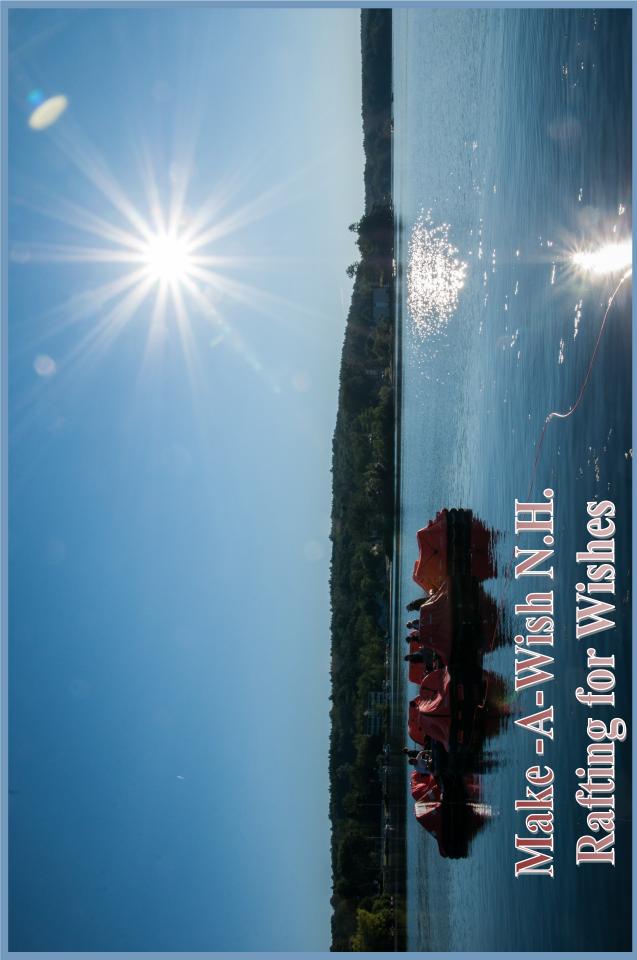
# Meredith Town Report 2015



# Featured on the front cover is a picture of the event "Rafting for Wishes" thru the Make-A-Wish NH foundation.

The photo on the front cover was provided by: Denise Hurt

This year's fifth annual Rafting for Wishes event to benefit Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire took place in Hesky Park at the beginning of August 2015. Rafting for Wishes is a relay raft event in which teams work to keep their raft, floating in Meredith Bay, occupied for 44 consecutive hours, all while raising awareness and funds for Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire.

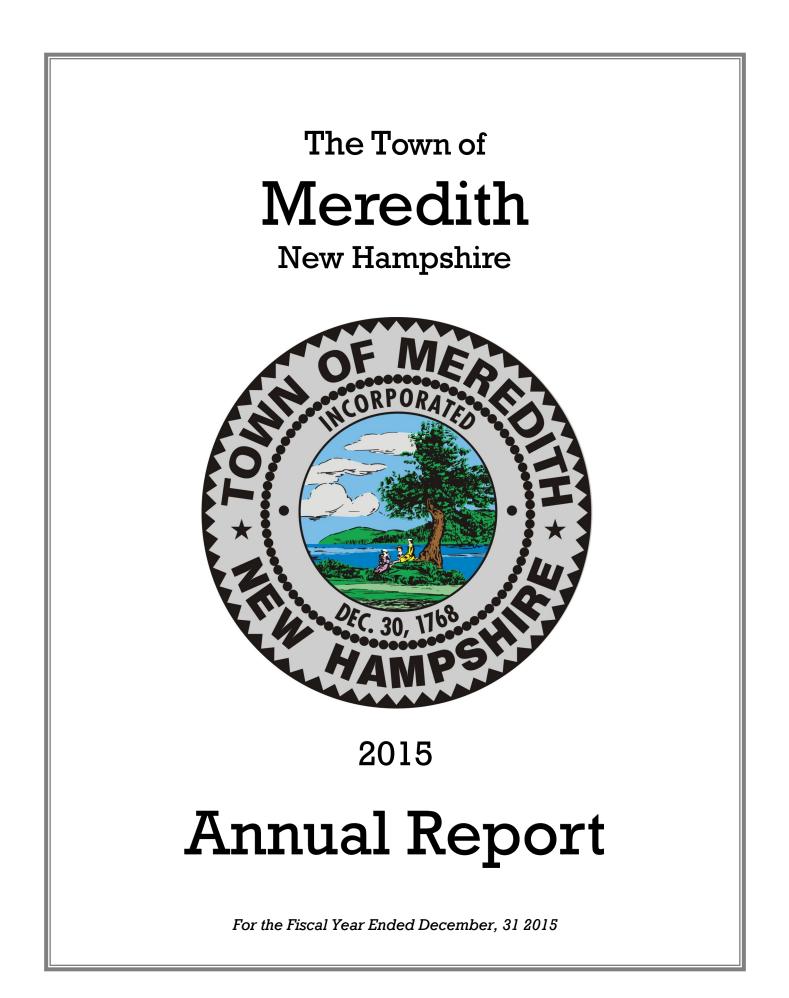
Nine teams participated in 2015 including: AutoServ of Tilton, The Common Man Restaurants, Fitness Edge of Meredith, the Gilford Police Department, Mill Falls at the Lake, the New Hampshire State Troopers, Target, T-Bones & Cactus Jacks of Laconia, as well as Team Minions, made up of local Meredith residents. Jason Perry of Manchester also participated as an individual, remaining on water for the full 44 hours. He was accompanied for the full 44 hours by Carolyn Gaudet of Team AutoServ and Rudy Beer of the Fitness Edge.

This event is more than just participants sitting in a raft for 44 hours. It is about the meaning behind their actions – the impact of a Wish on Wish Children and their families. A Wish has profound and lasting results. According to a Wish Impact Study, most health professionals surveyed say a wish come true can affect the child's physical health. Kids say wishes give them renewed strength to fight their illness, and parents say these experiences strengthened the entire family. This year's event, for 2015, raised enough funds to grant six wishes. In its five years, the event has raised \$262,944.67.

Aside from the rafts, there was also plenty of entertainment and family fun on land over the course of the three days. These events include a movie in the park, courtesy of Meredith Parks and Recreation, a fireworks display, dance performances and performances by Connecticut-based jazz band, the Funky Dawgs and Meredith's own Sweetbloods. A wonderful time was had by all and the event would not have been possible without the help and support of the Town of Meredith, Meredith Police and Fire Departments, Meredith Parks and Recreation, Miles Marine and Marine Patrol.

Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Since 1987, when the New Hampshire chapter was founded, more than 1,320 wishes have been granted.

A wish experience can be a game-changer for a child with a life-threatening medical condition. It inspires us to grant wishes that change the lives of the kids we serve. It compels us to be creative in exceeding the expectations of every wish child. It drives us to make our donated resources go as far as possible. Most of all, it's the founding principle of our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child. Wishes impact everyone involved - wish children, volunteers, donors, sponsors, medical professionals and communities. For wish children, just the act of making their wish come true can give them the courage to comply with their medical treatments. Parents might finally feel like they can be optimistic. And still others might realize all they have to offer the world through volunteer work or philanthropy. Whatever the odds, whatever the obstacles, wishes find a way to make the world better.



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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 2015 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 8, 2016 Location: Community Center 1 Circle Drive Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 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 Stacy Bivolcic, 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 4:30pm, 1st and 3rd Monday

**Conservation Commission** 

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

Library Trustees

Planning Board

Community Center, 7:00pm, 4th Tuesday

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

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Thursday

# Contact Information on the Area Resources

Emergency and Health Information

	Community Action Program	
	Emergency Management Director	
	Lakes Region General Hospital	
	Meredith Public Health Nursing	
	Hanover Poison Information Center	1-800-562-8236
Legal Services		
	Belknap County Registry of Deeds	
	Belknap County Superior Court	
	Laconia District Court	
	New Hampshire Legal Assistance	1-800-639-5290
County and State Police		
<u>county and state rente</u>	Belknap County Sheriff Department	
	State Police - Tamworth	
	State Police - Concord	1-800-525-5555
Permits to Kindle Fires		
<u>remits to Rindie Thes</u>	Central Fire Station	279-6061
	Y-Landing Marina .	
	Also online at WV	

# Dedication

# Town Report Dedication



This years Town Report is being dedicated to: Bruce Day Heald, Author-Doctor of Education-Husband-Father-Grandfather-Marine-Purser-Selectman-State Rep to the General Court. These are the many titles that Bruce D. Heald earned.

An organizer and worker, he would immerse himself spending hours preparing for a concert, Select Board meeting or writing one of his many books. A favorite job was purser on the m/s Mount Washington Cruise Ship. There he could welcome visitors, give a short history of the area and make everyone feel at home.

His infectious laugh, ability to tell a good story and begin an inspiration to young people is the Bruce that we will remember. He loved his student whether in a classroom or playing a musical instrument. He took the time to make them feel proud of what they were doing and to know they were an important part of the whole picture.

Bruce's passion for understanding the history and events which happened in the Lakes Region are well documented in the forty plus books he authored. He enjoyed talking about the happenings of the past and present, exchanging a story, and on a few occasions playing a practical joke. One of his favorites was to locate someone he knew in a crowded room-loudly call out their name-rush over-shake their hand then quickly depart.

I had the distinct pleasure of working with Bruce at Inter Lakes High school for over a decade.

As I reflect on his life, I know Bruce would be proud and honored by this dedication. How fortunate for all of us whose lives he touched that he left with us a legacy of music, history and humor. Thank you Bruce

Respectfully Submitted by:

Nathan Torr, Select Board Chairperson

# In Special Memoriam



James L. "Jim" Waldron, 66, of Meredith, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Memorial Hospital, in North Conway. Born on January 31, 1949, in Laconia, NH, he was the son of Herbert and Theresa (Aubin) Waldron.

Jim was raised in Meredith and attended local schools. He was the long-time owner and operator of "Waldron's Dugout Live Bait & Tackle", in Meredith.

Jim was an avid fisherman and he was defined by his unique character and principles; he will be dearly missed.

Pauline Louise (Juneau) Fournier died at home on Saturday morning, January 16, 2016, after being given a terminal cancer diagnosis on November 3. She was able to spend the last few months of her life surrounded by her family - enjoying visits from close friends and sharing many hours playing with her great granddaughter, Dahlia.

Pauline was one of three children, born to Lawrence Amie and Hazel Mae (MacMichael) Juneau on July 26, 1936. She spent time growing up in Rochester and Meredith, New Hampshire, as well as graduating from high school in Winchendon, Massachusetts. She married Robert Henry Fournier on September 22, 1956 and together they raised their family of six children. She is survived by her husband Robert, her sister Marie Simpson and her six children.



What she wanted people to know was that she lived and she loved! She loved her family (natural and adopted – so many adopted and cared for as her own). She loved her husband. She loved and supported her community and friends. She loved her home. She loved her flowers, trees, and birds. She loved Jeopardy (and wow, was she good at it). She loved cooking for all that appeared at her door and she loved seeing people enjoying themselves in her home and on "her lake". She loved her dog, Stella.

She impacted our world in so many ways - she will always be our shining star in the sky.

Pauline was the Meredith Town Clerk for 27 years and retired from the Town in 1997.

# **Dedicated Service**



Mary Lee Harvey 29 Years of Service Mary Lee Harvey began her career with the Town of Meredith on January 6, 1986. In May of this year, Mary Lee retired after 29 years of continuous service. For most of her career Mary Lee was the face of the Planning and Zoning Department, managing the office environment and serving the day-to-day needs of our contractors, applicants and volunteer boards. I have worked with Mary Lee for most of her tenure with the Town, sharing and witnessing a lot together.

When I think of Mary Lee, four qualities readily come to mind: privately humble, respectfully loyal, highly dependable and always professional.

The department and the community has benefited greatly from her service. Thank you Mary Lee. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

Submitted by: John C. Edgar, Community Development Director



Deputy Chief Thomas Joslin (Retired 10/31/2015) Tom started with Meredith Fire on 1/21/1991, just shy of 25 Years of Service with Department.

Deputy Joslin completed NH Fire Training FF II and Career Firefighter Training while he was in his young middle fifties, this a major accomplishment to say the least!

During his years of service with Meredith Fire, he held Lieutenant, Captain and Deputy Chiefs positions.

Thomas Joslin 25 Years of Service Submitted by: Ken Jones, Fire Chief



Judy Hodges 20 Years of Service Judy Hodges retired from Meredith Public Library in 2015 after serving for almost twenty-years. Though it has been over six months since she's left, patrons still ask for her and she is dearly missed by the staff. Judy started volunteering at the library in 1996 and by 2007 had been promoted to Assistant Library Director.

Judy has enjoyed working with the staff and the public, and the library has greatly benefited from her knowledge and experience in the community. She seemed to know the name of every patron and maintained a good-humored conversation while also efficiently attending to her duties. Fortunately, the library has not lost Judy's services completely, as she became one of the Friends of the Library after her retirement. She is also a member of Altrusa, and looks forward to having more time for kayaking, gardening, and visiting friends.

Submitted by: Erin Apostolos, Library Director

# **Dedicated Service**





Robert Chance came to the Meredith Police Department in August 1993 as a part-time patrol officer. He had been previously employed by the Northfield Police Department, as well as Person's Concrete Company.

In 1995 Bob became a certified full time officer for the Meredith Police Department. From Patrolman he became a Corporal and later a Police Sergeant. Bob was one of the Meredith Police Department's Motor Officer's responsible for the Motorcycle unit. As a supervisor, Bob was in charge of the Meredith Police Department's Dispatch Center.

Bob served for 20 years as a full time officer for the Town of Meredith, having retired in June 2015.

Submitted by: Kevin Morrow, Police Chief





Menta Martel, Assessing Office Manager, retired in 2015 after 19 years of dedicated service to the Town of Meredith.

She began working in the Assessing Office part time in 1996 to assist with the Revaluation and was hired full time shortly after in 1997. Although her legal background made her well suited for the assessing office it was her professional manner in which she dealt with customers of the office which made her stand out.

Menta is an avid reader and has volunteered assisting with a golden retriever rescue organization. She has also adopted several golden retrievers herself.

Each Thanksgiving and Christmas she organized the Town's holiday food drive for Community Action Program delivering several meals each year.

I would like to personally thank Menta for making my transition as Assessor a very easy and seamless process ten years ago and wish you the best of luck in your retirement. You will be missed.

Submitted by: Jim Commerford, Tax Assessor

Together they have over 112 years of Dedicated Service to the Tax Payers of the Town of Meredith! Thank you all for your dedication to our Town.

# Town Officials

### Select Board

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson, 2016

Deer A. Marile, Wiss Chain 2017	Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson, 2016	Lengthen D. Lenger 2016
Ray A. Moritz, Vice Chair, 2017		Jonathan D. James, 2016
Beverly H. Lapham, Jr., 2017		Michael J. Pelczar, 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		Phillip L. Warren, Jr.
Administrative Services Director		Brenda L. Vittner, MBA
Community Development Director		John C. Edgar, AICP
Town Planner		Angela LaBrecque
Code Enforcement Officer		Brian Swanker
Public Works Director		Michael Faller
Assistant Public Works Director		Allan Bolduc
Water & Sewer Superintendent		Vacant
Assessor		James Commerford, CNHA
Parks & Recreation Director		Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Library Director		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	
Robert Davis, 2018	James Gregoire 2016	Mary Kahn, 2017
	Supervisors of the Checklist	
Martha Billings, 2020	Lucienne M. Boulanger, Chair, 2016	Brenda L. Vittner, 2018
Capital I	mprovements Program (CIP) Advisory C	ommittee
Mark Billings, ILSB Rep/Vice Chair	Edward Touhey, Chair/Planning Board Rep.	Justin Van Etten
Jack Carty	Richard Gerken, Planning Board Rep.	Jeannie Forrester
Ray A. Moritz, Selectmen's Rep.	Mike Pelczar, Selectmen's Rep. (Alternate)	Dave Thorpe

# Town Officials

### Library Trustees

Pamela Coburn, Chair, 2017

Planning Board

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2018 Miller Lovett, 2018 Paul Eldridge, 2018

Richard Gerken, 2018 Ann Butler, 2018 Roger Sorell, 2017

Robert Flanders, 2018

Robb Jutton, 2018 Warren Clark, 2016

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

Paul Dillon, 2018

Duncan, McNeish

Bob Vogler

**Tim Whiting** 

Jim Gregoire, 2017

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

Randy Eifert Bill Corr

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Bill Bayard, 2018

Ken Colburn Chris Wald, ILSD Representative Joe Rando

Sandy Sabutis Andrea Bourn Lissa Goodby Bill Bayard, Chairman, 2016

Alternates:

Zoning Board of Adjustment

John W. Dever, III, 2016

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairman, 2018

Alternates: Frank Marino, 2018

Conservation Commission Mark Billings, Chairman, 2018

Alternates:

Ann Butler, Vice Chair, 2018 Jane Ramsey, 2016 Beverly Heyduk, 2016

Peter Brothers, 2018 Edward Touhey, 2016 Jonathan James, Selectmen's Rep. Thomas Hughes, 2018

> Bruce Reichlen, 2019 David Thorpe, 2018

John Sherman, 2017 Ralph Pisapia, 2018 Bob Davis, 2018

Tony Sabutis, 2016

Stan Wallerstein John Hodsdon Raymond Moritz, Selectmen's Rep.

Herbert R. Vadney, 2018

Energy Committee Bill Bayard, Chairman

Michael Pelczar - Selectmen's Rep.

Village Pathways Committee

Liz Lapham, Chairman Paula Wanzer Reed Leberman Malik Haig Mark Billings

Carol Gerken Janice Roberts Chris Schwidder

# Report from the Town Manager

2015 began with the budget process which entailed working with Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen 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 Selectmen, 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.



Through the persistence of many, including this office, the state finally rebuilt Barnard Ridge Road and re-paved Meredith Neck Road.

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

Submitted by: Nate Torr, Chairperson

Your Board has again struggled with the challenges of finding enough revenue to offset the expenditures needed to effectively operate the Town. Several purchases which were postponed have now gotten to the end of their life cycle. The most significant of these is the tub grinder used at the refuse center. There is not an expendable trust to ease the outlay of capital for this machine. The Board decided the best option was an outright purchase. Other options would have been to purchase the machine over a five year period at a high interest rate or simply keep replacing worn out parts. These proposals were rejected with the final decision to include the purchase in the operating budget.

The Board has continued to work with the Department of Transportation on the 3/25 Project. Since the rejection of the first proposal we have revisited alternatives which would help the flow of traffic and assist pedestrians crossing the highway. Adaptive signalization appears to be the best choice. It would involve replacing the present set of lights with advanced technological lights.

# Report from the Select Board continued...

They would read the traffic flow (so lights would not have to go through a cycle) and coordinate with lights at a crosswalk(s) near Dover and Lake Streets. This plan if accepted in 2016 would not change any of the existing pavement. However, some of the road markings would change to assist large vehicles with their turning radius. The project if approved would tentatively be completed in 2017.

The enhanced 911 mapping is an ongoing project under the direction of the NH DOS Division of Emergency Services and Communication. When this is completed the Town will have a detailed emergency map for all addressable structures, entrances to public buildings and landmarks. This document will be used by emergency responders to locate buildings and to notify property owners of emergencies or impending disasters. The potential for a disaster has been outlined in your updated Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan approved by FEMA, is a document covering all possible disasters which the Town might incur. It outlines the potential for damage and the responses to a particular situation. The Board would like to express their appreciation to the department heads for their leadership in this plan and to the many others for their input and time.

Several property owners have come before the Board with requests to unmerge their properties. A new state statue allows property owners to unmerge their lots if the lots where involuntarily merged by the Town. Presently five property owners have petitioned the Board to unmerge their lots and each has been granted. The Statue will sunset at the end of 2016.

The Towns DPW Facility Committee is still researching needs, a possible change of location, and a plan for implementation. The Committee will be reporting back to the Board and a proposal may be ready for next year's Town meeting.

In appreciation the Board would like to thank Dan Leonard for his four plus years of leadership as Superintendent of Water and Sewer. Dan will be assisting in a consultant capacity until a replacement is found.

The Board extends a special THANK YOU to the Town employees for their dedication; to the volunteers for their work on committees and special projects, and to all the taxpayers for their support in making Meredith a very special place.

Meredith Select Board

Pictured from left to right...

Nathan J. Torr, Chair Raymond A. Moritz, Vice Beverly H. Lapham, Jr. Jonathan D. James Michael J. Pelczar



Town Meeting 2015

**DELIBERATIVE SESSION** 

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

2015 Meredith Town Warrant

Town Moderator: Stephen Nedeau

Board of Selectmen Carla J. Horne, Chairperson Peter F. Brothers, Vice-Chairperson Nathan J. Torr, Selectperson

> Town Manager Phillip L. Warren

Meeting opened at 7:00pm by Moderator Stephen Nedeau, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Nedeau requested a vote from the audience for permission to allow Town Council Attorney Stephen Whitley to speak if necessary and with a show of Voter Cards it is permissible.

Moderator Nedeau proceeded to read the results of Tuesday's Elections.

INTER-LAKES SCHOOL DIS'	TRICT	SELECTMEN - Two for Three	e Year Terms
		Roland Tichy	22
MODERATOR - One Year Ter	m	David Lund Bennett, Sr	90
Stephen Nedeau	7 write in votes	L. Michael Hatch	113
-		Jonathan James	192
For Member of School Board -	Three Year Term	Rosemary Kiernan Landry	260
RESIDENT OF CENTER HAR	BOR	Bev Lapham, Jr	371
Craig Baker	52 write in votes	Ray A Moritz	410
-		Michael J Pelczar	320
For Member of School Board -	Three Year Term		
RESIDENT OF MEREDITH		SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIS	T – One for Five Year Term
Lisa Merrill	747	Martha Billings	789
For Member of School Board -	Three Year Term	For Library Trustee – Four for T	Three Year Term
RESIDENT OF SANDWICH		J Duncan McNeish III	684
John Martin	635	Ann Butler	689
		Paul S Eldridge	723
		Miller C Lovett	703
		For Library Trustee – One for C	One Year Term
		Beverly Heyduk	788
		For Trustee of the Trust Funds - Bob Davis	- One for Three Year Term 805

### 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.

Carla Horne motioned to approve Article 2 as proposed seconded by Peter Brothers, No discussion with a show of voter cards Article 2 passed.

### 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.

Peter Brothers, motioned to approve Article 3 as proposed, seconded by Nate Torr, No discussion, with a show of voter cards Article 3 passed.

### 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.

Nate Torr motioned to approve Article 4 as proposed, seconded by Carla Horne, No discussion, with a show of voter cards Article 4 passed.

### 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.

Carla Horne motioned to approve Article 2 as proposed seconded by Peter Brothers, No discussion with a show of voter cards Article 5 passed.

### 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.

Peter Brothers motioned to approve Article 6 as proposed seconded by Nate Torr,

### ARTICLE 6 continued...

Terrence Kennedy asked how this Article relates to Article 7 and Peter Brothers explained that this needed to be approved at the Town Meeting so that we may have the ability to utilize the excess funds to be distributed. Ginny Lovett asked what happens next year when we don't have this money. Phil explained that the money will be in the fund balance where they will be able to be utilized. Johnathan James asked if the money would fund expansion of cable in town? Phil Warren explained that it could be used for the expansion, however the guidelines for whether they would expand the cable. James Hughes asked if this money that we are voting to move will be used for general fund purposes. To which Nat Torr explained that yes that was the case and the only way it can be utilized is by a vote of the Town Meeting to rescind this fund and open a new account that the Selectmen would be agents to expend.

With a show of voter cards, Article 6 passed

### 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)

Nate Torr motioned to approve Article 4 as proposed, seconded by Carla Horne.

With no discussion and a show of voter cards Article 7 passed.

Carla Horne presented Peter Brothers with a frame that has a Meredith Flag that was flown over Town Hall for the years of service given to the Town of Meredith.

Nate Torr, presented to Carla Horne a framed Meredith Flag that was flown over Town Hall, as well for her service to the Town of Meredith.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:39pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Kerri A Parker, CTCTC Town Clerk - Meredith Annual Report from Executive Councilor Joseph Kenney, District One

As I start my 3rd year of service to you and the State of New Hampshire in Council District 1, I am grateful and honored to serve you.

I continue to work with the Governor, Council and Legislature on the important issues impacting the State. The Heroin and Opioid epidemic has been the number one issue. The Governor and Council called for a Special Legislative Session on November 18<sup>th</sup> to address the statewide heroin and opioid crisis. A Joint Legislative Task Force on Heroin and Opioid Epidemic was formed and will make recommendations to the Governor and Legislature in the upcoming session.

Economic development is still my top priority for the Northern most Council District and I will work with community and business leaders to assist in the creation of jobs and economic opportunity. I am committed to the Balsams project in Dixville Notch and I will continue to work with the various public and private partners to move this project forward. Additionally, I continue to work with the county and regional economic development councils and executive directors on present and future economic opportunities to grow businesses in the District.

I join with the NH Congressional Delegation - Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Senator Kelly Ayotte, Congresswoman Annie Kuster and Congressman Frank Guinta in working with other New England states and our northern Canadian friends to seek economic opportunities and relationships.

The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan process working with the Department of Transportation and the Regional Planning Commissions has been completed. The Executive Council approved the final draft and submitted it to the Governor on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The plan focuses on preservation, maintenance and safety of existing pavement and bridge infrastructure throughout the State. The US Congress passed the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, which provides increased federal funding to the State of New Hampshire over the next five years. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for any additional details at 271-3344 or <a href="https://www.bwaton@dot.state.nh.us">bwaton@dot.state.nh.us</a>.

The 2016 session of the NH House and Senate will address legislation that deals with the heroin and opioid crisis, Medicaid expansion, and maintaining a good business climate. Again, be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs on to the county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested, please send your resume to Governor Maggie Hassan, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma Director of Appointments/Liaison or at (603) 271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at <a href="http://www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm">www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm</a>.

My office has available informational items: NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks, etc. I periodically send, via email, a list of my schedule for the week. Send me your email address if you'd like to added to the list at <u>Joseph.Kenney@nh.gov</u>.

Contact my office any time I can be of assistance to you.

Serving you, Joe



# 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

Stacy Bivolcic, Deputy Tax Collector Eric Ferland, MCSE, Information Technology Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance Officer Carrie Sawyer, CPP, Disbursement Accountant

Administrative Services is the support department to all other Town departments. I would like to thank and commend the Administrative Services Department staff for their continued efforts of providing quality customer service. I believe that we have a skilled and cohesive team dedicated to quality work. Public Service has many challenges, every employee is consistently asked to take on additional work and projects to maintain the excepted level of service and each person has done so without hesitation. This group considers quality customer service as one of the most important aspects of the daily work environment.

The Administrative Services department is responsible for the sound financial management and integrity of the finance system in administration, budget development and monitoring of the operating budget and revenues. The department's core strengths are respect, consideration and understanding of all taxpayers, employees and visitors to the Town of Meredith.

For the past several years, this department has had to manage increased responsibilities while managing with limited resources. The Administrative Services staff consistently performs at a high level and manages all expectations professionally and with compassion. There is an open door policy for the department; which allows all stakeholders access to information and services.

Assessing James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor Kim Brown, Assessing Office Manager Bettina Ford, Field Data Collector

### **Department's Mission**

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

The Assessing Office experienced a personnel change in 2015 with the retirement of Office Manager Menta Martel after 19 years of service. Menta was a dedicated professional who was committed to serving Meredith residents and assessing customers. I want to wish Menta good luck in her retirement. The Assessing Office welcomes Kim Brown as the new Office Manager. Kim has been a resident of Meredith for 15 years and brings with her a background in customer service.

The Town's total valuation increased .72% in 2015 from \$1,745,511,622 to \$1,758,060,047. 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 2016, we will be measuring and listing properties in portions of Route 25, the Meredith Neck Road area (including waterfront neighborhoods) and Bear Island. 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.

I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions and credits available. Exemptions include elderly, disabled and blind. There are requirements that must be met to qualify. Tax credits are available for certain veterans. Check with our office to see if you may qualify.

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 <u>www.meredithnh.org</u> 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

# **Community Development**

John C. Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director Brian Swanker, Code Enforcement Officer Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner Chris Tivnan, Administrative Assistant Stephanie Maltais, Clerk

2015 has been a year of transition for the Community Development Department.

Brian Swanker started his new duties as the town's Code Enforcement Officer on December 29, 2014. Brian brings to the department a wealth of building code experience and a customer service philosophy towards his duties as Building Official, Zoning Administrator and Health Officer. Brian lives in Meredith with his wife and two children.

In May Chris Tivnan was promoted from within the department to fill the Administrative Assistant vacancy created by Mary Lee's retirement. Chris brings enthusiasm and ten years of experience within the department to her new position.

In July we welcomed Stephanie Maltais to the department. Stephanie started a part time position as Community Development Clerk filling the vacancy resulting from Chris's promotion. Stephanie brings to the department strong customer service, computer and organizational skills. Stephanie lives in Meredith with her husband and daughter.

Throughout this transition period our objective has been to provide seamless delivery of quality services to our contractors, residents, businesses owners, volunteers and co-workers. Thank you everyone for your patience and understanding.

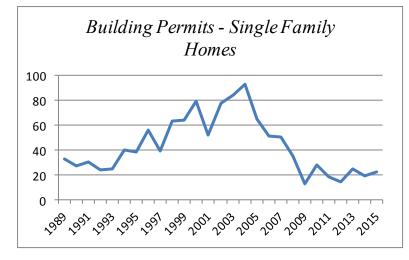
Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Edgar, AICP Community Development Director

# Community Development continued...

### Building Permit Summary 2015

New Single-Family Homes	22	Garages/Storage Buildings	42
New Two-Family Homes	0	Oil (burners, tanks)	5
New Multi-Family Units	1	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	107
New Commercial Buildings	4	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	26
Special Use Permits	13	Residential Renovations/Repairs	92
Mobile Homes	2	Fences/Signs	15
Docks/Boathouses/Pools	7	Electrical/Plumbing	130
Demolition	9		



### Planning Board Application Summary 2015

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	11	Pre-application Consultations	6
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	0	Scenic Rd Tree Cutting Approvals	0
Subdivision Approvals	2	Architectural Design Reviews	5
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	6	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

## Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary 2015

Variance Applications	14	Total Applications Withdrawn	1
Variances Granted	12	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	2	Rehearing Requests Received	3
Special Exception Applications	21	Rehearing Requests Granted	2
Special Exceptions Granted	21	Rehearing Requests Denied	1
Special Exceptions Denied	0	Administrative Decisions Denied	0

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# Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

### Summary

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:

- The Capital Improvement Program incorporates existing debt service as part of the overall capital program. For 2016, existing debt service payments total \$810,197. This represents 64% of the recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program for program year 2016.
- For program year 2016, the recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program includes additional capital project spending in the amount of \$460,000.
- For 2016, the CIP Advisory Committee recommends a municipal Capital Improvement Program (debt repayment <u>plus</u> capital projects) of \$1,270,197. This represents a decrease of 14% compared to 2015 municipal CIP- related appropriations.
- The municipal debt service schedule indicates that additional debt will be retired in 2016 through 2022. The Committee understands that as debt is retired, program capacity associated with the retired debt will be available to support future capital needs.
- In addition to what has been identified and programmed, there are significant capital projects that are likely to come before the Committee in the future, including:
  - o Replacement of the DPW garage and related site improvements
  - Exhaust Source Capture Systems for both fire station facilities
  - o Decanting Water Filtration System (water treatment plant)
  - o Repair or replacement of waterfront infrastructure

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.

• Meredith is one of three communities that comprise the Inter-Lakes School District. Meredith taxpayers are responsible for approximately 75% of the district's costs including capital projects. The district has developed a six-year capital improvements program. The District's program includes three capital projects that 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

### Fire Department

Fire Department Equipment

<u>Recommendation</u>: Allocate \$100,000 in 2016 through 2022 to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

# Capital Improvements Program continued....

### Fire Department Equipment

<u>Rationale:</u> The Town is in the process of replacing Tanker 5 in 2015. Sources of funding include a FEMA grant (\$380,000), funds pulled from the ETF (\$30,000), funds to be pulled from the ETF (\$125,000), and funds from the Fire Department Reserve (\$90,000). The balance of funding will come from 2015 unexpended appropriations. As all funding for the replacement of Tanker 5 will be covered in 2015 there are no CIP considerations for this piece of apparatus in 2016. The estimated balance of the Fire Equipment Replacement ETF upon completion of this acquisition will be zero. The next piece of apparatus scheduled for replacement is the 1993 Pierce/Dash Engine 3. According to the equipment inventory replacement schedule, the replacement cost would occur in 2021 at a cost of \$550,000. Additional future capital needs may include the replacement of the department's air-pacs and turnout gear.

### Department of Public Works

### **DPW** Equipment

<u>Recommendation</u>: Allocate \$60,000 in 2016 through 2019 to the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund.

<u>Rationale:</u> The Town owns three box trailers used to transport our solid waste from our transfer station to the disposal site. These are scheduled for replacement in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and cost approximately \$80,000 each. The estimated balance of the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund at 12/31/15 is \$ 50,540.00.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Allocate \$300,000 in 2016 through 2022 to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

<u>Rationale:</u> According to the Solid Waste and Highway Equipment Inventory Replacement Schedules, there is a significant amount of capital equipment scheduled for replacement in the coming years. In 2016 the 2000 Kenworth dump and sander (\$205,000) and the 1992 Hay Buster Tub Grinder (\$250,000) would be replaced. In 2017 the Case backhoe (\$135,000) and the glass crusher (\$100,000) would be replaced. In 2018 the 2003 Kenworth dump and sander would be replaced (\$215,000). In 2019 the Volvo roller (\$110,000), the 2004 Kenworth dump and sander (\$215,000) and the 2006 Ford dump (\$95,000) would be replaced. The estimated balance of the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund on 12/31/15 is \$228.00.

### **DPW** Facility

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

<u>Rationale:</u> In 2014 Town Meeting appropriated \$100,000 to conduct a feasibility study for a new DPW facility at the current location on Jenness Hill Road. The DPW Facility Committee worked with HKT Architects, Incorporated to examine the feasibility of re-developing the existing site. The DPW Facility Committee has concluded that based on program needs developed by DPW and the consultant, the existing site on Jenness Hill Road is tight and would require significant site work. With a consensus from the Board of Selectmen, the DPW Advisory Committee has begun to consider other sites. Project updates are anticipated in 2016.

# Capital Improvements Program continued...

### Water and Sewer Department

### Water System Improvements:

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

<u>Rationale</u>: The Water Department is nearing completion of an asset management plan for the water infrastructure. It is anticipated that this will be completed in 2016. Needed improvements will be prioritized and brought before the committee for future consideration. The Water system Improvements Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance at 12/31/15 is \$232,887.00. The water utility currently has \$272,262.00 in Water Access Fees Reserves available for repairs and major improvements.

### Groundwater Source Study

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

<u>Rationale</u>: 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 2015 will deplete the balance of the Groundwater Source Study Expendable Trust Fund.

### Sewer System Improvements

Recommendation: No funding is recommended at this time.

<u>Rationale</u>: The Sewer Department is pursuing an in-house capital asset study. It is anticipated that this will be completed in 2016. Needed improvements will be prioritized and brought before the committee for future consideration. The sewer utility currently has \$501,278.00 in Sewer Access Fees Reserve that are available for repairs and major improvements.

### 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 \$97,125 in 2016, \$228,000 in 2017, and \$56,250 in 2018.

<u>Rationale</u>: In 2015, the District moved forward with a comprehensive, self-funded energy upgrade project often referred to as "Honeywell II". This project features two oil-fired boiler upgrades, two pellet fired systems, window and door replacements, improved ventilation and photovoltaic panels. The District continues to make phased roof replacements at the Inter-Lakes Elementary School. The fourth and final phase is scheduled for 2017.

The next capital priority for the District will address the issue of auditorium seating. The focus moving forward will be to replace the existing retractable seating with fixed seating. The District expects to schedule the project for school year 2016/2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Touhey, Chairman CIP Advisory Committee

# Meredith 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 2015 of the Village Pathways Committee included continuing distribution of the "Meredith Village Historic Walking Map" first published by the Pathways Committee in 2011. A "Meredith Past and Present" walking tour was offered in June combining the Meredith Sculpture Walk with the Historic Walk. This was well received and more are planned. The Historic Walking Maps will be reprinted in 2016 and we are grateful for the sponsorship of MVSB, Mill Falls at the Lake, DAK Financial, Meredith Rotary and the Historical Society. 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 in front of the Meredith Historical Society building on Main Street offers walking maps from the Pathways Committee and Conservation Committee.

Of major importance and work to the committee this year was their continuing research on the proposed Hawkins Brook Eco-Trail located behind MVSB and the Crosspoint Shopping Center. In the heart of Meredith Village, this 3,220 foot pedestrian trail will offer recreational and educational opportunities while linking Meredith Village to Prescott Park, the Community Center, and the Inter-Lakes school campus.

The Hawkins Brook Eco-Trail will begin at NH Route 25, at the left side of Meredith Village Savings Bank (MVSB) where a universally accessible pedestrian trail will be constructed along Hawkins Brook to a viewing platform overlooking the Hawkins Brook wetland complex located behind the Crosspoint Shopping Center. A boardwalk structure will be constructed through the wetland and will join a wooded trail that will end at Prescott Park. 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". Initial development planning donations were made by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith Rotary the Conservation Commission and the Community Garden Club of Meredith. The Pathways Committee has contracted with Timber and Stone, LLC to design the trail. Fund raising for construction of the trail will begin in 2016 and the Pathways Committee will have a campaign for community support.

We appreciate the guidance, time and effort Angela LaBrecque, Town Planner 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, and Paula Wanzer.



# Energy Committee

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

The Energy Committee started off 2015 by hosting an energy workshop in March on high efficiency heat pumps. This workshop was free and open to the public to learn more about minisplits (an air source, cold climate heat pump), how they work, what type is appropriate, and opportunities for incentives. The workshop was well attended and presentations were made by Joe Rando, an energy professional, and Mike Hamlin, an expert on high efficiency heat pumps.

In November of 2015 a second public workshop, Button Up NH, was hosted by the Meredith and Center Harbor Energy Committees. This workshop was designed to provide homeowners with information and techniques to help them save money on home energy use. This workshop was also free and open to the public. The presentation was made by Andy Duncan, the Energy Training Manager for the Energy Services Program at Lakes Region Community College.

The Parks and Recreation Department met with the committee to share some of their energy initiatives. Russ Weeks reported on recent energy training he participated in to better understand building science as well as proposed energy upgrades to the Community Center. Some of the energy upgrades include a lighting retrofit and insulation upgrades.

Chris Wald, Facilities Director for Inter-Lakes School District (ILSD), is a member of the Energy Committee. He shared with the Meredith and Center Harbor Energy Committees the ILSD's recent energy projects. The energy improvements are a second phase of a Honeywell project that include LED lighting, 1.2 million BTU pellet boilers and a ground PV installation.

In 2016, the Committee plans to host informational workshops that are free and open to the public. They also look forward to collaborating with the Center Harbor Energy Committee. The Energy Committee continues to serve as a resource to the Public Works Building Committee as they move toward the planning of a new facility.

Any interest in the Energy Committee or their work can be directed to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.

Submitted by,

Bill Bayard, Chair Meredith Energy Committee

# Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

**Mission Statement** - The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the 5 watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukewan Watershed. A principal responsibility of the committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues throughout the watershed. While maintaining a diverse geographical and stakeholder structure, the committee works collaboratively with local watershed communities, state agencies, local associations, citizens and other partners in the implementation of the Plan.

**High Risk Septic Systems** – In 2012, the Meredith Board of Selectmen and Meredith Health Officer adopted health regulations pertaining to subsurface wastewater disposal systems within 250' of Lake Waukewan. One of the key provisions requires owners of developed property within 250' of the lake having on-site disposal which pre-dates the state's regulation of septic systems (meaning a system age of 40 years or more) to have a professional inspection and evaluation done of their systems. The primary purpose of the evaluation is to determine whether the system is in failure or not. The regulation required up front notification to property owners affected by this requirement and allowed a two-year period within which to complete the inspection/evaluation. During this time frame the WWAC supported efforts by the Lake Winnipesaukee Association (LWA) to secure grant funding to: (1) to reduce the cost of septic system evaluations to \$250 each; and (2) in the event of a confirmed failure, to offset the cost of a replacement system (up to \$4k each). The LWA grant program extended into the Towns of Center Harbor and New Hampton. These grant programs sunset at the end of 2015.

To date there have been 27 inspections of septic systems on Lake Waukewan; 22 in Meredith, 4 in New Hampton and 1 in Center Harbor. Of the 27 inspections, 12 systems were determined to be in failure and 15 systems passed. The LWA septic system evaluation grant helped to fund 16 evaluations. Since the adoption of the regulation, 13 new septic systems have been installed around Lake Waukewan, all of them located in Meredith. Of these new systems, 9 were partially funded by the LWA grant program to repair/ replace failing septic systems. There are 3 additional septic systems designs permitted in Meredith that are scheduled for installation in 2016.

**Waukewan - Winona Watershed Restoration Plan -** The WWAC supported efforts by the Lake Winnipesaukee Association (LWA) to secure grant funding to update our management plan to current standards. This project hired FB Environmental to do a land and water survey of the Waukewan Watershed. The result is the identification of 64 sites with an assessment of their impact on water quality. Two sites have been selected to implement Best Management Practice designs which are targeted to be completed in 2016. Additionally, Pat Tarpey, Executive Director LWA, will be creating an addendum to the Waukewan Watershed Management Plan to be completed in 2016.

**Invasive Species** – The WWAC continues to help lead the Lake Host program at the Meredith boat ramp. Collaboration between the Town, property associations and the NH Lakes Association enable the prevention of invasive species from entering the lake through courtesy boat inspections.

**Membership** – The WWAC is actively seeking new members. This watershed is the source of Meredith's water supply. Looking after the protection of the water quality is critical not only for the drinking water, but also for the continued recreational benefits provided.

Submitted by: Bob Vogler, Vice Chairman, waukeworld@metrocast.net

# **Conservation Commission**

Your Conservation Commission once again had a busy year in 2015

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 volunteers spent many hours brushing and re-blazing trails, removing blow-downs and building water-bars. With more than 800 acres, Hamlin Eames offers something for everyone, spectacular vistas, numerous specie habitations and trails for all levels of hikers.

### Page Pond & Forest

Page is Meredith's newest Town Forest with more than 600 acres. Each year, your commission with great volunteers works to improve and expand the trail network. In 2015, a brand new loop trail was created that takes hikers down to the southern-most point of the property. At that location hikers will have a spectacular view of the Page Pond wetlands complex. Count the Beaver lodges. We have also started a repair & restoration project on the historic Mill Dam with two full workdays taking down trees that were impacting the structural integrity of the dam. We also cleaned out all the debris from the sluice and runoff areas. We have brought in a professional stonemason to begin the repair and restoration over this winter. Finally, the Bog Walk Trail is now vastly improved with the extension of the Bog Bridge to higher land.

### **Meredith Community Forest**

Community Forest is conveniently located very close to Meredith's Village District and a short 5-minute walk from the Community Center. With roughly 200 acres, the extensive trail network provides for different choices every time you enter the forest. Your commission and volunteers spent numerous days brushing and blazing trails, removing blow-downs and adding additional water-bars. Residents should also be aware of the efforts taking place on the other side of the town boundary with Center Harbor as they work to conserve a second parcel of land all in an effort to protect the Waukewan watershed.

### **Public Outreach and Education**

Your commission continues to work promoting Meredith's Town Forests to both residents and visitors. Your commission hosts guided events in the forests; bring 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 businesses. Our "TAKE A HIKE...IN MEREDITH" promotion continues to raise the awareness of the public to our magnificent forests.

### **Invasive Species**

In 2015 your commission launched a multi-year public outreach and educational campaign to bring to the fore the significant problem Meredith has with invasive species. The first step in this process was to build a Town wide current conditions inventory. We reached out to Plymouth State Universities Center for the Environment. Working with Dr. Amy Villamagne and two interns from the university we developed a methodology for inventorying the huge amount of Japanese Knotweed invading the roadsides and public areas of Town. GPS locations as well as a multi-factor density matrix for each location were assembled during July and August. The survey covered all 200 miles of town roads as well as other town owned properties. Shape files were created such that inventory data now resides on the Town's GIS mapping system. We are also working with the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture to have the Japanese Knotweed along the state owned roads in Meredith treated properly.

# Conservation Commission continued...

We have set up a web site <u>www.meredithnhconservation.org</u> to specifically deal with invasive species. This site will provide updates as what your commission is doing in this project as well as links to research and articles property owners may find valuable if they should an outbreak on their property. In 2016 we will continue to work with the Town, the state and property owners to assist them in dealing with invasive species.

### **Easement Monitoring Volunteers**

Each year, your commission, with help from volunteers, monitors close to 30 parcels totaling more than 2,400 acres and with more than 40 miles of boundaries. We are actively seeking volunteers that would consider helping in our annual monitoring. This is a great way to view our beautiful open spaces from a different perspective then you get walking the trails. If you are interested, contact the Meredith Conservation Commission.

### **2015 Highlights**

- Girl Scout Troop 13134 from New Hampton, as an environmental service project, constructed 8 beautiful birdhouses, hand made from repurposed barn board. The birdhouses were mounted to tree on the north side of Page Pond.
- The Conservation Commission monitored 39 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 wetlands buffer zone.
- We were asked to present our work on invasive species at the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission. Our team from Plymouth State joined commission members in presenting the methodology we used and the mapping results we achieved.
- Meanwhile your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings, commission members, alternates and other volunteers spend many hours in the field, monitoring and caring for your town forests. The Commission is the steward for more than 26 parcels. The properties range from as far east as Bear Island, to as far west as Hermit Woods.

Your commission would like to thank all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2015 your commission hosted 27 trail workdays where we typically had 5 to 8 volunteers put in hundreds of hours of work, Thank you all. Finally, your commission would like to recognize Bob LeCount and Jacquie Colburn for their many years of service as members of the Conservation Commission.

### Respectfully Submitted

### Members

Mark Billings, Chairman (2018) Don McFarlane, Vice-Chairman (2017) Paula Wanzer, Secretary (2016) Mary Kahn, Treasurer (2017) John Sherman (2017) Ralph PIsapia (2018) Bob DavisTony Sabutis (2016) Alternates Tony Sabutis(2016) Paul Dillon (2018) Jim Gregoire (2017)



# Fire

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. Meredith Fire answered a total of 414 calls for the calendar year 2015, which is a slight increase of 26 runs from 2014. This put us at average for the past three years of 415 incidents per year and above the five year average of 405. 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. (See chart below)

I continue to encourage all business and home owners to ensure 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.

The Month of August became very interesting early on as MFD received notice that it had been chosen to receive a vehicle apparatus grant through the 2014 FEMA Fire Act Grant. The award amounted to \$380,953 from FEMA with a 5% match of \$19,047 from the Town of Meredith. With this award, it allows the Town to replace two aging pieces of apparatus immediately and reduce immediate future CIP request for apparatus. Engine 4, (1983 to be removed from service) and Tanker 5, (1988 to be sold) will be replaced with a combination pumper/tanker. A committee was immediately established, specs drafted then sent to various apparatus manufactures, two bids received for committee review and a contract signed for an early 2016 fall delivery.

We also took delivery of the new Heavy Rescue in late August. A Gladiator Spartan Chassis with a 20 ft. box manufactured by Rescue 1 will support MFD current and future needs with vehicle extrications, accident cleanups, various technical rescues, air supply, department rehab, Haz-Mat, lighting and various types of stabilizations.

In October, for the fourth consecutive year, the Department participated in the local Senior Citizen Day Smoke Detector Check supported by LRGH. All Batteries and out of date or malfunctioning Smoke Detectors were replaced for any senior citizen requesting 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 in the upcoming fall and make the call to request the service, the department will be happy to assist any senior citizen.

	2015	2014	2013	2011	2011	2010
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	9.7%	7.7%	9.0%	9.6%	7.0%	4.3%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	14.7	14.2	15.3	12.9	16.6	15.8
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	19.8	19.1	21.6	24.1	22.0	34.4
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	55.8	59.0	54.2	53.4	54.4	45.5
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Number of Calls	414	388	445	395	384	334

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2010 through 2015.

# Fire continued...

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 and part time shift coverage when students are on break. This past summer PTSC was increased to three members seven days a week 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 provide the best of service possible and adjust to the future needs.

In closing, as always, the Officers and I look forward towards the challenges in 2016, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for the continue support. Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours!** 

Respectfully submitted, Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

# Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Meredith Fire Warden, Deputy Wardens, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in Meredith. To help us assist you, please contact the Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department, (279-6061) to determine if a permit is required before doing <u>ANY</u> 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 ability to obtain fire permits on line was initiated in 2015. Approximately 120 towns participated in the online system with over 4,000 permits issued. To obtain a permit on line visit <u>www.NHfirepermit.com</u>.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Meredith Fire Department or DES at 603-271-3503 or <u>www.des.nh.gov</u> 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 <u>www.nhdfl.org</u>.

COUNT	Y STATIS	STICS
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	15.3	11
Carroll	299.5	10
Cheshire	27.6	18
Coos	1.6	6
Grafton	22.6	17
Hillsborough	50.6	23
Merrimack	228	16
Rockingham	9.2	14
Strafford	5.5	15
Sullivan	1.1	4

(All fires reported as of November 2015-figures don't include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

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

This past fire season burned **661 acres** which was the most recorded since 1989 when 629 acres burned. The fire season began in early April with the first reported fire occurring on April 8th. The largest fire was the 275 acre Bayle Mountain fire in Ossipee. This fire started on May 5<sup>th</sup> and burned for several days. The Bayle Mountain fire was also the largest individual fire in NH in over 25 years. There were also a number of other sizable fires in May which definitely kept NH's wildland firefighting resources stretched to the limit. These larger fires increased the average wildland fire size to 5.12 acres. As usual our higher 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 2015 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. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Causes of Fires Reporte	ed
Arson	7
Debris	17
Campfire	13
Children	3
Smoking	12
Railroad	0
Equipment	6
Lightning	5
Misc.*	71

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

Total	Fires	Total Acres
2015	134	661
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206
2011	125	42

Apparatus (14R1) – 2015 Spartan/Rescue 1 Heavy Rescue, 20' Walk Around Box, delivered late August 2015



Only You Can Prevent Wildland Fire

# Town Clerk

2015 has allowed me to breath somewhat easier with the addition of Stacy Bivolcic in the Tax Department and Stephanie Stohl in the Town Clerk Department. The year without assistance was a challenge to say the least.

I can't express how much I appreciate the patience of the Residents of the Town of Meredith for their support during the past year.

Boat registrations done at Town Hall are increasing more now that the word is getting out that we are able to do them in this office. With the current weather conditions the lake looks like we could be boating early in 2016.



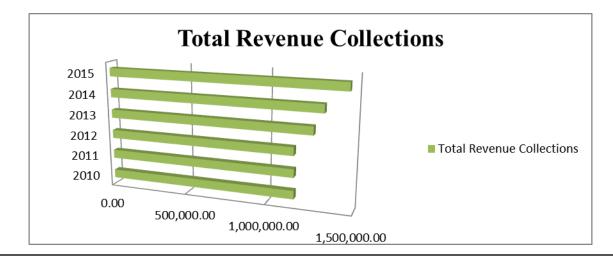
Kerri A. Parker Town Clerk

In September I was sworn in as president of the NH City and Town Clerk's Association >-

which will give me a great opportunity to travel the state meeting with other clerks, as well as participating in the legislative processes in Concord. I look forward to the 4 elections that will take place in 2016 with the many conscientious voters that make Meredith a great place to live and work.

The 2015 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: (9,884 Auto) & (292 Boat)	10,176	\$ 1,403,703.82
Dogs	1043	6,755.50
Vital Records	1,296	15,993.00
Marriage Licenses	92	3,470.00
Miscellaneous		
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies		
Dredge & Fill Permits - Mailings - Notary/Justice Fees		 25,982.64
Total Revenue Collected		\$ 1,455,904.64



# Public Works

2015 was a very busy year for our office staff and the crews of our four divisions of Highway, Solid Waste, Buildings and Grounds and Cemetery.

<u>HIGHWAY:</u> We had a productive year with our highway crews hard at work maintaining and improving our town roads and infrastructure. We did over 55,000 square yards of chip seal on town roads as well as over 5 miles of new paving. Extensive drainage work was done replacing old rotted culverts and replacing and repairing catch basins. Ditching was done extensively on many town roads to improve drainage. The old 1993 Cat Loader was traded in against the purchase of a new 2015 Volvo Wheel Loader.

Our crews continued their training in 2015, attending classes from UNH T2 on Bucket Truck Operation and Safety, Lines Levels and Layouts and Invasive Plants Species. Several members of our Highway crew also received Certification in Culvert Maintenance.

<u>SOLID WASTE:</u> Every year all of our Solid Waste Operators attend a course to maintain their license and certification with the State DES. This year they attended classes on Universal Waste and Recycling. In addition, we have two of our Solid Waste crew members who hold Weighmaster Licenses with the State of NH Weights and Measures Bureau to operate our scale at the facility. The scale is certified and calibrated each year by the State of NH. We have seen an increase in the use of the facility. Residents enjoy getting mulch and wood chips from our recycled piles at the facility. The recycling store continues to be a favorite of many residents.

New Two-year Solid Waste Permit decals were issued this year. Use of the facility continues to increase every year. Residents have been very diligent in recycling. Unfortunately, our revenues are still down due to the drop in overseas markets for recyclables. We received approximately 2,300 tons of trash and approximately 1,198 tons of construction debris.

<u>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</u>: With the moving of Jennifer Grinavic to the Maintenance Crew, we hired Sandy Ambrose as our building custodian. A new sidewalk plow/tractor was purchased and has been great in keeping our sidewalks and walkways open and clear. This model also has an attachment for sweeping which has been quite helpful in maintaining our parking lots and other areas.

The number of permits issued for public and charity organizations to use the waterfront and Main Street parks for weddings and events continues to rise each year. Our crews work hard to maintain these areas and also to clean up after each event to insure they are kept beautiful for everyone to enjoy. The BG crew works very hard to maintain our town buildings, parks, docks and grounds. Their dedication and hard work not only protects our investments but helps to make our town the beautiful destination that it is for so many who vacation here from around the world.

<u>CEMETERY</u>: Our cemetery sexton, John Calvin, does a great job, with some assistance from the buildings and grounds crews, in maintaining the grounds and repairing the rock walls, aging and broken headstones in our all of our cemeteries. We not only maintain and oversee the main Meredith Village cemetery on Route 3, but also the Lang Street cemetery and 89 smaller outlying cemeteries. We had five full burials and 15 cremations this year. We sold 1 full-grave lot and 4 two-grave lots.

## Public Works

<u>OFFICE</u>: Our office staff is available by phone or in person, Monday through Friday to take your calls and help you with questions and concerns. We issue solid waste facility permit decals, permits for the use of the waterfront and community parks, driveway permits and permits to use the sign at Hesky Park.

I would like to tell all of my staff how much I appreciate their continued efforts in performing their jobs well every day no matter what the day brings.

We strive to provide services to all of our residents for safe year-round transportation on our town roads, clean and well maintained town parks, sidewalks and streets, as well as recycling efforts eliminating waste and bringing in revenue. Our crews are diligent about performing routine and emergency maintenance to protect the investment of our town infrastructure, buildings, grounds and cemeteries.

May 2016 be a happy and prosperous year for us all! We could not do our jobs without the cooperation and understanding from all of our residents. We thank all of you for your support.

Michael Faller Public Works Director

Northeast Resource and Recovery Association

Town of 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	<b>Environmental Impact!</b> Here is only one benefit of using this recycled		
		material rather than natural resources(raw materials) to manufacture new products.		
Electronics	58,342 lbs.	Conserved enough energy to power 10 houses for one year!		
Paper	275.6 tons	Saved 4,686 trees!		
Plastics	50,990 lbs.	Conserved 38,242 gallons of gasoline!		
Scrap Metal	160 gross tons	Conserved 159,813 pounds of coal!		
Steel Cans	10.3 gross tons	Conserved enough energy to run a 60 watt light bulb for 600,860 hours!		
Tires	9.6 tons	Conserved 9.6 barrels of oil!		

### Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP Tom Branagan, Maintenance Terri Thompson, Front Desk Associate

Sarah Perkins, Program Director Russ Weeks, Maintenance Crew Chief

**Thank You!** We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2015. 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 seven 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 Joia Hughes who has led the efforts of the Friends of Parks and Recreation, and a special thank you to the Public Works Dept. and the Water and Sewer Dept. 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), TJ Paquin (Holiday Open House & Tree Lighting), Ken Tatro (Santa Calling), Erin Apostolos & Chris Leland (Adult Computer Class), and New Hampton School (Volunteer Clean Up) 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. A very special thank you goes out to Ron Naso and the Naso Family for their generous donation of a picnic table and grill at Childs Park and a grill at Leavitt Beach in memory of his wife Suzanne Naso. We would also like to thank our Parks & Recreation Department team members and Program Counselors who provide 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. Demand for the use of our fields and facilities continues to increase each year. Maintenance Supervisor Russ Weeks initiated an energy audit and lighting renovation in cooperation with NH Electric Cooperative to make the operation of our buildings and facilities as energy efficient as possible. Steps were taken to conserve energy which resulted in an 11% drop in oil use and a 15% drop in electrical use at the Community Center. 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**: Demand for the Community Center continued to be strong in 2015. 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 district, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center serves as a valuable location for numerous Non-Profit organizations as well as private bookings such as birthday parties, reunions, weddings and so on. The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department has registered 3,273 families and 7,394 members for programs it has offered since opening the Community Center. In 2015 the Community Center received 9,393 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.

### Parks and Recreation continued.

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.

Thank You Sponsors & Staff memebrs!

Thanks to the efforts of our staff members as a whole, and through generous contributions from our local merchants, civic groups, and private citizens; the following events were successfully held: 4th of July Concert, Easter Egg Hunt, What's Cooking Program, Free Adult Computer Classes, and the annual Tree Lighting/Holiday Open House. A special thank you goes out to our counselors in training who volunteered their time and talent assisting with many of our programs and events. We are very appreciative of the generous sponsorships that we received making it all possible.

I would like to acknowledge the following people/agencies for their support:

EVENT	SPONSOR
Easter Egg Hunt	Altrusa & FRIENDS of Parks & Rec
4 <sup>th</sup> of July Concert	Inns & Spa at Mill Falls
Holiday Open House	FRIENDS of Parks and Recreation
Summer Camp Sponsor	Altrusa
After School Program	Simon Bird (Concession Fund Raiser)
Craft Fair Sponsor	Hooks & Needles Group
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Senior Activities: The Meredith Parks and Recreation Department offers or supports the following programs for Senior Adults: Walk Fit Free Monday Morning Movies Bingo & Game Day Wednesdays Hooks & Needles

Free Blood Pressure/Foot Clinics Free Hearing Clinics Free Computer Classes

After School Program 30 98 Summer Camp Wellington State Park Field Trip 64 Cowabungas Field Trip 37 Whales Tale Field Trip 116 Canobie Lake Field Trip 55 93 Fishercats Field Trip Counselor in Training Program 18 50 Cranmore Mountain Adventure Swim Lessons 174 School Vacation Camps 77 40 Full Day & Half Day Camps (no school) Tennis Lessons (Adults and Children) 25 Senior Strength & Balance Program 157 Gunstock Ski Program 29 87 Coed Youth Soccer Program Coed T-Ball 56 Craft Fair Vendors 32 Craft Fair Attendees 400 Red Sox Trip 41 Preschool Playgroup 57 Evening Adult Pickle Ball Program 83 Senior Exercise 52 75 Holiday Movie Night Adult Day Pickleball 93 Men's Pick Up Basketball 298 Birthday Parties 43 Adult Coed Volleyball 27 Climbing Wall Drop Ins 47 Skate Park Drop-ins 500 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting 150 Granite State Track & Field Program 24 North Pole Calling 40 Hart's Thanksgiving Community Dinner 80 Community Center Drop-Ins 9,393 400 4th of July Concert

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Holiday Open House

Programs and Number of Participants

In addition senior adults are welcome to visit the Community Center from 8:00 -2:30 for free coffee, socializing, and taking part in the programs offered.

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 Rec. Department's summer camp program during the 1970's and 80's. After Jim's passing in April 2014 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.

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 2016.

Sincerely,

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

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## General Government



Town of Meredith

# Meredith Public Library

This year the trustees continued their work planning the library's future. They contracted with a library consultant who prepared a building program which illustrates the needs of a library in a town this size including space, accessibility, parking and safety among many other concerns. This report will help the trustees as they work towards the desire of the public to determine whether or not it is feasible to remain in the current building. To this end, they have contracted with the firm Lavallee Brensinger who has worked with other NH libraries that were in a similar situation to Meredith. Working with the trustees, staff, Town officials and most importantly the citizens of Meredith, they will help us determine the best course of action for our Town, renovate and expand on the current site or build on a new site. There will be many opportunities to work with the Library on this issue throughout the year with a final goal of having a design solution by year's end. We welcome all public input in this exciting process!



Renovation work on the historic building's masonry, chimneys and integrated copper gutter system was completed on time and under budget in November! Thanks to a \$70,000 L-CHIP grant and funding from the Town, the building underwent much needed repointing, chimney rebuilding and a historically accurate replacement of the integrated copper system which has helped with several leaks in the roof and moisture in the basement. The library is a town-owned building and whether it is the desire of the community to have the library remain here or move elsewhere, it is important to maintain the integrity of the historic structure.

2015 was another successful year at the library. Youth Services managed 382 different events, more than any other year before. In addition to our always popular events for younger children, one of our goals was to bring more teens to the library. The Teen Advisory Board saw a 34% increase in attendance, teen attendance at events increased by 16% and the number of teen volunteers has doubled since last year. The Youth Services team hosted college administration from UNH, PSU and LRCC during the College Prep Series, teamed up with the NH Humane Society for the Animal Champions Program, opened their doors to the Inter-Lakes Children Theater during their summer shows and hosted organizational meetings by a local homeschool



organization. They saw a 78% increase in attendance at Summer Reading events for all ages. Youth Services is the heart of any library and our department has the largest heart of all.

Adult attendance at events saw a slight increase over last year. With dynamic lectures such as a Visit from Queen Victoria paid for through NH Humanities grants, UNH sponsored programs such as the well-received Origins of Homicide and the surprise popular event, Adult Coloring Night, there is an activity at the library happening nearly every day for all ages. We continue our regular monthly groups such as our two book groups, Computer Club and Genealogy Club and our outreach efforts to the Senior Center, assisted care facilities, local schools and to the homebound.

### Meredith Public Library continued...

The Friends of the Library continue to amaze the trustees and staff with their support. This year they purchased eight new comfortable chairs for us, complete with an optional swinging table for tablets, knitting or writing. The Freyenhagens built a Little Free Library and staff member Kay Stuart painted it to look like the historic library with teens adding favorite book quotes to it. The library was placed at Leavitt Beach and attendees were invited to leave a book or take a book all summer long. Every time a librarian visited the beach to refill the library with donated books, nearly every book was taken. A sure sign of success! The little library was taken down for the winter but will return after Memorial Day. The Friends also maintain our award winning All-America Selections Display garden and continued their success with an Honorable Mention this year from AAS for the Landscape Design category. The Friends support most of our events at the library, the ancestry.com subscription, bookmarks and our museum passes. If you are interested in joining the Friends, please pick up a brochure at the main desk.

The World War II Honor Roll got a much needed restoration this year thanks to Mike Pelczar, Chuck Thorndike and the Greater Meredith Program. Thank you, too, GMP for the lovely sculpture "Yellow Jacket on Flower" that enhances our garden.

As always, thank you so much to Paul Ristaino and his crew at Buildings and Grounds for keeping the library grounds in good shape!

Erin Apostolos Library Director

Circulation		Statistics	
Adult Media	16,996	Reference Questions Answered	1,831
Adult Books	22,967	Annual Visits	53,498
Youth Materials	28,900	Number of Registered Patrons	5,292
Magazines	1,972	Internet Usage	5,070
Interlibrary Loans	1,483	Acquisitions	
eBooks, eAudios, eMags	8,080	Media	462
Museum Passes	186	Books	2,146
Telescope	13	Gifts	457
Total Circulation	80,597	Magazines	581
		Lost/Discarded	6,180
		Total Inventory	39,009





Town of Meredith

## Meredith Public Library continued...

The Greater Meredith Program has matched a community support donation toward restoration of the WWII Memorial on the front lawn of the Meredith Library. The WWII Meredith Honor Roll honors those who served in WWII and those who were killed in action. The Honor Roll has always resided at the library and has seen a number of upgrades and repairs over the years.



From left to right Mike Laurette, Josh Taggett and Mike Pelczar from Interlakes Builders are shown repairing the WWII Memorial in time for Veteran's Day on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a nonprofit community economic development organization seeking to enhance economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and town-wide beautification. For more information about GMP or volunteer opportunities, please call 603.279.9015, email <u>GMP@metrocast.net</u> or visit the website at <u>www.greatermeredithprogram.com</u>.



Report of the Library Trustees of Trust Funds - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

		Beginning						Ending
Non-Expendable Trusts	3	Balance		Total	Total	Period		Balance
Library Trusts	Purpose	 1/1/2015	_	Deposits	 (Withdrawals)	 Interest	_	12/31/2015
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	\$ 697,964	_			\$ 14,098	\$	712,062
Improvement Fund	Library	\$ 150,912	_			\$ 3,048	\$	153,960
Total Library Non-	Expendable Trusts	\$ 848,876	\$		\$	\$ 17,146	\$	866,022

## 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."

This year's Town Report entry is going to be short and decisively simple. I think that our mission above applies and should apply to more than those of us in Law Enforcement. It applies to how human beings everywhere should treat those around them; with respect, fairness and compassion. Besides serving our community and taking care of our own families in this sometimes tumultuous world- like Kuwait, Iraq, Paris, and even closer to home, acts of terrorism in San Bernandino CA, and so many others - the men and women of the Meredith Police Department wish to recognize those dear to us - but out of our umbrella of protection - family, friends and co-workers who are currently serving our Country.

Lieutenant Keith True's son, William, enlisted in the U.S. Army right after high school. While an Engineering student at UNH, he received orders for active duty deployment and has been in the Middle East with the 716<sup>th</sup> Engineer Company since July and is now stationed in Camp Taji in Iraq. Dispatcher Mary Herbert's daughter, Jami Leblanc, is a U.S. Army Sergeant of the 338<sup>th</sup> Combat Engineers and has been in the Middle East since January; and as of this report surprised her family with being sent home in time for Christmas. Meredith Officer Kevin Raymond, also a U.S Marine, received active deployment orders shortly after completing the NH Police Academy and has been serving in the Middle East since April, primarily in Kuwait, Meredith Officer Michael Rand still actively serves with U.S. Marines Bravo 1/25 Company out of Londonderry, NH on top of working full-time here and the hope is that he will stay State-side. To all of those who are



serving, who have served and have family that are actively serving, our hearts and prayers go out to you.

In closing, here's to wishing, very sincerely, for all to have a safe and prosperous New Year with a multitude of happy homecomings.

Sincerely,

Kevin Morrow, Chief of Police

#### 2015 Statistics: (as of 12/31/15)

Calls for Service:	11,756
Arrests:	255
Incidents:	416
Accidents:	218
Traffic Violations:	2,352
Felony Indictments:	42

### **Emergency Management**

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

In 2015 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.

Every 5 years FEMA/NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management requires the Town to update their Hazard Mitigation and Local Emergency Operation Plans. In 2015 the Meredith Hazard Mitigation Plan were updated, adopted by the Town, and approved by FEMA/NH Homeland Security.

The next part of this process is to update the 2010 Meredith Emergency Operation Plans. These plans serve for the preparation and emergency response required by the Town of Meredith to react to any of emergency situation. In 2015 the Town applied for a grant to help pay for these updated plans. The NH Department of Safety Homeland Security & Emergency Management approved the Town of Meredith \$4,500.00 to update these plans.

The Committee that will review and update this plan is 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.

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.



### 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.

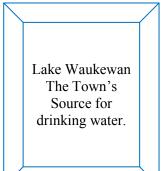
The Water Department staff continues proactively to maintain the water treatment plant, two water booster stations, 18 miles of aging water mains, well over 100 hydrants, and the town's 1.5 million gallon water tower.

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 Winnipesauke 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.





## American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Legion Officers

Sam Blake, Commander Rudy Tibbetts Sr., Sgt-at-Arms Ryan Linke, Second Vice Commander Elliot Finn, Judge Advocate Rudy Tibbetts Jr., First Vice Commander Henry Hall, Chaplin Mark Sullivan, Adjutant Robert V. Kennelly, Service Officer Bill North, Historian Casey Smith, Finance Officer

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Billie Jo Howe, President	Robin Linke, Trea	asurer	Mary Ballou, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
Brenda Wyatt,	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Ingrid	Baker, Sgt-at-Arms
Robin Lin	ke, Secretary	Alisha	Garrel, Chaplin

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

Jim Hurd, Commander	Gary Weeks, Chaplin	Tim Perkins,	Sr. Vice Commander
Ernie Brown, Historian	Carl Ballou, Junior Vice C	Commander	Joe Hurd, Sgt-At-Arms
	Barry Weeks, Treasurer an	nd 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.



### Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice

Submitted by Margaret Franckhauser, Executive Director



**About the Organization:** Central New Hampshire VNA & Hospice (CNHVNAH) is a non-profit home health and hospice agency serving Belknap and Southern Carroll Counties. The central office is located in Laconia. The agency offers home-based healthcare services using skilled, licensed and certified clinicians through three programs: Homecare, Hospice & Palliative Care and Pediatric Care. CNHVNAH is the regional non-profit provider of Medicare-certified hospice services and specialized pediatric family support programs – in partnership with the state of New Hampshire. The organization is licensed by the state of New Hampshire, certified by Medicare and Medicaid and has earned high scores from Medicare for the quality of its services.

Last year the Town of Meredith provided \$10,000 in funding to assist the agency in offering Hospice/ Palliative Care and Pediatric services to residents of Meredith. These programs rely in part on private and community contributions to be sustained. Central NH VNA & Hospice leverages town contributions with donations from individuals, community service organizations and agency fund raising events to maintain program services for town residents. Funds provided by the town of Meredith are used to serve Meredith residents. Below you will find a summary of the services provided in Meredith during the past year.

**Hospice & Palliative Care:** Last year the agency provided 2,518 home visits, medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and family support to 48 Meredith residents and their families at the end of life, representing a 39% increase over the previous year. (This figure reflects only direct visits to the patient and does not include supportive visits to the family following death or bereavement support group attendance by town residents.)

**Pediatric Services:** 98 home visits were made to 21 Meredith children to provide guidance, support to new parents, connect children with a medical home, provide direct healthcare services or offer parental guidance & education to newborn babies and socially fragile families. This program has seen increased demand as the proportion of socially fragile families has increased in Meredith and other towns in the Lakes Region.

**Home Care:** The agency provided 522 home visits to 46 Meredith residents to allow them to recover from illness or manage chronic disease effectively in their home setting. The agency does not request funding from Meredith to support home health services at this time.

**Vaccine Services:** Last year the agency provided 67 adult influenza and childhood vaccines to Meredith residents.

It is a privilege to provide services to Meredith residents, and we are grateful for the town support that enables us to carry on these health-related community functions.

### 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. This year the inside of the Chamber building was renovated to give it a more up to date look and make it more functional. The outside of the building receive a new coat of paint and repairs to the fence. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2015 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 attract 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 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.

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

> Photo from: The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce Website.



### Child and Family Services

Submitted by: Ruth Zax, Director of Development

Child and Family Services is pleased to be the recipient of Town funding which helps us to assist 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. We have a range of 28 programs that can be easily accessed by residents, some with no fee and others, because the town supports us, on a sliding fee scale. We 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. Forty Meredith residents were served by the Agency last year receiving mental health, substance misuse and child abuse treatment services, day treatment and home based therapeutic intervention services to prevent foster care placement and direct aid for children's enrichment activities.

Community support makes it possible for CFS to deliver a range of family support services to residents. In 2015 we provided mental health counseling for children to improve school performance, 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. 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 165 years. In addition to our local office in Laconia, 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, 330 Lincoln 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 <u>www.cfsnh.org</u>.

## **Community Action Program**

Bob Adams, Meredith Area Center Director

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 \$593,825 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. 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.

## Meredith Historical Society



Submitted by: Karen Thorndike

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. Many visitors use our files to gather information about previous generations or early local life. The Farm Museum is open Saturday afternoons during the summer to Columbus Day 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.

On the first Tuesday of each month from May through November, the Historical Society sponsors programs that increase awareness of area history. These programs are offered at no charge and are open to all. Presented this year were: "Women Soldiers in the Civil War", "The Victorians' Morbid Taste for Mourning", "Cannon Shenanigans & NH's Muster Day Traditions", "A Visit with Queen Victoria", "Meredith's Dudley Leavitt", "The Marriotts of the Mountains, the Crawford Family", and "Life in Paris".

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.

Town of Meredith

## Genesis

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"A healthy population enables growth, productivity, and helps create an economic environment that will sustain New Hampshire's future well-being. "~ 2015 Sentinel Event Review Report

INTEGRITY

Thank you for investing in Genesis Behavioral Health!

The appropriation we received from the Town of Meredith's 2015 budget helped Genesis Behavioral Health provide 24/7 Emergency Services to any resident of Meredith experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay.

During Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015), we served 232 Meredith residents and provided Emergency Services to 49 Meredith residents. We provided \$6,926.40 in charity care.

Age Range	Number of Patients
Ages 1 – 17	66
Ages 18 – 61	125
Age 62 and over	41

According to recent community needs assessments, access to mental health care continues to be a priority community need for 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. 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).

A partnership with the municipalities we serve 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 3,843 individuals living with - and recovering from - mental illness last year. On behalf of them, thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,

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Margaret M. Pritchard, Executive Director

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EXCELLENCE

## New Hampshire Humane Society

New Hampshire Humane Society provided animal care needs for strays and abandoned animals to the Town of Meredith for the year 2015 for the town's animal care needs. New Hampshire Humane Society, located on Meredith Center Road, Laconia, New Hampshire, is a resource 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.



The shelter, NHHS, provides care and comfort, medical and behavioral rehabilitation for those that arrive at our door. Animal control officials or Police Department 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. See below. 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:- NHHS disbursed a combined total of dry kibble for both cats and dogs of 1266lbs - a further 1180 ounces of wet cat food was given to needy families in Meredith.

We offer education/outreach to students within the Meredith School System. We provide Volunteer opportunities for all over the age of 16. Our Volunteers logged 10,868 hours of service in 2015 an increase of approximately 20% over the prior year.

New Hampshire Humane Society has been an advocate for animals since 1900. We have blossomed from a shelter that was a holding facility for animals to a full service adoption agency. Over time we've increase our adoptions, created and implemented interactive community programs, and become a community based

problem solver in matters relative to companion animals. As a registered 501 (c) 3 charity, we are pledged to advocate for the animals we serve, speaking for those that cannot speak for themselves. NHHS receives funding only from private donors, like minded stewards, local businesses, and contracts such as the one in place with the Town of Meredith.

Animal activity - 2015 - from the Town of Meredith is as follows: 6 Meredith families accessed our low cost Spay/Neuter PAW program 2 Meredith families accessed our reduced cost Spay/Neuter SNAP program Stray dogs - 20 Stray cats - 18 Stray kittens - 25 Pets surrendered by Meredith residents: Cats - 14 Dogs - 6 Kittens - 9 Rabies Quarantine - 1 Dog

Respectfully submitted Marylee Gorham NHHS Executive Director 603-524-3252 x301 www.nhhumane.org

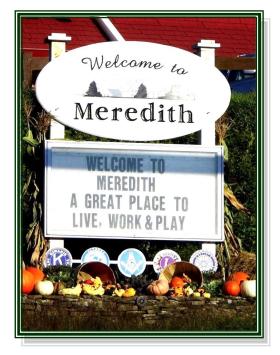


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## The Greater Meredith Program

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. GMP pursues these goals through direct advocacy and action and strives to capture and extend the vision, energy and inter-organizational cooperation that make Meredith such a special place to live, work and play. Our vision for our town is to be a year -round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, workforce, and visitors.

In the past twelve 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 2015.



Ongoing projects that the GMP supported in 2015 include The All American Display Garden on the lawn of the Meredith Library, which this year won the "Best Garden Visibility" Award in Category 1 in the 2015 AAS Landscape Design Contest. Sponsored by the GMP, the Friends of the Library plant and maintain the garden in front of the Meredith Public Library on Main Street. This is the 11th year that the Meredith Public Library garden has been designated as one of the more than 200 All-America Selections (AAS) Display Gardens that are grown across North America. The AAS judges recognized that the location of the Library Garden gives the AAS Winners exceptional visibility in the community, which is a vital element in the competition. The GMP in coordination with the town promotes 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 2015 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 McLear, Chris Williams and *Ex-officio members:* John Edgar, Mary Ellen Ormond and Phil Warren. New members joining the GMP Board for 2016 are Brad Leighton and Justin Van Etten.

## The Greater Meredith Program continued...

The GMP Promotion Committee promotes the district, creates image campaigns, retail promotions, and special events to attract residents and visitors to the village. In 2015 "Meredith Dressed Up", a very successful Fashion Show, featuring local businesses, was held April 30th at Church Landing. Hosted by the Greater Meredith Program, proceeds benefited Meredith's 250th Anniversary Celebration. In October, a "Spooktacular Series of Events" including a well received town wide Scarecrow contest was held. The winter season culminated with a "Christmas in the Village" campaign partnering with the Mill Falls Marketplace. Along with other community volunteers, the GMP Promotions Committee is facilitating the planning of Meredith's 250th Anniversary Celebration in 2018.

The GMP Design/Beautification Committee provides design advice, plans, organizes and develops projects. Some of their 2015 designs included: façade and site improvement for the entry to the Meredith Library and future development of a pocket park at Lake and Main Streets for the towns 250th celebration. The GMP'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. Appropriate plants and ground cover will be planted in 2016 to enhance the area. Under the direction of the Design Committee, the Greater Meredith Program matched a community support donation toward restoration of the WWII Memorial on the front lawn of the Meredith Library. Miller Lovett, a member of the GMP Design Committee, organized the planting of a Japanese Cherry Tree in Hesky Park in commemoration of the signing of the Japanese-Russian Peace Treaty in 1905.



Since 2009, the GMP Beautification Committee, working with the Town of Meredith, has planted 81 trees part of the overall goal to plant 100 trees in the village. More than 150 plants were planted along the wall on Pleasant Street by GMP volunteers who gave countless hours to beautifying "a very long wall".



#### Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee

The Meredith Sculpture Walk, GMP's signature project and successful ongoing initiative celebrated its second year. 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 with thirty-one sculptures 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. Popular tours, led by trained volunteer docents, were held throughout the summer and fall.









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### The Greater Meredith Program continued...

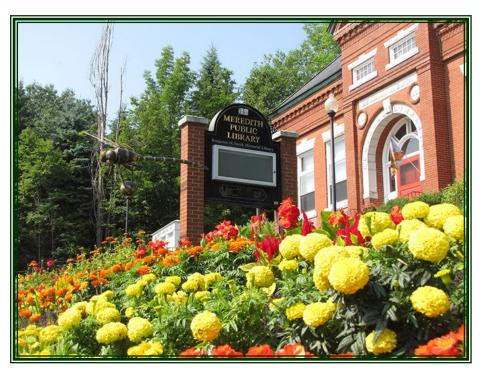
The Career Partnership Program (CPP) is a public/private partnership between the GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District providing students the opportunity to explore future careers in hands-on working experiences. Allison Duffield was selected as the new Executive Director in 2015. The Career Partnership Program gives students an opportunity to make connections with local businesses and give them exposure to future careers through job shadows and internships. The experience provides a variety of educational and experiential learning opportunities and the chance to gain real-world skills. Overhead Door Options of Meredith became a signature sponsor of the program in 2015. Chris Kelly, chairman of the CPP, performed in the Lakes Region Dancing With the Stars and donated the winnings to the Career Partnership Program.

At the GMP 2015 Annual Meeting, GMP Board Member of the Year awards were given to Katheryn Rolfe and Bev Lapham and the Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Monica Philbin. GMP Honors awards were presented to Roger Nash, for his contributions to the town and to Ginny and Miller Lovett for being long time leaders in the community. Paul Ristaino, Brian Grinivac and Bob O'Neil from the Meredith Dept. of Public Works as well as Paul Euiler from Mill Falls at the Lake received "Golden Shovel Awards: for their great help and enthusiasm installing sculptures for the GMP Sculpture Walk. For more information about the GMP or volunteer opportunities, please contact 603.279.9015 or <u>GMP@metrocast.net</u> or <u>www.greatermeredithprogram.com</u>.

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

2015 The All-America Selections Display Garden supported by the GMP at Meredith Public Library won "Best Garden Visibility" Award in Category 1 in the 2015 AAS Landscape Design Contest.



### Interlakes Community Caregivers

Formed in 1998, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. (ICCI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization that provides nonmedical supportive services and community resource information to assist our Neighbors in their daily lives. Our goal is to help our Neighbors live independently in their own homes.



Services include transportation for medical or personal appointments, grocery shopping, running errands, friendly visits and more. Services are provided at no charge by Volunteers and are available to residents of Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough and Sandwich.

The majority of our efforts results in access to healthcare in this rural community, as rides to medical appointments make up 90% of our service requests. These rides are in Volunteers' own vehicles and are primarily to local doctors, physical therapists, and labs in Laconia, Meredith and Gilford. However, we also provide long distance rides to medical facilities in Boston, West Lebanon, Manchester, and White River Junction, among others.

Our Neighbor is typically an 80 year old female living alone and trying to remain self-sufficient: 70% of our Neighbors are 70+ and 68% are female. The average age is 75. The youngest Neighbor is 25 and the oldest is 101.

In 2014, ICCI Volunteers provided 1,218 services, donated 4,196 hours and drove 51,869 miles helping those in need. 69% of our Neighbors are Meredith residents and over half of new Neighbor applications in 2015 were from Meredith. 57% of our services are provided to Meredith residents, resulting in a value of over \$60,000 to the Meredith community.

The program is run by a small office of three part-time employees (Executive Director, Lead Coordinator, and Administrative Assistant) and governed by a 12 member Board of Directors. We currently have 84 caring and compassionate Volunteers who donate their time and talent. The 2015 budget was \$91,705.

We do not charge our Neighbors for services and we do not receive any federal or state agency funding. We rely solely on charitable giving through donations from individuals, civic organizations, churches and businesses, fundraising events, and grants. We receive support from each of the four towns we serve, totaling about 4% of our annual budget.

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

With appreciation,

Ann W. Sprague, Executive Director

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Since 1998

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Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization that provides supportive services and information to assist our neighbors in their daily lives. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax ID No. 20-0625613

## 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, social work, and senior companion services within the home. We will be offering hospice in the near future. Founded in 1923, the agency is a Medicare/Medicaid certified and state licensed agency. Be sure to visit our website, www.lrvna.org, to help you answer questions about your present or future home health care needs, or call anytime to 603-279-6611. We accept all insurances. We serve the communities of Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Sandwich, Gilford and Laconia. We are dedicated to providing care to Meredith residents in need.

We have continued to expand our 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 health care at home for themselves and their loved ones.

#### This Year at LRVNA

As your local health care at home provider, we are continuing to grow and change. 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. This year we added an improved electronic medical record system to increase the quality and efficiency of our care.

In 2015 LRVNA provided over 8000 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 at our office and at other hometown locations.

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.

LRVNA has grown in size, in employees and in the number of towns we serve.

In 2013 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've just passed our two year anniversary of the partnership. LRVNA is also a member of the Rural Home Care Network of NH. This year Cheryl Gonzalo was named its president. The group shares costs and information to provide superior health care at home to NH residents.

Debbie Peaslee continues to enjoy her role as Clinical Director for LRVNA. Debbie was the Director of the Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service for 32 years.

## Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association

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. Last year we welcomed our new Finance Manager, Mary Elliard, to our administrative team. Mary brings strong skills to our team including accounting, HR, management, IT, and many more. In 2015 Mary and Cheryl became certified coaches in the Matter of Balance falls prevention program. They held a successful 8-week class at the LRVNA offices. Look for another program starting soon.

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. The present economic environment has led to more residents going without health insurance coverage, yet they continue to be in need of home health care services. 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. "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. In memory of Barbara R. Smyth", a brass plate reads. We thank all of our donors for gifts large and small.

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



### 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 was the 12th Anniversary of the Kidworks Learning Center food drive. It also was the third year that the center teamed up with Mill Falls at the Lake. The children enjoy going to the grocery store to purchase the food. They prepare by making lists of the most needed items and pay close attention to pricing so they can get the most for their money.

The center has been focusing on health and nutrition. We are working with a mentor from the Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment for Child Care Centers Program. We have revamped our menu to including more fresh fruits and vegetables and whole grains. We provide breakfast, lunch and two snacks to all children that attend the program. Last year we served over 35,000 meals to the children.





Our mentor from the program will also be providing professional development training to our staff to help us continue to provide quality care to the children.

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

## Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, Inc. is a non-profit community agency that has been serving the greater Lakes Region for over 40 years, offering 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. The Center is open on a year-round basis from 6:30am to 5:30pm for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years, making it possible for parents to maintain employment.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center recognizes the importance of a strong curriculum which increases each child's knowledge of the natural world, develops innate curiosity about the world, and broadens thinking skills and problem solving for investigating the world. Within the context of child growth and development, our professionally trained teachers maximize the educational experiences for children through developing and implementing an innovative curriculum that seeks to help each child develop an appreciation for his or her uniqueness, as well as a sense of respect for others and oneself.

Congratulations are due to the boys and girls involved in our school age program, the Seven-Upper Club, who over the summer of 2015 completed the New Hampshire Fire Lookout Tower Quest Program requirements and received certificates and badges from the State of New Hampshire's Division of Forests and Lands. The summer campers hiked five of the State's mountains with fire towers on top, learning about fire detection and forest conservation.

Again this year I-LDCC implemented a gardening curriculum to educate children about growing, harvesting, and preparing seasonal produce and composting, thereby increasing children's food preferences for vegetables, and connecting children to their food supply through a seed-to-table experience. A grant funded the purchase of a tumbling composter, a walk-in green house to allow the children to start seeds earlier, and playground bikes and a wagon to allow children to transport their seedlings to the gardens.

Through the Greater Meredith Career Partnership Program, a joint effort between The Greater Meredith Program and the Inter-Lakes School District, two high-school students completed internships at Inter-Lakes Day Care Center gaining exposure to a career working with children.



We were saddened this year by the passing of our beloved Grammy Irene Greenleaf who worked with generations of children at Inter-Lakes Day Care Center for 25 years. She was part of the Friends Foster Grandparent Program, and was a valuable member of the Meredith community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to express our sincere thanks to the town of Meredith for its continued support of our families and the growing local community.

#### Sincerely, Connie Pelletier, Executive Director

## 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

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1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and 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

- Provided Emergency Management Director and Town Manager with final Hazard Mitigation Plan for local adoption.
- Corresponded with Emergency Management Director and submitted proposal for Local Emergency Operations Plan Updates.
- Provided GIS layers to Town including slopes, mountain peaks, and stratified drift aquifer.
- Discussed Scenic Byways resource inventory with Town Planner, revised inventory with additional details.
- Performed windshield survey from traveler's perspective along NH 25B and US3/NH25; updated windshield survey results matrix for inclusion in assessment report.
- Attended public scoping meeting for the Highway Safety Improvements Program project on NH Route 104.
- Guided Meredith Transfer Station staff to Call2Recycle for battery recycling supplies.
- Discussed potential projects with Municipal Officials and responded to Town Planner about Transportation Improvement Plan proposal and process.
- Prepared series of Geographical Information System maps illustrating the existing and planned rail trails from Meredith through Laconia and to Franklin.
- Awarded resident with Community Service Award.
- Provided copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulations book to the Town at considerable savings.

#### Household Hazardous Waste

 Handled over 35 tons of Hazardous Substances from 1,936 Households in 24 Communities and safeguarding the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

### Lakes Region Planning Commission continued...

**Education** 

- Hosted Citizen Education Workshops on issues of local and regional importance, e.g. housing, water quality, law lecture series, economics, etc.
- Provided valuable environmental consulting assistance through Phase I and Phase II Brownfield Assessments and redevelopment activity on nearly a dozen Lakes Region sites.
- Maintained a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning.
- Prepared strategic planning reports such as demographic studies, build-out analyses, and attitude surveys, etc.
- Offered facilitation and consensus building on pressing local and regional issues.
- Provided access to LRPC resources through our website www.lakesrpc.org.
- Created monthly E-News Blast to keep our communities informed of upcoming events and other regional activities.
- Participated in NH Watershed Manager's Roundtable.
- Participated in Winnipesaukee Public Health Council Directors Meetings.

#### Transportation

- Completed the Regional Transportation Plan which was adopted by the full Commission on 3/30/15.
- Conducted annual traffic counts at approximately 170 locations around the region.
- Completed and distributed a Travel Demand Management Plan.
- Assisted communities with Road Safety Management Systems analysis.
- Conducted substantial work on the Lakes Region Scenic Byway.
- Updated a Regional Transportation Chapter for the Lakes Region Plan.
- Developed and launched a Regional Transportation resources webpage.
- Initiated piloting a regional asset management inventory.
- Completed a Regional Travel and Tourism Livability Report.
- Finalized and distributed NH Route 140 Study Report.
- Completed Route 16 Road Safety Audit Report.

#### Economic Development

- Supported the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) completed by LRPC in FY14.
- Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region.

## 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 on-going support. Your 2015 allocation of **\$1836.00** has enabled our agency to continue to provide trauma informed direct services including 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 and material goods; 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 that 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 Programing in Meredith school system. We had advocates in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, offering support and advocacy to **701** individuals in FY15, including 38 residents of the town of Meredith and resulting in **12,765** individual services. Some of these services were provided by our volunteers, who donated over **23,000** service hours.

New Beginnings plays a significant role in the greater community. We facilitate 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. New Beginnings partners with law enforcement through the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), to reduce the rate of domestic violence homicides in Belknap County and ensure service provision to victims receiving police response. Advocates participate in the local Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART), a comprehensive collaboration of Belknap County Professionals dedicated to promoting efficient and victim-centered services in sexual assault cases; improving conviction rates and engaging victims' services focused on their health and healing.

We are 1 of 13 member programs of the NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV), promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal grants and contracts that provide federal and state funding for member programs.

#### Sincerely,

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

> P.O. Box 622, Laconia, N.H. 03247-0622 603.528.6511 www.newbeginningsnh.org email: help@newbeginningsnh.org



## 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, nonprofit 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.
- 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

For the second year, Giuseppe's Restaurant hosted a "Dinner in the Dark and Silent Auction on November 9<sup>th</sup> at the Grotto. 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 70 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 blind folded. 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."

#### <u>Clients</u>

9 clients from Meredith were served during FY15.

1 client attends the monthly Tech Users Group held at the Association.

The services provided to these clients were social work intakes, orientation

and mobility evaluations, rehab therapy evaluations, rehab therapy, and low vision aids (both calendars and devices). The clients in Meredith have received 26 hours of service time and the association drove 479 miles to serve them.

Submitted by: Shelley Proulx



### Winnipesaukee Wellness Center

Dear Residents of the Town of Meredith:

The Winnipesaukee Wellness Center members thank you for your continued support of the Center in 2016. As you may know, the Winnipesaukee 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. 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 Winnipesaukee Wellness Center Advisory Committee



# Births

Date of Birth	Child's Name	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
01/12/15	Thorndike, Alanna Faye	Thorndike, Townsend	Vanasse, Arcelia
02/03/15	Myers, Jackson James	Myers, Justin	Myers, Elyse
03/05/15	Bolduc, Averie Grace	Bolduc, Jacob	St Jean, Kaylee
03/07/15	Alberts, Ruth Emily	Alberts, David	Alberts, Olivia
03/15/15	Robinson, Alanna Jade	Robinson Sr, Anthony	Robinson, Bree
03/16/15	Corliss, Cooper Nelson	Corliss, Justin	Corliss, Kirby
03/18/15	Tichy, Henry Roland	Tichy, Roland	Tichy, Alicia
04/02/15	Young, Delaney Ruth	Young, Jeremy	Carpenter, Lauren
04/10/15	Barber, Brody Jackson	Barber, Douglas	Lemire, Courtney
05/19/15	Stevenson, Eivin Wilder	Stevenson, Eric	Stevenson, Lindsey
06/03/15	Plyler, Luke Harrison	Plyler, Jay	Plyler, Melissa
07/15/15	Rosario, Marley Ann	Rosario, David	Rosario, Tricia
10/04/15	Demers, Oliver Henry	Demers, Alexander	Moynahan, Megan
10/14/15	Carter, Reilly Marie	Carter, Morgan	Viles, Sheana
10/26/15	Howie, Corbin James	Howie, Robert	Howie, Carly
12/11/15	Biederman, Arpin Ryan	Beiderman, Bryan	Beiderman, Whitney



2016 Meredith Sculpture Walk.

Pictures provided by: The Greater Meredith Program

# Marriages

	Person A's		Person B's		
Date of Marriage	Name	Residence	Name	Residence	
02/07/15	Grenon, Dale J	Meredith	Rivillas, Bryan A	Meredith	
02/21/15	Larrabee, Matthew A	Meredith	Salzmann, Sarah J	Center Harbor	
03/13/15	Corts, Alexander J	Moultonborough	Downs, Stephanie M	Meredith	
03/14/15	Patenaude, Robert P	Meredith	Swenson, Pamela	Meredith	
04/04/15	Kuczkowski, Adam J	Meredith	Dodge, Blossom J	Meredith	
04/13/15	Rosario, David M	Meredith	Delrossi, Tricia A	Meredith	
06/06/15	Latuch, Joshua J	Meredith,	Clifford, Angela M	Meredith	
06/13/15	Monsaert, Justin T	Meredith,	Hoehn, Amy A	Meredith	
06/23/15	Pratt Jr, Christopher J	Meredith,	Haag, Michaela J	Meredith	
08/10/15	Meleedy, Mary E	Meredith	Murdock, Eric P	Ashland	
08/15/15	Dunn, Steven M	Meredith	Emmons, Christina A	Meredith	
08/29/15	Lacasse, Kyle P	Meredith	Dallon, Kayla	Meredith	
08/30/15	Taggett, Wesley H	Meredith	Bassi, Jillian C	Atkinson	
09/05/15	Carter, Stephen M	Greenland	Ricciuti, Michelle	Meredith	
09/05/15	Currier, Tyler J	Meredith	Kindl, Rachel L	Meredith	
09/13/15	Bowen, Kevin A	Meredith	Paige, Keely M	Port Hueneme, CA	
09/19/15	Nelson Jr, Maurice L	Meredith	Wofford, Kay N	Meredith	
09/19/15	Pelczar, Brady K	Meredith	Richardson, Katrina D	Center Harbor	
10/3/15	Mallette, Barry J	Meredith	Edney, Sharon B	Meredith	
10/10/15	Maltais, Jason E	Meredith	Fortin, Stephanie E	Meredith	
10/14/15	Graham, Terence A	Meredith	Bangot, Marilou M	Meredith	
10/18/15	Giebel, Frederic B	Meredith	Kalin, Leigh C	Meredith	
10/18/15	Haley III, William F	Meredith	Dahood, Nancy E	Meredith	
12/05/15	Greene, Travis J	Meredith	Holden, Gwendolyn J	Meredith	

# Deaths

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
01/02/15	Marcotte, Doris	Laconia	Hebert, Armand	Roux, Antoinette
01/04/15	Walker, Lawrence	Meredith	Walker, Albert	Tilton, Edith
01/16/15	Greenwood, Charles	Meredith	Greenwood, Joseph	Robert, Estelle
01/26/15	Hawkins, Nina	Meredith	Avery, Fred	Sanborn, Ada
01/26/15	Polonchek, John	Meredith	Polomcak, Gaspar	Polomcak, Mary
01/27/15	Montgomery, Fumiko	Meredith	Ura, Soko	Iha, Kamado
01/27/15	Boone Sr, Bruce	Laconia	Boone, Ronald	Seavey, Barbara
01/28/15	Crane, June	Meredith	Mcgovern, William	Gorman, Adeline
01/29/15	Noury, Margaret	Meredith	Davies, Arthur	Williams, Margaret
02/02/15	Puchacz, Elsie	Meredith	Liljeholm, Carl	Homemaker, Ellen
02/07/15	Waldron, James	North Conway	Waldron, Herbert	Aubin, Theresa
02/07/15	Bent, Lynn	Lebanon	Akeroyd, Arthur	Halstead, Phyllis
02/08/15	Clark, Philip	Hanover	Clark, Mark	Therrien, Olive
02/09/15	Forsberg, Dorothy	Meredith	Plummer, Harry	Roberts, Frances
02/10/15	Mason, Olympia	Meredith	Ippolito, Filippo	Grasso, Giusetpina
02/12/15	Bonner, Suzene	Meredith	Swisher, Keith	Johns, Edith
02/14/15	Chase, Ronald	Meredith	Chase, Keith	Jenkins, Velma
02/18/15	Mcadams, Ruth	Meredith	Stanton, Walter	Forest, Evelyn
02/19/15	Godin, Audrey	Meredith	Fortier, Albert	Goss, Gertrude
02/22/15	Sirles, Patricia	Meredith	Smith, Framk	Ewens, Muriel
03/01/15	Alcombrack, Evaline	Laconia	Farrar, Richard	Unknown, Arabelle
03/05/15	Mortoro, Rita	Meredith	Petrillo, John	Balzano, Philomena
03/07/15	Estes, Esther	Meredith	Otto, Albert	Smith, Mary
03/08/15	Novicki, Pauli	Laconia	Woodman, Ernest	Lane, Bessie
03/10/15	Smart, Marie	Meredith	Misiano, Vincent	Pelizzi, Theresa
03/15/15	Willingham, Nicole	Lebanon	Nelson, Thomas	Berdolet, Christiane
03/20/15	Coburn-Contrada, Heather	Meredith	Coburn, Andrew	Casey, Bernadine
03/24/15	Fitts, Theresa	Meredith	Pelchat, Cyprien	Lavatue, Emelia
04/03/15	Staples, Esther	Meredith	Leroux, Alfred	Collins, Mina
04/04/15	Smith, Natalie	Laconia	Weeks, Charles	Bennett, Thelma
04/13/15	Hill, William	Meredith	Hill, Harold	Howes, Gertrude

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Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
04/16/15	Hooker, Leonard	Laconia	Hooker, Alonzo	Chapman, Lucy
04/18/15	Levy Jr, Alexander	Laconia	Levy Sr, Alexander	Burgener, Sophie
04/23/15	Roy, Joseph	Concord	Roy, Williams	Hansen, Muriel
04/29/15	Greenleaf, Irene	Meredith	Clark, Leon	Comstock, Winifred
05/02/15	Heald, Bruce	Laconia	Heald, Henry	Day, Muriel
05/02/15	Little, Joan	Meredith	Beach, Watson	Hudson, Florence
05/08/15	Morris, Elise	Meredith	Barrat, George	Unknown, Unknown
05/12/15	Peelstrom Jr, Robert	Laconia	Peelstrom Sr, Robert	Kirkman, Grace
05/18/15	Chandler, John	Meredith	Chandler, Norman	Palmer, Mary
05/18/15	Lovering, Thelma	Meredith	Drake, John	Boynton, Louise
06/12/15	Merchant, Sarah	Meredith	Merchant, Michael	Pinsonneault, Donna
06/16/15	Bishop, Charles	Laconia	Bishop, Robert	Swiniarski, Mary
06/16/15	Dow, Anne	Meredith	Hutchins, Bert	Akerman, Ethel
07/03/15	Peterson, Bruce	Concord	Peterson, Walter	Cummings, Florence
07/04/15	Rowley, Paul	Meredith	Rowley, Paul	Gardiner, Alma
07/06/15	Russell, Linda	Meredith	Pepper, Robert	Muse, Irene
07/11/15	Peterson, June	Lebanon	Bartlett, Roy	Miranda, Dorothy
07/14/15	Frost, Gail	Meredith	Mcpherson, Norman	Collins, Minnie
07/19/15	Blanchette, Peter	Meredith	Blanchette, Philip	Aham, Gerogianna
08/02/15	Telek, Charlotte	Meredith	Suranyi, Lewis	Kvavarik, Unknown
08/04/15	Porter, David	Concord	Porter, Ronald	Litch, Jane
08/10/15	Shaw Jr, Ronald	Plymouth	Shaw Sr, Ronald	Armstrong, Jane
08/11/15	Turner, Charlotte	Meredith	Randall, Ellery	Sinclair, Opal
08/13/15	Cheney, Richard	Lebanon	Cheney, Gordon	Bowen, Violet
09/04/15	Barile, Cathy	Meredith	Barile, Raymond	Paige, Barbara
09/09/15	Jenkerson Jr, Roy	Meredith	Jenkerson, Roy	Morgan, Marion
09/19/15	Greemore, Marjorie	Laconia	Watson, Freelon	Jones, Mildred
09/24/15	Sullivan, Eleanor	Meredith	Tilton, Franklin	Mates, Mary
09/25/15	Vachon, Lynn	Meredith	Unknown	Unknown
09/27/15	Sykes, Dorothy	Meredith	Walker, Harry	Flynn, Marion
10/02/15	Woodward, Edsel	Laconia	Woodward, Ralph	Farrar, Mildred
10/03/15	Sweetser, Bernard	Concord	Sweetser, Bernard	Nichols, Nancy

## Deaths continued...

Date of Death	Decedent's Name	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
10/04/15	Moffett, Barbara	Meredith	Cole, Eldred	Judge, Helen
10/05/15	Kimball Jr, Herman	Laconia	Kimball Sr, Herman	Tuttle, Lillian
10/15/15	Gnerre, Annelle	Meredith	Mccubbins, John	Boyd, Josephine
10/17/15	Huckins, Allen	Laconia	Huckins, Arthur	Lawrence, Sylvia
10/28/15	Everett, Marjorie	Meredith	Squires, Hubert	Ford, Bessie
11/16/15	Cilley, Florence	Laconia	Shaw, Philip	Sargent, Barbara
11/16/15	Wischlburger, Andreas	Dover	Wischlburger, Bernhard	Bloodgood, Grace
11/20/15	Nolette, Mary	Meredith	Taylor, Thomas	Materson, Chatherine
11/22/15	Robinson, John	Concord	Robinson, Enoch	Doerfler, Marilyn
11/26/15	Lance, Rita	Meredith	Mooney, Frank	Morin, Eva
12/02/15	Hall, Mary	Meredith	Galvin, Matthew	Griffin, Catherine
12/03/15	Merseles, Gail	Laconia	Ruggles, Vertner	Mellin, Katherine
12/4/2015	Turnquist, Barbara	Meredith	Jensen, Joseph	Raymond, Barbara
12/06/15	Jenness, Max	Laconia	Jenness, John	Gilpatric, Clara
12/08/15	Chase, Judith	Meredith	Downs, Clifford	Weeks, Winnifred
12/10/15	Stone, Provida	Laconia	Rollins, Bert	Sheldon, Viola
12/14/15	Watson, Susan	Laconia	Peranelli, Louis	Macdonald, Elinor
12/19/15	Velie, Fannie	Meredith	Boccellato, Frank	Rao, Rosalia
12/19/15	Brown, Marion	Meredith	Stanley, George	Muchmore, Ivy
12/21/15	Orpin, Theresa	Meredith	Martel, Adelard	Morin, Amezali
12/23/15	Dubois, Tina	Laconia	Brulotte, Raymond	Gardner, Shirley
12/23/15	Ireland, Mary	Meredith	Santinelli, Pietro	Luzzi, Giovanina



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# **Financial Statements**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

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Liabilities & Equity		General	S <sub>1</sub> Re	Special Revenue	Ъ	Capital Projects		Trust and Agency	Ger	General Long- Term Debt	(Mei	Total (Memorandum Only)	-
<u>Liabilities</u>													ı I
Accounts Payable	S	85,652	S	8,289	S		$\boldsymbol{\diamond}$	ı	$\mathbf{S}$	I	S	93,941	
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Intergovernmental Payable		7,319,797										7,319,797	- -
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Escrow & Performance Deposits								146,614				146,614	<u> </u>
Deferred Revenue				781,540								781,540	cu
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable								306,910				306,910	- DC
General Obligation Debt Payable										4,705,741		4,705,741	
Compensated Absences Payable										421,591		421,591	001
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Reserved for Encumbrances	S	396,838	S	114,775	S		S		Ś		S	511,613	
Reserved for Special Purposes		1,381,070		95,849		183,382		2,088,138				3,748,439	~
Reserved for Capital Recovery				410,000								410,000	~
Unreserved													
Designated for Special Purposes													
Undesignated (Deficit)		3,031,211	Τ,	1,310,636								4,341,847	~
Total Equity		4,809,119	1,	1,931,259		183,382		2,088,138				9,011,898	~
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Financial Statements Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

## **Financial Statements**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

Special	Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet	le Fu	nds - (	Com	bini	ng I	3alan	ce	heet		
	Public	Cons	Conservation	D.A.R.E.	E.E.	В	Boat	И	Water	Sewer	
ASSETS	Library	Con	Commission	Program	am	Laun	Launch Fee	Гц	Fund	Fund	Total
Cash & Equivalents Receivables (Net of Allow-	\$ 2,667	$\boldsymbol{S}$	172,426	S	532	$\boldsymbol{\diamond}$	60,610	\$	1,004,382	\$ 1,410,923	\$ 2,651,541
ances for Uncollectables) Accounts									29,683	39,864	69,547
Interfund Receivable											
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2, 667	S	172,426	S	532	S	60,610	\$ 1,0	1,034 ,065	\$ 1,450,787	\$ 2,721,088
LIABILITIES & EQUITY Liabilities											
Accounts Payable Deferred Rev.– Access Fees	\$	<del>⊗</del>		<del>S</del>		S		\$	4,965 267,262	\$ 3,324 505,278	\$ 8,289 781,540
TOTAL LIABILITIES	S	S		\$		\$		S	281,226	\$ 508,602	\$ 789,828
<u>Equity</u> <u>Fund Balances</u>											
Reserved for Encumbrances Reserved for Snecial Purnoses	\$ 2,667	S	32,039	\$	532	S	60.610	$\mathbf{S}$	67,647	\$ 47,128	\$ 114,775 95 849
Reserved for Capital Recovery Unreserved			1		1		200		360,000	50,000	410,000
Unreserved/Undesignated			140,387						325,191	845,057	1,310,636
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 2,667	S	172,426	S	532	S	60,610	Ś	752,838	\$ 942,185	\$ 1,931,259
LIABLILITES & EQUITY	\$ 2,667	S	172,426	S	532	S	60,610	\$ 1.	1,034,065	\$ 1,450,787	\$ 2,721,088

## Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

Assets		Community Center	 Landfill Closure		Total
	Cash and Equivalents Investments Interfund Receivable	\$ 7,230 139,967	\$ 36,185	\$	43,415 139,967
Total Assets		\$ 147,197	\$ 36,185	\$ _	183,382
Liabilities & Fu	and Balances				
Liabilities					
	Accounts Payable Due to General Fund Retainage Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Total Liabilitie	S	\$ 	\$ 	\$	
Fund Balances	Reserve for Encumbrances Reserve for Special Purposes	\$ - 147,197	\$ - 36,185	\$	- 183,382
Unreserved					
	Undesignated (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -	\$	-
Total Fund Bal	ances	\$ 147,197	\$ 36,185	\$	183,382
Total Liabilitie	s & Fund Balances	\$ 147,197	\$ 36,185	\$_	183,382

		Totals	<pre>\$ 1,175,191 1,059,561</pre>	306,910	\$ 2,541,662	146,614 306,910	\$ 453,524	2,088,138	2,088,138	\$ 2,541,662
		Agency Funds	146,614	306,910	453,524	146,614 306,910	453,524			453,524
		ł	S		∽		Ś			↔
	e	Library	805,657		805,657		·	805,657	805,657	805,657
	ndabl	Ι	S		Ś		S			Ś
	Nonexpendable	Town	5,908 99,944		105,852		·	105,852	105,852	105,852
ds			S		$\mathbf{s}$		Ś			∽
Trust Funds		Others	\$ 1,014,776		\$ 1,014,776		\$	1,014,776	1,014,776	\$ 1,014,776
	Expendable	Capital Reserve	7,893		7,893		•	7,893	7,893	7,893
	Щ		\$				÷			الح الح
		Library	<u>\$</u> 153,960		\$ 153,960		<u>∽</u>	153,960	153,960	\$ 153,960
		ASSETS	Cash & Equivalents Investments	Interest Accounts	TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES Liabilities Interfund Payable Escrow and Performance Deposits Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>Fund Balances</u> Reserved For Endowments Reserved For Special Purposes	TOTAL FUND BALANCES	TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

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

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

	Balance 1/1/2015	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2015
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ <u>146,584</u> \$	<u> </u>	\$ <u>25,707</u>	\$ <u>146,614</u>
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ <u>146,584</u> \$	<u> </u>	\$25,707_	\$ <u>146,614</u>
ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan				
Assets				
Due from Others	\$ <u>356,392</u> \$	<u> </u>	\$58,792_	\$ <u>306,910</u>
Liabilities				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ <u>356,392</u> \$	<u> </u>	\$ <u>58,792</u>	\$ <u>306,910</u>
Total - All Agency Funds				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 146,584 \$	5 25,736	\$ 25,707	\$ 146,583
Due from Others	356,392	9,310	58,792	356,392
Total Assets	\$502,976 \$	35,046	\$ <u>84,499</u>	\$ 453,523
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 146,584 \$	5 25,736	\$ 25,707	\$ 146,614
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	356,392	9,310	58,792	306,910
Total Liabilities	\$ 502,976 \$	35,046	\$ 84,499	\$ 453,524

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds- Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

		]	Beginning					Ending
Non-Expendable			Balance	Total	Total		Period	Balance
Trusts	Purpose		1/1/2015	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	]	Interest	12/31/2015
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$	2,626 \$		\$	\$	1	\$ 2,627
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care		74,539				25	74,564
Ebon S. Roberts	Library		299					299
Edwin E. Beede	Library		93,574				20	93,595
Samuel W. Rollins	Library		4,475				1	4,476
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library		689					689
William E. Bixby	Library		150					150
Hattie R. Erskine	Library Clock		293					293
George S. Fogg	School District		3,156					3,156
Town Cemetery	General		7,415				1	7,416
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath		758					758
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care		11,423					11,423
Total All Non-Exp	oendable Trusts	\$	199,398 \$		\$	\$	48	\$ 199,446

## **Financial Statements**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

		Beginnir Balance	•	Total	Period	Ending Balance
Expendable Trusts	Purpose	1/1/201	5 Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	12/31/2015
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 20,2	269 \$	\$	\$ 6	\$ 20,276
Employee Benefits	Severance	186,5			57	186,627
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	50,8			16	50,860
Municipal Building	Additional Space		176			176
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	50,5			15	50,554
Fire Department	Communications	1,1	113			1,113
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	550,0	000 75,000	624,879	35	155
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	61,4	449		19	61,468
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	39,	179		12	39,191
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	95,	156		29	95,185
Meredith Parking	Parking	222,0	086		18	222,104
Ground Water Source Study	Water Study	3,2	223		1	3,224
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	50,4	434		15	50,450
Parks & Recreation Facility Im-	Infrastructure Improve		8			8
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	232,8	887		71	232,959
DPW Equipment Replacement	Replace DPW Equip.	180,	400,000	579,905	87	377
Total Town Expendable Trus	ts:	\$ 1,744,	129 \$ 475,000	\$ 1,204,785	\$ 382	\$ 1,014,726
School - SPED	Special Education	150,3	319		97	150,415
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	100,	51		21	51
	50 11	<b>.</b> 1 00 4		ф. 1.004.505	<b>•</b> 170	
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 1,894,4</u>	<u>498</u> <u>\$ 475,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,204,785</u>	<u>\$ 478</u>	<u>\$ 1,165,192</u>
						-
		Beginnir	ıg			Ending
		Balance	e Total	Total	Period	Balance
Capital Reserves		1/1/201	5 Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	12/31/2015
Police	-	\$ 2,7	791 \$	\$	\$.	\$ 2,791
Prescott Park Expansion		-	102	φ.	φ.	\$ 2,791 5,102
Total Town Capital Reserves			893 \$	\$.	\$.	\$ 7,893
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		250 (	)66 75.000		104	125 000
Total All Capital Reserves	L	359,9 <u>\$ 367,8</u>			124 <u>\$ 124</u>	435,090 <u>\$ 442,983</u>

## **Financial Statements**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

### Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2015 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue General Obligation Debt Payable		Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	 Outstanding at 12/31/15
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$	637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 277,577
2005 Community Center Bond	\$	3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 1,750,000
2007 Police Station Bond	\$	1,500,000	2007	2016	3.990%	\$ 121,463
2010 Fire Station Bond	\$	2,292,882	2010	2019	3.800%	\$ 852,052
2010 Page Pond Conservation	\$	400,000	2010	2018	3.800%	\$ 109,811
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$	1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 835,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable	- De	cember 31, 20	)15			\$ 3,945,903

#### Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending	Go	overnr	nental Fund	Debt	:
December 31, 2015	Principal		Interest		Total
2016	\$ 658,188	\$	152,009	\$	810,197
2017	\$ 540,046	\$	128,286	\$	668,332
2018	\$ 533,227	\$	107,322	\$	640,549
2019	\$ 441,729	\$	87,608	\$	529,338
2020-2027	\$ 1,772,712	\$	284,613	\$	2,057,326
Totals	\$ 3,945,903	\$	759,838	\$	4,705,741

#### Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits
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421,591

\$

## Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

		Estimated		Actual		Over (Under) Budget
Taxes	¢	06 40 4 000	ф	0( 101 000	¢	
Property Ville on District	\$	26,484,032	\$	26,484,032	\$	-
Village District		6,000		6,020		20
Yield		17,200		17,837		637
Boat		30,000		30,760		760
Payment in Lieu of Taxes Interest & Penalties on Taxes		100,000		107,001		7,001
	<u>ф</u>	208,456	Φ.	213,223	¢	4,767
Total Taxes	\$	26,845,688	\$	26,858,873	\$	13,185
Licenses and Permits						
Motor Vehicle Permits		1,400,000		1,402,792		2,792
Building Permits		39,200		45,159		5,959
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees		69,745		76,750		7,005
Total Licenses and Permits	\$	1,508,945	\$	1,524,701	\$	15,756
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u> State/Federal						
Highway Block Grant		197,589		197,589		
Rooms & Meals Tax		302,335		302,335		
State & Forest Land Reimbursement		126		126		
Other State/Federal Revenue		23,065		20,877		(2,189)
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$	523,115	\$	520,926	\$	(2,189)
Charges for Services						
Income from Departments		853,475		944,683		91,207
		000,470		,005		71,207
Miscellaneous Revenues						
Sale of Town Property		20.000		22 100		2 100
Interest on Investments		30,000		33,108		3,108
Betterment Assessments & Other	<u>_</u>	3,915	φ.	3,918	<u>ф</u>	3
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$	33,915	\$	37,026	\$	3,111
Other Financing Sources						
Interfund Transfers		160.912		160.912		
Enterprise Funds		160,812		160,812		
Cable Franchise Fee Funds		60,000		60,000		
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$</u>	220,812	\$	220,812	\$	
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance						
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To		(50.000				
Reduce Tax Rate		650,000		650,000		
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources	÷	<b>a a a a a a a a a a</b>	<i>t</i>		<i>•</i>	
and Use of Fund Balance	\$	30,635,950	\$	30,757,021	\$	121,070

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures - General Fund

Comparative Statement o	_	2014		2015		2015		2015	Balance
	En	cumbered	Ar	opropriation		Expended	En	cumbered	verdrafts)
General Government				<u> </u>		1			 ,
Executive Office	\$		\$	263,735	\$	264,363	\$	-	\$ (628)
Executive - Municipal Administration		42,078		734,285		880,492		78,916	(183,045)
Personnel Administration		,		72,899		80,081		,	(7,182)
Town Clerk		2,200		125,487		111,818		1,100	14,769
Administrative Services		15,384		441,376		441,041		32,500	(16,781)
Assessor		,		288,366		268,194		,	20,172
Tax Collector				45,207		44,637			570
Community Development				488,420		463,035			25,386
Regional Associations				240,358		240,358			,
Public Safety				,		,			
Police		6,516		1,997,236		2,020,512		4,138	(20,898)
Ambulance		*		284,613		289,536		*	(4,923)
Fire		32,229		389,668		389,658		9,207	23,032
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid		,		79,945		77,731		,	2,214
Public Works				,		,			,
Solid Waste Disposal		472		781,084		778,240		5,423	(2,107)
Building & Grounds		350		321,375		313,722		1,295	6,708
Cemetery		83		99,362		98,714		,	731
Highway Department		76,674		2,714,360		2,733,082		48,423	9,529
Water Distribution		,		, ,		, ,		,	,
Hydrant Rental				69,000		69,000			
Welfare				,		,			
General Assistance				140,000		93,241			46,759
Culture and Recreation				- ,		,			- ,
Parks and Recreation		7,549		759,081		758,025		6,340	2,266
Library		16,100		552,890		537,590		31,400	,
Debt Service		,		,		,		,	
Principal - Long-Term Debt				808,452		808,452			
Interest - Long-Term Debt				180,225		174,074			6,151
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes				10,000		,			10,000
<b>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</b>									
Conservation Commission				5,000		5,000			
Capital Projects		274,859						178,097	96,762
Expendable Trust Funds				475,000		475,000			
<b>Total Appropriations-General Fund</b>	\$	474,494	\$	12,367,423	\$	12,415,596	\$	396,838	\$ 29,483
<b>Intergovernmental</b>									
Water/ Sewer Appropriation	\$		\$	1,682,945	\$	1,558,811	\$		\$ 124,134
School Appropriation				15,695,562		15,695,562			
County Appropriation				2,545,670		2,545,670			
Village District Appropriation				6,000		6,000			
Total Appropriations and Expenditures	\$	474,494	\$	32,297,600	<u>\$</u>	32,221,693	\$	396,838	\$ 153,617
<u>.</u>	_								

2015 Annual Report

# Treasurer's Account Summary

	Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Cas	sh Balance
		¢	0.0(1.007.00
1	General	\$	9,861,207.89
	Total Fund 1	\$	9,861,207.89
2	Water	\$	1,005,615.45
3	Sewer		1,410,922.69
5	Conservation Commission		172,426.42
7	Cable Franchise		
10	Community Center		7,230.29
15	Landfill		36,185.09
16	Boat Launch		60,610.00
17	Engineering	\$	146,613.82
	Subtotal of Other Fund Cash Accounts	\$	2,839,603.76
	Total Cash	\$	12,700,811.65
	Proof		
	MVSB Payroll Account	\$	
	MVSB Accounts Payable	\$	
	MVSB Operating Account	\$	12,539,694.52
	MVSB Debit Cards	\$	15,000.00
	MVSB Baby Bicentennial	\$	89.18
	MVSB Engineering	\$	146,613.82
	MVSB Cloud Account	\$	(1,485.87)
	Petty Cash	\$	900.00
	Total	\$	12,700,811.65
	Pooled Cash Adjustments	\$	(2,839,603.76)
	General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$	9,861,207.89

## **Financial Statements**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)

## Treasurer's Account Summary

<b>General Fund - Operating</b> Balance 01/01/2015	\$	9,156,352.96		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers	Φ	704,854.93		
Balance 12/31/2015		701,031.95	\$	9,861,207.89
Water Department				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	722,353.68		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		283,261.77		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	1,005,615.45
Sewer Department				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	1,103,551.99		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		307,370.70		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	1,410,922.69
Conservation Commission				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	177,979.42		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		(5,553.00)		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	172,426.42
Cable Franchise				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	537,946.49		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		537,946.49		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	-
Community Center				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	7,230.29		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		-		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	7,230.29
Landfill Closure				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	44,954.30		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		(8,769.21)		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	36,185.09
Special Revenue Fund - Boat Launch				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	52,250.00		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		8,360.00		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	60,610.00
Engineering Escrow				
Balance 01/01/2015	\$	146,584.13		
Net Receipts, Expenditures & Transfers		29.69		
Balance 12/31/2015			\$	146,613.82
Balance All Funds 12/31/2015			¢ _	12,700,811.65
Dalance All Funus 12/31/2015			\$ =	12,700,011.03

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

<u>Fiscal Year 2015</u>		
Unreserved - Undesignated		
Fund Balance - January 1		\$ 2,868,577
Deductions		
Amount used to reduce 2015 Taxes		(650,000)
Additions:		
Close Fund #7 - Cable Franchise Fee	\$ 537,947	
Revenue Surplus	121,070	
Unexpended Appropriations	\$ 153,617	\$ 812,634
Unreserved - Undesignated		
Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited)		\$ 3,031,211
<u>Fiscal Year 2016 - Worksheet</u>		
Unreserved - Undesignated		
Fund Balance - January 1, 2016 (Unaudited)		\$ 3,031,211
Deductions - Proposed)		
Amount to be used to reduce 2016 taxes		(750,000)
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Unreserved - Undesignated		
<u>Fund Balance - December 31, 2016 (Unaudited)</u>		\$ 2.281.211
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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, 2014, 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.

#### 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, 2014, 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 29) 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 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, 2016

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## Tax Information

# Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	J	2015 Levy		2014 Levy
<b>Uncollected Taxes 1-1-15</b>				
Property Taxes	\$		\$	1,151,494.13
Yield Taxes				
Betterment Assessments				1,903.18
Water Rents				38,664.42
Sewer Rents				51,754.34
<b>Taxes Committed to Collector</b>				
Property Taxes		25,653,777.50		
Yield Taxes		5,612.42		
Betterment Assessments		3,827.50		
Land Use Change Taxes				
Excavation Taxes				
Water Rents		507,283.77		152,839.49
Sewer Rents		742,582.30		230,816.98
<b>Refunds for Overpayments</b>				
Property Taxes		22,962.25		17,955.24
Water Rents				
Sewer Rents		85.74		
Interest		15,383.76		60,646.52
Total Debits	<u>\$</u>	27,861,515.24	<u>\$</u>	1,706,074.30
<u>Credits</u>				
<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>				
Property Taxes	\$	25,398,540.47	\$	1,154,955.46
Yield Taxes		5,612.42		6,522.61
Betterment Assessments		1,754.29		1,903.18
Land Use Change Taxes				715.00
Excavation Taxes				
Water Rents		480,221.10		191,503.91
Sewer Rents		700,580.08		282,571.32
Interest		15,383.76		60,596.52
Deeded to Town				
Property Taxes		4,354.81		
Abatements				
Property Taxes		259.26		7,306.30
Water Rents		1,497.93		
Sewer Rents		1,990.94		
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-15				
Property Taxes		1,183,585.21		
Betterment Assessments		2,073.21		
Water Rents		25,564.72		
Sewer Rents		40,097.02		
Total Credits	<u>\$</u>	27,861,515.24	<u>\$</u>	1,706,074.30

## Tax Information

## Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits		2014	_	2013	_	2012	 Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-15	\$		\$	357,317.22	\$	223,719.77	\$ 18,247.38
Liens Executed During 2015		435,380.57					
Interest & Costs after Lien		7,088.90	_	29,462.44		33,681.24	 11,218.86
Total Debits	\$	442,469.47	\$	386,779.66	\$	257,401.01	\$ 29,466.24
Credits							
Remitted to Treasurer							
Redemptions	\$	129,186.35	\$	167,468.31	\$	199,456.34	\$ 15,017.47
Interest & Costs after Lien		7,088.90		29,462.44		33,681.24	11,218.86
Abatements of							
Unredemmed Taxes				16,079.39			
Liens Deeded to the Town				6,301.31			
Unredemmed Liens		306,194.22		167,468.31		24,263.43	 3,229.91
Total Credits	\$_	442,469.47	\$	386,779.66	\$	\$257,401.01	\$ 29,466.24

### Tax Collector's Report

It has been a year of learning in the Tax Collector's Office. As many of you know I took over for Vikki Fogg in January of 2015. We all know what a special person Vikki is and she continues to be missed by many. I have always known that I live in a great Town; what I didn't know is how many wonderful people, taxpayers and business owners we have. The past year has been a full year of learning the ropes! I still have a lot to learn but I am enjoying doing it. I am very proud to work for my community and my promise is to always take the extra step with any of your questions or concerns.

The Town of Meredith continues to accept online payments through our home page please visit us at <u>www.meredithnh.org</u> and click the link shown below.

Pay and/or View Bills Online

If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 603-677-4202 or email me at <u>sbivolcics@meredithnh.org</u> or stop in I always enjoy seeing you!

Thank you for a great first year.

Stacy Bivolcic Deputy Tax Collector

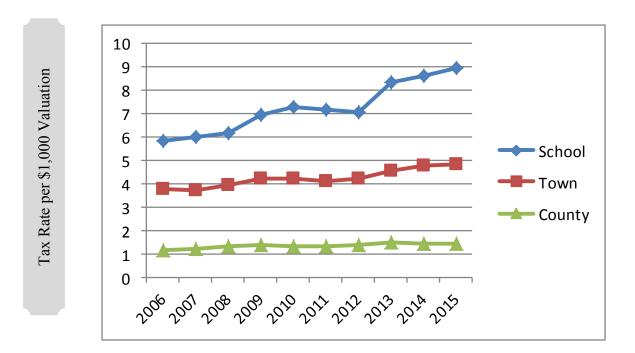
# Department of Revenue Administration - 2015 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Accounting Overview	\$	<b>Appropriation</b> 14,050,368.00		Revenue		Tax Rate
Total Appropriation Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)	Ф	14,030,308.00	\$	(5,211,063.00)		
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			۹ ۶	(650,000.00)		
War Service Credits	\$	210,750.00	Φ	(030,000.00)		
Actual Overlay Used	\$	57,260.00	<u>\$</u>			
Net Required Local Tax Effort	<u> </u>	57,200.00	<u> </u>	8,457,315.00		
Municipal Tax Rate			Φ	6,437,315.00	\$	4.81
					Φ	4.01
County Apportionment		Appropriation		Revenue		Tax Rate
Net County Apportionment	\$	2,545,670.00	<u></u>			
Net required County Tax Effort			\$	2,545,670.00		
County Tax Rate					\$	1.45
Education		Appropriation		Revenue		Tax Rate
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$	15,948,325.00				
Net Education Grant		, ,	\$	(248,981.00)		
Locally Retained State Education Tax			\$	(4,242,838.00)		
Not Required Local Education Tax Effort			\$	11,456,506.00	\$	6.52
State Education Tax	\$	4,242,838.00				
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	Ψ	1,212,030.00	\$	4,242,838.00	\$	2.42
School Tax Rate			Ψ	1,212,050.00	\$	8.94
Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate					\$	15.20
Total Property Taxes Assessed			\$	26,708,349.00		
Less: War Service Credits			\$	(210,750.00)		
Total Property Tax Commitment			<u>\$</u>	26,497,599.00		
Total Property Tax Commitment			<u>&gt;</u>	20,497,399.00		
Valuation						
Municipal (MS-1)		<u>Current Year</u>		<u>Tax Rate</u>		<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$	1,758,060,047.00	\$	12.78	\$	22,468,007.40
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$	1,749,719,547.00	\$	2.42	\$	4,234,321.30
Village (MS-1V)		<b>Current Year</b>		Tax Rate		Assessment
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$	2,090,300.00		2.88	\$	6,020.06
Less War Service Credits Proof of Rate					<u>\$</u> \$	(210,750.00) 26,497,599.00

Year 2006	School 5.85	Town 3.79	County 1.13	Combined Tax Rate 10.77	Net Valuation 1,897,635,500
2007	6.01	3.70	1.20	10.91	1,918,269,293
2008	6.19	3.97	1.30	11.46	1,940,881,763
2009	6.94	4.23	1.37	12.54	1,820,649,639
2010	7.27	4.20	1.33	12.80	1,834,675,812
2011	7.17	4.13	1.32	12.62	1,845,422,650
2012	7.05	4.20	1.37	12.62	1,856,317,320
2013	8.35	4.55	1.51	14.41	1,741,033,913
2014	8.65	4.77	1.41	14.83	1,745,511,622
2015	8.94	4.81	1.45	15.20	1,758,060,047

## Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

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



# Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2015

Value of Land Only		
Current Use	\$	666,455
Residential		820,121,962
Commercial / Industrial	_	52,046,238
Total Value of Land	\$	872,834,655
Value of Buildings Only		
Residential	\$	778,477,372
Manufactured Housing		7,415,200
Commercial / Industrial		93,568,790
Total Value of Buildings	\$	879,461,362
<u>Public Utilities</u> Electric Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$ \$_	8,340,500 <u>1,760,636,517</u>
Exemptions Blind Elderly Totally & Permanently Disabled Solar / Wind Power	\$	134,800 1,267,500 844,100 330,070
Total Exemptions	\$	2,576,470
Net Taxable Valuation	\$	1,758,060,047

# 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

## 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 Pemigewassett	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	Waukewan Highlands Community Park
S22-022	178.10	75 Parade Road	Waukewan Highlands Reservoir
U05-002	0.30	49 Waukewan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.90	12 Waukewan 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

## Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	<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

Map/Lot	Acres	Location	Use
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
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	
S06-57	1.50	38 Stonedam Island	Tax Deed Property
S06-58	1.58	Stonedam Island	Tax Deed Property
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	Waukewan Street	Monkey Pond
U10-027A	0.28	Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U12-01	0.17	30 Philbrook Ave	Tax Deed Property
U16-005-018	.66	67 Barnard Ridge Road	

# 2016 Meredith Town Warrant

### 2016 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 8, 2016, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 2 through 8:

#### **BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:**

### ARTICLE 1

To bring your ballots for:

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

### **DELIBERATIVE SESSION**

### ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Million, Seven Hundred Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$ 13,708,843) 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 raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) 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 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) 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 Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the SW Trailer Replacement Fund previously established.

The Select Board are agents to expend.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

#### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$62,500 from Fund Balance for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study for a new DPW facility. The feasibility study will involve many considerations including building design and locations, storm water management, utilities and the replacement of the vehicle fueling station. This article shall lapse on December 31, 2020.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to establish and amend licensing fees for vendors intending to engage in business during Motorcycle Week. Such fees shall not exceed an amount reasonably calculated to cover the Town's regulatory, administrative and enforcement costs.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

#### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to rescind Blueberry Hill Road, Meredith, NH as a scenic road under the authority of RSA 231:157.

(Petitioned by 10 or more Registered Voters or Abutters)

Meredith Select Board

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson Ray A. Moritz, Vice Chair Jonathan D. James Beverly H. Lapham, Jr. Michael J. Pelczar

# 2016 Meredith Budget - Revenues

			2016		
	2015	2015	2015 Recommended		
Taxes	Estimated	Actual	Estimated		
Yield	\$ 17,2	,	\$ 10,000		
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	100,0	,	127,504		
Village District	6,0		5,000		
Boat	30,0	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	30,000		
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	208,4		186,500		
Total Taxes	\$ 361,6	\$ 374,841	\$ 359,004		
Licenses and Permits					
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,400,0	1,402,792	1,400,000		
Building Permits	39,2		37,900		
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	69,7		69,745		
Total Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,508,9	\$ 1,524,701	\$ 1,507,645		
Intergovernmental Revenues					
State					
Rooms & Meals Tax	302,3	302,335	302,335		
Highway Block Grant	197,5	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	163,620		
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	26 126	126		
Other State/Federal Revenue	23,0		16,831		
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 523,1		\$ 482,912		
Charges for Services					
Income from Departments	853,4	944,683	727,334		
Miscellaneous Revenues		<u>,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,</u>	121,331		
Betterment Assessment	3,9	3,915			
Interest on Investments	30,0		30,000		
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 33,9	-	\$ 30,000		
Other Financing Sources					
Interfund Transfers					
Special Revenue Fund	60,0	-			
Enterprise Fund	160,8	160,812	121,918		
Trust Funds					
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 220,8	\$ 220,812	\$ 121,918		
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	3,501,9	3,622,985	3,228,813		
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			62,500		
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To					
Reduce Tax Rate	650,0	650,000	750,000		
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources</b>					
and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,151,9	18   \$   4,272,988	\$ 4,041,313		
Special Revenue Funds					
Sewer	955,3		926,162		
Water	736,8	369 744,478	669,601		
Grand Total All Funds	<u>\$ 5,844,1</u>	34 \$ 5,995,204	\$ 5,637,076		

# 2016 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2015 Appropriations		2015 Expended		2016 Recommended	
<u>General Government</u>						
Executive Office	\$	263,735	\$	264,363	\$	203,341
Executive - Municipal Administration		734,014		816,067		1,210,104
Public Health - Ambulance		284,613		289,536		298,157
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid		79,945		77,731		82,664
Personnel Administration		72,899		80,081		2,147,442
Town Clerk		125,487		111,818		124,262
Administrative Services		441,376		441,041		325,219
General Assistance		140,000		93,241		115,000
Assessor's Office		288,366		268,194		185,961
Tax Collector's Office		45,207		44,637		51,039
Community Development Department		488,420		463,035		324,955
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds		475,000		475,000		460,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects						
Regional Association		240,358		240,358		244,750
Public Safety						
Police		1,997,236		2,023,512		1,287,553
Fire		389,668		389,658		287,429
Public Works						
Solid Waste Facility		781,084		778,240		927,598
Building & Grounds		321,375		313,722		233,150
Cemetery		99,362		98,714		62,919
Highway Department		2,714,360		2,785,869		2,140,888
Culture and Recreation						
Parks and Recreation		759,081		754,364		598,703
Library		552,890		552,890		423,212
Debt Service						
Principal - Long-Term Debt		808,452		808,452		661,725
Interest - Long-Term Debt		180,225		174,074		152,009
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000				10,000
Total General Fund	\$	12,293,152	\$	12,344,596	\$	12,558,080
Conservation Commission		5,000		5,000		15,000
Water Fund		736,869		654,263		669,601
Sewer Fund		955,346		832,892		926,162
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$	13,990,368	\$	13,836,751	\$	14,168,843
Special Revenue Fund						
Cable Franchise Fee	\$	60,000	\$	60,000	\$	0
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$	14,050,368	\$	13,896,751	\$	14,168,843

2015 Annual Report

## 2016 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

<b>2016 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen</b> Less: 2016 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	\$	<b>14,231,343</b> (4,790,800)
Less: Use of Fund Balance		(750,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay		50,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)		210,750
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	\$	8,951,293
2016 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) Compared to 2015 Tax Rate of \$ 4.81 (Municipal Portion Only)		\$ 5.09
Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:	¢	0.051.002
2016 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$	8,951,293
Board of Selectmen - Amount to be Raised (2015) Variance 2016 to 2015:	\$	(8,457,315) 493,978
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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 <u>RSA 674:39-aa Restoration of Involuntarily Merged Lots.</u>

## **Municipal Directory**

Fire - Business Located at: 286 Daniel Webster Highway Mailing Address: PO Box 494 Meredith, NH 03253 Ken Jones, Fire Chief... kjones@meredithnh.org Phone #279-6061 Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F Meredith Public Library Located at: 91 Main Street Mailing Address: PO Box 808 Meredith, NH 03253 Erin Apostolos, Director... erin@meredithlibrary.org Phone #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 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* 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* 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 Phone #677-4208 ~Assessing Jim Commerford, Assessor... jcommerford@meredithnh.org Phone #677-4226 ~Town Clerk Kerri Parker, Town Clerk... kparker@meredithnh.org Phone #677-4203 ~Town Manager Phil Warren, Town Manager... pwarren@meredithnh.org Phone #677-4205 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* ~Conservation Commission conservation@meredithnh.org Water & Sewer Located at: 50 Waukewan Street Mailing Address: 41 Main Street Meredith, NH 03253 *water@meredithnh.org* Phone #279-3046 Hours 7:00 am - 3:00 pm M-F

