10,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Electrical Upgrades for Town Hall/Village Fire Sta</i>		
4903	Buildings	17	\$5,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Lighting Upgrade for Village and East Alstead Fire</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	08	\$1	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Dam Engineering</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	11	\$1	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Transfer Station Safety Upgrades</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	10	\$17,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&amp;H) Study #2</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	05	\$400,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Paving</i>		
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	09	\$8,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&amp;H) Study #1</i>		
<b>Total Proposed Individual Articles</b>			<b>\$442,555</b>	<b>\$0</b>





Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	02	\$4,800	\$5,000	\$5,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	02	\$48,041	\$45,000	\$45,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	02	\$589	\$800	\$500
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	02	\$23,769	\$30,000	\$20,000
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$77,199</b>	<b>\$80,800</b>	<b>\$70,500</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	02	\$359,668	\$380,000	\$320,000
3230	Building Permits	02	\$1,050	\$900	\$900
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	02	\$12,054	\$10,500	\$10,500
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$372,772</b>	<b>\$391,400</b>	<b>\$331,400</b>
<b>From Federal Government</b>					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>From Federal Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>State Sources</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	02	\$175,265	\$144,500	\$175,265
3353	Highway Block Grant	02	\$95,100	\$95,112	\$95,112
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	02	\$205	\$2	\$2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	02	\$0	\$45,033	\$1,400
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$454,428	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other		\$23,403	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$748,401</b>	<b>\$284,647</b>	<b>\$271,779</b>



Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401	Income from Departments	02	\$175,918	\$117,000	\$140,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$175,918</b>	<b>\$117,000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$0	\$5,000	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	02	\$48,608	\$18,000	\$45,000
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$120	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations	02	\$99,363	\$0	\$95,000
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified	02	\$22,063	\$117,400	\$1,500
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$170,154</b>	<b>\$140,400</b>	<b>\$141,500</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	15, 07, 03, 18	\$455,000	\$360,000	\$235,002
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$455,000</b>	<b>\$360,000</b>	<b>\$235,002</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	05	\$403,575	\$0	\$255,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$403,575</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$255,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$2,403,019</b>	<b>\$1,374,247</b>	<b>\$1,445,181</b>



**Budget Summary**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Period ending 12/31/2024</b>
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$2,021,342
Special Warrant Articles	\$235,013
Individual Warrant Articles	\$442,555
Total Appropriations	\$2,698,910
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$1,445,181
<b>Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised</b>	<b>\$1,253,729</b>



Default Budget of the Municipality

Alstead

For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

RSA 40:13, IX (b) "Default budget" as used in this subdivision means the amount of the same appropriations as contained in the operating budget authorized for the previous year, reduced and increased, as the case may be, by debt service, contracts, and other obligations previously incurred or mandated by law, and reduced by one-time expenditures contained in the operating budget. For the purposes of this paragraph, one-time expenditures shall be appropriations not likely to recur in the succeeding budget, as determined by the governing body, unless the provisions of RSA 40:14-b are adopted, of the local political subdivision.

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GOVERNING BODY OR BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
JOEL C. M'CAHRY	SELECTMAN	
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECTMAN	
Gordon L. Kemp	Selectman	

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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>General Government</b>					
4130	Executive	\$100,559	\$0	\$0	\$100,559
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	\$52,259	\$0	(\$3,353)	\$48,906
4150	Financial Administration	\$43,822	\$0	\$0	\$43,822
4152	Property Assessment	\$31,500	\$0	\$0	\$31,500
4153	Legal Expense	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
4155	Personnel Administration	\$210,309	\$11,877	\$0	\$222,186
4191	Planning and Zoning	\$11,053	\$0	(\$1,000)	\$10,053
4194	General Government Buildings	\$151,386	\$0	\$0	\$151,386
4195	Cemeteries	\$29,191	\$0	\$0	\$29,191
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	\$25,110	\$0	\$0	\$25,110
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	\$3,679	\$0	\$0	\$3,679
4198	Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>		<b>\$668,868</b>	<b>\$11,877</b>	<b>(\$4,353)</b>	<b>\$676,392</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>					
4210	Police	\$204,853	\$0	\$0	\$204,853
4215	Ambulances	\$56,473	\$0	\$0	\$56,473
4220	Fire	\$54,422	\$0	\$0	\$54,422
4240	Building Inspection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	\$29,639	\$0	\$0	\$29,639
4299	Other Public Safety	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>		<b>\$345,388</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$345,388</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>					
4301	Airport Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Highways and Streets</b>					
4311	Highway Administration	\$82,655	\$0	\$0	\$82,655
4312	Highways and Streets	\$374,046	\$0	\$0	\$374,046
4313	Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	\$6,500	\$0	\$0	\$6,500
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Highways and Streets Subtotal</b>		<b>\$463,201</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$463,201</b>



**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>Sanitation</b>					
4321	Sanitation Administration	\$72,326	\$0	\$0	\$72,326
4323	Solid Waste Collection	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	\$102,092	\$0	\$0	\$102,092
4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Sanitation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$174,418</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$174,418</b>
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>					
4331	Water Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Electric</b>					
4351	Electric Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Electric Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Health</b>					
4411	Health Administration	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
4414	Pest Control	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	\$17,257	\$0	\$0	\$17,257
4419	Other Health	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>		<b>\$18,257</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,257</b>
<b>Welfare</b>					
4441	Welfare Administration	\$10,330	\$0	\$0	\$10,330
4442	Direct Assistance	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>		<b>\$10,330</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,330</b>



Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
4520	Parks and Recreation	\$7,845	\$0	\$0	\$7,845
4550	Library	\$49,000	\$0	\$0	\$49,000
4583	Patriotic Purposes	\$376	\$0	\$0	\$376
4589	Other Culture and Recreation	\$1	\$0	\$0	\$1
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>		<b>\$57,222</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$57,222</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>					
4611	Conservation Administration	\$1,076	\$0	\$0	\$1,076
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4619	Other Conservation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>		<b>\$1,076</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,076</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>					
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	\$500	\$0	\$0	\$500
4790	Other Debt Service Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>		<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>					
4901	Land	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



**2024  
MS-DTB**

**Appropriations**

Account	Purpose	Prior Year Adopted Budget	Reductions or Increases	One-Time Appropriations	Default Budget
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>					
4911	To Revolving Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trusts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>		<b>\$1,739,260</b>	<b>\$11,877</b>	<b>(\$4,353)</b>	<b>\$1,746,784</b>





**New Hampshire**  
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**2024**  
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**Reasons for Reductions/Increases & One-Time Appropriations**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
4140	3 laptops
4155	Rate increase/workers comp increase
4191	Laptop



**Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted**

**Alstead**

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

*In accordance with RSA 21-J:35, the department is notifying you of the following changes in the estimated revenues used in computing the tax rate.*

<b>Account</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>Change Amount</b>	<b>Estimated Revenue Adjusted</b>
<b>Taxes</b>				
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000
3180	Resident Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	\$45,000	\$0	\$45,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3187	Excavation Tax	\$800	(\$300)	\$500
3189	Other Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	\$30,000	(\$10,000)	\$20,000
9991	Inventory Penalties	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>		<b>\$80,800</b>	<b>(\$10,300)</b>	<b>\$70,500</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</b>				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	\$0	\$0	\$0
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$380,000	(\$60,000)	\$320,000
3230	Building Permits	\$900	\$0	\$900
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$10,500	\$0	\$10,500
3311-3319	From Federal Government	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>		<b>\$391,400</b>	<b>(\$60,000)</b>	<b>\$331,400</b>
<b>State Sources</b>				
3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	\$144,500	\$30,765	\$175,265
3353	Highway Block Grant	\$95,112	\$0	\$95,112
3354	Water Pollution Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development	\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	\$2	\$0	\$2
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)	\$45,033	\$0	\$45,033
3379	From Other Governments	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$284,647</b>	<b>\$30,765</b>	<b>\$315,412</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>				
3401-3406	Income from Departments	\$117,000	\$23,000	\$140,000
3409	Other Charges	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>		<b>\$117,000</b>	<b>\$23,000</b>	<b>\$140,000</b>



**Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted**

**Miscellaneous Revenues**

3501	Sale of Municipal Property	\$5,000	(\$5,000)	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	\$18,000	\$27,000	\$45,000
3503-3509	Other	\$117,400	(\$7,400)	\$110,000
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>		<b>\$140,400</b>	<b>\$14,600</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>

**Interfund Operating Transfers In**

3912	From Special Revenue Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)	\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	\$360,000	\$30,000	\$390,000
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>		<b>\$360,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$390,000</b>

**Other Financing Sources**

3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>Total Revised Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>		<b>\$1,374,247</b>	<b>\$28,065</b>	<b>\$1,402,312</b>
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**Revised Estimated Revenues Adjusted**

	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Change Amount</b>	<b>State Adjusted</b>
<b>Subtotal of Revenues</b>	<b>\$1,374,247</b>	<b>\$28,065</b>	<b>\$1,402,312</b>
Unassigned Fund Balance (Unreserved)	\$0	\$639,571	\$639,571
(Less) Emergency Appropriations (RSA 32:11)	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Less) Voted from Fund Balance	\$403,575	\$0	\$403,575
(Less) Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance Retained	(\$403,575)	\$639,571	\$235,996
<b>Total Revenues and Credits</b>	<b>\$1,777,822</b>	<b>\$28,065</b>	<b>\$1,805,887</b>
<b>Requested Overlay</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>	<b>\$25,000</b>

**Assessment Overview**

Total Appropriations	\$2,955,868
(Less) Total Revenues and Credits	\$1,805,887
<b>Net Assessment</b>	<b>\$1,149,981</b>

**Explanation of Adjustments**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Reason for Adjustment</b>	<b>Warrant Number</b>
3187	PER MARY	02
3190	PER MARY	02
3220	PER MARY	02
3352	STATE REVENUE	02
3401-3406	PER MARY	02
3501	PER MARY	02
3502	PER MARY	02
3503-3509	PER MARY/INC \$10K W/A #16	02
3915	W/A'S 4-5, 18	,05,04

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

*Moderator Susan Norlander called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The Moderator discussed the procedures and the rules of conduct. The Moderator also introduced the officials that were present and announced the date and time of the town election.*

### **Article 01: Election of Officers**

**To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.**

### **Article 02- Operating Budget**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,692,584. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,732,234 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$8.72 per 1000)

*Motion: Julie Bacon*

*Second: Gordon Kemp*

*Discussion:*

Motion to Amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

To increase operating budget to \$1,729,855

3% budget cap inhibits pay raises and additional improvements

Bruce Bellows questioned the Select Board's rate of pay of \$1.00 and recommended that they receive more in their salary pay

Richard Nalevanko asked if new amount is within the 3% cap

Joel McCarty supported the amendment, but mentioned the Consumer Price Index is 6.1%

Michael Rogers asked for clarification on new budget proposal

Joel McCarty and Matthew Saxton explained the Select Board Pay

Kathy Torrey supported the cost-of-living increase

Robert Quaglin asked if the intent of the increase is to keep up with yearly inflation. He stated that he feels that 4.5% is a significant increase from a business standpoint and is not against increasing wages, but does not want to set a precedent for each year.

Joseph Levesque responded to question, stating the employee wages are \$30,229 with cost of living (4.5%) and PTO cash-out

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Mary Ann Wolf described the process, stating that voters can exceed the cap.

Susan Krebbs asked for clarification, questioning the proposed budget leaving the Select Board without pay

*Jesse Moore moved to amend*

*Second: Bobbie Wilson*

To change the amendment to reflect the \$9,405 for Select Board Pay

Barry Bellows stated that the resulting number was greater than the default budget

Robert Quaglin opposed Jesse Moore's amendment

Susan Norlander read Jesse Moore's amendment "\$9,405+\$1,729,855=\$1,739,260"

Yes=25 No=14

Susan Norlander read the amended article reflecting amount of \$1,739,260 with default budget of \$1,732,234

Yes=26 No=13

Article 2 as amended-passed

Glenn Elsesser moved to restrict reconsideration

*Second: Gordon Kemp*

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 03- Paving**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$418,575 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with up to \$403,575 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and up to \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Michael Rogers

*Discussion:*

Robert Quaglin asked if there was a quote

Prescott Trafton's response was that there is no firm commitment, but proposals have gone out; he reviewed the cost of materials and explained the basis for this year's numbers, and stated that he would like to finish the road

Richard Nalevanko asked if rest of road will be paved

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Prescott Trafton's answer was yes, the worst section

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 04- New 10-Wheel Dump Truck**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck, with up to \$180,000 to come from Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 38 cents per 1000)

Motion: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 05- Purchase & Equip a Used Ambulance Vehicle**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used ambulance vehicle, with \$180,000 to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This special article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

To strike the word "special" from the second sentence

Further discussion:

Bruce Bellows asked if there a vehicle already equipped in mind

Jesse Moore gave an explanation for requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance and noted that he is not replacing the existing one. He also mentioned that the call volume is up 20%, and that Alstead is becoming a community of older population. He also said that the number of paramedics has increased

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Bruce Bellows asked if there a place to house it

Jesse Moore's answer was no, not at this time

Gordon Kemp asked what kind of ambulance it is

Jesse Moore explained that it is a recycled chassis on new body

Robert Quaglin asked if we can use the word refurbished in the amendment

Jesse Moore's answer was that it is not OK to say refurbished because it will limit him to that kind of vehicle

Barry Bellows asked if there is money left in capital reserve after removing 180k

Voted on amendment-YES, by majority vote.

Voted on article as amended: YES, by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 06- Road Striping**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the purpose of striping roads, \$11,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 5 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

To change \$11,000 to \$0

Further Discussion:

Bruce Bellows asked why change article to zero

Glenn Elsesser explained difference between striping and yellow lines

Jodi Kercewich asked what roads would be striped

Prescott Trafton stated that white striping would be okay, he would like to do yellow lines this year

Glenn Elsesser commented that striping and mowing could be done alternating years

Michael Rogers agreed with alternating



## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Chris Hanson mentioned that he is concerned that striping could be eliminated

Donna Lund spoke about concerns about lack of yellow, center lines

Chris Hanson asked if striping will be done to new pavement on Gilsum Mine Rd

Prescott Trafton answered maybe if there is money left over

Voted on amendment-YES, by majority vote.

Voted on article as amended: YES, by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 07- Dust Control**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of Dust Control, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. This article is recommended by the Select Board (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 7 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Robert Quaglin

Discussion:

Matthew Saxton explained why it's not part of the operating budget

Bruce Bellows asked for more explanation on how often it is done and what expenditure is for

Prescott Trafton explained calcium chloride vs magnesium chloride and what treatments are used for different roads, and which is better for environment and trucks

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 08- Add to Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,033 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$45,033 to come from the Alstead Special One-Time Bridge Payment. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Motion: Jodi Kercewich

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Discussion:

Gordon Kemp asked for explanation

Joel McCarty talked about current bridge projects. Said there will be a meeting with Concord on 2/7 to talk about 2 bridges (Hill Rd and Comstock Rd) that will be looked at by the state. There is expected to be a one-time gift from DOT

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 09- Add to Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$8,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 4 cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Jean Kelly

Discussion:

Gordon Kemp asked about condition of (2) existing compactors

Jean Kelly said Langdon's compactor is very old, Alstead's is in better shape than Langdon

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 10- Add to Shedd-Porter Library Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$25,00 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Carol Reller

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Carol Reller

To change typo from \$25,00 to \$25,000

Voted on amendment-YES by majority vote.

Voted on article as amended: YES, by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 11- Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The sum of \$25,000 is to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Motion: Gordon Kemp

Second: Kathy Torrey

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Discussion:

Gordon Kemp asked if this amount included the new ambulance

Glenn Elsesser stated that we may need to adjust the amount next year

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 12- Add to Police Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Motion: Jodi Kercewich

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 13- Add to Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020. The sum of \$5,000 is to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 2.5 cents per 1000)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Second: Ed Reller

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

To change from \$5,000 to \$0

Mary Ann Wolf asked how often you can apply for the moose grant

Gordon Kemp mentioned that the moose plate grants are awarded every year

Matthew Saxton says one project receives the grant money

Further discussion by:

Michael Rogers, Glenn Elsesser, Mary Ann Wolf, Gordon Kemp, Matthew Saxton, Carol Reller, Joel McCarty, Rich Nalevanko, Kathy Torrey, Martin Castriotta, Jodi Kercewich, Barbara Viegner

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Motion to move the question: Bruce Bellows

Second: unanimous

Voted on amendment-YES by majority vote.

Voted on article as amended: YES by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

### **Article 14-Add to Highway Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 39 cents per 1000)

Motion: Glenn Elsesser

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 15-Add to Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 34 cents per 1000)

Motion: Kathy Torrey

Second: Jodi Kercewich

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 16- Repair and Preserve the Historical Society Steeple**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000 for the purpose of repairing and preserving the Historical Society Steeple, with \$40,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the contractor completes the work in 2024. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 21 cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Kathy Torrey

Discussion:

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Motion to amend: Bruce Bellows

Second: Jodi Kercewich

To change \$30,000 to be raised by taxation and \$10,000 to be donated by the Alstead Historical Society and to add "painting" to end of first sentence

Matthew Saxton spoke about the fact that the repairs were put off last year and that it has become necessary

Gordon Kemp suggested a more durable solution

Bruce Bellows gave further explanation and history of the building's maintenance

Kathy Torrey asked for more clarification

In favor of the amendment: YES by majority vote

Voted on amendment-YES by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended

### **Article 17- Purchase Main Street Property (M11 L2)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$35,000 for the purpose of purchasing the Main Street property next to the Town Hall (M11 L2), with \$35,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 18 cents per 1000)

Motion: Julie Bacon

Second: Matthew Saxton

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Glenn Elsesser

To change \$35,000 to \$0

Further Discussion:

Bruce Bellows asked if Select Board negotiated with owner, and urges group to consider

Matthew Saxton replied no

Barry Bellows asked why it is a good idea

Susan Norlander stated that the state always dings us at elections due to parking inadequacy.

Julie Bacon explained further to Barry Bellows why it should be purchased, and that it's time to fix the parking issue

Michael Rogers supported buying the property

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Gordon Kemp mentions that the condition of the well is unknown, cars are sold, suggests waiting a year to look into zoning limitations and restrictions

Rich Nalevanko supports waiting a year

Chris Hanson stated concern that there could be a “brown field”

Bruce Bellows said that it could be paved over

Carol Reller asked if warrant was approved and not spent, could money be held in fund balance

Wendy Underwood stated that we have 16 acres on Bragg Lane, why not look into building new facility there

Motion to move: Rich Nalevanko

Second: Jodi Kercewich

In favor of the amendment: YES by majority vote

Voted on amendment-YES by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 18- Repair Fire Engine 3**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 3, with \$30,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 15 cents per 1000)

Motion: Matthew Saxton

Second: Carol Reller

Discussion:

Matthew Saxton stated this should be in operating budget, but was added to warrant because of 3% cap

Julie Bacon asked if it could be put back in budget

Glenn Elsesser asked when it broke, and why wasn't it fixed then

Kim Kercewich answered in 2022

Michael Rogers asked which fire truck it was

Bobbie Wilson asked if the repair cost more than 30k can we spend more?

Barry Bellows asked why the money wasn't in the budget

Kim Kercewich stated that the fire department had to cut the budget back to 2017 levels

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

Further Discussion by:

Ed Reller, Bruce Bellows, Sharon Phennah, Jodi Kercewich, Mary Ann Wolf, Barbara Viegener

Motion to amend: Jodi Kercewich

Second: Bruce Bellows

To take funds from Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund

Further discussion:

Kim Kercewich, Gordon Kemp, Sharon Phennah, Glenn Elsesser

The Moderator re-read the amendment: YES by majority vote

Voted on amendment-YES by majority vote.

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 19-Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA equipment for the Fire Department, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required). (Tax impact 10 cents per 1000)

Motion: Joel McCarty

Second: Bobbie Wilson

Discussion:

Joseph Levesque, Barbara Viegener, Robert Quaglin, Kim Kercewich

Motion to move: Jodi Kercewich

Second: Mary Ann Wolf

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 20-Authorize Library Trustees to Manage Unanticipated Funds**

Shall the town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required).

Motion: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Kathy Torrey

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

### Article 21- Adopt a 5% Tax Cap per RSA 23:5-b

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 5%? Public Hearing Required. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (3/5 Vote Required.)

Motion: Jodi Kercewich

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion:

Motion to amend: Gordon Kemp

Second: Glenn Elsesser

To change from 5% to 4% cap

Further Discussion by:

Gordon Kemp, Robert Quaglin, Matthew Saxton, Chris Hanson, Kim Kercewich, Joel McCarty

Motion to move: Rich Nalevanko

Second: Glenn Elsesser

In favor: YES by majority vote

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### Article 22-Rescind the 3% tax cap

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Town in Warrant Article #21 on March 11, 2014, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.) (3/5 Vote Required.)

Motion: Julie Bacon

Second: Kathy Torrey

Discussion:

Robert Quaglin, Glenn Elsesser, Bobbie Wilson, Joel McCarty, Matthew Saxton, Gordon Kemp, Barry Bellows

Motion to move: Mary Ann Wolf

Second: Julie Bacon

In favor: YES by majority vote

Julie Bacon

Second: Gordon Kemp

Motion to not reconsider all warrants up to this point.



## 2023 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES - CONTINUED

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as amended.

### **Article 23-Re-adopt Optional Veteran's Tax Credit (72:28, II)**

Shall the Town READOPT the VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit of three hundred dollars (\$300) on residential property? (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Motion: Julie

Second: Gordon Kemp

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written.

### **Article 24- Re-adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)**

Shall the Town RE-ADOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, which was originally adopted in 2022? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a cred under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be three hundred dollars (\$300), which is the same amount as the standard veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Motion: Julie Bacon

Second: Rich Nalevanko

Discussion: none

The Moderator requested that the Town Clerk place the Article on the Warrant Ballot as written

The meeting ended at 1:40

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A Bacon

Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector


**NON-PARTISAN OFFICIAL  
ANNUAL TOWN BALLOT  
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Tuesday, March 14, 2023  
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SELECT BOARD (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">94</p> <p><u>William Jordan Cannon</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Gordon Kemp</u> 245 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Michael Rau</u> 42 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TREASURER (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">344</p> <p><u>Hans Waldmann</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">341</p> <p><u>Allan Kauders</u> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LIBRARY TRUSTEE (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2</b></p> <p><u>Kathy Torrey</u> 306 <input type="radio"/></p> <p><u>Karn McShane</u> 236 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST (6 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</b></p> <p><u>Bobbie Wilson</u> 345 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CEMETERY COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERM) VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 1</b></p> <p><u>Allan Kauders</u> 337 <input type="radio"/></p> <p>_____ <input type="radio"/></p> <p>write-in</p>

*Julie Atsacorn*

OFFICIAL  
ANNUAL TOWN BALLOT  
TOWN OF ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023  
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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ARTICLES

Article 02 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$1,739,260. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$1,732,234 which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Alstead or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact \$6.19 per 1000)

Yes  No

304 94

Article 03 Paving

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$418,575 for the purpose of reclaiming and paving Gilsum Mine Rd with up to \$403,575 of said funds to come from unassigned fund balance; and up to \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

291 107

Article 04 New 10-Wheel Dump Truck

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new 10-wheel dump truck, with up to \$180,000 to come from the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988 and \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the truck is purchased or by December 31, 2024, whichever is sooner.

The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 38 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

263 137

Article 05 Purchase & Equip a Used Ambulance Vehicle

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a used ambulance vehicle, with \$180,000 to come from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. This article is a special warrant article per RSA 32:3 VI (d) and RSA 32:7 V. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0).

(Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Yes  No

323 79

Article 06 Road Striping

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 for the purpose of striping roads, \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (1-2). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes  No

188 174

Article 07 Dust Control

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of Dust Control, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

196 194

*Julie Abaco*

**Article 08 Add to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,033 to be added to the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2012, with \$45,033 to come from the Alstead Special One-Time Bridge Payment. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes  No

321 53

**Article 09 Add to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to be added to the Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2015, with \$8,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 4 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

294 100

**Article 10 Add to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Shedd-Porter Memorial Library Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2010, with \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

274 120

**Article 11 Add to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$25,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required) (Tax impact 12 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

267 123

**Article 12 Add to the Police Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Police Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2011, with \$15,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 7.5 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

254 141

**Article 13 Add to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$0 to be added to the Vilas Pool Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 2020, with \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (0-3). (Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes  No

167 189

**Article 14 Add to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Highway Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1988, with \$75,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 39 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

253 136

**Article 15 Add to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 to be added to the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992, with \$65,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority Vote Required) (Tax impact 34 cents per 1000)

Yes  No

256 132

*John Abaco*

**Article 16 Repair and Preserve the Historical Society Steeple**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to \$40,000 for the purpose of repairing, painting, and preserving the Historical Society Steeple, with \$30,000 to be raised by taxation and \$10,000 to be donated by Alstead Historical Society. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the contractor completes the work in 2024. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Majority vote required).  
(Tax impact 16 cents per 1000)

Yes     No  
286            108

**Article 17 Purchase Main Street Property (M11 L2)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$0 for the purpose of purchasing the Main Street property next to the Town Hall (M11 L2), with \$0 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board does not recommend this article (1-2).  
(Majority vote required). (No new taxation)

Yes     No  
178            169

**Article 18 Repair Fire Engine 3**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000 for the purpose of repairing Fire Engine 3, with \$30,000 to come from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1992. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0).  
(Majority Vote Required) (No new taxation)

Yes     No  
352            42

**Article 19 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for the purpose of purchasing SCBA equipment for the Fire Department, with \$20,000 to be raised by taxation. The Select Board recommends this article (3-0).  
(Majority vote required). (Tax impact 10 cents per 1000)

Yes     No  
298            95

**Article 20 Authorize Library Trustees to Manage Unanticipated Funds**

Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town meeting, unanticipated money from a state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0).  
(Majority vote required).

Yes     No  
316            75

**Article 21 Adopt a 4% Tax Cap per RSA 32:5-b**

Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 4%? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.)  
(3/5 Vote Required.)

Yes     No  
269            123

**Article 22 Rescind the 3% tax cap**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, known as the tax cap, as adopted by the Town in Warrant Article #21 on March 11, 2014, so that there will no longer be a limit on increases to the recommended budget in the amount to be raised by local taxes? The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (Public Hearing Required.)  
(3/5 Vote Required.)

Yes     No  
247            143

*Jehu Abacon*

**Article 23 Re-adopt Veteran's Tax Credit (RSA 72:28, II)**

Shall the Town READOPT the VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit of three hundred dollars (\$300) on residential property? (Majority vote required)  
The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Yes       No  
362            27

**Article 24 Re-adopt All Veterans' Tax Credit (RSA 72:28-b)**

Shall the Town RE-ADOPT the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, which was originally adopted in 2022? If re-adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If re-adopted, the credit granted will be three hundred dollars (\$300), which is the same amount as the standard veteran's tax credit under RSA 72:28 which was adopted in 2016. (Majority vote required) The Select Board recommends this article (3-0). (No new taxation)

Yes       No  
358            31

SAMPLE

*Julie Abaco*

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT 2023**

**As written by Joel C. McCarty**

It's been quite a year.

For quite a few years.

With untold challenges and zillions of dollars on the line going forward.

The Vilas Pool Park Dam endures on under a long-standing Letter of Deficiency. The Pool itself is more meadow than pool. Highwater events have repeatedly inflicted expensive damage on the adjacent and downstream sections of State Route 123a. Half of the monies requested in Article 8 are to begin the process of addressing the future of this beloved gift from Charles N. Vilas. No one can estimate at this time how much money and effort will be expended on this project over the next decade.

The Lake Warren Dam has recently been reclassified as 'High Hazard' (a fate likely to befall the Vilas Dam in 2024) as a result of calculated life-safety threats to downstream residents.

Whatever we think about the regulatory environment we work in, it would be immoral to ignore or defy this finding. As above, half of the monies in Article 8 would just barely begin to explore these issues. And as above, no one can estimate how much money and effort will be expended on this project over the next decade(s).

If there is a silver lining, it is that High Hazard municipally-owned dams are the specific target of a new FEMA grant program. We intend to make ourselves very attractive to this program, and we have an enthusiastic and skilled grant-writer on our team in the person of Joe LaVesque.

There is always a complication; the scientists and technicians at the NH Dept of Environmental Services are increasingly concerned about the levels of toxic Cyanobacteria in Lake Warren. A larger, longer project is in the brainstorming stage with Selectmen, regulators, planners and engineers and the Lake Warren Association to further improve stormwater and run-off management along Pine Cliff Road, and to increase the capacity immediately downstream of the Dam to preclude the regular flooding of the intersection at Pine Cliff and Prentice Hill Roads.

Discussions include relocating parts of Pine Cliff Road, raising the intersection over additional culvert structures at Pine Cliff/Prentice Hill, installing traffic calming/traffic limiting features on Pine Cliff Road hand in hand with providing an impervious roadway surface, and in a truly pie in the sky effort, provide for limited parking, non-motorized watercraft launch, and even public swimming in the area of the existing dam. None of this will be cheap, easy, quick, or without contention.

Roger Pelton (the Elder) told me years and years ago when we were building my long, steep driveway, that road building was really mostly about water and what to do with it. Our community has been taught this lesson repeatedly over the past two decades; have we learned it

## SELECT BOARD REPORT 2023 - CONTINUED

fully, yet? We've had three flooding events significant enough to be Federally declared disasters in less than two decades, along with nearly countless smaller washouts, road closures and culvert and catch basin ruination during this same period. Recently our neighbors in Acworth have been receiving well more than their share of water complete with the predictable bridge and culvert failures and multiple road closures. Alstead has inadvertently added to their misery; we rebuilt the last mile of Cobb Hill Road in 2015 with an approved technique, poorly applied, using improperly recycled glass as a sub-surface gravel substitute. The flooding of this most recent July turned parts of that road inside out, and distributed broken glass over tens of thousands of square feet of mostly private land in two Towns and two Counties. We still do not a viable plan for cleaning up our mess, though the current Selectboard is committed to doing so, and continues to seek professional help from the NH Dept of Environmental Services and the SouthWest Regional Planning Commission.

That same flood event did considerable damage in the Thayer Brook Rd area, necessitating the emergency construction of a bypass (made possible by the generous impulses of members of the Rhoades Family), and some major culvert work. We are reasonably confident that FEMA will provide significant assistance for the worst of it, and the paper chase is well underway. There are Warrant articles to support the early stages of this work.

We have two bridge projects actively in the design phase (Hill Rd and Comstock Rd), headed towards bidding and contracts by early 2025. We are grateful for the incredible financial support of the MOBIL (Municipally Owned Bipartisan Infrastructure Law) which in current numbers will buy us \$3.4 million worth of bridges for a local share of \$150k. There is a catch though; we have to pay the entire engineering, design, permitting, etc. bill (\$750k) up front, waiting until early 2025 for 80% reimbursement. Even though the Town has been really good about socking away money for bridges in Capital Reserves, this will likely cause us some cash-flow heartburn towards the end of the year. The possibility exists and is being actively pursued that we'll be able to accelerate this schedule somewhat, as the bridge on Bell Hill (Hill Road) was condemned by NH DOT and immediately closed in December of '23.

Further, the Governor is expected to sign the 10-year highway plan as early as March. Included in that plan is the replacement of the Drewsville/Alstead Center Road bridge between the top of Bell Hill (Hill Road) and the bottom of Homestead Road. This bridge has been on the state's Red List since about 2012 and is in 'poor' condition. It is pre-qualified for State Bridge Aid, which is a generous deal, but not nearly so generous as the program we're enrolled in for the Hill Rd and Comstock Rd bridges. We would be prudent to begin spending money on analysis and engineering for replacement of the Drewsville Rd bridge as soon as we're fully reimbursed for the two bridges we're working on now.

Modern materials and design practices promise bridges with a service life estimate of 100 years, which is roughly twice what we're seeing with our current inventory. Though none of us would be alive to see it were that promise broken.



## **SELECT BOARD REPORT 2023 - CONTINUED**

And finally, for now, turn your attention to that lot where Ray Boucher lived all those years next to Town Hall. Many of us have thought that having more than six parking spaces for town affairs would be of public benefit. Ray's children have seen it this way, as well. But before we conclude negotiations, all parties want and need to know what the soil and water conditions are. As of this writing we have successfully convinced the US Environmental Protection Administration that the parcel is an appropriate project for Brownfields Analysis, and they are even willing to pay for it, thanks to the advocacy of our friends at Southwest Regional Planning.

Infrastructure is what we build for our grandkids, as our parents built for us. Pass it on!

Respectfully,  
**Joel C. McCarty**

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT 2023**

**As written by Matt Saxton**

The year began with many meetings in the effort to build a budget that complied with the 3% tax cap. The effort took longer than usual after a year of steep inflation in the national economy. But we got there after all.

The overall effect of the tax cap is that much more power resides with the voters at our annual SB2 Deliberative Session. We Selectmen would be glad to see many more voters at the Deliberative Session than we've been having in the previous few years. Last year there were about 45, of a possible 1300. Wouldn't it be better if YOU, reading this, were part of the decision-making? There is a great deal of discussion at this meeting, and the voters who attend are able to make well-informed decisions. The 550 or so residents who don't attend the Deliberative Session and vote a few weeks later in March do so without the benefit of all the information and debate that exists only at the Deliberative Session.

Alstead's population is falling by about 1% per year (mostly accounted for by fewer resident children), the cost of almost everything is up significantly, and new mandates and rules coming from Concord are adding work for us, and expense to the budget.

In the effort to cope with all that, we are reaching out to Concord—the Executive Council, the Department of Environmental Services (DES), and the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), for whatever help or influence that can be brought to bear.

ARPA, the American Rescue Plan Act, has been a big help with Town finances. Alstead was granted a total of \$237,000.00.

Without the Federal and State money that has found its way to Alstead in the last 20 years, Alstead would look lots worse, services would be fewer, and our property taxes would be higher. It is true that some of the money coming from the State and Federal governments to Alstead can be said to have come from the money Alstead residents send TO those governments!

Citizen participation in our Town government is pretty good these days, but we Selectmen dream of a day when one person didn't have to hold three positions at the same time.

The first mud season arrived in the middle of February, and crushed stone was needed to keep some roads passable. The future, it appears, is here.

In March, we welcomed Gordon Kemp to the Board, and thanked Joe Levesque for his talents and service.

The lawsuit from a resident claiming an exclusive right to a Class 6 road through his property was resolved. The Court ruled entirely in Alstead's favor. Class 6 roads give access to the public, period.

It might be that someday Alstead's population will double again, like it did in the 1970's. That eventual increase in population will be served by a significant portion of our network of about

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT – CONTINUED**

106 miles of Class 6 roads. All these roads used to go to someone's house— all those cellar holes in the woods!

Gilsum Mine Road was paved, at about the same time as the July flood aftermath. It took too long to deal with the edges—sorry about that.

The Highway guys did what they could as fast as they could.

Lines on the new paving were not painted, because the warrant article that would have paid for that was zeroed out at last year's Deliberative Session.

The Road Agent's job these days involves a tremendous amount of documentation and other paperwork, which is required for FEMA reimbursement. We've been told that Road Agent Prescott, and Tina Nash, who works part-time in the Highway Department office, do an unusually fine job with the FEMA paperwork.

In September 2023, Alstead received \$384,228.00 from FEMA, as reimbursement for our flood damage two years ago, in July of 2021.

In July of 2023—another infrastructure damaging flood. A major culvert on Thayer Brook Road washed out, taking the road with it. Crushed glass, used years ago as a drainage layer under some gravel roads, washed onto private property in Acworth. Vilas Pool was closed for a big chunk of the summer.

Thanks to the Rhoades family for permission to encroach on their property for a curving, temporary bypass around the missing culvert on Thayer Brook.

No solution, despite many consultations, has yet been discovered for the glass problem. We are grateful for the patience of the affected landowners.

Ben Hoy, our Transfer Station manager, resigned in the summer. We are grateful that the staff stepped up to carry on.

Ben brought the C&D scale into the operation, and our C&D is being more properly charged. Love it or hate it, the Selectboard believes it was the right, and fair, thing to do.

We had a focused discussion about plastic recycling.

The Transfer Station continues to accept plastics #1–7.

For Hazardous Waste: It is to be taken for collection in Keene on their published collection days. Pay the fee there, and bring your receipt to the Alstead Town Office to submit for reimbursement.

We took delivery of a new-to-us ambulance. Alstead's Ambulance Squad is more active, and busier now, than ever before. The older ambulance is still in service. There is an ambulance in each of our two fire stations. We have our own Paramedics, and a dedicated staff of well-trained

## SELECT BOARD REPORT – CONTINUED

folks who will get to you fast for your medical issues, great and small. Please don't hesitate to call 911.

The Broadband Committee continued its work. Gordon has been heading up this work from the beginning. The plan is to bring high-speed fiber internet to every address in Town by the end of 2024. But wait! There's news! The trucks, line men, and fiber optic cable are everywhere as of this writing! We are told they'll be done by midsummer!

Go to: [fidiumfiber.com](http://fidiumfiber.com). to sign up.

Let's now talk about more infrastructure.

The plan is to remove and replace the little bridge on Comstock Road and the little bridge at the middle of Bell Hill on Hill Road in 2025.

The Hill Road bridge failed an inspection by the State in the Fall,

and ordered closed. We are hoping permitting can be expedited for this one, in hopes it could be worked on in 2024.

More than \$2,000,000.00 of Federal money is paying for these two bridges. Joel has carried the ball on these projects, and works closely with the relevant parties to expedite the process.

Rt 123-A at Vilas Pool Park is on track to be fixed by NHDOT in a way to make the road act also as a flood spillway. The 98-year-old concrete in the dam is not what it once was, and there is no wish by NHDOT to stress it further by making changes to the dam, or the stresses that act upon it.

The dam will need some improvements in the near-ish future. These improvements have not yet been specified.

The Lake Warren dam has been reclassified as High Hazard. We are told the new classification possibly gives access to matching funds for the improvements that are, and will be required by, the DES Dam Bureau. We are now, in early 2024, in the beginning of the process of choosing contractors to study, design, and improve the dam to modern standards.

There is some new energy for an old idea— a sidewalk from the village to the schools. A difference in this new effort is that there is grant money to help with projects just like this. The "Compete Streets" program is the grant source. Joe Levesque is the man to talk with if you would like to help beat the drum to get this done, finally.

Negotiations have continued about the empty lot next door to the Town Hall. The acquisition of this lot has been contemplated for decades, as a parking lot for now, and especially for the future. Everything seems headed in the right direction. But some important questions remain. Is the ground contaminated by previous commercial uses? We intend to find out.

## SELECT BOARD REPORT – CONTINUED

The beavers on Cobb Hill Road did not go elsewhere when their dam collapsed in the July flood. They remain, and built a much smaller dam upstream, which, so far, appears to be no threat to property, and satisfactory for them.

Beaver control experts are being consulted about ways to keep the water at a no-threat level going forward.

Work on updating Town Policies has continued.

The Fire Department has been part of this effort, working to bring their policies up to date.

Mary Schoppmeyer has moved on. She granted us enormous notice and worked for weeks and weeks with our new Town Office Administrator, Misty Gratacos.

Thank you, Mary, for your good nature, sense of humor, skill with the language, and your many extra hours put in, to get the job done.

And we officially welcome Misty to the family, who seems to exhibit some of the same fine qualities that Mary has, and some more of her own that will serve Alstead, and the Selectboard, very well.

Thanks for the folks who attend our weekly meeting.

Thanks to Glenn Elsesser, who watches carefully and keeps the Capital Improvements Plan up to date.

Thanks to our department heads for their management, and for keeping us informed. And to our employees who get the job done.

Thanks to all the folks who work on the elections—There will be 4 elections in 2024!

Thanks also to the great number of volunteers serving Alstead in all sorts of ways.

And thanks to Joe Levesque whose interest in Town government continues, who managed the budget spreadsheet in our warrant building process, and is searching the internet always for grants to help the Town get what it needs, with help in paying for it.

Thanks to all the folks who are involved in keeping Alstead moving in a forward direction. Dozens and dozens of us contribute in large and small ways, building and tending this small community, and keeping it safe from mediocrity and creeping anonymity.

What we enjoy here in community is not experienced in much of America.

How fortunate we are!

Respectfully,

**Matt Saxton**

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT 2023**

**as written by Gordon Kemp**

We had much to do and many opinions on how to get things done this year. That's why you are getting a separate report from each of your Selectmen. I think it's a sign of a healthy and vibrant body politic that we don't all agree on everything but manage to reach a consensus on most things, compromise on others, and have civil disagreement on the rest.

Attempting to avoid duplication of my fellow Selectmen's narratives, I'll describe some of the events of 2023 as I see them.

After hundreds of years of on-time Town Meetings, Mother Nature being empowered by a change in state law threw a wrench in the works, and we had our first weather-related delay to Voting Day.

My first Board Meeting as a Selectman was on April 4, and we jumped right into the thick of it. Mr. McCarty has a knack for running meetings well, so Mr. Saxton and I elected him as Chair. We then reviewed bids and awarded the paving project on Gilsum Mine Rd to Pike Industries. We talked about adding our backup generators to the Capital Improvement Plan and starting a Capital Reserve Fund for them. These talks resulted in Warrant Article 21, which you will vote on.

During a discussion about our investment policy, I mentioned that we ought to take a look at all town policies. This has turned out to be a very large task. So far, we have been able to review and update several policies in our own office, the transfer station, and the fire department. The ambulance department has been working on its policies, and the nature of the police department has necessitated the hiring of a consultant to work on theirs.

Tax deeding is the worst part of this job. We are fortunate to have a Town Clerk in Julie Bacon, who has gone above and beyond to help folks navigate the system, get a plan set up, and avoid the consequences of getting too far behind. In some cases, she has even been able to help folks apply for assistance. This has led to a drastically shortened list of properties and a much lower amount owed in back taxes.

While challenging and somewhat anxiety-inducing, I believe that having a few new sets of eyes on the budgeting process will prove a positive development for the town. Conversations with the Department of Revenue Administration and the firm we hire for auditing have revealed mistakes that can be corrected and processes that we can improve.

“We’ve always done it this way” is meeting a slow and sometimes painful death in several areas of your local government. We don’t want change for change’s sake, but when we can reduce liability, improve working conditions, increase efficiency, be more transparent, offer better services, or be better stewards of your tax dollars, we owe it to you to move forward. One seemingly small and entirely uncontroversial example of this is a change to our meeting agendas. When an issue, problem, project, or any other unresolved topic is presented, that topic is added to the agenda. If there is no resolution to the topic at that meeting, it moves to Old Business and stays there in subsequent agendas until it’s resolved. In the 9+ years I’ve attended Selectmen’s meetings, I have seen countless issues brought up and then forgotten in as little as a week. That will no longer happen. We’ve also made great strides in abiding by state law regarding Selectmen discussing town business anywhere other than open public meetings. This has been a struggle in the past.

## **SELECT BOARD REPORT 2023 - CONTINUED**

In December, we announced that Ambulance Chief Jesse Moore would transition to full-time employment with the town effective January 1, 2024. He will fill the new position of Director of EMS, Sanitation, and Grounds. This provides a full-time town employee to manage the Transfer Station, gives us a certified EMT available to respond to emergency calls during working hours, and takes some of the mowing and snow removal burdens off of our Highway Department.

Apart from all of the major happenings and exciting scuttlebutt, what surprised me the most in my first year on the Selectboard was the sheer volume of mundane tasks that can swallow up hours, days, and weeks of your life. Deadlines, mandates, forms to file, questions to answer, problems to fix, it’s like drinking from a firehose. If you aren’t dedicating at least a couple of hours every single day to this position, and often entire days, you aren’t doing it justice. Done right, it’s at least a part-time job. I’m sure larger towns, and especially the cities, have staff to take care of everything, but we have one Office Administrator who bears the brunt of the workload. The fact that we are on our fifth Admin in nine years shows that the Selectmen’s Office is in need of more help. We hope that you will support the Operating Budget as presented in Article 02, which includes some hours for part-time help with taking meeting minutes and dealing with land use tasks.

I want to thank all of the residents who volunteered their time and resources in 2023. Bindy Curtis has been taking on the significant task of figuring out the numbers behind our transfer station operations. She has also put together inventory spreadsheets to keep track of equipment in the Fire Department. It’s impossible for us to make informed policy

decisions without good data. We are thankful for these efforts and confident they will make a difference. Jack Fuller donated his time and expertise fixing a hazardous electrical situation at the Village Fire Station. We received several anonymous donations, including a projector and a sizeable cash donation to be used to supplement the Welfare budget. Bill Blaiklock spearheaded a successful effort to improve walking trails on the Bragg Lane property. Dave Smith helped remove scrap metal from those trails. Jim Gordon helped out at Vilas Pool in several ways.

Reflecting on the year, it's evident our collective efforts have strengthened our community and set the stage for progress. The dedication across our town, from officials to volunteers, underscores a commitment to enhancing governance and community engagement. As we look forward, my resolve is to maintain momentum, prioritizing transparency, efficiency, and teamwork. Our shared achievements inspire confidence in facing future challenges with determination and a collaborative spirit. To all contributors, your impact is invaluable. Together, we can advance with optimism, ready to embrace what lies ahead.

Respectfully,

**Gordon Kemp**



# TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

I would like to take the opportunity to list some of the services that the Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector's office provides.

We are responsible for collecting property taxes. ***For those unable to pay all their taxes at once please note that any payment, even if not the full amount due, will reduce the interest to be paid.*** We have also been working diligently with the NH Homeowner Assistance Fund during the past year. In this capacity, we have acted as liaison for taxpayers that need assistance paying their delinquent property taxes. It has been a very enlightening and rewarding experience.

We register and title motor vehicles, trailers and boats, and process dog licenses. We use a scanner to scan your old registrations and speed up entry time. We also utilize a "topaz" to capture your signature, which speeds up the process for multiple registrations. ***Please note that bringing in your old registration is required by state law.*** We complete marriage license applications and process birth, marriage, divorce, and death certificates. We also file wetland permit applications and pole licenses. As election officials, we accept registration forms, mail absentee ballots, prepare the town ballot and administer the oath of office to any newly elected or appointed Town Official. Our office also provides Notary Public services.

We accept credit card and debit card payments for auto registrations and dog licenses in the office. Please note that there will be a third-party processing fee associated with card payments.

There is the option of renewing your registration(s) and/or dog license(s) on our website [www.alstead.nh.org](http://www.alstead.nh.org). Property Taxes are also payable on-line by either ACH or Credit Card. To do this, go to the Town of Alstead website (home page), scroll down, and select the appropriate icon and follow the step-by-step instructions.



Please be sure to **either** make out your check to the Town of Alstead for vehicle registration and print out the confirmation **or** pay the Town by ACH or Credit Card. If paying by check, mail the confirmation in with your check and keep a copy for yourself until you receive your registration in the mail. Registrations can be renewed up to four months in advance.

As always, if you wish to do renew your vehicle or pay your taxes in person, we are here for you!

It will soon be time to renew your dog licenses for 2024 (2023 licenses will expire on April 30<sup>th</sup>). Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, a \$1.00 per month late fee is assessed. ***Please note that Dog Licensing is required by State Law (RSA 466:1)***

Please visit our website [www.alstead.nh.org](http://www.alstead.nh.org) and go to the Town Clerk section for more detailed information as well as various printable forms.

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED**

In February 2023, my office became an Off Highway Recreational Vehicle (OHRV) Registration Agent.

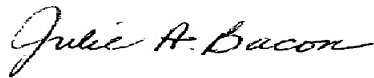
This enables us to register snowmobiles, ATV's/UTV's and dirt bikes.

Please bring in your vehicle information when you come in to register your OHRV. You must also present a valid driver's license or non-driver photo ID issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles. We accept cash or checks as payment for these registrations.

Perhaps the biggest change my office has made this past year was to increase the hours of operation. The new office hours are Monday and Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise. If we close the office during these hours, we will post this information ahead of time at the town office and on the Town of Alstead website (home page).

For everyone's safety, the office may be closed during inclement weather, if you are unsure or have any questions, please call the office at 835-2242.

Respectfully submitted,



**Julie A Bacon**  
**Alstead Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

# 2023 TOWN CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

		2023 TOWN CLERK FIGURES	
<b><u>MOTOR VEHICLES</u></b>			
	<i>Vehicles Registered:</i>	2917	
Vehicle Registrations		\$349,138.82	
Municipal Agent Fee		\$8,472.00	
Town Clerk Fee		\$5,562.00	
Town Title Fee		\$818.00	
Town Transfer Fee		\$490.00	
E-Log Fee		\$200.00	
Returned Check Fee		\$50.00	
		\$364,730.82	
<b><u>BOATS</u></b>			
	<i>Boats Registered:</i>	100	
Boat Agent Fee		\$485.00	
Boat Town Clerk Fee		\$60.00	
Boat Local Fee		\$836.36	
		\$1,381.36	
<b><u>DOGS</u></b>			
	<i>Licenses Issued:</i>	499	
Town Fees		\$1,859.00	
State Fees		\$967.00	
Late Fees		\$258.00	
Civil Forfeiture/Fines		\$25.00	
E-Log Fee		\$49.00	
		\$3,158.00	
<b><u>MARRIAGES</u></b>			
	<i>Licenses Issued:</i>	10	
Town Fees		\$70.00	
State Fees		\$430.00	
		\$500.00	
<b><u>FILING FEES</u></b>			
	<i>Vital Record Copies:</i>	100	
Town Fees		\$624.00	
State Fees		\$686.00	
E-Log Fee		\$8.00	
UCC		\$825.00	
		\$2,143.00	
<b><u>MISCELLANEOUS</u></b>			
NH Statewide Checklist		\$400.00	
Pole Licenses		\$0.00	
Misc Fees		\$0.00	
<b>(research, copies, voter cklist, declaration of candidacy)</b>		\$400.00	
<b><u>STATE ACH</u></b>			
State Motor Vehicles		\$137,889.97	
Boat State Fee		\$4,313.00	
		\$142,202.97	
<b><u>Total Collected</u></b>			<b>\$514,516.15</b>
<b><u>OHRV Sales</u></b>			
	<i>Registrations Issued:</i>	19	
Town Fees		\$109.00	
New Hampshire Fish and Game Fees		\$1,946.00	
		\$2,055.00	





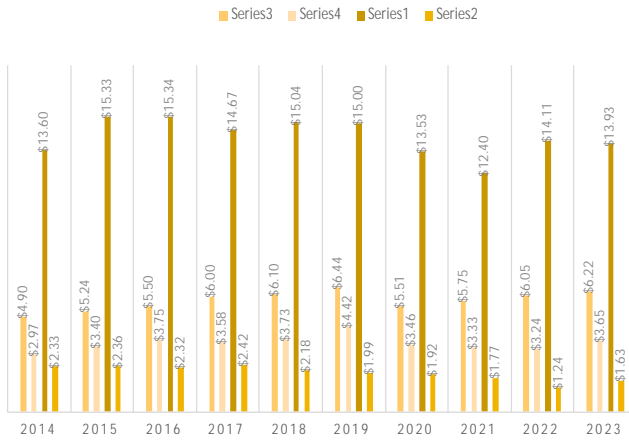
# 2023 TAX RATE COMPARISON

Historical Tax Rate											
Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Municipal Tax Rate	\$ 4.90	\$ 5.24	\$ 5.50	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.10	\$ 6.44	\$ 5.51	\$ 5.75	\$ 6.05	\$ 6.22	
County Tax Rate	\$ 2.97	\$ 3.40	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.73	\$ 4.42	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.33	\$ 3.24	\$ 3.65	
Local Education	\$ 13.60	\$ 15.33	\$ 15.34	\$ 14.67	\$ 15.04	\$ 15.00	\$ 13.53	\$ 12.40	\$ 14.11	\$ 13.93	
State Education	\$ 2.33	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.32	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.18	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.24	\$ 1.63	
Total Tax Rate	\$ 23.80	\$ 26.33	\$ 26.91	\$ 26.67	\$ 27.05	\$ 27.85	\$ 24.42	\$ 23.25	\$ 24.64	\$ 25.43	
Equalization Rate											

Year	Municipal Tax Rate	County Tax Rate	Local Education	State Education	Total Tax Rate
2014	\$ 4.90	\$ 2.97	\$ 13.60	\$ 2.33	\$ 23.80
2015	\$ 5.24	\$ 3.40	\$ 15.33	\$ 2.36	\$ 26.33
2016	\$ 5.50	\$ 3.75	\$ 15.34	\$ 2.32	\$ 26.91
2017	\$ 6.00	\$ 3.58	\$ 14.67	\$ 2.42	\$ 26.67
2018	\$ 6.10	\$ 3.73	\$ 15.04	\$ 2.18	\$ 27.05
2019	\$ 6.44	\$ 4.42	\$ 15.00	\$ 1.99	\$ 27.85
2020	\$ 5.51	\$ 3.46	\$ 13.53	\$ 1.92	\$ 24.42
2021	\$ 5.75	\$ 3.33	\$ 12.40	\$ 1.77	\$ 23.25
2022	\$ 6.05	\$ 3.24	\$ 14.11	\$ 1.24	\$ 24.64
2023	\$ 6.22	\$ 3.65	\$ 13.93	\$ 1.63	\$ 25.43

**COMPARATIVE TAX RATES 2014 - 2023**





### Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

#### Instructions

**Cover Page**

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

**For Assistance Please Contact:**

**NH DRA Municipal and Property Division**  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

#### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:  County:  Report Year:

#### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name	Last Name	
<input type="text" value="Julie"/>	<input type="text" value="Bacon"/>	
Street No.	Street Name	Phone Number
<input type="text" value="15"/>	<input type="text" value="Mechanic St"/>	<input type="text" value="835-2242"/>
Email (optional)		
<input type="text" value="jbacon@alsteadnh.gov"/>		



<b>Debits</b>					
<b>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)</b>		
			Year: <b>2022</b>	Year: <b>2021</b>	Year: <b>2020</b>
Property Taxes	3110		\$994,528.10		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120		\$4,900.00		
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$2,986.67)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

<b>Taxes Committed This Year</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>	
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,895,560.03	\$300.00		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$12,000.00			
Yield Taxes	3185	\$48,040.94			
Excavation Tax	3187	\$588.68			
Other Taxes	3189				

<b>Overpayment Refunds</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Levy for Year of this Report</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Prior Levies</b>	
				<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Property Taxes	3110	\$3,328.86			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$2,330.78	\$7,315.00		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$4,958,862.62</b>	<b>\$1,007,043.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>





**Credits**

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$3,774,320.98	\$926,756.57		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$4,800.00			
Yield Taxes	\$48,040.94			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$2,255.78	\$5,744.00		
Penalties	\$75.00	\$1,571.00		
Excavation Tax	\$588.68			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$66,936.10		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$2,434.43	\$1,135.43		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$7,200.00	\$4,900.00		
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded				



Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$1,130,771.99			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(A) (\$11,625.18)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$4,958,862.62</b>	<b>\$1,007,043.10</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$1,119,146.81</b> (A)
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$56,041.49</b> (B)



**Lien Summary**

**Summary of Debits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year		\$45,342.21	\$24,635.00	\$5,695.07
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	\$70,898.29			
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	\$1,867.90	\$4,977.23	\$6,799.77	\$4,440.00
<b>Total Debits</b>	<b>\$72,766.19</b>	<b>\$50,319.44</b>	<b>\$31,434.77</b>	<b>\$10,135.07</b>

**Summary of Credits**

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions	\$31,178.01	\$30,773.50	\$22,882.50	\$5,695.07
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	\$1,867.90	\$4,977.23	\$6,799.77	\$4,440.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110	\$39,720.28	\$14,568.71	\$1,752.50	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$72,766.19</b>	<b>\$50,319.44</b>	<b>\$31,434.77</b>	<b>\$10,135.07</b>

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	<b>\$1,119,146.81</b>
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	<b>\$56,041.49</b>



**ALSTEAD (9)**

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**  
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name	Preparer's Last Name	Date
Julie	Bacon	Jan 2, 2024

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**  
Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**  
This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

**PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION**  
Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Julie A Bacon Tax Collector  
Preparer's Signature and Title




**2023**  
**\$25.43**

## Tax Rate Breakdown Alstead

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,206,096	\$193,768,550	<b>\$6.22</b>
County	\$707,041	\$193,768,550	<b>\$3.65</b>
Local Education	\$2,699,197	\$193,768,550	<b>\$13.93</b>
State Education	\$308,456	\$189,631,550	<b>\$1.63</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,920,790</b>		<b>\$25.43</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,920,790
War Service Credits	(\$29,900)
Village District Tax Effort	\$0
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$4,890,890</b>

 Sam Greene Director of Municipal and Property Division New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration	12/8/2023
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## Appropriations and Revenues

### Municipal Accounting Overview

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$2,955,868	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,402,312)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		(\$403,575)
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0
War Service Credits	\$29,900	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$26,215	
<b>Net Required Local Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$1,206,096</b>	

### County Apportionment

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$707,041	
<b>Net Required County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$707,041</b>	

### Education

Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$0	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$4,467,810	
Net Education Grant		(\$1,460,157)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$308,456)
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$2,699,197</b>	
State Education Tax	\$308,456	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$308,456</b>	

## Valuation

### Municipal (MS-1)

Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$193,768,550	\$194,089,614
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$189,631,550	\$189,061,114
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$193,768,550	\$194,089,614

### Village (MS-1V)

Description	Current Year
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# Alstead

## Tax Commitment Verification

### 2023 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II

Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,890,890
1/2% Amount	\$24,454
Acceptable High	\$4,915,344
Acceptable Low	\$4,866,436

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

<b>Commitment Amount</b>	\$ 4,890,591.00
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	
<b>Net amount after TIF adjustment</b>	

**Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2023 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.**

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature: <i>Julie A Bacon</i>	Date: 12/8/2023
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## Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

### Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Alstead	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2023 Tax Rate	\$25.43	\$12.72

## Associated Villages

## Fund Balance Retention

<b>Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>General Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,670,562</b>
<b>Final Overlay</b>	<b>\$26,215</b>

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.  
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.  
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2023 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Alstead	
Description	Amount
<b>Current Amount Retained (3.54%)</b>	<b>\$235,996</b>
17% Retained ( <i>Maximum Recommended</i> )	\$1,133,996
10% Retained	\$667,056
8% Retained	\$533,645
5% Retained ( <i>Minimum Recommended</i> )	\$333,528

**NOTICE: The current fund balance retained amount is below the minimum recommended threshold.**



## MODERATORS REPORT

### 2023 Annual Report

We had only one voting day to anticipate in 2023, that of the Town and School Voting scheduled for March 14. In preparation for voting day the Deliberative Session took place on February 4. The surprise was that after two consecutive years of having the Deliberative Session completed in under an hour, the Session on February 4 lasted four hours. Approximately 50 voters (of 1297 then registered to vote in Alstead) set the ballot for voting day. We thought we were all set for voting and elections.

But this was to be the year that a Nor'easter changed all of our plans. Town officials, road crews, election officials began to keep watch on the weather forecast and by March 12 I was reviewing New Hampshire guidance on postponing voting. It is not an easy matter to postpone when multiple towns are involved in school district voting, for the towns involved must arrive at a consensus on the decision. Mike Aron, Acworth Moderator *pro tem*, arranged a Zoom meeting for the moderators, election officials and department heads of Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon and Walpole on March 13.

Still, the only moderators who were clear that we should postpone were Mike Aron and I. Both Alstead and Acworth have many hilly roads and many people living miles from the voting site. The safety of voters, election day workers and vote counters weighed heavily on our minds. We were concerned that so many people would not be able to exercise their right to vote out of fear of travel. I remember the Zoom discussion as being one of inches and pauses. The prediction for snowfall amounts was increasing. The pauses in our conversation were frequent, and long. Some people on the call thought that since we have always been able to hold votes, we should just be tough and hold voting this time too. Someone said "Only people who have big 4-wheel drive vehicles, or who live within walking distance, will be able to vote or work at the polls." Our Road Agent Prescott Trafton was articulate and forceful in describing the difficulty he and his crew would have in keeping the roads open and safe during and following voting hours. Someone expressed the hope that all five towns would work together in understanding that we did not have the same terrain, the same resources, and that we should look out for each other. Finally, with the decision up to them, the moderators reached a consensus to postpone, with four towns voting yes, Charlestown abstaining.

The March 14, 2023 snow totals in inches, according to WMUR: Acworth 22.5; Alstead 34; Charlestown 26; Langdon 7; Walpole 18. And, as it turned out, the electricity in Alstead was out for hours.

The State laws are specific that the postponed meeting must be held two weeks from the original date. To my relief and happiness, March 28, the new voting day, was clear!

On that day 1297 voters were listed on the checklist, with 4 new voters registering for a total of 1301. A total of 404 ballots, including 69 absentee ballots, were cast. Counting the town and school ballots (2 each for elections and general ballots) took 3 hours and was accomplished by 19 people.

I have great admiration for all of the people who help with our voting. Records are meticulously kept by the office of the Town Clerk and by the Supervisors of the Checklist, Inspectors of Elections and poll workers carefully record voters' participation, vote counters are cheerful and careful as they work into the night to record the votes.

## **MODERATORS REPORT - CONTINUED**

Before Town Voting, the Selectboard, department heads and other citizens spend hours and hours determining Alstead's needs and creating a budget. If I could change anything it would be to encourage more people to attend the Alstead Deliberative Session which, like the School District Meeting, actually sets the budget for the voters. We are so very fortunate to live in a democratic, participatory nation. Participating in the informative meetings preceding Voting Day makes our choices clear, meaningful and powerful.

Assistant Moderator David C. Miller and I are honored to serve the people of Alstead in realizing all of our voting choices and privileges.

**--Susan E. Norlander, Moderator**

# HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

## Annual Report 2023

2023 was another one of those years for the record books. In January we had a snow and ice storm that knocked out power to some of our town residents. Thankfully, Bret Russell's Tree service came in to assist the highway crew in clearing roads and hazardous trees to quickly make the roads safe for travel. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> Mount Washington recorded the coldest windchill in the history of the US at -108.4°F, the previous record was -102.7°F also set atop Mount Washington.

Most of the winter was relatively quiet with some small storms...until March came in like a lion. We had over 30 inches of snowfall in East Alstead while in the village there was only 6 to 12 inches. This triggered the first postponement of town meeting in Alstead's history. It was also the wettest year on record.

In July, the town once again sustained damage from severe storms and flooding that came through the area. While the damage was not as bad as it was in 2021, we did have some significant damage to Cobb Hill Road, Corbin Road, North Road, and Thayer Brook Road. The multiplate culvert on Thayer Brook Road was also washed out, which left 7 residences stranded. In order to provide the residents who were impacted with safe passage to and from their homes, it was decided to install a temporary bypass alongside the old culvert. Thank you to the Rhoads family and Cold River Bridges in helping to make this happen so quickly. We are currently working with FEMA on a new design and are hopeful to receive partial to full funding for the project.

The last section of Gilsum Mine Road was also finished in July. This included reclaiming pavement from South Woods Road to Rose Apple Lane. Gravel was then added to the milled area giving the road a better subsurface. The remainder of Gilsum Mine Road was then milled to the Gilsum town line. Paving was completed the middle of July and to finish up, road shoulders were added in November.

In November, the State DOT Bridge Inspectors closed the bridge on Hill Road due to its unsafe condition. This is the middle bridge in the area known as Bell Hill. The bridge was awarded state funding in the early part of 2023. This is a long process, and the town is already moving towards securing the funds, although they will not be available until 2026. With the bridge closure, the selectboard has been working hard to get this project moving ahead faster with the state, and the road opened back up. Thank you to Joel McCarty for spearheading this project.

We are pleased to announce that after several years of dedication and hard work, countless hours of paperwork, phone calls and meetings, the town finally received monies from the 2021 storm and flooding. This was a very long process and after many changes in FEMA staff, we thankfully ended up with a wonderful FEMA representative that pushed things through and got us the money we had been waiting for. In all, the town was awarded a total of \$414,740.44.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone on the Highway Department for the many long hours and sleepless nights they endure throughout the year, keeping the roads safe for travel. I would also like to thank John Tarmey for his donation of time and equipment after the July 2023 flood. John was an integral part in getting Cobb Hill Road opened so quickly.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Prescott Trafton**  
Road Agent

# AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT

## 2023 Annual Report

Alstead Ambulance had another record-breaking year, responding to 179 calls for service. This reflects a 7% increase over the previous year. Fortunately, we are well staffed, being fortunate to add EMT Taylor Bland and Auxiliary Gordon Kemp to our Ambulance family in 2023.

Due to our increase in calls, we had to rely on some assistance throughout the year and I would like to thank the Alstead Fire Department, Walpole Fire and EMS, and Rescue, Inc. A special recognition goes out to Gilsum Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their selfless and timely support in the far reaches of East Alstead.

As special “thank you” to the wonderful residents of Alstead for passing the warrant article last year, allowing us to have our second ambulance. We have already had a number of occasions where we have had both ambulances on calls simultaneously. If you have not yet taken the opportunity to see it and its special Alstead livery, please stop by the station for a visit.

We passed the paramedic licensing process with the State of New Hampshire and Cheshire Medical Center. Obtaining this license means that our responders will no longer have to wait for a paramedic from Keene; when needed, calls will have a paramedic on board, thus speeding up advanced life support procedures.

In 2024, we hope to get some much-needed maintenance performed on the older ambulance, in addition to updates to its equipment.

Some notes of importance for our community to enable EMS to do their jobs more effectively and to serve you and your family better:

- Have house numbers clearly visible from the road.
- Make a separate list of each family member’s current medications and supplements and attach them to the refrigerator; this saves precious time on scene.
- Ambulance Department is offering FREE CPR and AED classes to the public throughout the year; please contact a member of the ambulance crew or come see us at our monthly meeting.

Thank you to the Select Board and community members for your support throughout this past year, we look forward to continuing to support you in 2024. Please feel free to contact us for more information on how you can help serve the town of Alstead as a member of the department by attending one of our meetings, we meet the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Village Fire Station.

Respectfully submitted,

***Jesse Moore, Ambulance Chief***

## **ALSTEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

### **2023 Annual Report**

We broke our 2022 record of 862 calls for service with 973 in 2023. Thankfully we had much fewer major tragedies in town compared with 2022. Our thoughts are with those who lost loved ones this year.

Our top calls for service (CFS) for 2023 are as follows:

- Mental Health Assist 67
- Follow Up to a CFS or Incident 67
- Animal Complaints 47
- Assist other Agencies 42
- Suspicious Incidents 37
- Walk-in and Phone Assist 36
- Emergency Medical Assist 36
- Found Property 35
- Manner of Operation 34
- Neighbor Disputes 33
- Welfare Checks 25
- Record Requests 24
- Directed Patrol 21
- Civil Issues 21
- Trees/Wires down 19
- Scams and Fraudulent Activity 18
- Assist Other Jurisdiction 18
- Motor Vehicle Crashes 15
- Juvenile Issues 15
- Theft 14
- Community Policing 12
- House Checks 12
- Vandalism 11
- Disturbance 11
- Motorist Assist 11
- Road Hazard 10
- VIN Verification 10
- Parking issues 10

Some of these calls for service take only a few minutes, but many of them take hours, days, weeks, or months to conclude, including some that require time in court. In addition to our 973 calls for service, our department also initiated 223 Motor Vehicle Stops.

The police department continues to be a supportive presence in town through our Office Administrator Penny Gendron, and Corporal Wendy Underwood's yearly continued coordination of multiple Community Outreach programs. Some of these include the bi-annual Drug Takeback Day, Trunk or Treat (attended by approximately 150 children and their families), and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting (with all the accompanying activities).

The Alstead Police Department can provide many services to town residents. Among these are Fingerprinting, Car Seat Fitting/Evaluation, and Bicycle Helmet Fitting. We still have a few free bicycle helmets left. We can confidentially provide information to contact outside resources for mental health, welfare, domestic violence victim support, and others. To take advantage of these and other services please call 603-835-6277.

To maintain our certifications and enhance our skills, we participated in multiple training sessions throughout the year. Penny, Wendy and I all were recertified in CPR/AED. Wendy and I did our mandatory training with Firearms, Use of Force, the "3x2s" (2 hours each of Implicit Bias, Ethics, De-escalation) and "Prioritizing Officer Mental Health Wellness". In addition to the mandatory training, we both attended NH DOS "Fires and Wires" and MDT (Mobile Data Terminal) recertification. Wendy also participated in Mindspring Mental Health Alliance's

“Supporting People who can’t see their Mental Illness”, Granite State Children’s Alliance’s “Know and Tell”, National CJ Training Center’s “Drug Identification and Recognition-Depressants, Anti-Depressants and Inhalants” and “Strengthening Child Abuse and Exploitation Cases with Statement Evidence”, Cheshire County Attorney’s Office’s “Domestic Violence Training”, US DOJ’s “Strategies to Support Resilience and Healing”, and National Center for Rural Road Safety’s “What’s Speed Got to Do With It-Speed Awareness Initiatives”

Penny and I took CJIS Level 2 Security Awareness, NHMA “Right to Know for LE”, and NHSO Sex Offender Registration Training. Penny also attended Primex “Do’s and Don’ts of Employee Handbooks”.

I took a course on “Why are Cops Really Dying? Why are They Leaving?” I also attended several training sessions on the recently implemented New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Certification Program. There may be more information on that in the future. Along with the Ambulance and Fire Departments, I took part in Swift Water Awareness Training that we did right here in the Cold River adjacent to Millot Green! Through Primex, I took their Social Media Ethics Training. All three of us had refresher courses from Primex in Bloodborne Pathogens and Preventing Workplace Harassment.

In addition to attending many training sessions, I also participated in the Alstead School Faculty and Staff Active Shooter in-service training day. This was a joint effort with the NHSP, and all of our local emergency services which included Alstead Ambulance and Alstead Fire Departments. I was asked to speak at an Active Shooter Training and local case study at the First Student Bus Transportation Facility with our local school bus drivers.

A huge thank you to our Highway Department, Ambulance and Fire Departments, our mutual aid towns; Walpole and Marlow, and the NH State Police who cover Alstead when we are not on duty. In addition, I would like to thank our select board members who have continued to support our department goals for this past year.

After all the years of service here, the members of this department, past and present can never be thanked enough. This job would be completely impossible without the tireless efforts of our employees. THANK YOU to our amazing team: Office Administrator Penny Gendron, Corporal Wendy Underwood, and part-time Officer Jonah Merkle for all your hard work every year. Our town is fortunate to have you all working here!

As we get into this highly contentious political season culminating with the Presidential Election, let us try to remember that it is okay to disagree. Disagreement does not equate to hate. We can not agree, have differences of opinion, or not support the same candidates, but we can still be civil and treat each other with respect and tolerance. Please be kind.

Respectfully,

**Stephen D. Murrell**  
**Chief of Police**

## **Alstead Fire Department 2023 Annual Report**

2023 brought an increase of nearly 10% of calls. We were hit again with flooding, impacting numerous roads and buildings. One subject was rescued from a vehicle caught in the flood waters. It was a very quiet brush fire season, due to significant precipitation over the season. Firefighters made a strong impact with their initial attack on the one structure fire in town this year. Although the barn and the attached L were destroyed, the fire was stopped before destroying the main house. Members attended live burn forestry training in both Goshen and Charlestown. Eversource brought their electrical utility trailer for a state accredited training in town. Swift water rescue awareness training was instructed by Rescue Inc, members were able to participate in hands-on training if they desired. Members took part in a CPR, AED, and Stop the Bleed training. Fire prevention week allowed members to visit the Alstead Primary School to educate children on fire safety and prevention.

### **The following is a list of calls Alstead Fire responded to:**

- Mutual Aid calls 21
- Trees and wires 18
- Assist Ambulance 13
- MVA 10
- Service Call 7
- Automatic Fire Alarm 5
- CO Alarm 4
- Flooding 4
- Illegal Burn 3
- Vehicle Fire 2
- Smoke Investigation 1
- Chimney Fire 1
- Propane Odor 1
- Brush 1
- DART Landing Zone 1
- Smoke Detector Sounding 1
- Structure Fire 1

### **Training for our members included the following:**

- Monthly Meeting 11
- In House Drill 11
- Work Detail 10
- Forestry Training 2
- Warden / Deputy Warden 1
- Car Seat Check 1
- LEAF Career Day 1
- Eversource Utility Emergency 1
- CPR / AED / Stop the Bleed 1
- Swift Water Rescue Awareness 1
- Critical Stress Debrief 1
- Fire Prevention at Alstead Primary 1



**The Alstead Fire Department Apparatus is Listed Below Followed by Where is it Housed:**

**Engine 1-** Manufactured in 2016- HME Ahrens-Fox. This unit carries 1000 gallons of water with a 1500 gallons-per-minute pump, as well as all of our extrication equipment. It is housed at the village station.

**Engine 3-** Manufactured in 2000- Peirce. Carries 1000 gallons of water with a 1250 gallons-per-minute pump, as well as hand tools, hose, and equipment. It is housed at the East Station.

**Tanker 1-** Manufactured in 2007- International chassis, body by Valley Fire Equipment. This unit carries 3000 gallons of water, with a 500 gallons-per-minute pump. It is housed in the East Station.

**Brush 1-** Manufactured in 1967- Kaiser Jeep M715 (military 5/4 pickup). This unit carries 200 gallons of water, assorted forestry hand tools, back pack pumps, and 2 back pack leaf blowers. This unit also pulls a trailer, complete with a portable pump and extra hose. Brush 1 is on loan from the State of New Hampshire, Division of Forest and Lands under the FEPP program. It is insured and maintained by the town, and registered to the state. This truck is housed in the East Station.

**UTV 1-** Manufactured in 2019- Polaris Ranger 900, complete with a forestry/rescue slide in unit. This unit is equipped with 70 gallons of water and a portable pump, as well as the potential to carry a stokes for an off-road rescue. We have outfitted this unit with tracks for winter time use. This apparatus is housed at the East Station.

We would like to once again remind residents to have house numbers, visible from the road. The lack of visible numbers results in a delay of response in an emergency. If we cannot find your house, we cannot find you.

Permits are required, by law, when burning with no snow cover (100' radius). Burning treated (painted or stained) wood, construction debris, wood larger than 5" in diameter, plywood, particle board, household trash, shingles, tires, etc., is unlawful and may result in fines and or jail time. To obtain a free permit, or ask questions about burning, please contact:

Kim Kercewich: 603-835-2928

Michael Kercewich: 603-499-5650

Richard Beringer: 413-464-5456

Or purchase a permit online at [www.nhfirepermit.com](http://www.nhfirepermit.com) for \$5.50 per permit.

Although we continue to face staffing and monetary challenges, I would like to personally thank all of our dedicated firefighters for their service and commitment to this town. I would also like to thank the family members and support people of our firefighters, as without you, none of this would be possible. We are always looking for new members, if you or anyone you know is interested in joining. Feel free to stop in at either of the stations if someone is there, talk to any of the members, or stop in at the Alstead Municipal Office and ask for an application.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Kercewich, Chief  
Alstead Fire Department

# OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## 2023 Annual Report

This year we formulated and distributed a comprehensive Assessment Questionnaire for the Ambulance, Fire, Police, and Highway Departments to determine the Town's overall state emergency preparedness. This Assessment looked at current equipment, manpower, and infrastructure needs. This information assists with future needs planning in areas such as training, equipment upgrades, and building fixes and repairs.

As a result of the information obtained, several deficiencies were found in both infrastructure information and needs. These have been addressed and investigated, with solutions provided.

July found us once again dealing with a major rain event which again caused several hundred thousand dollars of damage. Because of what was learned from the 2021 flooding, the process of documenting the damage for FEMA was more efficient. Kudos to Road Agent Prescott Trafton and his team for the incredible amount of documentation they were able to provide in the short amount of time needed for FEMA. The Board is also to be commended for being relentless on state agencies to act quickly to provide the resources necessary for repairs and such.

One of the issues we deal with is not having a dedicated location for the Emergency Operations Center, (EOC). It was planned to be in the Police Station, but this location is unsuitable for the EOC needs. We have made provisions for the EOC when we will need it next, but a long-term solution is being explored.

Rain events and the considerable damage they cause continue to be of high concern. The Mitigation Plan was updated this year and multiple agencies are working to improve dam safety of Lake Warren and Vilas Pool Dam's.

Landslides are becoming increasingly more prevalent and will be an issue at some point. Two areas of concern, Cobb Hill Rd just up from Route 123 and another area on Route 123 near the intersection of Route 12A are being closely monitored.

We continue to look at our current needs and plan for future events to ensure that Alstead residents will have the resources necessary to handle any emergencies going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

**Steven P. Reynolds, Emergency Management Director**

# **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

## **2023 ANNUAL REPORT**

This year the maintenance and upkeep of our 7 cemeteries was made more difficult because of so much rain and the constant need to mow. As always, Jodi Kercewich and Shaena Hakey did a commendable job.

With the closing of Fall Mountain Small Engine in 2022 and the AEBI Business at the end of 2023, more equipment, maintenance and repairs will be performed by the cemetery department.

In 2023, the stone straightening and repair of leaning and fallen stones were completed in the North Cemetery and paid for by donations from Ann DeLancy.

One hundred and nine monuments, flat grave markers and corner stones were straightened, uncovered, cleaned and reset in West, Pine Grove, Mapleside and Alstead Center Cemeteries.

Tree trimming at Pine Grove and along the West wall at the Alstead Center Cemetery was performed.

Respectfully submitted,

Alstead Cemetery Commission

**Bruce A. Bellows**

**Jodi Kercewich**

**Allan Kauders**

## **ALSTEAD CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2023 Annual Town Report**

This year has been a quieter year for the conservation commission, which has given us a chance to do a little housekeeping, continue monitoring logging operations, and design a new trail for the Town Forest.

Logging continued in 2023 on a large piece of land extending from Route 12A to Pratt Road, which includes Lily Pond. This cut had some violations which were noticed and addressed by DES (Department of Environmental Services) and the county fire warden. The conservation commission promotes best practices in logging operations along with the county fire warden and willing foresters.

The Town Forest has become a focus for trail building. A volunteer who loves to work in the woods has proposed a walking trail from Newell Pond to a high point in the Town Forest and back to north side of Newell Pond's outlet. A reconnaissance hike was enjoyed by commissioners, Peter Rhoades, and the trail builder, Bill Blaiklock. Bill has also worked on a trail along the Cold River.

Easement monitoring was completed this fall and reported with no changes to the Society for Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF).

Our road cleanup activity has turned into a year-round effort including the big Earth Day Road Cleanup in April. People could pick up blue bags at the re-use center at any time as well as on the Big Day in April. The April 22 Road Clean-up covered up to eight roads for 4 1/2 miles using about 50 blue bags. Trash items were mostly cans, bottles, and a lot of plastic and paper odds and ends.

**A BIG Thank You** to all homeowners who helped out  
and to the road crew for picking up the blue bags!

The commission has done some house cleaning last year and will continue this into 2024. We have a new, donated cabinet which is rapidly filling up. We are working with the Alstead Historical Society to help us evaluate and keep beautiful hand-drawn maps of soils, wetlands, etc.

New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting and Conference was attended by two commissioners. This is a terrific way to keep up-to-date with technologies educations and what other commissions are doing.

The commission is looking forward to presentations at the library, opportunities for helping with land conservation, and some walks in the woods!

Respectfully submitted by the Alstead Conservation Commission:

**Sarah Webb, Chair; David Moody; Donna Sabin; Joyce Campbell-Counts**

## **ALSTEAD PLANNING BOARD 2023 Annual Report**

The Alstead Planning Board had a relatively busy year. The Board met in person, with the option for a Google Meet with a prior request.

The Zoning Board had ten meetings. The Board received one subdivision application, one driveway permit, and one scheduled vegetation request. All of which were approved.

**We are in need of a full member! Your participation is truly needed!**

Please consider getting involved!!!! Come sit in on a meeting to see what it is all about. Any citizen interested in becoming a member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Planning Board, a Member of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk.

The Planning Board meets the second Monday of each month at 6:00PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

**Ahmad Esfahani, Administrative Assistant**  
**Peter Rhoades, Chairman**  
**David Konesko, Member**  
**Gordon Kemp, ex Officio**  
**Chris Reitmann, Member**  
**Justin Falango, Member**  
**Ellen Chase, Member**  
**Joyce Curll, Alternate Member**

## **THE ALSTEAD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2023 Annual Report**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a relatively busy year. The Board met in person, with the option for a Google Meet with a prior request.

The Zoning Board had ten meetings, which included three Public Hearings for a Variance, one for an equitable waiver for dimensional requirements, and one for a special exception request- all of which were approved.

**We are in need of additional members. Your participation is truly needed!**

Please consider getting involved!!!! Come sit in on a meeting to see what it is all about. Any citizen interested in becoming a member is encouraged to contact any Member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, a Member of the Select Board, or the Town Clerk.

The ZBA meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30PM, at the Alstead Municipal Building. The public is always welcome to attend.  
Respectfully submitted,

**Ahmad Esfahani, Administrative Assistant**

**Dennis Molesky, Chairman**

**Kevin Clark, Member**

**Joe Levesque, Member**

**Mike Rau, Member**

**Max Zurmuhlen, Member**

**David Konesko, Alternate Member**

**Joseph Cartwright, Alternate Member**

# TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

## 2023 Annual Report

We would like to thank Ellen Chase for her time as a Trustee and welcome Allan Kauders as our new Trustee of Trust Funds.

The Shedd Porter Memorial Library Trust Funds handled by the Trustees of Trust Funds realized income of \$4,976.92 during 2023.

The income from cemetery trust funds used to help defray the expenses of cemetery maintenance was \$16,057.43 in 2023.

New cemetery trust funds established in 2023.

June 5, 2023	Peter & Nancy O'Brien, \$400	West Cemetery
August 28, 2023	John D. Brown & Luhung Huang, \$800	West Cemetery
August 28, 2023	Virginia Curley- Add to Trust, \$200	Alstead Center

Cemetery lots may be acquired by contacting Jodi Kercewich at 603-400-2517 or any member of the cemetery committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Trustees of Trust Funds:**  
**Bruce A. Bellows**  
**Jodi Kercewich**  
**Allan Kauders**

**Alstead Shedd-Porter Memorial Library  
Report of the Library Trustees  
For the Calendar Year Ending December 31, 2023**

First Deposit	Name of Fund	Purpose of Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				TOTAL	Ending Market Value
				Balance Beginning of Year	Additions-Withdraw Gain-Loss	Balance End of Year	Balance Beginning of Year	Net Income	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Principal & Income	
<b>PRIVATE TRUSTS</b>												
1910	John G. & Mary R. Shedd Trust (Fidelity)	Library Maintenance	Common TF	99,264.19	0.00	99,264.19	12,778.29	2,229.70	0.00	15,007.99	114,272.18	119,933.37
Total Private Trusts				99,264.19	0.00	99,264.19	12,778.29	2,229.70	0.00	15,007.99	114,272.18	119,933.37
<b>BOOK FUNDS</b>												
2000	Marion Holmes Summer Reading Fund-0284	Books	Common TF	5,084.00	0.00	5,084.00	725.37	115.60	0.00	840.97	5,924.97	6,218.50
2000	Maxine Craig Book Fund-6218	Books	Common TF	1,959.37	0.00	1,959.37	296.89	44.89	0.00	341.78	2,301.15	2,415.15
2013	Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Pitcher Fund-4568	Books	Common TF	20,878.45	0.00	20,878.45	3,355.73	482.28	0.00	3,838.01	24,716.46	25,940.94
2000	Ruth Gleason Lufkin Book Fund-4541	Books	Common TF	15,554.54	0.00	15,554.54	2,231.91	353.98	0.00	2,585.89	18,140.43	19,039.13
Total Book Funds				43,476.36	0.00	43,476.36	6,609.90	996.75	0.00	7,606.65	51,083.01	53,613.72
<b>OPERATING ACCOUNTS</b>												
2022	ADA Development Fund	ADA Compliance	Checking 8837	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0.78	5.00	0.00	5.78	5,005.78	5,005.78
2014	Reed Family Foundation	Operations	Common TF	32,002.80	0.00	32,002.80	3,990.27	716.27	0.00	4,706.54	36,709.34	38,527.97
2020	Trustee Savings - Mascoma - Expendable	Operations	Savings 0146	57,000.00	16,000.00	73,000.00	15.46	56.32	0.00	71.78	73,071.78	73,071.78
2014	Trustees Savings - Fidelity - Expendable	Operations	Common TF	16,437.46	0.00	16,437.46	2,454.09	375.95	0.00	2,830.04	19,267.50	20,222.04
2000	Trustees Checking Account-0146	Operations	Checking 0146	9,450.22	-1,026.10	8,424.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,424.12	8,424.12
Total Operating Accounts				119,890.48	14,973.90	134,864.38	6,460.60	1,153.54	0.00	7,614.14	142,478.52	145,251.69
<b>GRAND TOTALS:</b>				<b>262,631.03</b>	<b>14,973.90</b>	<b>277,604.93</b>	<b>25,848.79</b>	<b>4,379.99</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>30,228.78</b>	<b>307,833.71</b>	<b>318,798.78</b>



# Shedd-Porter Library

## 2023 Trustees Report

2023 saw our Library get back to something close to normal! It is good to be (almost) worry-free about Covid.

Civil Conversation is on the third Saturday morning of each month, and Cinnamon Bun Saturday is on the last Saturday morning of each month. Come join us!

The continual monitoring of this beautiful building continues.

We have had more success in getting contractors in 2023.

Chris Morrill Painting scraped, sealed, and painted the window trim on two sides of the building. The remaining two sides will have the same treatment in the spring/summer.

And—very exciting—work on the downstairs rest room began in December. Bellows Construction, in consultation with our Maintenance Committee and architect Ciaran Lavery, has designed a plan for the space that will make the dark, scary corner of the downstairs a bright and welcoming space. Matt Beam Plumbing and Heating installed the new toilet, which doesn't (like the old one) growl like a vicious beast! And the motion sensor lights installed by electrician John Allen are a great improvement. This project will be completed in the near future. We are grateful for the many donations to this project. Thank you all!

There is an interesting discussion underway about the roof. It involves the possibility of removing the entire second roof, and re-establishing the original roof level. It is not yet decided if this idea is even feasible. More on this as it develops.

Some future building concerns, such as roof repair and/or replacement, as well as ADA access issues, would be beyond the Town's ability to pay for. So, we are working on the processes that are required by the few grant-funding organizations. LCHIP, and the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA), are chief among these. LCHIP requires a Condition Assessment of the building as a first step. We thank the NHPA for awarding a grant to our Library to help with this.

Someday we will be glad to stop thinking about the roof, and lack of proper ADA access. But that day is some long way distant.

In an effort to be ready for the future use of the library, trustee Kathy Torrey and Alyson, our cherished Librarian, have been working with the NH State Library on the statewide effort to encourage libraries to create a 5-year, update-able, plan for the more-and-more digital future. The goal is to keep our programs and services relevant, and to maintain and improve our historic building in an intentional and careful way.

25% of book checkouts now are downloaded to library users' electronic devices!

Part of the Strategic Planning effort is collecting community input. A print survey was distributed, and a ZOOM evening was held. We are actively engaged in collecting YOUR ideas about what our Library is, what it should offer, and what the future should hold. Please communicate your ideas in any way or at any time that feels comfortable.

See Alyson's Librarian's Report for more information about the great in-person activities happening at our library now.

A project was undertaken to formalize an agreement between the Library and the Town, as to which pays for what. For years and years, it has been generally understood that the Town pays to maintain the building, and the annual Library appropriation in the Town budget, Library income, and donations, pay for the staff and programs. This arrangement has now been fine-tuned and written down.

The roof continues to be maintained by Melanson's in Keene. There is a check of condition in spring, and another visit in the late fall, after the leaves are down. We Trustees thank Keith Hanatow for his attention to this project.

Shedd-Porter has received a \$10,000 NH Charitable Foundation Technology Grant for upgrades and additions to our technology. It includes more computers, a color copier, more outlets and charging stations, and many other modern improvements. We are grateful for this leap to greater usefulness!

Another grant came from the Mascoma Foundation, which is contributing to the restroom renovation. We are grateful to bid farewell to that nasty corner, and for the Mascoma Foundation's help!

The Reed Foundation (descendants of the Shedd and Porter families) is a stalwart supporter, and we are so very glad for the relationship!

Most of the donations to the library are under \$100. Some are a few hundred. Through the NH Charitable Foundation, we received a \$5000 anonymous donation. They all add up to something quite significant. Thank you— to all our many friends!

We Trustees are grateful for the respect we have for each other, for the various useful talents we can offer, and for the talents and help provided by the library community.

Thanks for your attention!

We'll see you at the library!

Matt Saxton, Chair

Susan Norlander, Vice-Chair

Carol Reller, Secretary

Karn McShane, Treasurer

Kathy Torrey

Joe Levesque, Alternate

Jeff Smull, Alternate

## **Alstead Historical Society 2023 Annual Report**

The Alstead Historical Society had another productive year in 2023. At our office in the municipal building, we were fortunate to have Catherine Jahos join us weekly to assist us in sorting and filing our large quantity of Alstead Historical materials. We were able to help a number of folks that were researching information on distant relatives that had connections to Alstead in the 1700 and 1800's.

Gayle Bellows and Heather Gendron undertook a project to gather and install into our computer system the historical society collection of photographs so as to be able to retrieve the images more efficiently. This is a work in progress.

Margaret Perry has for many years, sorted through volumes of materials and set up a comprehensive filing system to make it much easier to locate specific information someone may be looking for on a topic of Alstead's past history. Margaret is now developing an index on all files as to location in our reference room to help anyone in locating the file and information being sought after.

Folks continue to donate items from Alstead's past, and this year was no exception. These are some of the items we received in 2023:

The architectural prints of Vilas High School, photo albums from the Lyle Kemp farm and East Alstead, volumes of records compiled by Betty Revis of the VFW and American Legion, a number of items from Robert and Madeline Batchelder estate, including Robert's Vilas Jacket, an Alstead Boy Scout Troop 47 uniform, a photo of Ernest Batchelder's meat market including a 1927 calendar.

We also received from Allison Deen and Wanadus Gurds two beautiful watercolor paintings by artist, Robert Jordan and given to his friend and college classmate, Benjamin Allison. One is an Alstead Center scene and the other, an Alstead Village scene. We also received many other items from folks that we will integrate into our museum display.

We were able to produce 3 issues of the Alstead Vintage Times during 2023. We continue to get positive feedback from people on the topics covered in the newsletters. Thus, we will again try to produce 4 issues in 2024 if time permits.

As in the past, when asked, we like to loan items from our collections to be part of Cheshire County Historical society exhibits. CCHS has an exhibit, (Signs of The Times) running through April. This exhibit contains 70 signs from the Cheshire County area and we loaned 4 items, which are part of the exhibit. It is free and open to the public. If you are in Keene and have spare time, stop and enjoy the exhibit, CCHS, as always, has organized a great display.

In 2023, with the help of additional volunteer docents, we had the museum open 2 Saturday and 2 Sunday afternoons per month. The Saturdays, we found, did not draw many visitors, therefore we are discussing the possibility of having some evening hours open in 2024. We had 83 visitors during 2023 and are gratefully pleased with the wonderful comments we have received from all the visitors. If you haven't yet found time to visit the museum, we encourage you to stop in and see all the historical items that have been donated by the folks of Alstead.

We were able to present 3 Humanities to Go Programs in 2023 and plan to have more in 2024. We were very happy with the turn out of 76 people for the program, (A History of Agriculture as Told by Barns), presented November 9, 2023.

Our office at the municipal building is open 1 – 4 pm Thursday afternoons and the museum open hours will be posted on the outside sign board at the museum. You may also visit the museum at other times by calling Bruce Bellows at 603-835-6751, Marie Harling, 603-835-6972, or Gayle Bellows, 603-499-5560.

We wish to thank Robert Delotto and Linda Ambrosia for their generous donation of a maple tree that will have red foliage each fall. It was planted on the bank to the left of the museum. Also, thank you to Linda for the potted red geraniums at the museum last summer.

Also thank you to all of our members and the folks of Alstead for your support of the Alstead Historical Society.

Respectively Submitted,  
Alstead Historical Society

Bruce Bellows  
President

## **2023 Annual Report Cemetery Commission**

This year the maintenance and upkeep of our 7 cemeteries was made more difficult because of so much rain and the constant need to mow. As always, Jodi Kercewich and Shaena Hakey di a commendable job.

With the closing of Fall Mountain Small Engine in 2022 and the AEBI Business at the end of 2023 more equipment, maintenance and repairs will be performed by the cemetery department.

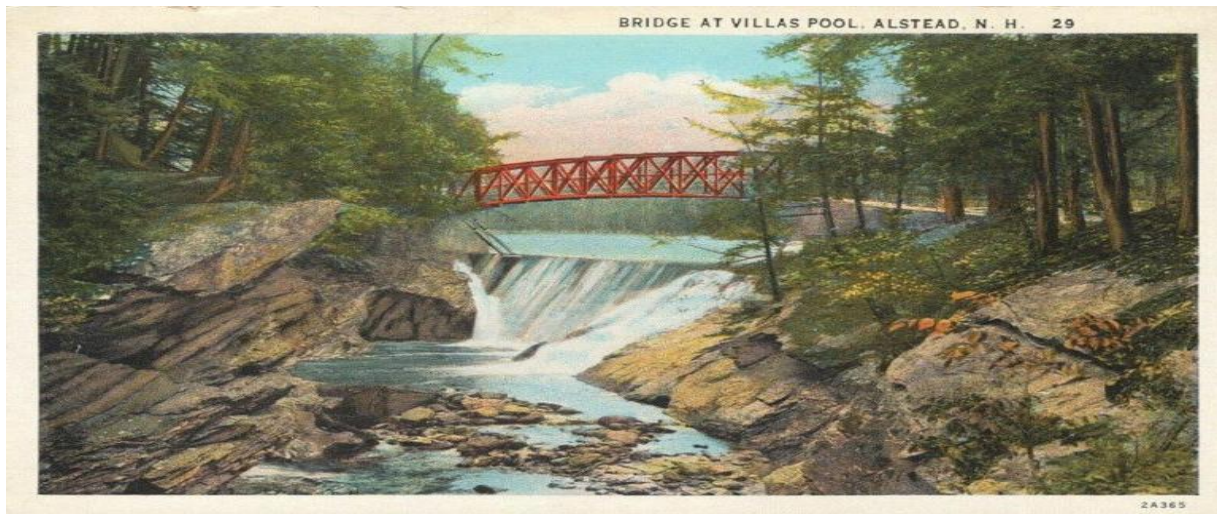
In 2023, stone straightening and repair of leaning and fallen stones were completed in North Cemetery and paid for by donations from Ann DeLancy.

One hundred and nine monuments, flat grave markers and corner stones were straightened, uncovered and cleaned and reset in West, Pine Grove, Mapleside and Alstead Center Cemeteries.

Tree trimming at Pine Grove and along the West wall at the Alstead Center Cemetery was performed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alstead Cemetery Commission

Bruce A. Bellows  
Jodi Kercewich  
Allan Kauders



Vilas Pool Park is a cherished town and state treasure. The park was built between 1925 and 1926 and was gifted to the town of Alstead by Charles Vilas, a native of Alstead and philanthropist. The park is funded by grants, an endowment left by Mr. Vilas, and generous donations from community members. In 2022, Vilas Pool Park was added to the NH State Register of Historic Places. The park features a variety of recreational areas such as a carillon, picnic areas, a man-made pool, fireplaces, swimming, boating, and a pavilion that is available for events. For nearly a century, Vilas Pool Park has been a gathering place for the community, where neighbors, friends, and families can come to enjoy nature and the simple pleasures of life.

The 2023 season at Vilas Pool Park started strong with the renovation of the historic pavilion, which was funded by a Moose Plate grant from the NH Division of Historical Resources. The pavilion renovation included the replacement of rotted decking, rerouting of drainage to improve the longevity of the pavilion porch, painting, and more. The pavilion looked as good as new and was the gathering place for weddings, bridal showers, birthdays, and celebration of life events throughout the season. We had begun to host our free family events with hot lunch, Animal Encounters, magic shows, and much more planned. However, on June 26th, the park was hit by devastating flooding. Despite the committee, staff members, and community members' best efforts to secure boats, docks, and park equipment, the beloved Noel the swan boat was swept down the river and destroyed. Parts of the new dock, benches, and the playground area were also damaged. Despite this setback, the committee, team, and volunteers did their best to clean up and carry on for what was left of the season. Following the damage, the park reopened for picnicking and events only.

The committee is currently working on getting grants and accepting donations to replace the Swan Boat and complete the necessary clean up to fully open the park for the 2024 season. We have applied for another Moose Plate grant with the hopes of restoring the "historic snack shack" this season. As the old saying goes, the comeback is always greater than the setback, and the park is looking forward to its best year yet in 2024. Thank you for your support and for sharing your love of this historic treasure with all of us.

See You At The Pool!,

Bobbie Wilson, Chair  
Gordon Kemp  
Hollie Kemp  
Carolyn Urbanski  
Steve Blake  
Ryanne Murrell



**2023 Vital Statistics**

**Alstead Resident Marriage Report January 1-December 31, 2023**

<b><u>Person A's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Person B's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Marriage</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Marriage</u></b>
Flanagan, John H	Jacobs, Julie A	Alstead	04/02
Fernette, Michael J	Baker, DJ	Alstead	05/09
Dugray, Wade A	Malony, Kelly Q	Alstead	05/27
Warnert, Marcus R	Haefner, Mary Catherine	Newport	08/10
Rogers, Andrew L	Bird, Mariyah A	Epping	10/15
Skinner, Graham P	Porter, Jandee Lee	Acworth	10/28

**Alstead Resident Birth Report January 1-December 31, 2023**

<b><u>Child's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Birth</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Birth</u></b>	<b><u>Father's/Mother's Name</u></b>
Buckley, Myles Jonathan	02/21	Keene	Buckley, Christopher Dufield, Hannah
Thomas, Alexander Jonathan	03/04	Keene	Thomas, Joshua Armstrong, Danielle
Spencer, Julian Boone	03/09	Peterborough	Spencer, Blake Spencer, Jacqueline
Bowers, Remington Elizabeth	03/24	Keene	Bowers, Ryan Harris, Allana
Cobb, Harper Elizabeth	04/01	Keene	Cobb, Joseph Cobb, Ashley
Howe, Silas Arthur	04/19	Lebanon	Howe, Kenneth Howe, Rebecca
Steuwe, Stella Michelle	05/28	Keene	Steuwe, John Steuwe, Shelley
Hanatow, Daisy Lynn	07/09	Keene	Hanatow, Tyler Kelly, Lauren
Weaver, Boden Lee	07/24	Keene	Weaver, Ian Corliss, Shania
Smith, Oliver Thomas Sheridan	11/08	Keene	Smith, Geoffrey Sheridan, Kaila
Mayer, Aurora Francis	11/16	Alstead	Mayer, Hans Iselin, Laurel

## 2023 Vital Statistics

### Alstead Resident Death Report January 1-December 31, 2023

<u>Decedent's Name</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Garatoni, Margaret	Keene	02/08
Lemieux, Joann	Keene	02/09
Andrade, Irma	Alstead	03/06
Montgomery, Bruce	Peterborough	03/26
Balamuth, Michael	Alstead	04/03
Mayrand, Catherine	Keene	05/27
Renzelman, Karen	Westmoreland	06/05
Carney, Kevin	Lebanon	07/02
Marron, Annamae	Alstead	07/02
Hakey, Bertie	Alstead	07/06
Hanatow, Daisy Lynn	Lebanon	07/16
Dunton, Shirley	Keene	08/17
McMorrow, Laura	Alstead	08/28
Scarpa, Patricia	Newport	09/08
Tillson, Joan	Alstead	09/19
Davis, Jeannie	Alstead	10/31
Mackenzie, Margaret	Alstead	11/12
Mitchell Jr, David	Alstead	12/2



## 2023 Treasurer's Report

2023 Alstead's Treasure Report							
Alstead's Accounts	Starting Bal Jan. 1, 2023	Total deposits to checking	Total withdrawals from checking	Transfers from ICS TO Checking	Transfers from checking TO ICS	Interest income	Ending Bal. Dec. 31, 2023
<b>** Town Ckg.</b>	\$1,067,064.89	\$11,055,869.05	\$11,684,122.30	\$4,086,700.00	\$3,895,000.00		<b>\$438,811.64</b>
<b>ICS Account</b>	\$1,015,423.63			\$4,086,700.00	\$3,895,000.00	\$32,642.30	<b>\$856,365.93</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$2,082,488.52						<b>\$1,295,177.57</b>
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<b>Vilas Pool</b>		<b>IN</b>	<b>OUT</b>				
<b>*** MM</b>	\$31,574.18	\$53,017.17	\$60,001.00				<b>\$24,590.35</b>
<b>Ckg.</b>	\$8,774.71	\$60,400.00	\$63,913.52	Deposits to the ckg. account are transferred from the MM			<b>\$5,261.19</b>
<b>CD</b>	\$53,659.51	\$86.33	\$0.00				<b>\$53,745.84</b>
<b>Totals</b>	\$94,008.40						<b>\$83,597.38</b>
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<b>Alstead Police Dept.</b>	\$10,562.62	\$3,023.50	\$0.00				<b>\$13,586.12</b>
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<b>Conservation Comm.</b>	\$18,812.82	\$2,036.99	\$2,470.40				<b>\$18,379.41</b>
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<b>Cemetery Donation</b>	\$5,170.00	\$5,011.61	\$3,984.00				<b>\$6,197.61</b>
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* The ICS savings account is used to "secure" all funds above \$250,000.00, and to maximize interest income. Transfers are made between the ICS and checking accounts as needed.							
** Major receipts are from Tax Collections, Town Clerk operations, and a combination of other income.							
*** Vilas Pool MM, Major receipts from original investments. Funds transferred from MM to Ckg as needed.							
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## Alstead Summary Inventory of Valuation

**Reports Required:** RSA 21-J:34 as amended, provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Department of Revenue Administration may require upon reports prescribed for that purpose.

**Note:** The values and figures provided represent the detailed values that are used in the city/towns tax assessments and sworn to uphold under Oath per RSA 75:7.

**For assistance please contact:**  
 NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
 (603) 230-5090  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

Assessor
JOHN HATFIELD (COMMERFORD, NIEDER, PERKINS, LLC)

Municipal Officials		
Name	Position	Signature
JOEL MCCARTY	SELECT BOARD CHAIR	
MATTHEW SAXTON	SELECT BOARD	
GORDON KEMP	SELECT BOARD	

Preparer		
Name	Phone	Email
MARY SCHOPPMAYER	603 835 2986	alsteadadmin@alsteadnh.org

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Preparer's Signature



<b>Land Value Only</b>		<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
1A	Current Use RSA 79-A	18,808.51	\$1,102,911
1B	Conservation Restriction Assessment RSA 79-B	570.19	\$28,338
1C	Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	0.00	\$0
1D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	0.00	\$0
1E	Taxation of Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0.00	\$0
1F	Residential Land	4,292.72	\$66,341,600
1G	Commercial/Industrial Land	68.22	\$1,019,600
<b>1H</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Land</b>	<b>23,739.64</b>	<b>\$68,492,449</b>
1I	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Land	482.02	\$2,970,400

<b>Buildings Value Only</b>		<b>Structures</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
2A	Residential	0	\$115,274,481
2B	Manufactured Housing RSA 674:31	0	\$2,562,900
2C	Commercial/Industrial	0	\$3,860,200
2D	Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D	1	\$17,820
2E	Taxation of Farm Structures RSA 79-F	0	\$0
<b>2F</b>	<b>Total of Taxable Buildings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$121,715,401</b>
2G	Tax Exempt and Non-Taxable Buildings	0	\$5,793,500

<b>Utilities &amp; Timber</b>		<b>Valuation</b>
3A	Utilities	\$4,137,000
3B	Other Utilities	\$0
4	Mature Wood and Timber RSA 79:5	\$0
<b>5</b>	<b>Valuation before Exemption</b>	<b>\$194,344,850</b>

<b>Exemptions</b>		<b>Total Granted</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
6	Certain Disabled Veterans RSA 72:36-a	0	\$0
7	Improvements to Assist the Deaf RSA 72:38-b V	0	\$0
8	Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities RSA 72:37-a	0	\$0
9	School Dining/Dormitory/Kitchen Exemption RSA 72:23-IV	0	\$0
10A	Non-Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA	0	\$0
10B	Utility Water & Air Pollution Control Exemption RSA 72:12-a	0	\$0

<b>11</b>	<b>Modified Assessed Value of All Properties</b>	<b>\$194,344,850</b>
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<b>Optional Exemptions</b>		<b>Amount Per</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
12	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37	\$15,000	0	\$0
13	Elderly Exemption RSA 72:39-a,b	\$0	4	\$262,500
14	Deaf Exemption RSA 72:38-b	\$0	0	\$0
15	Disabled Exemption RSA 72:37-b	\$0	0	\$0
16	Wood Heating Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:70	\$0	0	\$0
17	Solar Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:62	\$0	28	\$313,800
18	Wind Powered Energy Systems Exemption RSA 72:66	\$0	0	\$0
19	Additional School Dining/Dorm/Kitchen Exemptions RSA 72:23	\$0	0	\$0
19A	Electric Energy Storage Systems RSA 72:85	\$0	0	\$0
19B	Renewable Generation Facilities & Electric Energy Systems	\$0	0	\$0

<b>20</b>	<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>	<b>\$576,300</b>
<b>21A</b>	<b>Net Valuation</b>	<b>\$193,768,550</b>
<b>21B</b>	<b>Less TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>21C</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$193,768,550</b>
<b>21D</b>	<b>Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>21E</b>	<b>Net Valuation Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value and Comm/Ind Construction</b>	<b>\$193,768,550</b>



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<b>22</b>	<b>Less Utilities</b>	<b>\$4,137,000</b>
<b>23A</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities</b>	<b>\$189,631,550</b>
<b>23B</b>	<b>Net Valuation without Utilities, Adjusted to Remove TIF Retained Value</b>	<b>\$189,631,550</b>

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**Utility Value Appraiser**

Brian D. Fogg, LLC

The municipality **DOES NOT** use DRA utility values. The municipality **IS NOT** equalized by the ratio.

<b>Electric Company Name</b>	<b>Distr.</b>	<b>Distr. (Other)</b>	<b>Gen.</b>	<b>Trans.</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP	\$3,784,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,784,900
NEW ENGLAND POWER COMPANY	\$0	\$131,000	\$0	\$0	\$131,000
PSNH DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY	\$221,100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$221,100
	<b>\$4,006,000</b>	<b>\$131,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$4,137,000</b>



Veteran's Tax Credits	Limits	Number	Est. Tax Credits
Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28	\$300	60	\$18,000
Surviving Spouse RSA 72:29-a	\$700	2	\$1,400
Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability RSA 72:35	\$1,400	6	\$8,400
All Veterans Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b	\$300	7	\$2,100
Combat Service Tax Credit RSA 72:28-c	\$0	0	\$0
		<b>75</b>	<b>\$29,900</b>

Deaf & Disabled Exemption Report			
<b>Deaf Income Limits</b>		<b>Deaf Asset Limits</b>	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0
<b>Disabled Income Limits</b>		<b>Disabled Asset Limits</b>	
Single	\$0	Single	\$0
Married	\$0	Married	\$0

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<b>Has the municipality adopted an exemption for Renewable Gen. Facility &amp; Electric Energy Storage? (RSA 72:87)</b>	Granted/Adopted? No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted Community Tax Relief Incentive? (RSA 79-E)</b>	Granted/Adopted? No	Structures:
<b>Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Certain Chartered Public School Facilities? (RSA 79-H)</b>	Granted/Adopted? No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted Taxation of Qualifying Historic Buildings? (RSA 79-G)</b>	Granted/Adopted? No	Properties:
<b>Has the municipality adopted the optional commercial and industrial construction exemption? (RSA 72:76-78 or RSA 72:80-83)</b>	Granted/Adopted? No	Properties:
	Percent of assessed value attributable to new construction to be exempted:	
	Total Exemption Granted:	
<b>Has the municipality granted any credits under the low-income housing tax credit tax program? (RSA 75:1-a)</b>	Granted/Adopted? Yes	Properties: 1
	Assessed value prior to effective date of RSA 75:1-a:	1,373,400
	Current Assessed Value:	\$938,500



<b>Current Use RSA 79-A</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land	1,295.43	\$238,157
Forest Land	10,527.34	\$628,172
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	6,242.79	\$223,938
Unproductive Land	317.32	\$5,386
Wet Land	425.63	\$7,258
	<b>18,808.51</b>	<b>\$1,102,911</b>

**Other Current Use Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	4,509.38
Total Number of Acres Removed from Current Use During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	12.07
Total Number of Owners in Current Use	<b>Owners:</b>	303
Total Number of Parcels in Current Use	<b>Parcels:</b>	454

**Land Use Change Tax**

Gross Monies Received for Calendar Year			\$37,866
Conservation Allocation	<b>Percentage:</b>	0.00%	<b>Dollar Amount:</b> \$2,000
Monies to Conservation Fund			\$2,000
Monies to General Fund			\$35,866

**Conservation Restriction Assessment Report RSA 79-B**

	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Farm Land	10.70	\$2,546
Forest Land	417.24	\$20,903
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	123.80	\$4,568
Unproductive Land	18.20	\$317
Wet Land	0.25	\$4
	<b>570.19</b>	<b>\$28,338</b>

**Other Conservation Restriction Assessment Statistics**

Total Number of Acres Receiving 20% Rec. Adjustment	<b>Acres:</b>	84.00
Total Number of Acres Removed from Conservation Restriction During Current Tax Year	<b>Acres:</b>	0.00
Owners in Conservation Restriction	<b>Owners:</b>	8
Parcels in Conservation Restriction	<b>Parcels:</b>	11



Discretionary Easements RSA 79-C	Acres	Owners	Assessed Valuation
	0.00	0	\$0

Taxation of Farm Structures and Land Under Farm Structures RSA 79-F				
Number Granted	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
0	0	0.00	\$0	\$0

Discretionary Preservation Easements RSA 79-D				
Owners	Structures	Acres	Land Valuation	Structure Valuation
1	1	0.00	\$0	\$17,820

Map	Lot	Block	%	Description
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Tax Increment Financing District	Date	Original	Unretained	Retained	Current
<i>This municipality has no TIF districts.</i>					

Revenues Received from Payments in Lieu of Tax	Revenue	Acres
State and Federal Forest Land, Recreational and/or land from MS-434, account 3356 and 3357	\$2.00	2.50
White Mountain National Forest only, account 3186	\$0.00	0.00

Payments in Lieu of Tax from Renewable Generation Facilities (RSA 72:74)	Amount
<i>This municipality has not adopted RSA 72:74 or has no applicable PILT sources.</i>	

Other Sources of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (MS-434 Account 3186)	Amount
<i>This municipality has no additional sources of PILTs.</i>	

**Notes**