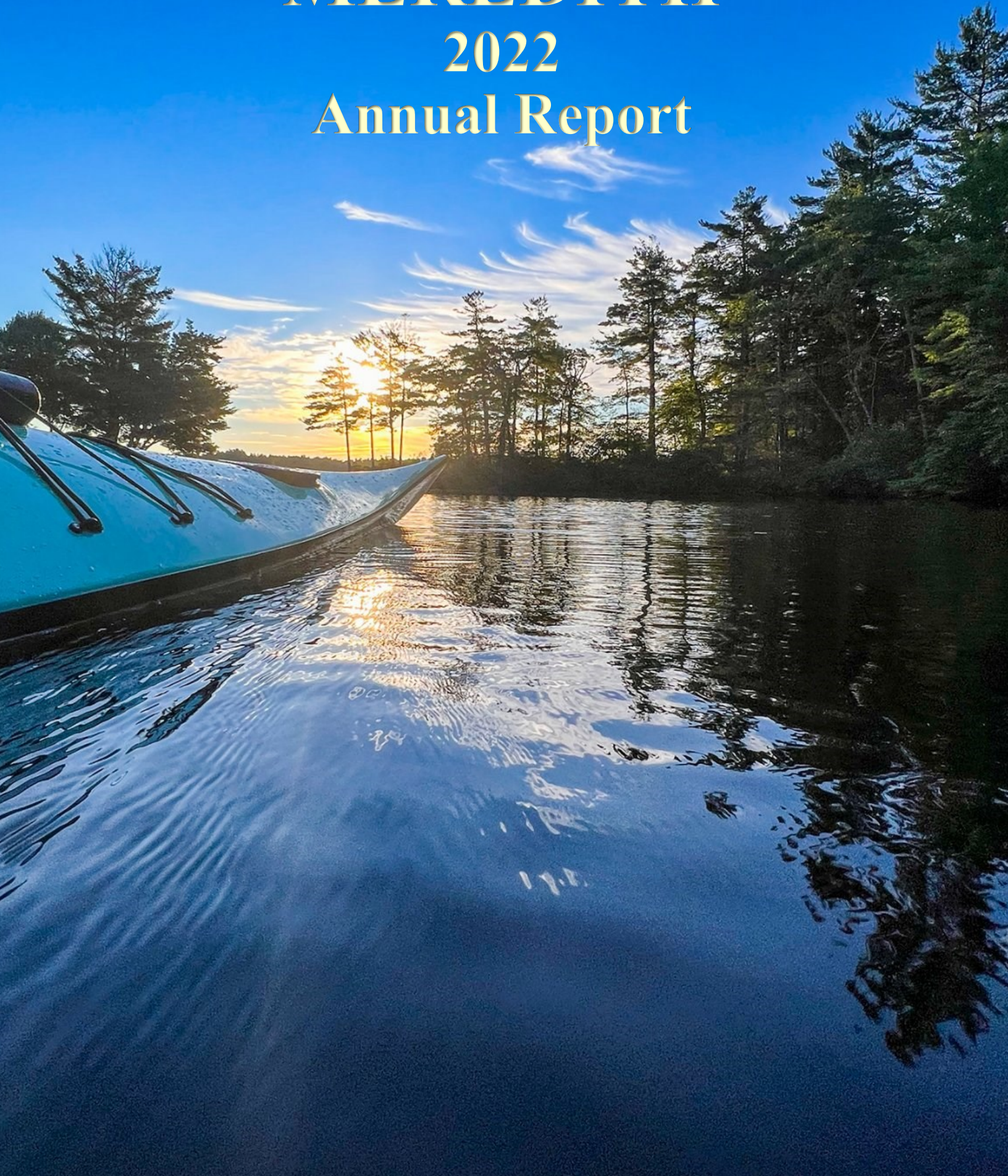


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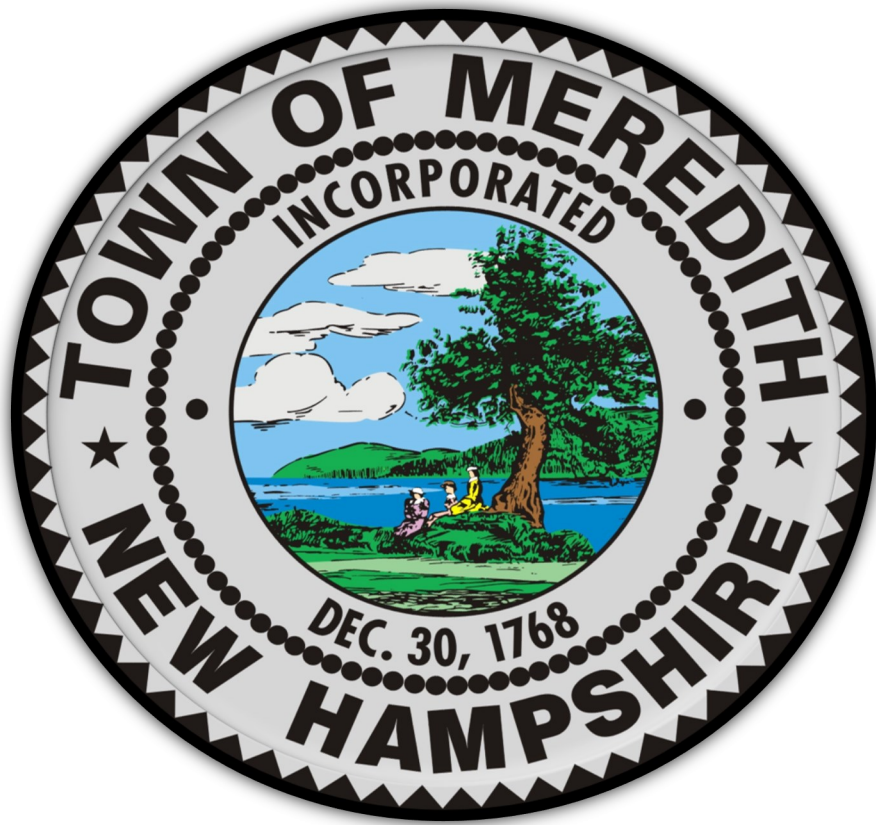




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New Hampshire



2022

Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

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What is this Town Report all about?

This Annual Town Report contains...

Information gathered from Town Departments, Supported Outside Agencies and gives results of the 2022 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison, and a Summary of Town Owned Property.

Following in the yellow section is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Location: Community Center
1 Circle Drive
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 15, 2023
Location: Inter-Lakes High School
1 Laker Lane
Time: 7pm

Recognition

Written Reports are provided by:

- Town Manager
- Selectman Board
- Department Heads
- Outside Agencies

Financial Statements are prepared by:

- Robert Carpenter, Administrative Services Director
- Linda Labraney, Staff Accountant
- Kim Brown, Deputy Tax Collector

The cover, layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual Report are completed by:

- Emily Harker, Finance Clerk

Thank you to all who contributed to this report.

Meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Select Board

Community Center Workshop / Meeting 4:30pm, 1st and 3rd Monday

Conservation Commission

Community Center, 7:00pm, 1st Thursday

Library Trustees

Meredith Public Library, 6:00pm, 2nd Tuesday

Planning Board

Community Center, 7:00pm, 4th Tuesday

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Thursday

Area Resources Contact Information

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program.....1-603-279-4096
Emergency Management Director.....1-603-279-4561
Concord Hospital-Laonia1-603-524-3211
Lakes Region VNA & Hospice1-603-279-6611
Poison Control Center1-800-222-1222

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds.....1-603-527-5420
Belknap County Superior Court1-855-212-1234
Laonia District Court1-855-212-1234
New Hampshire Legal Assistance.....1-800-639-5290

County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff Department.....1-603-527-5454
State Police - Tamworth.....1-603-323-3333
State Police - Concord.....1-603-223-8778

Permits to Kindle Fires

Central Fire Station1-603-279-6061
Town Hall1-603-279-4538
Y-Landing Marina1-603-279-5050

Also online at WWW.NHDFL.ORG

Town Report Dedication's

This Town Report is Dedicated to:

John Curran



26 Years

Don Belyea



27 Years

Barry Weeks



44 Years

John Egan



24 Years

The former employees of the Town of Meredith have over 121 years of service to the Town.

John (Chief) P. Curran, 82, of Meredith, passed away at Concord Hospital, May 11, 2022.

John was raised in Lynn where he graduated from Lynn English High School in 1957, going on to join the US Marine Corps in June. John retired from the Marine Reserves in 1993 at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. In 1967, John started his law enforcement career with the Georgetown, Mass Police department, moving on to Boxford then Newbury, MA Police Departments. He took his first Chief of Police position with the Berwick, Maine Police Department in 1978 then he was the Chief of Police with the Newbury, MA Police Department, and in December of 1978, he became the Chief of the Meredith Police Department where he served until retirement in 2004.

After retiring from Meredith Police Department, John served as a part-time deputy with Belknap County Sheriff's Department and as a member of the Belknap Regional Special Operations Group.

John married the love of his life Marguerite Jessie Duplisea on January 23, 1965, and had four children, John P. Jr, Michael P., Patrick S., and Matthew T. John loved to play golf, be with his family and friends, and drive his jeep around town. John is known and will be remembered for his love for his family, country, and community.



Don E. Belyea, 75, of Meredith, passed away November 29, 2022.

Don was born in Woodsville, NH and attended Interlakes High School, graduating with the Class of 1965. He was also a graduate of the St. Anselm College with a degree in criminal justice.

He served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969. He started his career with the Meredith Police Department in 1969 as a Patrol Officer, served as the Police Department Prosecutor, Sergeant in charge of Patrol and retired as Sergeant in 1996. Then moving his career to Belknap County Sheriff's Department 1996 to 2013, serving as Sergeant in charge of Court Security.

Don married the love of his life Marion Belyea for 52 years. He enjoyed fishing in Meredith Bay, Lake Ontario and Alaska. He was an accomplished woodworker. They enjoyed gardening, walking the dogs in the woods, and trips to Atlantic City.

Town Report Dedication's

Barry Weeks, died suddenly November 2, 2022, at Concord Hospital, Laconia, NH.

Barry was a lifelong resident of Meredith. Starting shortly after high school he came to work for the Town of Meredith Solid Waste Department. At that time the town was still operating an incinerator. Over the years, Barry was instrumental with the changeover to a recycling transfer station. He dedicated 44.5 years working for the town and was the Recycling Coordinator at the Town of Meredith's Recycling Center.



Barry was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Griggs-Wyatt Post 33 of Meredith, where he enjoyed playing darts, pool, and most of all playing Santa Claus for the children at the Legion. Barry had a big heart when it came to helping a veteran in need. He was a past member of the Valley Wheels Motorcycle Club. Barry was an avid hunter and loved to go deep sea fishing.

He worked every annual Household Hazardous Waste Day event and was a continuous figure well known by town residents who visited the "dump" on a regular basis. Always wearing a big smile and often cracking jokes, you could not help but smile and laugh when Barry was around.

Barry will be greatly missed by his family, his friends and longtime co-workers in the town. Rest in peace big guy.



John Michael Egan, 68, of Laconia, died peacefully on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at his home with his beloved wife and best friend of 42 years, Dawn (Melvin) Egan by his side.

John graduated from Northeastern University, Boston, MA, majoring in Criminal Justice. He worked as a Police Officer and Sergeant, for 24 years with the Meredith Police Department. He also spent several years as a Deputy Sheriff with Belknap County and more than a decade as Community Service Coordinator for the Belknap County Restorative Justice Program Youth Services. John proudly served as Meredith's first DARE Officer, touching the lives of many young people. He spent many years as a proud Board Member of the NH Police Association.

He is remembered fondly as a sports coach, mentor, and a true friend to those lucky enough to know him.



Featured in the photo:

John Curran, Dan Collis, John Egan and Don Belyea in the back center.

Town Officials

Select Board

Michael J. Pelczar, Chairperson, 2023

Lynn Leighton, 2024

Steven Aiken, 2025

Jeanie Forrester, 2024

Jonathan D. James, 2025

Elected Officials

Stephen Nedeau, Moderator, 2024

Kerri A. Parker, CMC, CTC, CDTC,
Town Clerk, 2023

Martha Fairbrother, Treasurer, 2023

Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Troy Brown

Administrative Services Director

Robert Carpenter

Community Development Director

John C. Edgar

Town Planner

Angela LaBrecque, AICP

Code Enforcement Officer

John Greenwood

Public Works Director

Michael Faller

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Brian McCall

Assessor

James Commerford, CNHA

Parks & Recreation Director

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Library Director

Erin Apostolos

Police Officials

Mike Harper, Chief

Kevin Morrow, Retired as Chief in 2022

Phil McLaughlin, Lieutenant

Fire Officials

Jay Haines, Deputy Chief

Ken Jones, Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Andre Kloetz, Deputy Chief

Emergency Management

Mike Harper, Director

Ken Jones, Assistant Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

Mark Weston, 2024

James Gregoire, 2023

Mary Kahn, 2023

Supervisors of the Checklist

Brenda Thibeault, 2023

Lindsey Weiner, 2028

Debra Swingle, 2024

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Edward Touhey, PB Rep.

Mark Billings, ILSB Rep/Chairperson

Bill Bayard

Jeanie Forrester, BOS Rep.

Ray Moritz

Dave Thorpe, Vice-Chair

Richard Gerken, PB Rep.

Lynn Leighton, BOS Rep. Alternate

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Stephanie Maltais, 2026

Town Officials

Library Trustees

Vivien Mitchell, 2024
Margaret Croes, 2025
Paul Eldridge, 2024

Ann Butler, Chairperson, 2024

Lisa Garcia, 2023
Sarah Johnson, 2025
Jonathan James, 2024

Planning Board

Richard Gerken, Secretary, 2024
Ann Butler, Vice-Chair, 2024
Richard Lovering, 2025

Edward Touhey, Chairman, 2024
Cortland Findlay, 2023
Jamie Irving, Alternate, 2025
John Kreitler, Chairperson, 2022 (resigned)

Stephen Nedeau, 2025
Jonathan James, BOS Rep.
Jeremy Martin, 2022 (resigned)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Robb Jutton, Vice-Chair, 2024
Frank Marino, Alternate, 2024

Bruce Reichlen, Chairperson, 2024
Ray Moritz, 2024

David Thorpe, 2024
Thomas Girard, 2023

Conservation Commission

Paul Dillon, Vice-Chair, 2023
Ralph Pisapia, 2023
Mark Billings, 2023

Scott Powell, Chairperson, 2024

Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2024
Janet Sanguedolce, 2025
James Gregoire, Treasurer, 2024

Alternates:

Don MacFarland, 2023

John Sherman, 2023

Tony Sabutis, 2023

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Tony Sabutis
Tim Whiting
Bronwen Donnelly
Bruce Bond

Donna VanNess Murphy, Chair
Jamie Irving
Cheryl Van Veghten
Richard Kosinski

Frank Murphy, Vice Chair
Elisabeth Cody
Steve Aiken, BOS Rep.
Ray Moritz

Energy Committee

Bill Bayard
Jonathan James - BOS Rep.

Bill Haley, Chairperson
Rick DeMark

Ann Butler, PB Rep.
Mark Billings, ILSD Rep.

Village Pathways Committee

Lissa Goodby, Secretary
Liz Lapham
Linda Smith

Andrea Bourn, Chairperson
Sandy Sabutis Abigail Mercer
Cheryl Wilson Jane Bowie

Barbara Brann
Janice Roberts
Rod Wilson

Executive Summary

Report from the Town Manager

It is an honor to submit my first annual town report to the residents of Meredith. I started my position as Town Manager on Monday, August 8, 2022. I would like to thank everyone in Meredith that I have had an opportunity to meet and work with over the past few months for being so helpful and welcoming. I would like to especially thank the Department Heads and staff and, in particular, Chris Janosa (HR/Asst. to the Town Mgr.), for all the extra time spent assisting me with my transition.

For the past few months, I have spent most of my time learning about the town's services, department operations, ongoing capital projects, and preparation of the 2023 operating budget and warrant articles. I am also pleased to report that my first official action taken as Town Manager was the promotion of Lieutenant Michael Harper to Chief of Police. The decision was easy after receiving so many positive comments from the Meredith and surrounding Police communities and my direct conversations with Chief Harper regarding his goals for the future direction of the Meredith Police Department. I am confident Chief Harper will continue to lead and serve with excellence as he has done over the past 25 years.



I look forward to working on many of the known and unknown challenges in 2023. Employee recruitment, retention, and compensation will continue to be challenging for all departments. The town's information technology system needs significant investment to provide employees and residents with the best and most reliable service possible. Continuing to develop plans to maintain and improve our assets, equipment, and infrastructure needs to be a high priority as well.

I look forward to working with the Meredith Select Board, Department Heads, Committee members, and residents over the next year. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions or concerns by email tbrown@meredithnh.org, phone 603-677-4209 or stop by my office anytime.

Regards,

Troy Brown, Town Manager

Executive Summary

Report from the Select Board

2022 started out like every year. We wrapped up the town meeting and we started looking forward to the summer. It changed quickly with the retirement of Police Chief Kevin Morrow after 30 plus years of service in our department. Followed by the resignation of the town manager Phil Warren who took another job in Berlin.

The board asked Chris Janosa to act as interim Town Manager and Lieutenant Mike Harper to do the same as interim Chief. With an experienced staff and everyone doing their part both Chris and Mike did excellent jobs. The Board discussed the qualifications and agreed that the town manager needed to have experience in municipal government and made the decision to bring on Troy Brown in August as the new manager. A few weeks later Troy removed the interim tag making Mike Harper Chief of Police.

The Inns did a study on the canal that runs through Main Street only to find out it is in need of major repairs. The town is playing the role to help get a grant for the Inns to help absorb the cost.

Our DPW building is finally almost ready to occupy after many delays due mostly from Covid.

We are also working with Shep Browns on revamping that whole waterfront and are almost to the bidding stage.

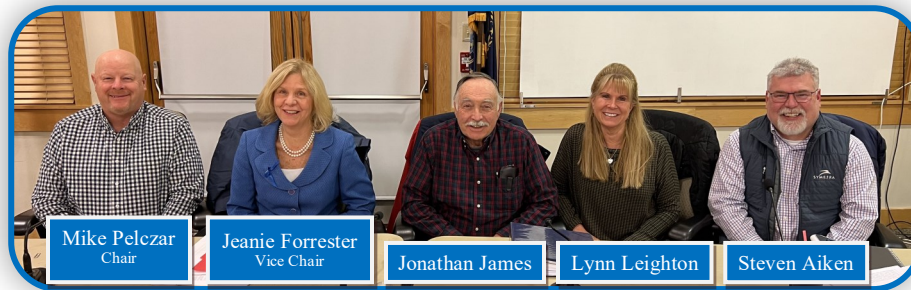
All and all it was a year full of challenges from retirements and losing key members to the private sector and trying to curb inflation without drastically increasing the budget.

In closing I would like to thank the staff for their hard work keeping the town working at a high level and all residents in this great town for making Meredith a model town that everyone is proud to call home.

Sincerely,

Mike Pelczar
Select Board Chair

Meredith Select Board



Executive Summary

Town Meeting 2022

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Board of Selectmen

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

Jonathan D. James, Chairperson

Town Moderator: Christopher Kelly

Nathan J. Torr, Vice Chairperson

Town Manager: Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Town Clerk: Kerri A. Parker

Lynn Leighton, Selectperson

Town Council: Laura Spectra-Morgan

Jeanie Forrester, Selectperson

With a reflection shared by Moderator Kelly, the Pledge of Allegiance and the Singing of the National Anthem, Matt Sweet. The Town meeting for 2022 was opened.

With a motion and a second, the body agreed to allow for the Town Council Laura Spector-Morgan and Finance Director Robert Carpenter who don't live in town to speak if needed.

Moderator Kelly announced the results of the town election from 3/08/2022

TOWN BALLOT

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Sarah Johnson	584
Dara McCue	253
Margaret Croes	377

SELECTMAN

Liz Rohdenburg	267
Steve Aiken	538
Johnathan James	509
Dara McCue	119

MODERATOR

Stephen Nedeau	709
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SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

Lindsay Weiner	56
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ARTICLE 2

YES	564
NO	181

ARTICLE 3

YES	544
NO	224

ARTICLE 4

YES	505
NO	253

ARTICLE 5

YES	527
NO	199

ARTICLE 6

YES	608
NO	112

ARTICLE 7

YES	472
NO	251

INTERLAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

Pat Kelly	
M = 745 CH = 147 S = 332	
TOTAL = 1224	

RESIDENT OF MEREDITH

Mark Billings	
M = 386 CH = 58 S = 332	
TOTAL = 715	
Kirsten Williams	
M = 208 CH = 46 S = 24	
TOTAL = 278	
Mark D Anderson	
M = 215 CH = 49 S = 48	
TOTAL = 312	

AT LARGE

Howard Cunningham	
M = 317 CH = 63 S = 308	
TOTAL = 688	
Rachel Xavier	
M = 444 CH = 94 S = 55	
TOTAL = 593	
Stacy Bivolcic	
M = 40 CH = 3 S = 6	
TOTAL = 49	

RESIDENT CENTER HARBOR

Charles Hanson	
M = 471 CH = 134 S = 302	
TOTAL = 907	
Jamie Moore	
M = 225 CH = 28 S = 47	
TOTAL = 300	

RESIDENT OF SANDWICH

Duncan E Porter-Zuckerman	
M = 486 CH = 114 S = 332	
TOTAL = 932	
Andi Martin	
M = 141 CH = 23 S = 44	
TOTAL = 208	

2022 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 8 MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixteen million, seven hundred and sixty-seven thousand, nine hundred and seven dollars and sixty cents (\$16,767,907.60) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Nate Torr motioned to move that the town adopt Article 8 as proposed, seconded by Jonathan James.

Mr. Torr discussed that the cost of doing business has gone up as well as wanting to show appreciation of the town employees and they deserve a raise especially for what they have done to keep the town going over the last 2 years during the pandemic. Furthermore, that this 16 million could possibly be reduced by utilizing the fund balance in the fall which has a large balance to work with.

Ray Moritz motioned to amend the article to reduce the overall amount by 1.6 million by reducing the expenditures and increasing the amount of projected revenues, along with increasing the use of the fund balance seconded by Frank Michel. Town council Laura Spector-Morgan explained that the way it is being proposed is not allowed as you can only reduce the bottom line, reducing expenditures and increasing projected revenues is not possible.

Phil Warren suggested that the fall is the time to attend the budget meetings to look at how the fund balance could be used to reduce the overall tax burden on the town depending on what the revenue stream is at the time the tax rate is being worked on. If the total amount raised and appropriated is reduced now it will cause issues with the ability of the town to be able to provide the services to the town. Phil explained that when the expenditures and the revenues are calculated and reported on the MS1 in the fall the possibility of the undesignated fund balance could be used to offset the amount of money raised by tax dollars.

Carol Gerken asked for a point of order as the previous speaker did not state their name and street address. The previous speaker returned to the microphone and announced his name and street. (Ray Mortiz, Water Street)

Robert Carpenter reinforced what Phil stated to keep the overall amount in and when the rate is being set in the fall all the actual figures will be considered to set the tax rate for the town.

Deanna Jurius asked if it was true that if the overall budget is reduced we cannot spend anything out of fund balance or revenues in excess over the bottom line which Laura confirmed.

Bill Bayard suggested that the selectmen consider reducing the tax rate by looking at the fund balances when the time is appropriate.

Ray Moritz withdrew the amendment as presented and it was seconded by Frank Michel to withdraw. Ray went on further ask that there is a non-binding request that the board spend wisely when setting the budget in the fall.

The governing body passed the non-binding proposal passed

Article #8 passed with no further discussion.

ARTICLE 9 WATERFRONT INFRASTRUCTURE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 9 as proposed, seconded by Nathan Torr.

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NOTE: As of December 31, 2021 this account has an effective balance of \$674,965 (Current balance of \$841,955 with \$166,990 allocated to the current waterfront project at Shep Brown's). These additional funds will continue to go towards this project as well as all upcoming waterfront projects as the needs are identified and developed.

Phil Warren explained that the Shep Browns project is at about 30% in the design phase and we will be submitting to DES to look at the initial plans to get any guidance from them as we head towards 100% design.

Rusty McLear asked what the interest rate that we earn on these funds and if we have looked into bonding. Phil Warren answered that we receive very little interest and the bond rates are much higher but are very specific as to what they allow to be spent. However, if we were looking at a larger project we would consider the bonding process.

Without further discussion Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10 MAIN STREET REHABILITATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to be added to the Main Street Rehabilitation ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Jeanne Forrester motioned to adopt Article 10 as proposed seconded by Mike Pelczar.

NOTE: As of December 31, 2021 this account has a balance of \$140,893.38. There is a current contracted study of the existing above and underground conditions and utilities that will cost \$48,000. This will affect the balance in 2022. There is an overall goal of using these funds for the eventual rehabilitation of the Main Street area.

With no discussion Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Mike Pelczar motioned to adopt Article 11 as proposed, seconded by Jeanne Forrester

NOTE: As of December 31, 2021 this account has an effective balance of \$290,416.40 (Current balance of \$428,967 with \$138,551 allocated to the purchased bucket truck). The ongoing contributions made to this ETF help to ensure funding for required equipment purchases. Article 12 and Article 13 also identify contributions to this ETF as it will have inadequate funding in 2025 for necessary equipment purchases.

With no further discussion, Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12 DISCONTINUANCE OF WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT ETF

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Water Systems Improvement ETF created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately \$252,085), is to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Lynn Leighton motioned to adopt Article 12 as proposed, seconded by Jonathan James

Executive Summary

NOTE: This ETF was created in 2001 before the Water and Sewer Department became self-funding. This ETF is no longer needed in this capacity and can be discontinued without any impact on future Water or Sewer projects. As you will see in Article 13, these funds are recommended to be moved to the DPW Equipment Replacement ETF to delay any future shortcomings in that ETF.

With no discussion, Article 12 Passed

ARTICLE 13 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$252,085 to be added to the Department of Public Works ETF previously established. These funds would be from the discontinuance of the Water Systems Improvement ETF. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. If warrant article 12 fails, this article will be null and void. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 13 as proposed seconded by Lynn Leighton

NOTE: As noted in Article 11, the DPW ETF will have inadequate funding as of 2025 for future needs. If the funds from the Water Systems Improvement ETF are re-allocated to the DPW ETF, this will ensure funding through at least 2026, which is the latest year the CIP Committee has addressed planning for. If Article 12 fails, this article will be null and void. If Article 12 passes and this article does not pass, the funds will go into the general fund.

With no discussion Article 13 passed

ARTICLE 14 OPEN SPACE CONSERVATION ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,800 for the purpose of open space/conservation and placing said amount into the Open Space Conservation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Nathan Torr motioned to adopt Article 14 seconded by Lynn Leighton

ARTICLE 15 VETERANS MEMORIAL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$250,000 for the Veterans Memorial. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Veterans Memorial is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 15, seconded by Jeanne Forrester

Fred Strader asked all in attendance that had served or know a family member who have served to stand, a majority of the room stood, which emphasizes the point that all veterans should be recognized in Meredith as a tribute to their service. There is a group that is planning a memorial encompassing all of the wars, and their veterans, and are fundraising heavily but need the Town's help to get moving.

John Curran, mentioned Major EE Beede who held the head of President Lincoln when he was shot and lived out his life here in Meredith, and hope the people will approve this.

With no further discussion, Article 15 passed

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 16 PLAYGROUND AT PRESCOTT PARK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$150,000 for the playground at Prescott Park. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the playground at Prescott Park is completed or by December 31, 2023, whichever is sooner. This money will be used as funds to offset future fundraising. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Lynn Leighton motioned to adopt Article 16 as proposed, seconded by Mike Pelczar

NOTE: The purpose of this article is to fund a replacement playground for Prescott Park, adjacent to the ball fields and skate park. This amount will fund a portion of the playground; fundraising will provide for the balance.

With no further discussion, Article 16 passed

ARTICLE 17 ELECTRIC POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to enter into electric power purchase agreements with solar installers, who will install, own and maintain one or more solar systems on Town owned buildings or land, and to grant leases and easements for access to the locations of these systems as required. The Town will then purchase green power generated by the solar arrays located on Town property and will have the option to purchase any solar arrays located on Town property in the future. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 17 as proposed, seconded by Mike Pelczar.

NOTE: The Meredith Energy Committee is an advisory committee appointed by the Selectboard to promote and encourage energy conservation measures within Meredith. The committee has looked into the feasibility of generating solar power on Town property that will offset some or all of the electricity used by the town's municipal buildings. The vote tonight will let the process continue and allow the Selectboard to proceed if a favorable proposal is received.

Hannah Towle-Gossel asked if there were specific properties identified for this.

Bill Haley stated that it would be mostly on the town buildings to offset the cost of electricity for the buildings themselves and possibly one or 2 pieces of land, one at the Police Station and one at Prescott Park.

Frank Michel asked if this would go thru the channels of the planning board, and the architectural review process. To which the Town Manager Phil Warren, stated yes.

With no further discussion Article 17 passed

ARTICLE 18 MODIFY ELDERLY EXEMPTION LEVEL

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b II, the elderly exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemptions from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for ages 65 – 74, \$55,000 to \$70,000 for ages 75 - 79 and \$75,000 to \$90,000 for age 80 years and older. This change would take effect on April 1, 2022. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Mike Pelczar motioned to adopt Article 18 as proposed, seconded by Jeanne Forrester.

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NOTE: For Articles 18, 19, and 20 the exemption levels for the Elderly and Disabled Tax Exemptions have not been updated since 2006. Since that time the Town's total taxable value has increased 22%. These three warrant articles are intended to remedy this inequity.

Rusty McLear asked if there was a cap to this. Laura Spector-Morgan stated that there are caps on them thru the State RSA's

With no further discussion Article 18 passes

ARTICLE 19 MODIFY DISABLED EXEMPTION LEVEL

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37-b III, the disabled exemption from property tax, to increase the amount of the exemption from \$75,000 to \$90,000. This change would take effect on April 1, 2022. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Jeanne Forrester motioned to adopt Article 19 as proposed, seconded by Lynn Leighton.

With no discussion Article 19 passed

ARTICLE 20 MODIFY INCOME LIMIT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b II, the elderly exemption and RSA 72:37-b III, the disabled exemption, to increase the income limit for married couples from \$33,000 to \$35,000. This change would take effect April 1, 2022. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0) (Majority vote required)

Nate Torr motioned to adopt Article 20 as proposed, seconded by Lynn Leighton

Hannah Towle-Gossel asked how this amount was proposed. Phil Warren explained that the Tax Assessor referenced other surrounding towns and this was the figure that brought us up to par with them.

She felt that the amount seemed fairly low and proposed an amendment to add the 2,000 to the 35,000 to make it 37,000 and was seconded.

When asked Laura Spector-Morgan, explained the income guidelines indicates net income.

Dave Matteson and Chris Williams asked about the impact and how many households that would be effected by this change from 35,000 to 37,000.

Phil Warren read from the staff report submitted by the Assessor James Commerford that stated the impact would not be significant and further read that it will be in the vicinity of thousands of dollars and not tens or hundreds of thousands.

Jeanne Forrester stated that James Commerford made this recommendation to the board and it was accepted by the board and she would not be comfortable with raising it. It could be brought back up next year if we have better answers from the assessor as this will shift the burden. Hannah Towle-Gossel stated that this is not going to affect her but that it may make a big impact on the individuals that would be able to take advantage of this.

Hearing no further discussion to the amendment, the vote was taken and the amendment was passed to increase the limit amount from 35,000 to 37,000.

With no further amendments or discussion Article 20 was passed as amended.

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ARTICLE 21 DISPOSAL OF TOWN LAND—BEAR ISLAND

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of a parcel of land on Bear Island known as map 107 lot 6 on such terms and conditions as they may negotiate. (Recommended by the Select Board 5-0)
(Majority vote required)

Mike Pelczar motioned to adopt Article 21 as proposed seconded by Jonathan James.

Frank Michel asked what the frontage is. Phil Warren stated that there is a very small piece of frontage and ownership is possibly also in question. The piece abuts conservation land which the conservation commission has asked for special restrictions to the piece as well including access to the land by the town.

David Dolan spoke as the abutter his lot has approximately 50 ft and the land in question has about 70 ft, stating that they are both substandard lots.

With no further discussion Article 21 passed

ARTICLE 22 ROAD DISCONTINUANCE—BLACKKEY ROAD

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue approximately 400' of Blackey Road as a public roadway. This road is a portion of the old Route 104 that is no longer in use and divides two pieces of property owned by B&E Island View Investments, LLC, R02-27 & 28. B&E Island View Investments is a New Hampshire owned company in good standing which is entirely owned by New Hampshire residents. B&E intends to use the property for commercial development purposes.

The portion of road to be discontinued starts at the Southwest Corner of R02-28, and the Southwest Corner of R02-27. These two corner locations are across from each other separated by this portion of Blackey Road. B&E wishes to discontinue this portion of Blackey Road that is approx. 400 feet long ending at the new Route 104. The intent of B&E is to have the two parcels merged.

No public access issues or transportation changes will result from this proposal. This portion is presently abandoned, overgrown and unpassable by vehicles. (submitted by petition).

Motion to adopt by Ernie Inman seconded by Bruce Vaal

Rick Demark asked if this will affect the residential property that is on Blackey Road and are they aware of this.

Phil Warren explained that the abutter has been notified

Bruce Vaal addressed the group to state that it would be a benefit to the town as it would make the 2 existing substandard lots easier to make look better for the possible project that they are looking at.

The question was asked if this would affect the snowmobile trail, to which Bruce stated that as the trail master for the snowmobile club, and Ernie as the president, they will move the trail.

Lisa Davis asked if it was a town road and owned by the town then would the town sell this?

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Laura Spector-Morgan stated that the town doesn't own the road itself that there is an easement from the landowners for the town to maintain the road and give public access to it.

Chris Williams asked what the commercial purposes will be that is stated?

Bruce Vaal explained that they are in the planning phase and this discontinuance will allow for the further planning to take place, there is no set plans at this time for either commercial or residential.

Jonathan James asked about wetlands that are located in this area. Bruce explained that there has been wetland scientists consulted and that merging the lots will allow for better planning for the parcel which they hope will be a benefit to the tax base in town.

With no further discussion Article 22 passed

Before the meeting adjourns:

Paul Weston spoke about Lydia and Nate Torr and what a great influence they have made on the town since 1967.

Jonathan James presented Nate with a plaque for his service 2020-2022 on the board as well as a gift certificate for dinner. Lynn Leighton presented Nate with a framed photograph of the new path you are taking.

Nate Torr addressed the group with gratitude stating it's like going to a party, it's not the food, or the location of the party but the people that make it great. He often sits with Lydia at the lake and can overhear people as they are driving by stating wouldn't it be nice to live here. He and Lydia are proud to say they already do!

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted
Kerri A Parker
Town Clerk



General Government

Administrative Services

Robert Carpenter, Director
Linda Labraney, Staff Accountant
Emily Harker, Finance Clerk

Mission: The mission of Administrative Services is to provide support for all Town Departments, providing accounting, procurement, billing, contract, grant, fixed asset and cash management services for the Town. Working with our Federal and State partners, Administrative Services keeps up to date on reporting and compliance requirements and changes in rules and laws that directly impact the organization. As a resource for the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and other Town committees and groups, Administrative Services provides accurate and timely data used in making informed decisions, policy development, and planning and forecasting analysis.

Administrative Services also oversees the General Assistance program for the Town, assisting those in the community who are in temporary need of help. The General Assistance program is also networked with other community and regional support groups, ensuring that those in temporary need of assistance are helped and supported as they work towards self-sufficiency.

Having a diverse group of clientele, Administrative Services provides a professional and service oriented approach in responding to both internal and external customers' needs. Providing information, guidance and solutions, the Administrative Services team uses its diverse and extensive knowledge and experiences to support the Town.

This year we added Emily Harker to our team as the finance clerk and welfare administrator. As Emily works to take the reins from Linda Labraney who has held that position for many years, Linda continues her successful transition as the Staff Accountant. With a full team in place, we look for ways to enhance our support to the organization and to the town through improved business practices, grant administration and networking with our local, state and federal partners. These partnerships help us identify resources that enhance the services and support that are needed throughout the town.

As always, strong teamwork made this year a success for those within the office and the partnerships and support that we receive from the community to fulfill our mission.

Looking forward to continued success!

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Carpenter
Director of Administrative Services

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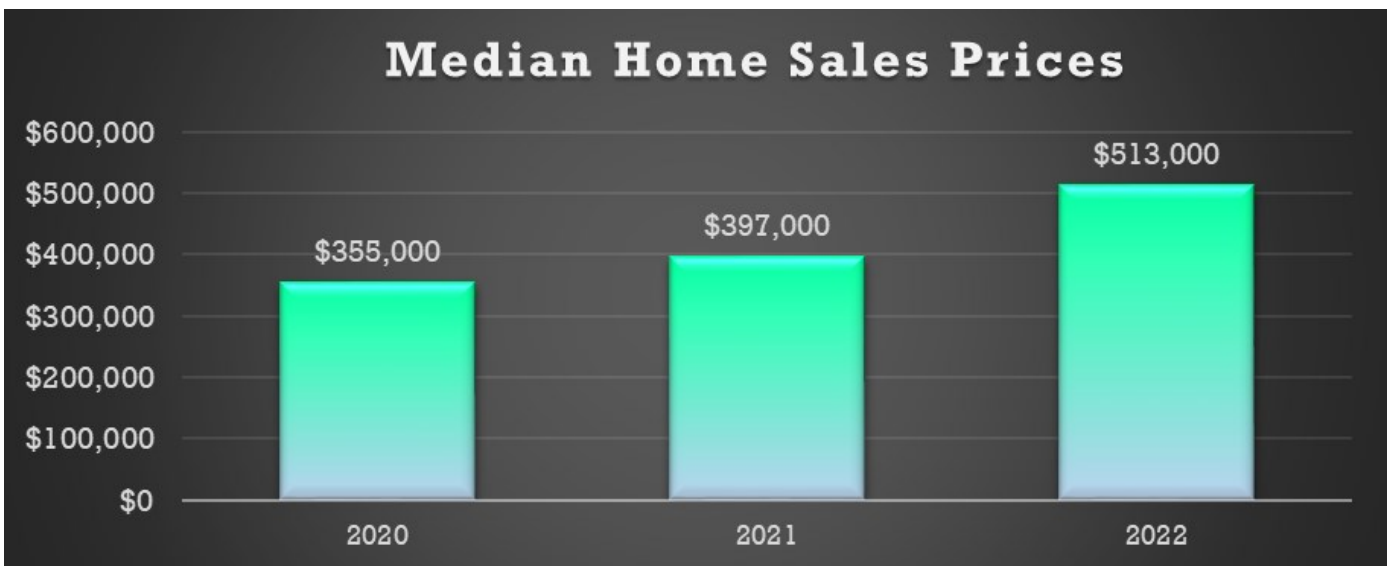
Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor
Suzanne Bryant, Assessing Office Manager
Bettina Ford, Field Data Collector

Department's Mission

The primary mission of the Assessing Department is to ensure that all property within the town is assessed fairly and in accordance with the New Hampshire laws governing taxation. Toward that end, the department conducts various practices to ensure the equitable distribution of the tax burden.

The Town last updated values in 2020. Prior to that, values were updated in 2017. We are planning on updating values this year. New values should be out by early August. As you can see by the chart below the median sale price in Meredith has increased from \$355,000 in 2020 to \$513,000 in 2022. **This is a staggering 44% increase over that period.** It does appear that in late 2022 the market began to slow somewhat as sales prices rarely exceeded asking as it had in 2021 and interest rates have increased over the past year. While prices are up, the number of sales has decreased since 2020 as inventory is still very low.



I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions available for the elderly and disabled and tax credits for Veterans. Contact our office or visit the Assessing page of the town's website to see if you may qualify.

The Assessing Office is here to assist the property owners of Meredith through the assessing process. Please visit the Assessing Department link on the Town's website www.meredithnh.org for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, request to change address form and a link to the online assessment database. If you have any questions, please call us at 603-677-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA
Tax Assessor

Community Development

John Edgar, Community Development Director
Angela LaBrecque, AICP, Town Planner,
John Greenwood, Code Enforcement Officer
Stephanie Maltais, Administrative Assistant
Genie Smith, Office Clerk

One of the core functions of the Community Development Department is to provide administrative and technical support to our two Land Use Boards; the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. These Boards are comprised of fellow residents who volunteer their time and service to the community. While both boards play key roles in guiding growth in the community, their duties and responsibilities are distinctly different.

PLANNING BOARD. The Planning Board is a seven-member, board (plus alternates) appointed to three-year terms by Select Board. The Board has both non-regulatory and regulatory responsibilities.

Master Plan. It is the duty of the Planning Board to prepare and amend from time to time a master plan to guide the development of the municipality. The master plan is a planning document that serves to guide the overall character, physical form, growth and development of the community. It is the basis upon which the town's land use regulations come from. It provides guidance to local officials making decisions on budgets, ordinances, capital improvements, zoning and subdivision matters, and other growth-related issues. The Meredith Planning Board is in the early stages of updating the Town's Master Plan. For information on how you can be part of this process please contact: Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner at alabrecque@meredithnh.org or 603 677-4228.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The Capital Improvements Program, known by the acronym CIP, bridges the gap between planning and spending, between the visions of the Master Plan, infrastructure needs, and the fiscal realities of improving and expanding community facilities. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee functions as a subcommittee of the Planning Board. Annually it reviews, updates, and recommends a stable program of capital improvements for the community. The CIP is a non-binding planning tool intended to aid the Board in their consideration of their annual budget in the context of a six-year forward view of future capital needs.

Zoning Ordinance. Zoning is a means to guide development at a town-wide scale through the regulation of the location and use of buildings and other structures for the purpose of promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community. Zoning was first adopted in Meredith in 1971. The Planning Board is responsible for preparing proposals to revise the zoning ordinance and holding public hearings on such proposals. Proposed revisions of the zoning ordinance must then be adopted by ballot vote at town meeting.

Subdivision and Site Plan Application Review. The Planning Board reviews proposals at a site-specific scale to divide land into lots in anticipation of future development. Also at a site scale, the Board reviews proposals for non-residential, as well as multi-family, housing development. In both instances, the Board conducts hearings, receives abutter input and renders decisions.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a five-member board (plus alternates) appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. State law requires that a zoning ordinance adopted by a local legislative body shall include provisions for the establishment of a zoning board of adjustment. The Board of Adjustment functions as a local appellate authority to resolve zoning matters without burdening the courts.

This quasi-judicial board hears and decides four types of zoning adjustment categories:

- To decide cases where an appeal is made that the administrative officer has incorrectly interpreted the terms of the zoning ordinance;
- To grant special exceptions that are specified in the zoning ordinance. A special exception is a specific, permitted land use that is allowed when clearly defined criteria and conditions contained in the ordinance are met;

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- To grant a variance to specific terms or requirement of the zoning ordinance. A variance seeks permission to do something that the ordinance does not permit, in other words a waiver of a provision of the ordinance authorizing the landowner to use his or her land in a manner that would otherwise be prohibited. Variances are granted when the board determines that specific statutory criteria have been met;
- To grant an Equitable Waiver of a Dimensional Requirement where a good faith error was made in the siting of a building or other dimensional layout issue. The zoning board of adjustment may grant an Equitable Waiver only if each of the four requirements as outlined in the statute are met.

Each board strives to make informed decisions that are in the best interest of Meredith. Their responsibilities are varied, often complex and challenging. They serve unselfishly and without remuneration. They gravitate to this work because they care about our town. Their service is a credit to themselves, their families that support them, and to our community as a whole. Thank you!

If you are interested in learning more about our land use boards, or possibly serving on a board please feel free to contact the Community Development Department for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Edgar
Community Development Director
December 30, 2022



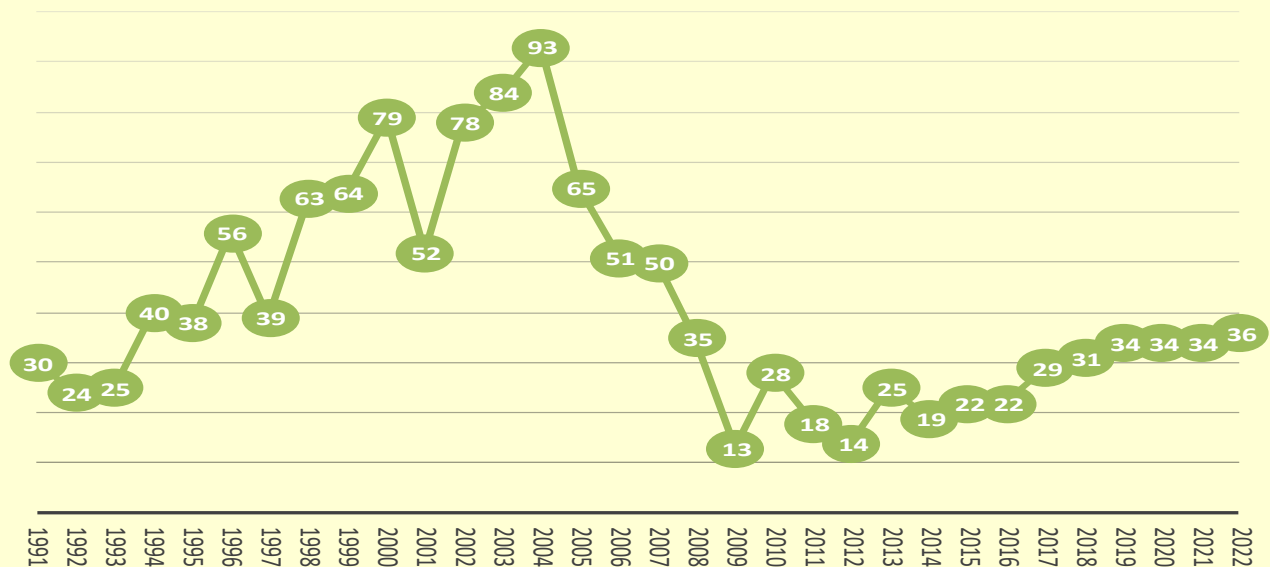
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Building Permits Summary 2022

New Single-Family Homes	36	Garages/Storage Buildings	32
New Two-Family Homes	3	Oil (burners, tanks)	11
New Multi-Family Units	21	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	417
New Commercial Buildings	5	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	12
Special Use Permits	8	Residential Renovations/Repairs	104
Mobile Homes Replacements	6	Fences/Signs	11
Docks/Boathouse/Pools	19	Electrical	234
Demolition	37	Plumbing	150

Building Permits issued - 1991 to 2022 on Single Family Homes



Planning Board Application Summary 2022

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	12	Pre-application Consultations	2
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Rd Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	7	Architectural Design Reviews	7
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	6	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0
		Withdrawal	1

Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary 2022

Variance Applications	42	Total Applications Withdrawn	2
Variances Granted	35	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	7	Rehearing Requests Received	2
Special Exception Applications	34	Rehearing Requests Granted	1
Special Exceptions Granted	31	Rehearing Requests Denied	1
Special Exceptions Denied	2	Administrative Decisions Denied	0

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, Chair

SUMMARY

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews, updates and recommends a stable program of capital improvements for the community. The CIP is a non-binding planning tool intended to aid the Select Board in their consideration of their annual budget in the context of a six-year forward view of future capital needs. The CIP is further explained in Appendix D: Frequently Asked Questions. As a preface to the specific recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

- Troy Brown began his tenure as Town Manager in August 2022. The Town Manager is an integral part of an effective Capital Improvement Programming process. The committee welcomes Troy Brown and looks forward to working with him in the future.
- In 2022, Town Meeting approved recommendations of the CIP Advisory Committee including \$420,000 towards Expendable Trust Funds (ETF) and a transfer of \$252,085 to the DPW Equipment ETF. Additionally, upon recommendation from the Select Board, Town Meeting approved 3 capital appropriations totaling \$434,800 to be funded through the use of unassigned fund balance.
- The recommended Capital Improvement Program for 2023 is \$1,796,580. This amount consists of: (A) \$1,296,580 of long term debt; and (B) \$500,000 total allocations towards three Expendable Trust Funds. This represents an increase of \$30,905 or 1.75 % over 2022 funding levels. The recommendations that follow are also contained in a companion document; “Capital Improvement Program 2022-2031” dated October 7, 2022 prepared by the Administrative Services Department.
- The recommended programs in 2024 and 2025 exceed the \$1.8 mil program capacity benchmark. This is due to increasing capital needs and costs. The \$1.8 mil capacity benchmark functions as an informal constraint against which total recommendations are evaluated. This benchmark was established many years ago and has not been adjusted since. In 2023 the committee plans to re-value this benchmark and encourage a comprehensive, Asset Management approach to include all municipal capital assets.
- Although authorized debt service is a fixed cost included within the annual operating budget, it is included in the committee’s analysis and recommendations. In 2025 the final payment on the Community Center debt will be made (\$182,350.) Additional debt will also be retired in 2027 (\$88,538.).
- There are several on-going efforts that may generate capital projects for future Committee and Town Meeting consideration. These include: (1) further review and prioritization of waterfront infrastructure needs, (2) potential improvements to Main Street, (3) potential improvements to Prescott Park and (4) possible water line extension to the US 3 roundabout.
- Trend data is provided in Appendix A: Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2012-2022; Appendix B: CIP Funding as a Per Cent of Municipal Appropriations, 2012-2022; and Appendix C: Tax Rates and Net Valuation Information, 2011-2021.

Capital Improvements Program continued...

RECOMMENDATIONS

Administration

Main Street:

Recommendation: Allocate \$50,000 for years 2023 thru 2026 to the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: These allocations are intended to build up this fund in concert with the work of the Greater Meredith Program's Economic Development Committee and the NHDOT Main Street Safety Audit. In April, 2021 the Select Board unanimously supported GMP's efforts to develop a plan for Main Street that may address public safety, lighting, utilities, handicap accessibility, streetscape, and funding sources. In 2022 the town contracted with an engineering firm to develop a detailed, existing conditions base plan (Part 1). Specific improvements have not yet been identified or designed (Part 2).

The estimated Main Street Rehabilitation ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$113,776.

Waterfront Infrastructure:

Recommendation: Allocate \$125,000 per year for years 2023 through 2026.

Rationale: The Town of Meredith owns and maintains a significant amount of waterfront infrastructure. The Select Board and Town Manager initiated an analysis of our waterfront infrastructure in 2019. Reference: Waterfront Infrastructure Analysis- Conceptual Design Options Update, September 16, 2019. The Select Board favored conceptual plans to renovate and expand the town docks at Love Joy Landing. Plans include dock replacement, dock expansion, ramp improvements and improvements to the parking lot. Reference: Improvements to Shep Brown's Landing- Conceptual Design Update, July 19, 2021. The most recent 2022 cost estimate for the dock replacement/ expansion project has increased to approximately \$1.5 to \$1.8 mil. The project is in final design. The recommended CIP allocates an additional \$500,000 over the course of the next 4 years. (2023 through 2026) bringing a projected ETF balance in 2026 to \$1,258,031. Potential project phasing, shortfall funding and timing issues have not yet been determined. The estimated Waterfront Infrastructure ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$758,031.

Fire Department

Recommendation: No additional allocations to the Fire Department **EQUIPMENT** Replacement Expendable Trust Fund at this time.

Rationale: SCOTT Air-Pak's were scheduled for replacement in 2022 (\$270,000) utilizing existing funds in the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

The estimated Fire Department **Equipment** Replacement ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$298,206.

Recommendation: Allocate \$325,000 in 2023, \$250,000 in 2024, \$250,000 in 2025, \$150,000 in 2026, and \$350,000 in 2027 and 2028 to the Fire Department **VEHICLE** Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: Engine 3 is scheduled for replacement in 2024 (\$850,000). Engine 1 is scheduled for replacement in 2028 (\$925,000). In 2021 the Town Manager advised that if the town receives a grant for the Air-Paks, then Equipment ETF funds (\$270,000) could be shifted towards anticipation vehicle replacement projected shortfalls. In 2022 the committee was advised: (1) that this grant effort was unsuccessful, (2) vehicle replacement costs increase significantly; and (3) the Town Manager recommends replacing the fire boat in 2025 (\$375,000). The proposed allocations are intended to meet the capital needs of the Fire Department while maintaining overall program stability.

The estimated Fire Department **Vehicle** Replacement ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$550,673

General Government

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Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: No additional allocation to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund is recommended at this time.

Rationale: Troy Brown, Town Manager advised that Vint Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director is developing a Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) to hire a consultant to develop a plan for Prescott Park. Existing ETF funds would be used in 2023 for this purpose. This park planning effort may lead to additional capital improvement projects in the future.

The estimated Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvements ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$123,345.

In 2022, Town Meeting appropriated up to \$150,000 to support the Prescott Park Playground Project to be funded through the use of unassigned fund balance. The Friends of Meredith Parks and Recreation continue their fund-raising efforts. While the actual playground has not yet been designed, there is consensus to relocate the playground function from its former location adjacent to the skate park to the green area located between the parking lot and the “Pa Smith” building. This is a possible project in 2023.

Department of Public Works

Solid Waste Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$80,000 in 2026 to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: The town owns several trailers that are used to transport solid waste from our transfer station to the disposal site.

The estimated Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$117,565.

Additionally, a tractor is scheduled for replacement in 2025 (\$100,000) and a skid steer loader is scheduled for replacement in 2026 (\$90,000).

Public Works Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$316,000 in 2024, \$350,000 in 2025, \$250,000 in 2026, and \$150,000 in 2027 to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: There is a significant amount of capital equipment scheduled for replacement in the coming years as illustrated below.

<u>Replacement Year</u>	<u>Equipment Being Replaced</u>	<u>Replacement Estimate</u>
2023	2006 F550 Dump	\$175,000
2024	2013 F550 Dump	\$175,000
2025	2013 F550 Dump	\$175,000
2025	2015 F550	\$175,000
2025	2015 F550	\$175,000
2026	2004 Volvo Grader	\$350,000
2026	2005 Volvo Excavator	\$250,000
2027	2015 F550	\$175,000
		\$1,650,000

The estimated DPW Equipment Replacement ETF at 12/31/22 is \$829,769.

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Capital Improvements Program continued...

Water and Sewer Department

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: Brian McCall, Water and Sewer Supt. was hired in 2022. Brian is currently working to identify and assess the capital needs of both the Water and Sewer Departments.

As of 10/7/22 Water Reserves total \$975,769. As of 10/7/22 Sewer Reserves (Capital Recovery and Access Fees) total \$708,013.

In 2021 the town was expecting to receive approximately \$675,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). At that time the Select Board supported using ARPA funds to extend municipal water to the roundabout area on U.S Route 3 South. Pressurized water would open that area up for future commercial uses. In June 2022 an estimated project cost of \$2.1 mil. was shared with the Select Board. ARPA funds are not being used for this project. This project is under design. Funding decisions have not been determined.

Conservation

Recommendation: No additional allocation to the Open Space Conservation Expendable Trust Fund is recommended at this time.

Rationale: In 2022 upon recommendation from the Select Board, Town Meeting approved \$34,800 for the Open Space Conservation Expendable Trust Fund to be funded through the use of unassigned fund balance. The purpose of this fund is to assist with future conservation acquisition projects.

The estimated Open Space Conservation ETF balance at 12/31/22 is \$34,812.

Debt Service/ Debt Retirement

Long Term debt payments in 2023 total \$1,296,579 which includes the borrowing for the Library Renovation and Expansion Project and the DPW Facility Project.

Long term debt related to the following projects will be retired as summarized below:

<u>Retirement Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
2025	\$182,350	Community Center
2027	\$88,538	Bundled Project
2035	\$668,755	Library & DPW Projects

Inter-Lakes School District

Meredith is one of three communities that comprise the Inter-Lakes School District (Meredith, Center Harbor and Sandwich). Meredith taxpayers are responsible for approximately 75% of the district's costs including capital projects. Reference: Inter-Lakes School District Capital Improvement Plan and Facilities Budget Plan, January 2022. The District's participation with the Meredith CIP process is for informational purposes.

This spring the synthetic turf field was replaced and the track re-surfaced using funds from the existing Facilities Expendable Trust Fund. Near term future improvements include HVAC upgrades at the middle high school, continuation of the roof replacement program (thru 2026), possible stadium seating at the synthetic turf field and restoration of the upper utility ball field.

The District's School Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund balance is estimated at \$184,953.

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Meredith Veterans Memorial Project

A committee has been formed to build a new, permanent memorial that honors the Meredith citizens who have served honorably in the military during the nations conflicts. The memorial, consisting of granite and bronze, will be constructed on the front lawn of the Meredith Public Library. In 2022 Town Meeting approved an appropriation of \$250,000 for the Veterans Memorial to be funded through the use of unassigned fund balance. Project design is complete and private fund raising is under way.

Summary: 2023 Municipal Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Recommendations

\$50,000	Main Street Rehabilitation ETF
\$125,000	Waterfront Infrastructure ETF
<u>\$325,000</u>	Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF
\$500,000	Subtotal- Recommended ETF Allocations (28%)
<u>\$1,296,580</u>	Existing Debt Service- Principle & Interest (72%)
<u>\$1,796,580</u>	Total (100%)

Appendix A: Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2012-2022

Appendix B: CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2012-2022

Appendix C: Tax Rate and Net Valuation, Information, 2011-2021 (see Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison Page 94)

Appendix D: Frequently Asked Questions

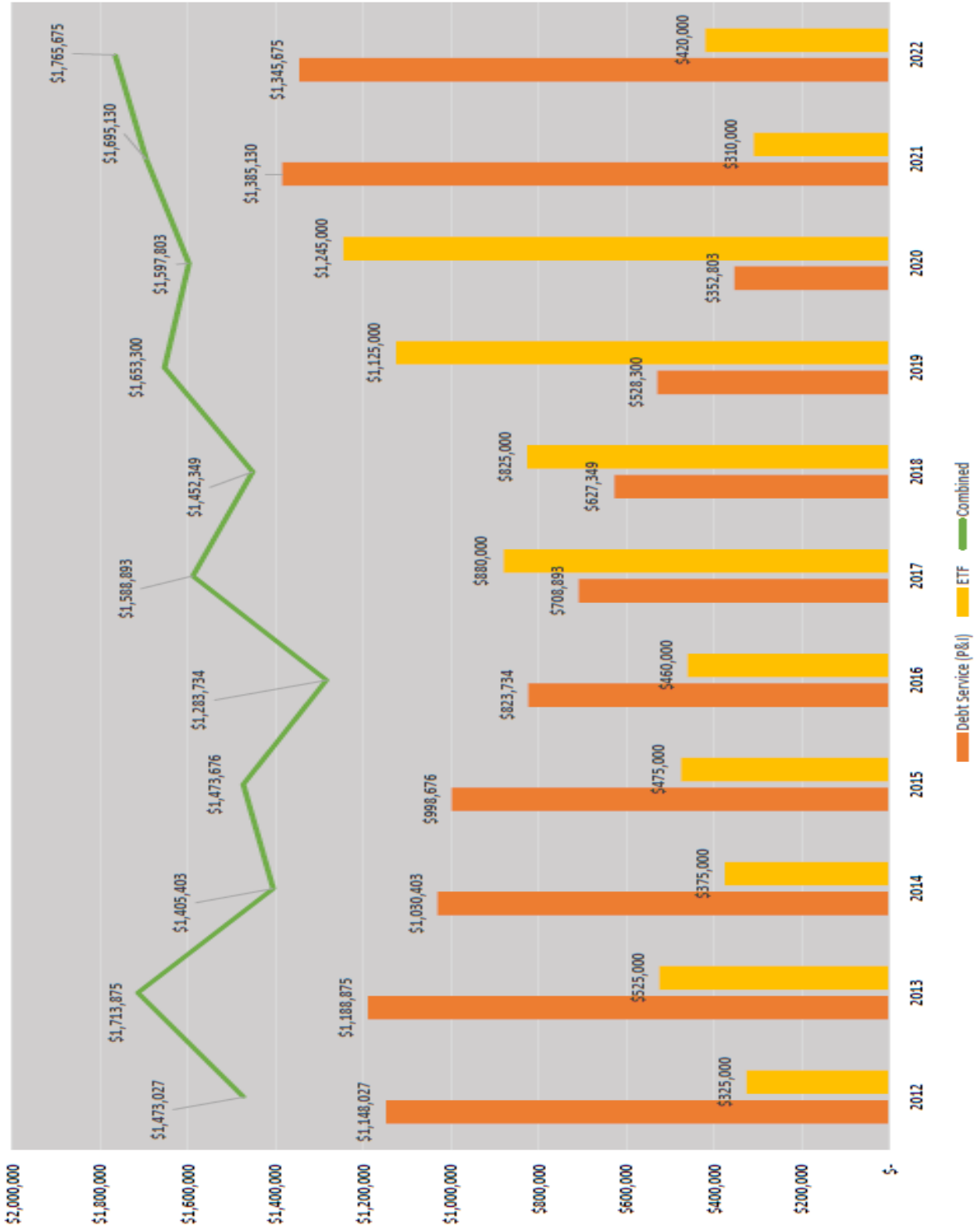
Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Billings, Chairman

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Appendix A

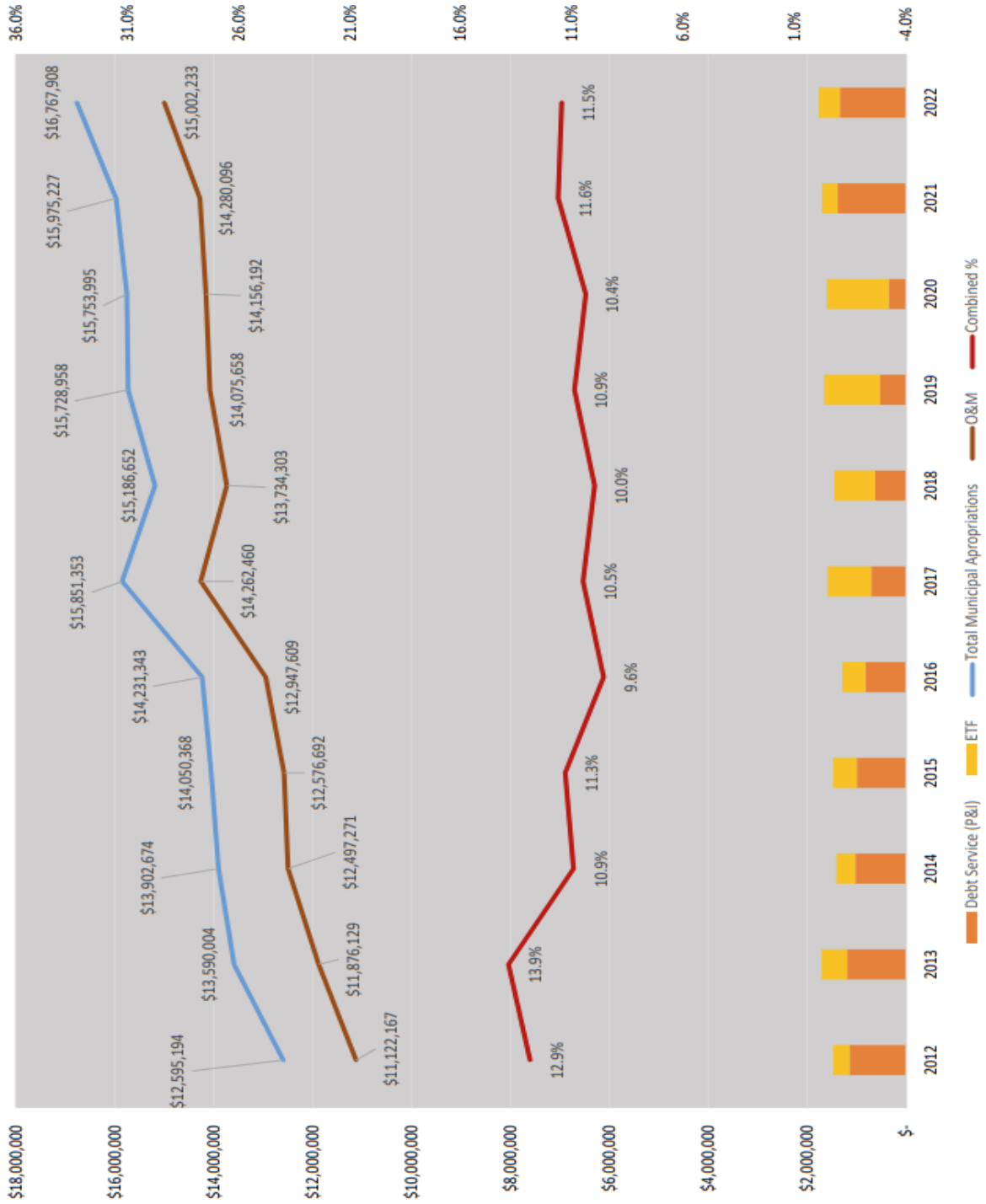
Appendix A: Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2012 - 2022



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Appendix B

Appendix B: CIP Funding as a Percent of Municipal Appropriations, 2012 - 2022



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Appendix D - Frequently asked questions.

Why create a Capital Improvements Program (CIP)? Many significant community benefits may be derived from preparing and maintaining a Capital Improvements program.

- CIP is a tool available to the Select Board as they prepare their annual budget.
- CIP puts near-term capital needs in context as it identifies and forecasts capital needs for a period of approximately 6 years.
- CIP makes voters aware of proposed capital improvements that may be of particular interest and about major proposals that will likely come before Town meeting.
- CIP contributes towards a stable tax rate by avoiding untimely capital expenditures and unnecessary long term borrowing.
- CIP provides linkage between planning for our future needs and appropriations on specific community improvements.
- Cooperative project planning can result in cost savings and duplication of expenditures.
- Communities demonstrating sound fiscal health together with quality facilities and services are attractive to investors of all kinds; homeowners, businesses and lending institutions.
- Capital improvement programming supports and complements broader community economic development objectives.

What are the limitations of the CIP?

- The CIP is not a budget. It is a tool to aid in the budget development process.
- CIP recommendations are non-binding and advisory only.
- The CIP process cannot fully anticipate unusual changes in growth, the political process, emergencies, economic conditions, etc.
- The CIP process does not guarantee an overall level tax rate. Capital expenditures constitute approximately 12% of total annual municipal appropriations.

What is a “Capital Improvement”? For purposes of this CIP, “Capital improvements” are defined as meeting the following general criteria:

1. projects or improvements that are typically non-recurring in nature; and
2. projects or improvements that have a useful life of at least 5 years; and
3. projects or improvements that cost or commit approximately \$90,000 or more.

Examples of projects or improvements that meet this criterion may include:

- ⇒ the construction or reconstruction of public *infrastructure* (roads, sewer lines, water mains, etc.),
- ⇒ the purchase lease, construction or replacement of *public buildings and facilities*,
- ⇒ the purchase or lease of major *heavy equipment* such as fire trucks, dump trucks, etc.,
- ⇒ the acquisition or lease of *land* or interest in land for public purposes.

How does the CIP process work?

- A volunteer, CIP Advisory Committee is appointed by the Planning Board.
- The Committee includes representation from the Planning Board, Select Board, School Board and the public.
- The Committee meets regularly in the Spring and late Summer/early Fall to review updates on any previous submitted capital needs or to receive information on new projects or improvements.
- The Committee formulates its recommendations.
- The recommended CIP is presented to the Planning Board at a public hearing.
- The approved CIP is transmitted to the Town Manager and Select Board for consideration during their budget process.
- All Committee meetings are conducted in accordance with NH RSA 91-A (aka the Right-to-Know Law).

Capital Improvements Program continued....

Does the Inter-Lakes School District participate in the Meredith CIP process?

Yes, but for informational purposes only. Meredith is one of three towns that comprise the Inter-Lakes School District (Meredith, Center Harbor and Sandwich). Capital expenditures are approved at the three-town District Meeting in March. The District has developed and periodically updates the Inter-Lakes School District Capital Improvements Plan and Facilities Budget Plan. Meredith is responsible for approximately 75 % of district costs including capital expenditures.

What is the enabling statutory authority?

The enabling authority is NH RSA 674:5-8. Highlights include:

- The sole purpose of the CIP is to aid the consideration of annual budgets
- Capital Improvement Projects are projected over a period of at least 6 years
- The CIP encompasses major projects being currently undertaken and future projects
- The CIP Recommends a time sequence for implementation
- The CIP estimates project and probable operating and maintenance costs
- The CIP takes into account needs identified in the Master Plan

What is an “Expendable Trust Fund (ETF)”?

Expendable Trust Funds are enabled pursuant to NH RSA 31:19a. The Capital Improvement Program continues to make significant use of Expendable Trust Funds (ETF's) as a means to fund identified capital needs. Expendable Trust Funds are under the custodial care of the Trustees of Trust Funds. The Select Board is designated as the “Agents-to-Expend”. All ETF's are created by a vote of Town Meeting for specified purposes. All appropriations to these trust funds are also approved by a vote of Town Meeting. The use of ETF's: (A) lessens the need for long term borrowing thereby avoiding borrowing costs; (B) allows the town to negotiate favorable pricing; (C) contributes to overall program visibility; and (D) contributes to overall program stability.

What is an “Unassigned Fund Balance”?

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 54 defines four fund categories that have some form of restriction; i.e. non-spendable, restricted, committed and assigned. Unassigned Fund Balance is the residual, spendable fund balance after subtracting the four fund categories mentioned above. The town maintains adequate levels of unassigned fund balance to mitigate financial risks that can occur from unforeseen revenue fluctuations, unanticipated expenditures and similar circumstances. The unassigned fund balance also provides cash flow liquidity for the town's general operations. The Select Board may utilize excess unassigned fund balance to offset property taxes and subject to town meeting approval, use unassigned fund balance to fund capital improvements. Pursuant to the Town of Meredith's Fund Balance Policy (reference Administrative Regulation No. 36, dated 4/1/12), allocation of unassigned fund balance shall be made after a review of all available information including the town's planning tools such as the Capital Improvement Program.

How can I learn more or participate in the process?

- a. Attend meetings of the CIP Advisory Committee. All meetings are open to the public.
- b. Stay current with the work of the Committee. All approved meeting minutes are posted on the town web site.
- c. Participate in the budget process. The Select Board's budget process includes both operating and capital expenses.
- d. Attend Town Meeting. All votes on the budget are taken at the Town Meeting deliberative session including votes on capital improvements.
- e. See appointment to serve on the volunteer Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee.
- f. Ask questions. Become informed. Contact the Community Development Department at 677-4215 for more information.

Conservation Commission

"To conserve and protect land, forests, and farmland for wildlife, water quality, and recreation for the people of Meredith and its visitors."

Your Conservation Commission had a busy year in 2022 stewarding Meredith's natural resources for environmental and recreational benefits as land development continued throughout the Lakes Region. Meredith's recreational trails had high levels of use for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, observing nature, and simply relaxing. This year the Commission undertook several large projects to improve the natural resources of the town as well as its cultural and historical resources.

One large project was an assessment of the forest quality in the northeast corner of the Page Pond Town Forest, a large undisturbed area that has been identified by the state as an important wildlife corridor. After decades of less than ideal land use, a forester assessed the trees, wetlands, and soils, and recommended steps to improve the forest for a healthy and diverse habitat for wildlife and the plants they need to survive. This included a selective timber harvest which was completed in the fall of 2022 to realize the forestry goals.

Another major project initiated this year was the repair of the historic 1830's mill dam at Page Pond. An engineering survey identified several areas of the dam that are in need of repair. Initial steps were taken in 2022 and work will continue through 2023 with a goal of preserving this historic icon of Meredith for another 200 years.

An ongoing project on all the town properties is the management of invasive species, including Oriental bittersweet, Japanese knotweed, and autumn olive, among others. Mechanical harvesting of invasive species has been successful in some cases, but other species, particularly the large invasive bittersweet infestation in the fields at Page Pond, cannot be managed mechanically. In 2022 experts in invasive management assessed the bittersweet and recommended focused treatment using herbicide before the problem grows beyond control. Such a treatment is being evaluated for implementation in late fall of 2023.

An important responsibility of the Meredith Conservation Commission is to provide recommendations to State and local land-use regulatory entities whose actions affect the natural resources of the Town of Meredith. Proposed land-use changes requiring regulatory action were again abundant in 2022. Many thanks go to Commission member Ralph Pisapia for leading the review and preparing recommendations for 57 applications related to protecting natural resources including water quality, wildlife, wetlands, and wetland buffers.

Town Forests

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest is our largest Town Forest and has the most extensive network of trails. Your commission, along with volunteers, spent many hours brushing and re-blazing trails, removing blow-downs, brushing out the log landing areas and building water-bars to prevent erosion. With more than 800 acres, Hamlin-Eames offers something for everyone: spectacular vistas, numerous species habitats, and trails for all levels of hikers.

Meredith Community Forest

Community Forest is conveniently located close to Meredith's Village District and a short, five minute walk from the Community Center. With roughly 200 acres, the trail network provides for different choices every time you enter the forest. This year commission members and volunteers repaired the gate at Philbrook Road, painted boundaries, repaired water bars, and brushed trails where overgrown.

Page Pond Community Forest

Page Pond Community Forest contains a many natural and cultural features including the mill dam, the Bickford homestead, and a wide range of habitats from fields to wetlands. A well-marked trail network allows exploring all of these areas. Ongoing work addressing invasive species has reduced the amount of invasive plants to the point where portions of the field can be allowed to grow naturally, with native plants, wildflowers, and animals returning to the property. As mentioned above, attention has now turned to addressing the large infestation of invasive Oriental bittersweet that crowds out native plants and kills full grown trees. An effort is underway to restore a recently discovered apple orchard on the property.

Conservation Commission continued...

Public Outreach and Education

The Commission invites residents and visitors to learn more about Meredith's natural resources through guided tours led by experts in forestry, wildlife, ecology, and habitats. In 2022 the town forester led a guided hike through Page Pond to allow the public to explore the forest and ask questions about the habitat improvement project. With that forestry project now complete, a follow-up hike in 2023 will let the public see the results of the work and again ask questions about forest management. The Commission continues to promote our forests through social media and print media; you can follow our activities on our Facebook page.

Invasive Species

The Commission continues its work on public outreach and education regarding the growing problem we have with invasive species, especially Japanese Knotweed. We continue to work with State officials, the town, and private property owners to fight this long-term battle. The Commission offers assistance to residents looking to address invasive plants on their property.

Easement Monitoring Volunteers

Each year, the commission, with help from volunteers, monitors 28 parcels with over 40 miles of boundaries. In 2022, under the leadership of commission members Paul Dillon and John Sherman, volunteers marked 12 miles of these boundaries. The Commission is always looking for volunteers that would consider helping with our annual monitoring. This is a great way to view our beautiful open spaces from a different perspective than one gets walking the trails. If you are interested, contact the Meredith Conservation Commission.

2022 Highlights

The commission was approached about a concept to improve a portion of the existing trail at the Page Pond Quarry Road trailhead to make it fully accessible for mobility-limited users. An initial concept for the trail and a new observation deck at Otter Pond has been reviewed with favorable comments. The Commission looks forward to supporting this concept to realization in 2023.

Additional erosion control water bars were installed on trails throughout our forests to prevent runoff and sediment from degrading town water resources; existing water bars were serviced to improve their function.

Meanwhile your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings, commission members, alternates and other volunteers spent many hours in the field monitoring and caring for your town forests. The commission stewards parcels ranging from Bear Island in the east to Hermit Woods Forest in the west.

Finally, the commission thanks all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2022 the commission hosted approximately 30 "Tuesday Trailwork" days where volunteers collectively put in over 400 hours of work. The Commission thanks you all, as well as commission member Don MacFarlane for planning and leading the work days. We are always in need of volunteers to help with Meredith's public lands – contact us via our website if you would like to get involved. It's important work, and we have a good time!

Respectfully Submitted,

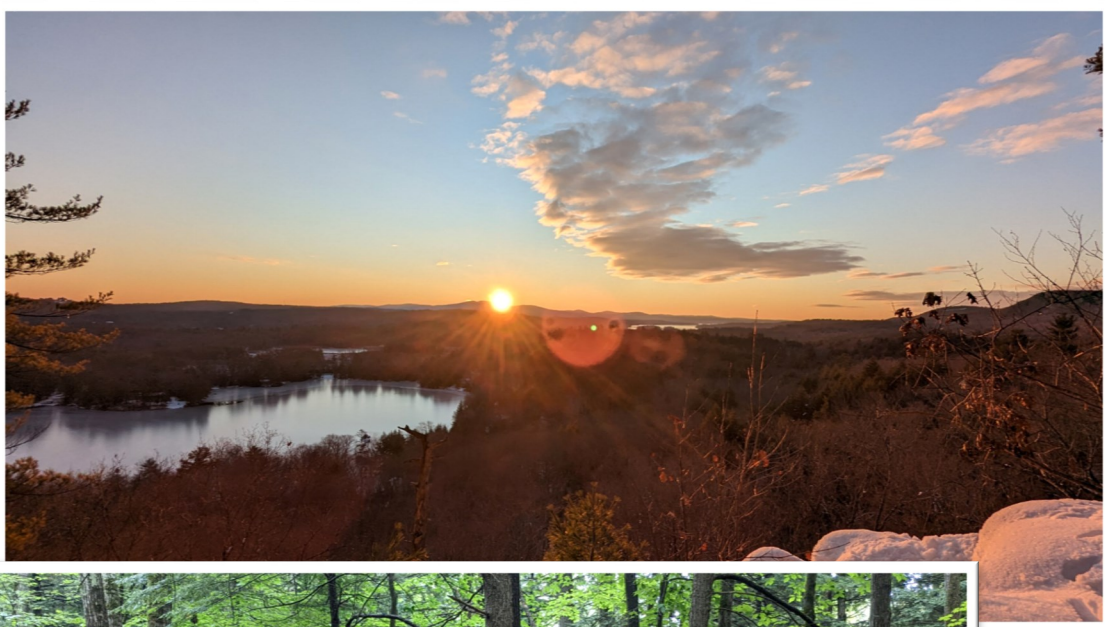
Scott Powell, Chair
Paul Dillon, Vice Chair
Paula Wanzer, Secretary
Jim Gregoire, Treasurer

Members: Ralph Pisapia, Janet Sanguedolce, Mark Billings
Alternates: John Sherman, Don MacFarlane, Tony Sabutis

Conservation Commission Continued...



Conservation Commission continued...



General Government

Public Works

Solid Waste Division

2022 ended in sorrow for our Solid Waste Crew and all of our public works employees. We lost our friend and co-worker, Barry Weeks, who died suddenly. Barry was our Solid Waste Coordinator and worked for Meredith Solid Waste for over 44 years. He will truly be missed by us all.

The use of the Solid Waste (SW) Facility remains at an all-time high. The SW decal used for accessing the facility is also used to access and use the Town beach at Leavitt Park. With the influx of people buying houses and settling in town the sale of decals and the use of our SW facility has increased dramatically. The Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day was a great success with many people bringing in items.

Solid Waste Recycling – Materials Received as of end of November 2022:

TRASH	2505.4 tons
PLASTIC	42.97 tons
LIGHT IRON	268.94 tons
DEMOLITION	1351.06 tons
MIXED METALS	3.97 tons
CARDBOARD	161 tons
ALUMINUM CANS	14.1 tons
SCRAP ALUMINUM	10 tons
NEWSPAPER	19.53 tons



Recycling Building at
Solid Waste

Photo by: Mike Tarling

Cemetery Division

Full Burials 3, Cremations 15. Monument Installations: Bases-8; Ground Level Markers – 5 (2 Military); Grave Sales - 9 Full burial Grave Lots. Additionally, 7 monuments were repaired, 18 were cleaned and 16 sets of shrubs removed and 6 trees and shrubs were trimmed and/or cut back. We worked on an inventory and reviewing graves to update our computer files. Our Cemetery crew kept busy mowing, weed whacking and picking up branches, debris and keeping our two main in-town cemeteries and the 89 outlying cemeteries clean and beautiful.

Buildings and Grounds Division



Gazebo and View at
Meredith Bay

Photos by: Mike Tarling



The Gazebo overlooking the Bay was damaged by ice out. We finally were able to get it rebuilt and back in service. It is a popular site for tourists to enjoy the view at the lake. It is also a popular spot for wedding photos. We also know of several wedding proposals that were made in the gazebo!

We also had several repairs to the boardwalk along Lagos this spring due to ice damage. B&G did a lot of work this year maintaining the parks.

General Government

Public Works continued...

Highway Division

2022 was a successful year for the highway department. We were finally able to repave Cattle Landing Road, Patricia Drive, Harris Road, Blueberry Hill Road, Reservoir Road, Cataldo Road, and a portion of Chemung Road. We asphalt rubber chip sealed Chase Road, Dolloff Brook Road, Eaton Avenue, Cummings Cove Road, Old Barn Road, Wotanda Lane, Douglas Drive, Ledley Lane, Powers Road, Little Road, and Fish Cove Road!

Other projects completed were our routine maintenance to the underground drainage system and culverts as needed; grading of the gravel roads twice annually and ditching for proper storm water runoff. We also cleaned out all our town catch basins and did roadside mowing. Fresh line striping was applied to the roads which have white and yellow lines, as well as parking spaces, cross walks, parking lots and other painted traffic areas.

Public Works Operations Manager Craig Hale completed Road Scholar Courses through University of NH T2 and was promoted to Assistant Public Works Director. Many smaller projects were completed throughout the year like road cutting and pruning to keep line of site and safety of travel on the town roads. Another example is that we continue each year to make our street signs in our sign shop and keep our traffic signs fresh, straight, and visible. The signs get replaced when they are worn and faded.

The Public Works Department would like to give special thanks to Tim Anair who retired this year. Tim had over 30 years with the highway department and has been a very dedicated employee and mentor to many within the department! He will be missed! We welcomed Dan Ray to our highway crew with Tim's retirement. He has shown that he will be a great asset to our team.

New DPW -Highway Garage Under Construction

We anticipate the Highway crew moving into the new Highway Garage at 11 Jenness Hill Road in February 2023. This will be a maintenance and mechanic facility only. The Public Works offices will remain in their current building at 347 Daniel Webster Highway. With the future addition of the new DPW building coming online in early 2023, Paul Ristaino, the Buildings and Grounds Operations Manager, has been instrumental in working with the contractor learning the critical infrastructure of the building. The details in this building and the size and scope of the HVAC systems throughout the building are complicated. Having someone learning first hand early on will help with the building coming online.

Public Works Office - We had a lot of events that required permits for our waterfront parks; a big increase in driveway permits, trenching and logging permits. We were without a receptionist/dispatcher in our office for most of the year. Sara Anctil moved to the B&G Department to take over the cleaning of the town buildings. Our phones and lobby were extremely busy with a lot of newcomers to town coming in for information. Purchasing parts and supplies was a challenge with shortages and backlogs. The number of Solid Waste decals issued this past year has exceeded every expectation and we expect it will increase even more next year.

Thank you to the town residents for their continued support this year. A lot of you came in or called to express your thanks to our crews for all they do. It was very much appreciated.

Mike Faller, Public Works Director



General Government

Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP
Tom Branagan, Maintenance
Sarah Perkins, Program Director
Tammy Licki, Front Desk Associate
Chris Bousquet, Maintenance Crew Chief

“NORMAL” LIFE RETURNS

Although the pandemic was far from over in 2022, having fewer restrictions provided us all with the opportunity to live and recreate more freely. Participation in most of our activities increased in 2022 as people began to feel more comfortable being in group situations. We look forward to that trend continuing in 2023.

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

I would like to thank each and every one of our dedicated staff members, both full time and part time, for their outstanding efforts throughout the year to bring quality service, programs, and facilities to our community and visitors. We could not possibly provide the year round 7 days per week service that we do, if it were not for their efforts. Thank you very much to all of them!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

The events and programs listed below would not be possible without our generous volunteers. We appreciate the valuable and critical role our volunteers play in so many of our program offerings.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Santa Calling	Matt Tremblay
Holiday Open House Santa	Matt Tremblay
Easter Egg Hunt Bunny	Matt Tremblay
Special Events Baking & Food Prep	Lisa Tremblay
Easter Egg Hunt	Holderness Private School, ILHS Varsity Baseball Team, Altrusa
Halloween Bash & Craft Fair	ILHS National Honor Society
Youth Tennis Lessons & Yoga	Advantage Tennis & Yoga Organization
Adult Volleyball Coordinators	Maria Aboujaouda & Dave Dorsey
Craft Fair Baked Goods	Many After School Program Families
Arts & Crafts Donations	Sara Dubois
Board Game Donations	Christy Gleeson
Air Hockey & Floor Hockey Donations	Blythe Caruso & Kevin Shute
Senior Adult Computer Class	Meredith Public Library & Chris Leland
Swasey Park Volunteer Day	Swasey Park Committee
Counselors-In-Training	Emily MacLean & Caleb Theriault
Equipment & Operators	Meredith Water, DPW, & Fire Departments
Community Center Gardens	Nancy Lavigne & Team of Helpers
Summer Open Mic Music Series	Kevin & Kitty Boyle
Tee Ball Coaches	Tricia & David Rosario, Patty DelRossi, Andy Cartier, Jen Weeks, Dan Ingram, Brenda Thibeault, Kayla McDonald, Bryan McDonald, Mara Miller
Youth Soccer Coaches	Allia Connors, Dustin Moriarty, Abe Garon, Corina Locke, Lucy Rideout, Jen Weeks, Rob Ambrose, Stephanie Corts, Carley Howie, Christina Kennedy, Kyle Lacasse, Whitney Biederman
Mae Hart Thanksgiving Dinner	Anne Barach, Madeline Stevens, Barbara Shaffer, Kimberly Goldberg, Shirley Stokes, Charlie Dowd, Melissa Dever, John Dever, Jim Williams, Jenlian Chadwick, Isabelle Chadwick, Jackson Chadwick, Tom & Monica Stankoski, Louisa Carter, Andrea Lamarre, Cammy Lamarre, Doreen Carson, Bill Irwin, Lisa Tremblay, Sarah Perkins, Nancy McGrail, Rick/Mary/& Ryder Desharnais, Russ Weeks.

Parks and Recreation continued...

THANK YOU RUSS AND TERRI

We want to thank 2 long time employees for their many years of service to our Department and our community, who left the Department in 2022.

- * **Terri Thompson** - Terri worked with us for 12 years, the first 2 as the After School Program Director and Summer Camp Counselor and the last 10 as the Full Time Front Desk Associate/Administrative Assistant. We wish her all the best in her retirement.
- * **Russ Weeks** - Russ worked with us for 16 years as our Maintenance Crew Chief. We wish Russ all the best as he pursues a career change.

Our First Annual BARBER SHOP HARMONY MUSIC JAMBOREE

We were proud to host and sponsor the 1st Annual Barber Shop Harmony Music Jamboree held in August.

We coordinated this weekend event with the Barber Shop Harmony Society, who offered a community meal sponsored by the Altrusa Club, Informal Performances throughout the weekend and mini-golf.

The event culminated with a wonderful show held at the community center, featuring a wide variety of very talented singers. A large crowd representing people of all ages enjoyed the jamboree very much and we look forward to welcoming everyone back again in 2023.



As always, I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2023.

Sincerely,

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director

<u>Program</u>	<u>Participants</u>
After School Program	99
Summer Camp	170
Youth Tennis Lessons	20
Counselors In Training	2
February Vacation Camp	22
April Vacation Camp	38
December Vacation Camp	37
Full Day Camp 4/1/22	18
Adult Coed Volleyball	20
Youth Soccer (pre K-Gr 2)	65
Youth Tee Ball (Ages 4 & 5-Gr K)	65
Senior Strength & Balance	43
Senior Exercise	14
Senior Yoga	25
Cabin Fever Family Movie Night	50
Senior Novice Pickle Ball	44
Senior Daytime Pickle Ball	67
Senior Evening Pickle Ball	60
Adult Men's P/U Basketball	132
Birthday Parties	69
Community Center Drop Ins	30
Daily Avg	
North Pole Calling	24
Senior Drop-Ins Daily	10
Senior Computer Class	8
Senior Morning Walking Group	10
Senior Knitting Group	8
Craft Fair Vendors	29
Craft Fair Attendees	500
Halloween Family Bash	300
Holiday Open House	200
Holiday Tree Lighting	100
Easter Egg Hunt	200
Mae Hart Thanksgiving Meal & Delivery	131
Barber Shop Harmony Music Jamboree	150

Parks and Recreation continued...



Adult Pickleball

Cooling off at Camp

Swasey Park Volunteer Clean Up

Senior Strength & Balance Program

Pulling Together

We Enjoy Tiring Them Out!

Camp Color Run

Excitement

Savoring Every Piece

Camp Beach Day

Toilet Paper Explosion

Field Trip Fun

General Government

Town Clerk

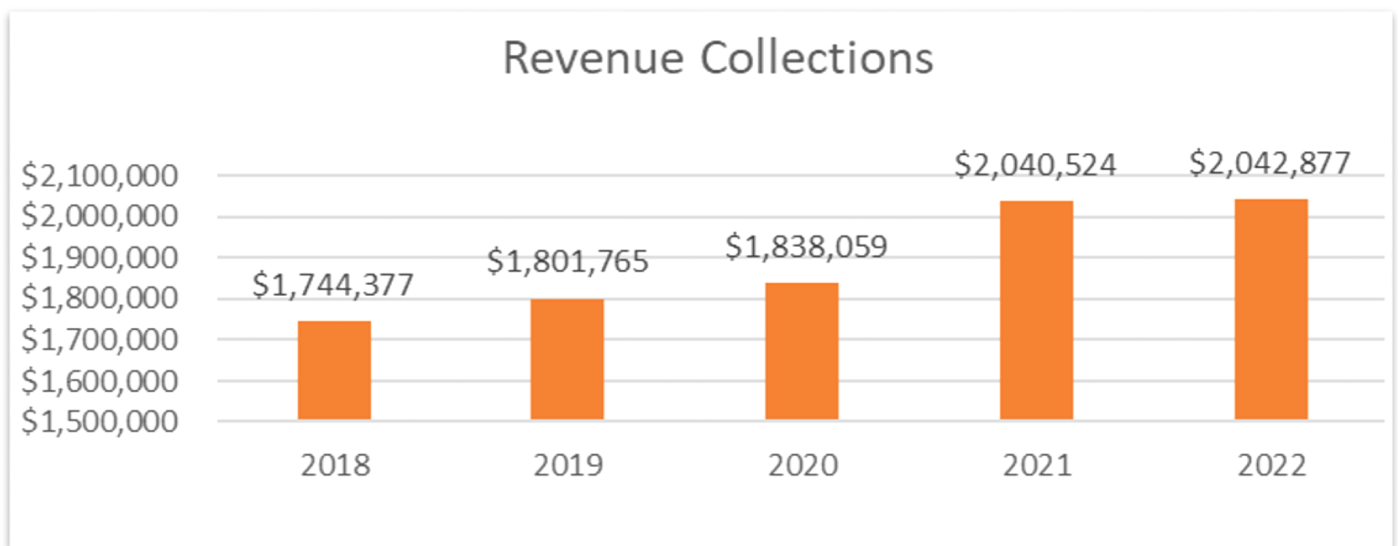
Kerri A Parker, Town Clerk CTCTC, CMC
Jennifer Hurd, Assistant Town Clerk

2022 was another year of increasing population of new residents as well as many new 4-legged furry friends. There were 3 elections that with the help of our wonderful group of Election volunteers were run smoothly and successfully. We in the Clerk's office are forever grateful to them for their long days and hard work. 2024 will be a challenge with 4 Elections including the fight for the 1st in the nation primary and the 2024 presidential election. We will be ready to take on the challenge.

We appreciate the confidence that you show in us by keeping us here doing what we do best by serving you the residents who make up the most beautiful town of Meredith. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted
Kerri A Parker, CMC, CTCTC
Town Clerk

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: (10,442 Auto) & (748 Boat)	11,190	\$ 1,965,197
Dogs	1,352	7,666
Vital Records	1,314	18,460
Marriage Licenses	77	3,350
Refuse Permits	246	4,910
Miscellaneous...		
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies		5,264
Mailings - Notary and Justice Fees		



Meredith Public Library

The Meredith Public Library's mission is to be the cultural heart of Meredith; a gathering place where community members can acquire and share knowledge. This past year the staff was excited to use our new and renovated space to meet the goals of the library's mission.

With the new Children's Room on the first floor, patrons coming in can see Miss Karen's overflowing story times. Not only does she provide early childhood learning experiences for our youngest patrons, but parents, grandparents and caretakers get a chance to mingle and chat over coffee. There is always a warm, happy vibe coming from that room that everyone can see and feel as they come and go from the library.



John's revamped "Teen Zone" gives older children and teens their own area where they can join in on Manga and Anime Clubs, participate in STEM related after-school learning experiences such as the LEGO Archimedes Challenge or head up to the Maker Space to create toys for young children in the Maker Space.

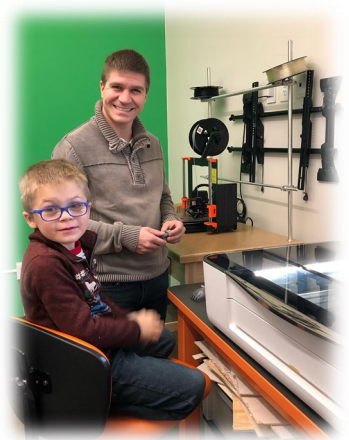
Adult Services added new learning opportunities with our popular "Wednesdays with Shakespeare" hosted by volunteer John Lin, Maker Days where patrons bring in items to digitally convert or they can try out the new equipment, and adult classes in the Maker Space such as Watercolor, Calligraphy, Sewing, Collage and Procreate. Thursday mornings we welcome our knitting group who meet around one of our working historic fireplaces, hundreds of people have come to work in our quiet study rooms and we have hosted numerous community groups in our Zoom enabled Function Room which allows for hybrid meetings.



We are still working on a few building project issues including acoustic problems in our Historic Study Room and Teen Zone, new signage throughout the building, and newspaper shelving.

In addition a committee of local citizens and the non-profit group Humble Grunt Work meet every other week to go over details for the new Veterans Memorial which is slated to be completed by the end of 2023.

The trustees are working in conjunction with this group to complete landscaping, outdoor lighting, irrigation and a new front sign so that the trustees and Humble Grunt Work get the best possible prices for their individual projects. It is our hope that by the end of the year our outdoor areas will be just as breathtaking as our indoor ones.



General Government

Meredith Public Library continued...



Thank you to the Friends of the Library for all of the hard work they do for us. Be sure to stop into their Book Store in the library's basement to purchase gently used books and DVDs. The Friends also run three book sales per year, sell books online and have added some books for sale in one of our historic reading rooms.

If you haven't joined the Friends yet, please consider doing so. The Friends support most of our programs including all of our adult classes, Story Time, after-school teen activities, our Ancestry.com subscription, Museum Passes and so much more. They also plant and maintain our gardens and planters. Much of what we do at the library would not be possible without them.

Thank you to our patrons for your support throughout the year. We love receiving your cards, notes and baked goods. We look forward to seeing you everyday and having you as a large part our Library family. Thank you to the staff for always going above and beyond to take care of our patrons, to the trustees for putting the best interest of the Library first and to the taxpayers of Meredith for 140 years of supporting your Library.

Circulation...

Adult Media	6,937
Adult Books	15,431
Youth Materials	18,129
Magazines	1,020
Interlibrary Loans	1,873
eBooks, Mags, Video, Audio	13,365
Museum Passes	137
Telescope	8
Kindle	23

Statistics...

Reference Questions Answered	1,423
Annual Visits	46,224
Number of Registered Patrons	4,928
Internet Usage	1,315
Acquisitions...	
Media	569
Books	4,067
Magazines	331
Lost/Discarded	(3,826)

Total Circulation 56,923

Total Inventory 37,745

Erin M. Apostolos, Library Director

Report of the Library Trustees of Trust Funds - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Library Trust & Improvement Funds		Balance	Income	(Withdraw)	Gain/Loss	Balance
Trust Fund	Purpose					
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	\$ 966,547	\$ 122	\$ (17,570)	\$ (90,053)	\$ 859,045
Improvement Fund	Library	53,820	7	(293)	(7,112)	46,421
Total Library Funds		<u>\$ 1,020,367</u>	<u>\$ 129</u>	<u>\$ (17,863)</u>	<u>\$ 97,165</u>	<u>\$ 905,466</u>

Police

“The Mission of the Meredith Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of all people. We will work in partnership with our Community to identify and effectively respond to the diverse, ever-changing social neighborhood problems and needs. We will do this with respect, fairness and compassion.”



With the start of 2023 upon us, our department is refreshed, focused, and ready to write our next chapter. In 2022 we experienced many changes, obstacles and celebrations. We celebrated the retirements of our beloved co-workers, all of which contributed many years of service, dedication and leadership to our department and the town. We said farewell to Chief Kevin Morrow after 16 years of working as Chief of Police and 31 total years with the Town of Meredith. It has been an honor to follow under his leadership and continue to run the department with the same level of integrity that he did for so many years. Along with Chief Morrow, we celebrated the retirements of Sergeant Gregory Mangers with 18 Years, Detective Corporal John Eichhorn with 24 years, and Dispatcher Mary Herbert with over 17 years respectively. We are grateful for their service, their dedication, and their continued friendship.

As we said our farewells, there became the task of filling vacancies, which was done with thought and careful consideration. These leadership roles were carefully selected as each person brought forth different abilities, talents and experiences along with new ideas. Such a big wave of change is not something we have experienced in quite some time. Though, this sort of “changing of the guard” is something that the department as a whole was very excited for.

By the end of 2022, we promoted Philip McLaughlin to Lieutenant, William Goulet, Scott McGowan, and Christopher Heney to Sergeant, and Brian Murray was appointed to Detective. We added Officer Ema Donlagic, Dispatcher Brandon Wheeler, and Officer Robert Nedeau returned to the department. I couldn't be more proud of all of these individuals and have high expectations for them.

We are currently working on important projects to include a much needed Dispatch Console build and an IT build and expect to have these projects completed within the year 2023. We are preparing as we have seen a *noticeable increase* in housing construction and population in town and know that the need for services and safety to all residents is paramount. Like most we are experiencing staffing shortages and working on ways to fill those vacancies. I am confident we will fill them in 2023.

My goal as the Chief of Police is to continue to build upon our already strong foundation and the steady leadership we have experienced in my 26+ years of service to the Town of Meredith. I will promote professionalism, humility, learnedness, camaraderie and growth among our employees. As always, we will put our community's needs and safety at the forefront and continue to foster healthy relationships between our officers, residents and community leaders.

It would be remiss of me to not thank our Select Board members and Town Manager Troy Brown for their support over the past year. While we were faced with many changes and challenges, they were steadfast in making sure the department was able to move forward efficiently and effectively.

In closing, 2022 was a tough year for retired Meredith Police Department staff. I would like to take this time to remember Chief John Curran, Sergeant Donald Belyea, and Sergeant John Egan whom we lost this past year and thank them for their years of dedication and professionalism they gave to the Meredith Police Department and the Town of Meredith. You all will be missed dearly.

Michael J. Harper, Police Chief

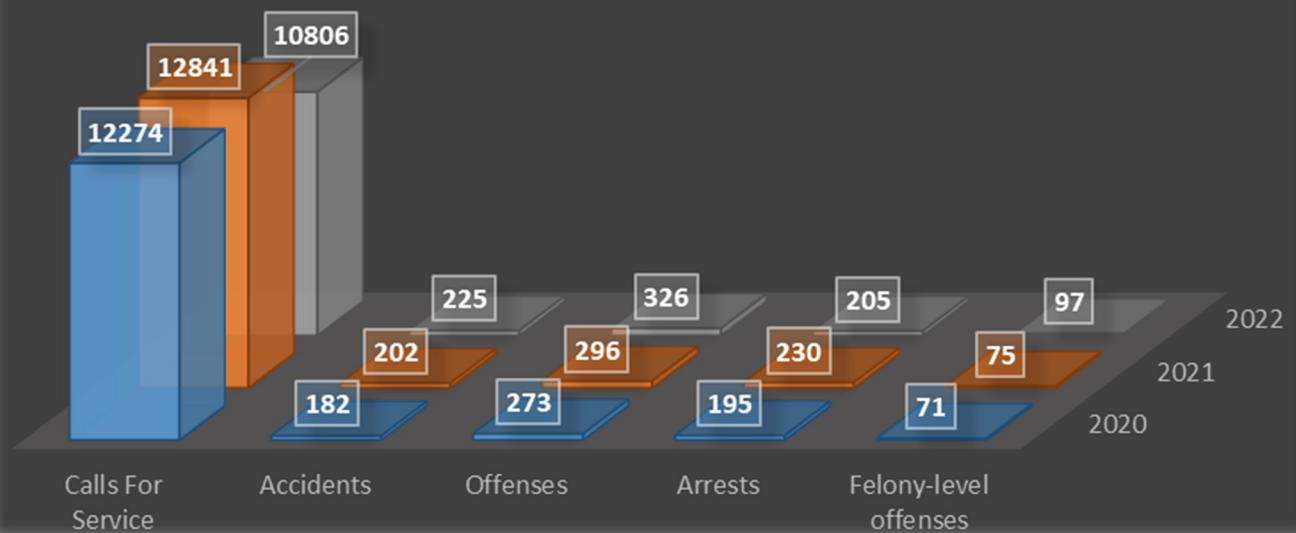


Police continued...



MPD CASE COMPARISON

■ 2020 ■ 2021 ■ 2022



General Government

Fire

With another year in the books, I would like to extend my appreciation to all the individuals who continue to support and assist Meredith Fire with its organization, responses, and daily business. In 2022 the department responded to a record total response of **513 incidents**. This is only an increase of 10 incidents above 2021 but since 2009 it's a **63% increase in department total call volume**.

I would be remiss if I didn't say thank you to the Citizens of Meredith for their continued support. Recently an order was placed to purchase Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, (SCBA) for the department. Current SCBA was purchased back in early 2007, they are in the state of being old, worn out and costly to maintain. Monies for this purchase were obtained through the Equipment ETF Fund in which dollars were set aside with the Capital Improvement Program, (CIP). We thank the CIP Committee as well for the support and recommendation of said funds for this purchase.

A couple of other expenditures in this past year, were the repainting of the Meredith Center Station with a new color design and identifying department sign. Also, a new command car was delivered in November which replaces the current 10-year-old vehicle.

With this upcoming budget, I have requested funding through CIP for this year to assist towards a purchase of apparatus that potentially will be ordered in 2024. This will be to replace Eng-3 which is a 1993 and runs out of the Meredith Center Station. As with all other increased expenditures we encounter in our daily lives, the price of apparatus has certainly increased as well.

Recruitment and Retention of department members remain a high priority and we continue to strive to maintain a level of service to which the citizens of Meredith are accustomed to receiving. As with other numerous professions, including the Fire Service as well, especially Call/Volunteer Departments, reduction in membership/work force continue to plague us all. With the call volume continually rising on an annual basis, along with the majority of the call force aging, this has reduced the Firefighter per call rate drastically. We currently try to staff (4) certified Firefighters Monday through Friday on the day shift, but struggle to routinely fill the shifts leaving us with inadequate coverage during the day time hours.

We continue to support and maintain a student intern program, currently housing three interns of which only 2 are certified Level I FF's. They routinely conduct daily station chores, assist with checking and maintaining equipment, and complete tasks assigned by the Chief on an ongoing basis. Interns are housed during college scheduled semesters with some assisting with daily coverage during the break/vacation periods as well as the summer vacation time.

A reminder that **all outside burning** requires a burning permit if the ground is not adequately covered with snow 100 ft. around the burn pile. If required snow cover is prevalent then no permit is required and you may burn during the day time hours as well. All other burning requires a burn permit even during wet, rainy days. There are restrictions on what exactly may be burned as well as different categories pertaining to permits and times you may burn. Any questions please call MFD at (603) 279-6061 or obtain a permit at; Central Fire Station, Town Hall, Y-Landing or on line at www.NHfirepermit.com.

As you see below with the yearly stats, false alarms continue to be the highest request for call volume. To assist in reducing such calls, all fire alarm systems should be serviced annually and residential homes must replace batteries in the smoke/CO detectors, **"(change your clocks, change your batteries)"**. Remember smoke/CO detectors need to be replaced per manufacturer recommendations which usually is between 7 to 10 years.

Calls Associated for the years...	2020		2021		2022	
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	60	12.22%	49	9.74%	47	9.16%
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	107	21.79%	127	25.25%	113	22.03%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	78	15.89%	64	12.72%	81	15.79%
Service Call	48	9.78%	49	9.74%	48	9.36%
Good Intent Call	53	10.79%	52	10.34%	69	13.45%
False Alarms & False Calls	145	29.53%	162	32.21%	155	30.21%
Total Number of Calls	491		503		513	

In closing, as always, the Officers, Members and I look forward to the challenges in 2023, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for the continued support. Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours! In new modern construction homes you now have 3 to 4 minutes to escape! Ensure you have an escape plan and practice it!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

General Government

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year was another year where we observed wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions which extended through the summer for much of the state. Drying conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

This fall there were multiple fires started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes throughout the State. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, Meredith Fire Department, and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! Remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful with fire**. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

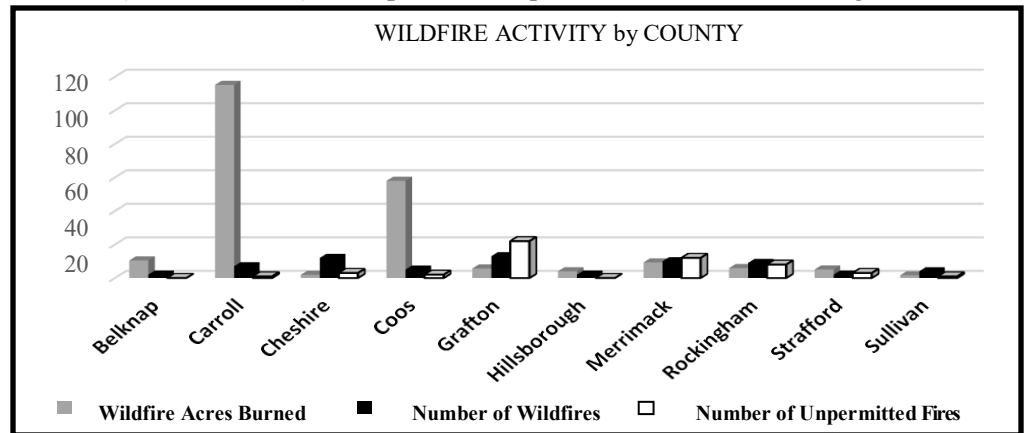


As we prepare for the 2023 fire season, please remember to contact your Meredith's Forest Fire Warden/Deputies or Meredith Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow.

Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com.

Or you may obtain a Permit at the Central Fire Station, Town Office or Y-Landing at no cost. The burning of

household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the Meredith Fire Department at (603) 279 – 6061, for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfl/. For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @NHForestRangers



Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth G. Jones
Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden

HISTORICAL DATA

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2022	66	217	52
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91

Causes of Fires Reported												
Firearm	Rec	Power	Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Other	
3	4	7	2	60	0	1	1	1	3	7	5	

General Government

Village Pathways Committee

This year marks the third year of existence for the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook. The Trail continues to be a large part of the committee's work. At the Lakes Region Planning Commission's Annual Meeting in June, the Pathways Committee was given an "Award for Excellence" for the Nature Trail's success and contribution to the community. We appreciate this recognition and the continued sharing of information about the Trail.

The Trail is very popular with visitors and is used regularly by residents, teachers, and students. In order to gauge the amount of Trail users, our committee conducted three counting sessions on a variety of days, for a few hours each time. The first was held in July, on a beautiful summer day when 92 people were counted entering at one of the trailheads. On September 17th, we had a second day of counting and found 62 people entered the trailhead with a total of 35 dogs! The last day on September 21st, 66 people and 13 dogs entered the trailhead. On each of those days there was at least one person using a wheelchair, walker, or stroller.

Special events on the Laverack Nature Trail this year included a bird walk with Iain MacLeod of the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center and a tree Identification walk with experts Tom Foster and Mary Doyle. Please contact a committee member if you would be interested in attending any of our special educational walks.

Added to the Classroom Area this summer was a new sign that lists many of the animals, birds, plants, and trees that have been identified along the Trail. Thanks to Marilee Sundius for her assistance and beautiful artwork.

New to the Trail this year are the *Doggi* Bags near each kiosk. Please remind all Trail users to "Leave No Trace" as they enjoy their walk.

Committee members and Friends of the Laverack Nature Trail continue to monitor the Trail several times each week. If you would like to help with monitoring, we welcome new members. Those willing to help with Trail maintenance on an "as needed basis" are also welcome. Please contact a committee member or the Meredith Town Planner if you would like to help.

Thank you to all who assisted with Trail monitoring and maintenance this year. The Committee would like to especially thank Donovan Tree Service, the GMP Sculpture Walk Installation Team, and the Meredith Rotary Club for their contribution.

On-going committee activities included distribution of our Village Walking Map to various kiosks around the Village. The map is currently undergoing revisions. Check it out next summer.

The Meredith Village Pathways Committee is an advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Select Board. The broadly stated purpose of the Committee is to plan, promote and improve pedestrian activity in the community. Pedestrian planning takes the form of enhancing and expanding pathways, as well as linking together recreational, civic and community destinations throughout Meredith Village and the community.

We thank Town Planner Angela LaBrecque, Community Development Director John Edgar, Stephanie Maltais and Genie Smith for their time, effort, and guidance given to our committee. Personally, I am especially grateful for all their assistance over my past 6 1/2 years as chairperson. Additionally, I am honored to have served in this capacity with this dedicated and hard-working committee!

Respectfully submitted:
Andrea Bourn, Chair, Meredith Village Pathways Committee

Pathways Committee Members: Jane Bowie, Barbara Brann, Lissa Goodby, Liz Lapham, Abby Mercer, Janis Roberts, Sandy Sabutis, Linda Smith, Cheryl Wilson, Rod Wilson, and Angela LaBrecque.

Village Pathways Committee continued...



Energy Committee

The Meredith Energy Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Its purpose is to encourage and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy for Meredith's municipal operations, businesses, and residents.

The Energy Committee welcomed Richard DeMark as a new member in 2022.

Committee members served with both the library addition building committee and the new DPW garage project committee to advocate for energy efficiency. Both projects are underway and we look forward to seeing how well the energy related features function, such as the use of geothermal heat pumps to provide radiant floor heat in the new DPW garage.

The Energy Committee put forward a warrant article for the March 2022 Town Meeting to allow the Select Board to enter into a Power Purchase Agreement for installation of solar panels on town owned buildings and land. The article passed and with the help of the Energy Committee, the town posted a Request for Proposals to solicit bids for a municipal solar project. Responses were received and a Power Purchase agreement was executed between the town and Barrington Power in the Fall of 2022. As of December 2022, the installation of solar panels has begun at the Transfer Station, Community Center, Skate Park and the Meredith Center Fire Station. The estimated annual electricity produced by the solar panels will be 321,000 kWh or roughly 25% of the electricity consumed by the town's municipal facilities. In 2023 Barrington Power will propose additional solar installation locations for consideration by the Select Board.

The Energy Committee has started to investigate the feasibility of installing electric vehicle charging stations at the new municipal parking lot on Plymouth Street.

The Energy Committee will continue to serve as a resource on energy efficiency for Meredith's municipal operations, businesses, and residents. Anyone with interest in the Energy Committee or its work can direct inquiries or questions to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.



Submitted by,

Bill Haley, Chairman
Meredith Energy Committee



Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee (WWAC) is the primary advisory volunteer organization of the Town of Meredith promoting water quality initiatives throughout the Waukewan Watershed. The principal responsibility of the Committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues for Lake Waukewan, our Town's drinking water supply.

On July 20th, WWAC held a well-attended public awareness/ educational Outreach Program presented at the Community Center. This event was sponsored in conjunction with the Lake Winnepesaukee Association and the Windy Waters Conservancy. Water quality issues (storm water runoff, cyanobacteria) were discussed and a protocol for notification among the Town, the Water Department and DES was established. See Something, Say Something. Storm water runoff is a nutrient for cyanobacteria. Emphasis was placed on addressing runoff through programs such as Lake Smart (NH Lakes) and Keep Winni Blue (LWA). By decreasing storm water runoff, cyanobacteria blooms are decreased as well. More about this program can be seen on the LWA website: winnepesaukee.org

On October 12th, WWAC hosted a presentation of actual water quality data for Lake Winona, Lake Waukewan and related tributaries. NHDES's Sara Steiner, Coordinator of the Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) talked about the 2021 VLAP reported data for Lake Waukewan and what the trend data indicates. The target audience was policy makers and those responsible for implementing public policy at the local level in the towns of Meredith, Center Harbor and New Hampton. While the water quality is generally good, there were several areas of concern that were identified. A copy of the NHDES presentation can be found on the town website. Stay tuned for the second half of this presentation in 2023 which will identify specific steps to maintain and improve water quality.

The WWAC also contributes volunteers to the VLAP testing program. Following up on the Committee's water quality testing efforts, the VLAP Program, in concert with our partners at NHDES expanded data collection into 'through the ice' winter season sampling. Coupled with our thirty plus years of summer sampling data, this increased sampling will afford a deeper on-going understanding of the multiple dynamic interactions affecting the quality of Meredith's drinking water and the sustainability of it's critical contribution to our area's overall economy. Our thanks to volunteers Frank Murphy, John DeMichaelis, Jamie Irving, and John Slavik.

November found the completion of the Reservoir Brook Restoration Program. Reservoir Brook is a tributary for Lake Waukewan. Big wood (trees) was strategically placed along the Brook, to slow down storm water velocity during storm events, increase sediment and nutrient retention while enhancing instream habitat. Our thanks to BCCD, Trout Unlimited and NH Fish and Game for collaborating with WWAC.

The committee always welcomes additional volunteers. In 2022, we welcomed our newest member, Bronwen Donnelly.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna VanNess Murphy, Chair



General Government

Water and Sewer

The Town of Meredith Water Department is dedicated to the community it serves. We provide our customers with high quality drinking water and reliable service to meet daily consumption and fire protection.

The Water Department adheres to regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). The Water Department staff performs routine and preventative maintenance, and round-the-clock emergency service. We are always actively servicing the water treatment plant, 3 booster stations, 18 miles of water main, over 100 Hydrants, and the town's 1.5 million gallon water tower. Lake Waukegan is the source for the town's drinking water.

Over the last year, we have made several upgrades to the Water Treatment Facility. A new generator was installed to better meet the electrical demands of the Water Treatment Facility. We have installed new variable frequency drives (VFD) for the raw water pumps. These VFD's are designed to prolong the life expectancy of the pump and motor systems. Our chemical feed pumps have been upgraded from diaphragm pumps to peristaltic pumps for efficient chemical feed control.

In addition, we have also partnered with NHDES on cyanobacteria monitoring in Lake Waukegan with the deployment of a multi-parameter Sonde water quality transmitter. In a continued effort to improve water conservation and customer information we have been updating our water meter equipment to new Neptune RFID meter heads. This can allow for leak detection and water use data to be collected. This information is beneficial for our department and our customers.

The Meredith Sewer Department maintains the collection system, which consists of over 20 miles of sewer mains, 5 lift stations, and over 300 manhole structures. The Staff regularly performs routine maintenance and repairs on the pump stations. The operators perform sewer main cleaning activities to ensure proper flow. Operators also service lakefront Sewer Pump-Outs to prevent unnecessary contamination on Lake Winnepesaukee. All wastewater is sent to an inter-municipal transmission line that starts in Center Harbor and travels to the Winnepesaukee River Basin Treatment Facility in Franklin, New Hampshire. This facility and transmission lines are owned and operated by the State of New Hampshire. Its associated expenses account for more than 50% of Meredith's sewer budget.

At the heart of our system is the Rt. 3 lift station. Over the past year, we have been able to perform a complete grit removal and cleaning of that station's wet well. We also installed a new submersible pump in the Rt. 3 sewer lift station; replacement ensured proper lift station flow in the event of an emergency. At our Philbrook sewer lift station we updated our controls from analog and floats, to programmable logic controllers (PLC) and pressure transducers. This allows the operators to more accurately monitor and operate the station. At Cygnet Shores lift station key infrastructural components were replaced after an unexpected equipment failure.

The Water and Sewer Department consists of a Superintendent, a Crew Chief, and two Operators. We are faithfully devoted to safety and effectively providing quality customer service to our 1,147 water customers and 1,424 sewer customers. Every staff member is licensed to operate both our water and sewer systems. As part of our commitment to the community, we are available 7 days a week and are on call 24/7 for emergencies. We are proud to serve our community, one Cubic Foot (Ft³) at a time.

Respectfully submitted by:
Philip Sausville
Water and Sewer Crew Chief



Water and Sewer continued...



Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce is to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism and retail interests of the greater Meredith area. We proudly serve over 200 businesses in the Moultonborough, Center Harbor and Meredith Communities.

Our visitor center, located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway in Meredith, continues to provide a wide array of promotional literature, maps, guides, and other useful resources about the Lakes Region. We also continue to offer a welcome center in Moultonborough at the intersection of Route 25 and Bean Road.



Collaboration continues to remain one of our top priorities. This year with Chambers across the state we continued our bi-weekly call with Commissioner Taylor Caswell of the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) and the Business and Industry Association (BIA). The calls have been an invaluable resource to Chambers, giving us a voice at the state level as well as an opportunity to keep up with the direction of the state. The Small Business Development Center also continues to be a positive resource to our community.

The Chamber, with the generous support of Meredith Village Savings Bank, began the first in a series of education sessions for our members. The first session which focused on Crypto Currency was very well-attended. We look forward to the new year and the educational opportunities we can offer our members, covering a wider spectrum of topics and professional learning seminars.

The Chamber hosted several Chamber Connection events this year, as well as ribbon cuttings for new and incoming area businesses. Our final event of the year was a very well-attended seasonally festive gathering hosted by Meredith Landing Real Estate. One of the major focuses of 2023 will be to bring our business community together in a variety of ways to continue to strengthen and grow the voice of local business owners.

The Lakes Region Fine Arts and Craft Festival was a major success for the Chamber in August of 2022. With the excellent direction of Leslie Sturgeon, Executive Director and Butch Keniston, Festival Coordinator, the event hosted over 80 vendors! The weather was perfect, and the turnout was far greater than anticipated. A big shout of thanks goes to Northway Bank and Ambrose Brothers for their generous sponsorship. Thank you!

The Chamber held its 2022 annual meeting breakfast at Hart's Turkey Farm on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. We'd like to recognize our sponsors for supporting this event. We thank Meredith Village Savings Bank, Moulton Farm, and Overhead Door Options for their generosity and support. At the annual meeting the Chamber proudly recognized members of our community for their individual contributions. The Community Award recipients this year included Cindy Oxtan of Meredith Village Savings Bank, who received the Citizenship Award. The Civic Project Award was presented to Mike Pelczar and Betsey Donovan. For the Community Pride Award, the Chamber recognized Brie Stephens and the Lake Life Realty Team, and the Special Recognition Award was presented to Mike Griffin and the Greater Meredith Program's Career Partnership Program, a collaborative of GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District. Congratulations to our award recipients.

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce 2022 Officers and Board of Directors:

Wendy Bagley - Chamber President, John Stephens - Vice President, Travis Cole – Treasurer, Nick Leighton – Secretary, Robert Ambrose, Andrea Harper, Julie Hayward, Barbara Jenkins, Barbara Laros, Adam McKinney, Merron Treadwell, and Teddy Willey. Stephanie Whiting, Office Administrator, continues to be a tremendous asset to the executive director, the Board of Directors, and is a wealth of knowledge for our members.

This year has been one of growth and change. We want to thank Leslie Sturgeon for her work on the Chamber's behalf. With the resignation of Leslie in September 2022, the Board worked diligently to focus on the future direction of the Chamber and what would best serve our members with Sandra Marshall dutifully returning as the interim Executive Director for the remainder of the year. On January 3, 2023, the Chamber welcomed Mike Griffin, incoming Executive Director.

Drafted by Sandra Marshall
Respectfully Submitted by Mike Griffin



Helping Local Business Through Local Connections



Supported Outside Agencies

Community Action Program

The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is a New Hampshire based private, nonprofit organization that has been serving Meredith residents since 1965. Our primary mission is to work with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist in efforts to become or remain financially independent. The agency provides a broad array of services that are locally defined, planned, and managed.

The agency operates a resource center open to Meredith residents right in Meredith, NH, as well as a center in Laconia. The Meredith CAP Area Resource Center is funded primarily from three main sources: local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (via the state utility companies) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (a federal program also known as Fuel Assistance Program). The Center is the local service delivery network for agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake, referral, contact, and support with residents of your community. We thank the town of Meredith for your continued support of our work at the resource center. We will continue to work closely with your town to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

While the Meredith Center provides referrals and information for a variety of needs, there are two major areas of direct support provided to community members – energy assistance and food assistance. Below are the specific data from Meredith residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide \$357,408.66 in energy and food assistance to the residents in Meredith.

Thank you so much for your support. If you'd like to learn more about our agency, please visit us at www.capbm.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Richards,
Director, Energy and Area Resource Centers

Energy Assistance Provided

Service Description	Units of Service Households/Persons	Value
Fuel Assistance	164 Applications	\$260,897
Electric Assistance	212 Households	\$76,689
Weatherization	3 Homes	\$10,999
Other—Shutoffs/Disconnects	2 Households	\$1,478
Emergency Food Assistance	Cases of Food allocated to pantry	\$7,344



COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
BELKNAP-MERRIMACK COUNTIES, INC.
EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1965



Supported Outside Agencies

Meredith Historical Society

The Society's mission is collecting and preserving the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and two museum buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of a stipend for workers at our Main Street Museum during the summer. Community volunteers are encouraged to join our activities and help share Meredith's past with visitors.



The winter months were spent sorting our extensive collection of textiles and hard goods and preparing new exhibits. Summer visitors learned about Eva Blake, a dynamic woman of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, and explored the role she and the Women's Progress Club played in gaining women's right to vote in the 1920s. Several articles of her clothing from that era were displayed. Gwen Flather and Annalee Thorndike – artists and businesswomen of the mid-20th century – also had their stories and unique character dolls on display.

With COVID restrictions easing, the monthly Speaker Series attracted 60 – 80 attendees to the seven free programs at the Community Center:

- Civil War and the Technology that Shaped America
- Interpreting Glacial Landforms through Laser Technology
- Meredith's Page Pond Community Forest
- Clash of Cultures
- The Meredith Rotary Club
- NH Art and Artists through the Years
- The History of Meredith Village

Tentative topics for 2023 include: Meredith's Mill History, How Meredith Received Its Name, and a program looking at history through music, featuring local musicians Phil and Janet Sanguedolce.



The May Yard Sale was a great success, thanks to the generosity of donors, enthusiastic shoppers and the use of Annalee Dolls' parking lot. We were fortunate to have good weather, lots of helpers with muscles, and trucks and trailers to move large items several times before seeing them off to new homes. This type of fundraiser helps cushion our preservation expenses.

The Farm Museum on Winona Road was open on Saturdays from July through Columbus Day.

In July Larry Frates, cartoonist, magician and storyteller, captivated children and adults alike on the museum lawn. A *Plein Air* event on another equally beautiful Saturday was the location for seven artists situated throughout the grounds as they painted the scenery around them. Inside the building, the early farm-life exhibit gives visitors an appreciation of how early Meredith families spent their days. These events not only draw visitors to the building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but also highlight the changes our town has experienced.

The annual September Open House has become a favorite time for locals to enjoy a free hot dog and ice cream donated by Ben & Jerry's before touring the building. Our tireless board members are on hand at these types of events to answer questions and promote a deeper dig into Meredith's past.

Inter-Lakes 3rd graders toured Main Street in October. Seven docents located at key locations described the historical importance of the sites. Do you know about the unique feature on the front of the library? Or the story of Meredith's Good Loser? Just ask a 3rd grader!

Supported Outside Agencies

Meredith Historical Society *continued...*

Collaborating with other organizations benefits everyone, including the general public. We are working with the library to digitize fragile historical records. We used grant funds to digitize fragile 1800s tax books plus an assortment of old local newspapers; these are now available through the links page on our website. The Veterans' Memorial Committee has been able to use our resources to help identify all eligible Meredith veterans to be included on the replacement memorial at the Library. The Garden Club designed and maintains the garden beside the museum where the fountain, donated by the Greater Meredith Program, honors Rusty McLear. The plantings were donated by Cackleberries Garden Center. Our Hermit Scarecrow joined many others in October as it educated passersby about an interesting local gentleman from Meredith's past. Although technically closed, we turned on the lights and welcomed Trick or Treaters and parents as they strolled the neighborhood on Halloween. Our Christmas window lighting and decorations from an earlier era added to GMP's Main Street lighting project



Our newest and most unique collaboration was with Bear Island's YMCA Camp Lawrence. On two days in early fall, guests cruised Meredith's northeast shorelines & islands of Lake Winnepesaukee. John Hopper, Rudy VanVeghten and Jane Rice described historical events and the settlers of those locations. We are planning to offer a similar tour of Meredith's other shores next year.

Volunteers are crucial to the work of the museums. A Volunteer Appreciation event was held to encourage volunteers to consider lending a hand in areas that interest them. Many types of assistance are needed, including greeting guests, researching topics, and helping organize the storage area. We are thrilled to have a volunteer mow the lawn at the Farm Museum.

Don MacFarlane, our genealogist, continues to research Town statistics and has identified 6800 individuals. In 1840 there were 610 families living in our town. This year we recorded about 2500 visitors to the Main Street museum during its fairly short season.

After years of keeping the museums humming, Rita Polhemus and Judy Dever are looking forward to retirement and more free time. Rita was usually at the computer, cataloging and entering items into the computer system. Judy designed and created displays and greeted visitors. Dawn Dever stepped away last year after photographing the items that Rita catalogued, often during winter in an unheated storage area or in the stifling heat of summer. These 3 women are an inspiration for their dedication to preserving all aspects of Meredith's history.

The Historical Society welcomes the aid and patronage of those who appreciate the preservation of Meredith's past as we move forward into the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Thorndike, President

Officers:
Bonnie Edwards, VP of Preservation
Tom Witham, Corresponding Secretary
John Edgar, Recording Secretary
George Jewell, Treasurer
John Hopper, Assistant Treasurer

Directors:
Ceil Andrews, Gwen Bronson, Don MacFarlane,
Jackie Roy and Rudy VanVeghten



The Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a non-profit 501c3, community development organization dedicated to promoting community events, enhancing economic vitality, preserving historic and cultural heritage, as well as town-wide beautification. GMP pursues such goals through direct advocacy and action. GMP strives to capture and extend the vision, energy, and inter-organizational collaboration that makes Meredith an idyllic New England location to live, work, and play. GMP's vision for the town of Meredith and surrounding communities is to be a bustling year-round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, the workforce, and visitors to the Lakes Region.



Over the last nineteen years, through its many initiatives, the GMP has created and enhanced many community assets with the support of countless in-kind donations and volunteer time and talents. The GMP engages a diverse group of dedicated community stakeholders. Under the leadership of GMP President Lynn Leighton and the GMP Board of Directors, the Greater Meredith Program had another very successful year. GMP committees successfully carried out all approved 2022 workplans and increased volunteer efforts. Additionally in 2022, the GMP enjoyed much cross-organizational collaboration with several other Lakes Region non-profits and charitable organizations around the State of New Hampshire.

Ongoing projects which the GMP continued to support in 2022 included the Meredith Street Dance series, the highly trafficked Meredith Sculpture Walk (MSW), and an expanding Career Partnership Program. The GMP Design & Beautification Committees continue to work with the Community Garden Club of Meredith and a number of landscape professionals to enhance town-wide beautification efforts. The GMP continues to manage the online requests and maintenance of the “Welcome To Meredith” signboard at the intersection of Route 104 and the DW Highway. As previously noted, the GMP's committee chairs and volunteers carried out all 2022 workplan initiatives with great success and look forward to expanding these projects further in 2023.

GMP Board of Directors and Committees:

The Greater Meredith Program's Board of Directors is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the organizations mission. The GMP operates with the following standing committees and a variety of subcommittees: Design & Beautification, Meredith Sculpture Walk, Fundraising & Finance, Community & Economic Development, Career Partnerships, and Business & Community Event Promotions. Each committee is comprised of board members and dedicated community volunteers.

GMP Officers and Board Members:

2022 GMP Officers and Board Members: Lynn Leighton; President, Katheryn Rolfe; Vice-President, Dick Pendergast; Treasurer, Ted Fodero; Secretary, and Board Members: Jeanie Forrester, Bill Gartner, Ron Jonash, Chris Kelly, Andrew Lane, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Bob Manley, Rusty McLear, Wendell Rizzo, Cathy Sleeper, Natalie Taylor, and Chris Williams. GMP Board Alternates: Kelly Chapman and Janet Sanguedolce. Executive Director: Michael Griffin.

GMP Design & Beautification Committees:

The Design & Beautification Committees provide design and landscape advice, as well as develop beautification projects community wide. In 2022 these groups focused on the following: In cooperation with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, they continued their work in Swasey Park. Spring and Fall clean-up days were implemented and volunteers continued to maintain the trails throughout the year. The Design Committee is dedicated to bringing historical and educational elements as well as collaborating on efforts to facilitate handicap-accessible parking to Swasey Park. The committee will continue their efforts with the Façade & Site Improvement Grant Program for qualifying Meredith businesses in 2023.

The Beautification Committee and volunteers continued to plant and maintain flower boxes and planting beds along Route 3, including Canal Bridge. The committee was supported by the Community Garden Club of Meredith in planting and maintaining over 500 plantings, including “the ledge” across from Church Landing (Rt. 3) in 2022. Several members from each group dedicate their time and efforts to both organizations.

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Additionally, the Design & Beautification Committees collaborated on major landscape projects on the campus grounds of the Inter-Lakes Middle/High School building (Rt. 25), the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce building (Rt. 3), and the intersection near the new public parking lot across from Bootleggers Footwear Center (Routes 3 & 25). Several in-kind donations and efforts to these projects came from Dolbier Landscape Design & Property Services, as well as Donovan Tree Experts.

Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee:

The award-winning and highly trafficked Meredith Sculpture Walk (MSW) continued with much success in 2022, celebrating the ninth season. The installation crew and trained docent tour guides were quite busy showcasing 33 sculptures in meticulously placed and high visibility areas along Routes 3 & 25, Main Street, Hesky Park, Scenic Park, as well as throughout the Mill Falls Marketplace and the Courtyard on Main Street. MSW Brochures for the year-round exhibition can be found at informational kiosks (introduced in 2021) on the corner of Main and Dover Streets, the Courtyard on Main Street, Scenic Park, and Hesky Park.

The Meredith Sculpture Walk, as a year-round, outdoor juried exhibition, fosters awareness and enjoyment of public art. Popular tours, led by trained volunteer docents are offered during the spring and summer months. The locations for the sculptures are made possible by the support of both public and private owners. A sculpture brochure and map continue to be produced for self-guided tours, providing sculpture and artist information. The Meredith Sculpture Walk has been featured on NH Chronicle, a highly acclaimed nightly magazine program about the people and places that make New Hampshire special. The MSW Committee has excitedly begun planning the tenth anniversary season for 2023!

Community & Economic Development Committee:

The Community & Economic Development Committee had four major areas of focus in 2022, including short, mid, and long-term goals. The focus was primarily on revitalization efforts to Main Street, from the Routes 3 & 25 intersection to the Winnepesaukee Railroad at 154 Main Street. In 2022, the committee, with the support of town officials, continued working with a designated engineering firm to develop and conceptualize engineering services for future potential utility, streetscape, and road safety improvements in Meredith village. The Community & Economic Development Committee will continue efforts in developing plans for the WOW Trail extension from Weirs Beach in Laconia to the Meredith railway station, working with community members each step of the way. A sub-committee has begun working with the WOW Trail Committee out of Laconia on a feasibility study for this long-range project.

Career Partnership Program:

The Career Partnership Program (CPP), a collaborative initiative co-sponsored by the GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District, provides middle and high school students the opportunity to explore future careers through job shadowing, internships, and hands-on work experience. In 2022, the program saw a welcomed resurgence from interested students and zealous area businesses to support the program, successfully “bouncing back” from two and a half pandemic-period academic years. In addition to supporting students by helping them discover potential career paths for future employment through its in-school guest speaker series, job fairs, career assessment e-Book, and encouraging volunteer opportunities, experiential field trips were also introduced in 2022. The program received a Special Recognition Award in December of 2022 by the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce at the organization’s annual meeting.

Promotions Committee:

The GMP Promotions Committee works hard to promote the Main Street village district by creating image campaigns, retail promotions, seasonally spirited, and special community events to attract residents and visitors to the village area. In 2022, the committee continued to produce the “Do the Loop” and “Beyond the Loop” map and brochures, highlighting Meredith area businesses and services, with the 2022-2023 brochure being the largest one to date. The committee, with great success, hosted two block-party style street dances in June and September. In October, the Promotions Committee again ran the “Scarecrow Stroll” contest with a new record of 31 businesses and organizations in Meredith putting their most creative, scariest, funniest, and business-themed scarecrows on display for the annual business contest. In December, the committee was excited to take on the “Merry-dith & Bright” residential lighting contest, formerly organized by Alison Clymer of the Meredith Town Crier.

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Promotion Committee:

Additionally, the committee, with the massive support of Stephens Landscaping Professionals out of Moultonborough, worked with Main Street and area business owners to “light up” Main Street during the Christmas season. The project, which included extensive white lighting in Community Park, McLearn’s Fountain (Meredith Historical Society Museum), the Courtyard on Main, and trees along Main Street, was funded by GMP’s Beautification Committee, with participating village businesses supporting their individual buildings. In addition, the GMP Facebook and Instagram social media pages grew exponentially in 2022, and the Promotions Committee worked with the local Meredith News and the Laconia Daily Sun newspapers to advertise open-to-the-public events as well as to promote Meredith businesses.

Annual Meeting:

The Greater Meredith Program hosted the 2022 Annual Meeting at Church Landing during the month of January 2023. Historically, the Annual Meeting has been a time when the GMP recognizes and highlights the hard work and dedication of GMP committee members, volunteers, and contributors. In lieu of a guest speaker, the GMP was happy to welcome the Board of Directors from the ExcellenceNorth Alliance out of Manchester, New Hampshire. During the event, the ExcellenceNorth Alliance presented the GMP with the Dr. Sylvio Dupuis Community of Excellence Award, recognizing the GMP and the town of Meredith’s generous volunteer spirit and cross-organizational collaboration! The GMP Board of Directors also recognized and presented community awards for GMP’s 2022 Board Member of the Year, which was awarded to Dick Pendergast, GMP Treasurer. The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Janine Neggers, Design & Beautification Committee member. Three Outstanding Business Support Awards were presented this year. Stephens Landscaping Professionals of Moultonborough, Donovan Tree Experts of Meredith, and Dolbier Landscape & Property Services of Moultonborough were ALL recognized for their sponsorship, labor efforts, and in-kind donations to many of GMP’s beautification projects and initiatives. The Community Spirit Award was presented to Humble Grunt Work based in Center Harbor. GMP also gave special recognition to the entire Promotions Committee for their tremendous efforts in offering free community events and a record-breaking year for all of their business promotion projects as outlined in the committees 2022 workplan. Promotions Committee members, presented with individual plaques, included Bob Manley and Natalie Taylor, co-chairs, as well as members Vickie Carty, Vynnie Hale, Lynn Leighton, Paul Moreau, Marilee Sundius, and Karen Thorndike.

On behalf of its Board of Directors and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith, the Inter-Lakes School District, The Inn at Mill Falls, the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce, and our many residents, sponsors, and business owners for their continued support in helping us make Meredith a great place to live, work, and play.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Griffin, Executive Director | Director of Career Partnerships
Greater Meredith Program
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Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith. We greatly appreciate the continued support for our families and the growing local community.

I-LDCC is a non-profit, licensed, community child care and education agency that provides exceptional and affordable early care and education. It is the mission of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center to promote child development and family support through operation of a group child care center and nursery school, and through establishment of cooperation and collaboration with other agencies, local businesses, and civic groups. I-LDCC's variety of programs and services include: full and part-time child care, before and after school programs for school age children, summer day camp, healthy meals, field trips, and collaboration with other local agencies to provide enriching programs. Every day I-LDCC provides free breakfast, lunch, and snacks for all children through the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).

We are very proud that for more than 50 years, thousands of families and children, many second generation, have been educated and cared for at Inter-Lakes Day Care Center. In 2022 I-LDCC updated its preschool curriculum led by degreed educators with more than 60 years combined experience in early childhood education at I-LDCC.

I-LDCC continues to collaborate with a number of other agencies and programs to enhance services, including the Altrusa Club of Meredith, Meredith Public Library, Early Learning NH, Child Care Aware of NH, and the NH Child Care Advisory Council.

I-LDCC strives to provide affordable child care to the families it serves. Through the State of New Hampshire's Child Care Scholarship tuition assistance is available to families with income up to 250% of the poverty guidelines. This helps parents who are employed, enrolled in degree or certificate programs, or who are temporarily disabled. Supporting families on the road to self-sufficiency helps ensure stability and routine for children and increases economic stability of the community at large.

Sincerely,

Connie Pelletier
Executive Director



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Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit Licensed Plus childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Licensed Plus is a quality rating system that recognizes NH child care programs for efforts to improve the quality of care for young children and rewards programs that strive to improve their practices and staff qualifications. It also allows families to identify programs with higher quality. Kidworks offers a before and after school program, as well as vacation and summer programs. The center has part time and full time care options for families in the area. The center typically provides services for over seventy five families in the Lakes Region, a majority of the families living or working in Meredith. Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts and snacks. In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program and Town of Meredith, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the major areas of development. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community.

Our school age program planned and organized their own food drive. The children researched the most wanted items and made fliers for the families. We were very proud of their compassion and willingness to help others. The items were then donated to the Meredith Food Pantry.

Our preschoolers were able to visit the residents at Meredith Bay Colony Club again, which is a huge benefit to both organizations.

Our community returned the favor when the flu and Covid-19 went through the center at Christmas time. Our children always have a well-deserved visit from Santa, but with all the illnesses we were trying to keep everyone safe and healthy. The Meredith Fire Department and Meredith Insurance Agency surprised our children with an outside visit from Santa. We are truly fortunate to be a part of such an amazing community.

This is why we incorporate helping others, understanding the importance of community and just overall compassion for others in our curriculum. These are valuable life lessons and just as important as letters and numbers.

The center would like to thank the families past and present, staff, board members, local businesses, community agencies and the Town of Meredith for all of their support the past 26 years.

Jennifer Weeks
Director



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Lakes Region Planning Commission

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The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack counties within a 9 region state-designated planning area established under RSA 36:45. The LRPC plans at the local, regional, and statewide levels and is an essential conduit for federal funding. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety cost-saving local services such as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by an Executive Director.

The LRPC provides a forum for communities to share information and services from model ordinances and joint purchasing to solid waste districts and watershed management plans, and serves as a resource to support and enhance local planning and regional collaboration. The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including: *Transportation, land use, and watershed management planning *Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance *Economic development assistance *Grant writing and administration *GIS mapping *Data Collection & Analysis

Highlighted Local and Regional Planning Services Provided for FY22

American Rescue Act Funding (ARPA)	Coordinated with NH Municipal Association and member communities on local and state ARPA Grant distribution and assisted the Town of Meredith in obtaining an ARPA award in the amount of \$675,876.
Award Presentation	An Award of Excellence was presented to Meredith's Village Pathways Committee at the LRPC Annual Meeting. Andrea Bourn and Angela LaBrecque accepted the award on their behalf. A Community Service Award was presented to Edward "Rusty" McLear at the LRPC Annual Meeting in June for his work on the Colonial Theater project in Laconia. Justin Slattery accepted the award his behalf.
Determination of Regional Impact (DRI)	Reviewed major renovation project of the Goodhue/Shep Brown Marina on Meredith Neck (Lovejoy Sands Road) for a potential DRI because of its "proximity to surface waters that transcend municipal boundaries" and prepared a DRI memorandum regarding the expansion.
Economic Development and Housing	We do not have any record of Meredith receiving these types of services in FY22, but we anticipate providing outreach to the Town on the newly updated Regional Housing Needs Assessment in FY23.
General & Technical Land Use Planning Assistance	Worked with Town Officials on potential plans to apply for the next round of capital transit funds, including participation in Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council. Spoke with Community Development Director. Forwarded maps illustrating regional road networks. Discussed streetscaping project with the Town Planner. As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	The LRPC is a great resource for community maps. Contact us if your town needs updated zoning, town roads, or community facility map for instance.
Grant Administration	The LRPC provides a wide variety of grant writing and administration assistance to towns as needed.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	This year's 36th Annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections Days in the Summer of 2022 resulted in nearly 27 tons of household hazardous waste being collected. 129 Participants. Thank you to the Town of Meredith and the Public Works Garage for serving as one of our 8 regional collection sites. In appreciation of same, an award of recognition was presented to the Town at LRPC's annual meeting in June which was accepted by Barry Weeks, Crew Chief, on its behalf.

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Lakes Region Planning Commission *continued...*

Master Plan, Site Plan, and Zoning Updates	The LRPC maintains a professional land use planner position to assist towns with technical land use issues which require a knowledge of land use law, NH RSA's, state, and local regulations on a short-term or longer basis
Newsletters, Articles, and Website	The LRPC helps coordinate information from many different sources and is a great resource for keeping towns up to date on planning issues and resources.
Planning and Land Use Regulation Books	Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 378 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$89.00 for each book. Meredith purchased 1 book. Total saved: \$89.00
Solid Waste Management	Handled several inquiries from residents regarding household hazardous waste. Conducted site visit at the Meredith Transfer Station to view operations and discuss a sharps recycling program. The visit showed a well operating transfer station with diversity in recycling markets as well as source-separated materials. Scheduled a HHW site visit with Tradebe to review traffic flow, pull off areas, waste oil area, and hazmat team locations in anticipation of annual HHW collection day. The LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events.
Transportation Planning	Conducted traffic counts at seven locations within Meredith as requested by the NH Department of Transportation. Reviewed Routes 3 and 25 planning study concerning congestion issues at Laker Lane, including Laker Lane intersection improvements, potential pedestrian route, and potential alternative school district access route preparatory to discussion with Town officials and School Administrative Unit. Coordinated with Town Planner on new Route 25 project in the area of the high school and several other on-going issues. Provided information on Road Safety Audit application procedure and intersection safety issues. NH Route 25 intersection improvements at Laker Lane, True Road, Quarry Road, and Patrician Shores recommended to be added to the State's official ten-year plan by LRPC Transportation Committee. Collaborated with Lakes Region Tourism Association on scenic byway promotion and potential bicycle/pedestrian improvements on Lakes Tour corridor.

Environmental Planning - In order to support the region's superior water quality, the Lakes Region Planning Commission focuses on not only the water, but the land and air quality of the region. Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC). Provided organizational support including planning and preparation for 8 meetings, distribution of meeting materials, and maintenance of membership list. We successfully applied for corridor management plan update funding and expect a complete update will be available by the end of June 2023.

Economic Development - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Update drafted and posted on LRPC website. **Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).** Aided Belknap, Carroll, and Grafton counties in supplying CDBG Microenterprise and special COVID assistance to economic development corporations serving the region. **Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Grant Administration.** Provided grant writing and grant administration assistance to several successful NBRC grantees as the designated local development district for our region, including successfully de-obligated a \$1 million NBRC grant award to the former state school property in Laconia given recent changes in State law on disposing of State surplus property. Developed new population projections for our counties and towns working with other regional planning commissioners and state agencies.

Transportation - LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Provided administrative support for meetings, submitted press releases to local newspapers, and facilitated communications. The TAC met 8 times involving city/town appointed representatives to drive community participation and local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey R. Hayes
 Executive Director

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New Hampshire Humane Society

As has been the case every year, the 2022 partnership between the Town of Meredith and New Hampshire Humane Society has been a beneficial and successful collaboration. This community partnership is not only cost-effective but is also a signal from New Hampton that the community espouses a compassion and love for animals that is such an integral part of the New England region.

This important contractual arrangement between us means that animals in need within the New Hampton town limits receive a positive outcome. Whether the issue is stray dogs or cats, unwanted litters, or residents needing help caring for pets; we try to be a solution and we are honored to be part of the lives of New Hampton citizens.

New Hampshire Humane Society maintains a staff of 18 animal care professionals, including on-site veterinarians. Within our capacity to do so, our team provides comfort, medical care, as well as emotional or behavioral rehabilitation to every animal. Animal Control and Law Enforcement personnel may access our facility 24 hours a day, every day, for strays or abandoned animals from the Town. While observing our capacity limitations, residents who can no longer care for their pets may surrender them to us by appointment.

New Hampshire Humane Society is a registered 501(c)3 organization relying solely on public support to carry out our mission. As an independent agency, we receive funds through donations, grants, fundraising events, and service contracts with our local communities. Since our inception in 1900, we have been an advocate for animals and have blossomed into a full-service adoption agency and care facility. We also offer many community programs, including:

- A Seasonal no-cost spay/neuter program made available to your municipality (Visit nhhumane.org for info.)
- Pet Visitation Programs for the senior facilities and children's hospitals throughout the region
- Educational outreach and enrichment programs
- Volunteer opportunities throughout the year
- Community Response Initiatives to help families who are experiencing financial difficulties obtain pet food and supplies they need to keep their animals at home
- And we facilitate public rabies, microchip, and vaccine clinics that are accessible to our municipalities

In 2022, total pet intake was 927. **181 services were provided to Meredith families** including public and police strays, pet surrenders, reclaimed pets, adoptions by New Hampton residents, and/or spay/neuter surgeries or vaccines for resident pets. Thank you for your compassion for animals as reflected in this partnership.

Submitted with sincere thanks.

Charles Stanton, Executive Director
New Hampshire Humane Society



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New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse

On behalf of New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the town of Meredith for their ongoing support. Your 2021-2022 allocation has enabled our agency to continue to provide services to those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in Meredith and all of Belknap County. All services are confidential, non-judgmental, and free-of-charge.

New Beginnings is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support, and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence.

New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, providing services to 63 residents of Meredith in FY22. Trained advocates provide 24-hour crisis intervention, accompaniment, safe shelter for victims and their children, weekly support groups for all ages, transitional housing, financial empowerment programming, and systems advocacy. Services range from crisis intervention to ongoing advocacy and are customizable to meet the individual needs of each survivor to help them achieve long-term well-being.

New Beginnings works closely with many social service agencies and multidisciplinary partners. Advocates respond 24-7 to Concord Hospital-Laconia, Laconia Family Court, Laconia District Court, and Belknap County Superior Court. Advocates partner with Meredith Police on the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), which is designed to immediately connect a survivor with an advocate on-scene after a domestic disturbance with the goal of reducing domestic violence homicides. Advocates accompany non-offending caregivers to forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center. The New Beginnings Family Violence Prevention Specialist has office hours at the Laconia DCYF district office and partners with Child Protective Service Workers on cases of co-occurring domestic violence and child abuse or neglect. The Executive Director is a member of the steering committee of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team. The agency also facilitates the Belknap County Sexual Assault Response Team.

New Beginnings is the service provider for Sadie's Place, a five-unit transitional housing facility in Meredith serving families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Sadie's Place opened its doors in September 2021 and is currently serving five families. Advocates work with each family to give them the tools they need to establish safe, permanent housing free from violence and abuse.

We are one of twelve member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV), promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal grants and contracts that provide federal and state funding for member programs.

Community support is our greatest asset. We look forward to continuing to work with you to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

Shauna Foster
Executive Director



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Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association



Since July of 1923 Lakes Region VNA has had the honor of providing compassionate care and services to the residents of Meredith. Now in our 100th year we are proud to continue to grow and serve your community. During the 2022 fiscal year Lakes Region VNA grew to a staff of 85 serving over 36 towns. We provided over 8,500 annual visits to Meredith residents, of which \$233,869 in free and subsidized care was given ensuring no Meredith resident is overlooked or underserved.

The generous support of your local towns and communities allows Lakes Region VNA to continue providing the highest quality and most compassionate care to all we serve regardless of ability to pay.

Sincerely,
Mary Elliard
Finance Director
Lakes Region VNA & Hospice

Lakes Region Mental Health

Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) provides comprehensive, integrated mental health treatment for people living with - and recovering from - mental illness and/or emotional distress, and is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving 24 towns in Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. Nearly half of the 60 million adults and children living with mental health conditions in the United States go without any treatment. People who seek treatment must navigate a fragmented and costly system full of obstacles. As a result, many people cannot access mental health care when they need it most. With the passage of the new 988 number for suicide prevention and mental health crises, there is a new 2022 priority for mental health in America: to create a continuum of crisis care with adequate funding that ensures increased response and access to care. According to 2022 survey data from Mental Health America, **New Hampshire is currently ranked 30th** in the nation in access to care for youth and adults. ***We can do better.*** Initiatives at the state level lead to improvements in our mental health system, and additional resources for communities result in better outcomes for Granite Staters living with, and recovering from, mental illness. LRMHC is an active leader in many of these statewide initiatives, including rapid response and critical time intervention (CTI).

LRMHC is committed to providing members of the 24 communities we serve ***the right care at the right time.*** Our access to care staff provides the first contact to those requesting services from LRMHC through answering all calls, scheduling patients, screening for admission, and/or identifying individuals in crisis and linking them to immediate care. The team ensures all individuals discharging from the hospital get access within 48 hours of discharge to community-based services. Access to care services LRMHC are provided to ***everyone***- regardless of whether they become a patient at LRMHC, all without financial support from the state or insurance companies.

Every dollar the town of Meredith contributes is invested in care for people in Meredith. It is leveraged with funds from other towns to offset the tremendous cost of high-quality access to care.

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, LRMHC served 3,512 patients, and provided over \$372,000 in charity care. **220 residents of Meredith accessed services from LRMHC, and \$25,158 in charity care was provided to Meredith residents.** The breakdown is as follows...

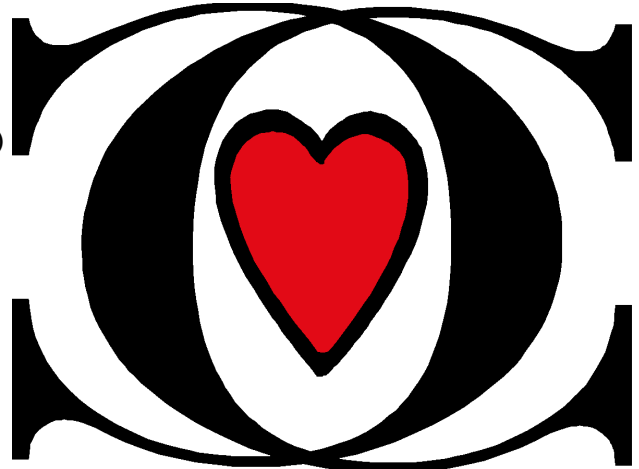
MEREDITH	Patients Served-LRMHC	Charitable Care in \$
Children (0 to 17 years)	65	\$9,834
Adults (18 to 61 years)	146	\$14,175
Elder (62 + years)	44	\$1,149

Similar to the police or fire department, Mental Health Care is a municipal service and a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Your appropriation will ensure the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduce the burden on your town.

Interlakes Community Caregivers

Center Harbor • Meredith • Moultonborough • Sandwich

Formed in 1998, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. (ICCI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization that provides nonmedical supportive services and community resource information to assist our Neighbors in their daily lives. [ICCI](https://www.interlakescares.org) provides free services by caring and trained volunteers that allow our Neighbors to remain living at home safely, with dignity and independence. Our volunteers undergo background checks and yearly training to offer the best services possible. ICCI offers services that include transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping, running errands and more. Services are provided at no charge by volunteers and are available to residents of Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough and Sandwich.



Board of Directors

Rides to medical appointments make up 90% of our service requests. These rides are in volunteers' own vehicles and are primarily to local doctors, physical therapists, and labs in Laconia, Meredith and Gilford. However, this past year, we also provided long distance rides to medical facilities in Boston, West Lebanon, Manchester, Concord, North Conway, White River Junction, VT, and South Portland ME.

David Hughes
President
Center Harbor

Marie T. Samaha
Vice President
Moultonborough

Our typical Neighbor is an 80-year-old female living alone and trying to remain self-sufficient: 45% of our Neighbors are 80+ and 77% are female. The average age is 75. In 2022, ICCI volunteers provided 2,729 services, donated 3,613 hours and drove 43,098 miles helping those in need. Meredith residents made up 58% of the residents we serve, resulting in \$62,761 of free services last year to the Meredith community. (*Independent Sector*)

George Jewell
Treasurer
Meredith

Robin E. Woodaman
Secretary
Moultonborough

We do not charge our Neighbors for services, and we do not receive any federal or state agency funding. We rely solely on charitable giving through donations from individuals, civic organizations, churches, businesses, fundraising events, and grants. We receive support from each of the four towns we serve, totaling about 4% of our annual budget. The 2022 budget was \$128,577. The program is run by a small office of three part-time employees (Executive Director, Lead Volunteer Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant) and governed by a 9- Member Board of Directors. We currently have 52 caring and compassionate volunteers who donate their time and talents.

Darlene M. Fritz
Moultonborough

Susan Gutches
Sandwich

Christopher J. "Chris" Kelly
Meredith

We invite Meredith residents to become a member of the dedicated and committed team of volunteers to serve Neighbors in Meredith. For more information, please call 253-9275 or visit our website at www.interlakescares.org.

Harry R. "Hank" Offinger
Sandwich

William "Will" Speers
Sandwich

Pamela Joyal
Executive Director

Executive Director

Pamela Joyal
Laconia

Supported Outside Agencies

Waypoint

Support from the Town of Meredith helps to offset costs for the services we provide Meredith residents. The majority (90%) of families that Waypoint is working with live in poverty and would have no other viable option to obtain the services they need to remain productive members of their community if Waypoint were not available to them.

We are excited to share with you some highlights from 2022:

Partners in Health

Through our Partners in Health program, we are supporting 45 families in Belknap County who have children with chronic health issues. The Partners in Health (PIH) program is a community-based, family-centered program for families living with children (birth to 21), who have a chronic health condition. Any family can participate in PIH but most families that participate are low-to-moderate income households.

Voluntary Services

Launched this year is a transformative new program to provide voluntary services to families referred by NH DCYF. This program works to preserve families at risk and prevent the need for state involvement. Through this initiative, families that have been identified as needing support are connected with a Waypoint family support worker. Participation is voluntary for families. If they choose to participate, our staff works with the family, helping to equip them with the skills and tools needed to overcome challenges, improve family functioning, and preserve the family unit.

Family Resource Center

In 2022 we expanded the resources offered at our Laconia office to supplement current services in Belknap County. In addition to Partners and Health and Community Based Voluntary Services, we also offer a basic needs pantry to assist individuals in need.

While the number of families who access our services may vary from year to year, Waypoint is an important part of the social service safety net in your community for families when they need help. For more information on services and programs offered in your area, please visit www.waypointnh.org



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Winnepesaukee Wellness

After being affiliated with LRGHHealthcare for many years we have recently completed our first year as an independent 501 c-3 non-profit business. We are in our new facility at 60 Whittier Hwy in Moultonborough since October 2021.

Although our membership has not regained the pre-covid levels, our active membership continues to increase monthly. Our current members reside in Moultonborough, Meredith, Center Harbor, Sandwich, and North Sandwich.

Our mission is to promote self-health responsibility, provide a safe comfortable site for exercise, promote encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits to clients of all ages and to encourage socialization while supporting client to client as well as staff to client dialog.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 until 4:00 with certified CPR supervision.

We continue to solicit monetary grants from the surrounding towns. These funds are utilized to assist our overhead costs and maintain affordable client monthly dues.

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center
P.O. Box 184 Center Harbor, NH
03226



Vital Statistics

Births

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Father's/Partner's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/21/22	Sargent, Ezra Mae		Haddock, Kelsey
02/05/22	Manville, Lucy Lennon	Manville, Tyler	Manville, Roseanne
02/13/22	Corts, William Adam	Corts, Alexander	Corts, Stephanie
04/08/22	Greene, Beau James	Greene, Travis	Greene, Gwendolyn
04/09/22	Hilliard, Bryson Colt	Hilliard, Wayne	Furbish, Kimberly
04/11/22	Weeks, Jaxson Delta		Weeks, Kristy
05/09/22	Tucker, Dominic Jensen	Tucker, Tyler	Huckins, Hayley
06/09/22	Galietta, Thomas Anthony	Galietta, Anthony	Haddock, Mika
06/18/22	Bruno, Briggs Melvin	Bruno, Jeremy	Smith, Taylor
06/24/22	Dasilva, Jett Jacob	Gould Dasilva, Jacob	Davis, Sarah
08/05/22	Coker, Josephine Lemke	Coker, Matthew David	Lemke, Chelsea
08/26/22	Morse, Logan Aaron Mykel	Morse, Dakota	Pineau, Nicayla
09/03/22	Long III, Jerome Bradford	Long II, Jerome	Wakefield, Alison
10/10/22	Hearn, Scarlett Hope	Hearn, Ian	Wanless, Hope
10/13/22	Moralez, Reagan	Moralez Campoverde, Elvis	Moralez, Brennah
10/14/22	Cargill, Lucia Estelle	Cargill IV, William	Cargill, Angela
10/30/22	Gilpatric, Elouise Joan	Gilpatric, Jonathan	Merola, Kathryn
11/06/22	Bickford, Porter Bryan	Bickford, Corey	Bickford, Michelle
11/15/22	Vernacchio, Vera Lorraine	Vernacchio, Michael	Boucher, Emily
11/25/22	Johansen, Charlotte Elizabeth	Johansen, Michael	Curry, Emily
12/01/22	Howie, Carson Robert	Howie, Robert	Howie, Carly
12/04/22	Bright, Emerald Molly-Ysais	Bright, Brian	Stewart, Nyla

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Marriages

<i>Marriage</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
01/01/22	Potter Jr, Lenard	Meredith	Taylor, Helga	Meredith
05/20/22	Kitto, Terry	Meredith	Grad, Kathleen	Meredith
06/11/22	Beauchemin, Alec	Meredith	Gilmore, Danielle	Meredith
07/10/22	Moore, Michael	Meredith	South, Melisa	Meredith
08/15/22	Milbourn, Joie	Center Ossipee	Sutherland, Emily	Meredith
08/27/22	Galietta, Anthony	Meredith	Haddock, Mika	Meredith
09/10/22	Nedeau, Robert	Meredith	Larhette, Jennifer	Meredith
09/10/22	Euiler, Robert	Meredith	Lunn, Kelsey	Meredith
09/17/22	Leighton, Scott	Meredith	Decarolis, Tiffany	Meredith
09/17/22	DeFabio, Andrew	Meredith	Lobianco, Adrianna	Meredith
09/30/22	McBrian, Christopher	Meredith	Faulconer, April	Meredith
10/29/22	White, Jonathan	Meredith	Rosato, Emily	Meredith
11/04/22	Aronofsky, Mathew	Meredith	Meuse, Nicole	Meredith
12/13/22	Watson, Christian	Meredith	Adriance, Cheyenne	Laconia
12/17/22	Eddy, Deborah	Meredith	Walker, Lloyd	Bronte, TX



Vital Statistics

Deaths

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
01/02/22	Hurley, Beatrice	Meredith	Granahan, John	Gallagher, Bridget
01/04/22	Del Frari, Roxanne	Meredith	Frick, John	Fitzkee, Romaine
01/07/22	Laplante, Helen	Meredith	Boivin, Euclid	Dumont, Eva
01/08/22	Pelczar, Nancy	Meredith	Calzada, Alexander	Ferguson, Bonnie
01/15/22	Gardella Jr, Charles	Meredith	Gardella Sr, Charles	Sasner, Delia
01/22/22	Leonard, Frank	Meredith	Leonard, Allen	Kidney, Mary
01/23/22	Malcolm, Michael	Concord	Champange, Henry	Corriveau, Silvia
01/29/22	Heiss III, Howard	Meredith	Heiss Jr, Howard	Benson, Geraldine
01/29/22	Howlett, Lillian	Meredith	Shaw, Francis	Dennis, Marguerite
01/30/22	McGlone, Edyth	Meredith	Fay, Robert	Colpitts, Helen
02/01/22	Albison, Carolyn	Meredith	Whitman, Stanley	Smith, Frances
02/06/22	Amiss, Susan	Meredith	Beckford, Clifford	Brewster, Mary
02/14/22	Wiener, Paul	Laconia	Wiener, Edward	Gurtev, Jean
02/14/22	Davis, Randy	Laconia	Davis Jr, Chester	White, Joan
02/15/22	Ambrose, Jeremy	Laconia	Ambrose, Kenneth	Taylor, Sandy
02/18/22	Cheney, Peggy	Meredith	Shaw, Russell	Horne, Margaret
02/20/22	Hodecker, Barbara	Meredith	McGinn, William	Unknown, Lelia
02/23/22	Willard, Dale	Meredith	Willard, Samuel	Willis, Rachael
02/23/22	Keniston, June	Laconia	Brown, Marvin	Moore, Laura
02/28/22	Forts, Bernard	Meredith	Forts, Sigmund	Zientek, Ann
03/03/22	Murad, Mark	Meredith	Murad, Jack	Pasawsky, Margaret
03/04/22	Adams, Cecil	Meredith	Adams, Arthur	Clarke, Rose
03/06/22	Jasley, Regina	Laconia	Jasley, Edward	Karsokas, Aldona
03/08/22	Juve, Ruth	Laconia	Bellosillo, Gervascio	Salmarin, Fortunata
03/08/22	Bass, Marie	Concord	Knepple, William	Piazza, Josephine
03/09/22	Penley, Kimberly	Meredith	Baker, Michael	Sanchez, Susan
03/15/22	Zorra, Mary	Laconia	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
03/21/22	Panuczak, Irene	Meredith	Bashar, Peter	Rabik, Mary
03/23/22	Vincent, Earl	Meredith	Vincent, John	Foster, Eleanor
03/26/22	Conlan, Alan	Meredith	Conlan, Frank	Blair, Elizabeth
03/30/22	Appleton, Blanche	Meredith	Vas, Joseph	Cook, Mary
04/05/22	Defalco, Robert	Meredith	Defalco, Vincent	Murphy, Margaret
04/07/22	Baros, Bruce	Meredith	Baros, Worthington	Jones, Elizabeth
04/24/22	McMillen, Dolores	Meredith	McKenna, George	Miller, Edith
05/8/22	Rees, Joan	Meredith	Sullivan, James	D'Arcy, Mary
05/11/22	Curran Sr, John	Concord	Curran, William	Smith, Jane
05/13/22	Jewell, Lois	Meredith	Robie, Bernard	Sawyer, Emma
05/15/22	Ummel, Ronald	Meredith	Ummel, Roy	Strey, Earla
05/17/22	Soos, Eva	Laconia	Johnson, Otis	Lyons, Ida
05/18/22	Petrini, Ruthanne	Meredith	Dawe, John	Taylor, Ruth
05/20/22	Panuczak, Francis	Concord	Panuczak, Martin	Kurzeja, Katherine
05/21/22	Leary, Anne	Meredith	Thorp Sr, Andrew	Ashton, Lorraine
05/23/22	Sutcliffe, Carolyn	Meredith	Erickson, Joseph	Stevens, Esther
05/30/22	Webster, William	Laconia	Webster, Karl	Cass, Helen
05/31/22	Giroux, Patricia	Meredith	Sullivan, Andrew	Meyer, Adelaide
06/06/22	Bradley, Robert	Meredith	Bradley, Walter	Conlin, Marie
06/06/22	Gaynor, Janet	Meredith	Dunham, Nelson	Gilbert, Catherine
06/06/22	McGuigan, Norman	Meredith	McGuigan, Theodore	Martin, Marion
06/12/22	Itrato, Karin	Meredith	Cederholm, Edmond	Ippolito, Josephine
06/14/22	Leedham, Diane	Portsmouth	Coulter, Gerard	Marcoullier, Alberta
06/16/22	Sorell, Marlene	Laconia	Porter, Lawrence	Hodgston, Marlene
06/28/22	Lezberg, Melvin	Meredith	Lezberg, Reuben	Cidulka, Adele
06/30/22	Smith Jr, Willard	Meredith	Smith Sr, Willard	Giverson, Greta
07/02/22	Truell, Mary	Meredith	Ryan, Emmet	Rungee, Virginia

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
07/03/22	Lauderbach, Barbara	Meredith	Stuetzer, Herman	Greene, Barbara
07/09/22	Stecher, Gwendolyn	Meredith	Reneau, Charles	Kimball, Ida
07/10/22	Weber, Lois	Plymouth	Simpson, Arthur	Rowell, Doris
07/10/22	Beede, Timothy	Meredith	Beede, Selden	Brown, Ida
07/15/22	Dumais, Mary	Meredith	Fortier, Albert	Lavoie, Irene
07/17/22	Dunnell III, William	Laconia	Dunnell II, William	Frothingham, Ellen
07/18/22	Bailey Jr, Fred	Meredith	Bailey Sr, Fred	Ruane, Mary
07/23/22	McNeil, Sara	Concord	Hyde, Leo	Holly, Miriam
07/25/22	Sorell, Roger	Meredith	Sorell Sr, Ames	Copp, Emma
07/29/22	Wilmot, Diane	Meredith	Fontaine, Ralph	Hamel, Jacqueline
07/29/22	Gammon-Rall, Gloria	Meredith	Champagne, Herve	Nault, Yvonne
08/07/22	Floyd, Joanne	Meredith	Read, Richard	Anabuski, Clara
08/09/22	Laporte, Florence	Meredith	Boyden, Herman	Allen, Katherine
08/22/22	Bonner, Robert	Meredith	Bonner, Clifford	Woodard, Christine
08/24/22	Covell, Bonnie	Meredith	Jones, Gerald	Champagne, Adeline
08/25/22	Landoche, Gregory	Concord	Landroche, Maxim	Young, Madalene
08/31/22	Hodecker, Eric	Laconia	Hodecker, Richard	McGinn, Barbara
09/03/22	Sanfacon, Leo	Laconia	Sanfacon, Eddie	Sylvain, Madeleine
09/09/22	Hurd, Margaret	Concord	Hughes Sr, John	Heath, Margaret
09/11/22	Wason, Mary	Laconia	Robinson, Francis	Waldron, Joyce
09/22/22	Tiernan, Margaret	Laconia	McCullough, James	Bruce, Marian
09/25/22	Blazon, Phillip	Concord	Blazon, Roland	Supry, Elizabeth
10/07/22	Nelson, Jennifer	Meredith	Nelson, William	Caldwell, Carol
10/10/22	Stinson Jr, Robert	Meredith	Stinson Sr, Robert	Muldipaugh, Emma
10/17/22	Hurd, Arnold	Meredith	Hurd, Albert	Sanborn, Sybil
10/18/22	Benoit, Jason	Laconia	Benoit, Richard	Stuart, Lynn
10/20/22	Boucher, Therese	Meredith	Boudreau, Sixte	Burke, Alvinia
10/23/22	French, Gordon	Concord	French, Edward	Phelps, Frances

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
10/23/22	Gall Jr, Cornelius	Meredith	Gall Sr, Cornelius	Clapp, Winifred
11/02/22	Weeks, Barry	Laconia	Weeks, Leslie	Chase, Florance
11/07/22	Rollins, Thomas	Meredith	Rollins, David	Mochizuki, Masako
11/09/22	Mayo, Bernice	Meredith	Snow, George	Morin, Cecile
11/12/22	Pelon, Joan	Meredith	Whitney, William	Foster, Doris
11/14/22	Batchelder, Norma	Meredith	Worden, Channing	Martel, Isadore
11/15/22	Carpenter, Scott	Meredith	Carpenter, Edward	Klafstad, Ragnhild
11/18/22	Stevens, Gertrude	Meredith	Murray, Henry	Bradley, Bedila
11/20/22	Welch, Betty	Meredith	Carr, George	Carroll, Florence
11/22/22	Davidson, Barbara	Meredith	Coffin, Frances	Willard, Milfred
11/22/22	Pascale, Martina	Laconia	Kalkofen, Robert	Unknown, Martha
11/29/22	Albert, Steven	Meredith	Albert, Raymond	Rosenberg, Elizabeth
12/06/22	Hall, Mamie	Meredith	Cranford, Joel	Allen, Cludie
12/09/22	Pina, Juanita	Meredith	Powell, John`	Murphy, Ruth
12/15/22	Conner, Barbara	Meredith	Crozzoli, Leonardo	Dwire, Vasta
12/19/22	Moynahan, Leslie	Meredith	Donohue, Richard	Strum, Patricia
12/21/22	Crosato, Ada	Meredith	Bao, Francesco	Di Girolamo, Carminella
12/23/22	Harper, Jane	Meredith	Armstrong, Charles	Pond, Dorothy
12/23/22	McGowan, Russell	Laconia	McGowan, Robert	Brown, Rowena
12/26/22	Casey, Dorothy	Laconia	Gardner, George	Sullivan, Mabel
12/30/22	Clarke, Jarion	Meredith	Hart, Donald	Williams, Carrie

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

Assets & Other Debits	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 9,778,924	\$ 5,431,029	\$ 842,378	\$ 4,576,388	\$.	\$		20,628,719
Investments				1,051,239				1,051,239
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible)	52,368	54,328						106,696
Taxes	13,458,390							13,458,390
Accounts								
Other	(2,887)							(2,887)
Inter-fund Receivable	314,376	18,500						332,876
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	308,290							308,290
Statutory Elderly Liens Reserved	56,089							56,089
<u>Other Debits</u>								
Compensated Absences	665,894							665,894
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt							9,490,500	9,490,500
Total Assets & Other Debits	<u>\$24,631,444</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,857</u>	<u>\$ 842,378</u>	<u>\$ 5,627,627</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>9,490,500</u>	<u>\$ 46,095,806</u>

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Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Liabilities & Equity	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Fund Types	Group		
		Revenue	Projects	Trust and Agency	General Long- Term Debt		
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$ 10,061,264	\$.	\$ 322,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$	10,383,487
Ban Payable			42,656				42,656
Retainage Payable			117,592				117,592
Intergovernmental Payable							
Inter-fund Payable	6,253,321			265,115			6,253,321
Escrow & Performance Deposits							265,115
Deferred Revenue							
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	58,344						58,344
General Obligation Debt Payable					9,490,500		9,490,500
Compensated Absences Payable	665,894						665,894
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 17,038,823</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 482,471</u>	<u>\$ 265,115</u>	<u>\$ 9,490,500</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>27,276,909</u>
Equity							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$.	\$ (19,189)	\$ 676,166	\$.	\$.	\$	656,977
Reserved for Special Purposes	2,226,648	1,877,033	121,290	5,362,512			9,587,483
Reserved for Capital Recovery		710,000					710,000
<u>Unreserved</u>							
Designated for Special Purposes							
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>5,365,973</u>	<u>2,936,013</u>	<u>(437,549)</u>				7,864,437
Total Equity	<u>\$ 7,592,621</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,857</u>	<u>\$ 359,907</u>	<u>\$ 5,362,512</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>18,818,897</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 24,631,444</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,857</u>	<u>\$ 842,378</u>	<u>\$ 5,627,627</u>	<u>\$ 9,490,500</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>46,095,806</u>

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Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public	Conservation	Cable Franchise	Boat	Water	Sewer	Total
	Library	Commission	Revolving Fund	Launch Fee	Fund	Fund	
Assets							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 11,042	\$ 179,474	\$ 313,470	\$ 84,830	\$ 2,277,944	\$ 2,564,269	\$ 5,431,029
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)					26,226	28,102	54,328
Accounts							
Interfund Receivable		18,500					18,500
Total Assets	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 197,974</u>	<u>\$ 313,470</u>	<u>\$ 84,830</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,170</u>	<u>\$ 2,592,371</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,857</u>
Liabilities & Equity							
Liabilities	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.
Accounts Payable							
Deferred Rev.- Access Fees							
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>
Equity							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$.	\$ (785)	\$ 34,731	\$.	\$ 33,610	\$ (86,745)	\$ (19,189)
Reserved for Special Purposes	16,326	112,026	278,739	84,830	471,190	913,922	1,877,033
Reserved for Capital Recovery					660,000	50,000	710,000
Unreserved							
Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ (5,284)	\$ 86,733	\$.	\$.	\$ 1,139,370	\$ 1,715,194	\$ 2,936,013
Total Equity	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 197,974</u>	<u>\$ 313,470</u>	<u>\$ 84,830</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,170</u>	<u>\$ 2,592,371</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,857</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 197,974</u>	<u>\$ 313,470</u>	<u>\$ 84,830</u>	<u>\$ 2,304,170</u>	<u>\$ 2,592,371</u>	<u>\$ 5,503,857</u>

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Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	<u>Community Center</u>	<u>Landfill Closure</u>	<u>Library Improve</u>	<u>Public Works Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 209,614	\$ (6,621)	\$.	\$ 639,385	\$ 842,378
Investments					
Interfund Receivable					
Total Assets	<u>\$ 209,614</u>	<u>\$ (6,621)</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 639,385</u>	<u>\$ 842,378</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$.	\$ 7,566	\$ 258,009	\$ 56,648	\$ 322,223
Due to General Fund				42,656	42,656
Retainage Payable			25,000	92,592	117,592
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 7,566</u>	<u>\$ 283,009</u>	<u>\$ 191,896</u>	<u>\$ 482,471</u>
 <u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$.	\$.	\$ (204,379)	\$ 880,545	\$ 676,166
Reserve for Special Purposes	209,614		(78,630)		121,290
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Undesignated (Deficit)		(14,187)		(433,056)	(437,549)
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 209,614</u>	<u>\$ (14,187)</u>	<u>\$ (283,009)</u>	<u>\$ 447,489</u>	<u>\$ 359,907</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 209,614</u>	<u>\$ (6,621)</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 639,385</u>	<u>\$ 842,378</u>

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Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					
	Expendable			Nonexpendable		
	Library	Reserve	Others	Town	Library	Agency Funds
<u>Assets</u>						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 5,528	\$ 346,051	\$ 3,856,803	\$.	\$ 102,891	\$ 265,115
Investments				145,773	905,466	
<u>Receivables</u>						
Interest						
Accounts						
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ 346,051</u>	<u>\$ 3,856,803</u>	<u>\$ 145,773</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,357</u>	<u>\$ 265,115</u>
						<u>\$ 5,627,627</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Inter-fund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits						265,115
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable						
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 265,115</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	5,528	346,051	3,856,803	145,773	1,008,357	5,362,512
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ 346,051</u>	<u>\$ 3,856,803</u>	<u>\$ 145,773</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,357</u>	<u>\$ 5,362,512</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,528</u>	<u>\$ 346,051</u>	<u>\$ 3,856,803</u>	<u>\$ 145,773</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,357</u>	<u>\$ 5,627,627</u>

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Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2022	Additions	Gain/Loss	Balance 12/31/2022
<u>Developers' Performance Bond Fund</u>				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 223,130	\$ 65,894	\$ (23,909)	\$ 265,115
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 223,130	\$ 65,894	\$ (23,909)	\$ 265,115

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds- Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Non-Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending
		Balance 1/1/2022				Balance 12/31/2022
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,872	\$	\$ (18)	\$ 63	\$ 2,917
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	81,520		(511)	1,795	82,804
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	8,110		(52)	178	8,236
Meredith Village	Cemetery Care	22,169		(140)	487	22,516
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	829		(5)	18	842
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	12,490		(80)	275	12,685
William E. Bixby	Library	157		-	3	160
Edwin E. Beede	Library	95,057		(600)	2,091	96,548
Hattie R. Erskine	Library	112		-	2	114
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,894		(32)	108	4,970
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	754		(4)	17	767
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	327		(2)	7	332
George S. Fogg	School District	3,451		(22)	76	3,505
Leavitt Fund	Leavitt	12,081		(76)	262	12,267
Total All Non-Expendable Trusts		<u>\$ 244,823</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ (1,542)</u>	<u>\$ 5,382</u>	<u>\$ 248,663</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawn)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2022
Employee Benefits	Severance	\$ 201,949	\$	\$ (3,131)	\$ 4,432	\$ 203,250
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	18,951		(18,229)	335	1,057
Municipal Building	Additional Space	190		(3)	4	191
Fire Department	Communications	4,625		(71)	102	4,656
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	547,244		(8,484)	12,010	550,770
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	232,854		(3,610)	5,110	234,354
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	66,515		(1,031)	1,460	66,944
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	841,955	125,000	(196,851)	18,819	788,923
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	12	34,800	(304)	325	34,833
Water System	Improvements	252,085		(256,622)	4,392	(145)
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	140,893	20,000	(2,359)	3,279	161,813
Meredith Parking	Parking	180,751		(2,802)	3,967	181,916
Groundwater Source Study	Water Study	3,488		(53)	77	3,512
Parks & Recreation Facility	Improvements	122,576		(1,901)	2,690	123,365
DPW	Equipment Replacement	428,968	528,634	(140,053)	12,534	830,083
Library	Feasibility Study	5,493		(85)	120	5,528
Fire Department	Equipment Replacement	307,394		(15,841)	6,696	298,249
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		\$ <u>3,355,943</u>	\$ <u>708,434</u>	\$ <u>(651,430)</u>	\$ <u>76,352</u>	\$ <u>3,489,299</u>
Student Transportation ETF	Activity	\$	\$ 5,000	\$	\$	\$ 5,000
Multifunctional School Bus	Activity	41,214		(639)	904	41,479
School - SPED	Special Education	309,504	15,000	(4,798)	6,792	326,498
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	55			1	56
Total All Expendable Trusts:		\$ <u>3,706,716</u>	\$ <u>20,000</u>	\$ <u>(656,867)</u>	\$ <u>99,049</u>	\$ <u>3,862,333</u>
Capital Reserves		Beginning Balance 1/1/2022	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawn)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2022
Police		\$ 2,945	\$	\$	\$ 36	\$ 2,981
Prescott Park Expansion		5,383			66	5,449
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		844,315	150,000	(660,095)	3,401	337,621
Total All Capital Reserves:		\$ <u>852,643</u>	\$ <u>150,000</u>	\$ <u>(660,095)</u>	\$ <u>3,503</u>	\$ <u>346,051</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-Term Debt Payable at December 31, 2022 is comprised of the following:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/22
General Obligation Debt Payable					
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 525,000
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 396,000
2020 DPW Facility Bond	\$ 7,600,000	2020	2035	1.360%	\$ 5,579,700
2020 Library Renovation Bond	\$ 4,070,000	2020	2035	1.370%	\$ 2,989,800
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2022					<u>\$ 9,490,500</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Years	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 906,500	\$ 398,080	\$ 1,296,580
2024	\$ 910,000	\$ 347,525	\$ 1,257,525
2025	\$ 914,000	\$ 303,769	\$ 1,217,769
2026	\$ 743,000	\$ 258,548	\$ 1,001,548
2027 - 2035	<u>\$ 6,017,000</u>	<u>\$ 927,053</u>	<u>\$ 6,944,053</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 9,490,500</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,975</u>	<u>\$ 11,717,475</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Benefits \$ 665,894

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Balance
1	General	\$ 9,778,924
2	Water	\$ 2,304,170
3	Sewer	\$ 2,592,371
4	Library	\$ 11,042
5	Conservation Commission	\$ 197,974
7	Cable Franchise	\$ 313,470
10	Community Center	\$ 209,614
11	Public Works	\$ 639,385
13	Library	\$ -
15	Landfill	\$ -
16	Boat Launch	\$ 84,830
17	Engineering	\$ 265,115
20	Hawkins Brook	\$ 34,762
Total Cash		\$ 16,431,657
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 2 –20)		\$ (6,652,733)
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted		\$ 9,778,924

Summary by Account

Accounts Payable	\$ (1,092,219)
Baby Bicentennial	\$ 89
Cloud	\$ 353,478
Debit Cards	\$ 15,000
Engineering	\$ 265,115
Hawkins Brook	\$ 34,762
Operating	\$ 10,502,149
Payroll	\$ (473)
Petty Cash	\$ 900
Total Cash	\$ 10,078,801
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 17&20)	\$ (299,877)
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$ 9,778,924

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

Fiscal Year 2022

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1		\$	6,259,638
Deductions			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2022 Tax Rate		\$	(500,000)
Capital Projects from Fund Balance			<u>(400,000)</u>
Subtotal		\$	5,359,638
Additions			
Adjusting Entries (Unaudited)			
2022 Budget Summary			
Revenue Surplus (Unaudited)	\$	784,071	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Unaudited)	\$	<u>654,861</u>	
2022 Budget Surplus		\$	<u>1,438,932</u>
Unreserved - Undesignated			
Fund Balance - December 31, 2022 (Unaudited)		\$	<u><u>6,798,570</u></u>

Fiscal Year 2023 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2023 (Unaudited)		\$	6,798,570
Deductions			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2023 Tax Rate		\$	<u> </u>
Unreserved - Undesignated			
Fund Balance - December 31, 2023 (Unaudited)		\$	<u><u>6,798,570</u></u>

Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith, as of December 31, 2021, the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Town of Meredith and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Town of Meredith's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Meredith's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report

Town of Meredith Independent Auditor's Report

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Meredith's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgement, there are condition or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Meredith's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the following be presented to supplement the basic financial statements.

- Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions - Pensions,
- Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of Town Contributions - Other Postemployment Benefits,
- Schedule of Changes in the Town's Total Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and Related Ratios, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information - Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Meredith's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual fund schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 17, 2023
Concord, New Hampshire

Blodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-22		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 7,392,708.97
Maple Ridge Village District		1,405.92
Land Use Change Taxes		640.00
Water Rents		16,756.05
Sewer Rents		24,416.06
Property Tax Credit Balance		-52,942.94
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	32,656,285.50	
Maple Ridge Village District	6,013.95	
Yield Taxes	29,809.78	435.49
Land Use Change Taxes	50,000.00	50,300.00
Water Rents	537,615.09	152,754.01
Sewer Rents	758,029.91	222,201.58
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	16,036.77	6,026.62
Water Rents	64.10	
Sewer Rents	768.22	503.96
Interest	34,041.42	25,787.08
Total Debits	\$ 34,088,664.74	\$ 7,840,992.80
<u>Credits</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 19,171,199.66	\$ 7,343,096.04
Maple Ridge Village District	4,409.56	1,405.92
Yield Taxes	27,415.61	435.49
Land Use Change Taxes	35,000.00	38,940.00
Water Rents	510,294.50	170,174.80
Sewer Rents	726,881.66	246,730.76
Interest (include lien conversion)	34,041.42	25,787.08
Deeded to Town		
Property Tax	5.68	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	43,725.39	2,696.61
Water Rents	493.60	
Sewer Rents	3,701.14	503.96
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-22		
Property Taxes	13,476,989.11	
Maple Ridge	1,604.39	
Yield Taxes	2,394.17	
Land Use Change Tax	15,000.00	12,000
Water Rents	26,891.09	-664.74
Sewer Rents	28,215.33	-113.12
Property Tax Credit Balance	-19,597.57	
Total Credits	\$ 34,088,664.74	\$ 7,840,992.80

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2021	2020	2019	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-22	\$	\$ 127,439.05	\$ 65,928.53	\$ 13,458.63
Liens Executed During 2022	185,101.44			
Refunds for overpayment				
Interest & Costs after Lien	5,937.03	6,922.31	16,094.80	1,083.57
Total Debits	\$ 191,038.47	\$ 134,361.36	\$ 82,023.33	\$ 14,542.20
Credits	2021	2020	2019	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 50,760.71	\$ 47,455.76	\$ 57,291.48	\$ 1,307.87
Interest & Costs after Lien	5,937.03	6,922.31.	16,094.80	1,083.57
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	215.84	241.76	274.37	
Liens Deeded to the Town...	88.37	81.70	84.41	
Unredeemed Liens 12/31/2022	134,036.52	79,659.83	8,278.27	12,150.76
Total Credits	\$ 191,038.47	\$ 134,361.36	\$ 82,023.33	\$ 14,542.20

Tax Collector's Report

We have seen a lot of new faces in the tax office this year! Welcome to Troy Brown (No, we are not related!) the new Town Manager/Tax Collector and to all of the new residents. I have fielded a lot of questions regarding the tax process in New Hampshire. So, as a reminder to all of you, our property tax year runs April 1st of the tax year to March 31st of the following year. When I create the 1st billing of the year, due on or about July 1st, I don't have the current year tax rate. I use ½ of the previous year tax rate multiplied by the assessed value as of April 1st which gives me an estimate on the year. In the fall, when I get the rate from the State of NH, I take the tax rate multiplied by the assessed value (as of April 1st) to give me the total tax bill for the year and subtract what was already billed. This year I didn't receive the tax rate from the State of NH until December 6th. And for all billings you have 30 days from the billing date to pay before interest accrues.



The tax office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. We accept cash and checks in the office. As always, payments can be made online at www.meredithnh.org.

If you have any tax questions, I can be reached directly at 603-677-4202 or by email at dtc@meredithnh.org.

Thank you,

Kimberly S. Brown
Deputy Tax Collector

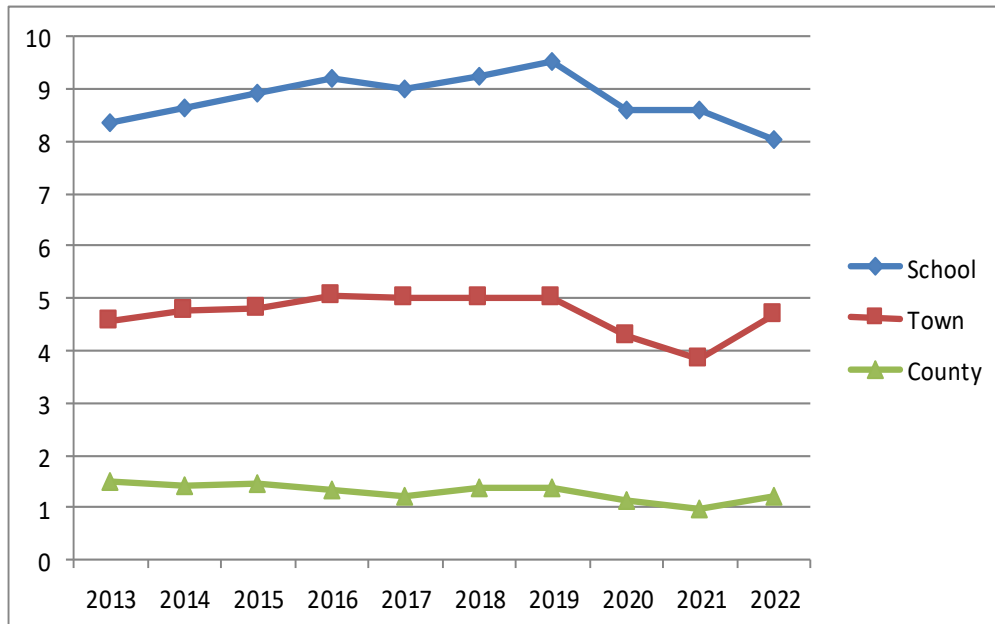
Tax Information

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2013	8.35	4.55	1.51	14.41	1,741,033,913
2014	8.65	4.77	1.41	14.83	1,745,511,622
2015	8.94	4.81	1.45	15.20	1,758,060,047
2016	9.20	5.06	1.33	15.59	1,771,154,645
2017	9.00	5.00	1.23	15.23	1,923,690,590
2018	9.23	5.00	1.39	15.62	1,936,858,689
2019	9.51	5.00	1.38	15.89	1,956,399,890
2020	8.58	4.29	1.15	14.02	2,302,685,480
2021	8.60	3.85	0.98	13.43	2,330,415,957
2022	8.05	4.69	1.23	13.97	2,355,818,734

Chart shows Ten Years of Tax Rate Comparison's

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



Tax Information

Department of Revenue Administration - 2022 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Accounting Overview	Appropriation	Revenue	Tax Rate
Total Appropriation	\$ 17,874,793.00		
Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)		\$ (6,016,636.00)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$ (686,885.00)	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$ (500,000.00)	
War Service Credits	\$ 314,625.00		
Actual Overlay Used	<u>\$ 57,046.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net Required Local Tax Effort		\$ 11,042,943.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			<u>\$ 4.69</u>
County Apportionment			
Net County Apportionment	<u>\$ 2,903,700.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net required County Tax Effort		\$ 2,903,700.00	
County Tax Rate			<u>\$ 1.23</u>
Education			
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$ 20,338,527.00		
Net Education Grant		\$ (1,392,092.00)	
Locally Retained State Education Tax	<u></u>	<u>\$ (2,991,547.00)</u>	
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$ 15,955,888.00	\$ 6.77
State Education Tax	<u>\$ 2,991,547.00</u>	<u></u>	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort		\$ 2,991,547.00	<u>\$ 1.28</u>
School Tax Rate			<u>\$ 8.05</u>
Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate			<u><u>\$ 13.97</u></u>
Total Municipal Tax Effort		\$ 32,894,078.00	
Village District Tax Effort		\$ 6,014.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>\$ (314,625.00)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u><u>\$ 32,585,467.00</u></u>	

Valuation

<u>Municipal (MS-1)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$ 2,355,818,734.00	\$ 12.09	\$ 28,494,304.00
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$ 2,342,764,034.00	\$ 1.88	\$ 4,399,774.00
<u>Village (MS-1V)</u>			
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$ 2,977,200.00	\$ 2.02	6,014.00
Less War Service Credits			<u>\$ (314,625.00)</u>
Proof of Rate			<u><u>\$ 32,585,467.00</u></u>

Supplementary Information

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	826,708
Residential		1,111,914,827
Commercial / Industrial		<u>62,518,573</u>
Total Value of Land	\$	1,175,260,108

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$	1,056,664,118
Manufactured Housing		8,208,500
Commercial / Industrial		<u>107,031,082</u>
Total Value of Buildings	\$	1,171,903,700

Public Utilities

Electric	\$	<u>13,054,700</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	2,360,218,508

Exemptions

Blind	\$	203,100
Elderly		1,662,900
Totally & Permanently Disabled		1,188,300
Solar / Wind Power		<u>1,345,474</u>
Total Exemptions	\$	4,399,774
Net Taxable Valuation	\$	<u><u>2,355,818,734</u></u>

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Facilities

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I02-021	0.07	1 Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.29	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.92	101 Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.80	11 & 17 Jenness Hill Rd	Public Works Garage/Solid Waste
S15-008		400 Daniel Webster Hwy	Police Station
S17-007A	0.00	22 Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-018R-1	0.00	132 Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	30 Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Dept.)
U02-040	0.26	21 Lower Ladd Hill Rd	Pumping Station (Water Dept.)
U03-028A	0.21	72 Waukegan Street	Sewer Pump Station
U03-030	0.44	69 Waukegan Street	Waukegan Town Beach
U05-001A	0.07	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-001B	0.51	50 Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	7 High Street	Parking Lot
U06-43	0.31	10 High St	Library expansion-2020
U06-059	0.57	91 Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.16	6 Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.51	286 Daniel Webster Hwy	Fire Station
U06-117C	0.27	Lang Street	Swasey Cemetery
U06-145	0.04	291 Daniel Webster Hwy	Town Docks
U07-043	0.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.15	41 Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Daniel Webster Hwy	Utility Right of Way
U07-088	0.36	326 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U07-107	0.17	327 Daniel Webster Hwy	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	0.92	323 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U10-017	0.29	17 Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	16.00	347 Daniel Webster Hwy	Public Works Office
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.38	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	19.00	379 Daniel Webster Hwy;	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.23	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.08	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.55	57 Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot/Right of Way
U33-025	0.41	58 Cattle Landing Road	Docks
U35-010	1.02	30 Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp/Docks/Parking
U07-092	0.53	320 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot—Former Laundromat Property
U36-006	0.11	Powers Rd	Strip of Land near Y Building

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
R08-014	1.60	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.88	151 Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.25	Mercier Drive	Lk Wicwas Peninsula
R13-006	3.20	Lake Wicwas	Dolloff Point Island
R13-007	5.50	Lake Wicwas	Big Pine Island
R14-001	305.58	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.02	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	113 Chemung Road	Wicwas Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.50	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.06	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	188.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation/Eames Forest
R21-008	12.00	Sherene Orchard Road	Wetlands/Loon Preserve
R22-007	23.34	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	31.04	Nedeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.00	Off Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	37.80	Carleton Road	Dockham Town Forest
R32-001	49.40	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	63.00	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.03	Beattie Road	Former Tree Nursery
S03-006	186.53	Quarry Road	Page Pond
S04-001	188.34	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond
S04-003	20.66	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond
S04-006	170.00	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond
S12-004	82.72	Barnard Ridge Rd	Page Pond Expansion
S12-005	116.09	Barnard Ridge Rd	Page Pond Expansion
S22-020	13.01	Parade Road	Waukevan Highlands Community Park
S22-022	178.10	75 parade Road	Waukevan Highlands Reservoir
U04-025	0.92	Waukevan Street	Monkey Pond
U05-002	0.30	49 Waukevan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.90	12 Waukevan Avenue	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.32	65 Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	1 Pleasant Street	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.13	9 NH Route 25	Scenic Park/Indian Island
U07-126	0.83	309 Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.92	Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U10-031	12.87	367 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.32	Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-035	1.16	Daniel Webster Hwy	Wetlands/Hawkins Brook

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
U11-047	0.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands/Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U12-015	189.00	Jenness Hill Road	Community Forest
U14-001	21.74	363 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.12	1 Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U19-031A	0.12	Pinnacle Park Road	Pinnacle Park Beach
U39-058	28.01	50 Leavitt Park Road	Leavitt Park Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

Summary of Town Owned Property - Vacant/Undesignated

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I06-013	0.73	301 Bear Island	Tax Deeded Property
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.90	113 Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road	
R35-003	13.00	Edgerly School Road	Landlocked
R37-012	1.70	NH Route 132	
S15-057	2.10	Off Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.27	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right of Way
S19-053	1.53	Needle Eye Road	Tax Deeded Property 2019
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-001-096	0.22	Westbury Road	Tax Deeded Property
U01-001A	0.27	Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Off Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right of Way
U10-027A	0.28	358 Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U12-001	0.17	30 Philbrook Avenue	Tax Deeded Property
R07-49D	7.95	Solace Point Road	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
S20-11	5.12	192 Parade Road	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
U06-125	0.34	3 Stevens Avenue	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
U11-63-9	0.00	5 Frances Court	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
U01-1H	0.20	30 Westbury Road	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
R05-3-2	0.00	191 Parade Road	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
S26-079	3.10	Winona Shores Rd	Tax Deeded Property
R08-026	6.00	Baywoods Rd	Tax Deeded Property
R11-007	0.75	Old Stage Rd	Tax Deeded Property
S25-036	0.48	150 Waukegan St	Tax Deeded Property
U39-007	0.03	Leavitt Park Rd	Tax Deeded Property

Town Warrant Information

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Town Warrant Information

2023 Town of Meredith Warrant and Budget

The inhabitants of the Town of Meredith in the County of Belknap in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows...

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next; March 14, 2023, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1 through Article 2; and 7PM Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 3 through 12:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1 Elected Positions

To bring ballots for:

Board of Selectman	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Library Trustee	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Town Clerk	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Supervisor of the Checklist	One (1)	For Six	(6) Years
Treasurer	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Trustee of the Trust Funds	One (1)	For Two	(2) Years

ARTICLE 2 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 1

Are you in favor of adopting the amendment as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VIII– Definitions to include a new definition for Island Lot and amend definitions of Lot and Lot Frontage to exempt lots on islands without a road system and which are served only by boat from the town's 50-foot road frontage requirement and to allow those lots to receive building permits under the "island exception" of the state statute that requires building permits only be issued to lots having street access.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 3 Municipal Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,076,880 [eighteen million, seventy-six thousand, eight-hundred and eighty dollars] for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

Town Warrant Information

DELIBERATIVE SESSION *continued...*

ARTICLE 4 Fire Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$325,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 5 Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 6 Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 7 Establish a Police Special Detail Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of police special detail wages, benefits, administrative costs, supplies, equipment and police cruiser fuel, repair and purchase. All revenues received for police special details 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. And, further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to said fund with this amount to come from the unassigned 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 Board of Selectmen 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. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 8 Establish a Building and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the town will vote to establish a Building and Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for the maintenance, repair and improvements to town buildings and facilities and to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to put in the fund with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance; further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required)

Recommend by the Select Board (4-0)

Town Warrant Information

DELIBERATIVE SESSION *continued...*

ARTICLE 9 Optional Veterans' Tax Credit Re-adoption

To see if the town will vote to approve the re-adoption of the Optional Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28-II to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the optional veterans' tax credit to now include those service members that are currently serving and have not yet been formerly discharged from the armed services. Re-adoption of the optional veterans' tax credit, if approved, would continue to offer a five-hundred-dollar (\$500) tax credit to all honorably discharged veterans that qualify under the current requirements, but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals that have not been discharged from active service. If this article does not pass, the optional veterans' tax credit will revert to the standard veterans' tax credit under RSA 72:28-I and as of April 1, 2023 the standard veteran tax credit would be in place to reduce the tax credit from five hundred dollars (\$500) to fifty dollars (\$50) per year. (Majority vote required)

Recommend by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 10 All Veterans' Tax Credit Re-adoption

To see if the town will vote to approve the re-adoption of the All Veterans' Tax Credit RSA 72:28-b to allow for the expansion of the criteria needed to qualify for the all veterans' tax credit to now include those service members which are currently serving and have not yet been honorably discharged from the armed services. The re-adoption of the all veterans' tax credit, if approved, would continue to offer a five-hundred-dollar credit (\$500) to all honorably discharged veterans that qualify under the current requirements of RSA 72:28-b, but as of April 1, 2023, it would expand the eligibility requirements to now include those individuals who have not yet been discharged from active service. If this article does not pass, the all veterans' tax credit will revert to the standard veterans' tax credit under RSA 72:28-I and as of April 1, 2023 the standard veterans' tax credit would be in place and reduce the veterans' tax credit from five hundred dollars (\$500) to fifty dollars (\$50) per year. (Majority vote required)

Recommend by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 11 Modify Income Limits for Elderly Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:39-b II, the Elderly Exemption, to increase the income limits for individuals from \$25,000 to \$28,000 and married couples from \$37,000 to \$40,000. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

ARTICLE 12 Modify Income Limits for Disabled Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to modify the previously adopted provisions of RSA 72:37-b III, the Disabled Exemption, to increase the income limits for individuals from \$25,000 to \$28,000 and married couples from \$37,000 to \$40,000. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (4-0)

Select Board - Meredith, New Hampshire

Michael Pelczar, Chairperson
Steven Aiken, Selectperson

Jeanie Forrester, Vice Chairperson
Jonathan James, Selectperson

Lynn Leighton, Selectperson

Budget Information

2023 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2022	2022	2023
<u>Taxes</u>	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Recommended</u> <u>Estimated</u>
Yield	\$ 27,000	\$ 30,245	\$ 25,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	122,500	165,558	155,000
Boat	40,000	63,055	55,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	191,500	61,766	90,000
Total Taxes	\$ 381,000	\$ 320,624	\$ 325,000
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,725,000	1,900,459	1,775,000
Building Permits	70,000	86,563	57,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	115,055	68,891	68,000
Total Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,910,055	\$ 2,055,913	\$ 1,900,000
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State/Federal			
Highway Block Grant	215,000	211,673	208,000
Rooms & Meals Tax	326,860	587,353	343,351
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	149	149	149
Other State/Federal Revenue	3,513	33,120	
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 545,522	\$ 832,295	\$ 551,500
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	\$ 850,000	\$ 803,046	\$ 915,000
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Other	276,000	356,487	193,000
Interest on Investments	42,000	61,349	42,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 318,000	\$ 417,836	\$ 235,000
General Fund Revenues	\$ 4,004,577	\$ 4,429,714	\$ 3,926,500
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Enterprise Fund			
Trust Funds	420,000	420,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 420,000	\$ 420,000	\$
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</u>			
Reduce Tax Rate	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,924,577	\$ 5,349,714	\$ 3,926,500
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	1,009,505	1,154,904	1,141,215
Water	\$ 669,928	\$ 883,463	\$ 708,041
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 6,604,010	\$ 7,388,081	\$ 5,775,757

Budget Information

2023 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2022 <u>Appropriations</u>	2022 <u>Expended</u>	2023 <u>Recommended</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 231,197	\$ 206,052	\$ 243,703
Executive - Municipal Administration	1,329,125	1,358,047	1,749,275
Public Health - Ambulance	347,054	325,648	351,294
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid	91,034	91,034	101,146
Personnel Administration	3,037,543	2,590,773	3,048,649
Town Clerk	149,795	142,299	151,409
Administrative Services	349,668	329,452	365,064
General Assistance	40,000	41,839	50,000
Assessor's Office	249,256	232,407	250,753
Tax Collector's Office	66,998	65,384	74,359
Community Development Department	378,225	375,592	413,334
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	420,000	420,000	500,000
Regional Association	234,667	234,070	246,863
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,579,240	1,537,990	1,696,156
Fire	514,260	501,532	503,796
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	859,864	751,266	859,670
Building & Grounds	328,857	265,350	358,194
Cemetery	62,567	53,078	68,737
Highway Department	2,430,763	2,454,398	2,843,162
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	880,896	856,941	888,899
Library	541,791	520,648	616,681
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	904,000	904,000	906,500
Interest - Long-Term Debt	451,675	438,087	398,080
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	.	10,000
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 15,488,474</u>	<u>\$ 14,695,888</u>	<u>\$ 16,695,722</u>
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	30,000	29,227	31,900
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	1,009,506	947,497	1,141,215
<u>Water Fund</u>	<u>\$ 669,928</u>	<u>\$ 870,435</u>	<u>\$ 708,041</u>
Total Operating Budget All Funds	<u>\$ 17,197,908</u>	<u>\$ 16,543,046</u>	<u>\$ 18,576,879</u>
<u>Revolving Revenue Fund</u>			
Cable Franchise Fee	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	<u>\$ 17,197,908</u>	<u>\$ 16,543,046</u>	<u>\$ 18,576,879</u>

Budget Information

2023 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2023 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 18,576,880
Less: 2023 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(5,775,757)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	
Add: Proposed Overlay	47,500
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	314,625
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 13,213,248</u>

2023 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)	\$5.59
Compared to 2022 Tax Rate of \$ 4.69 (Municipal Portion Only)	



Municipal Directory

Fire - Business

Located at: 286 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address: PO Box 494
Meredith, NH 03253

Ken Jones, Fire Chief...
kjones@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-279-6061

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Meredith Public Library

Located at: 91 Main Street
Mailing Address: PO Box 808
Meredith, NH 03253

Erin Apostolos, Director...
erin@meredithlibrary.org
Phone #603-279-4303

Hours 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Tu, W & Th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm F, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat
Closed Monday & Sunday

Parks & Recreation

Located at: Community Center
One Circle Drive
Mailing Address: One Circle Drive
Meredith, NH 03253

Vint Choiniere, Director...
vchoiniere@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-279-8197

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F
Closed Saturday & Sunday

Police - Business

Located at: 400 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address: PO Box 1366
Meredith, NH 03253

Mike Harper, Police Chief...
mharper@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-279-4561

Hours 8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

Public Works - Business

Located at: 347 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253

Mike Faller, Public Works Director...
mfaller@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-279-6352

Hours 8:00 am - 4:00 pm M - F

Includes...

- ~Buildings & Grounds
- ~Cemetery
- ~Highway
- ~Solid Waste

Solid Waste Facility

Located at: 17 Jenness Hill Road
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #603-279-8480

Hours 8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily
Closed Wednesdays and Holidays

Town Hall

Located at: 41 Main Street
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #603-279-4538

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Includes...

~Administrative Services
Robert Carpenter, Director...
rcarpenter@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-677-4208

~Assessing
Jim Commerford, Assessor...
jcommerford@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-677-4226

~Town Clerk
Kerri Parker, Town Clerk...
kparker@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-677-4203

~Town Manager
Troy Brown, Town Manager...
tbrown@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-677-4209

Town Hall Annex

Located at: 5 Highland Street
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #603-677-4215 Fax #603-556-8823

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Includes...

~Community Development
John Edgar, Director...
jedgar@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-677-4217

~Conservation Commission
conservation@meredithnh.org

Water & Sewer

Located at: 50 Waukewan Street
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253

Brian McCall, Superintendent
bmccall@meredithnh.org
Phone #603-279-3046

Hours 7:00 am - 3:30 pm M - F

