

# Town of Meredith 2014 Annual Report



Featured on the front cover are pictures of the...

## **Meredith Sculpture Walk**

### **Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee:**

Bev Lapham & Sandy Sullivan, Co-Chairmen

Heidi Barrett-Kitchen, Jim Bascom, Dan Feddersen, Steve Hayden,  
Fred Huntress, Mary Kahn, Liz Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Phil Lonergan,  
Monica Philbin, Katheryn Rolfe, Nancy Rowley and Janet Sanguedolce.

On behalf of the Greater Meredith Program, we welcome you to our Meredith Sculpture Walk!

We are committed to beautifying Meredith and we thought that bringing public art to Meredith for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors was yet another way of accomplishing this mission. We invited sculptors from all over New England to participate in our year-round, outdoor, juried exhibition. The result is twenty-four sculptures positioned throughout Meredith in high visibility areas along Main Street, on the grounds of the Mill Falls Marketplace and in our lakeside Hesky and Scenic Parks. We plan this exhibition to be on-going with a percentage of sculptures to be refreshed periodically.

Our project began in the fall of 2012 with sculptural additions to the Courtyard on Main Street. This park, created and designed by the Design Committee of the Greater Meredith Program, offers residents and visitors a place to sit and enjoy works of art. An expansion of this project resulted in the creation of the Meredith Sculpture Walk. Through the generosity of our sponsors and the donation of time and effort from the Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee our goal was achieved.

A Brochure/Walking Map is available in kiosks found at the entrance to Hesky Park, and Scenic Park, the Courtyard on Main Street and in front of the Post Office, as well as Town Hall, the Meredith Library and various businesses throughout the walk. You may also download our brochure from our website: [www.greatermeredithprogram.com](http://www.greatermeredithprogram.com). The brochure will give you the Directory of Sculptors & Contact information along with the name and location of each Sculpture.

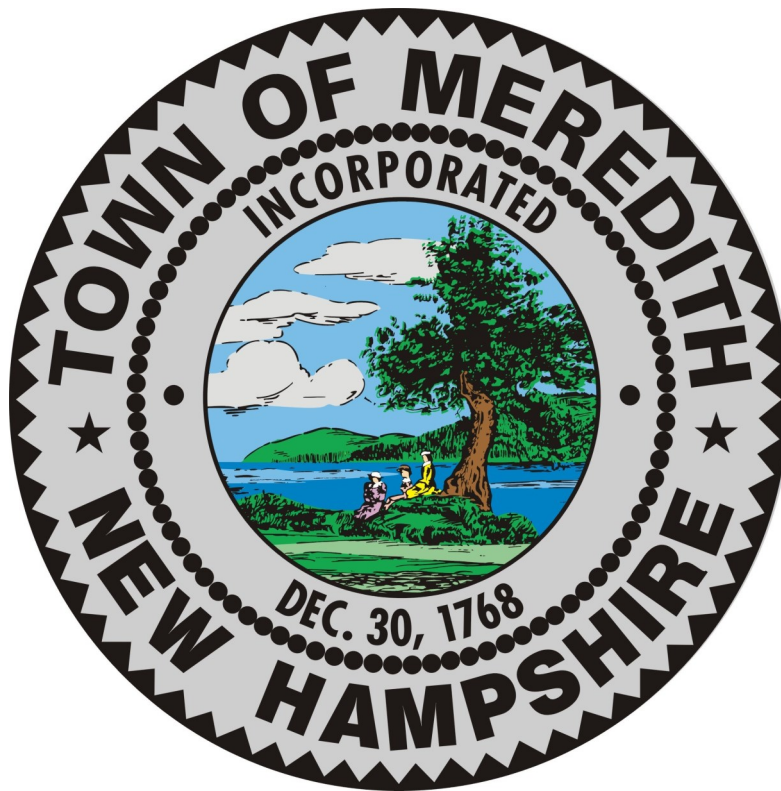
We hope you will explore and enjoy the Sculpture Walk!

Bev Lapham and Sandy Sullivan  
Co-Chairmen Meredith Sculpture Walk

Please note: For purchase information on the sculptures in this exhibition please contact the artist directly.  
The Town of Meredith and the Greater Meredith Program do not act as facilitator's for any purchase.

The photos on the front cover were provided by: Bettina Ford, Linda Labraney and Eric Sojka

The Town of  
**Meredith**  
New Hampshire



2014

# Annual Report

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December, 31 2014*

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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 2014 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 10, 2015  
Location: Community Center  
1 Circle Drive  
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
Location: Inter-Lakes High School  
1 Laker Lane  
Time: 7pm

### Recognition

The Town Manager, Selectman Board, Department Heads and Outside Agencies are responsible for the written reports.

The Financial Statements are prepared by:

Brenda L. Vittner, Administrative Services Director  
Carrie Sawyer, Town Accountant  
Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

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

Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

*Thank you to all who contributed to this report.*



## Monthly Meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

### Select Board

Community Center Workshop / Meeting 4:15pm, 1st and 3rd Monday

### Conservation Commission

Community Center, 7:00pm, 1st (public) and 3rd (workshop) 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

## Contact Information on the Area Resources

### Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program .....279-4096  
Emergency Management Director .....279-4561  
Lakes Region General Hospital .....524-3211  
Meredith Public Health Nursing .....279-6611  
Hanover Poison Information Center .....1-800-562-8236

### Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds .....527-5420  
Belknap County Superior Court .....524-3570  
Laconia District Court .....524-4128  
New Hampshire Legal Assistance .....1-800-639-5290

### County and State Police

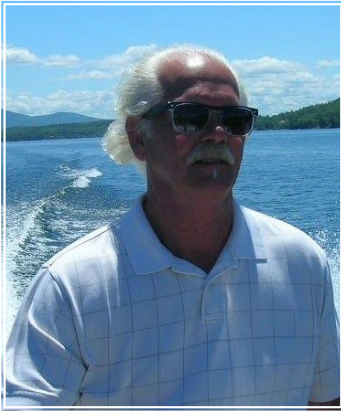
Belknap County Sheriff Department .....527-5454  
State Police - Tamworth .....323-3333  
State Police - Concord .....1-800-525-5555

### Permits to Kindle Fires

Main Fire Station - Ken Jones .....279-6061  
Meredith Center Store - Barry Ladd .....279-4315  
Town Hall - Vikki Fogg .....279-4538  
Y-Landing Marina - David Hamblet .....279-9916 or 279-5050

## *In Special Memoriam*

**William M. "Bill" Edney**  
**1946 - 2014**



Bill Edney left us on May 3, 2014 at the age of 65.

Bill served as Meredith's Code Enforcement Officer since 2001 and was an integral member of the Community Development Department.

Bill served his country in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1970 including two combat

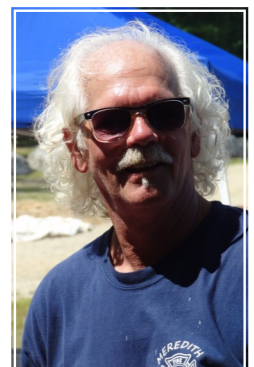
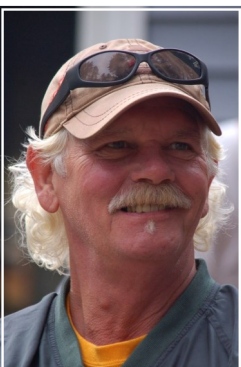
tours in Vietnam. Following his military service, Bill studied at the University of New Hampshire. Prior to coming to Meredith, Bill served as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Towns of Newmarket and Durham, New Hampshire.



Bill valued the work of the NH Building Officials Association (NHBOA) serving in several capacities on its Board of Directors including President. In 2006 Bill was honored by his professional colleagues as NHBOA Inspector-of-the-Year. For many years Bill helped organize the Association's scholarship golf tournament. Upon Bill's passing, the Association named the event in his memory.



Bill was also a founding member of the Lakes Region Safety Officials Association (LRSOA), an organization established to facilitate the training needs of area officials. Bill was the President of the LRSOA at the time of his passing. Those closest to Bill knew of his many passions; his family, his love for music and his expertise in the kitchen, to name but a few. Bill touched many lives in many different ways and will be missed dearly by his family, friends and colleagues.





## *Dedicated Service*



*Valerie "Vikki" Fogg*

Vikki began her career with the Town of Meredith as the Deputy Tax Collector in December 1987. She remained with the Town until her retirement in January 2011 after 23 years of service. Vikki was a dedicated employee who taxpayers remember as the most "up-beat" person you meet visiting Town Hall.

Vikki's work ethic is exceptional. She is self-disciplined, always pushing to complete work tasks as well as all of the personal goals in her life. She is very honest and trustworthy and believes that these traits make her a valuable employee, which she is. Not only did Vikki dedicate her time to the Town, she also earned many advanced degrees; one of which, Registered Nurse (RN) will serve her in her next life adventure - as a nurse, helping people that she cares about.

Her family is so important to her; her husband Dennis, her three daughters, Danielle, Vanessa, Calista and her grand-children have always supported her dreams and adventures. Vikki has supported her family with love, dedication and understanding for all that life has sent her way.

Vikki loves spending time with her family, hiking, travel and always looking for new things to learn. She will never stop learning, stop is not in her vocabulary. Vikki is a wonderful person, friend, and employee who gives so much of herself to those around her.

The Town of Meredith thanks you for your many years of dedicated service; enjoy your next adventure. We will miss you, your hard work, your passion for everything you do, your positive attitude and outlook on life. Your people skills are exceptional as proven by the many people who come in daily to ask how your new career is going. We wish you the best, knowing that you will do all the things you want and desire to do.

# Town Officials

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## Select Board

Nathan J. Torr, 2016  
Hillary Seeger, 2017

Carla J. Horne, Chairperson, 2015

Peter F. Brothers, Vice-Chair, 2015  
Louis Kahn, 2016

## Elected Officials

Stephen Nedeau, Moderator, 2016

Kerri A. Parker, CTCTC, Town Clerk, 2017

Mark Billings, Treasurer, 2017

## Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector  
Administrative Services Director  
Community Development Director  
Town Planner  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Code Enforcement Officer  
Public Works Director  
Assistant Public Works Director  
Water & Sewer Superintendent  
Assessor  
Parks & Recreation Director  
Library Director

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.  
Brenda L. Vittner, MBA  
John C. Edgar, AICP  
Angela LaBrecque  
William M. Edney (deceased 5-3-14)  
Brian Swanker (as of 12-29-14)  
Michael Faller  
Allan Bolduc  
Daniel Leonard  
James Commerford, CNHA  
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP  
Erin Apostolos

## Police Officials

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Keith True, Lieutenant

## Fire Officials

Tom Joslin, Deputy Chief

Ken Jones, Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Andre Kloetz, Deputy Chief

## Emergency Management

Kevin Morrow, Director

Ken Jones, Assistant Director

## Trustee of Trust Funds

Barbara Clark, Chairperson, 2015

Justin Van Etten, 2016

Mary Kahn, 2017

## Supervisors of the Checklist

Barbara Palm, 2020

Lucienne M. Boulanger, Chair, 2016

Brenda L. Vittner, 2018

## Capital Improvements (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, ILSB & Vice Chair  
Jack Carty  
Carla Horne, Selectmen's Rep.

Edward Touhey, Chairman & PB Rep.  
Richard Gerken, Planning Board Rep.  
Alternate:  
Hillary Seeger, Selectmen's Representative

Justin Van Etten  
Jeannie Forrester  
Dave Thorpe



# Town Officials

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## Library Trustees

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2015  
Pam Coburn, 2017  
Paul Eldridge, 2015

Rhetta Colon, Chair, 2015

Ann Butler, Secretary, 2015  
Colleen Nolan, 2017  
Mary Richardson, 2016

## Planning Board

Richard Gerken, 2015  
Ann Butler, 2015  
Roger Sorell, 2017

Bill Bayard, Chairman, 2016

Alternate:  
John W. Dever, III, 2016

Liz Lapham, 2016  
Edward Touhey, 2016  
Peter Brothers, Selectmen's Rep.

## Zoning Board of Adjustment

Michael Pelczar, 2016  
Warren Clark, 2016

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairman, 2015

Alternates: Ralph Carrasco, 2016

Bruce Reichlen, 2015  
David Thorpe, 2015

## Conservation Commission

Don MacFarlane, Vice Chair, 2017  
Mary Kahn, Treasurer, 2017  
Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2016

Mark Billings, Chairman, 2015

Alternates:

Bob LeCount, 2015  
Jacquie Colburn, 2015

Jim Gregoire, 2017

John Sherman, 2017  
Ralph Pisapia, 2015  
Bob Davis, 2015  
Tony Sabutis, 2016  
Paul Dillon, 2015

## Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Bob Vogler  
Duncan, McNeish  
Tim Whiting

Randy Eifert, Chairman  
Bill Corr

Stan Wallerstein  
John Hodsdon  
Hillary Seeger, Selectmen's Rep.

## Lakes Region Planning Commission

Bill Bayard, 2015

Herbert R. Vadney, 2015

## Energy Committee

Ken Colburn, Chairman  
Chris Wald, ILSD Representative  
Joe Rando

Reed Leberman  
Carla Horne - Selectmen's Representative

Bill Bayard  
Malik Haig  
Mark Billings

## Village Pathways Committee

Sandy Sabutis  
Andrea Bourn  
Lissa Goodby

Liz Lapham, Chairman  
Paula Wanzer  
Alison Whynot  
Ann Schultz

Carol Gerken  
Janice Roberts  
Chris Schwidder

# Executive Summary

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## Report from the Town Manager

2014 began with the budget process which entailed working with Department Heads and the Select Board to develop a budget that attempted to retain current service levels, which is a reduction in service delivery from the prior years, due to prior budgets that did not increase the total amount raised by taxation. The budget adopted by Town Meeting was proposed to increase the total amount raised by taxation by a conservative amount and apply a reasonable amount of available fund balance.

Consistent with the goal set by the Select Board, when the final tax rate was set it did include a conservative increase in the amount raised by taxation in the prior year, allowing for an adequate fund balance to be retained and maintaining services. This goal was possible through the cooperation and assistance of both Department Heads and employees.

Headway was made this year in establishing a study committee and appropriating funds to determine the course of action relative to the Public Works Facility – a building built in 1965.

All departments continue to provide a level service that the residents should continue to be proud of – while there have been reductions in staff, programs and services, the majority of these reductions do not result in a “visible” reduction in service – town staff is working harder to provide the level of service that residents have come to expect and should be applauded for it.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.  
Town Manager

## Report from the Select Board

### Revenues and Expenditures

The 2014 budget, as with the prior six years, was neither a level service budget nor a level funded budget and it resulted in an increase of the amount raised by taxation of just under \$200,000. Included in this budget is 1mm from the fund balance a practice that we cannot sustain annually.

Your Select Board continues to work closely with the Town Manager and Department Heads to create the best services and operations of the Town given the fiscal constraints that are dictated by external fiscal conditions. Gains have been made in reducing expenditures for building maintenance, employee health and life insurance while providing quality services to the residents and visitors of our Town. Focus on considerations for major improvements and projects that had been deferred for the past several years became a focus this year.

The Board will continue to work on providing quality services while we maintain current service levels while still having no new positions, no reclassifications, and no new programs or services and consider capital improvements that have been deferred such as equipment replacement and road and street improvements. On that note, the Board would like to thank and commend our Manager, Department Heads and employees for continuing top quality services within our budget constraints.

The year in review consists of the creation of the Route 3 and 25 Committee and the Public Works Facility Project Committee. The Route 3 and 25 Committee began its work in March and has been diligently studying alternatives to the traffic flow in Town. The funded feasibility study of the DPW Facility has been completed and that committee will begin its work at the start of 2015.



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## Report from the Select Board

### Infrastructure

- \* Main Street Resurfacing
- \* Water Source Exploration
- \* Chase Road /Meredith Center Road Safety Improvement Update from DOT
- \* DPW 2014 Road/Street Improvement Program

### Other happenings for 2014

- \* This year there have been 4 lot restoration requests of involuntary merged lots and the formation of the Maple Ridge Village District.
- \* The Board made adjustments to the Fire Department wages which brought those wages up to the middle of the scale.
- \* We created the Meredith Select Board Policies and Guidelines to assist newly elected Board members and to inform the residents of the duties of the Board and their Manager.
- \* Once again the Board would like to commend the volunteer efforts of our residents to our committees and boards and the dedication of our town employees. It is your hard work and dedication to Meredith that makes our community such a special place to live and visit.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Horne, Chair

*Meredith Select Board*



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2014 Meredith Town Warrant

## State of New Hampshire

### TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

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 11, 2014, 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM  
for the casting of ballots to act upon Articles 1 through 4; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 12, 2014,  
at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane,  
in said Town to act on Articles 5 through 13.

### BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

#### ARTICLE 1

To Bring your ballots for:

TOWN		INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Moderator One(1) for Two(2) Years		Moderator One(1) for One(1) year	
<i>Stephen H. Nedeau</i>	700	<i>Lee W. Quimby</i>	699
Selectman One(1) for Three(3) Years		School Board Member at Large One(1)	
<i>Hillary Seeger</i>	518	<i>Richard Hanson</i>	660
Supervisor of the Checklist One(1) for Six(6) Years		School Board-Sandwich One(1) for Three(3) years	
<i>Barbara Palm</i>	675	<i>Howard Cunningham</i>	108
Town Clerk One(1) for Three(3) Years		State of New Hampshire Executive Council	
<i>Kerri A. Parker</i>	706	<i>Joseph D. Kenney</i>	473
		<i>Michael J. Crayons</i>	327
Treasurer One(1) for Three(3) Years			
<i>Mark B. Billings</i>	675		
Trustee of Trust Funds One(1) for Three(3) Years			
<i>Mary Kahn</i>	15		
Library Trustee Two (2) for Three(3)			
<i>Coleen Nolan</i>	651		
<i>Pam Coburn</i>	588		

# Executive Summary

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## **ARTICLE 2**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section D, District Objectives and Land Use Controls, Minimum Lot Size to eliminate duplex from the minimum density requirement in order to be consistent with the Special Exception Criteria for duplexes?

Yes 533 No 182

## **ARTICLE 3**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Nonconforming Uses, Structures and Lots, to clarify that non-conforming uses shall not be treated as abandoned if there is evidence of intent not to abandon the use?

Yes 628 No 108

## **ARTICLE 4**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII, Section A – Special Exception and C – Variance to change the one-year expiration to a two-year expiration period to be consistent with RSA 674:33, IV?

Yes 625 No 92

## **ARTICLE 5**

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Section D-5 – Business and Industry District to update the General Purpose so that it accurately reflects the current condition and direction of the district as well as update the table of uses; and amend Article VIII Definitions for the purpose of adding or revising land use definitions that are or will be included in the business and industry district?

Yes 580 No 136

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## **Town Meeting 2014**

2014 Meredith Town Meeting Deliberative Session

**Thursday March 13, 2014**

(Postponed from the 12<sup>th</sup> due to storm)

Town Moderator

Stephen Nedeau

Board of Selectmen

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson

Carle J. Horne, Vice-Chairperson

Peter F. Brothers, Selectperson

Herbert R. Vadney, Selectperson

Lou Kahn, Selectperson

Town Manager

Phillip L. Warren

Town Council

Steven Whitley

## **2014 Town Meeting Deliberative Session**

Moderator Nedeau opened the meeting at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. He went on to request that Town Council be given permission to speak if necessary and with a show of voter cards, Mr. Whitney was given permission to speak.

### **ARTICLE 6**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Million, Nine Hundred Thirty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$ 12,932,815) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in subsequent warrant articles. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve Article 6 seconded by Carla Horne.

Pat Mack asked how much money has been taken from the fund balance over the last five years to lower the tax rate. Nate Torr explained how much was taken out. Phil Warren went on to give specific amounts taken out.

With a show of voters cards the Article 6 passed.



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## **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) for various road improvements within the Town of Meredith; funding shall be from the State Aid Reconstruction Grant Reserve. The Select Board are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Carla Horne motioned to approve Article 7; seconded by Peter Brothers.

Karen Sticht commended the Board for their explanations given this was not done with the district meeting she recently attended. She asked if this money is in reserve then why we have to raise it as new money. Phil Warren explained that we were advised by council when the warrant was being put together that it is required to be able to access those funds. Peter Brothers explained that it is taken from the highway reserve fund.

With a show of Voter Cards, Article 7 passed.

## **ARTICLE 8**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 8 seconded by Herb Vadney.

No discussion

With a show of voter cards, Article 8 passed

## **ARTICLE 9**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Herb Vadney motioned to approve Article 9, seconded by Lou Kahn

No discussion

With a show of Voter Cards, Article 9 passed

## **ARTICLE 10**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Two Thousand Dollars (\$62,000) for the cable television public access fees and equipment replacement expenses and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of the amount from the Cable Franchise Fee Special Revenue Fund. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Lou Kahn motioned to approve Article 10, seconded by Nate Torr.

No Discussion

With a show of Voter Cards Article 10 passed

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## **ARTICLE 11**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a new facility at the current DPW Highway Building location. The feasibility study will involve many considerations including building design and location, storm water management, utilities and the replacement of the vehicle fueling station. The Select Board are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve Article 11; seconded by Carla Horne.

Steve Merrill motioned for an amendment: "As agents to expend these funds, the Selectmen shall seek design alternatives that meet the needs of the Department of Public Works at the lowest reasonable cost to the taxpayer" seconded by Frank Michel.

Mr. Merrill went on to explain why he feels that this amendment should be passed as it seems that we will inevitably be building a new public works facility and within the last 10 years we have built three facilities that possibly could have been done more modestly.

Bob Flanders spoke against the motion stating that the Board and the committees have done a good job with the money and that most of the 3 projects did give back money when the projects were done.

Ray Moritz supported the idea of the amendment but is concerned that we would be binding our hands to what could be done and that it may not fit the future needs of the town. Herb Vadney stated that he has no problem with the amendment and that the selectmen will do what is in the best interest for the taxpayers. Pat Mack stated that she feels that this is not an attack on the selectmen or any committees; just that we need to keep the cost sufficient to the structures needs.

On a show of voter cards the amendment was defeated. Returning to the original Article 11.

Rick DeMark asked and was answered with an affirmative that the amount was an "up to" amount. David Sticht asked if there has been a committee formed already. Philip Warren answered that it was a working committee made up of the Dept of Public Works Director, the Water/Sewer Superintendent, the Town Manager, and a Selectmen rep which happens to be Peter Brothers at this time. David Sticht went on to ask if there would be a committee formed in the future as it seems now that the inmates are designing and telling how the prison should be built and he is against that. He feels that a committee should be formed that has only public and not people involved in the project. Karen Sticht asked for clarification as to if we are only replacing the garage or building a new facility? Philip Warren explained that this is the reason we need the study to identify what the needs of the department are and what can possibly be done for a facility.

Karen went on to state that she feels the money should just go to the building itself because she feels we will end up building a new facility anyway and if we have the \$100,000 to spend we will spend it all. Carla Horne stated that we needed this to determine the best interest for the employees to have them in a safer environment, that the money is "up to" and any moneys not spent would go back to the budget. Ken Coburn spoke in favor of the article.

With a show of voter cards, Article 11 passed.

## **ARTICLE 12**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Nine Dollars (\$177,859.00) for the purpose of renovation to the exterior of the Meredith Public Library. The Select Board are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Carla Horne motioned to approve Article 12, seconded by Peter Brothers

## Executive Summary

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David Sticht stated that if someone would explain the relationship with the Town and the Library. Ray Moritz asked why we are not addressing all of the immediate needs for the Library. Duncan McNeish explained that the trustees outlined what the needs were and what the immediate issues are including the gutters and water is leaking outside as well as inside the building.

Chris Mega asked if the LCHIP grant is contingent upon the approval of the article and if we approve will the \$70,000 be deducted from the total \$177,859. Nate Torr confirmed that it was correct.

Lisa Davis asked why would we be repairing the facility if they may move the library altogether. Peter Brothers explained that we have to repair the building as it needs it immediately to protect the asset regardless if the library stays in the building or not. Ginny Lovett asked if there is any benefit to being on the National Registry. Herb Vadney explained that yes there is; there are many grants that are allowed to only National Registry Buildings which was confirmed by Beverly Heyduk. Karen Sticht asked why the library has money in a trust fund and why are they are not allowed to use it for maintenance. Phil Warren explained that many of the trust funds are only allowed to be used for certain specific needs and some may only allow the trustees to utilize the interest only from the funds and that is the case for most of the Library trust funds. Duncan McNeish went on to confirm what the Town Manager stated as to the restrictions on the trust funds. Bob Davis stated that where it is a town building that we need to maintain it and that if 5 years down the road if the library moves out and we have not maintained it then we would have no value in a building that we own.

With a show of Voter Cards Article 12 passed

### **ARTICLE 13**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to help cover and support some of the costs for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for Meredith in 2018. (Petitioned by 25 or more Registered Voters) (Board of Selectmen makes No Recommendation)

George Jewell moved to approve Article 13, seconded by Hillary Seeger.

Don McFarland asked who were the agents to expend. Philip Warren explained that he would assume that the GMP and the committee would come to the Town for payments that need to be made for the expenses. Liz Lapham spoke to confirm the Town Manager's statement that the GMP would work with the committee as requested by the Selectmen to be agents to expend. Richard Gerken asked if there is a requirement to have agents to expend. As explained by Town Council Steve Whitney that it is not a requirement to have an agent to expend.

With a show of voter cards, Article 13 passed

Nancy Jewell was recognized for her 5 years of service as a supervisor of the checklist and Herb Vadney was also recognized for his years of service as Selectmen for the Town.

Frank Michel reiterated that Herb and he did not always see eye to eye but he commended him for his service. He went on to apologize for the negative items that clouded the papers recently and that he feels that the Board does a tremendous job for the taxpayers in the town.

Nate Torr motioned to adjourn the meeting seconded by Peter Brothers, meeting adjourned at 8:26pm

Respectfully Submitted by  
Kerri A Parker, Town Clerk, CTCTC  
Town Clerk, Meredith, NH



# General Government

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## Administrative Services

Brenda L. Vittner, MBA, Director

Administrative Services provides the following services:

### Administrative:

- Reception
- General Assistance
- Purchasing Functions; RFP's, Bids, Purchase Orders
- Capital Asset Inventory and Maintenance
- General Inventory Maintenance
- Annual Budget Preparation; Town Warrant and Documents

### Finance:

- Tax Collection and Billing
- Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
- Utility Billing and Account Maintenance
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Compilation of Town Report Financials
- Production of Annual Town Report

### Technical Functions:

- Network Administration/Help Desk
- Communication Systems Maintenance
- Website Management

### **Finance**

Carrie Sawyer, CPP, Town Accountant

Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance / General Assistance Officer

Eric Ferland, MCSE, Information Technology

Administrative Services is the support department to all other Town departments. This group considers quality customer service as one of the most important aspects of the daily work environment. The department's core strengths are respect, consideration and understanding of all taxpayers, employees and visitors to the Town of Meredith. Maintaining certifications and networking opportunities with other municipalities and State agencies is strongly encouraged. The department's goal remains consistent with prior years; continue to implement innovations that will streamline processes and systems to enable staff to maintain the high level of efficiency and competency that has come to be expected from the staff. For the past several years, this department has had to manage increased responsibilities while managing with very limited resources. The Administrative Services staff consistently performs at a high level and manages all expectations at a professional level.



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## Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor  
Menta Martel, 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.

### 2014 Review

The chart below shows residential sales activity on a state, county and local basis per New Hampshire Multiple Listing Service (MLS) and Meredith assessing data for 2013 and 2014. For the year, the number of sales in Meredith remained about the same compared to 2013 with the median sales price down slightly. While the number of state and county sales are down the median selling price is up slightly for both.

<b>Residential</b>	<b># Sales 2014</b>	<b># Sales 2013</b>	<b>% Diff</b>	<b>Median Price 2014</b>	<b>Median Price 2013</b>	<b>% Diff</b>
<b>State</b>	20,561	21,068	-2.40%	\$199,900	\$190,000	5.21%
<b>Belknap</b>	1293	1349	-4.15%	\$159,000	\$156,500	1.60%
<b>Meredith</b>	134	137	-2.19%	\$240,000	\$245,000	-2.04%

The Town's total valuation increased .25% in 2014 from \$1,741,033,913 to \$1,745,511,622. The increase was due to building permit activity and data changes from our re-inspection cycle. The last town-wide market update was in 2013.

We have completed another year in our re-inspection cycle. I would like to thank all taxpayers for their cooperation in this endeavor. For 2015, we will be measuring and listing properties in portions of Route 25, as well as in the Meredith Neck Road and Stonedam sections of town. The objective of the program is to ensure data accuracy in our assessments and eliminating the need for a costly revaluation every five years. It also meets the requirements from the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration. If anyone has any questions regarding the cyclical program please call our office at 677-4213.

The Assessing Office is here to assist the property owners of Meredith. We welcome your questions and are here to help citizens through the assessing process. Please visit the Assessing Department Link on the Town's website [www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org) for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA  
Tax Assessor

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## Community Development

John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director  
Bill Edney, Code Enforcement Officer (1-1-14 to 5-3-14)  
Brian Swanker, Code Enforcement Officer (12-29-14 to present)  
Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner  
Mary Lee Harvey, Administrative Assistant  
Chris Tivnan, Clerk

In May of 2014 Bill Edney, our longtime Code Enforcement Officer passed away unexpectedly. This had a major impact on the department as Bill was not only a co-worker but a friend as well. Collectively we shared a lot over the last thirteen years...fifty-eight years among the five of us...from office space, music interests, life's twists and turns, politics, accomplishments, humor, recipes, frustrations, professional challenges and personal ups and downs. We are a close group that relies upon each other to get done what needs to be done and Bill, in his unique way, helped make that so.

In addition to the emotional impact of Bill's passing, we were immediately confronted with a huge operational void within the department. The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for many functions including building permits and inspections, administration of the zoning ordinance and public health. As difficult as this time was, we needed to keep moving forward. Jack Dever and Bob Flanders immediately offered their assistance to serve in interim capacities which was graciously accepted. Jack and Bob provided availability and levels of expertise that our citizens and taxpayers are accustomed to while we labored thru the recruitment process. I would like to publically extend my thanks and appreciation to them both.

In November the Town hired Brian Swanker as our next Code Enforcement Officer. Brian, his wife and two children are re-locating from Pennsylvania back to New Hampshire and will reside in Meredith. Brian started his new duties on December 29, 2014. We welcome Brian to the Community Development Department and he and his family to Meredith! Please feel free to give Brian a call (677-2415) or stop by the Annex to say hello.

### Planning Board Application Summary- 2014

Commercial Indus. Site Plan/Approvals	6	Pre-Application Consultations	3
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Road Tree Cutting Approvals	1
Subdivision Approvals	1	Architectural Design Reviews	4
Boundry Line Adj. Approvals	3	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

### Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary- 2014

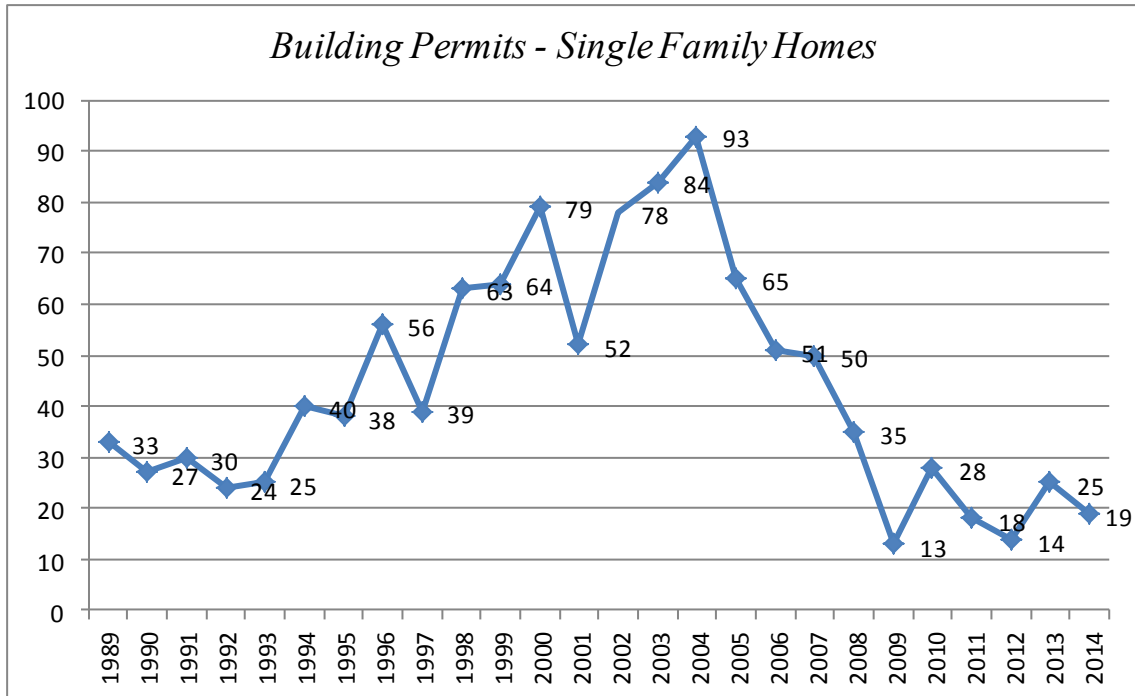
Variance Applications	16	Total Applications Withdrawn	1
Variances Granted	15	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	1	Rehearing Requests Received	1
Special Exception Applications	16	Rehearing Requests Granted	1
Special Exceptions Granted	16	Rehearing Requests Denied	0
Special Exceptions Denied	0	Administrative Decisions Denied	1

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## Community Development continued...

### Building Permit Summary 2014

New Single-Family Homes	19	Electrical/Plumbing	106
New Two-Family Homes	0	Oil (burners, tanks)	17
New Multi-Family Units	0	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	64
New Commercial Buildings	1	Fences/Signs	17
Special Use Permits	6	Garages/Storage Buildings	35
Mobile Homes	0	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	40
Docks/Boathouses/Pools	9	Residential Renovations/Repairs	70
Demolition	33		



For additional information about the department or volunteer opportunities with our boards, commissions and committees, please feel free to contact me at 677-4217 or [jedgar@meredithnh.org](mailto:jedgar@meredithnh.org). Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director

# General Government

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## Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews capital needs and recommends a program of capital improvement projects for a period of at least six years. The primary purpose of the CIP is to aid the Select Board and the School Board in their preparation of the annual budget (RSA 674:5).

As a preface to the recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

1. Existing Debt service is included in the overall capital program. In 2015, existing debt service payments will total \$988,677. This represents 72% of the recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program for 2015.
2. The recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program includes capital project spending in the amount of \$380,000.
3. The total CIP recommendation for 2015 is \$1,368,677 (includes No. 1 and No. 2 above). This represents a decrease of 13% from the 2014 municipal CIP-related appropriations.
4. Additional debt will be retired in 2016 through 2022. As debt is retired, program capacity associated with the retired debt will be available to support future capital needs.
5. The Town Manager has advised that in addition to what has been identified and recommended there are significant capital projects that are likely to come before the Committee in the future, including:
  - Replacement of municipal utilities located in US 3 & NH Route 25
  - Repair or replacement of waterfront infrastructure
  - Replacement of the DPW garage and related site improvement
  - Sewer and water infrastructure replacements

The Committee has not programed these potential projects at this time. It is anticipated however that as these projects become more defined, requests will be submitted for consideration in future CIP amendment cycles. The Inter-lakes School District has developed a six-year capital improvements program. The District's program includes four projects that when prorated to reflect Meredith's share of the district's cost meet the Meredith CIP threshold of \$90,000. Meredith's pro-rated share is reflected in the Meredith Capital Improvements Program for informational purposes.

### Recommendations of the CIP Advisory Committee

#### Fire Department Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$75,000 in 2015 through 2017 to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: It is anticipated that in 2014 the town will purchase the Heavy Rescue Vehicle. This acquisition will: (A) replace an existing 1986 Rescue Van, and (B) consolidate specialized rescue equipment on one vehicle. Associated with the purchase of this apparatus would be the retirement of 1983 Engine 4 which would not be replaced. The purchase of this vehicle will deplete the balance of the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.



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## Capital Improvements Program continued...

### Fire Department Equipment continued...

The 2015, 2016 and 2017 allocations are in anticipation of replacement of firefighter turn-out gear in 2017 (\$135,000) and capital equipment replacement needs beyond the near term that will require additional future allocations including the possible replacement of Tanker No. 5.

### Department of Public Works

#### DPW Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$305,000 in 2015 and \$275,000 in 2016 and 2017 to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: The Holder sidewalk tractor will be replaced in 2014 using funds in the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. With this replacement, the ETF fund balance will be approximately \$90,000 at year end. The town currently owns three loaders; CAT, INTERNATIONAL and DRESSER. Phil Warren, Town Manager recommended that two of the loaders, the CAT loader and the INTERNATIONAL, be traded in towards the purchase of one new loader in 2015. The new loader, including a snow blower and plow would cost approximately \$300,000. This figure includes consideration of trade-in values. The DRESSER would be located at the Meredith Center Fire Station and DPW would lease a loader for the 4 month winter season. Also anticipated in 2015 is the replacement of a Ford 550 with plow and sander (\$95,000).

The 2015 allocation is in anticipation of the near term purchases of a replacement loader and the replacement of the Ford 550. Allocations in 2016 and 2017 are in anticipation capital equipment replacement needs beyond the near term (dump trucks, tub grinder and backhoe) that will require additional future allocations.

#### DPW Facility:

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: In 2014 Town Meeting appropriated \$100,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a new DPW facility at the current location. The Town of Meredith has contracted with HKT Architects, Inc. to conduct the study. A project kickoff meeting was held on September 30, 2014. Project updates are anticipated in 2015.

#### Waterfront Infrastructure:

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Town Manager has advised that he anticipates future capital needs in this area. The waterfront infrastructure assessment and the related capital needs would be submitted for future consideration by the committee. The Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance at year end is \$95,153.

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## Capital Improvements Program continued...

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#### Debt Service:

Recommendation: No change to the existing debt service schedule.

Rationale: Administrative Services Director Brenda Vittner has advised that all refinancing possibilities have been exhausted and that all interest rates are at or below 4%. Over the next ten years, debt will retire in 2015 (Water System Improvements), 2016 (Police Station), 2018 (Page Pond) and 2022 (Plymouth Street/Route 3 North).

### Water and Sewer Department

#### Water System Improvements:

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Water Department is currently developing an asset management plan for the water infrastructure. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of 2014. Needed improvements will be prioritized and brought before the committee for future consideration. The Water system Improvements Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance at year end is \$232,881.

#### Groundwater Source Study:

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: Since 2009 the town has been working to identify an emergency backup groundwater source supply. This supply would provide a level of supply redundancy in the event water from Lake Waukewan was not available. Well testing has occurred at Prescott Park. Recent sampling results from a test well indicated a low amount of MTBE present. The project is on hold as the town works thru issues with the NH Department of Environmental Services. Anticipated withdrawals in 2014 (\$9,109) will deplete the balance of the Groundwater Source Study Expendable Trust Fund.

#### Sewer System Improvements:

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Sewer Department is pursuing an Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Sewer Study. The Sewer Department is currently developing an asset management plan for the sewer infrastructure. It is anticipated that this will be completed by the end of 2015. Needed improvements will be prioritized and brought before the committee for future consideration. The sewer utility currently has \$496,078 in Sewer Access Fees that are available for repairs and major improvements.

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## Capital Improvements Program continued...

### Public Library

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: In 2014 \$177,859 was appropriated for purposes of exterior renovations at the Library. The Library expects that drainage improvements and gutter construction will occur this year. Gutter installation and masonry work would occur in 2015.

The Library has identified the need to replace the HVAC system. The preliminary estimate at this early juncture is \$114,000. The Library anticipates updating its cooling system due to the fact that the coolant currently in use is being phased out by the federal government. The current system is about 20 years old and cannot handle the new coolant. The Library building has issues with cold and hot spots during the winter. The Library has been advised to include heating in the upgrade. It is anticipated that this replacement/ upgrade may occur 7-10 years out into the future.

### Open Space/Conservation

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: Adequate support within the CIP process to fund the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund helps assure the Town of Meredith is fiscally prepared to participate in worthwhile open space conservation projects when they are presented. However, in 2008, the Commission made a commitment to the CIP Advisory Committee and to the Board of Selectmen that support be given to fund a \$400,000 bond to acquire the Page Pond and Forest and that the Commission would forego its annual request to fund the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund until that bond was repaid. The Page Pond conservation bond retires in 2018. The Commission continues to honor that commitment and has not requested additional funding. The Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance at year end is \$39,177.

Inter-Lakes School District (Note: Meredith's pro-rated share of District capital expenses are reflected in the Meredith Capital Improvements Program for informational purposes.)

Recommendation: Allocate \$311,250 in 2015, \$97,125 in 2016, \$228,000 in 2017 and \$56,250 in 2018.

Rationale: In its 6-year building improvement plan, the District identified four projects that meet the Meredith CIP project threshold: (1) continuation of the four- year phased replacement of the roof on the ILES building (2) energy upgrades including boiler replacements at the Inter-Lakes Elementary School and High School, (3) replacement of the auditorium seating and (4) replacement of the turf field. The District has identified a funding that will come from two areas: (A) a capital projects allocation in the operating budget and (B) additional contributions of \$100,000 annually to the existing School District Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The District's goals are to address future capital needs while maintaining a relatively level impact to the operating budget and continuing to fund the School District Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund. The School District Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance at year end is \$359,954.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Touhey, Chairman CIP Advisory Committee

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## Energy Committee

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

The Energy Committee started off 2014 by welcoming Joe Rando as a new member. Joe is a professional in the energy efficiency field, and has been a welcome addition to the Committee for his great ideas and enthusiasm.

Most of the Energy Committee's efforts in 2014 went toward planning the Lakes Region Energy Fair that was held in October at Inter-Lakes High School. The Energy Fair offered 30 energy-related vendors and 15 informational sessions on a range of topics from heat pumps and weatherization to living off the grid. Through many generous donations, the Energy Committee was able to give away over \$5,000 in prizes, including 6 home energy audits. The Meredith Energy Committee was pleased to collaborate with the Center Harbor Energy Committee in planning this year's Energy Fair, and we look forward to similarly production collaboration with our neighboring communities in the future.

The Energy Committee continues to serve as a resource to the Meredith Planning Board regarding the energy aspects of the Community Plan Update, as well as to the Public Works Building Committee as it develops its plans. Mark Billings, a member of the Energy Committee, was appointed to the Building Committee that will be evaluating the Public Words Feasibility Study. The Energy Committee appreciates this involvement opportunity, and hopes to help ensure that new facilities have the lowest possible lifecycle cost to Meredith taxpayers. Energy considerations are quite important in such planning, because the cost of any new building is only about one-quarter of the cost of heating and lighting it over its lifetime.

In 2015, the Committee plans to host a series of informational workshops that will be free and open to the public. The first workshop will be in March on the popular topic of heat pump technology with a focus on ductless "mini-splits" for home heating and air conditioning.

Having served as the Chair of the Energy Committee since March of 2010, I will be stepping down in 2015 due to business demands. The Energy Committee will be in exceptionally good hands, however, as current Vice Chair Bill Bayard will step up to lead as Chairman with Malik Haig as Vice Chair. In light of his additional responsibilities noted above, Mark Billings will also be stepping down as Secretary. Mark and I remain dedicated to the work of the Energy Committee, however, and will continue to serve on it in year ahead.

Anyone with interest in the Energy Committee or its work can direct inquiries or questions to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.

Submitted by,  
Ken Colburn, Chair  
Meredith Energy Committee



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## Village Pathways Committee



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

On-going activities in 2014 of the Village Pathways Committee included distribution of the “Meredith Village Historic Walking Map” first published by the Pathways Committee in 2011 to area businesses. Another historic walking tour was offered in May to the NH Travel Council. We continue to promote and distribute our Meredith Village Pathways pedestrian walking map containing 5 walks throughout the village and added a QR code so that it can be accessed by residents and visitors phones. A kiosk has been placed in front of the Meredith Historical Society building on Main St. holding walking maps from the Pathways Committee and Conservation Committee.

Of major importance and work to the committee this year was their continuing research on their proposed Hawkins Brook Eco-Trail located behind MVSB and the Crosspoint Shopping Center. The trail will provide recreational and educational opportunities while linking the village to the schools and the Community Center. Our vision is to create a pedestrian trail, having interpretive elements, scenic qualities and a diverse natural environment that would connect residents and visitors to points of interest in and around the village core. Committee members have visited and studied similar trails in the area to help them refine the concept. While Meredith has had the foresight to have developed dedicated lands and parks that surround the town, the Hawkins Brook Eco-Trail would provide a unique trail experience in the “heart of the village”.



In 2014 the Pathways Committee met with and presented their Eco-Trail proposal to civic organizations and the Select Board. The presentations were well received with many favorable comments, suggestions and strong support for the project. Meredith Village Savings Bank and the Meredith Rotary donated funds to start the initial development planning and Crosspoint Shopping Center has also indicated their willingness to sponsor the project.

The Eco-Trail proposal is divided into 3 segments. The Committee hopes to have Segment 1, a handicap accessible trail extending from Route 25, on the left side of MVSB along the rear of the bank’s property along the brook to a lookout area completed in the spring of 2015. A meeting and tour of the trail with the DES in November had a positive response and mapping and plans are moving forward.

We appreciate the guidance, time and effort Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner and John Edgar, Community Development Director and the Community Development staff, Mary Lee Harvey and Chris Tivnan, give our Committee.

Respectfully submitted: Liz Lapham, Chairman Meredith Village Pathways Committee

Committee Members: Andrea Bourn, Carol Gerken, Lissa Goodby, Janis Roberts, Sandy Sabutis, Chris Schwidder, Paula Wanzer, and Alison Whynot.

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## Conservation Commission

Your Conservation Commission once again had a busy year in 2014.

### Trails & Bridges

#### Hamlin Eames Town Forest

The Hamlin Eames Town Forest is our largest Town Forest and has the most extensive network of trails. Your Commission, along with numerous volunteers spent many hours brushing and re-blazing trails, removing blow-downs and in one case re-routed the trail around a downed tree too large to remove. The Blue Trail bridgework continued with the removal of an old bridge that was no longer safe. The trail was re-routed to a more convenient location for crossing the stream.

#### Page Pond & Forest

In addition to ongoing trail maintenance, your commission with help from many volunteers continues to expand the trail network on Page. We rebuilt and expanded to over 120 feet the bog-bridge in the southern area of the wetland complex. This completes an amazing 3.6-mile trail taking you through an assortment of ecosystems, habitats plus historically relevant sites including a 180-year old sawmill dam. Looking forward, your Commission is beginning an assessment of the structural integrity of the dam as tree roots and time are showing their effects.

#### Meredith Community Forest

The Community Forest has an extensive network of trails and your Commission, as well as volunteers, spent time brushing trails, clearing blow-downs and adding two water-bars. We also repainted all the trail blazes to make your hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing experience better.

### Snake River Project

Your Conservation Commission continued their work in conjunction with the Town of New Hampton and the shore-owners associations to protect in perpetuity the Snake River shoreline. The Snake River is a critical component in the protection of the water quality in Lake Waukegan, the source of much of Meredith's drinking water. In 2010, the Town of New Hampton granted a Conservation Easement Deed to the Town of Meredith protecting more than 2,500 feet of river frontage. In 2013, Elizabeth Clingan Baird sold her abutting property to the Town of New Hampton and granted a Conservation Easement Deed to the Town of Meredith, protecting an additional 1,500 feet of river frontage. In 2014 a third parcel, abutting the Spear Easement, was added through the granting of the Marilyn Bergeron Conservation Easement to the Town of Meredith acting through the Meredith Conservation Commission.

### Public Education and Outreach

Your Commission continues its work promoting Meredith's Town Forests to both our residents and visitors. Your Commission hosted a number of guided events in the forests, bringing in experts in forestry, biology, ecology and habitat study. We continue to promote our forests through social media, print media and in cooperation with local business. Our "TAKE A HIKE...IN MEREDITH" promotion continues to raise the awareness of the public to our magnificent forests.

The Inter-Lakes School District, led by Elementary School Principal Dr. Steve Kelley completed the construction of their "Living Classroom", a classroom for all students to learn, hands on about ecosystems, the environment, biology, energy and so much more. Your Commission was an active supporter of this project and will continue to reach out to our youngest residents.

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## Conservation Commission continued...

In 2015, your Commission will begin a public outreach and education effort to begin dealing with one of our most prevalent invasive species, Japanese Knotweed. This will be a multi-year project that will only succeed with a collaborative effort between public and private landowners. The first year effort will focus on outreach and education. We hope to have public demonstrations on effective techniques to eradicate this and other invasive species. We will begin by updating our database as to where Japanese Knotweed is growing. If you have this invasive on your property and would like to learn more, send your name, address and email address to [conservation@meredithnh.org](mailto:conservation@meredithnh.org) and we will get the information out to you. Look for public notification of this effort later this spring.

### 2014 Highlights

- The Conservation Commission reviewed 54 Dredge & Fill applications for projects such as docks, beaches, shore land clearing, culverts and subdivisions. We provide comments related to the protection of natural resources; including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachment on the wetland buffer zone.
- Commission member Paula Wanzer participated in a seminar on trails compatible with the Americans with Disabilities Act and a seminar on Interpretive Walks.
- Seven members of your Conservation Commission participated in the 2014 New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions annual meeting attending more than a dozen workshops and presentations.
- The Commission is serving as an advisor to the Village Pathways Committee in its efforts to create a Meredith Village Eco-Trail in the Hawkins Brook Wetlands complex.
- 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 your Town Forests and Conservation Easements held by the Town to insure the public’s interests in these properties are protected. At present we monitor 26 parcels possessing approximately 40 miles of boundaries and 2438 acres. These properties range from as far east as Bear Island to as far west as Hermit Woods.

Finally, your Commission would like to thank all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. Building bridges, clearing trails and helping with monitoring all of the parcels we have stewardship responsibility for. Without their help there is no way we could do the important work the community expects and deserves.

Respectfully Submitted

### Members

Mark Billings, Chairman (2015)  
Don McFarlane , Vice-Chairman (2017)  
Mary Kahn – Treasurer (2017)  
Paula Wanzer – Secretary (2016)  
John Sherman (2017)  
Ralph Pisapia (2015)  
Bob Davis (2015)

### Alternates

Tony Sabutis (2016)  
Paul Dillon (2015)  
Bob LeCount (2015)  
Jacquie Colburn (2015)  
Jim Gregoire (2017)

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### Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

WWAC provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the five Watershed Towns to facilitate implementation of the Waukewan Watershed Management Plan. A primary responsibility of the Committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues. The Committee works collaboratively with local Watershed Communities, State Agencies, Community Associations, concerned citizens and other partners.

Outreach/Education Efforts - Education and outreach continue to be our most effective method of long-term water quality protection. We continue to provide regular email updates to Select Boards, as well as, our waterfront stakeholders. This past year our committee, with the assistance of our high school intern, senior Jeff Ryan, created a trifold educational flyer entitled “For Waukewan’s Sake” which was widely distributed throughout the watershed (copies are available at town hall and will be available at town meeting). Working with the ILHS Career Partnership Program, we were also able to create a wall mural at the Waukewan Beach. Local artist and high school senior, Jackson Plyler, assisted by high school art teacher Jan Sanquedolce, completed the work in June as his senior class project. Initiated by a water’s edge “clear cut” alleged violation, in July, WWAC collaborated with LWWA, NH DES, and UNH to present a Best Practice and Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act workshop.



High Risk Septic Systems - The two-year phase-in period for the inspections required by the Town’s health regulation expired on January 8, 2015. We are pleased to report that the regulation resulted in one of its intended purposes to reduce the threat of very old high risk systems that pre-dated DES septic regulations. Of the 26 systems found to have no permitting history with NH DES, a majority of those inspected proved to be sub-standard or in failure. Therefore, many of those systems needed to be replaced, which has led to 13 new septic systems permitted on Lake Waukewan. Many of those inspected had taken advantage of the grant money put aside for such purpose and 8 Meredith property owners have been awarded \$4,000 grants for system replacement. Thanks goes out to Pat Tarpey, Executive Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association (LWWA), for managing the grants.

Waukewan - Winona Watershed Restoration Plan Development - LWWA took the lead on a grant application to update our management plan to current standards. We participated in several meetings and public hearings during the year and assisted with land and water surveys to help with development of a plan that identifies and prioritizes locations and strategies for correcting storm water issues including phosphorus loading. Our committee will be an active participant in implementing phosphorus load-reducing projects when they are presented in late 2015.

Conservation - We continue to help lead the Lake Host program at the town boat ramp. A collaboration between the Town, Watershed Associations, and the NH Lakes Association enable us to prevent invasive milfoil from entering the lake through courtesy boat inspections while also educating boaters about water quality protection efforts. Aerial baseline photos of all lake and pond shorelines in the watershed have now been placed on the Town website under our committee page for all to view.

Randy Eifert, Chairman

# General Government

## Town Clerk

The 2014 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows...2014 was a transition year that had many challenges along the way. Vikki Fogg, the Deputy Tax Collector has taken on a full time job in the nursing field and we are very excited for her as this has been a long time dream of hers she will be missed for some time to come. We are very excited for 2015, as we have two new faces joining the Town Hall Team and they are fitting in quite nicely. Stacey Bivolcic is the New Deputy Tax Collector and Stephanie Stohl is the new Deputy Town Clerk. We will be working closely with both of them so that whomever you work with will be able to assist you with your needs in the Town Clerk/Tax office. Thank you for your patience during this learning period.

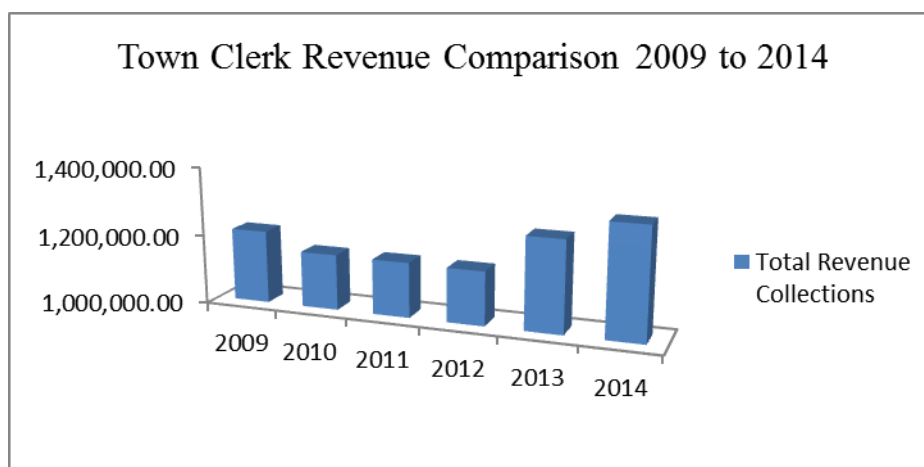


Kerri A. Parker  
Town Clerk

The online Registrations seem to be becoming more popular and we are working toward having the ability to do the dog licensing as well. If you have not tried going online to see what is offered be sure to check it out at [www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org) and follow the link "Pay and/or View Bills Online".

In July of 2014, I graduated from the NEMCI & A (New England Municipal Clerks Institute and Academy) and look forward to completing the steps to complete my Municipal Clerk Accreditation. I have been working alone in the office for a majority of the year and I would like to thank the citizens of Meredith for their continued support and understanding during this past year. I look forward to the New Year and the continued commitment that I have for this wonderful town I live and work in.

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations:	8,853	\$ 1,297,825
Dogs	664	4,082
Vital Records	1,133	15,275
Marriage Licenses	149	3,195
Miscellaneous...		
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies		
Dredge & Fill Permits - Mailings - Notary/Justice Fees		3,015
Total Revenue Collected		\$ 1,323,392





# General Government

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## Fire

Once again I would like to thank all the Municipal Departments/individuals, the MFD Department Officers and Members for their assistance and support for the continued emergency service rendered to the citizens of Meredith. The Department answered a total of 388 calls for the calendar year 2014, which is a decrease of 57 runs from 2013. At this time, there doesn't appear to be any specific reason for the decrease in runs, especially with the past summer activity we experienced within our community. The majority of runs continue to be alarm activations due to one reason or another, with motor vehicle accidents continuing to be second in total incidents.

I continue to encourage all business and home owners to ensure that proper routine maintenance is scheduled and performed on an annual basis on all heating appliances, exhaust sources, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, sprinkler systems, etc. We continue to respond to numerous calls associated with these sources, which in many cases could have been prevented with annual maintenance, thus taxing the department's budget.

In late October for the third year, the Department again supported Senior Citizen Day through LRGH with battery and smoke detector replacement for any senior citizen who called and requested such. This program insures that all smoke detectors are in working order with a new battery replacement on an annual basis. If you wish to receive such services, watch for the ad next fall and make the call to request the service, the department will be happy to assist any senior citizen.

With the final requested funding appropriated in CIP, a heavy rescue truck has been designed, approved and contract awarded to Rescue 1 for an August 2015 delivery. This piece of apparatus will eventually replace two pieces of apparatus and a trailer. It will allow for all specialized emergency equipment to be placed on one piece for apparatus to improve response and operations. The Committee worked diligently for almost three years in designing a piece of apparatus to meet Meredith's needs now and into the future.

Recruitment and Retention continue to be a struggle for the department for new and existing members to adequately support daily operations. To date we have been able to meet the hurdles by initiating and continuing with the student intern program. We also implemented per-diem coverage this past summer with two members on duty Monday through Friday for an eight hour shift. As we routinely monitor the department's roster, responses to calls, the aging membership, recruiting of new members, we strive to prove the best of service possible and adjust to the future needs.

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2009 through 2014.

	2014	2013	2011	2011	2010	2009
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	7.7%	9.0%	9.6%	7.0%	4.3%	8.8%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	14.2	15.3	12.9	16.6	15.8	10.1
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	19.1	21.6	24.1	22.0	34.4	24.7
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	59.0	54.2	53.4	54.4	45.5	57.2
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Number of Calls	388	445	395	384	334	320

In closing, I look forward towards the challenges in 2015 as Fire Chief in the upcoming year.

Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours!**

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

## General Government

### Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

The Fire Department, Town Forest Warden, Deputies and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact Chief Jones or the Fire Department to determine if a 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. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help 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.nhdfl.org](http://www.nhdfl.org).

This past fire season started in early April with the first reported fire on April 7th. April, which is the traditional start to our spring fire season, began very dry with unseasonably dry conditions continuing through the entire month. This dry pattern continued through the first half of May. 80% of our reported fires this season occurred during this six week period. The largest fire was 24 acres, occurring in the Town of Tamworth. From mid May through early September, above average rainfall kept our total acreage burned statewide at 72 acres. This is the smallest amount of acreage burned statewide in several years. Late August through late September though brought a dry trend to northern areas, resulting in several deep-burning remote fires. Our fire danger days correlated well with the days that there were fires actually reported. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on Class III or higher fire danger days. Our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2014 season threatened structures, and a few structures were burned, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees.

Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire 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](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, Meredith Fire, and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

#### 2014 Fire Statistics:

(All fires reported as of November 2014)

(figures do not include...fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	3.1	5
Carroll	24	4
Cheshire	6.8	7
Coos	5.3	18
Grafton	8.2	32
Hillsborough	6.1	20
Merrimack	15.5	11
Rockingham	1.1	8
Strafford	0.4	5
Sullivan	1.5	2

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## Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger continued...

Total	Fires	Total Acres
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206
2011	125	42
2010	360	145

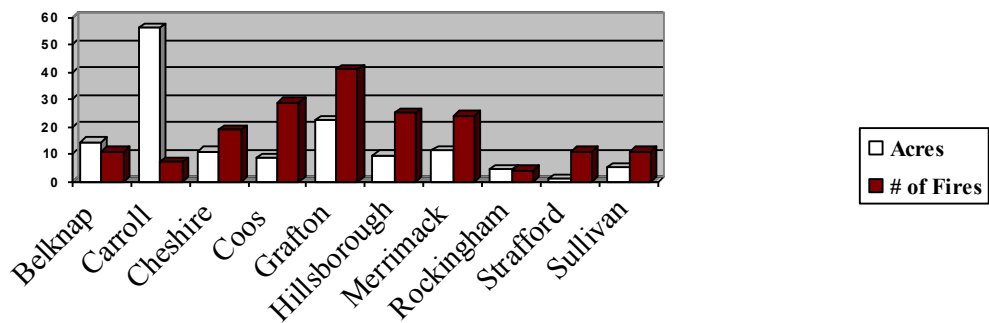
Causes of Fires Reported	
Arson	2
Debris	52
Campfire	10
Children	2
Smoking	5
Railroad	0
Equipment	5
Lightning	1
Misc.*	35

Only You Can Prevent  
Wildland Fire

\*Misc.: power lines,  
fireworks,  
electric fences, etc.



Photos provided by:  
Jen Weeks, Director  
Kidworks Learning Center



# General Government

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## Public Works

This has been another exciting year for our four divisions of Highway, Solid Waste, Buildings and Grounds and Cemetery. Limited staff has made scheduling and completion of jobs and projects challenging. But we have persevered and with the hard work of all of our staff have completed several large projects.

Highway Division: We had a year of extensive paving for many Town roads. A 2,500 ft. section of Old Hubbard Road was rebuilt with new drainage, curbing and gravel sub-base. Main Street and Waukegan Streets both had much needed “face lifts”. We were long overdue for overlay on Main Street. The overlay that was done this year will extend the life of these two roads a few more years while we work up a Master Plan to develop and design the roads and replacement of the water and sewer infrastructure and drainage under them. Over 70,000 square yards of chip sealing was done on many roads throughout the Town, stabilizing these roads, proving good road driving surfaces and done at a much lower cost than paving. Many old, rusted drainage culverts and catch basins were replaced on Town roads. We also completed a major drainage project on Circle Drive near the Community Center replacing old, deteriorated infrastructure. Pete Bushnell, Heavy Equipment Operator, retired from the Highway crew after 17 years. Keith Wells, a Highway Maintenance employee was moved up to the Heavy Equipment Operator position. Keith has an extensive background with heavy equipment operation. Brian Grinavic was moved up to the Highway Maintenance position and truck driver. Brian worked many years in our Buildings and Grounds Division doing building maintenance and repairs and grounds maintenance work. He also operated the sidewalk tractor and assisted the highway crews with snow plowing as needed.

Solid Waste Division: We continue to strive to increase our recycling efforts every year. The combined efforts of our staff and our residents along with the assistance of the Northeast Resource Recycling Association have brought our recycling efforts to yield the highest return possible when we market our recyclables, while reducing waste. We once again applied for and received a grant from the NH the Beautiful organization, which will be used to upgrade our solid waste equipment with the purchase of two new storage containers.

Buildings & Grounds: With the moving of Brian Grinavic to Highway, we hired Bob O’Neill full time. Bob has worked in our Solid Waste facility and also in our Buildings and Grounds division part time for several years. He brings his years of experience in both divisions to this position. The BG crew has worked diligently to keep our parks looking better than ever this summer. We have had a record number of weddings and other events scheduled in our parks this year. We have also had a large number of geese enjoying the company of the coyotes in the parks! This has made it challenging for the crews to try to limit the guest geese and their impact so they can maintain the cleanliness and beauty of the parks. We had repairs made to the Town docks due to damage from ice out.

Cemetery: We have experienced a record number of cremations. This seems to be the trend. Our Cemetery Sexton, John Calvin, does a great job, with some assistance from the buildings and grounds crews, in maintaining the cemeteries grounds. He has kept up outlying small cemeteries and repaired aging, broken headstones. The growing season was never ending this year and resulted in much more grounds maintenance and care.

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## Public Works continued...

Office: Our Public Works office staff was kept busy as well with many walk-ins, calls, e-mails and requests for service; sales of solid waste facility permits, issuing park and facility use permits, sign permits, driveway permits, assisting residents and summer tourists and maintaining our building and vehicle maintenance records and files.

I am excited to say that the Future Feasibility Study has begun for the future building of a new highway garage/public works facility to replace the aging and deteriorating 1965 garage structure on Jenness Hill Road. Still in the “infancy” stage it will continue over the next 18 months, involving a great deal of research, planning and development.

I would like to thank the public for their continued cooperation and understanding for our public works efforts. We strive to provide safe year-round transportation, clean and well maintained Town parks, sidewalks and streets, as well as recycling efforts eliminating waste and bringing in revenue, while performing routine and emergency maintenance to protect the investment of our town infrastructure, buildings, grounds and cemeteries. I would also like to thank all my staff for their continued efforts in performing their jobs well every day no matter what the day brings. Another thanks goes to the other departments in Town for their cooperation with us, helping us to perform our jobs. Together we all make Public Works a success! May 2015 be a great year for all of us!

Best regards,  
Michael Faller  
Public Works Director

In 2014, the Town of Meredith was awarded a grant from NH the Beautiful (NHtB) in the amount of \$2,160.00. This grant was used toward the purchase of two covered storage containers and will assist the Town by providing the storage capacity to allow the transfer station to accumulate a large enough load of recycled materials to get a higher market value based on the quantity.

NH the Beautiful, Inc. ([www.nhthebeautiful.org](http://www.nhthebeautiful.org)) is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983. All NHtB funding comes from voluntary donations made by the soft drink, grocery, and malt beverage industries in NH.

NHtB has been helping New Hampshire communities improve their recycling programs for over 30 years by providing equipment grants and recycling signs as well as offering discounted pricing on recycling bins and containers.

NHtB New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc., also supports the NRRRA School Education Program (the CLUB). The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) ([www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)) is administrator for the New Hampshire the Beautiful programs.

NH the Beautiful is pleased to support the Town of Meredith in its efforts to improve its recycling program.



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## Public Works continued...

### NRRA

*“Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions”*

Northeast Resource Recovery Association, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH 03234

Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402

E-mail: [info@nrra.net](mailto:info@nrra.net) Web Site: [www.nrra.net](http://www.nrra.net)

Meredith, NH...Congratulations for being such active recyclers!

Below please find information on the positive impact this recycling has had on your environment.

The recyclable materials listed below were sent to market to be remanufactured into new products through your non-profit recycling organization, the Northeast Resource Recovery Association.

Recyclable Material	Amount Recycled In 2014	Environmental Impact!
		Here is only one benefit of using this recycled material rather than natural resources(raw materials) to manufacture new products.
Electronics	58,502 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 9.7 houses for one year!
Paper	263.33 tons	Saved 4,477 trees!
Plastics	84,540 lbs.	Conserved 63,405 gallons of gasoline!
Scrap Metal	142.15 gross tons	Conserved 141,863 pounds of coal!
Steel Cans	10.3 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 599,664 hours!
Tires	14.4 tons	Conserved 14.4 barrels of oil!

As a member of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), your community has access to all the services of this first in the nation, 33-year old recycling cooperative.

Your member-driven organization provides you with:

- Up-to-date **Technical Assistance** in waste reduction and recycling including solid waste contract negotiations;
- **Cooperative Marketing** to maximize pricing and **Cooperative Purchasing** to minimize costs;
- Current **Market Conditions** and Latest **Recycling Trends, both regionally and nationwide**;
- **Innovative Programs** (i.e. Dual Stream, Consolidation and Single Stream);
- **Educational and Networking Opportunities** through our Annual Recycling Conference, our new Bi-weekly “Full of Scrap” email news, monthly Marketing meetings, **members' only website**, workshops and Fall Facility Tours;
- **School Recycling Club** - a program to assist schools to promote or advance their recycling efforts;
- **NH DES Continuing Ed Credits**;

Through your continued support and dedication,  
NRRA has assisted our members to recycle over 69,686 tons in fiscal year 2013-2014!



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## Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2014. Community members have shared their time and talents as youth sports coaches, field trip chaperones, special event helpers, and many other roles to help make Meredith a wonderful place to live and work. Among our many dedicated volunteers is Nancy Lavigne, who has nearly single handedly cared for and nurtured the Community Center garden over the last six years. Nancy has given her heart and soul to the garden and the community has benefited greatly from her efforts, as we have enjoyed its growth and development. Thank you Nancy!

Thank you also to members of the Friends of Parks and Recreation, and a special thank you to the Public Works and the Water and Sewer Departments for their generous provision of time, equipment, and expertise, which allows us to effectively complete maintenance tasks and projects. Thank you to volunteers Brian Grinivac (Gunstock Ski Program), Matt Tremblay (Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting), and Nancy Gallagher (Lacrosse Program) for their assistance.

Thanks also for the support and cooperation we receive from the Inter-Lakes Youth Soccer Association, Babe Ruth Youth Softball League, Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League, Bill Lamper Youth Basketball League, Babe Ruth and Legion Baseball teams, and the Lakes Region Flag Football League.

We would also like to thank our Parks & Recreation Department team members and Program Counselors who provide professional services in their respective fields to help create a warm and positive atmosphere around our programs and facilities. They take great pride in offering interesting and healthy recreational opportunities to our community.

### Facility Improvements and Projects

The Parks and Recreation maintenance team continued its dedication to providing some of the finest athletic fields and facilities in the Lakes Region, as evidenced by the many organizations that scheduled tournaments on nearly every weekend in 2014. Demand for the use of our fields continues to increase each year. Maintenance Supervisor Russ Weeks initiated an energy audit to make the operation of our buildings and facilities as energy efficient as possible. Steps will be taken both short term and long term to conserve energy. The Organic Turf Management program implemented in 2010 continues to be improved and refined, providing quality playing surfaces and green spaces for people to safely enjoy.

### Community Center Flourishes

Although heavy demand for use of the Community Center was predicted prior to opening the facility in 2006, actual usage has surpassed expectations. Demand for the Community Center continued to be strong in 2014. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted several different public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school department, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center serves as a valuable location for numerous Non-Profit organizations as well private bookings such as birthday parties, reunions, weddings and so on. The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department has registered 2,958 families and 6,717 members for programs it has offered since opening the Community Center. In 2014 the Community Center received 7,500 registrations for the Parks and Recreation Department's high school and middle school after school "drop in" program, where students have the opportunity to choose their own activities in both the activity center and game room.

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## Parks and Recreation continued...

A list of 2014 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided to the right of this page.

The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for our future needs. We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

### SUCCEEDING IN TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES:

THANK YOU SPONSORS & STAFF! Thanks to the efforts of our Program Director, Sarah Perkins, Parks and Recreation Department staff members as a whole, and through generous support from our local merchants, civic groups, and private citizens; the following events were successfully held: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Concert, Easter Egg Hunt, Family Halloween Bash and the annual Tree Lighting/Holiday Open House. A special thank you goes out to Kim Hamel and Sara Dubois, who volunteered their time and talent for all of our family events. This is an accomplishment that we are very proud of and at the same time we are very appreciative of the generous sponsorships that we received making it all possible.

I would like to acknowledge the following for their support:

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Easter Egg Hunt	Altrusa & FRIENDS of Parks & Rec.
Halloween Bash	FRIENDS of P&R + Private Donations
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Concert	Inns & Spa at Mill Falls
Holiday Open House	FRIENDS of P&R + Private Donations

### JIM DURKEE MEMORIAL FUND

Jim Durkee served as a physical education teacher and coach at Inter Lakes High School for 42 years. Jim also worked with the Parks and Recreation Department's summer camp program during the 1970's and 80's. After Jim's passing in April we were honored to be chosen by Jim's family as the recipient of the Jim Durkee Memorial Fund. The fund provides children with the opportunity to participate in programs offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department.

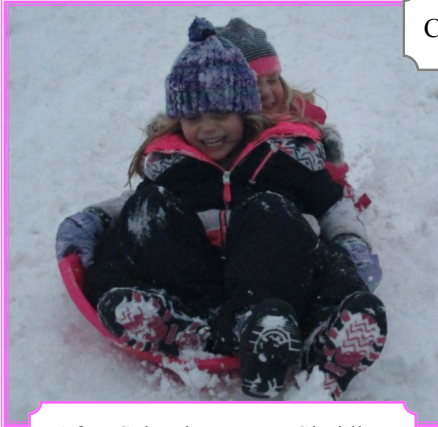
<u>Programs and Number of Participants</u>	
After School Program	26
Summer Camp Can Do (ages 5-14)	85
Echo Lake Field Trip	49
Polar Caves Field Trip	48
Whales Tale Field Trip	62
Canobie Lake Field Trip	40
Santa's Village Field Trip	30
Counselor in Training Program	15
Theatre Camp	27
Swim Lessons	66
School Vacation Camps	73
Full Day & Half Day Camps (no school)	80
Youth Dodgeball	168
Youth Matball	158
Gunstock Ski Program	34
Coed Youth Soccer Program	60
Coed T-Ball	31
Craft Fair Vendors	24
Craft Fair Attendees	150+
Red Sox Trip	39
Preschool Playgroup	51
Kidz Creation	3
Senior Exercise	42
Holiday Movie Night	55
Adult Pickleball	39
P/U Men's Basketball	411
Birthday Party	41
Adult Coed Volleyball	42
Climbing Wall Drop Ins	47
Skate Park Drop-ins	597
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	100+
Hershey Track & Field Program	28
North Pole Calling	50
Dance & Hesky Family Concert	150+
Community Center Drop-Ins	7500
4th of July Concert	400
Annual Easter Egg Hunt	275
Holiday Open House	150
Fall Family Fun & Halloween Party	150

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 2015.

Sincerely,  
Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP  
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director



# General Government



After School Program Sledding

Camp Can Do Echo Lake Field Trip



Youth Soccer

Camp Can Do Garden Project



Pickle Ball



Gunstock Ski Program



T-Ball



Camp Can Do "Wildlife Encounters"



Easter Egg Hunt

Winter Vacation Tubing Trip





## General Government

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### Meredith Public Library

This year the Trustees began work to plan the library's future. The safety, space and ADA compliance needs of the building need to be addressed and renovations will be very costly. The Trustees decided before proceeding further, they needed to create a Master Plan for the library's future. First, a Master Plan Committee was formed whose charge was to research the needs of the Town of Meredith. They first looked to see what services were already offered in Town in order to find out where the library might be able to assist or to fill gaps in the community. Second, they researched what the future of the Public Library is in the United States and visited recently renovated or built libraries nearby. Finally, they surveyed and spoke to the community to find out what citizens want from their library.

During Public Outreach sessions, the community expressed a desire to know what it would cost to renovate and add-on to the current library versus building a new structure. Where library patrons are sentimentally attached to the 115-year-old building, the public did realize that retrofitting an historic building to meet the needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century user could be costly. In response to this, the Trustees have hired a library consultant to design a building program. The consultant will take the Master Plan Committee's findings, use standard models for what a community of this size requires in a public library as far as space, furniture, safety and ADA compliance needs and then design a building program based on this information. This program will be given to a cost estimator who will figure what it will cost to do the program in the current space versus a new space. This information will then be taken back to the community. The Trustees will then design a master plan that will either focus on renovating the historic structure or building a new one.

Since the building is in the custody of the Trustees, they needed to address issues with deteriorating chimneys and masonry, as well as water-seepage. With the aid of a \$70,000 L-CHIP grant and funding from the tax-payers of Meredith, the Trustees have begun a project to restore the library's chimneys, replace the integrated gutter system with a similar gutter system and repoint the masonry. A drainage project was completed in 2014 with the bulk of the work to be completed in 2015.



While the Trustees were working on building issues and planning the future, the staff continued its outstanding service to patrons. Youth Services saw an increase of 15% in attendance at their in-library classes and events, with Teen attendance doubling! Youth Services Librarian John Locke attributes this increase to the 118 outreach visits he and Assistant Youth Services Librarian Karen Henchey made in the community in 2014. Spreading the word about what the library has to offer has brought in more students.

Adult Services also nearly doubled attendance at library events this year. With outstanding NH Humanities lectures, two book groups, Computer Club, Genealogy Club and various classes throughout the year, the community sees the library as a place of continuing education. Systems Librarian Christopher Leland has been teaching computer classes at the Senior Center twice per month and Library Aide Cherie Gable has been working with the Altrusa Club to provide delivery service to homebound patrons. Providing service to the community outside of our four walls has helped to bring in new library patrons.



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### Meredith Public Library continued...

The Trustees, staff and I wish to thank the Friends of the Meredith Library for all of their hard work throughout the year. This year they brought in around \$11,000.00 through their fundraising efforts including the Book Sale, the annual Book-It 5K, membership drive and by selling books at local antique stores. The Friends sponsor our Ancestry.com subscription, Museum passes, promotional materials and many of our classes and events. They maintain our All-American Selections Display garden and decorate the library for the various holidays throughout their year. Most importantly, they are the library's strongest supporters in all of our endeavors and that support is greatly appreciated.



This year our garden saw an addition of a lovely dragonfly sculpture which is part of the Greater Meredith Program's Sculpture walk. Thank you to the GMP for providing us with the statue, for providing the plants for our garden annually and for giving us a grant to redesign our front yard.

Finally thank you to Paul Ristaino and his crew at Buildings and Grounds for keeping our grounds maintained. We appreciate all that you do for us.

Circulation...		Statistics...	
DVDs, CDs, Audio Books	26,738	Reference Questions Answered	1,748
Books	45,898	Number of Registered Patrons	4,939
Magazines	2,107	Internet Usage	5,033
Interlibrary Loans	2,554		
eBooks and eAudios	6,799		
Museum Passes	227	Acquisitions...	
Telescope	22	DVDs, CDs, Audio Books	544
<i>Total Circulation</i>	84,345	Books	3,584
		Gifts	42
		Lost/Discarded	4,693
		<i>Total Inventory</i>	40,614

A successful and strong library is a reflection of the community that it serves.

Thank you to all of our patrons for another amazing year.

Erin Apostolos  
Library Director



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## Police

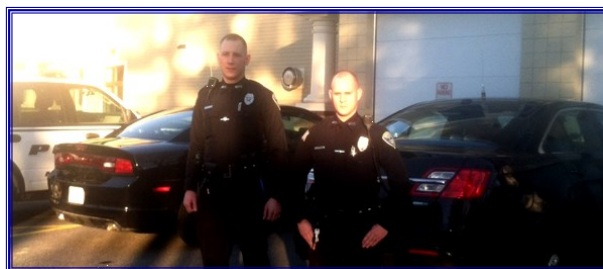
Chief of Police, Kevin A. Morrow

*“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.”*

Lately, the media has been zealously accused of over dramatizing already skewed perceptions of law enforcement’s dealings with the masses across the nation. It serves only to bear a sad reflection that society would choose to react negatively and sometimes violently, to such perceptions. That being said, I believe it only hardens the mission statement above, in a positive way; the mission that every man and woman of the Meredith Police Department strictly adheres to on a daily basis and it shows. We believe in upholding the laws that govern our community, everyone’s rights, lives and families. We believe it for the greater good.

With that, I would like to welcome, again, our two newest recruits, who graduated on December 12, 2014 from the 165<sup>th</sup> New Hampshire Police Academy.

Officers Michael Rand (on the left) and Kevin Raymond (on the right) have joined our ranks this year.



Officer Rand is a native to the Lakes Region area, having lived in Tilton, New Hampshire most of his life. After several years of running a successful business with his father, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and still actively serves with Bravo 1/25 out of Londonderry, New Hampshire. He and his wife, Catherine, and daughter, Cassidy, currently reside in New Hampton. Officer Raymond, originally from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, eventually moved to Winchester, NH, finished up high school there and joined the U.S. Marine Corps. He actively served for nine years and in making a career change, opted for pursuing law enforcement. He and his wife, Alisha, moved to Meredith from the Seacoast in May of this year and he is “enjoying the job and the great atmosphere of Meredith”. As we have been severely short-staffed for the past couple of years, they are a welcome addition to our family here at Meredith PD and our community that we serve and protect.

So, in between officers and supervisors having their schedules constantly ‘adjusted’ to maintain shift coverage (we thank our extended families of wives, husbands and children for being so understanding), we have to factor in time for required and mandated training.

For 2014, the Meredith Police Department had a total of 2,255 hours of training, which included, but was not limited to the following:

- \* DWI Crash Investigations
- \* Firearms Qualifications & Civil Liability
- \* Hazards Planning for School
- \* Juveniles with Mental Health Needs
- \* SPOTS & NCIC training
- \* Intoxilyzer & Breath Testing Recertification
- \* Firearms Instructor Recertification.

## General Government

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### Police continued...

With 2015 literally around the corner, I would like to post a few friendly reminders. I have applied for DWI and Speeding Grants again, which will be conducted throughout 2015 and at several different locations within Town. Officers will continue to handle ILHS/ILES school traffic on NH Route 25 at Laker Lane for the current school year; please remember that they are out there and give yourself a few extra minutes for travel. The 92<sup>nd</sup> Motorcycle Week is scheduled for June 13-21 and we kindly remind everyone to be extra cautious and courteous on the roads with the annual inundation of motorcycle traffic.

If you are traveling or will be away from home for any length of time, you are always welcome to fill out a Property/House Check Request form (which you can either pick up at the police department or print on-line through the website). If you have an alarm at your residence and/or business, please feel free to let us know you have had one installed or are just checking in to make sure that what we have on file is updated.

In closing, I would like to reiterate that the men and women of the Meredith Police Department are committed to performing our jobs with fairness, respect and compassion towards all.

We wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Morrow  
Chief of Police

2014 S T A T I S T I C S	Activities	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	Calls for Service	13,668	12,621	13,498	13,321	12,061	11,590
	Traffic Violations	2,869	2,748	3,039	2,674	2,205	2,236
	Arrests	311	299	313	271	246	229
	Accidents	244	207	242	271	249	178
	Incidents	519	497	494	523	493	371
	Animal Calls		374	466	464	351	351
	Warrants				55	46	59



# General Government

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## Emergency Management

Kevin A Morrow, Meredith Emergency Management Director  
Chief Ken Jones, Assistant Emergency Management Director

In 2014 this was not a very active year for members of the Emergency Management team, which I'm very thankful for. We did have some emergency issues that happened, mostly power lines down, minor flooding, and trees across the roads.

Meredith Hazards Mitigation Plans serves as a means to reduce future losses from natural or man-made hazard events before they occur. In 2014 these Hazards Mitigation Plans were reviewed with the assistance of Lakes Region Planning Commission, Town Manager, Public Works, Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Community Development, Superintendent SAU, Stewarts Ambulance, and our Heath officer.

The Committee agreed that most of the hazards identified in the 2009 Plan continue today; with the addition of wildfire and earthquake, along with the expansion of types of severe wind hazards, changing epidemic to health hazards, consolidating most winter hazards. The Committee determined those natural and human related hazards which pose at least a moderate risk, based on a rating system detailed in the Meredith Plans.

In its effort to further reduce the vulnerability of the Town to future hazards, the Committee developed a list of 32 general and hazard-specific actions. These actions were prioritized based on local criteria; some identified action are intended to mitigate hazards while other are aimed at preparedness or response.

In 2015 the Committee will be reviewing the Town's Local Emergence Operations Plan.

On behalf of Chief Ken Jones and myself, I would like to thank the community for all their help and patience, assisting the Town and our neighbors to get through the many issues that burdened us over the past years.



# General Government

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## Water and Sewer

The Meredith Water Department is committed to providing the community with the safest drinking water possible, and enough supply to meet its demand for both consumption and fire protection. The Water Department adheres to regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). Lake Waukewan is the Town's source for drinking water and for more information on your drinking water please refer to the annually published CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) which is available on-line and in hard copy in Town offices.

The Water Department staff continues proactively to maintain the water treatment plant, two water booster stations, 18 miles of aging water mains, well over 100 hydrants, and the town's 1.5 million gallon water tower. A comprehensive asset management study began in 2013 was completed in 2014.

The Meredith Sewer Department maintains the collection system which consists of over 20 miles of sewer mains, 5 lift stations, and over 300 manholes. The staff regularly performs maintenance on the pump stations and sewer main cleaning activities to keep everything flowing properly.

All wastewater is sent to through an inter-municipal transmission line to the Winnepesaukee River Basin Treatment Facility in Franklin New Hampshire. This facility is owned and operated by the state of New Hampshire. Its associated expenses accounts for more than 50% on the towns sewer budget.

The Water and Sewer Department have a combined staff of five employees faithfully devoted to safely providing quality customer service to our 1,200 water customers and 1,400 sewer customers. Every staff member is licensed to operate both our water and sewer systems. We work 7 days a week and are on-call 24/7 for emergencies.

*Lake Waukewan*

If you have any questions, comments, or complaints please feel free to call 279-3046 or drop by our office at 50 Waukewan Street during office hours Monday – Friday.

Thank you,

Daniel Leonard  
Water & Sewer Superintendent



## Supported Outside Agencies

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### American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

#### Legion Officers

Robert V. Kennelly, Commander    Justin Sargent, Sgt-at-Arms    Perry Taylor, Junior Vice Commander  
Michael Gould, Judge Advocate    Sam Blake, Senior Vice Commander    Henry Hall, Chaplin  
Marc Sullivan, Adjutant    Elliot Finn, Service Officer    Casey Smith, Historian  
Herbert Vadney, Finance Officer  
Chuck Thorndike, Commander Honor Guard

#### Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Mary Ballou, President    Amanda Baker, Treasurer    Billie Jo Furbish, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Jeanne Almieda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President    Mary Ballou, Sgt-at-Arms  
Karen Casazza, Secretary    Fran Milliken, Chaplin

#### Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Officers

Jim Hurd, Commander    Neal MacDonald, Chaplin    Jeff Wyatt, Sr. Vice Commander  
James Hurd, Historian    Ron Linke, Jr., Junior Vice Commander    Eric Riley, Sgt-At-Arms  
Barry Weeks, Treasurer and Adjutant

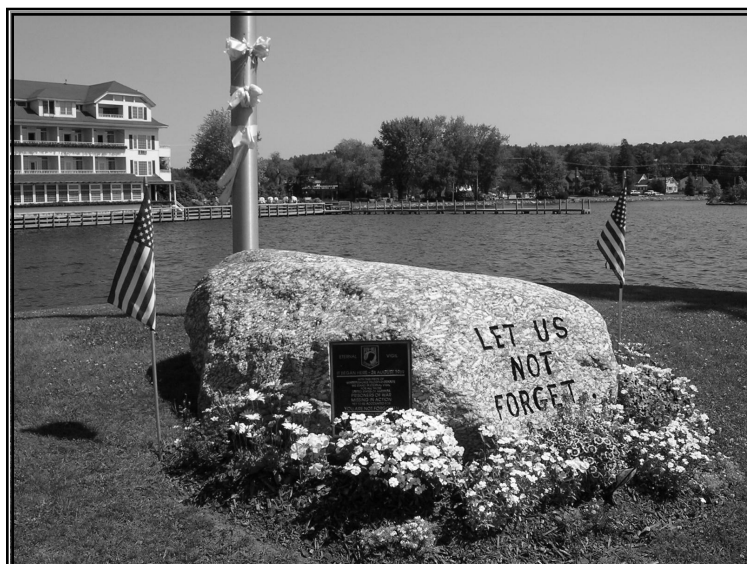
The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 80 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 120 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

The Fishing Derby in February  
Memorial Day  
The Fourth of July  
Meredith Home Day and  
Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August  
The Annual 9/11 Ceremony and Tribute  
Halloween    Veterans Day    Thanksgiving  
Christmas  
New Years Eve and New Years Day

Please check the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun, the Laconia Citizen or at the Post for dates and times. Post phone number is 279-8503.

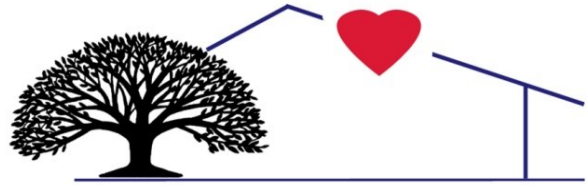


## Supported Outside Agencies

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### Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice received \$10,000 in funding from the Town of Meredith to help support the provision of home based Pediatric and Hospice/Palliative Care services to the residents of Meredith.



**Pediatric Services** – Home visits by a registered nurse are provided to infants and their parents following the delivery or adoption of a child to assess the infant, teach infant care and support the new parents. The agency also provides supportive home based nurse visits to families of children who are considered to be medically or socially at risk in order to improve the child's health and behavioral outcomes. Finally, the agency offers Child Development Screening and the Partners in Health program for families of children with chronic medical conditions. The latter programs receive some funding from the state, but they also rely on community funding to be available to all communities. Last year, the agency provided 115 visits to 27 Meredith children through these services.

**Hospice & Palliative Care** – *Palliative Care Services* are directed toward relieving symptoms and improving the quality of life for those affected by serious illness. *Hospice Services* provide medical and nursing care, spiritual and emotional support, volunteer assistance and needed medications and equipment to people at the end of life and to their families. Supportive family services are continued for 13 months following the death. Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is licensed by the state and certified by Medicare and Medicaid to provide these comprehensive services. Our team of professionals is certified in this specialty, and our volunteers are extensively trained to provide support. Last year, the agency provided 2,356 home visits to 64 Meredith residents through this program.

Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice is grateful for the support of the town of Meredith. We welcome referrals, and we are happy to respond to questions about our services. In addition, we are happy to speak to your church or community group about Palliative Care and Hospice. Please call 524-8444.



Rev. John Davies leads the Tree of Memories Ceremony at Moulton Farm in Meredith





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### Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 250 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership.

The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open year round. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2014 were Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Molly Landrigan, and Adrienne Stevens.

The Chamber maintains a website which lists all Chamber members, is registered with the major search engines, and provides members with advertising opportunities. Community organizations are also listed on the site, as well as a comprehensive calendar of events. Again this year, the Chamber conducted an advertising campaign designed to entice people to visit the area and we produced and distributed a four color, 24 page high quality brochure which was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, as well as at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center. The brochure is also mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber.

Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, the Awards Ceremony at the Annual Meeting and several Business After Hours events. The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all updated. In addition, the Chamber assists many community organizations in the promotion of their events.

Photo from:  
The Meredith Area  
Chamber of Commerce Website.



The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the Town in carrying out its many projects.

Susan Cerutti  
Executive Director

## Supported Outside Agencies

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### Child and Family Services

Once again, Child and Family Services is pleased to have received town funding to assist us in serving the residents of Meredith. Town support, along with other funding sources, is critical to our being able to offer a wide range of services to children and their families without regard to income. All of the agency's services are affordable and accessible to families in need.

Over 70% of the services we offer to children, youth and their families take place in community, school and home-based settings. Funding provided by the Town mainly supports our Family and Children's Counseling program, making it possible for us to reach out to children who have experienced trauma and/or abuse, who have been impacted by poverty or whose families are in crisis. Challenged by unemployment or working more than one low-paying job, being uninsured or underinsured, and facing higher levels of stress due to short finances, leads to emotional stress. This combination of unrelenting pressure and limited resources can lead to a cycle of coping difficulties, emotional outbursts or withdrawal, chronic relationship conflicts that can interfere with positive decision-making, healthy actions and parenting and school failure. Nine families received family counseling supportive services last year.

Community support makes it possible for CFS to deliver a range of therapeutic and family support services to residents. In 2014, we provided mental health counseling for children to improve school performance, services preventing adolescent substance abuse and risky behaviors, remediating child abuse and neglect and facilitating family reunification services. Funding awarded by the town has allowed us to maintain our tradition of providing effective, affordable services to low-income children, youth and families.

Every dollar the community invests in Child and Family Services is returned many times over in the value of services provided to residents. In 2014, we delivered free and reduced services valued at \$17,500 to Meredith residents. Having local support makes it possible for us to apply for state and federal contracts and charitable funds from foundations. We continue to count on your help to be able to offer a full range of quality, professional services to children and their families who otherwise could not afford them because they lack insurance or are underinsured. 85% of the families we serve live below the federal poverty guidelines. If our programs were not available to them, they would undoubtedly turn to the town for public assistance.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to serve the most needy, vulnerable families without regard to income. Town support also makes it possible for us to secure a range of other charitable and public dollars that require local matching funds.

Child and Family Services is New Hampshire's oldest charitable social service organization. We have been serving New Hampshire children and families for 164 years. In addition to our local offices in Laconia and Franklin, residents can access our services from our Concord site on N. State Street and Camp Spaulding in Penacook, NH or Manchester program sites: at 464 Chestnut Street and Teen Outreach Center, 99 Hanover Street where we serve runaway and homeless youth.

For further information about any of these services please call (800) 640-6486 or visit our website at [www.cfsnh.org](http://www.cfsnh.org).

Submitted by:  
Ruth Zax

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### Community Action Program

The mission of Community Action is to work with low-income families, the elderly and those with handicapping conditions to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The Agency accomplishes this task by providing a broad array of programs that are locally defined, planned and managed. During the past year, we have provided \$656,082 in services through the area center. In Meredith, we help with fuel and electric assistance, security deposits, emergency assistance and food from the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry. We also work hand-in-hand with other organizations to meet the needs of our residents. For those who are unable to come to the CAP office, we visit their homes and assess how we can help them. Our staff conducts the initial intake and redetermination of eligibility for Meals on Wheels. A portion of our funding that allows us to offer these services comes from the towns we serve. Meredith has been very supportive of our efforts over the years, and we are thankful for the Town's continued commitment to our programs. For more information, please contact us at 279-4096 or stop by our office at 147 Main Street.



Bob Adams, Meredith Area Center Director

### Meredith Historical Society

The Society's purpose is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The purpose also includes maintaining the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum, and the Main Street Museum to house our collection. The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museums buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed. The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of a stipend for the greeter for our Main Street Museum during the summer.



The Main Street museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day four days a week Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The Farm Museum is open Saturday afternoons during the summer to Columbus Day on Saturdays from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and is staffed by volunteers. Arrangements can be made to visit the museum at other times by calling 279-1190. Again this year there were visitors from all over the US and other Countries. From May through November, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, the Society sponsors programs and activities that increase awareness of town history. The topics this last year included: "After the Ice Age – the Archeology of the First Granite Staters", NH Boat Museum, "A Walk back in Time – Secrets of Cellar Holes", "Exemplary Country Estates of NH", "NH One Room Rural Schools", "Y Landing and stories of summer camps on the islands" and "Birds of the White Mountains". All programs are open to the general public and are free of charge.

The Society would like to thank the many volunteers for their help cataloguing articles, cleaning textiles, organizing exhibits, creating window displays, hosting the Farm Museum, providing refreshments for the meetings, baking for the bake sale and maintaining the buildings. The Society is grateful for the consideration and support of all the people in the Town of Meredith, making it possible for the Society to continue to serve the public.

George Jewell, President



# Supported Outside Agencies

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## Genesis

RESPECT    ADVOCACY    INTEGRITY    STEWARDSHIP    EXCELLENCE



*“A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire’s future well-being.”~ 2014 Sentinel Event Review Report*

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health, your community mental health center.

The appropriation we received from the Town of Meredith’s 2014 budget helped us support the cost of providing emergency mental health care to the residents of your town. Genesis Behavioral Health is available to provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Meredith experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014), we served **217 Meredith residents and provided Emergency Services to 27 Meredith residents.** We provided **\$33,293.99 in charity care.**

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	61
Ages 18 – 61	107
Age 62 and over	49

Access to mental health care has been identified as a priority community need for both Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. Reduced access to treatment leads to increased demand on many of the systems in our community, including emergency rooms, law enforcement, first responders, courts, corrections, schools and municipalities like yours. The economic cost of untreated mental illness is more than \$100 billion each year in the United States, causing unnecessary disability, unemployment, substance abuse, homelessness, inappropriate incarceration, suicide and wasted lives (National Alliance on Mental Illness, 2011).

Your investment is critical to the sustainability of the Emergency Services program. The repercussions of reduced funding and limited access to mental health care are devastating for our communities. Mental health treatment helps people foster fulfilling, relationships, maintain stable employment and lead productive lives. Genesis Behavioral Health improved the health of 3,642 individuals last year. On behalf of all of them, we thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M. Pritchard". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin black horizontal line.

Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

111 Church Street • Laconia NH 03246 • Tel 603/524-1100 • Fax 603/528-0760 • [www.genesisbh.org](http://www.genesisbh.org)

### New Hampshire Humane Society

New Hampshire Humane Society, located on Meredith Center Road, Laconia is the oldest shelter in New Hampshire, pledged to care for the lost, abused, neglected and simply unwanted animals of the region.

Begun in 1900 as a refuge for battered women the 'Women's Humane Society' operated via a series of safe houses in Towns further south in the Granite State. Focusing on animal welfare issues, we changed our name to New Hampshire Humane Society in 1960, and settled in to address community needs relative to the lost, abused, abandoned, neglected, and simply unwanted animals of the region. Over time we have become one of the highest adopting animal shelters in the North East.



New Hampshire Humane Society provided animal care needs for stray and abandoned animals to the Town of Meredith for the year 2014. We are a resource, and offer support for the constituents of Meredith in matters related to animal welfare, adoption, relinquishment, training, education, and is a community resource for those with pet related needs. Animal control officials or Police Department officers, have 24 hour a day access for strays or abandoned animals from the Town.

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We offer many programs to the residents of Meredith. Notably two spay/neuter options: 1) SNAP Spay Neuter Assistance Program for reduced cost surgical sterilization of privately owned pets, and 2) our NO COST Fund for those truly in financial crisis. Both funds can be applied to via internet web access. Providing these two options helps reduce the numbers of unwanted kittens and puppies within the Town. We operate a pet food pantry for those who need help feeding their pets.

We offer education/outreach to students within the Meredith-Interlakes School System. We provide Volunteer opportunities for all over the age of 16. We encourage meaningful volunteerism and have a vibrant and robust Internship program for college students and those bound for the animal health fields from high school. Our Volunteers logged 8,273 hours of service in 2014.

New Hampshire Humane Society continues to advocate for the well-being of the animals of the region: speaking for those who cannot speak for themselves. As a registered 501 ( c ) 3 charity, we receive funding only from private donors, like minded stewards, local businesses, and contracts such as the one in place with the Town of Meredith that enable us to sustain the mission.

Animal activity in 2014 - from the Town of Meredith is as follows:

Transported by Police = 12 (10 dogs & 2 cats), Strays transported by citizens = 11 (3 dogs – 8 cats), Pets surrendered from Meredith = 19 (4 dogs – 1 puppy – 10 cats – 4 kittens), Cruelty calls = 0 in 2014, 22 families benefited from the Pet Food Pantry, 5 families accessed our Low Cost Spay/ Neuter Program 8 families used our Pet Welfare Spay/Neuter Fund, 22 families adopted a feline, 21 families adopted a canine

Respectfully submitted  
Marylee Gorham  
NHHS Executive Director  
[www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org)



**NH HUMANE SOCIETY**  
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### The Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a non-profit community economic development organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and Town-wide beautification. As GMP pursues these goals through direct advocacy and action, it strives to capture and extend the vision, energy and inter-organizational cooperation that make Meredith such a special place. Our vision for our Town is to be a year-round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, workforce, and visitors.



In the past eleven years, through its many projects, the GMP has created and enhanced many community assets. This does not include the countless in-kind donations of our volunteer's time and talents. The GMP continues to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders dedicated to bringing positive challenges to our community. Under the leadership of GMP President Rob Stephens and the GMP Board of Directors, the Greater Meredith Program supported ongoing programs and completed a number of new projects in 2014.

GMP's signature project and successful on-going initiative in 2014 was the **Meredith Sculpture Walk**. The Meredith Sculpture Walk is committed to developing awareness and enjoyment of public art in Meredith for residents and visitors. It is a year-round, outdoor, juried exhibition featuring works by twenty four New England artists. Sculptures are positioned in high visibility areas along Main Street, the Mill Falls Marketplace and in our lakeside Hesky and Scenic Parks.

It compliments our vision for our Town to be a year-round business, service and recreational/social hub for residents, workforce and visitors by attracting them to the downtown area. The Meredith Sculpture Walk committee, led by Co-Chairmen Bev Lapham and Sandy Sullivan, were dedicated and creative and took on individual responsibilities that made the project move forward. The MSW Committee was awarded the 2014 Civic Project Award by the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce.

Ongoing projects that the GMP supported in 2014 include The All American Display Garden on the lawn of the Meredith Library, an annual partnership of GMP with the Friends of the Meredith Library and the coordination with the town of the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Display for the community.

#### GMP Board of Directors & Committees

The Greater Meredith Program's board is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the mission of the organization. The GMP operates with the following committees, Design and Beautification, Fund Raising/Finance, Promotion, Economic Development, the Career Partnership Program and the Meredith Sculpture Walk. Each committee is comprised of board members and dedicated community volunteers.

GMP Officers and Board Members for 2014 included: Rob Stephens, *President*, Ted Fodero *Vice-President*, Dick Pendergast, *Treasurer*, Katheryn Rolfe *Secretary*, Liz Lapham, *Executive Director* and Jack Carty, John Cook, Jeanie Forrester, Audrey Goudie, Sam Laverak, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Miller Lovett, Rusty McLearn, Chris Williams and *Ex-officio members*: John Edgar, Mary Ellen Ormond and Phil Warren.

The GMP Board accepted with regret the resignations of Kara Martinez, Jacki Taylor and Matt Sawyer. New members joining the GMP Board for 2015 are Steve Durand and Bob Manley.

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### The Greater Meredith Program

The **GMP Promotion Committee** promotes the district, creates image campaigns, retail promotions, and special events to attract residents and visitors to the village. In 2014 they organized a “Cabin Fever” promotion in March, the “Drop Anchor” event, in conjunction with the Antique Boat Show in July and a “Spooktacular Series of Events”, in October, including a well received Scarecrow contest. The winter season culminated with a “Christmas Stroll in the Village” campaign partnering with the Meredith Village Galleries for their 5th Art Walk. Along with other community volunteers, the GMP Promotions Committee is facilitating the planning of Meredith’s 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 2018.

The **GMP Design/Beautification Committee** provides design advice, plans, organizes and develops projects. The Design Committee was involved with the redesign of the Hermit Woods Winery on Main Street and helping to create designs to improve the entry to the Meredith Library. The Greater Meredith Program’s Design Committee, working with the Town of Meredith and NHDOT coordinated a project to expose the ledge on Daniel Webster Highway beautifying the entrance to Meredith and improving better sight lines for drivers. In the spring of 2015, appropriate plants and ground cover will be planted to enhance the area.

The **GMP Beautification Committee**, working with the Town of Meredith, continues to plant over 100 trees in the next 5 years in the village. It also supported the installation of window boxes on Main Street for merchants storefronts and maintains and plants the Route 3 roundabout and Courtyard on Main Street.

The **Career Partnership Program (CPP)** is a public/private partnership between the GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District providing students the opportunity to explore future careers in hands-on working experiences. Rhonda Hanaway, Executive Director, who had successfully run the program resigned in August for a move out of state. She was thanked and praised by the GMP Board for her dedication and leadership. Allison Duffield was selected as the new Executive Director and continues the program of job shadows and internships for IL students.

At the GMP 2014 Annual Meeting, Richard Pendergast was recognized as the GMP Board Member of the Year. GMP Volunteers of the Year were awarded to Pam Coburn and Vickie Carty. GMP Honors Awards were presented to Nancy Lavigne and Rhonda Hanaway. Chris Kelly was given the GMP President’s Award for his service from 2011-2013.

For more information about the GMP or volunteer opportunities, please contact 603.279.9015 or [GMP@metrocast.net](mailto:GMP@metrocast.net) or [www.greatermeredithprogram.com](http://www.greatermeredithprogram.com).

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith and its residents for their continued support in helping us make Meredith a great place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Lapham, Executive Director

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### Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association



Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association, (formerly Visiting Nurses of Meredith and Center Harbor and Meredith Public Health Nursing Association), is your local non-profit home care/visiting nurse agency serving the Lakes Region. Our highly skilled, licensed, and professional staff provides nursing, rehabilitation therapies, speech therapy, personal care assistance, well-baby visits, pediatrics, end-of-life care, palliative care, and senior companion services within the home. Founded in 1923, the agency is a Medicare/Medicaid certified and licensed agency. Be sure to visit our website, [www.lrvna.org](http://www.lrvna.org), to help you answer questions about your present or future home health care needs; or call anytime at 603-279-6611. We accept all insurances.

#### **This Year at LRVNA**

As your local home health care provider, we are in an energized mode. In 2014 we expanded our service region so that we now cover Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Sandwich, Gilford and Laconia. Our staff has grown considerably and our year-to-date patient visits number over 10,000. This steady growth and a predictable future demand have led to additions to better serve you. If you've been by our Waukegan Street office lately you've seen some changes. In February, we acquired the lot next door. Today it is a tranquil spot for staff to spend some time, and is additional parking for our growing needs. We've finished an additional 400 square foot office space on the lower level. This will provide our ever-growing staff with eight additional fully equipped workstations. We are expanding the building and services for the local population which is 'graying and growing', as our communities are becoming retirement communities. In 2012, the National Center for Health Services estimated that 82.4% of those of us over sixty-five will use home health care. More and more families are seeking home care for themselves and their loved ones.

In 2014 LRVNA provided 8285 patient visits to Meredith Residents in home care and clinics. LRVNA continues to host a foot care clinic on the first Wednesday of every month at the Meredith Community Center. We also offer yearly flu vaccine clinics. We provide services for those who are not homebound in our Meredith office every Monday through Friday from 9 to 10 am and 1 to 2 pm. Stop by for a free blood pressure check. We also offer wound care, Coumadin testing, and injections for a small donation.

During this year, LRVNA has grown in size, in employees and in the number of towns we serve. We partnered with the Town of Moultonborough to give us the opportunity to serve the home healthcare needs of the residents of Moultonborough. This has allowed us to grow our services to also benefit the residents of Meredith. We've had a virtually seamless transition, and we're coming up on our one year anniversary of the partnership.

Debbie Peaslee is enjoying her role as Clinical Director for LRVNA. Debbie was the Director of the Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service for 32 years. Cheryl Gonzalo, Executive Director, and Debbie Peaslee, Clinical Director, bring strong administrative skills and professional medical knowledge to the task of leading and growing this home health care agency.

Remaining a small community-based visiting nurse agency is important to us. A part of our mission is to provide home care services to Meredith residents based on their need, not their ability to pay. Meredith's community support each year enables us to continue to meet that mission.



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### Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association

The present economic environment has led to more residents going without health insurance coverage, yet still in need of home health care services. LRVNA is the only home care agency that provides free home care services to Meredith residents. We are dedicated to providing care to Meredith residents in need. We of course continue to take Medicare, Medicaid, all private insurances, and donations. In celebration of our donors and supporters a plaque has been installed in the reception area of our building. A brass plate reads: "Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association Originally founded in 1923 as the Meredith Public Health Nursing Association gratefully acknowledges those who helped make this building a reality". We thank all of our donors for gifts large and small.

On Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, at the end of the annual Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Fair, LRVNA conducted the winner's drawing in our "Ticket to Ride" truck raffle. Our heartfelt thanks go to all the generous people who supported our raffle by purchasing tickets. This was much more than a raffle for us. By relying on Board Members and other volunteers to staff the various sales locations, we turned this fund raising event into a true community outreach program. It was also an effort designed to broadcast our services and to raise our service profile in the community. Many of the good folks to whom we talked had a story to tell about a visiting nurse who had touched their lives as a patient, a family member, a caregiver, or a neighbor. It was inspiring to hear of the heartfelt need and the high regard for the visiting nurse services.

We were also able to thank existing supporters in person and welcome new supporters to the LRVNA family. A major component of the raffle's success was the enthusiastic participation and support from 20 of our very civic minded, local businesses. All of the profits generated will be used to provide quality, affordable home health care to our neighbors.

This year, Dale Connolly, our office manager, announced her retirement after 24 years with LRVNA. We had a surprise send-off party for Dale at Hart's Turkey Farm. Dale was the center of many positive speeches, thank yous, and funny remembrances. She received a sapphire necklace and earring set from agency staff and Board of Directors, past and present. Dale left big shoes to fill and finding the right replacement was imperative. We were thrilled to receive 74 applications! After narrowing the field to four candidates, we extended an offer to Mary Elliard of Meredith. Mary began her role with us on September 29th, and has hit the ground running.

As your locally based visiting nurses, all of us at Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association are grateful to the residents of Meredith for their ongoing and strong support of this home care agency and its mission to this town.

Whenever you are in Meredith, please feel free to drop in, say hello, tour our facility, and discuss our many services that may be of help to you or your loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Gonzalo, Executive Director





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### Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as vacation and summer programs. The center provides services for over ninety 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, snacks and lunches. 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.

This year the center was able to support the local college community by hosting two practicum students throughout the year. We were fortunate to have a college student from Plymouth State University spend the Spring semester with us and a student from New Hampshire Technical Institute spend the Spring and Summer with us. We feel it's important to provide these learning opportunities for the students and provide them with hands on experience. The children enjoy having the college students at the center as well.

This was the 11th Anniversary of the Kidworks Learning Center food drive. It also was the second year that the center teamed up with Mill Falls at the Lake. We were able to double our fundraising efforts from the previous year.

The center continues to work on finishing up our playground project and making energy improvements to the building. The center had two new playground structures installed. We were fortunate to have a wonderful group of families build and install the structures for us. The children are very excited for the new structures. We were also able to continue our goal of making the building more energy efficient by replacing the old cooling system with a much more energy efficient unit.

On behalf of the families, staff, and Board of Directors of Kidworks Learning Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continued support of the center.

Jennifer Weeks  
Executive Director



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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.

Incorporated in 1971, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, licensed, tax-exempt community child care and education agency that provides exceptional and affordable early care and education to a diverse group of children from 6 weeks through 12 years of age.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center promotes comprehensive child development and family support for working parents through infant, toddler, preschool, and school age programs. I-LDCC provides a curriculum that is appropriate to the child's age and level of development, life experiences and interests while also relevant to the child's family and community and to areas of development such as cognitive, personal-social, physical, and creative-expressive.

I-LDCC seeks to help each child develop an appreciation for his or her uniqueness as well as a sense of respect and responsibility for others and oneself.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is open on a year-round basis at two sites from 6:30am to 5:30pm, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. The Center offers a full range of services including morning preschool, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation enrichment camps, and USDA approved healthy meals and snacks. Through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant and the State of New Hampshire, tuition based on income and family size is available for parents who are employed, in training, pursuing a degree or certificate, enrolled in a job search program or temporarily disabled.

Sincerely,

Connie Pelletier  
Executive Director



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### Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities according to state law for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and

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Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we are engaged in. The Commission offers direct and support services to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Meredith and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

#### Outreach

- ♦ Collected and safely disposed of household hazardous waste from residents at annual collection day.
- ♦ Discussed draft Development Trends timeline, survey results for the Town.
- ♦ Assisted community member in locating and photocopying early aerial photography of Meredith Neck.
- ♦ Request to search data for stratified drift and watershed boundaries in progress, on hold.
- ♦ Provided GIS data to the Town Community Development Director.
- ♦ Prepared map of Meredith Village for the Greater Meredith Program's Sculpture Walk event.
- ♦ Met with the Town Planner to discuss Scenic Byways views methodology and resources inventory.
- ♦ Assisted the Town of Meredith with Road Inventory updates using GIS road layer.
- ♦ Reviewed and modified special traffic count report for Meredith.
- ♦ Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the Town at considerable savings.

#### Household Hazardous Waste

- ♦ With assistance from area communities and NH DES, conducted the annual Lakes Region Household Hazardous Waste Collections, which occurred over two consecutive Saturdays in the summer at eight locations. A total of 1,699 households contributed from the 24 participating Lakes Region communities; 20,000 gallons of waste were collected and removed from the region in an environmentally safe manner.
- ♦ Researched and presented information on Paint Stewardship at the April Commission meeting.
- ♦ With support from the NH DES, 6,000 Flipbooks with tips and recipes for Alternatives to Household Hazardous Waste have been distributed to area residents.
- ♦ Solicited new bids from qualified hazardous waste haulers to help ensure that future HHW collections will be fiscally and environmentally responsible and sound.

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### Lakes Region Planning Commission continued...

#### Education

- ♦ Organized and hosted public Municipal Law Lecture on Land Use Statute Changes and Recent Case Law, and Making Effective Decisions and Notices of Decisions with Attorneys Bernie Waugh and Daniel Crean as Keynote Speakers.
- ♦ Convened six Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: Searching for an Economic Recovery, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies, LRPC Brownfields Assessment Program Overview.
- ♦ Transportation Improvements-Public Involvement Process, The Lakes Region Plan: An Update, Household Hazardous Waste, and Paint Stewardship.

#### Economic Development

- ♦ Completed an update to the Lakes Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) a one year project funded through the US Economic Development Administration (EDA). The CEDS is a roadmap to help guide local and regional economic development policies and to provide funding opportunities from EDA for projects identified in the CEDS.
- ♦ Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region.
- ♦ Drafted a Regional Broadband Plan. Attended the NH Office of Energy and Planning Statewide Broadband Meeting in June.
- ♦ The Environmental Protection Agency awarded a \$200,000 for clean-up grants under LRPC's Brownfields Program. Completed, published and distributed the Brownfields RFP; selected and signed agreement with engineering consultant. Performed outreach and collected six site nomination forms; assisted with set up of project meeting with site owners and consulting firm; facilitated eligibility determination process.

#### Transportation

- ♦ Conducted over 170 traffic and turning movement counts around the region.
- ♦ Completed and distributed the draft Travel Demand Management study report.
- ♦ Received funding through the NH Department of Transportation (NH DOT) to initiate a new Scenic Byways Plan. ~Established Scenic Byways Advisory Committee, reviewed documentation of project/committee member roles.
- ♦ Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.
- ♦ Participated in and reviewed the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) information relative to Lakes Region projects in the Ten Year Plan (TYP) 2015-2024.
- ♦ Assisted with the successful application to fund the expansion of transportation services for the elderly and disabled in Carroll County. Attended several Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council and Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council meetings. The RCCs advise the State Coordinating Council on public transit issues in their respective locations.
- ♦ Created, printed, and distributed outreach brochure and holders to RCC members for distribution to sites.



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### New Beginnings - A Women's Crisis Center

On behalf of New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your 2014 allocation of **\$1800.00** has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis intervention, long term support and assistance, and outreach and education to people whose lives have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter with a food pantry; staffs a 24-hour crisis line; provides 24-hour advocacy at hospitals and police stations; provides court and social service advocacy; and offers non-judgmental support and advocacy on a one-to-one basis as well as in peer support groups. New Beginnings has programming for children and teens who have witnessed and experienced violence, including resiliency-based programs. Though we serve a small county, the need for services is great. We were able to do a Primary Prevention Program for the whole freshman class. We had advocates in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. In the fiscal year 2011-2012, we provided services to **41** victims who live in Meredith, a 10% increase from last year. In total, the agency served **761** people, resulting in **14,431** individual services and reached **4155** students in education outreach. Some of these services were provided by our volunteers, who donated over **23,000** service hours.



New Beginnings also plays a significant role in the greater community. We run outreach activities and offer education programs to businesses, clubs and groups. We also facilitate age-appropriate prevention programs for students in kindergarten through college, including topics such as conflict resolution, bullying, healthy relationships, and dating and sexual violence. We participate in many committees and commissions, including the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county, and the Belknap County Sexual Assault Resource team.

We are 1 of 14 members of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, 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 contracts that provide some funding for member programs.

Sincerely,  
Kathy  
Kathy Keller  
Executive Director  
New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse

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Domestic Violence Support Line: 1.866.644.3574  
Sexual Violence Support Line: 1.800.277.5570

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### New Hampshire Association for the Blind



- ♦ The New Hampshire Association for the Blind was founded in 1912, in Hancock, NH.
- ♦ The mission of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind is **to advance the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired.**
- ♦ The New Hampshire Association for the Blind is the only statewide, private, non-profit organization that provides vision rehabilitation services to people of all ages, who are blind or have severe vision impairments.
- ♦ The Association is fully accredited by the National Accreditation Council for Blind and Low Vision Services.
- ♦ The Association provides counseling & referral, rehabilitation therapy, orientation & mobility instruction, low vision services, volunteer services, as well as education services for school-age children.
- ♦ The Association's professional staff provided individual visual rehabilitation services to 960 persons. Of those, 112 individuals also participated in group services.
- ♦ 68% of clients are women and 32% are men; 77% of clients are 60+ years of age with the highest number of clients falling in the 80's age group.
- ♦ Volunteers provided 2,347.75 service hours.
- ♦ Of the major eye conditions, 50% of clients have Macular Degeneration, 16% from Cataract, 15% from Diabetic Retinopathy, 13% from Glaucoma, and 2% from Retinitis Pigmentosa.
- ♦ This year, the Association received 420 new referrals.
- ♦ 30 public education presentations were made to an audience of 560 people and 10 health fairs were attended reaching 1,140 people.
- ♦ 28% of clients voluntarily report financial data. Of those reporting, 53% have household incomes of less than \$20,000.
- ♦ No one is ever denied access to services due to inability to pay, and services are provided in every community of New Hampshire and along the borders, for as long as they are needed.
- ♦ 73% of annual operating support comes from philanthropic contributions from individuals, foundation and corporate grants, trusts, service organizations and endowment spending draw.
- ♦ All funds raised in New Hampshire stay in New Hampshire.

*Dinner in the Dark:* On Monday evening, November 10, 2014, the Central New Hampshire Advisory Committee of the New Hampshire Association for the Blind hosted a "Dinner in the Dark & Silent Auction" at "The Grotto" at Giuseppe's Ristorante in Meredith. This unique sensory awareness experience took guests on a journey - all in the dark - experiencing dining as a blind person, using only their senses of taste, smell and touch. This one-of-a-kind concept was enjoyed by more than 80 attendees that evening. The Dinner in the Dark raised awareness of the issues of blindness and broadened the community's sense of performing an ordinary task without sight. It truly was a first-hand experience as guests enjoyed their dinner while blindfolded. The proceeds from this event helped enable the Association to continue its mission of "advancing the independence of persons who are blind and visually impaired."

*Clients:* 9 clients from Meredith were served during FY14, 1 client attends the monthly Tech Users Group held at the Association, Services provided to these clients were Social work Intakes, Orientation and Mobility Evaluations, Rehab Therapy Evaluations, Rehab Therapy, Low vision aids (both colanders and devices).

*Living Better with Vision Loss for 100 Years*



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### Winnepesaukee Wellness Center

Dear Residents of the Town of Meredith:

The Winnepesaukee Wellness Center members thank you for your continued support of the Center in 2014. As you may know, the Winnepesaukee Wellness Center is a medically supervised program that is a self-supporting department of LRGHealthcare. Its mission is to promote health responsibility, to provide a safe, comfortable site to exercise, to provide ongoing support and encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits and to promote active lifestyles. An Advisory Committee consisting of members, interested community members, and LRGH management team meet monthly and oversee the Center's operations.

The Center depends on the support from surrounding Towns and fundraisers to keep the member fees affordable for members of the community. In 2014, 13.5 per cent of the membership are residents of Meredith and benefit from the services available to them at the Center. The members range in age from 42-94.

The Center is open three days per week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6am to 4pm. The program is not just an exercise program as the members benefit from the oversight and experience of a Registered Nurse who helps design an individualized exercise program to meet their needs. The members also benefit from the social aspect of the center and often attend luncheons or go to coffee after exercise which is an important aspect of many members' lives.

The monthly fee for the program is \$50.00 per person and \$80.00 per couple. Financial assistance is available to those who qualify.

We invite you to come and see the Center in action during the regular hours of operation or call 253-1839 for information.

Sincerely,

The Winnepesaukee  
Wellness Center  
Advisory Committee



## 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>
02/04/2014	Mills, Sadie Chapman	Mills, Jeffrey	Mills, Wendy
02/13/2014	Couturier, Lillian Lou-Anne	Couturier, Patrick	Couturier, Sarah
04/11/2014	Cram, Eric Raymond Ed	Cram Sr, Brian	Cram, Paula
04/23/2014	McLaughlin, Oliver Kelly	McLaughlin, Philip	McLaughlin, Naella
04/25/2014	Martinez, Caleb Adrian	Martinez, Juan	Martinez, Kara
04/29/2014	LaFavre, Clove James	LaFavre, James	LaFavre, Amy
05/04/2014	Burrows, Nathaniel Peter	Burrows, Nathaniel	Burrows, Elizabeth
05/06/2014	Pembroke, Gavin James	Pembroke Jr, James	Pembroke, Jennifer
05/06/2014	Osier, Jacob Salas	Osier, Jonathan	Osier, Rubelyn-Jean
05/13/2014	Falls, Kayden William		Falls, Katie
06/30/2014	Cordano, Gabriella Avery	Cordano, Adam	Curtis, Megan
07/01/2014	Bleakney, Hazel Ann	Bleakney, Evan	Blackey, Jennifer
07/03/2014	Anair, Romi Lynn	Anair, Shane	Anair, Rosalie
07/08/2014	Pike, Maxwell Douglas	Pike, Jonah	Pike, Sara
07/17/2014	Clark, Liam Isaac	Clark, Aaron	Keniston, Jeanette
08/11/2014	Haines, Avery Leigh	Haines, Jason	Haines, Kaitlyn
08/29/2014	Weeks, Nellie Jean	Weeks, Andrew	Weeks, June
09/25/2014	Bonner, Willow Raine	Bonner, Clifford	Guay, Dawnn
10/05/2014	Libbey, Brendyn William		Libbey, Angela
10/20/2014	Hallett, Harper Marie	Hallett, Jeremy	Hallett, Keri
11/03/2014	Brown, Krew Crosby	Brown, Wayne	Brown, Amanda
11/06/2014	Sethi, Harliv Kaur	Sethi, Kanwardeep	Kaur, Manpreet
12/26/2014	Dunn, Jacob Timothy	Dunn, Scott	St. Arnaud, Angela

## Vital Statistics

### Marriages

<i>Date of Marriage</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
01/31/2014	Ohnemus, June M	Meredith, NH	Weeks, Andrew J.	Meredith, NH
03/22/2014	Taggett, Andrew P	Meredith, NH	Braley, Katie E.	Meredith, NH
05/03/2014	Taggett, Aaron J	Meredith, NH	McMahon, Amy C.	Meredith, NH
06/07/2014	McBride, Joseph E	Meredith, NH	Bessonett, Donna M.	Meredith, NH
06/21/2014	Tichy, Roland O	Meredith, NH	Richards, Alicia K.	Meredith, NH
06/21/2014	Patten, Lucas M	Meredith, NH	Thurber, Regina M.	Meredith, NH
07/12/2014	Howe, David A	Meredith, NH	Merolli, Heather L.	Meredith, NH
07/18/2014	Welch, Thomas J.	Meredith, NH	Johnson, Sarah Anne E.	Meredith, NH
07/26/2014	Wright, Justin P.	Meredith, NH	Norbrothen, Emma M.	Meredith, NH
08/12/2014	Clark, Christopher	Meredith, NH	Roby, Dawn E.	Meredith, NH
08/17/2014	Robinson III, William J.	Meredith, NH	Duso, Mary K.	Meredith, NH
09/13/2014	Fontenault, Matthew A.	Meredith, NH	Sarson, Melissa M.	Meredith, NH
09/13/2014	Whalley, Brian J.	Meredith, NH	Landroche, Ashley D.	Meredith, NH
09/27/2014	Lines, John A.	Meredith, NH	Malcolm, Kathleen E.	Meredith, NH
10/03/2014	Keller, Jeffrey J.	Meredith, NH	Bauhan, Lisa A.	Meredith, NH
10/19/2014	Plyler, Jay H.	Meredith, NH	Warrender, Melissa H.	New Hampton, NH
10/19/2014	Piper, Tarance A.	Hillsborough, NH	Paradise, Tonya M.	Meredith, NH
11/24/2014	LaFasciano, Louis L.	Meredith, NH	Menken, Marilyn A.	Meredith, NH

## Vital Statistics

### Deaths

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
01/01/2014	Davies, Joan	Meredith	Morancy, Reginald	Tremblay, M Bernadette
01/06/2014	Maheux, Louise	Meredith	Crowley Sr. Francis	Dumont, Leda
01/07/2014	O'Brien, Edward	Lebanon	O'Brien, John	Moriarty, Mary
01/13/2014	Sterken, Apolonia	Meredith	Bordui, Alfons	De Vos, Tannetje
01/16/2014	George, Ralph	Laconia	George, Charles	Manning, Phyllis
01/18/2014	Hunter, Terry	Laconia	Goodhope, Warren	Childs, Veva
01/28/2014	Prior, Mary	Laconia	Jackson, James	Cochran, Mary
01/29/2014	Conlan, Joyce	Laconia	Barnard, Walter	Kingston, Doris
02/07/2014	Fraize, June	Meredith	Ballard, Hugh	Carver, Madeline
02/18/2014	Bohl, Barbara	Laconia	Lincks, Charles	Unknown, Ruth
02/21/2014	Harper, Charles	Meredith	Harper, Lindsay	Godsoe, Jessie
02/22/2014	Stevenson, Rondi	Manchester	Stevenson, Allan	Richardson, Nancy
02/24/2014	Hodges, Doreen	Meredith	Fitzpatrick, Lloyd	McAuley, Mary
02/25/2014	Babylon Sr, Roy	Meredith	Babylon, Harold	Bush, Dorothy
03/09/2014	Nolan, Thomas	Laconia	Nolan, John	Ritchie, Berthia
03/09/2014	Graves, William	Meredith	Graves, William	Mills, Helen
03/10/2014	Morrison, Zane	Laconia	Bean Morrison, Randolph	Way, Mary
03/15/2014	Hill, Kenneth	Laconia	Hill, Walter	Batchelder, Nina
03/27/2014	Flanders, Irene	Laconia	Tenney, Herbert	Unknown, Jennie
03/30/2014	Shaw, Elwood	Meredith	Shaw, Leon	Beal, Mabel
04/02/2014	Russell, George	Meredith	Russell, Albert	Perry, Ruby
04/07/2014	Ritchie, Karen	Manchester	Snyder, Francis	Alloway, Natalie
04/14/2014	Tibbo, Dolores	Meredith	Cosgrove, Joseph	Devanney, Agnes
04/15/2014	Dudley, Millicent	Meredith	Fillion, Unknown	Defreytas, Claudia
04/22/2014	Durkee, Edward	Laconia	Durkee, Clement	Bevis, Mary
04/25/2014	Kitching, Virginia	Lebanon	Bodge, Perly	Elliott, Susan
04/26/2014	Shepard, Mary	Laconia	Fitzpatrick, William	Stevens, Elizabeth
04/27/2014	Klingenhagen, Ann	Laconia	Williams, James	Devito, Marie
04/28/2014	Feinburg, Robert	Meredith	Feinburg, Fred	Lotow, Rose
05/03/2014	Edney, William	Meredith	Edney, Thomas	Thompson, Lois
05/03/2014	Barach, Isabel	Meredith	Hollister, John	Chucovich, Dasa

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<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
05/05/2014	Lepore, Helen	Meredith	Golden, John	McCarthy, Gladys
05/06/2014	Wilson, Beatrice	Concord	Smolnik, Walter	Cherach, Stessia
05/08/2014	Boynton, Roberta	Laconia	Beaudoin, Lorenzo	Benoit, Bertha
05/08/2014	Humphrey, Floyd	Meredith	Humphrey, Floyd	Long, Irene
05/10/2014	Fullerton, Bernice	Meredith	Medeiros, Raymond	Silva, Ella
05/10/2014	Hinman, Alice	Meredith	Behymer, Forney	Hughes, Hallie
05/23/2014	Chatterton, Charles	Meredith	Chatteron, Charles	Cardoza, Beatrice
05/26/2014	Gall, Claudine	Meredith	Lavorel, Georges	Aubert, Louise
05/28/2014	Pennellatore, Luciano	Meredith	Pennellatore, Fedele	Carusone, Anna
06/13/2014	Metcalf, Geraldine	Meredith	McCormick, Richard	Campbell, Theresa
06/14/2014	Morse, Christine	Lebanon	Bennett, Robert	Murphy, Margaret
06/30/2014	Plummer, Marilyn	Meredith	Shurtleff, Leonard	Cornish, Mary
06/30/2014	Fountain, Geralynn	Meredith	O'Brien, William	Sommi, Madeline
07/03/2014	Markley, Mary	Meredith	Meyers, Donald	Unknown, Buelah
07/09/2014	Howe, Lena	Meredith	Fiandaca, Rosario	Stefanilo, Anna
07/16/2014	Fraize, Robert	Meredith	Fraize, John	Snow, Ruth
07/19/2014	Billings, Thomas	Meredith	Billings, Mark	Paine, Martha
07/20/2014	McBrian, Frances	Laconia	Dale, Samuel	Rich, Ethelyn
07/27/2014	Sergi, Rosaria	Laconia	Musumeci, Salvatore	Cristaldi, Maria
08/03/2014	Fleming, Sarah	Franklin	Rowlands, James	Parsons, Alice
08/08/2014	Closner, Anne	Meredith	Holden, Charles	Ford, Frances
08/11/2014	Hill, Doris	Meredith	Moran, Joseph	Ray, Florence
08/18/2014	Gardner Jr, Richard	Meredith	Gardner Sr, Richard	Kemp, Mildrede
08/19/2014	DeSousa, Louise	Meredith	Ogden, John	Folsom, Clementine
08/22/2014	Funai, Margaret	Meredith	Popelka, Albin	Cervinek, Emily
08/24/2014	Eakin, James	Meredith	Eakin, Harold	Phinney, Cora
08/25/2014	Dean, Arthur	Meredith	Dean Sr, Charles	Merrill, Gladys
08/29/2014	Haley, Leroy	Wolfeboro	Haley, Delbert	Roberge, Muriel
08/31/2014	Boyd Jr, James	Meredith	Boyd Sr, James	Jones, Marjorie
09/02/2014	McGarry, Catherine	Meredith	McGarry, Patrick	Armstrong, Elizabeth
09/06/2014	Smith, Hortensia	Meredith	Robinson, Elliott	Farrell, Hortensia
09/07/2014	Gilman, Paul	Meredith	Gilman, Fred	Russell, Florence



## Vital Statistics

### Deaths continued...

<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
09/09/2014	Dietz, Christina	Meredith	Labadics, Frank	Unknown, Esther
09/11/2014	Dunn, Frank	Meredith	Dunn, Leon	Maple, Marie
09/14/2014	Pelczar, Gail	Meredith	Nichols, Robert	Hutt, Virginia
09/18/2014	Perry, David	Laconia	Perry, Manuel	Faiat, Phoebe
09/19/2014	Richards, Susan	Meredith	Benteen, Norman	Wells, June
09/20/2014	Faller, Shirley	Meredith	Colby, Charles	Buzzell, Erma
10/05/2014	Boysen, Phyllis	Meredith	Haines, Arnold	Priess, Mabel
10/05/2014	Sanborn, Phyllis	Meredith	Morrissey, Charles	Unknown, Ruth
10/14/2014	Sullivan, Ann	Laconia	Thompson, Leo	Mayer, Mary
10/15/2014	Odiorne, Lawrence	Laconia	Odiorne, Joseph	Shea, Mary
10/23/2014	Amiss IV, Tazewell	Meredith	Amiss III, Tazewell	Broderick, Anna
10/24/2014	Sawyer, Patricia	Meredith	Tremblay, Donald	Ritchie, Shirley
10/24/2014	Riley, Marion	Meredith	Ward, Dennis	Reakes, Constance
10/27/2014	Hopwood, Thomas	Concord	Hopwood, George	Vogler, Marie
11/01/2014	Riggs Jr., Roy	Meredith	Riggs Sr., Roy	Mills, Leone
11/02/2014	McGlinchey, Gertrude	Lebanon	Mahr, August	Transeau, Elizabeth
11/09/2014	Dearborn, Richard	Laconia	Dearborn, Fred	Lavallee, Antonette
11/11/2014	Fritz, Brenda	Laconia	Suchon, Frank	Marley, Doris
11/14/2014	Keenan, Gilda	Laconia	Cisternelli, Salvatore	Omagrosse, Gimma
11/18/2014	Savage, Ruth	Meredith	Crossley, John	Priestly, Ida
11/20/2014	L'Heureux, Robert	Meredith	L'Heureux, Joseph	Cusson, Marie
11/21/2014	Tyson, Margaret	Center Harbor	Chase, Earl	Judkins, Velma
11/30/2014	Camplin, Norma	Meredith	Kendall, Whitney	Randolph, Jane
12/01/2014	Schmid, Janet	Meredith	Miller, William	Morrison, Marion
12/03/2014	Minnon, Madeline	Laconia	Doyon, Leodore	Rodrigue, Mathilda
12/17/2014	Compton, Martha	Meredith	Highet, James	Welch, Mildred
12/17/2014	Bushnell, Charlotte	Meredith	Barneetz, Adolf	Green, Charlotte
12/21/2014	Guyotte, Dorothy	Meredith	Clark, Reginald	Pulsifer, Maude
12/26/2014	Bettinger, Mildred	Meredith	King, Howard	Mansfield, Hazel
12/29/2014	Robinson III, David	Lebanon	Robinson II, David	Hoglund, Doris

# Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

Assets & Other Debts	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
Assets								
Cash & Equivalents	\$11,890,114	\$ 2,596,864	\$ 52,185	\$ 1,924,959	\$		\$	16,464,122
Investments			140,860	1,039,018				1,179,878
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Taxes	2,145,500							2,145,500
Accounts	100,292	95,548		356,392				552,232
Special Assessments-Current	29,945							29,945
Special Assessments-Noncurrent	79,846							79,846
Other	40,000							40,000
Interfund Receivable	108,159							108,159
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	102,801							102,801
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(102,801)							(102,801)
Other Debts								
Compensated Absences						437,535		437,535
Amount to be provided for Retirement of								
General Long-Term Debt						5,694,417		5,694,417
Total Assets & Other Debts	\$14,393,856	\$ 2,692,412	\$ 193,045	\$ 3,320,369	\$	6,131,952	\$	26,731,634

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)

## Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Liabilities & Equity	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	\$ 67,684	\$ 1,047	\$	\$ -	\$ -			\$ 68,731
Retainage Payable								
Intergovernmental Payable	7,547,605							7,547,605
Interfund Payable	2,836,977							2,836,977
Escrow & Performance Deposits								
Deferred Revenue		763,140		146,583				146,583
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable								763,140
General Obligation Debt Payable				356,392		5,694,417		356,392
Compensated Absences Payable						437,535		5,694,417
Total Liabilities	\$ 10,452,266	\$ 764,187	\$	\$ 502,975	\$	6,131,952	\$	17,851,380
Equity								
Fund Balances								
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 675,005	\$ 132,124	\$	\$	\$		\$	807,129
Reserved for Special Purposes	985,054	758,272	193,045	2,817,394				4,753,765
Reserved for Capital Recovery		260,000						260,000
Unreserved								
Designated for Special Purposes								
Undesignated (Deficit)	2,281,531	777,829						3,059,360
Total Equity	3,941,590	1,928,225	193,045	2,817,394				8,880,254
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 14,393,856	\$ 2,692,412	\$ 193,045	\$ 3,320,369	\$	6,131,952	\$	26,731,634

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## Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	D.A.R.E. Program	Cable Franchise Fee	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 649	\$ 177,979	\$ 532	\$ 537,947	\$ 52,300	\$ 723,415	\$ 1,104,041	\$ 2,596,864
Receivables (Net of Allow- ances for Uncollectables)								
Accounts						43,934	51,614	95,548
Interfund Receivable								
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 649</u>	<u>\$ 177,979</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>	<u>\$ 537,947</u>	<u>\$ 52,300</u>	<u>\$ 767,348</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,655</u>	<u>\$ 2,692,412</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>								
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	47	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,047
Deferred Rev.- Access Fees						267,062	496,078	763,140
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 267,109</u>	<u>\$ 497,078</u>	<u>\$ 764,187</u>
<u>Equity</u>								
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	\$ 11,136	\$	\$	\$	12,780	\$ 108,208	\$ 132,124
Reserved for Special Purposes	649	166,844	532	537,947	52,300			758,272
Reserved for Capital Recovery						260,000		260,000
<u>Unreserved</u>								
Unreserved/Undesignated						227,460	550,370	777,829
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 649</u>	<u>\$ 177,979</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>	<u>\$ 537,947</u>	<u>\$ 52,300</u>	<u>\$ 500,239</u>	<u>\$ 658,578</u>	<u>\$ 1,928,225</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>								
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>\$ 649</u>	<u>\$ 177,979</u>	<u>\$ 532</u>	<u>\$ 537,947</u>	<u>\$ 52,300</u>	<u>\$ 767,348</u>	<u>\$ 1,155,655</u>	<u>\$ 2,692,412</u>

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*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Community Center	Landfill Closure	Total
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 7,230	\$ 44,954	\$ 52,185
Investments	140,860		140,860
Interfund Receivable			
Total Assets	\$ <u>148,090</u>	\$ <u>44,954</u>	\$ <u>193,045</u>
Liabilities & Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Due to General Fund	-		-
Retainage Payable			
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>-</u>
Fund Balances			
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve for Special Purposes	148,090	44,954	193,045
Unreserved			
Undesignated (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fund Balances	\$ <u>148,090</u>	\$ <u>44,954</u>	\$ <u>193,045</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$ <u>148,090</u>	\$ <u>44,954</u>	\$ <u>193,045</u>



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## Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds						Totals	
	Expendable			Nonexpendable				
	Library	Capital		Others	Town	Library		Agency Funds
		Reserve						
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ .	\$ 7,891	\$ 1,764,579	\$ 5,906	\$ .	\$ 146,583	\$ 1,924,959	
Investments	150,319			99,914	788,785		1,039,018	
<u>Receivables</u>								
Interest								
Accounts						356,392	356,392	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	\$ 150,319	\$ 7,891	\$ 1,764,579	\$ 105,820	\$ 788,785	\$ 502,975	\$ 3,320,369	
<b><u>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</u></b>								
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Interfund Payable								
Escrow and Performance Deposits						146,583	146,583	
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable						356,392	356,392	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ 502,975	\$ 502,975	
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Reserved For Endowments								
Reserved For Special Purposes	150,319	7,891	1,764,579	105,820	788,785		2,817,394	
<b>TOTAL FUND BALANCES</b>	150,319	7,891	1,764,579	105,820	788,785		2,817,394	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	\$ 150,319	\$ 7,891	\$ 1,764,579	\$ 105,820	\$ 788,785	\$ 502,975	\$ 3,320,369	

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## Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

	Balance 1/1/2014	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2014
<b>Developers' Performance Bond Fund</b>				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 146,569	\$ 513	\$ 500	\$ 146,583
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 146,569	\$ 513	\$ 500	\$ 146,583
<b>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</b>				
Assets				
Due from Others	\$ 336,405	\$ 19,987		\$ 356,392
Liabilities				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 336,405	\$ 19,987		\$ 356,392
<b>Total - All Agency Funds</b>				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 146,569	\$ 513	\$ 500	\$ 146,583
Due from Others	336,405	19,987		356,392
Total Assets	\$ 482,974	\$ 20,501	\$ 500	\$ 502,975
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 146,569	\$ 513	\$ 500	\$ 146,583
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	336,405	19,987		356,392
Total Liabilities	\$ 482,974	\$ 20,501	\$ 500	\$ 502,975

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

Non-Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2014	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2014
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,626	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,626
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	74,533			7	74,540
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	299				299
Edwin E. Beede	Library	93,557			9	93,566
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,474				4,474
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	689				689
William E. Bixby	Library	150				150
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	669,974			25,245	695,219
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock	293				293
George S. Fogg	School District	3,155				3,156
Town Cemetery	General	7,414			1	7,415
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	758				758
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	11,419			1	11,420
Total Permanent Funds		\$ 869,342	\$	\$	\$ 25,263	\$ 894,605

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*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2014	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2014
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 20,268	\$	\$	\$ 2	\$ 20,269
Employee Benefits	Severance	186,553			17	186,570
Improvement Fund	Library	144,860			5,458	150,319
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	50,840			5	50,844
Municipal Building	Additional Space	176				176
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	50,534			5	50,539
Fire Department	Communications	1,112				1,113
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	364,431	200,000		40	564,471
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	61,443			6	61,449
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	39,175			4	39,179
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	95,147			9	95,156
Meredith Parking	Parking	222,066			20	222,086
Ground Water Source Study	Water Study	69,193		60,085	2	9,110
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	50,430			5	50,434
Parks & Recreation Facility Im-	Infrastructure Improve	9				9
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	232,866			21	232,887
DPW Equipment Replacement	Replace DPW Equip.	370,603	175,000	365,335	21	180,288
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 1,959,705</u>	<u>\$ 375,000</u>	<u>\$ 425,420</u>	<u>\$ 5,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,914,898</u>
School - SPED	Special Education	150,305			14	150,319
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	130,050		130,000	1	51
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u><u>\$ 2,240,059</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 375,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 555,420</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,628</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,065,267</u></u>

Capital Reserves	Beginning Balance 1/1/2014	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2014
Police	\$ 2,790	\$	\$	\$	\$ 2,790
Prescott Park Expansion	5,100			1	5,101
Total Town Capital Reserves	<u>\$ 7,890</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 7,891</u>
School Facilities Maintenance Fund	359,935			28	359,963
Total All Capital Reserves	<u><u>\$ 367,825</u></u>	<u><u>\$</u></u>	<u><u>\$</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 367,854</u></u>

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*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2014 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/14
General Obligation Debt Payable					
1988 Water Improve Bond	\$ 2,000,000	1988	2015	3.304%	\$ 125,000
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 311,738
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 1,925,000
2007 Police Station Bond	\$ 1,500,000	2007	2016	3.990%	\$ 271,463
2010 Fire Station Bond	\$ 2,292,882	2010	2019	3.800%	\$ 1,081,342
2010 Page Pond Conservation	\$ 400,000	2010	2018	3.800%	\$ 149,811
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 890,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2014					<u>\$ 4,754,354</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2014	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	\$ 808,452	\$ 180,225	\$ 988,676
2016	\$ 658,188	\$ 152,009	\$ 810,197
2017	\$ 540,046	\$ 128,286	\$ 668,332
2018	\$ 533,228	\$ 107,322	\$ 640,550
2019-2027	\$ 2,214,441	\$ 372,221	\$ 2,586,662
Totals	<u>\$ 4,754,354</u>	<u>\$ 940,063</u>	<u>\$ 5,694,417</u>

## Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u>\$ 437,535</u>
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*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>			
Property	\$ 25,651,326	\$ 25,651,326	\$ -
Yield	6,500	13,258	6,758
Excavation	811	811	
Boat	36,000	36,435	435
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	60,000	129,421	69,421
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	196,295	205,712	9,417
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 25,950,932</u>	<u>\$ 26,036,963</u>	<u>\$ 86,031</u>
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,225,000	1,224,861	(139)
Building Permits	41,700	42,260	560
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	58,910	58,531	(379)
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,325,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,652</u>	<u>\$ 42</u>
<b><u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u></b>			
<b><u>State/Federal</u></b>			
Highway Block Grant	182,286	182,942	656
Railroad Tax	1,364	2,853	1,489
Rooms & Meals Tax	301,703	301,703	
Water Pollution Grants	5,511	11,038	5,527
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	68	68	
Other State/Federal Revenue	86,486	83,600	(2,886)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 577,418</u>	<u>\$ 582,204</u>	<u>\$ 4,786</u>
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>			
Income from Departments	<u>872,302</u>	<u>837,948</u>	<u>(34,354)</u>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>			
Sale of Town Property			
Interest on Investments	27,500	29,416	1,916
Betterment Assessments & Other	355,266	355,266	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 382,766</u>	<u>\$ 384,682</u>	<u>\$ 1,916</u>
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>			
<b><u>Interfund Transfers</u></b>			
Special Revenue Fund	62,000	62,000	
Capital Project Funds	250,000	250,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 312,000</u>	<u>\$ 312,000</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b><u>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</u></b>			
<b><u>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</u></b>			
<b><u>Reduce Tax Rate</u></b>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u></u>
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance</b>	<u><u>\$ 30,021,028</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 30,079,449</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 58,421</u></u>



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*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures - General Fund

	2013	2014	2014	2014	Balance
	Encumbered	Appropriation	Expended	Encumbered	(Overdrafts)
<b><u>General Government</u></b>					
Executive Office	\$	\$ 252,793	\$ 250,557	\$ -	\$ 2,237
Executive - Municipal Administration	68,708	646,893	803,931	42,078	(130,408)
Personnel Administration		79,540	72,611		6,929
Town Clerk	1,100	172,016	119,188	2,200	51,728
Administrative Services	12,673	435,962	445,133	15,384	(11,882)
Assessor		279,633	273,402		6,231
Tax Collector		74,121	47,423		26,697
Community Development		505,618	465,360		40,259
Regional Associations		237,185	237,185		
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>					
Police	9,292	1,938,164	1,972,515	6,516	(31,575)
Ambulance		287,271	284,400		2,871
Fire	8,500	373,660	349,930	32,229	
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid		80,208	83,945		(3,737)
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>					
Solid Waste Disposal	332	789,363	711,200	472	78,023
Building & Grounds	1,446	345,060	328,242	350	17,914
Cemetery		94,957	90,432	83	4,442
Highway Department	100,971	2,574,013	2,673,729	76,674	(75,418)
<b><u>Water Distribution</u></b>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
<b><u>Welfare</u></b>					
General Assistance		140,000	94,347		45,653
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>					
Parks and Recreation	21,457	719,111	721,248	7,549	11,770
Library	34,023	516,410	534,333	16,100	
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		818,990	817,762		1,228
Interest - Long-Term Debt		211,413	206,792		4,621
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
<b><u>Intergovernmental</u></b>					
School Appropriation		14,662,893	14,662,893		
County Appropriation		2,456,075	2,456,075		
<b><u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u></b>					
Conservation Commission	14,328	1,515	15,843		
Capital Projects	40,831	277,859	43,831	274,859	
Expendable Trust Funds		375,000	375,000		
<b><u>Total Appropriations,</u></b>					
<b><u>Expenditures, and Encumbrances</u></b>	<u>\$ 313,661</u>	<u>\$ 29,424,723</u>	<u>\$ 29,206,308</u>	<u>\$ 474,494</u>	<u>\$ 57,582</u>

# Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Cash Balance
1	General	\$ 9,190,684.84
2	Water	\$ 723,460.69
3	Sewer	\$ 1,104,041.35
5	Conservation Commission	\$ 177,978.84
7	Cable Franchise	\$ 537,946.49
10	Community Center	\$ 7,230.29
15	Landfill	\$ 44,954.30
16	Boat Launch	\$ 52,300.00
17	Engineering	\$ 146,636.92
	Total	\$ 11,985,233.72
	Subtotal of Other Fund Cash Accounts	\$ (2,794,548.88)
	Total Cash	\$ 9,190,684.84

### Proof

MVSB Payroll Account	\$	
MVSB Accounts Payable	\$	
MVSB Operating Account	\$	11,822,677.62
MVSB Debit Cards	\$	15,000.00
MVSB Baby Bicentennial	\$	89.18
MVSB Engineering	\$	146,636.92
Petty Cash	\$	830.00
Cloud	\$	
	Total	\$ 11,985,233.72
	Pooled Cash Adjustments	\$ (2,794,548.88)
	General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$ 9,190,684.84

# Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Treasurer's Account Summary

### General Fund - Operating

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	9,155,018.01	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>35,666.83</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>9,190,684.84</u>

### Water Department

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	572,568.03	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>150,892.66</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>723,460.69</u>

### Sewer Department

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	902,166.56	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>201,874.79</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>1,104,041.35</u>

### Conservation Commission

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	180,253.58	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>-2,274.74</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>177,978.84</u>

### Cable Franchise

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	465,755.68	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>72,190.81</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>537,946.49</u>

### Community Center

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	7,230.29	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>0.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>7,230.29</u>

### Landfill Closure

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	53,099.62	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>-8,145.32</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>44,954.30</u>

### Special Revenue Fund - Boat Launch

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	45,700.00	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>6,600.00</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>52,300.00</u>

### Engineering Escrow

Balance 01/01/2014	\$	146,636.92	
Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		<u>0</u>	
Balance 12/31/2014	\$		<u>146,636.92</u>

### Balance All Funds 12/31/2014

\$ 11,985,233.72

# Financial Statements

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*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)*

## Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

### **Fiscal Year 2014**

#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1</u>	\$	2,765,528
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#### Deductions

Amount used to reduce 2014 Taxes		(600,000)
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#### Additions:

Revenue Surplus	\$	58,421	
Unexpended Appropriations		<u>57,582</u>	<u>116,003</u>

#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	<u><u>2,281,531</u></u>
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### **Fiscal Year 2014 - Worksheet**

#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - January 1, 2015 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	2,281,531
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#### Deductions - Proposed)

Amount to be used to reduce 2015 taxes		<u>(630,000)</u>
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#### Unreserved - Undesignated

<u>Fund Balance - December 31, 2014 (Unaudited)</u>	\$	<u><u>1,651,531</u></u>
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# 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 Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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; this includes 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.

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

# Independent Auditor's Report

## *Town of Meredith* *Independent Auditor's Report*

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position, and the budgetary comparison information for the general fund for the year ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

**Management's Discussion and Analysis** - Management has omitted a Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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 the placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

**Required Supplementary Information** - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 28) be presented to supplement the basic finance statements. 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 the 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 inquires 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.

**Other 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 financial schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual fund financial 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 finance statements and certain additional procedures including comparing the 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 financial schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole

February 11, 2015

*Blodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*



## Tax Information

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### Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2014 Levy</u>	<u>2013 Levy</u>
<b>Uncollected Taxes 1-1-14</b>		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 1,188,257.10
Yield Taxes		
Betterment Assessments		4,994.74
Water Rents		40,352.12
Sewer Rents		55,954.01
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>		
Property Taxes	25,652,364.03	
Yield Taxes	6,662.97	6,594.78
Betterment Assessments	3,031.16	
Land Use Change Taxes	715.00	
Excavation Taxes		811.00
Water Rents	500,601.82	152,613.98
Sewer Rents	733,196.12	233,463.66
<b>Refunds for Overpayments</b>		
Property Taxes	36,899.67	2,222.33
Water Rents	55.83	
Sewer Rents	38.25	
<b>Interest</b>	14,900.69	68,479.80
<b>Total Debits</b>	<u>\$ 26,948,465.54</u>	<u>\$ 1,753,743.52</u>
<b><u>Credits</u></b>		
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>		
Property Taxes	\$ 24,536,158.83	\$ 1,189,303.05
Yield Taxes	6,662.97	6,594.78
Betterment Assessments	740.06	4,994.74
Land Use Change Taxes	715.00	
Excavation Taxes		811.00
Water Rents	461,847.07	192,966.10
Sewer Rents	679,358.71	287,387.41
Interest	14,900.69	68,479.80
<b>Deeded to Town</b>		
Property Taxes	1,311.60	380.42
<b>Abateements</b>		
Property Taxes	687.06	795.96
Water Rents	146.16	
Sewer Rents	2,121.32	2,030.26
<b>Uncollected Taxes 12-31-14</b>		
Property Taxes	1,151,494.13	
Betterment Assessments	1,903.18	
Water Rents	38,664.42	
Sewer Rents	51,754.34	
<b>Total Credits</b>	<u>\$ 26,948,465.54</u>	<u>\$ 1,753,743.52</u>

## Tax Information

### Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2013	2012	2011	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-14	\$	\$ 406,063.19	\$ 201,063.94	\$ 11,221.56
Liens Executed During 2014	533,236.20			
Interest & Costs after Lien	9,755.89	33,681.24	71,713.47	3,328.03
Total Debits	<u>\$ 542,992.09</u>	<u>\$ 439,744.43</u>	<u>\$ 272,777.41</u>	<u>\$ 14,549.59</u>
 Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 173,339.52	\$ 177,827.71	\$ 182,983.77	\$ 5,362.71
Interest & Costs after Lien	9,755.89	33,681.24	71,713.47	3,328.03
Abatements of...				
Unredemmed Taxes	435.84	188.32	271.49	2,357.09
Liens Deeded to the Town...	2,143.62	4,327.39	3,063.06	2,357.09
Unredemmed Liens	357,317.22	223,719.77	14,745.62	3,501.76
Total Credits	<u>\$ 542,992.09</u>	<u>\$ 439,744.43</u>	<u>\$ 272,777.41</u>	<u>\$ 14,549.59</u>

### Tax Collector's Report

It has been another great year in the Tax Collector's Office. As many of you know, I returned to school to study nursing and completed my Bachelor of Science in Nursing in July 2014. During the times that I have been in school, Kerri Parker has been assisting you in the Town Clerks' office. We now have a new Deputy Tax Collector to serve you. Her name is Stacy Bivolcic. Please stop in to say hello and give her your support. She is an incredible addition to our staff.

The Town of Meredith began accepting on-line payments for property taxes, utility bills, and automobile renewal registrations on December 1, 2013. Visit our website [www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org) and click on the payment link on the Home Page. Discover, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, debit cards, and personal checks will be accepted on the payment site. Debit and credit cards will not be accepted at the municipal offices at this time.

The Town is no longer using lockbox services at Centrix Bank to process payments. Please do not send any payments to the Manchester Post Office address as they may be lost forever. All payments are now processed at the Town Office or on-line.

I have accepted a nursing position and you will no longer see me in the Tax Collector's office. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the residents, taxpayers, and businesses of the Town of Meredith. You have made my job enjoyable and I will miss you. If you need assistance or answers to tax questions, please contact Stacy at (603) 677-4202 or e-mail her at [sbivolcic@meredithnh.org](mailto:sbivolcic@meredithnh.org).



Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

## Tax Information

### Department of Revenue Administration - 2014 Tax Rate Calculation

		2014 Tax Rates per \$1,000 Valuation	
Appropriations	\$ 13,902,674		
Less: Revenues	(5,845,312)		
Less: Shared Revenues	(0)		
Add: Overlay	65,275		
War Service Credits	<u>216,750</u>		
Approved Town Tax Effort		8,339,387	
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>			<b>\$ <u>4.77</u></b>
Due to Regional School	15,317,039		
Less: Cost of Adequate Education	(248,981)		
Less: State Education Taxes	<u>(4,600,778)</u>		
Approved School Tax Effort		10,467,280	\$ 6.00
State Education Taxes			
Equalized Valuation (No Utilities) X	2.480		
1,855,152,441		4,600,778	\$ 2.65
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (No Utilities)	1,737,052,322		
Excess State Education Taxes to be Remitted to State			
<b>School Tax Rate</b>			<b>\$ <u>8.65</u></b>
Due to County	2,456,075		
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>(0)</u>		
Approved County Tax Effort		2,456,075	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>			<b>\$ <u>1.41</u></b>
<b>Combined Tax Rate</b>			<b>\$ <u>14.83</u></b>
Total Property Taxes Assessed		25,863,520	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>(216,750)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>\$ 25,646,770</u>	
		<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation	\$ 1,737,052,322	12.18	\$ 21,262,742
State Education Taxes	\$ 1,737,052,322	2.65	\$ 4,600,778
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 25,863,520</u>

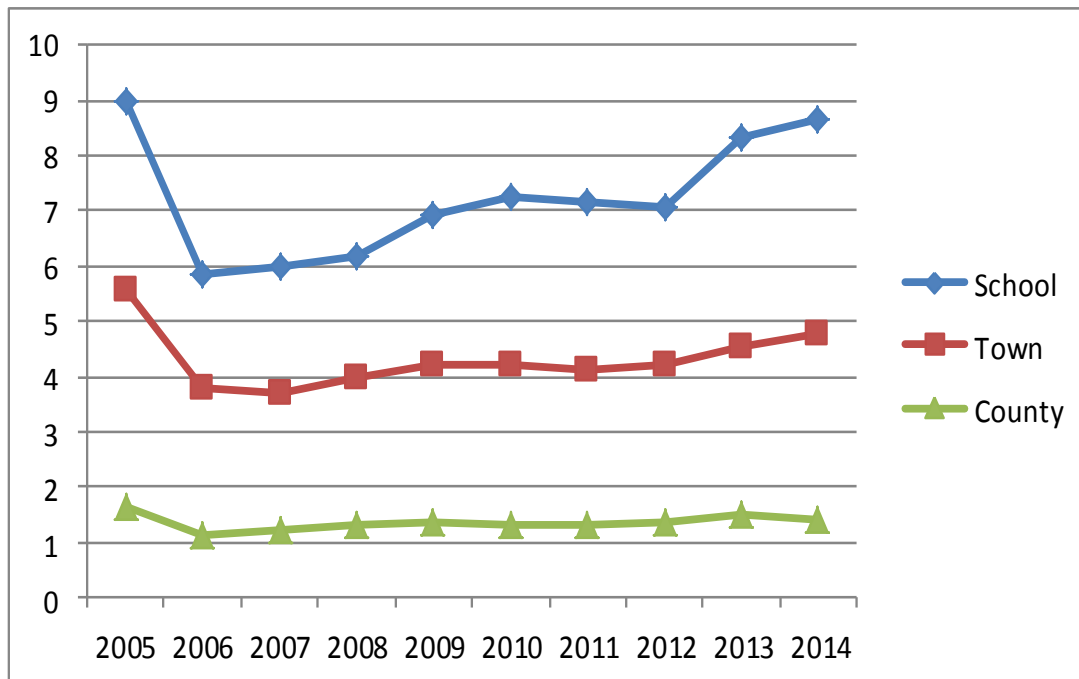
## Tax Information

### Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2005	9.00	5.59	1.66	16.25	1,132,161,235
2006	5.85	3.79	1.13	10.77	1,162,607,162
2007	6.01	3.70	1.20	10.91	1,897,635,500
2008	6.19	3.97	1.30	11.46	1,918,269,293
2009	6.94	4.23	1.37	12.54	1,940,881,763
2010	7.27	4.20	1.33	12.80	1,820,649,639
2011	7.17	4.13	1.32	12.62	1,834,675,812
2012	7.05	4.20	1.37	12.62	1,845,422,650
2013	8.35	4.55	1.51	14.41	1,856,317,320
2014	8.65	4.77	1.41	14.83	1,741,033,913

Chart shows Ten Year's of Tax Rate Comparison's

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



## Supplementary Information

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### Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014*

#### Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$ 660,603
Residential	821,370,812
Commercial / Industrial	<u>52,004,688</u>

Total Value of Land \$ 874,036,103

#### Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$ 764,867,760
Manufactured Housing	7,365,100
Commercial / Industrial	<u>93,581,840</u>

Total Value of Buildings \$ 865,814,700

#### Public Utilities

Electric \$ 8,459,300

Total Valuation Before Exemptions \$ 1,748,310,103

#### Exemptions

Blind	\$ 104,800
Elderly	1,586,700
Totally & Permanently Disabled	787,400
Solar / Wind Power	<u>319,581</u>

Total Exemptions \$ 2,798,481

Net Taxable Valuation \$ 1,745,511,622

## Supplementary Information

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### Summary of Town - Owned Property - Facilities

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
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	400 Daniel Webster Hwy	Police Station
S15-008		11 Jenness Hill Road	Public Works Garage
S15-008		17 Jenness Hill Road	Solid Waste / Recycling Center
S17-007A	0.00	22 Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-018R-001	0.00	132 Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	30 Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U02-040	0.26	21 Lower Ladd Hill Road	Pumping Station (Water Department)
U03-028A	0.21	70 Waukewan Street	Sewer Pump Station
U03-028A		72 Waukewan Street	Bath House
U03-030	0.44	69 Waukewan Street	Waukewan Town Beach
U05-001A	0.07	Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-001B	0.51	50 Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	7 High Street	Parking Lot
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, Prime Wetlands
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	0.07	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, Right-of-Way
U35-010	1.02	30 Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp, Docks, Parking Lot



## Supplementary Information

### Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
R08-014	1.60	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.88	151 Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.25	Lake Wicwas/Mercier Drive	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	Lake Pemigewasset	Waterfront - 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 & Forest / Conservation
S04-001	188.34	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-003	20.66	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S04-006	170.00	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond & Forest / Conservation
S22-020	13.01	Parade Road	Waukevan Highlands Community Park
S22-022	178.10	75 Parade Road	Waukevan Highlands Reservoir
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
U11-047	.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands, Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park

## Supplementary Information

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### Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
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>
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
R06-42	1.8	230 Meredith Center Road	Tax Deed Property
R08-033	1.90	Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road/Camp Waldron 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
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way/Parade Road	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-001-096	.22	Westbury Road	Tax Deed Property
U01-01A	0.27	Daniel Webster Hwy/Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right-of-Way
U04-025	0.92	Waukegan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.28	Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U11-063-019		Mobile Home 25 Frances Ct	Tax Deed Property
U16-005-018	.66	67 Barnard Ridge Road	

## Town Warrant Information

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### 2015 Meredith Town Warrant

# Town Warrant Information

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## 2015 Meredith Town Warrant

### State of New Hampshire

#### TO THE INHABITANTS OF MEREDITH QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

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 10, 2015, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 2 through 7.

#### BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

##### ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

Selectman	Two (2)	For Three	(3) Years
Supervisor of the Checklist	One (1)	For Five	(5) Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Library Trustee	One (1)	For One	(1) Year
Library Trustee	Four(4)	For Three	(3) Years

##### ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Million, Five Hundred Sixty Three Thousand, Ninety Eight Dollars (\$ 13,563,098) for the necessary operational expenses of the Town for the ensuing year's budget. This amount does not include all of the amounts raised and appropriated in subsequent warrant articles.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

##### ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the three-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town and the State Employees Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984 with increase cost items only in the first year and further to raise and appropriate the sum Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Dollars ( \$12,270) for the current year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits to meet current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent Town compensation plan.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

# Town Warrant Information

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## **ARTICLE 4**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

## **ARTICLE 5**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund previously established. The Select Board are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

## **ARTICLE 6**

Shall we vote to rescind the Special Revenue Fund known as the Cable Franchise Fee Special Revenue Fund established by Town meeting vote in March, 1999? If approved, funds presently in this fund will be transferred to the General Fund.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

## **ARTICLE 7**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, to be known as the Meredith Cable Franchise Fee Revolving Fund, for the deposit of all future franchise fee revenues received with the expenditures from this account to be used for the purpose of supporting cable related expenditures, such as extending cable, equipment and other items as deemed necessary for the Town of Meredith. The Board of Selectmen, as the governing body shall be agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Meredith Select Board

Carla J. Horne, Chairperson  
Peter F. Brothers, Vice Chairperson  
Nathan J. Torr, Selectperson

## Budget Information

### 2015 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2014 Estimated	2014 Actual	2015 Recommended Estimated
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>			
Yield	\$ 6,500	\$ 13,258	\$ 6,500
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	60,000	129,421	60,000
Excavation Tax	811	811	
Boat	36,000	36,435	36,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	196,295	205,712	195,500
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 299,606</u>	<u>\$ 385,637</u>	<u>\$ 298,000</u>
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,225,000	1,224,861	1,250,000
Building Permits	41,700	42,260	42,250
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	58,910	58,531	56,415
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,325,610</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,652</u>	<u>\$ 1,348,665</u>
<b><u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u></b>			
<b><u>State</u></b>			
Rooms & Meals Tax	301,703	301,703	275,000
Highway Block Grant	182,286	182,942	182,286
Water Pollution Grants	5,511	11,038	5,511
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	68	68	68
Other (Including Railroad Tax)	1,364	2,853	1,364
Other State/Federal Revenue	86,486	83,600	16,486
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 577,418</u>	<u>\$ 582,204</u>	<u>\$ 480,715</u>
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>			
Income from Departments	<u>749,093</u>	<u>756,849</u>	<u>784,790</u>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>			
Sale of Town Property			
Interest on Investments	27,500	29,416	30,000
Other	355,266	355,266	595,812
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 382,766</u>	<u>\$ 384,682</u>	<u>\$ 625,812</u>
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>			
<b><u>Interfund Transfers</u></b>			
Special Revenue Fund	62,000	62,000	
Capital Projects Fund	250,000	250,000	
Trust Funds			
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 312,000</u>	<u>\$ 312,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>Total Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>3,646,493</b>	<b>3,747,024</b>	<b>3,537,982</b>
<b>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</b>			
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</b>			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>600,000</u>	<u>600,000</u>	<u>630,000</u>
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources</b>			
<b>and Use of Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,246,493</b>	<b>\$ 4,347,024</b>	<b>\$ 4,167,982</b>
<b><u>Special Revenue Funds</u></b>			
Sewer	882,508	895,346	955,346
Water	716,311	736,261	736,869
<b>Grand Total All Funds</b>	<b><u>\$ 5,845,312</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,978,631</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 5,860,197</u></b>



# Budget Information

## 2015 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2014 Appropriations	2014 Expended	2015 Recommended
<b><u>General Government</u></b>			
Executive Office	\$ 252,793	\$ 250,557	\$ 263,735
Executive - Municipal Administration	522,462	669,206	874,230
Public Health - Ambulance	287,271	284,400	284,613
Personnel Administration	79,540	72,611	72,899
Town Clerk	173,116	119,188	125,487
Administrative Services	448,635	445,133	441,376
General Assistance	140,000	89,347	140,000
Assessor's Office	179,633	273,402	288,096
Tax Collector's Office	74,120	47,423	45,207
Community Development Department	505,618	465,360	488,420
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	375,000	375,000	475,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	277,859	277,859	
Regional Association	237,185	237,185	240,358
<b><u>Public Safety</u></b>			
Police	1,947,456	1,972,515	1,997,236
Fire	382,159	378,223	389,668
<b><u>Public Works</u></b>			
Solid Waste Facility	789,695	711,200	781,084
Building & Grounds	346,506	328,242	321,375
Cemetery	94,957	90,432	99,362
Highway Department	2,674,984	2,673,729	2,714,360
<b><u>Culture and Recreation</u></b>			
Parks and Recreation	740,567	721,248	759,081
Library	550,433	550,433	552,890
<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	818,990	817,762	808,452
Interest - Long-Term Debt	211,413	206,792	180,225
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 12,120,392</b>	<b>\$ 12,057,246</b>	<b>\$ 12,353,153</b>
<b><u>Conservation Commission</u></b>	1,515	1,515	5,000
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>	753,550	754,880	736,869
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>	967,118	1,021,030	955,346
<b>Total Operating Budget All Funds</b>	<b>\$ 13,842,574</b>	<b>\$ 13,834,671</b>	<b>\$ 14,050,368</b>
<b><u>Special Revenue Fund</u></b>			
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,000	\$ 0
<b>Grand Total - Municipal Budget</b>	<b>\$ 13,904,574</b>	<b>\$ 13,896,671</b>	<b>\$ 14,050,368</b>

## Budget Information

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### 2015 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

<b>2015 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>\$ 14,050,368</b>
Less: 2015 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(5,230,196)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	(630,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay	50,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	216,750
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u><u>\$ 8,456,922</u></u>

2015 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) \$ 4.84

Compared to 2014 Tax Rate of \$ 4.77 (Municipal Portion Only)

#### Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:

2015 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 8,456,922
Board of Selectmen - Amount to be Raised (2014)	<u>(8,339,387)</u>
Variance 2015 to 2014:	<u><u>\$ 117,535</u></u>

#### Notice

If you own real estate lots that were involuntarily merged by municipal action, you may be able to have those lots restored to their pre-merger status.

Your property may qualify if two or more lots were merged for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes and the merger occurred:

- During your ownership, without your consent; or
- Prior to your ownership, if no previous owner consented to the merger.

To restore your property to pre-merger status, you must:

- Make a request to the local governing body
- No later than December 31, 2016.

Once restored:

- Your properties will once again become separate lots; however, they must still conform to applicable land use ordinances. Restoration does not cure non-conformity.

Read the full statute at [RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.](#)

# 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](mailto:kjones@meredithnh.org)

Phone #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, Librarian...

[erin@meredithlibrary.org](mailto:erin@meredithlibrary.org)

Phone #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 Community Center

Located at: 1 Circle Drive

Mailing Address: One Circle Drive

Meredith, NH 03253

Vint Choiniere, Director...

[vchoiniere@meredithnh.org](mailto:vchoiniere@meredithnh.org)

Phone #279-8197

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

9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat, Closed Sunday

## Police - Business

Located at: 400 Daniel Webster Highway

Mailing Address: PO Box 1366

Meredith, NH 03253

Kevin Morrow, Police Chief...

[kmorrow@meredithnh.org](mailto:kmorrow@meredithnh.org)

Phone #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](mailto:mfaller@meredithnh.org)

Phone #279-6352

Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 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 #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 #279-4538

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

Includes...

~Administrative Services

Brenda Vittner, Director...

[blvittner@meredithnh.org](mailto:blvittner@meredithnh.org)

~Assessing

Jim Commerford, Assessor...

[jcommerford@meredithnh.org](mailto:jcommerford@meredithnh.org)

Phone #677-4226

~Town Clerk

Kerri Parker, Town Clerk...

[kparker@meredithnh.org](mailto:kparker@meredithnh.org)

Phone #677-4203

~Town Manager

Phil Warren, Town Manager...

[pwarren@meredithnh.org](mailto:pwarren@meredithnh.org)

## Town Hall Annex

Located at: 5 Highland Street

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Phone #677-4215 Fax #556-8823

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

Includes...

~Community Development

John Edgar, Director...

[jedgar@meredithnh.org](mailto:jedgar@meredithnh.org)

~Conservation Commission

[conservation@meredithnh.org](mailto:conservation@meredithnh.org)

## Water & Sewer

Located at: 50 Waukewan Street

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Dan Leonard, Superintendent...

[water@meredithnh.org](mailto:water@meredithnh.org)

Phone #279-3046

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

