

MEREDITH

2020

Annual Report



Laverack Nature Trail
At Hawkins Brook



Featured in the photo above: Samuel L. Laverack, former President and CEO of Meredith Village Savings Bank and Andrea Bourn, Chair of Meredith Village Pathways Committee at the ribbon cutting for the dedication and opening of Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook.



The **Meredith Village Pathways Committee** has worked for the last 8 years doing research, planning, designing, fundraising, and permitting.

Construction costs would be over \$600,000 and the Meredith Village Savings Bank committed to give a large donation to help build the universally-accessible trail along with many donations, a grant, and an expenditure by the Town.

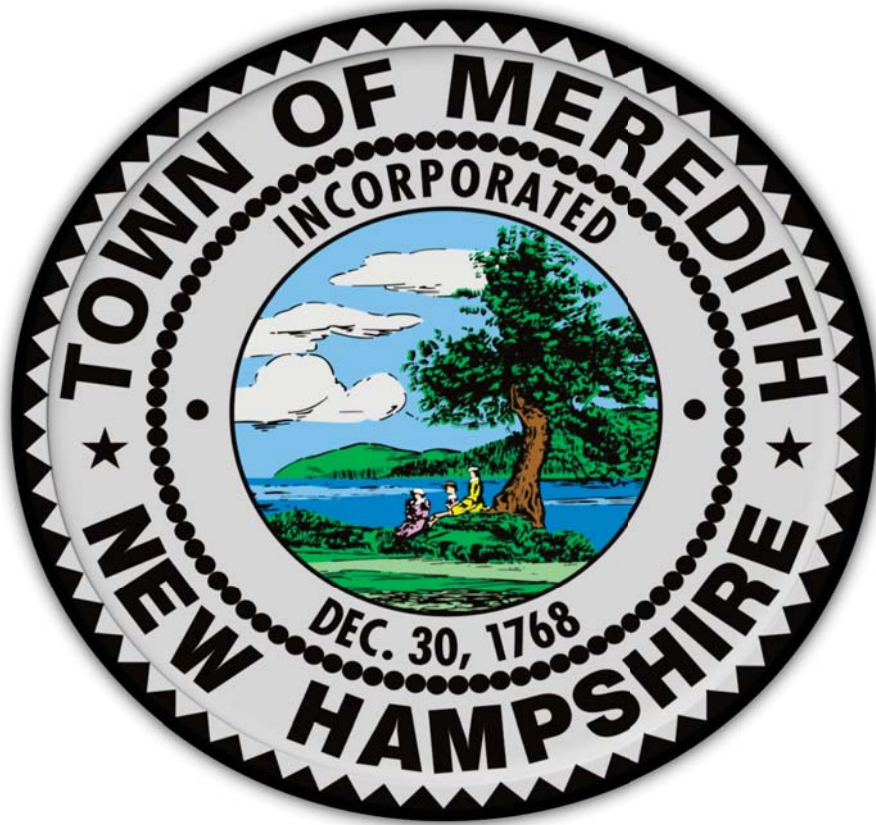
The path was dedicated to Samuel L. Laverack in honor of his 43 years of service to the community.

Covering a little over one-half mile, the Laverack Nature Trail provides walkers a view of the wetlands and wildlife. (Featured on the front cover.)

Along the trail is an outdoor classroom that students and teachers can walk to in a matter of minutes from the school. The outdoor classroom has seating which consists of stumps, benches and a book kiosk where you can borrow a book and leave a book. (Featured on the back cover of this report.)

The 1,450 foot boardwalk is made out of black locust and supported by helical piles thru the wetlands. It then turns into a crushed stone trail thru the pine and birch woods to Prescott Park.

The Town of
Meredith
New Hampshire



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For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

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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 2020 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 9, 2021
Location: Community Center
1 Circle Drive
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 10, 2021
Location: Inter-Lakes High School
1 Laker Lane
Time: 7pm

Recognition

Written Reports are provided by:

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

Financial Statements are prepared by:

- Robert Carpenter, Administrative Services Director
- Kim Brown, Deputy Tax Collector

The cover, 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

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

Planning Board

Community Center, 7:00pm, 4th Tuesday

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Thursday

Please note: Meeting times are subject to change due to the Covid restrictions.

Contact Information on the Area Resources

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program.....279-4096
Emergency Management Director.....279-4561
Lakes Region General Hospital524-3211
Meredith Public Health Nursing.....279-6611
Hanover Poison Information Center1-800-562-8236

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds.....527-5420
Belknap County Superior Court524-3570
Laconia District Court524-4128
New Hampshire Legal Assistance.....1-800-639-5290

County and State Police

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

Permits to Kindle Fires

Central Fire Station279-6061
Town Hall279-4538
Y-Landing Marina279-5050
Also online at WWW.NHDFL.ORG

Town Report Dedication

This years Town Report is Dedicated to: John M. Hodsdon

John M. Hodsdon of Meredith passed away peacefully November 7, 2020. John grew up on Longridge Farm in Meredith, a farm owned by his family since 1804. Today the farm is known as Picnic Rock Farm operated by John's nephew Ward Bird, the seventh generation to continue the tradition.

John's education took him all over the world, eventually earning a Ph.D. in Biochemistry from University of California-Berkley. From the time he returned to Meredith in the late 1970s until 2005, John operated the family farm growing vegetables, small fruit and Christmas trees. The farm also sold local products and baked goods he made on the premises himself.

In June of 2004, John granted a conservation easement to the Town of Meredith protecting an iconic working landscape replete with agricultural, forestry, cultural and scenic resources. John was one of the original members of the Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee having contributed to both the initial management plan for the Lake Waukegan Watershed in 2005 and a comprehensive plan update in 2016. His service on this Committee began in 2004 and continued into 2020.

In 2016, John was recognized by the National Association of Conservation Districts for his 32 years of service in leading the Belknap County Conservation District. In 2019, John received the Profile Award from the NH Farm Bureau recognizing his distinguished service to agriculture and rural life. At the state level, John was a member of the Bureau's State Policy Development Committee and contributed to the development of water quality standards, Current Use law, and GMO legislation.

John's intellect, subtle disposition and deeply held commitment to conservation will be sorely missed by all that had the opportunity to work with him.

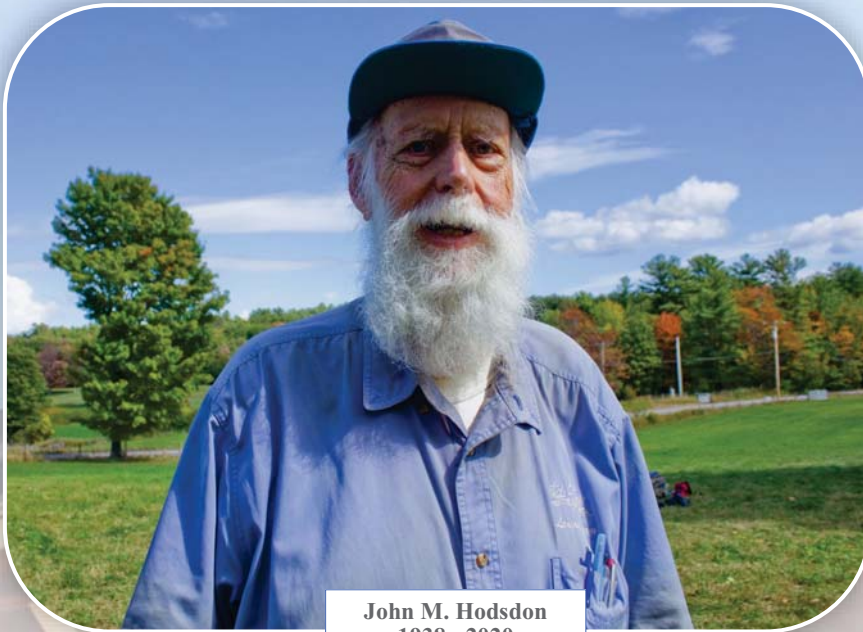
Respectfully,

John C. Edgar, Community Development Director

November 23, 2020



Town Report Dedication



John M. Hodsdon
1938 - 2020

Town Officials

Select Board

Raymond Moritz, Chairperson, 2021

Jonathan D. James, 2022

Nathan J. Torr, 2022

Jeanie Forrester, 2021

Michael J. Pelczar, 2023

Elected Officials

Chris Kelly, Moderator, 2022

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

Martha Fairbrother, Treasurer, 2023

Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Administrative Services Director

Robert Carpenter

Community Development Director

John C. Edgar

Town Planner

Angela LaBrecque, AICP

Code Enforcement Officer

John Greenwood

Public Works Director

Michael Faller

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Frank Giordano

Assessor

James Commerford, CNHA

Parks & Recreation Director

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Library Director

Erin Apostolos

Police Officials

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Mike Harper, Lieutenant

Fire Officials

Jay Haines, 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

Bill Gartner, 2021

James Gregoire, 2023

Mary Kahn, 2023

Supervisors of the Checklist

Brenda Thibeault, 2023

Deb McNeish, Chairperson, 2022

Debra Swingle, 2024

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Edward Touhey, PB Rep.

Mark Billings, ILSB Rep/Chairperson

Bill Bayard

Jeanie Forrester, BOS Rep.

Dave Thorpe

Richard Gerken, PB Rep./Vice-Chair

Ray Moritz, BOS Rep. Alternate

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Ann Butler, 2021

Lynn Montana, 2023

Town Officials

Library Trustees

Virginia Lovett, 2021
Betty Strader, 2022
Paul Eldridge, 2021

Ann Butler, Chairperson, 2021

Lisa Garcia, 2023
Sarah Johnson, 2022
Jonathan James, 2021

Planning Board

Richard Gerken, Secretary, 2021
Ann Butler, 2021
Jeremy Martin, 2023

John Kreitler, Chairperson, 2021
Peter Brothers, Chairperson (resigned 8-2020)
Bill Bayard, Vice-Chair (resigned 8-2020)
Alternate: Jeffrey Reilly, 2021

Edward Touhey, Vice-Chair, 2023
Robert Flanders, 2022
Jonathan James, BOS Rep.

Short Term Rental (PB Subcommittee)

Richard Gerken, PB Rep.
Ann Butler, PB Rep.
Peter Brothers, PB Rep.

Robert Hartson, III
Karin Nelson
Kirk Beswick

Robert Wichland
Donna VanNess Murphy
Ray Moritz, BOS Rep.

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Robb Jutton, 2021
Warren Clark, 2023
Alternate: Frank Marino, 2021

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairperson, 2021

Bruce Reichlen, Vice-Chair, 2021
David Thorpe, 2021
Alternate: Thomas Girard, 2023

Conservation Commission

Paul Dillon, Vice-Chair, 2022
Ralph Pisapia, 2022
Scott Powell, 2021

Mark Billings, Chairperson, 2022

Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2021
Jan Sanguedolce, 2021
Jim Gregoire, Treasurer, 2021

Alternates:

Don MacFarland

John Sherman

Tony Sabutis

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Bob Vogler
Tony Sabutis
Tim Whiting

Donna VanNess Murphy, Co-Chair
Bruce Bond
Jamie Irving

Frank Murphy, Co-Chair
John Hodsdon (Deceased 11-7-20)
Nate Torr, BOS Rep.

Energy Committee

Bill Haley
Michael Pelczar - BOS Rep.

Bill Bayard, Chairperson

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

Village Pathways Committee

Lissa Goodby, Secretary
Liz Lapham
Margie Kreitler

Andrea Bourn, Chairperson
Sandy Sabutis
Cheryl Wilson

Carol Gerken
Janice Roberts
Rod Wilson

Executive Summary

Report from the Town Manager

2020 began with the budget process which entailed working with Department Heads and the Select Board to develop a budget that attempted to retain current service levels. As in prior years, 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.

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

Due to the pandemic, many programs and projects were put off and/or cancelled, including most Park and Recreation programs, road and street improvements and many capital improvements. This was done to ensure that the town would have sufficient cash flow. Fortunately, revenues remained steady and expenditures were not negatively impacted by external forces. Many capital improvements that were programmed were begun late in the year.

Work continues on major upcoming projects which include:

- DPW Building Project
- Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements
- Park and Recreation Master Plan
- Main Street Improvements Plan

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.
Town Manager

Executive Summary

Report from the Select Board

This has been an incredibly trying, frustrating, and challenging year for Meredith. Sadly, the Covid-19 pandemic has cost Meredith many illnesses and some deaths. It has especially devastated our senior care facilities, both patients and staff. Our hearts go out to those that have suffered and to their families. The pandemic has forced us to discontinue some services at the Community Center, to require masks at our town facilities and occasionally close them to public entrance.

Yet through it all our town employees, following the leadership of Town Manager Phil Warren, have done a remarkable job of maintaining town services, and with your cooperation, they have kept our facilities safe and avoided any Covid-19 spreading. Our sincere thanks to each of them. And in the middle of it all, the much awaited Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook was officially opened offering a safe respite from the Covid-19 lockdown.

On the brighter side of things our two major projects, the Library and the Public Works Facility, are well underway. Library construction has rapidly progressed and preliminary site work at the DPW has been done. The construction phase of the DPW is out for bids and will commence soon. Realizing that these two projects would add over one million dollars to our cost of debt service this year, the Select Board, with your approval, voted to over-fund our expendable trusts for capital goods in 2020 and reduce it this year so as to offset the debt service cost without needing to increase taxes.

With all the uncertainty caused by the pandemic many town non-critical projects and tasks were deferred, allowing us to significantly underrun our expense budget while tax revenues were essentially as planned. Hence we are able to avoid a tax increase in 2021 while maintaining a healthy fund balance while these uncertainties persist.

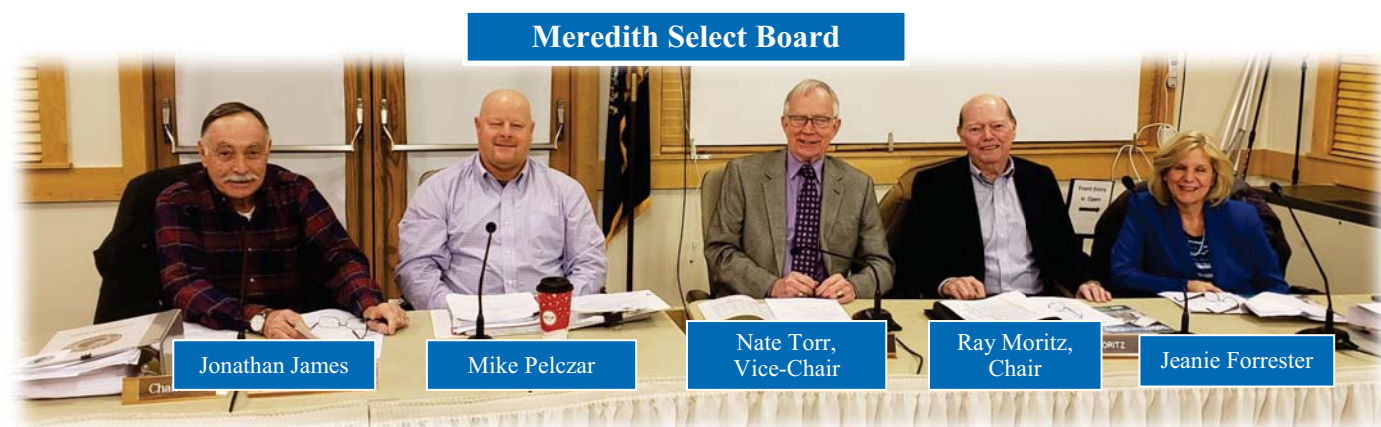
On a personal note it has been six years serving on your Select Board and I feel it's time for someone new with new ideas and thinking, so I will not be running for re-election. It has been a pleasure working with the other Select Board members. While we sometimes had different philosophies and opinions from issue to issue, we always worked cooperatively and with mutual respect. I wish them continued success. I also want to thank you, our voters, for giving me the privilege and honor of serving on the board.

In closing, I will repeat what I said last year, that it was a busy, productive, and successful year. Your Select Board wishes to thank our employees for their hard work and determination in providing so many services to our town. And of course, a very large thank you to the many volunteer organizations and individuals that contribute so much towards making Meredith the great town that it is.

Respectfully submitted

Ray Moritz

Chairman, Meredith Select Board



Executive Summary

Town Meeting 2020

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

Town Moderator: Christopher Kelly

Town Manager: Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Board of Selectmen

Raymond A. Moritz, Chairperson

Jeanie Forrester, Vice Chairperson

Nathan J. Torr, Selectperson

Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Jonathan D. James, Selectperson

TOWN OFFICES

For Library Trustee - Three Years

Lisa Garcia 870

For Moderator - Two Years

Christopher Kelly 900

For Selectman - Three Years

Michael Pelczar 896

For Supervisor of the Checklist - Six Years

Brenda Thibault (write-in) 17

For Town Clerk - Three Years

Stacy L. Bivolcic 439
Kerri A. Parker 553

For Trustee of the Trust Funds - One Year

William A. Gartner 853

For Trustee of the Trust Funds - Three Years

James Gregoire 725
Mary Kahn 664

For Treasurer - Three years

Martha Fairbrother 845

INTERLAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Moderator - One Year

Pat Kelly 25
Chris Kelly 27

For Member of the School Board

AT LARGE - Three Years
Richard Hanson 85

Resident of Center Harbor - Three Years

Charles Hanson 819

Resident of Sandwich - Three Years

Nancy Starmer 492
Major W. Larowe 209

Executive Summary

2020 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

ZONING AMENDMENT ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2

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

Amend ARTICLE V-Establishment of Districts and District Regulations to require new docks be situated 20' from the side property line rather than 10' to be consistent with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services setback requirements for docking structures.

YES 663 NO 263

ARTICLE 3

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

Amend ARTICLE VI-International Residential Building Code/Enforcement to remove the requirement that building permits need to be returned to the building official prior to Certificate of Occupancy, as it is no longer a requirement of the Code Enforcement Officer.

YES 724 NO 197

ARTICLE 4

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

Amend ARTICLE IV - Non-Conforming Uses, Structures and Lots to limit non-conforming structures from becoming more non-conforming without seeking zoning relief from the Zoning Board of Adjustment and allow expansion of non-conforming buildings in the same footprint or into the building envelope by Special Exception.

YES 619 NO 274

Town Meeting opened at 7:17 PM by Chris Kelly, Moderator, with a prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

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Bond Issue

ARTICLE 5 Library Renovation & Expansion Project

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000,000 (gross budget) for the purpose of constructing and equipping the Meredith Public Library Building Renovation/Expansion Project and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$4,120,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Ch. 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and to authorize the municipal officials to expend \$880,000 from private donations on the Project; and to authorize the municipal officials to accept on behalf of the Town any additional private donations that may become available in respect of the Project. (2/3 ballot vote required)
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Johnathan James motioned to adopt Article 5 as proposed, seconded by Ann Butler

Jim McFarland spoke about the fundraising efforts of the Capital Campaign, to reduce the amount of Taxpayer burden. To date the amount raised is \$975,000.00 in one year.

Karen Sticht, questioned if the amount of the bond would be reduced by the \$120,000? And why is the cost \$641,500 more than what the guaranteed maximum price was for 2020?

Betty Strader chief finance officer for the Library Trustees discussed how some of the design and engineer aspects have changed from last year and that is why the amount has changed.

Jonathan James explained that the bond is asking for up to \$4,120,000 and as the fundraising efforts increase that will reduce the bond amount needed to apply for.

Karen Sticht needed clarification of the “up to”. Betty Strader explained that at the initial bond hearing the amount was \$4,120,000 and due to increased fundraising efforts the amount continues to be reduced. She further explained that the plan for bundling both the Library and the DPW bonds will be a cost saver as well as it will reduce the interest charged by bundling. Karen Sticht asked what are the design and civil engineering changes that have been discovered. Betty Strader explained the changes are the parking needing more retaining walls and other civil engineering changes needed as well as including an additional 1800 sq ft for future needs.

Lynn Montana asked what the amount per thousand this bond will raise taxes by? Betty Strader stated that based on the \$4,120,000 would be .15 cents per thousand.

Jack Carty stated that although he appreciates a sharp pencil, let’s not have it so sharp that it will cause issues of being out of money for important items like as in the Fire department, School Project, and others.

After having the secret ballot process open at 7:41 for 1 hour the votes taken at 8:41pm were

YES 202 NO 17

ARTICLE 6 Municipal Operations

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,508,996 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Ray Moritz moved to adopt Article 6 as proposed, seconded by Jeanie Forrester.

Kerri Parker, proposed an amendment to increase the Town Clerk budget to reflect the agreement that was made in 2014 to change the position to elected official instead of Exempt employee earning discretionary paid days. The agreement stated that as of April 1st the Town Clerk would receive not only the wage adjustment but the equivalent of a step increase until the steps were exhausted. The latter was missed 3 years in a row. The amount of increase to the salary line is \$65,971.76 and a payment to Kerri Parker for the amount of retro pay owed in the amount of \$15,233.88 which would bring the total Municipal operations budget to \$14,530,201. Seconded by Mark Billings.

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Ray Moritz stated that as the board they were not privy to this conversation so it is not something that can be binding. He went further to state they took an average of 19 surrounding communities and the pay for the Town Clerk was \$57,000 which is why they decided on \$60,000. The board also felt that to pay the retro pay would be going against what the Town meeting approved which they could not approve.

After a show of voter cards the amendment is defeated.

After a show of voter cards Article 6 is approved.

ARTICLE 7 Meredith Parking Expendable Trust Fund (ETF)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Downtown Parking ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Jonathan James motioned to approve Article 7 seconded by Jeanie Forrester.

Lynn Montana asked how much was in the fund as of now without this additional amount being added to it.

Robert Carpenter answered \$117,807. Lynn asked what happened to the money when that was in this account that equaled about \$400,000. Jonathan James answered that some of it went to pay for the Price property to add the parking for the Library expansion and the maintenance of the existing parking lots.

With a show of voter cards Article 7 passes

ARTICLE 8 Main Street Rehabilitation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be added to the Main Street Rehabilitation ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Jeanie Forrester motioned to approve Article 8 seconded by Nathan Torr.

James Gregoire spoke in favor of this article due to the fatality that occurred this past year. Main Street has become a dangerous place to maneuver across and would like to see the town look at making it safer with a light or more than just the blocked off spaces in front of the Post Office area

With a show of voter cards Article 8 passes

ARTICLE 9 Waterfront Infrastructure ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Nathan Torr motioned to approve Article 9 seconded by Mike Pelczar

With a show of voter cards Article 9 passes

ARTICLE 10 Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve Article 10 as proposed seconded by Ray Moritz.

With a show of voter cards Article 10 passes

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ARTICLE 11 Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Ray Moritz motioned to adopt Article 11 as proposed seconded by Jeanie Forrester.

With a show of voter cards Article 11 passes

ARTICLE 12 Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Jeanne Forrester motioned to adopt Article 12 as proposed seconded by Jonathan James

Karen Sticht asked if Center Harbor shares the cost as they share the transfer station. It was confirmed that they do by 17% by Phil Warren.

With a show of voter cards Article 12 passes

ARTICLE 13 Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF previously established.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 13 as proposed seconded by Nathan Torr.

With a show of voter cards Article 13 passes

ARTICLE 14 Modified Tax Credit for Service Connected Total Disability

Shall the town modify the provisions of RSA 72:35 for an optional tax credit from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for a Service-Connected Total Disability on residential property? (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Nathan Torr motioned to adopt Article 14 as proposed seconded by Mike Pelczar

Jack Carty motioned to amend the amount to \$5,000. Ray Moritz noted that he believed that the maximum amount allowed is \$4,000 which was confirmed by the Town Attorney. Jack Carty requested to amend it to \$4,000 seconded by Bill Bayard.

Lynn Montana questioned if someone's total bill is not \$4,000 will they receive a refund, which Phil Warren explained not that would not be the case, they would just have a zero bill.

With a show of voter cards the Amendment of the increase passes

With a show of voter cards Article 14 passes as amended.

ARTICLE 15 Prohibit Commercial Marijuana Establishments

To see if the town will vote to prohibit commercial marijuana establishments in Meredith, specifically "All marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers, on site consumption at a business location, and other types of licensed marijuana related business and the conducting of such activity by whichever name used shall be prohibited in the Town of Meredith."

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Executive Summary

Linda Powell stated that it reads prohibit not that the Town would have a say in control, which the article does not address. Jeanie stated that this article is to get a sense of what the community is wanting going forward but that it is non-binding. If we vote no then we would do nothing if Marijuana is legalized in the state but that if we vote no we can be proactive by having the different boards the ability to adjust ordinances Bill Bayard asked if this should be amended to read all commercial cultivators. Jeanie stated that supports the article as written but that an amendment could be put thru to state his request. Bill requested to have the article amended to read Commercial cultivators seconded by Martin Mitchell. Attorney Laura Spector confirmed that this would be a non-binding article. Keith Forrester stated that the Article is prefaced with commercial and does not believe it needs to be amended.

With a show of voter cards Article 15 as amended failed

Lynn Montana requested that we table this issue, seconded by Len Gilsenberg. Jeanie reiterated that this is a non-binding article. Tom Crane asked that if we vote yes and then they legalize Marijuana does that automatically allow the select board to decide for the town what can go where?

With a show of voter cards Article 15 is tabled.

Frank Michel asked how this last article get to be in front of the meeting, Jeanie responded that it was herself that brought it forward to the board.

ARTICLE 16 NH Resolution To Take Action On Climate Pollution

We the town of Meredith hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from the costs and environmental risks of continued climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Carbon Fee and Dividend approach that charges fossil fuel producers for their carbon pollution and rebates the money collected to all residents on an equal basis. Enacting a Carbon Cash-Back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition for energy consumers, and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire's economy. Carbon Cash-Back has been championed by US economists (Jan 17,2019 WSJ) as the most effective and fair way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale required for our safety.

We expect our representatives to lead in this critical moment for the health and well-being of our citizens and for the protection of New Hampshire's natural resources upon which we all rely.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to Meredith's State Legislators, to the Governor of New Hampshire, to Meredith's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by Meredith's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote. (Submitted by petition)

Richard DeMark motioned to approve Article 16 as proposed, seconded by David Lorch. Rick spoke in favor of the Article and ask for approval. Georgiana and Jaydie, Interlakes students who addressed the group asking for your support as well.

Jack Carty spoke against the Article as most of the pollution is coming from other countries and it is blown this way from the west.

Keith Forrester spoke about the article as an environmental engineer expert, stating that there are too many aspects and its complicated to get behind this at this time.

Diana Jurius reiterated what Keith stated and would not support this at this time.

Paula Trombi spoke in favor of this Article

Rick Demark spoke to clarify the Article points

With a show a voter cards Article 16 passes

After recognizing Mark Billings for 9 years of service the meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kerri A. Parker, Town Clerk Meredith

General Government

Administrative Services

Robert Carpenter, Director

Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance Officer

Kimberly Brown, Deputy Tax Collector

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

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

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

While this year was one of our more challenging years, it was certainly the most positive and upbeat as far as our team dynamics. Working through the different aspects of the Covid response, Linda and Kim were very flexible in finding the best ways to provide assistance in processing all of the questions, transactions, and requests from all of you who reached out. Their experience and willingness to provide exceptional customer service really helped the year be a successful one.

We are also aware of the patience of everyone who stopped in, called in or emailed questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a better year ahead, but would be remiss if we didn't express a token of appreciation for the willingness of the community at large to partner in that success. Here's to a new year!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Carpenter

Director of Administrative Services

General Government

Assessing

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

Department's Mission

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

The Town updated values for 2020 and the total valuation increased 17.86% from \$1,956,063,843 to \$2,306,675,914. The update was completed in early August with notification letters going out later in the month. The update was based on sales that took place over a two-year period ending April 1, 2020. Since that time the real estate market has seen unprecedented gains during the summer of 2020. This appears due to the pandemic with buyers migrating north from southern New England. The last town-wide market update was in 2017. We will continue to monitor sales activity and how it compares to current assessed values.

In early 2020 we continued our cyclical re-inspection program only to shut it down in mid-March due to Covid-19. For 2021, we will continue to hold off on the program until the pandemic improves. We will continue with our statutory responsibility of updating properties due to building permit activity. However, we will not be entering into homes for interior inspections at this time.

I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions and credits available. Exemptions include elderly, disabled and blind. There are income and asset requirements that must be met to qualify. Tax credits are available for certain veterans who served 90 days of active duty and received an honorable discharge. Please check with our office to see if you may qualify for any exemption or credit.

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

If you have any questions please call us at 603-677-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA
Tax Assessor

General Government

Community Development

John Edgar, Community Development Director
Angela LaBrecque, AICP, Town Planner
Stephanie Maltais, Administrative Assistant

John Greenwood, Code Enforcement Officer
Kyia Southwick, Clerk

2020. What a crazy year! The COVID 19 pandemic has had an impact on every one of us in one way or another. As individuals, families and as a community we've experienced anxiety, hardship, apprehension, anger, loss, sorrow, sacrifice, gratitude and resolve like never before. We've been pushed to unprecedented limits not experienced in our lifetimes. This has forced us to reflect on what matters most in our lives and not to take anyone or anything for granted. Perhaps that is the silver lining in this nightmare.

The pandemic has created a year of challenges for my co-workers, our volunteers and the public we serve. In March our offices were closed to public access due to COVID-19 thereby eliminating all face-to-face interactions which we rely heavily upon. All employees continued to work diligently during this period as we adapted to be totally reliant upon electronic communication. Timely processing all inquiries, applications and field inspections remained the highest priority. In July the office was re-opened to public access subject to protective protocols including routine hand washing/sanitizing, mandatory use of masks by employees, social distancing, routine cleaning of the counter area, and the installation of a plexi-glass shield at the counter. Annex conference room meetings were suspended due to social distance limitations. Meetings occurred remotely. Beginning in November pursuant to the Governor's Emergency Order, members of the public entering the Annex were required to wear masks as well. As of this writing, the near future is uncertain. Confirmed cases of COVID 19 are on the rise locally. Should we be required to again close the Annex to public access, please be assured we'll continue to provide the highest level of customer service within our control.

Throughout 2020 the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment continued to meet regularly on a remote basis. While virtual meetings are not perfect, they have allowed the boards to faithfully meet their legal requirements and serve the needs of applicants while protecting the health of our volunteers and the public. In 2020 the Planning Board experienced two retirements of note. Longstanding member Peter Brothers served the Town in many capacities including Selectman, Chairman of the Planning Board, member of the Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee, member of the Short Term Rental Committee and member of the DPW Facility Committee. Bill Bayard retired after serving 25 years on the Planning Board (many of which were as Chairman). Bill also served as Commissioner on the Lakes Region Planning Commission, member of the CIP Advisory Committee and Chairman of the Energy Committee. Peter and Bill's dedication to their community and steadfast leadership will be missed. We wish them all the best in their "retirement" from public service. In the Fall the Planning Board elected its new leadership; John Krietler, Chairman and Ed Touhey, Vice Chairman. Richard Gerken continues as Secretary.

In November the Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee presented its recommendations to the Planning Board. The Board accepted the recommendations and passed them on to the Town Manager and Select Board for their consideration. The Village Pathways Committee opened the Lavarack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook in June. A public dedication occurred in September. This project received the Chamber of Commerce's Civic Project Award in October. In November the Short Term Rental Committee completed its work and expects to issue its recommendations to the Planning Board by year's end.

I'd like to take a moment to recognize my teammates. Angela, John and Stephanie experience the stressors of COVID 19 like everyone else. They have children in school, households to run and daily concerns for their personal health and the health of family members. We have managed to get thru 2020 by being supportive of each other, flexible and professional. In December we welcomed Kyia Southwick to the Community Development Department. Bringing on a new employee in the midst of a global pandemic is far from ideal, but Kyia is a quick study and will prove to be a great asset to the department.

These difficult times bring into even greater focus my gratitude for the contributions of my staff and the volunteers we support. I'd also like to thank our many customers (contractors, residents, business owners, realtors, lawyers, abutters, etc., etc.) for your patience, understanding and compliance with COVID-related protocols. Hopefully this time next year COVID 19 will be a fading memory. What will we have learned? Life is precious. Stay safe!

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Edgar, Community Development Director

December 31, 2020

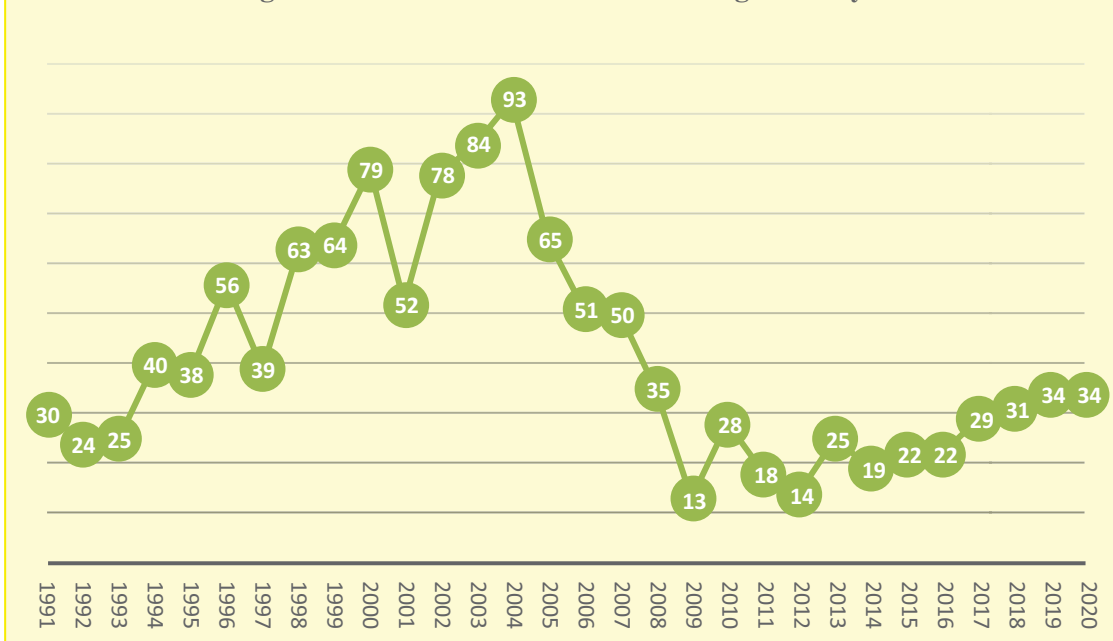
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Community Development *continued...*

Building Permits Summary

New Single-Family Homes	34	Garages/Storage Buildings	57
New Two-Family Homes	3	Oil (burners, tanks)	27
New Multi-Family Units	0	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	364
New Commercial Buildings	1	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	22
Special Use Permits	9	Residential Renovations/Repairs	92
Mobile Homes Replacements	2	Fences/Signs	19
Docks/Boathouse/Pools	19	Electrical	189
Demolition	42	Plumbing	79

Building Permits issued - 1991 to 2020 on Single Family Homes



Planning Board Application Summary

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	12	Pre-application Consultations	5
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Rd Tree Cutting Approvals	0
Subdivision Approvals	5	Architectural Design Reviews	8
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	5	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary

Variance Applications	32	Total Applications Withdrawn	3
Variances Granted	30	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	2	Rehearing Requests Received	4
Special Exception Applications	21	Rehearing Requests Granted	4
Special Exceptions Granted	20	Rehearing Requests Denied	0
Special Exceptions Denied	1	Administrative Decisions Denied	0

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Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, Chair

Preface

Annually, the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews, updates and recommends a program of capital improvements for the community. The CIP is a non-binding planning tool intended to aid the Select Board in their consideration of their annual budget in the context of a six-year forward view of future capital needs.

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

- The uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic has its effect upon the Capital Improvements Program.
- Phil Warren, Town Manager has advised that transfers to, and expenditures from expendable Trust Funds have been delayed to ensure that the town has sufficient cash flow in the event of a revenue shortfall.
- The total recommended Capital Improvements Program for 2021 is \$1,740,914. This is an increase of \$143,111 or 8.9% from the 2020 CIP Advisory Committee recommendations. The Committee recognizes that future potential revenue shortfalls could further delay funding of Expendable Trusts and “in budget” capital purchases and projects.
- As anticipated, eighty-two per cent (82%) of the 2021 recommended program is attributable to existing debt service (\$1,430,914). This includes the combined borrowing of \$11.67 mil for the Library Expansion / Renovation and the DPW Facility project, which occurred in 2020. The town secured an effective interest rate of 1 3/8 % for a term of 15 years. Projections show debt service costs on existing debt declining each year from the 2021 peak of \$1,430,914 down to \$782,550 in 2030, providing increasing available capital. The Committee recommended appropriations to four (4) Expendable Trust Funds (ETFs), for a total of \$310,000 or 18% of total 2021 CIP.
- Trend data is provided in Appendix A: Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2007-2021; Appendix B: CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2007-2020; and Appendix C: Tax Rates and Net Valuation History, 2007-2019.
- The recommendations that follow are also contained in a companion document; “CIP Workbook 2021-2030”.

Recommendations

Municipal Parking

Recommendation: Allocate \$75,000 in 2021, \$25,000 in 2022 and \$50,000 in 2026 to the Municipal Parking Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: In 2020 the Select Board approved the utilization of \$50,000 from the Municipal Parking Expendable Trust fund to offset a portion of a \$106,000 overage associated with ledge removal at the new municipal parking lot on High Street (Library Expansion and Renovation project). These allocations will help offset the aforementioned withdrawal and other parking lot maintenance needs. The Municipal Parking Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$145,013.

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Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations

Main Street

Recommendation: Allocate \$15,000 per year for years 2021 through 2026 to the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: These allocations are intended to build up this fund in concert with the work of the Greater Meredith Program, the Economic Development Committee and the Main Street Safety audit initiated in 2020. The Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$123,075.

Waterfront Infrastructure

Recommendation: No additional allocation to Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund is recommended for 2021. Additional allocations totaling \$300,000 are programmed for years 2022 through 2026.

Rationale: The Town of Meredith owns and maintains a significant amount of waterfront infrastructure. The Select Board and Town Manager initiated an analysis of our waterfront infrastructure in 2019. It is evident based on the Waterfront Infrastructure Analysis-Conceptual Design Options Update, September 16, 2019 that significant capital investment in our waterfront infrastructure will be necessary in the future. Work on this assessment was put on “hold” in 2020. Phil Warren, Town Manager has advised that the Select Board will take this matter back up in 2021 to establish priorities and identify projects for future CIP consideration. The Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$859,958.

Fire Department

Recommendation: No additional allocation to the Fire Department **Communications Equipment** Expendable Trust Fund is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The Fire Department replaced communication equipment in 2020. The Fire Department Communications Equipment Expendable Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$9,311.

Recommendation: Allocate \$95,000 in 2021 to the Fire Department **VEHICLE** Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. Additional allocations totaling \$980,000 are programmed for years 2022 through 2026.

Rationale: No apparatus replacements are anticipated in 2021. Engine 3 is scheduled for replacement in 2023 (\$750,000). The Fire Department will be applying for grant funds for the replacement of Engine 3. This anticipated revenue offset is not reflected in the cash flow projections included in the workbook. Engine 1 scheduled for replacement in 2025 (\$800,000) and is subject to further discussion. The Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$441,901.

Recommendation: Allocate \$25,000 in 2021 to the Fire Department **EQUIPMENT** Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. Additional allocations totaling \$65,000 are programmed for years 2022 through 2026.

Rationale: In 2020 the town will initiate the installation NFPA-compliant exhaust systems at the downtown and Meredith Center fire stations. The Fire Department anticipates spending approximately \$270,000 in 2022 to replace 28 Air-Paks and 35 spare bottles. The Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$146,041.

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Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations continued...

Parks and Recreation Department

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

Rationale: In July, 2017 the Parks and Recreation Department completed the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department 15-Year Master Plan (draft). The plan evaluated facilities, programs, operations and resources available to deliver services. Included in the plan are potential capital projects which may be included in future Capital Improvement Programs. Phil Warren advised that a Request for Proposals for a feasibility study of potential improvements to Prescott Park will go out in 2021. The Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvements Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance of the as of 12/20 is \$119,172.

Department of Public Works

Solid Waste Equipment

Recommendation: No additional allocation to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Expendable Trust Fund is recommended for 2021. Additional allocations totaling \$185,000 are programmed for years 2022 through 2026.

Rationale: The town owns six trailers that are used to transport solid waste from our transfer station to the disposal site. Trailers are scheduled for replacement in 2021 (\$90,000), 2024 (\$90,000). The Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$225,135.

In addition to solid waste trailer replacements, it is noted that the 1993 Ottawa Tractor is scheduled for replacement in 2023 (\$100,000) and the Volvo Skid Steer Loader is scheduled for replacement in 2025 (\$90,000).

Highway Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$100,000 in 2021 to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund. Additional allocations totaling \$810,000 are programmed for years 2022 through 2026.

Rationale: No equipment replacements are scheduled for 2021. However, there is a significant amount of capital equipment scheduled for replacement in the coming years as illustrated below.

<u>Replacement Year</u>	<u>Equipment Being Replaced</u>	<u>Replacement Estimate</u>
2022	2008 Kenworth 10-wheel dump	\$298,000
2022	2013 F550 Dump	\$145,000
2023	2005 Volvo Excavator	\$250,000
2024	2004 Volvo Grader	\$350,000
2024	2013 Ford F550 Dump	\$130,000
2025	2015 Ford F550	\$130,000
2026	2015 Ford F550	\$115,000

The DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance through 12/20 is \$321,236.

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Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations continued....

Department of Public Works Facility:

Recommendation: No additional allocation.

Rationale: In 2019 Town Meeting (Article 6) authorized the borrowing of \$7.6 mil for the Department of Public Works Facility Project. Borrowing for the project occurred in 2020. See Debt Service for additional information. The project is the final stages of design. Bidding is anticipated in 2020.

Public Library

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: In 2020 Town Meeting (Article 5) authorized the borrowing of \$4.12 mil for the purpose of construction of the Meredith Library Building Renovation/Expansion Project. Borrowing for the project occurred in 2020. See Debt Service for additional information. Additionally, the Meredith Library Fund has raised over \$1 mil in private funds for the project.

Construction was initiated in 2020. In October 2020 the Library Trustees advised the Select Board of a \$106,000 overage associated with ledge removal at the new municipal parking lot on High Street. The Select Board voted to utilize \$50,000 of existing funds in the Municipal Parking Expandable Trust Fund to help offset the \$106,000 overage. If more funding was needed at the end of the project to address base items, the Library Trustees were advised to come back to the Select Board to request additional funding.

Debt Service/ Debt Retirement

In 2020 the Town borrowed \$11.67 mil to fund two projects; the Library Renovation and Expansion Project and the DPW Facility Project. The Town secured a rate of 1 3/8 % over a term of 15 years. Annualized payments (principle and interest) begin in 2021 (\$1,084.620) *.

Final annual payments related to the following projects will be retired as summarized below :

2022	\$ 45,783	Plymouth Street/ Route 3 North
2025	\$182,350	Community Center
2027	\$ 89,610	Bundled Project
2035	\$668,755	Library Renovation/Expansion & DPW Facility*

*Note: Updated debt service information for the Library Renovation and Expansion and the DPW Facility Projects was provided by Administrative Services on November 13, 2020.

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Capital Improvements Program continued...

Summary 2021 Municipal Capital Improvement Recommendations

\$75,000	Municipal Parking ETF
\$15,000	Main Street Rehabilitation ETF
\$95,000	Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF
\$25,000	Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF
<u>\$100,000</u>	DPW Equipment Replacement ETF
\$310,000	Subtotal- Recommended ETF Allocations (18%)
<u>\$1,430,913</u>	Existing Debt Service- Principle & Interest (82%)
<u><u>\$1,740.913</u></u>	Total (100%)

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Appendix A. Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2007-2021

Appendix B. CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2007-2020

Respectfully Submitted,

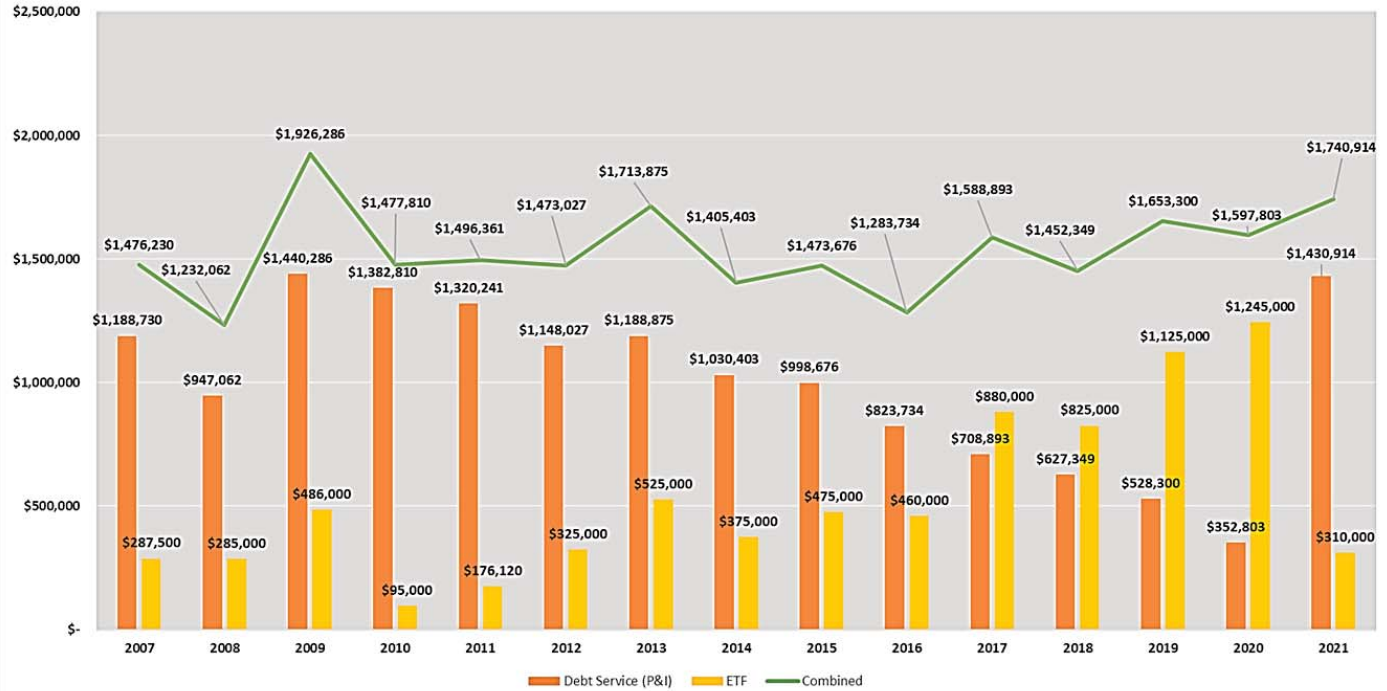
Mark Billings, Chairman



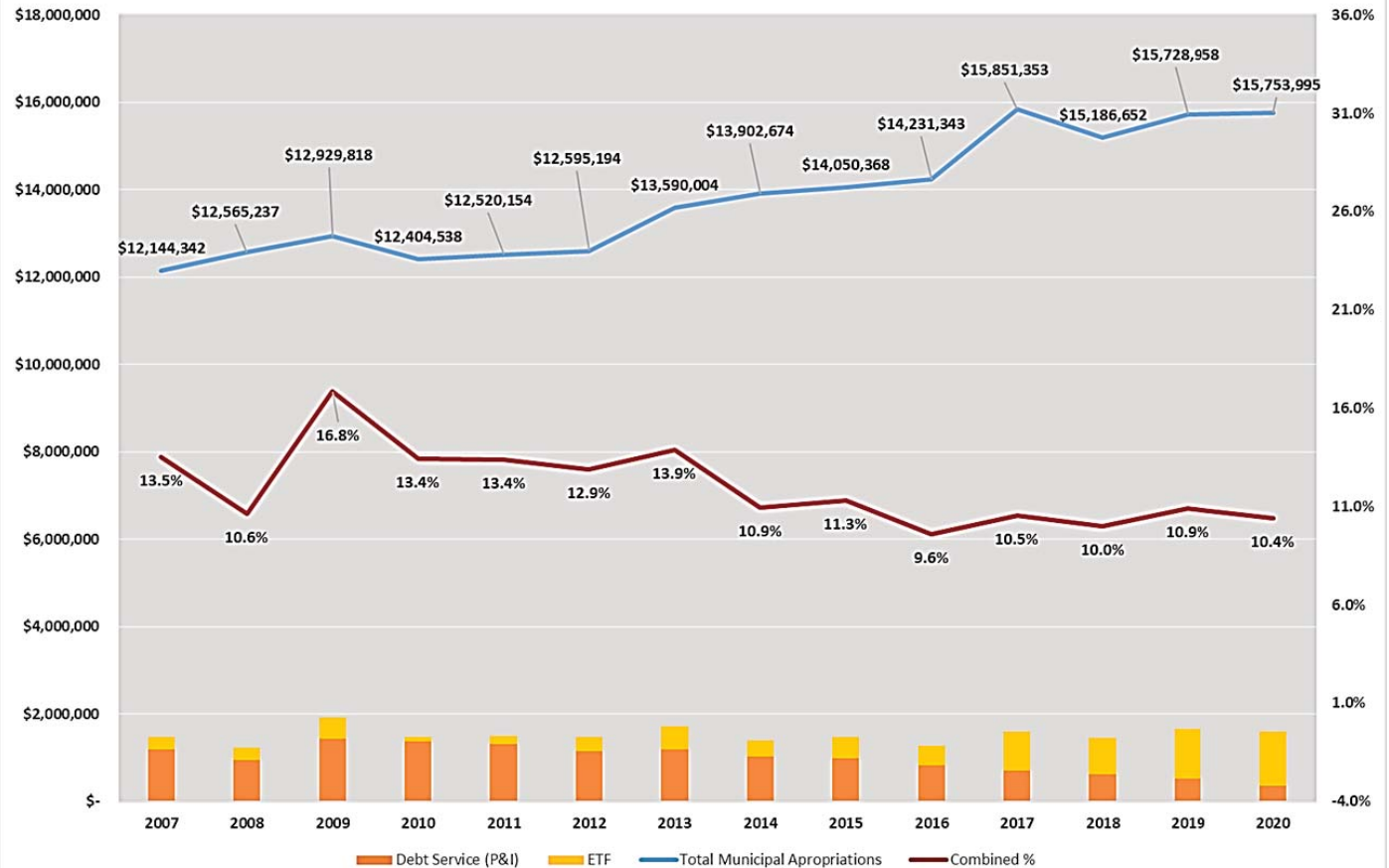
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Capital Improvements Program continued...

Appendix A. Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2007 - 2021



Appendix B. CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2007 - 2020



General Government

Conservation Commission

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

Your Conservation Commission had another busy year in 2020 despite all the issues brought about with the pandemic. During a year like 2020, when it was hard finding something that brought joy and happiness, taking a hike on one of Meredith’s Town Forests was one of those activities that did. The number of people that hiked, snowshoed or cross-country skied Meredith’s recreational town forests last year was greater than we have ever seen, many for the first time. The Conservation Commission would like to remind everyone that these properties belong to the people of Meredith and we all have that degree of stewardship responsibility. Clean up trash when you find it and report damage when you see it.

The continued work on the Page Pond Community Forest required the largest amount of the commission’s time in 2020. The clearing and restoration work on the former pasturelands is progressing well and the double-loop trails system is now open with four new 10-foot wide bridges. One of the real highlights of the year was working with the Inter-Lakes School District on their desires to have outdoor classroom capability during the fall. Each grade at the primary level spent an entire day on the Page Pond Community Forest. Many of the students told us this was the best school day ever. The commission would like to express its gratitude to the many volunteers, the local businesses, and the Town of Meredith for their amazing support for the Conservation Commission

Town Forests

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest

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

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. Commission members and volunteers added more water-bars on some of the steeper trails, cleared out a number of blow-downs and brushed trails where overgrown.

Page Pond Community Forest

As reported last year, the clearing and restoration of the former pasturelands was our first priority and great strides were made in 2020. The field mowing continues for a third year and will continue into the future in an effort towards controlling the invasive species that has engulfed the fields. The Commission also installed signage at the Barnard Ridge Trailhead. The most significant area of work was the design and creation of two loop trails that take you to the historic Mill Dam on the eastern edge of the new property and where it abuts the 565 acre first phase of the Page Pond Community Forest. A fourth 10’ wide bridge was added this year and we can now get the materials to complete the repair work on the Mill Dam. Once again sincere thanks to the local snowmobile club and their trail team for all their work.

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, bringing in experts in forestry, biology, ecology, and habitat study. We continue to promote our forests through social media, print media, and in cooperation with local businesses. Our “TAKE A HIKE...IN MEREDITH” promotion continues to raise awareness to the public of our magnificent forests.

Conservation Commission continued...

Invasive Species

The commission continues its work on public outreach and education regarding the growing problem we have with invasive species, specifically Japanese Knotweed. We continue to work with State officials, the town, and private property owners to fight this long-term battle.

Easement Monitoring Volunteers

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

2020 Highlights

The Conservation Commission reviewed and monitored 44 Dredge & Fill Permit Applications for proposals submitted to the Meredith Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Meredith Planning Board, or the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to authorize projects such as docks, beaches, stream and wetland alterations, culverts and land subdivisions. We provided comments related to the protection of natural resources; including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife, and encroachment on the wetlands buffer zone. Thanks to commission member Ralph Pisapia for his advisory work regarding protection of the Hawkins Brook wetlands complex as well as the creation of a standard operating procedure for dealing with dredge and fill issues that come before the commission.

Your commission and volunteers installed more than a dozen new trail signs on the Page property and replaced an equal number of worn out signs on the Hamlin-Eames property. Dealing with blow downs, water-bar maintenance, trail brushing, and mowing the log landings

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 Bear Island to the east and Hermit Woods Forest to the west.

Your commission would like to thank all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2020 your commission hosted 23 “Tuesday Trail Days” where we typically had 5 to 8 volunteers joining with commission members, who collectively put in almost 400 hundred of hours of work. Thank you all.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Billings, Chairman
Paul Dillon, Vice Chairman
Paula Wanzer, Secretary
Jim Gregoire, Treasurer

Members

Ralph Pisapia

Jan Sanguedolce

Scott Powell

Alternates

John Sherman

Don MacFarlane

Tony Sabutis

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Conservation Commission continued... Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook Dedication



Conservation Commission continued...



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Energy Committee

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

The Energy Committee had representatives on building committees for the Library Expansion Project and the new DPW Facility Project. Representatives participated in both building committees and monitored the project development with a goal toward energy efficiency within the budget constraints of the project.

The Committee also worked with the town manager to get inoperable street lights replaced with energy efficient LED street lights at no cost to the town. This was done with the New Hampshire Electric Cooperative.

The Energy Committee will continue to serve as a resource on energy efficiency to the town and looks forward to hosting public information workshops in the future. Anyone with interest in the Energy Committee or its work can direct inquiries or questions to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.

Submitted by,

Bill Bayard, Chair
Meredith Energy Committee



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Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP

Tom Branagan, Maintenance

Sarah Perkins, Program Director

Terri Thompson, Front Desk Associate

Russ Weeks, Maintenance Crew Chief

COVID-19

Although the challenges we all faced due to COVID-19 in 2020 were unbearable at times, the department did it's best to provide as many programs and activities as possible, and at the same time minimizing risks. I would like to thank everyone involved with our operation in 2020 including our staff, participants, parents, and visitors for their cooperation and compliance with COVID-19 guidelines. Everyone involved did a wonderful job to help keep everyone safe, and their cooperation was very much appreciated. Unfortunately, many of our most popular and well attended programs were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, however we were thankful to be able to offer programs that met in smaller groups.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

Among our many dedicated volunteers is Nancy Lavigne, who has nearly single handedly cared for and nurtured the Community Center garden over the last 12 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!

Thanks to the efforts of our staff members, and the efforts of volunteers, the events listed below were successfully held.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Santa Calling	Matt Tremblay
Senior Adult Computer Class	Meredith Public Library & Chris Leland
Use of Maintenance Equipment	Meredith Water & Public Works Departments
Swasey Park Volunteer Day	Greater Meredith Program & Trailwrights
Counselors In Training	Olivia Kimball and Mackenzie Rogers

<u>Program</u>	<u>Participants</u>
After School Program	50
Climbing Wall Drop-ins	30
February Vacation Camp	51
Full Day Camp 1/24/20	41
Full Day Camp 3/12/20	51
Full Day Camp 3/13/20	44
Full Day Camp 11/25/20	15
Preschool Playgroup	19
Adult Coed Volleyball	19
Senior Strength & Balance Program	21
Senior Exercise	14

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Parks and Recreation continued...

<u>Program</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Senior Yoga	16
Adult Painting Class	71
Zumba Class	16
Cabin Fever Family Movie Night	50
Senior Novice Pickleball	12
Senior Daytime Pickleball Program	75
Senior Evening Pickleball Program	30
Adult Men's P/U Basketball	10
Birthday Parties	12
Community Center Drop-Ins Daily	26
Senior Exercise	14
North Pole Calling	21
Letters to Santa	20
Mae Hart Thanksgiving	208
Senior Drop-Ins Daily	5
Senior Computer Class	7
Senior Blood Pressure/Foot Clinic	6
Senior Morning Walking Group	8
Senior Knitting Group	8
Senior Painting Class	4
Kids Painting Class	10
Gunstock Snow Tubing Trip	50

Facility Projects

Facility improvement projects in 2020 included the addition of a new trail, signage, and benches at Swasey Park. Also the Community Center received a very thorough cleaning and interior painting during the spring shut down due to COVID 19.

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 2021.

Sincerely,

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director

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Parks and Recreation continued...



Adult Painting Class



Fun In An Upside Down 2020



After School Program Winter Fun



Friendship



Senior Exercise Class



Senior Adult Pickle Ball



Ethan's Thumbs-Up Spirit!

General Government

Town Clerk

Kerri A Parker, CTCTC, CMC Town Clerk
Certified Town Clerk /Tax Collector (State of NH),
Certified Municipal Clerk (International Institute of Municipal Clerks)
Jennifer Hurd, Assistant Town Clerk



The 2020 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: (10,771 Auto) & (465 Boat)	11,236	\$ 1,791,910
Dogs	1,203	6,671
Vital Records	1,577	18,535
Marriage Licenses	62	3,100
Refuse Permits	156	3,042
Miscellaneous...		
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies	67	14,801
Mailings - Notary and Justice Fees		
Total Revenue Collected		\$ 1,838,059

2020 REVENUE COLLECTIONS



The Town Clerks office oversaw 4 elections this year, beginning with the Presidential Primary in February, the Town Election in March, September State Elections and then ending with the Presidential Election in November. Many hours were spent logging and processing the record absentee ballots that were cast for the elections due to COVID concerns. We began with normalcy and slowly needed to transition to the “new” normal. With the pandemic in full swing we were able to adapt the process for day to day transactions to continue the good customer service that we in the Town Offices provide to the best of our abilities.

Due to the Pandemic, all in person classes were cancelled, but with online opportunities we were able to continue our education to stay on top of ever changing laws and guidelines set forth by the State of NH.

We look forward to the coming year of serving you the people of the great Town of Meredith.

Kerri A Parker, Town Clerk & Jennifer Hurd, Assistant Town Clerk

General Government

Meredith Public Library

Though it feels like ages ago, the Library Renovation and Expansion Project passed at Town Meeting back in March 2020 with 92% voting in favor of it. The trustees, staff, Friends of the Library and the Meredith Library Fund cannot thank our supporters enough. We hit the ground running the day after Town Meeting to continue our work on the project with members of the building committee meeting weekly to keep the project on track.

Within days of Town Meeting, COVID-19 restrictions began and we were advised to close the library to the public. Staff developed a plan for service involving curbside pickup, increased digital offerings such as AcornTV and the Great Courses and the State Library bulked up the downloadable book, audio book and eMagazine collection to meet the demands of those across the state who found themselves at home. We provided reference and technical support to our patrons over the phone and presented numerous Zoom classes, discussions and presentations. We recorded story times, books reviews and library project updates and posted them to our website.

In July, town buildings once again opened to the public and we were thrilled to see our patrons again and we think they were equally glad to see us. Our services continue in person, but with some restrictions. We limit visits to thirty minutes total per day including computer time and masks must be worn at all times. Due to construction, the only way in and out of the building is through the historic front entrance. A temporary ramp and set of stairs have been added for patron convenience. We still encourage curbside pickup and we have a new outdoor book drop at the bottom of the driveway. The *Laconia Sun* donated a used newspaper vending box to us and we use that for our curbside pickups. It sits next to the book drop.

The Meredith Library Fund has raised a total of \$1,051,050 for the project!

Thank you to:

President James McFarlin, Vice President Jaime Laurent, Treasurer Steven Geer, Secretary Janet Gulezian and Member Jeff Reilly as well as Fund Volunteer Amy LaFavre as well as the hundreds of donors who helped to make the library building project possible.

The Friends of the Library hosted a “Buy-a-Brick” campaign where patrons were asked to buy bricks of varying sizes to be engraved at the High Street Entrance for a “Readers’ Garden”. After paying for the engraving, the Friends raised \$14,000 and that will go towards landscaping and outdoor furnishings.

Thank you to everyone who purchased a brick.

Every brick sold! We enjoyed reading the thoughtful messages for loved ones, the community and the library staff.



June 8, 2020-Photo by Steve Capachietti



October 22, 2020-Photo by Bob Manley



December 10, 2020-Photo by Bob Manley

General Government

Meredith Public Library continued...

Thank you to Building Committee members Ed Touhey, Paul Eldridge, Jonathan James, Owners' Project Manager Michael Bruss, Milestone Engineering and Construction and Lavallee Brensinger, Architects for their months of commitment to the project. A special thank you to Library Trustee and Building Committee Chair Betty Strader who has volunteered many hours weekly to every aspect of the project to build the best possible library for the community at the best possible price.

Thank you to the library staff who have continued their outstanding service to our patrons in often trying and stressful times. Their commitment to find creative ways to serve our community during lock down, limited service and construction is inspirational and I am fortunate to work with such dedicated individuals. Thank you to our patrons who continue to support us. For those of you who have returned to in person service, it has been wonderful to see you again. Some still opt for a contact-free experience including curbside pick-up and home delivery and we are happy to continue these services. Thank you to trustees Ann Butler and Jonathan James who delivered items to the homebound when we were shut down and thank you to the Altrusa Club who started their delivery service again once we were able to open.

A big note of thanks goes to Buildings and Grounds for their continued support of the library grounds. We see them out there working on the hottest and coldest days of the year, and all the others in between, and are very grateful to them. Finally thank you to the Select Board and the Town Manager for their continued support and to Rob Carpenter in Administrative Services for managing the project finances.

Erin M. Apostolos, Library Director

Circulation...		Statistics...	
Adult Media	6,910	Reference Questions Answered	924
Adult Books	12,056	Annual Visits	15,945
Youth Materials	11,014	Number of Registered Patrons	5,084
Magazines	847	Internet Usage	969
Interlibrary Loans	636	Acquisitions...	
eBooks, Mags, Video, Audio	13,893	Media	327
Museum Passes	33	Books	2,451
Telescope	5	Gifts	50
Kindle	13	Magazines	439
		Lost/Discarded	4,013
<i>Total Circulation</i>	<i>45,407</i>	<i>Total Inventory</i>	<i>36,603</i>

Report of the Library Trustees of Trust Funds - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

Library Trust & Improvement Funds		Balance	Income	(Withdraw)	Gain/Loss	YE Balance
Trust Fund	Purpose					
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	<u>\$ 780,823</u>	<u>\$ 19,000</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ 116,544</u>	<u>\$ 908,302</u>
Improvement Fund	Purpose					
Improvement Fund	Library	<u>\$ 82,767</u>	<u>\$ 2,040</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 11,828</u>	<u>\$ 98,206</u>
Total Library Trust & Improvement Funds		<u>\$ 863,590</u>	<u>\$ 21,040</u>	<u>\$ (9,000)</u>	<u>\$ 128,372</u>	<u>\$ 1,006,508</u>

General Government

Police

Chief 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.”

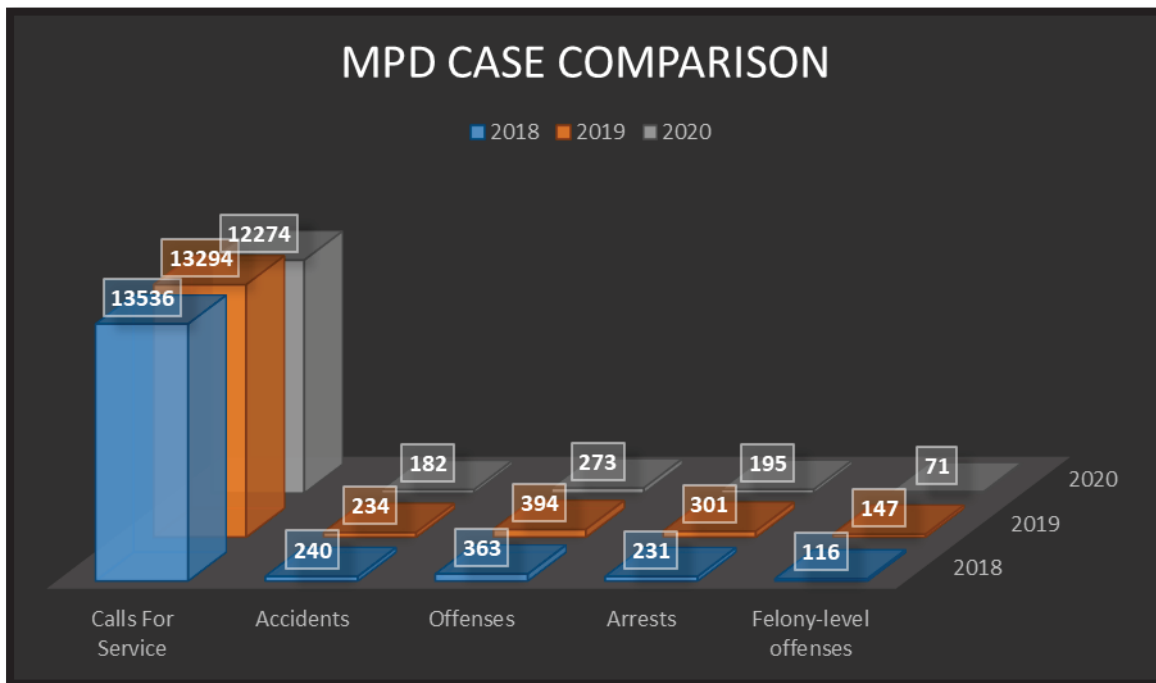
Is there anything positive that we can say about this past year, the infamous year of 2020, other than it's over?

Of course there is. There is always positive to negative, always sunlight to darkness, always hope to despair.

Now, add in the fact that apart from our own personal lives, on our own home fronts, our sworn duty, our job, is to protect and serve.

As First Responders, our objectives are clear. We are here to maintain quality of life, quality of rights and to reduce fear of crime in our Community. We are here with a commitment to serve the Community of Meredith as Law Enforcement professionals, as First Responders. We are here to maintain a high level of Integrity, Partnership and Service.

We have been here all through Covid-19. We haven't stopped being First Responders. We haven't backed down; we haven't closed our doors. When some of our own were dealing with illnesses or the illnesses of loved ones, others have stepped up and filled in the hours, the shifts, with what should have been much needed days off, and donning gear with the addition of PPEs, as well as, filling those Dispatch chairs to make sure someone was always here to answer the emergencies as they came in. In the middle of the chaos, when some in our Community, our State, our Nation, have poignantly asked, why would anyone want to be in Law Enforcement right now, we, as well as many other Law Enforcement Agencies around the Nation, around the globe, are thankful knowing that there are those special people, those determined and committed people, that do. And with that, we congratulate our own Officer Ryan Gilcoine, who graduated from the 183rd class of the NH Police Academy on December 18, 2020.



Police continued...

As protectors, and as most of us employed here at the Police Department are parents ourselves, protection usually starts with our children. And Covid-19 threw quite a wrench into the routines of our children with remote learning and how families coped. We are fortunate that our Town hosts a great school, that like so many other schools, struggled to make remote “work” for everyone. Our School Resource Officer (SRO), Officer Keith True, who has been with MPD for 30 years, filled in much needed Patrol shifts while the schools were remote, all the while maintaining close contact with school administration on a daily basis, in the efforts to help maintain student welfare.

The old adage that “it takes a village” has never been truer than getting us all through 2020. Thankfully, 2020 saw case numbers go down drastically. Now, whether that is directly tied to people not travelling, the ceasing of large gatherings, Covid-19 and a slew of other factors, lower numbers *can* be a good thing.



We have all made adjustments, we have all made sacrifices, and we would do it all over again. We understand that those in our Community, and even ourselves, have been over-stressed, over-tired, and worried that our Nation was on the verge of becoming a powder keg. We are blessed that our Community, and even the seeming throngs that stayed longer than normal due to State lockdowns, have been supportive. Sure, there have been some that have lashed out, been pushed over the edge by other factors in their lives, but how can you expect things like that to not happen during the unrest of 2020? It would be a lie to say the jabs don't hurt, especially when they are unwarranted, but our job IS to protect and serve, regardless of the circumstances.

In looking back at prior Town Reports, an excerpt from the MPD 2011 Report is, perhaps, worth reprinting, concerning how we handled the issues of 2020:

- ♦ Whether the residents of the Town of Meredith realize the true extent of the diverse, ever-changing social neighborhood problems and needs within the Town or not, the diversity is extensive and here to stay.
- ♦ Thus, the focus of this year's message in the Town Report is of Diversity without Stereotyping; Diversity without Profiling.
- ♦ What does this mean to the public that we protect and serve? **It means that we respond equally, we respect equally and that we arrest equally.**
- ♦ There is no determining factor that makes our officers respond to a call other than there being a crime against a person or property or some other type of emergency or situation that needs police response.
- ♦ It doesn't matter if the parties involved are ten or eighty years of age, are male or female, are poor or rich.
- ♦ Every response is the same, regardless of who you are.

Here's to a better, healthier new year.

It will always take a village and we have a great one.

Sincerely,
Kevin Morrow
Police Chief

General Government

Fire

Like always, I would like to start by thanking; Manager Warren, Select Board Members, Department Supervisors, MFD Officers, Members, Auxiliary and as always my wife for the continued support to Meredith Fire.

This past year certainly present daily challenges that many organizations/departments were truly not prepared for but with the Federal, State and Local assistance with PPE, Funding, Protocols and Guidance, MFD was able to continue to provide the upmost service to it's citizens. Once Governor Sununu declared a State of Emergency with funding directed for First Responders Emergency Response, an Engine Company of up to 4 members has been manning the station Monday through Friday, 07:00 – 15:30 hrs. to assist with daily responses and activities.



Initially when the Global Pandemic began to spread locally, the daily/monthly call volume dropped off, during the months of March and April due to possibly restricted activity. May, June and July we encounter increase responses, August increased drastically and the month of September set a department record for most incident responses in a month. We concluded 2020 with 491 total responses, a department yearly call volume record. This is a 52.4% increase in yearly total responses since 2009. As in the past, a contributing factor is increases with false alarms and false calls.

In May we were able to place 14B1 back in service on Lake Winnepesaukee, which required removal from service back in July of 2019 due to motor failure. Repairs include two new outboard motors, new steering, complete dash modification, gauges, battery disconnects, along with necessary transom and partial bottom fiberglass replacement. At that time, 14B1 was relocated to Shep Brown's for seasonal docking due to accessibility for response, patient off loading and response access. MFD would like to say Thanks to the Hamblet Family for the past years of service and docking at Y-Landing.

Meredith Fire received two grants from separate organizations during this past year. The Mark O'Connor Foundation appropriated funding for complete department PFD replacement, Mustang Survival Flotation Jackets for the entire membership and a mounted Thermal Camera for search and rescue on 14B1. The National and Meredith Rotary Organization supported funding to purchase an extractor for the Center Station to assist with the increase demand of properly cleaning members Personal Protective Equipment.



Through CIP initiative, we have just completed installing a totally captured exhaust system in every bay in each station. This new system captures exhaust emission from all apparatus and department vehicles at the exhaust pipe and it's exhausted through a blower system out the building. This system drastically reduces the carcinogen exposure to the department members, meeting a required standard to reduce exposure with exhaust emissions within the stations when answering calls and members sleeping quarters.

Recruitment and Retention for department membership continues to be an issue. The State Fire Standards and Training Commission has just recently reduced the hours associated with FF I & II in hopes to improve on state wide certification and recruitment to volunteer/call departments. Please if you have any thoughts of offering assistance here at Meredith Fire, please stop by and let's talk.

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2018 through 2020.

	2018		2019		2020	
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	59	12.29%	46	10.27%	60	12.22%
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	42	8.75%	111	24.78%	107	21.79%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	142	29.58%	72	16.07%	78	15.89%
Service Call	32	6.66%	52	11.61%	48	9.78%
Good Intent Call	44	9.16%	41	9.15%	53	10.79%
False Alarms & False Calls	<u>159</u>	<u>33.12%</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>28.13%</u>	<u>145</u>	<u>29.53%</u>
Total Number of Calls	480		448		491	

General Government

Fire

In closing, as always, the Officers, Members and I look forward to the challenges in 2021, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for the continued support. Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours! In new modern construction homes, you now have 3 to 4 minutes to escape! Ensure you have an escape plan and practice it!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief



Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year we experienced challenging wildfire conditions which led to deep burning fires in remote locations that were difficult to extinguish within our State. Meredith Fire and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The Red Hill Tower continues to operate on high fire danger days to monitor smoke conditions within Meredith. The tower's fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in Meredith are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures; a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent wildfires 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, MFD, and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Between COVID-19 and the drought conditions, 2020 was a unique year. The drought conditions led to the need to have a Proclamation from the Governor which banned much of the outdoor burning statewide. This, along with the vigilance of the public, helped reduce the number of serious fires across New Hampshire. However, the fires we did have burned deep and proved difficult to extinguish due to the lack of water. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect many areas of the state to still be experiencing abnormally dry and drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. "Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"

As we prepare for the 2021 fire season, please remember to contact the Fire Department at 279-6061 to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact Meredith Fire for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect Meredith and New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests and Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.NH.gov/nhdfl/.

HISTORICAL DATA

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159

* Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

Causes of Fires Reported (These numbers do not include the WMNF)

Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
4	22	21	4	3	1	4	10	44

General Government

Village Pathways Committee

The Meredith Village Pathways Committee was delighted to open the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook to the public on June 20, 2020. Throughout 8 years of research, planning, permitting, design, fund raising, building, construction delays, and COVID-19, the Committee persevered. We are thrilled beyond words with the outcome. Many thanks to all who supported our efforts along the way and to Timber & Stone, LLC for the excellent design and construction.

Our goals have been exceeded as we have watched the Laverack Nature Trail become widely used by people within the community, visitors, and the schools. Who knew Hawkins Brook wetlands would become a birding ‘hotspot’ with 88 different varieties of birds observed and documented on a Cornell e-bird website!

The Laverack Nature Trail offers a unique outdoor experience in a variety of habitats for people of all abilities. It has been a rewarding experience to have met and chatted with many folks. Committee members have provided daily monitoring since the opening. While we enjoy walking and talking to trail users and their pets, our hope is that everyone makes an effort to “Leave No Trace”. Please remind others to carry out what they brought in and we thank those who help us maintain the natural beauty along the Trail.

Our Educational Signage was delayed but will be installed at five locations in early spring. Because of COVID constraints, we were only able to have a small Dedication Ceremony in early September but are hopeful we can celebrate with more community members on our first anniversary in June 2021. The Laverack Nature Trail will be closed through the winter. Ongoing committee activities this past year included distribution of the Meredith Village Historic Walking Map and the Village Walking Map to various kiosks around the Village.

The Pathways Committee invites community members with an interest in joining our committee or in assisting with the Laverack Nature Trail to reach out to a committee member or to the Community Development Department.

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

We thank, Town Planner Angela LaBrecque, Community Development Director John Edgar, and Stephanie Maltais for the time, effort and guidance given to our Committee.

Respectfully submitted:
Andrea Bourn, Chair

Pathways Committee Members:

Andrea Bourn, Carol Gerken, Lissa Goodby, Margie Kreidler, Liz Lapham, Angela LaBrecque, Janis Roberts,
Sandy Sabutis, Cheryl Wilson, Rod Wilson.

Special thanks to our Trail Advisory Group:

Barbara Brann, Bill Gartner, Bev Lapham, Tony Sabutis, Alison Whynot, Sam Laverack

Village Pathways Committee continued...



Water and Sewer

The Town of Meredith Water Department is dedicated to providing the community it serves. We know how important it is to provide our customers with high-quality drinking water and reliable service while providing enough supply to meet demand for both consumption and fire protection. Water touches everything we care about. It's essential to sustain life, our economy and our communities. Our families require clean, safe drinking water for their health. Our community needs it for public safety, fire protection, recreation and economic development. Meredith Water is committed to providing high quality water and world-class service to families living and visiting our community while being good stewards of the environment.

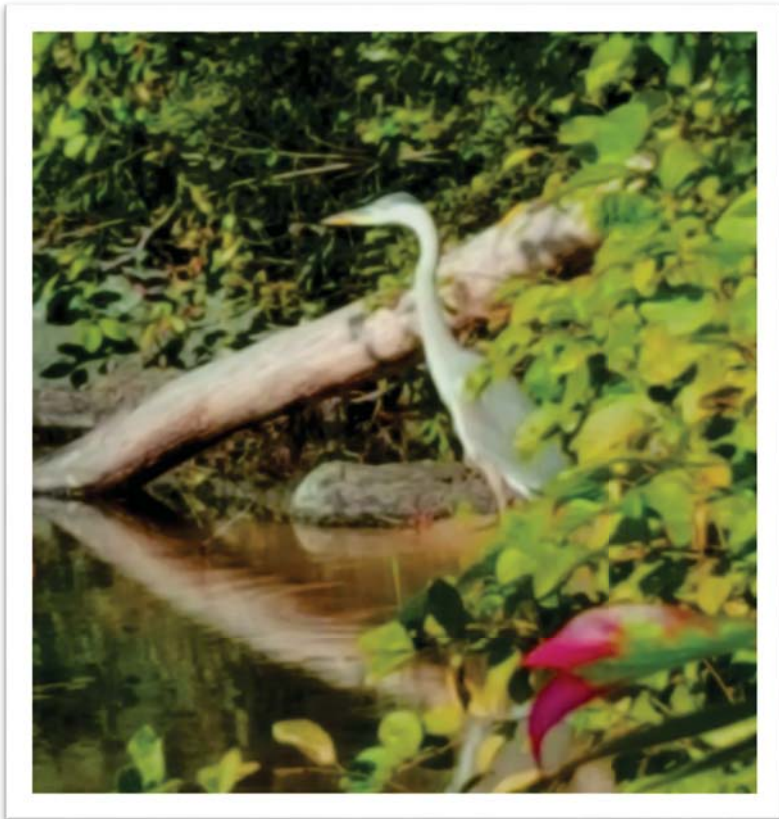
The Water Department adheres to regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).



The Water Department Staff continues routine maintenance, preventative maintenance, and round the clock emergency service to the water treatment plant, two booster stations, and 18 miles of water main, 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 regular maintenance and repairs on the pump stations and sewer main cleaning activities to ensure proper flow.

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



The Water and Sewer Department have a combined staff of five employees faithfully devoted to safely and effectively 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. As part of our commitment to the community, we are available 7 days a week and are on call 24/7 for emergencies.

Frank Giordano
Water and Sewer Superintendent

General Government

Waukegan Watershed Committee

The Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the five (5) watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukegan Watershed.

A principle 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.

The Advisory Committee has had a challenging year, with limited meetings and limited outreach due to COVID. We are looking forward to a better meeting and educational outreach environment for 2021.

2020 saw the relocation of our long time Secretary, Bob Vogler. Bob has been with the Committee since its inception and has been an invaluable asset. His efficiency and kindness will be missed. WWAC also mourns the passing of our long time member, John Hodsdon. John was also with the Committee since its inception and was dedicated to the watershed and all things Waukegan.

The committee is currently looking for additional volunteers. Feel free to attend one of the meetings to meet the committee.

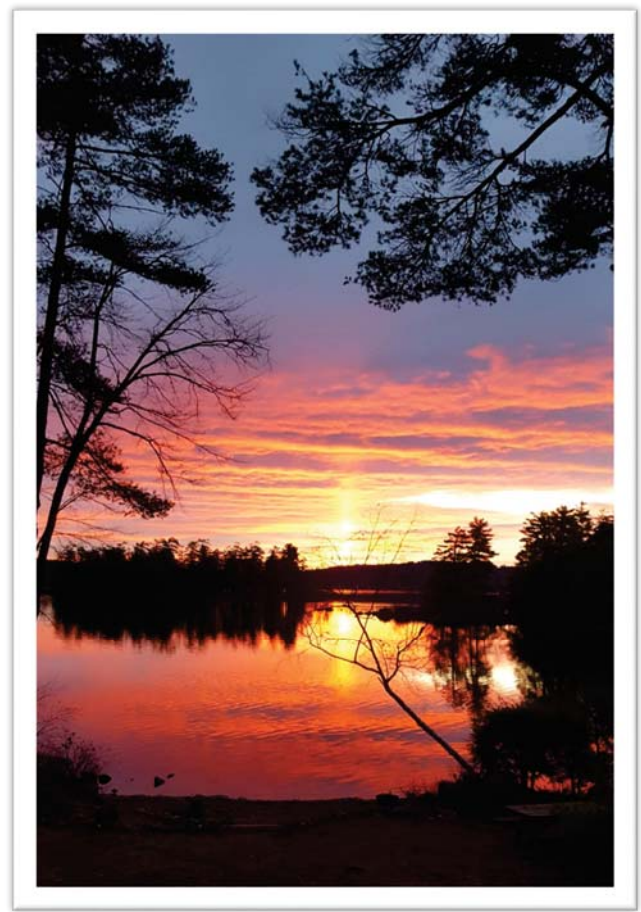
Respectfully Submitted
Donna Van Ness Murphy, Co-Chair

Chinese Mystery Snail - this invasive exotic animal has been found in Lake Waukegan. Imported from Asia, the Chinese Mystery snail is not native to our waters. Detrimental to the health of the lake, this animal reproduces rapidly out competing native species for food and habitat adversely affecting the food chain and native eco-system. Additionally, it can host numerous parasites which may be harmful to humans.



If you find any of these snails...
PLEASE REMOVE THEM FROM THE WATER.
Volunteers removed over 8,000 snails in 2020 from the lake. Take a picture of it and make a note of where it was found in the lake and dispose of it in the trash.

Please report any Mystery Snails found to:
Lake Waukegan Association 603-279-4894 or
Local NHDES Weedwatcher Point Person
603-279-4944. Thank you!



Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce

The mission of the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce is to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism and retail interests of the greater Meredith area. Our membership is strong at 250 members and represents all segments of the business community.

Our Visitor Center, located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway, continues to be managed by Stephanie Whiting who is a very longtime member of the Chamber team. At the Center is a wide array of promotional literature, maps, guides, and other useful resources about the Lakes Region. With the help of many Chamber members, the Center was redesigned this year. The enhanced space provides a meeting area for the Board of Directors and member businesses.



Even during the Covid-19 pandemic this past year, we were still able to be of great service to our Chamber members and the Town of Meredith. Bi-weekly calls with Commissioner Taylor Caswell of the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) and the Business and Industry Association (BIA) were held to support Chambers and their members. This gave us additional tools and resources to share with our members to help them navigate the turbulent times.

A collaborative was formed with the Lakes Region Chamber, Wolfeboro Chamber, Greater Ossipee Chamber, Central NH Chamber and the Lakes Region Association to apply for funding from the Governor's Office for Emergency Relief and Recovery (GOFERR) in conjunction with the BEA office. Upon receipt of a \$290,000 grant, the Lakes Region Collaborative got to work on three focus areas:

- ♦ PPE and Safety: Each Chamber received a generous supply of gloves, masks and wipes that were offered to members free of charge. Window clings, lawn signs and banners were also printed welcoming guests to the Lakes Region and promoting the use of masks and the importance of social distancing.
- ♦ Workforce Development and Employment Opportunities: Two virtual job fairs were offered to member businesses and local residents free of charge. The response was tremendous!
- ♦ Tourism Marketing: Print ads, videos, and digital marketing campaigns were created and launched throughout New England and beyond to help drive tourism to the Lakes Region.

One of the main initiatives of the Chamber is to market the town and region. We were successful in doing that this year through consistent social media engagement and our annual full-color 24-page high-quality brochure which was produced and distributed at New Hampshire rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center. The brochure was also mailed out in response to nationwide inquiries received at the Chamber office and provided to members to display at their business locations. Additionally, we partnered with the Greater Meredith Program and Hermit Woods Winery and Deli to do the "Look Inside" video series promoting local businesses.

While all events had to be canceled this year, we look forward to again hosting the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival in August, monthly Business After Hours, Ribbon Cutting Events and Member Coffees in 2021.

In addition to events, the Board of Directors is working to redesign the Chamber's brochure and website for 2021, along with new member benefits.



Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce continued...

The Board of Directors, on behalf of the entire community, wishes to thank former Executive Director Susan Cerutti for her 35 years of dedicated service and extensive contributions to the Chamber and our area towns, along with Jean Greenlaw who retired after 26 years.

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 and community organizations of the town in carrying out its many projects. Please visit our newly-enhanced website at www.MeredithAreaChamber.com to learn more about our services and programs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leslie Sturgeon
Executive Director

Community Action Program

The mission of Community Action Program 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 \$444,266.15 in services through the area center. In Meredith, we help with fuel and electric assistance, security deposits, emergency assistance and food for the Meredith 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.

Service Description Units of Service Household/Persons Value

Fuel Assistance	211 Applications	\$210,119
Electric Assistance	227 Households	\$121,042
Weatherization	11 Homes & 20 People	\$101,799
USDA Commodity Food	407 Cases	\$18,332

Information and Referral

CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

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 our Laconia Area Center at 524-5512.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Heyward, Community Services Director

Supported Outside Agencies

Meredith Historical Society

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

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museum 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. Community volunteers are encouraged to join our activities and help share Meredith's past with visitors.

The Covid19 Pandemic greatly altered public involvement this year. Cancellation of the highly successful and informative monthly Speakers Series at the Community Center meant that upwards of 100 people each month were unable to learn of Meredith's unique history. Although the space at the Farm Museum on Winona Rd was conducive to "social distancing" requirements, its remoteness compelled us to keep it closed for the entire year. The Main St. museum remained closed to the public until August, but each Friday and Saturday from May onward, members of the board of directors moved retail sales outdoors to the sidewalk which helped maintain public awareness. With careful monitoring, the museum opened to visitors on Fridays and Saturdays from August to December.



Supported Outside Agencies

Meredith Historical Society *continued...*

Hoping to attract foot traffic to Main Street, this became a year of collaboration with area merchants. The cancellation of Meredith's Chamber of Commerce Town-wide Yard Sale challenged us to create other means of revenue, which we resolved by selling locally made products. We reproduced historic illustrations from our collections onto placemats. Napkins embroidered with the names of area lakes were popular summer items. During Memorial Day weekend we collected worn out American flags, then turned them over to the American Legion for proper disposal. We gave away flags to children on Flag Day in June. We are hopeful that the June sales of the historic yellow "Meredith Rose" will help it continue to bloom all around town. The window display of antique boat models borrowed from Wolfeboro's NH Boat Museum became a favorite of window shoppers. Memorabilia of many of Meredith's children's summer camps filled a window during the summer.

In keeping with the goal of spreading Meredith's remarkable history, we created a scarecrow version of an early Meredith resident for GMP's Scarecrow Contest. Dolly Nichols, who ran a ferry service from Bear Island in the 1800s, was featured, complete with boat and an information stand describing her unique life. It proved to be a fun way to inform both adults and children of early Meredith lifestyles. The annual 3rd Grade Historical Walking Tour could not take place, but at Halloween we held a pumpkin carving contest for children, also outdoors.

A Food Drive in November collected several carloads of donations for the Meredith Food Pantry. And the decorated Christmas windows added a nostalgic holiday warmth to Main Street.

Our successes were made possible with the involvement of the individuals and businesses who helped catalog donated memorabilia, sold raffle tickets, donated raffle items or contest prizes, mowed the Farm Museum lawn, judged pumpkin carvings and helped create window displays. These community connections help the Historical Society continue to preserve Meredith's history and return value to the community.

We encourage anyone with stories of their Covid19 life to submit them for archiving.

Sincerely,
Karen Thorndike, President

Board of Directors: Bonnie Edwards, VP of Preservation;
Tom Witham, Corresponding Secretary; John Edgar, Recording Secretary;
George Jewell, Treasurer; and John Hopper, Assistant Treasurer

Directors: Susan Amiss, Ceil Andrews, Gwen Bronson,
Rich Knighton, Don MacFarlane, and Jackie Roy



Supported Outside Agencies

The Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a nonprofit, community 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 the town is to be a year-round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, workforce, and visitors.



In the past seventeen 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 volunteers' time and talents. The GMP continues to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders dedicated to bringing positive changes to our community. Under the leadership of GMP President Chris Kelly and the GMP Board of Directors, the Greater Meredith Program worked hard to navigate the challenges brought by the pandemic in 2020. The GMP committees were successful in keeping all of its programs running with modified plans.

Ongoing projects that the GMP continued to support in 2020 include the display garden in front of the Meredith Public Library. With plants funded by GMP, the Friends of the Library plant and maintain the MPL garden near the sidewalk on Main Street. GMP also continues to manage online requests to post to its' Welcome To Meredith signboard at Route 104 and Daniel Webster Highway.

GMP Board of Directors and Committees:

The Greater Meredith Program's Board of Directors is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the mission of the organization. The GMP operates with the following standing committees and a variety of subcommittees: Design/ Beautification, Meredith Sculpture Walk, Fundraising/Finance, Economic Development/Career Partnership Program/ Lakes Center for the Arts, and Promotion. Each committee is comprised of board members and dedicated community volunteers.

GMP Officers and Board Members:

2020 GMP Officers and Board Members: Chris Kelly; President, Katheryn Rolfe; Vice-President, Bob Manley; Past President, Dick Pendergast, Treasurer; Amy Tardiff, Secretary; and Board Members:

Kelly Chapman, Bronwen Donnelly, Ted Fodero, Jeanie Forrester, Bill Gartner, Andy Lane, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Lynn Leighton, Rusty McLearn, Wendell Rizzo and Chris Williams. Ex-officio members: John Edgar, Mary Moriarty, and Phil Warren. Michelle Brown served as GMP Executive Director.

GMP Design Committee:

The Design Committee provides design advice and plans, organizes and develops projects. In 2020 they focused on the following: In cooperation with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, they continued their work in Swasey Park. Spring and Fall clean-up days were implemented and volunteers continued to maintain the trails throughout the year.

The beautification sub-committee and volunteers continued to plant and maintain flower boxes and planting beds along route 3 by the Town Docks parking area and they also continued maintenance on existing projects along Main & Pleasant Streets and the routes 3 & 25 corridors. New flower boxes were constructed and maintained for both sides of the canal bridge. The Design Committee supported the Meredith Garden Club in planting and maintaining over 550 plantings in 2020.

Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee:

The Meredith Sculpture Walk celebrated its seventh year in 2020 with 32 sculptures positioned in high-visibility locations along Main Street, throughout the Mill Falls Marketplace, and lakeside in Hesky and Scenic Parks. Of the 32 sculptures, 13 were new installations in the spring and the remaining 19 pieces were juried through for a second year in the show.

Supported Outside Agencies

The Greater Meredith Program continued...

The Meredith Sculpture Walk is a year-round, outdoor juried exhibition that fosters awareness and enjoyment of public art. Popular tours, led by trained volunteer docents, were suspended in 2020 with hopes of bringing them back next season. The locations for the sculptures are made possible by the support of both public and private owners. A sculpture brochure and map continue to be produced for self-guided tours and provides sculpture and artist information. In November, the Meredith Sculpture Walk was featured on NH Chronicle, a highly acclaimed nightly magazine program about the people and places that make New Hampshire special.

Economic Development Committee/Career Partnership Program/ Lakes Center for the Arts:

The Career Partnership Program (CPP) is an initiative co-sponsored by GMP and the Interlakes School District that provides students the opportunity to explore future careers through job shadowing, internships and hands-on working experiences.

Julia Velie is in her third year as Executive Director of the program. While in-person learning experiences were not possible for the 2020-2021 school season, Julia constructed a modified program that created opportunities to expand career-building efforts to the Middle School Tier thereby planting the seeds for future CPP participants.

The Lakes Center For the Arts (LCA) was formed in 2019 as a sub-committee under Economic Development. The group officially formed a steering committee to research the viability of bringing an interdisciplinary arts incubator and community sharing makerspace to Meredith. In June, the LCA was awarded \$41,000 from the CDFA Tax Credit Program. While having to postpone planned events due to safety concerns, the committee continues to build capacity and community support and continues to work on plans and programs for the future.

Promotion Committee:

The GMP Promotion Committee promotes the district and creates image campaigns, retail promotions, and special events to attract residents and visitors to the village. The committee continued to produce the “Do the Loop” and “Beyond the Map” brochures highlighting Meredith businesses and services. In October, the Promotion Committee ran the “Spooktacular” Scarecrow Contest” with 25 businesses and organizations in Meredith putting their scariest, funniest, best business-related, and historical scarecrows on display for the annual scarecrow contest. Also, a holiday lighting contest was held in December with local businesses involved.

New digital efforts were implemented to highlight Meredith businesses; GMP, in partnership with the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce, created a “Look Inside” video promotion program and “Shop Local Guide” which was promoted online and through social media over the holidays. GMP also enjoyed the company of 1,500 new Facebook followers.

Annual Meeting:

At the Virtual Annual Meeting held on February 2, 2021, the GMP recognized and highlighted the hard work and dedication of GMP volunteers for the 2020 year. The GMP Board Member of the Year Award was presented to Lynn Leighton, for her dedication to the program and never-ending enthusiasm for Meredith. The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Paul Ristaino for his continued support of the Greater Meredith Program and his efforts to assist and be a champion for the Meredith Sculpture Walk. Outstanding Business Supporter of the Year was presented to Hermit Woods Winery for their dedication to promoting Meredith and economic vitality on Main Street. The Community Support Award was given to the Village Pathways Committee for the Laverack Trail at Hawkins Brook.

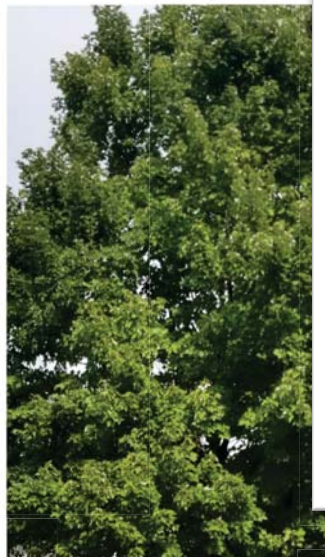
On behalf of its Board of Directors and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith and its residents for their continued support in helping us make Meredith a great place to live, work and play.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Brown
GMP Executive Director
greatermeredith.org

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The Greater Meredith Program continued...



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The Greater Meredith Program continued...

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Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC), formerly Genesis Behavioral Health (GBH) is designated by the State of New Hampshire as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving the 24 towns that make up Belknap and southern Grafton Counties. LRMHC provides Emergency Services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to anyone in the community experiencing a mental health crisis, regardless of their ability to pay. Additionally, LRMHC provides individual, group and family therapy, mobile crisis teams in the event a tragic event occurs that impacts a community at large, psychiatry, nursing, community support programs for people with severe and persistent mental illness, care management, community-based supports, housing; supported employment, substance use disorder treatment, and specialty services and evidence-based practices for children and their families, including trauma-focused therapy, art therapy, and play therapy. Child Impact seminars are offered in Laconia and Plymouth for divorcing families. LRMHC owns two handicapped accessible vans and provides transportation services to patients in the greater Plymouth and Laconia areas as a means to enhance access to care in this rural area.

Founded in 1966, LRMHC provides comprehensive, integrated mental health treatment for people living with - and recovering from - mental illness and/or emotional distress. In Fiscal Year 2020, LRMHC's 200 employees served 4,089 children, adults and families. During this same time period, we provided over \$1.2 million of charity care.

In Fiscal Year 2020

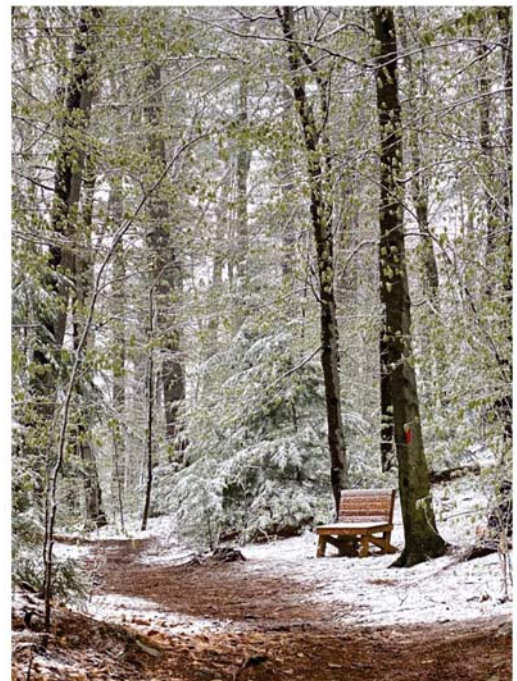
- ♦ 266 residents of Meredith received services from LRMHC,
- ♦ 42 of these individuals utilized Emergency Services.
- ♦ LRMHC provided \$91,238 in charitable care to Meredith residents.

The age breakdown is as follows:

Meredith Residents Served	Patients Served-Agency	Charitable Care in \$	Patients Served-ES
Children (0 to 17 years)	68	\$10,516	0
Adults (18 to 61 years)	146	\$76,570	35
Elder (62 + years)	52	\$4,152	7

LRMHC is requesting **\$13,500.00** this year, which is a level funded request from last year. Your continued support will help us ensure the provision of 24/7 Emergency Services to people in crisis, as oftentimes emergencies are attributable to a lack of health insurance and/or the financial resources necessary to seek preventative care. For many, Emergency Services at LRMHC are the gateway into treatment. Access to timely and effective treatment supports recovery and minimizes further harm to the patient, the community, and other systems of care.

An investment from Meredith will be leveraged with appropriations from other communities to offset the tremendous cost of staffing the Emergency Services program round the clock. Similar to a municipal police or fire department, Emergency Services is a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Your appropriation will ensure the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduce the burden on your town.



Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association

We are pleased to report that our Lakes Region Visiting Nurse and Hospice celebrated its 97th year anniversary servicing the citizens of Meredith. Despite the challenges presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, our brave staff provided over 8,000 home health care visits to over 400 Meredith residents.



In keeping with our non-profit agency's proud tradition, compassionate care is provided regardless of ones' ability to pay.

Lastly, all of this good news is made possible, in no small part, due to the generosity of the Town of Meredith's residents for continuing to remember a neighbor in need.

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Kelly
Chief Executive Officer
Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association



Supported Outside Agencies

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, I would like to extend a profound thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continued support of our families and the local community during these extraordinary times.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, licensed, community child care and education agency, providing exceptional and affordable early care and education for children from six weeks through twelve years of age. It is the mission of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center to promote child development and family support through operation of a group child care center and nursery school and through establishment of cooperation and collaboration with other agencies, local businesses, and civic groups in promoting child development and community enhancement.



In October of 2020, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School celebrated its 49th anniversary. I-LDCC remained open during the COVID-19 Pandemic, and on April 1, 2020 became certified by the State of New Hampshire as an Emergency Child Care Program, continuing to provide services for children of essential workers.

I-LDCC is open five days per week to make it possible for parents to maintain full-time employment. I-LDCC's variety of programs and services include: full and part-time care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, before and after school programs for school age children, summer day camp, healthy meals throughout the day, field trips, and collaboration with other local agencies to provide enriching programs. I-LDCC offers an environment that encourages the development of the whole child while fostering a sense of independence, responsibility, and self-control. I-LDCC provides free breakfast, lunch and snacks daily through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Additionally, as a sponsoring agency, we facilitate meal reimbursements to licensed family day care providers who follow USDA guidelines to provide healthy meals and snacks to the children in their care.



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

Constance Pelletier
Executive Director

Supported Outside Agencies

Kidworks Learning Center

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



In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program and Town of Meredith, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

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

Our focus in 2020 was creating a sense of normalcy for the children and families throughout this pandemic. This was not the intended goal for 2020, but if there is anything that we have learned this year, it is how to be resilient. We had to change our day to day operations, we had to redesign classrooms to meet public health guidelines and adjust our teaching strategies so that we could operate as safely as possible. We knew that we needed to be here for the children, the families and the community.

As we reflect on the past year, we are typically listing the completed projects and improvements that were made. Safety improvements were made and additional materials were purchased to meet the new guidelines. This year we needed to adapt our classrooms and teaching strategies, as well as, our center's events. We didn't want to cancel our Fall Festival and Holiday Celebration for these children that have been so amazing with the new routines and rules. These children have had to learn to adapt and be flexible with the constant changes and we wanted to celebrate them. We were able to create fun, safe events for them with the help of local businesses, the Town and our wonderful families. We were overwhelmed by the kindness of the community.

The center is fortunate to call Meredith home.

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



Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary organization of 30 communities in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack counties within a state-designated planning area established under RSA 36:45. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:



- ♦ Transportation, land use, and watershed management planning
- ♦ Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance
- ♦ Economic development assistance - Grant writing and administration - GIS mapping - Data collection and analysis.

Town of Meredith Local Activities Included:

- Winnisquam Watershed: Hosted a conference call with Meredith and Laconia officials and the Winnisquam Watershed Network (WWN) to develop Phase I scope of work for the watershed study. Reviewed scope, researched the Lakes Loading Response Model (LLRM), and reached out to stakeholders. Revised scope to address some issues raised by stakeholders. Successfully requested grant extension from the Pardoe Foundation based on revised scope of work for Phase IIa of developing a watershed management plan.
- Road Safety Audit: Prepared and submitted a Road Safety Audit (RSA) application to the NHDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) for a study of conditions on Main Street between Dover Street and Lake Street in response to a pedestrian fatal crash in June 2019. Reviewed request for data needs supporting an HSIP application from Meredith and reached out to NH DOT for input on Standards and Methods. Application included data collection for a Traffic and Pedestrian Study (such as 9 diagrams of 3 intersections, vehicle and truck summaries, pedestrian counts) and a summary report. Corresponded with Town Manager and with NHDOT; met with Community Development Director; incorporated additional information into summary report.
- Transportation Planning: Provided Ten Year Plan (TYP) information and discussed possible future proposal with Meredith Planner for NH 25 corridor (Pleasant Street to Center Harbor town line). Provided information to planners regarding streetscaping and bike-pedestrian enhancement program through New England College.
- Waste Management: Met with a group of local citizens to tour the Meredith transfer station to learn about their successes and challenges with waste management. In May discussed concerns expressed by Meredith DPW regarding the summer Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection and issues resulting from effects of the pandemic.
- GIS Mapping: Created and delivered location map for Meredith Community Development Director for use at NNECAPA conference.
- Land Use: Coordinated purchase and delivery of Land Use Regulation book for a savings of \$79.00.



Regional

- Reviewed 6 Developments of Regional Impact, pursuant to NH RSA 36:54, for Andover, Belmont, Moultonborough, Northfield, and Tuftonboro.
- As an aggregator of electricity and heating fuel, facilitated the purchase of electricity and fuel for 9 participating members (including 1 county and 1 school district) for 2020 estimated combined annual savings of \$45,509.73 for electricity, \$6,410.31 for oil, and \$5,338.57 for propane (Total = \$57,258.61). Total Savings for All Energy Since 2017 = \$403,370

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Planning Commission *continued...*

Regional

- Directly related to water and soil quality, our regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection has become a Lakes Region summer tradition since we started them in 1986. *See next page for details.*
- Monitored and reviewed 8 project notices under the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement, a process that requires public notification to the regional planning commissions of all projects in the region intended to receive federal financial support.
- Facilitated the regional bulk purchase and delivery of the annual edition of the books published by the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives. 28 out of 30 member communities ordered a total of 357 books at a savings of \$79 per book.
- We provided administrative and technical support to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC), a state-chartered advisory committee under the NHDES Rivers Management and Protection Program. The Pemi River runs for 65 miles through 9 member communities.
- Awarded a grant from the Samuel Pardoe Foundation to begin Phase II of the development of a watershed management plan for Lake Winnisquam.

Economic Development

- As the federally-designated Local Development District (LDD) for the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), a federal-state funding partnership, LRPC administered a total of 9 grants in Ashland, Bristol, Laconia, Plymouth, & Wolfeboro.
- Administering over \$1.5 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), NBRC, and USDA funds for the Town of Wolfeboro to support the G.A.L.A. Wolfeboro Makerspace project.
- Awarded grant writing/administration contracts for the Microcredit program from Grafton County to administer over \$1 million in CDBG Microenterprise Technical Assistance funding for the economic development corporations (EDCs) with loan funds for the northern half of the state. Applied for a CDBG Microenterprise COVID-19 Grant on behalf of Grafton County.
- Awarded a \$37,500 USDA Community Facility Technical Assistance Training Disaster Grant on behalf of Grafton and Carroll Counties' recipients for Complete Streets/Streetscaping. Completed USDA Community Facility Grant applications totaling over \$750K on behalf of Effingham, Ossipee, and Tuftonboro.
- Contracted by the state Lakeshore Redevelopment Planning Commission to write and administer grants for the Lakes Region Facility (former Laconia State School) economic development project. Obtained a waiver of eligibility allowing the City of Laconia to also apply for NBRC grant funding for this project.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

For the 34th year in a row, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) coordinated the regional Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collections during the summer of 2020. As we have come to expect in the year of the pandemic, things did not go exactly as planned. It was, however a very successful set of hazardous waste collections and by several measures the program will emerge stronger.

Despite concerns about the pandemic, 19 of the original 25 communities recommitted, reducing our budget by 25%. We contacted our vendor and they agreed to renegotiate our flat-fee contract for this year. We had to make some adjustments to several collection sites to ensure safe and convenient drop-off. A big thank you to Site Coordinators and town staff in both Effingham and Bristol as well as their respective SAUs for working with us to make these adjustments in a short amount of time! Additionally, we had three new Site Coordinators this year.

Due to COVID-19 we put greater emphasis on new press releases, e-blasts, banners and signs, and a strong emphasis on web and social media postings. As a result, **1,609 Lakes Region households** turned out to our seven collection sites and we safely disposed of nearly **53,000** pounds of waste and **nearly three miles** of fluorescent bulbs, helping to protect both our household and water environments. This included record-setting turn-out at the Bristol site and an all-time high in Laconia of 426 households served.

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Planning Commission continued...

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Most of the policies put in place this year either by our vendor or by the local and site HHW Coordinators, made for a safer, smoother collection. All will be considered as we look forward to the 2021 collections. We will continue to send out occasional notices about disposal opportunities and alternatives to HHW by email and on our Facebook and Instagram accounts; hundreds of people have signed up for this service.

Part of the agreement that we negotiated keeps the costs to our communities consistent for the next several years; **there will be no increase in the 2021 HHW appropriation.**

On behalf of the 25 participating municipalities that have participated in the past, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) appreciates the continued support that NH DES and USDA provide to our regional HHW collections, helping to provide safe and effective disposal of toxic materials that if not handled properly could have a serious negative impact on the region's water resources and economy. We also very much appreciate the efforts of the more than seventy staff and volunteers and seven host communities around the Lakes Region who help make this possible.

The **2021 collections are scheduled for July 31 and August 7, 2021.** For more information on these collections, maps to the sites, and recipes and videos showing alternatives to HHW, visit us online at www.LakesRPC.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram.

Solid Waste Management

- Facilitated three Solid Waste Roundtables, held in Tamworth, Meredith, and Plymouth in January, February, and March: Regional Solutions for Waste Management and Recycling (Parts 1 & II) and Medical Waste.
- Hosted a workshop at the NH Food Systems Statewide Gathering conference featuring composting activity in NH, case study examples, state regulations, and opportunities for citizens to divert food waste from landfills.
- Met with stakeholders involved with NH Farm to School, an initiative of the University of New Hampshire's Sustainability Institute, about current projects and opportunities to collaborate.
- Participated in the Statewide HHW Coordinators' meeting focusing on the impacts of COVID-19 on collections.
- Presented an online webinar on March 31 on Best Management Practices for Community Composting with Director Natasha Duarte of the Composting Association of Vermont. 230 people attended.
- Plymouth State University (PSU). Worked with the Fall/Spring Technical Communications class on determining recycling participation on campus and in nearby towns, and on composting and food waste reduction.
- Met with members of the Tamworth Recycling Project about the Town's new recycling guidelines plus grant opportunities to improve their transfer station.
- Prepared and submitted a \$35,000 U.S. EPA Healthy Communities Grant application for a non-profit collaborative serving Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro to increase food waste reduction practices and composting.
- Designed "At-A-Glance" information sheets about solid waste, electronics, household hazardous waste, single vs. dual stream recycling, and food waste. Created a group advertisement for electronic and appliance repair shops in the region to encourage residents to repair their devices and reduce E-Waste.
- Produced a logo for the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) and presented it with LRHHPF Site Coordinator and Joint Board Vice-Chairman Sarah Silk to the Wolfeboro Selectboard.
- Applied for competitive funding from the USDA and was awarded a Solid Waste Management Grant for FY21.

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Planning Commission continued...

Transportation

Completed year one of NHDOT FY20-21 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Supported LRPC's Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) which met six times during FY20 to enhance local involvement in regional transportation planning and project development.

Drafted outline for update of Regional Transportation Plan. At the February TAC meeting, facilitated discussion of our corridor approach to updating the Regional Transportation Plan and the next Ten Year Plan process.

Attended House Public Works & Highways hearing on HB2020 regarding the State Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2021-2030.

Attended two Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) meetings in our region (Laconia and Franklin) and one outside our region (Conway).

Attended Census2020 seminar and NHDOT meeting, discussing our Regional Transportation Plan and data that can be used in the Plan.

Co-facilitated Statewide Bicycle-Pedestrian public meeting held in September at the Gilford Public Library.

Participated in NHDOT Local Public Agency Training and Moultonborough's First Impression Forum.

Created Newsletters about Regional Transportation in April, May, and June featuring information on the Ten Year Plan, Rail Trail, and Recreational Trail Grant Program.

Developed policies and protocols regarding COVID-19 for personnel working in the field. The aging LRPC van has been inspected and the registration renewed.

Community Outreach and Education

Convened four Commission meetings in Plymouth, Moultonborough, Laconia, then via Zoom in May and June. Topics and speakers included Steve Taylor on New Hampshire Roads Taken—Or Not; Russ Lanoie on Best Practice Stories from the Field—Avoiding Mistakes Up Front Can Help You Later; and a joint Legislative Forum on Economic Development that we co-hosted with three local groups at Lakes Region Community College.

Principal Planner Susan Slack wrote a feature article for NHMA's Town and City Magazine on *Protecting Water Quality with Septic System Rules*.

Hosted a May webinar on the new Community Power law with expert panel presentations followed by a Q&A.

While the traditional annual meeting dinner was cancelled due to the pandemic, the full Commission met virtually on June 22 to adopt the FY21 budget and elect officers and Executive Board members for FY21-22. Outgoing Executive Board members Wayne Crowley, Chair; Barbara Perry, Treasurer; and John Cotton, Area Commissioner, were recognized for their many years of service and leadership. Current members Vice Chair John Ayer and Area 4 Commissioner David Kerr were respectively elected Chair and Treasurer. Three Commissioners were elected as new members of the Executive Board: David Katz (New Hampton) as Vice Chair and Mardean Badger (Ashland) and William Bolton (Plymouth) as At Large Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey R. Hayes, Executive Director

Supported Outside Agencies

New Hampshire Humane Society

Despite the challenges of 2020, the partnership between the Town of Meredith and New Hampshire Humane Society remains a wonderful example of compassion and love for animals that is such an integral part of the New England region. That arrangement between us means animals in need within the town limits can receive a positive outcome. Whether the issue is stray dogs or cats, unwanted litters, or residents needing help caring for their pets, we are the resource called upon and are honored to be an important part of the lives of Meredith citizens.

New Hampshire Humane Society maintains a staff of 16 animal care professionals, including an on-site veterinarian. Within our capacity to do so, our team provides comfort, medical care, as well as emotional or behavioral rehabilitation to all. Animal Control and Law Enforcement personnel may access our facility 24 hours a day, everyday, for strays or abandoned animals from the Town. Residents who can no longer care for their pets may surrender them to us by appointment.

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

- A Seasonal no-cost spay/neuter program (Visit nhhumane.org for info.)
- Pet Therapy Programs for the elderly at local nursing homes
- Educational outreach and enrichment programs for local schools
- Volunteer opportunities, including programs designed for children
- A Community Response Program to help families experiencing financial difficulties obtain pet food and supplies they need to keep their animals at home
- Public Rabies Vaccine clinics
- In 2020, our total animal intake was 784.



NH Humane Society
Over a century of love for those without a voice.



Pertinent Statistics from the Town of Meredith

2020 Statistics	Dogs	Cats	Other Animals	Total
Stray Animals Received by Police	14	6	2	22
Animals Surrendered by Meredith Residents	6	11	0	17
Strays Reclaimed by Owners	16	3	0	19
Feral Animals Taken in, Neutered & Released	0	0	0	0
Adoptions by Meredith Families	16	19	1	36
Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Surgeries Provided to Meredith Residents	5	11	0	16

Submitted with our thanks,

Charles Stanton
Executive Director
New Hampshire Humane Society

Supported Outside Agencies

New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse

On behalf of New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Meredith for their continued support. Your 2020 allocation has enabled us to continue to provide 24-hour crisis support, outreach, and assistance to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. New Beginnings is the crisis support and advocacy center serving Belknap County.



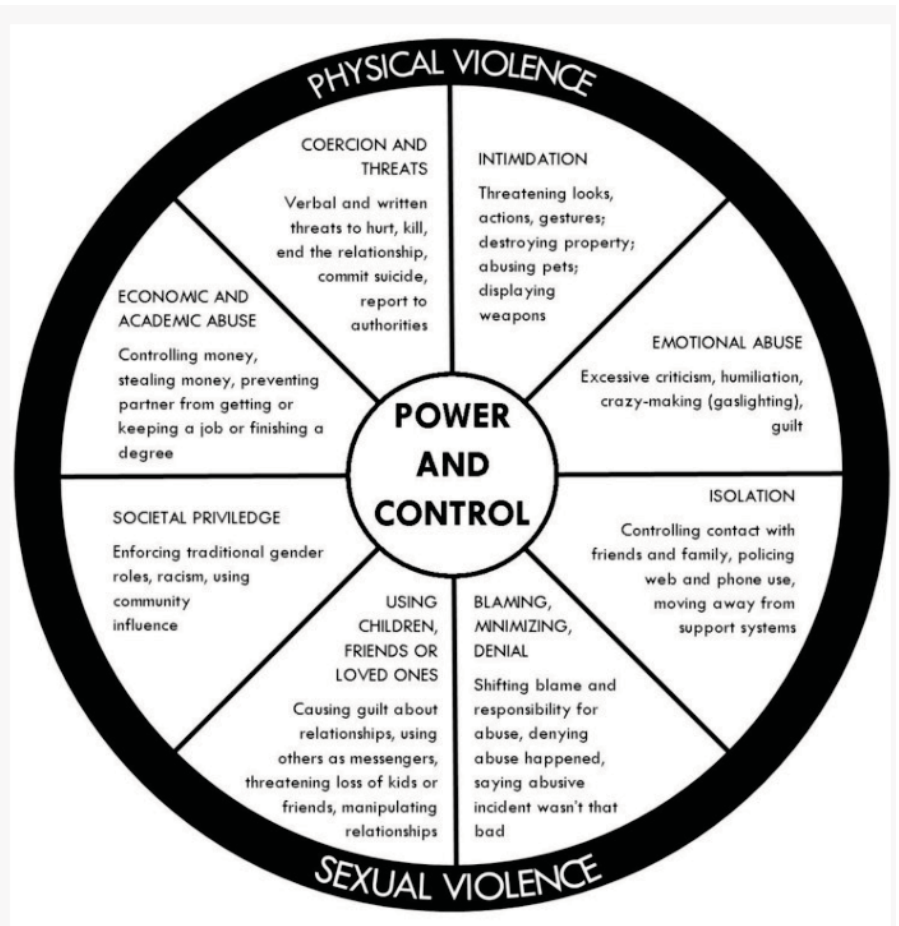
New Beginnings is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support, and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence. Trained advocates provide 24-hour crisis intervention, accompaniment, safe shelter for victims and their children, weekly support groups for all ages, transitional housing, financial empowerment programming, and system advocacy. Prevention education programming is delivered to students in every school district, County-Wide. Prevention education is evidence-based, age-appropriate, and customizable based on the needs of each school. All services are confidential, non-judgmental, and free of charge.

We are members of the statewide 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 the state and federal contracts that provide some funding for member programs and advocates for legislative change that affects victims of domestic and sexual assault.

For victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has been significant. Victims have been isolated in their homes, sometimes without cellphone reception or reliable internet. New Beginnings has responded by increasing outreach, utilizing technology, and reaching out to law enforcement County-Wide to raise awareness. New Beginnings provided PPE, many hotel stays, food, personal items, transportation and resources for medical care. Advocates continue to provide in-person support as needed. The ability to fundraise decreased significantly, as the need for social distancing forced the agency to cancel events that would have raised critical funds for our services.

We greatly appreciate the support from the Town of Meredith.

Kathy Keller
Executive Director



Supported Outside Agencies

Waypoint

Support from the Town of Meredith helps to offset costs for the services we provide Meredith residents. Waypoint goes where the need is and provides over 80% of our services in the homes and communities of the clients. This is so important for the residents we serve who live in poverty and may not have the mobility or transportation available to travel for care. Over 90% of the clients we serve live in poverty.

Like many, Waypoint is navigating the constantly changing environment of 2020. At the beginning of the pandemic, we were able to quickly adapt services to protect our employees and clients, while still providing services on the front lines. As we move into the New Year still facing this pandemic, unfortunately we anticipate our services will be in even greater need for families in NH.

As we navigate these uncertain times, the sheer need displayed by individuals and families across the state have spurred Waypoint to expand our programming to meet those needs, opening up services in new areas of the state, and expanding programming for children and families.

We are excited to share with you some of the changes happening at Waypoint that will help position us to greater serve your community.

Addressing Child Abuse during the pandemic

Shortly into the pandemic, we started a 24/7 “Warm-Line” in collaboration with the State of NH that offered families a place to call in for free to speak with a Family Support Specialist to address the wide range of problems they were experiencing, helping to connect them with resources and improve family functioning. This phone line is free and open to anyone in need throughout the state.

Expanding resources for homeless youth

Through our programs and services for at-risk homeless youth in Manchester and the Seacoast we saw that unstably housed youth and young adults were particularly hard hit during the pandemic. In response, we are opening two new Runaway and Homeless Youth Drop-In Centers in Concord and Rochester.

Helping NH families

This pandemic has shown that NH families are infinitely resilient and deserving of our support. New Family Resource Centers in Laconia, Lebanon and Nashua serve as hubs for an array of services for the WHOLE family specifically for underserved communities.

Reducing trauma for Children of Incarcerated Parents

The emotional impact of an incarcerated parent is devastating to a child. Waypoint recognizes this impact on families and is creating a new program offering support services to families impacted by incarceration.

For more information on services and programs offered in your area, please visit www.waypointnh.org



Supported Outside Agencies

Interlakes Community Caregivers

With the support of the Meredith taxpayers and others, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. (ICCI) has been providing access to health care, nutrition and mental well-being to older adults-our Neighbors-for over 20 years. Like so many other local organizations, the COVID-19 pandemic presented unprecedented challenges for ICCI in 2020.



I am proud to report that ICCI never ceased serving our Neighbors in their time of need. We continued to provide rides to our Neighbors who had no other options despite having almost half of our volunteer drivers sidelined by the virus and all of our fundraising events being canceled.

Not surprisingly, the number of services we provided in 2020 was less than the year before. Last year, 70 volunteers provided 1,898 services, to over 150 Neighbors – the majority of whom were over 70 years old. Volunteers also donated 2,761 hours and drove 30,844 miles to provide these services. Nineteen percent of our volunteers and 56% of our Neighbors were Meredith residents in 2020.

Volunteers drove Neighbors to medical and dental facilities in the local area and to long-distance destinations such as Beth Israel Deaconess, Dartmouth Hitchcock, Catholic Medical Center, and Concord Hospital to name a few. Other services also included rides for grocery shopping, personal appointments, running errands, as well as friendly check-in phone calls and other life enhancing assistance. Most notably, we saw an exponential increase in the number of grocery pick-up requests to fulfill our Neighbors' critical need for access to food while also minimizing the risk of infection for them and our volunteers.

A ten-member Board of Directors governs ICCI and three part-time employees run the program out of our Moultonborough office at 60 Whittier Highway. Interlakes Community Caregivers relies solely on donations from the four towns we serve, individuals, local businesses, and foundations. Support from the taxpayers of Meredith made up approximately two percent of our annual budget of \$106,950 in 2020.

We invite more Meredith residents to join our dedicated and committed team of volunteers to serve our Neighbors. For more information, or if you know someone who needs our help, please call me at 603-253-9275 or visit our website at <https://InterlakesCares.org> to fill out an application.

We are very grateful for the contribution made by the Meredith taxpayers which is essential to our continued service to our community. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Saliba
Executive Director
Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc.



Vital Statistics

Births

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Father's/Partner's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/25/20	Howry, Zoey	Howry, Michael	Molinaro, Valerie
01/26/20	L'Heureux, Griffin Roland	L'Heureux, Brandon	L'Heureux, Kali
02/03/20	Woodbury, Violet Rey	Woodbury, Joey	Adams, Amanda
02/19/20	Billin, Charlotte Lee	Billin, Seth	Ewing, Oceans
02/21/20	Irwin, Bryson Robert	Irwin, Christopher	Irwin, Rosemary
03/03/20	Maguire, Octavia Amethyst	Not Listed	Maguire, Naomi
03/20/20	MacIntosh, Saoirse Mae	MacIntosh, Paul	MacIntosh, Mary
03/23/20	Farquharson, Beckhan Russell	Farquharson, Donald	Farquharson, Jessie
04/10/20	Elsakhawy, Adalina Sol	Not Listed	Elsakhawy, Esmeralda
05/28/20	O'Neil, Connor Gerard	O'Neil, Nathan	O'Neil, Leah
06/25/20	Swan, Benjamin Andrew	Swan, Brian	Swan, Erinn
07/07/20	Luethje, Ophelia Rose	Luethje, Kolby	Doyle, Heather
08/17/20	Dow, Oliver Thomas	Dow, Brandon	Ryan, Alyssa
09/07/20	Pelczar-Connell Michael Joseph	Connell, Alexander	Pelczar-Connell, Jennifer
11/11/20	Currier, Aubrey Jess	Currier Jr, Andrew	Fysh, Alex



Vital Statistics

Marriages

<i>Marriage</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
02/14/2020	Schepis, Mark S	Meredith, NH	DaugDaug, Rosa Lee M	Meredith, NH
06/06/2020	Babb Jr, Keith	Meredith, NH	Connaughton, Kiara A	Meredith, NH
07/11/2020	Ohara, Brandon J	Meredith, NH	Anderson, Dylan M	Meredith, NH
08/08/2020	Ambrose, Travis J	Meredith, NH	Ryan, Megan T	Meredith, NH
10/10/2020	Woodaman, Peter N	Meredith, NH	Fogg, Jessie R	Gilmanton, NH
10/24/2020	Ambrose, Christopher W	Meredith, NH	Nightingale, Samantha L	Meredith, NH
11/19/2020	Defeo, Joshua T	Meredith, NH	Webster, Jessica M	Meredith, NH



Vital Statistics

Deaths

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
01/03/20	Heiligmann, Barbara	Meredith	Bent, Clarence	Moorehouse, Myrtle
01/05/20	Richardson, Ruth	Meredith	Barron, Greenleaf	Solcum, Gladys
01/06/20	Nash, David	Concord	Nash, John	York, Jane
01/13/20	Lamper, Carol	Meredith	Lee, Maurice	Blackburn, Madeline
01/18/20	Reynolds, Frank	Meredith	Reynolds, Frank	Neil, Effie
01/20/20	Carusi, Hazel	Meredith	Jensen, Henry	Benson, Olga
01/27/20	Epp, Edwin	Meredith	Epp, Hugo	Mueller, Teresa
01/28/20	Taggett, William	Franklin	Taggett, Charles	Harris, Mildred
01/31/20	Grossman, Bernice S	Meredith	Stevens, Royal	Barden, Mary
02/02/20	Harrington, Charles	Meredith	Harrington, Irving	Howard, Marion
02/02/20	McIntire, Kathleen	Meredith	Evans, Charles	Maloney, Irene
02/10/20	Smith, Douglas	Laconia	Smith, Cecil	Welch, Dolores
02/11/20	Dalgety, Marilyn	Meredith	Watson, Clayton	Simmons, Jenni
02/13/20	Joslyn, Lurana	Meredith	Wareing, John	Carroll, Doris
02/14/20	Creamer, Allan	Meredith	Creamer, Vincent	Sergi, Francis
02/18/20	Gage Sr, Robert	Laconia	Gage, Frank	Weil, Mary
02/22/20	Decarolis, Mario	Meredith	Decarolis, Armando	Napolitano, Veneranda
03/10/20	Hann Jr, Alan	Concord	Hann Sr, Alan	Little, Patricia
03/12/20	Paquette, Barbara	Meredith	Bushen, Frederick	Huxtable, Elsie
03/17/20	York, Sheldon	Laconia	York, Ervin	Shaw, Mary
03/17/20	O'Connell, Virginia	Meredith	Collier, Chester	Lahey, Mary
03/21/20	Ludwick, Patricia	Meredith	Palmer, Lisander	Thompson, Glennis
03/21/20	Vose, Barbara	Meredith	Atherton, Horace	Unknown, Hilda
03/22/20	Day, Wayne	Meredith	Day, Harry	Woodward, Grace
03/24/20	Woodman, Jean	Laconia	Murphy, Joseph	Lavelle, Grace

Vital Statistics

Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
04/01/20	Quagliaroli III, David	Meredith	Quagliaroli II, David	Ricker, Cynthia
04/07/20	Butt, Earl	Meredith	Butt, Earl	Whitney, Florence
04/10/20	Henry, Kathleen	Meredith	Scanlon, John	Flemming, Mary
04/11/20	Elliott, Patricia	Meredith	Steves, Jerome	Brock, Eleanor
04/20/20	Fletcher, Roberta	Meredith	Para, Andrew	Hatch, Ida
04/22/20	Sullivan Sr, Andrew	Meredith	Sullivan, William	Young, Alice
04/24/20	Budd, Eileen	Meredith	Carter, John	Mooney, Sarah
04/26/20	Tautkus, Sarah	Lebanon	Tautkus, Charles	Burke, Sarah
04/30/20	Sweetland, Amy	Meredith	Simonds, Arthur	Norris, Nancy
05/03/20	Smith, Theresa	Meredith	Judd, Frank	Myott, Mildred
05/05/20	Boswell, Edward	Meredith	Boswell, Frank	Unknown, Allison
05/13/20	Milligan, Richard	Franklin	Milligan Jr, James	Pease, Dorothy
05/14/20	Quinn, Joan	Meredith	Haire, Paul	Eaton, Irene
05/16/20	Desrosiers, Janet	Meredith	Hudgins, Carroll	Unknown, Helen
05/19/20	Pappalardo, Donald	Meredith	Pappalardo, Salvatore	Duprey, Elizabeth
05/21/20	Rice, Fredrick	Meredith	Rice, Raymond	Bock, June
06/01/20	Vomacka, John	Meredith	Vomacka, John	Winberry, Margaret
06/01/20	Gates, Marie	Meredith	Main, Stephen	Tardiff, Yvonne
06/04/20	Havens, Jon	Allenstown	Unknown	Lown, Sharon
06/05/20	Purdy, Robert	Meredith	Purdy, Stuart	Bliss, Ruth
06/06/20	Wallace, James	Meredith	Wallace, Harry	Philbrick, Helen
06/08/20	Abear, Marcelle	Wolfeboro	Auger, Alphonse	Nault, Beatrice
06/08/20	Leigh, Theresa	Laconia	Marcucci, Lambert	Malatesta, Marie
06/25/20	Marion, Cheryl	Laconia	Griffin, Ernest	Libby, Florence
06/30/20	Connor, David	Meredith	Connor, John	Bower, Ruth

Vital Statistics

Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
07/01/20	McIntire, Theodore	Meredith	McIntire, Leon	Young, Phyllis
07/06/20	Stillings, Leroy	Concord	Stillings, Franklin	McLain, Thelma
07/11/20	Ilg, Oscar	Meredith	Ilg, Oscar	Dowrey, Ida
07/14/20	Robertson, Evelyn	Meredith	Wilson, Glen	Byer, Clara
07/22/20	Greene, Valerie	Meredith	Lavoie, Theodore	Unknown, Charlotte
07/26/20	Greemore, Edward	Meredith	Greemore, Henery	Unknown, Selena
07/27/20	Langevin, Annette	Meredith	Custeau, Jean	Belisle, Marie
07/27/20	Kelley, Rita	Meredith	Fowler, Henry	Birmingham, Rita
07/31/20	Smith, Dolores	Laconia	Welch, Merrill	Thurston, Reta
07/31/20	Hahn, Calvin	Meredith	Hahn, Calvin	Zacharias, Mabel
08/05/20	Savramis, Vasilia	Meredith	Panages, George	Michalaros, Lefke
08/10/20	Hawes Jr, Evander	Meredith	Hawes, Evander	Smith, Emma
08/17/20	Lee Jr, Ralph	Meredith	Lee Sr, Ralph	Frost, Violet
08/21/20	McCabe, David	Laconia	McCabe, Francis	Burns, Rosemary
09/12/20	Kropa, Gertrude	Meredith	Schwartz, Christian	Sprunger, Minnie
09/14/20	Drake, Dorothy	Franklin	Clark Jr, Charles	Schofield, Arline
09/16/20	Armstrong Jr, Marshall	Meredith	Armstrong Sr, Marshall	Wisell, Christobel
09/17/20	Stewart, Arthur	Meredith	Stewart, Charles	Hodder, Ella
09/21/20	Hayden, Sylvia	Meredith	Polasek, Sylvester	Lezak, Louise
09/26/20	McMurrer, Margaret	Meredith	Dawley, William	Cullen, Helen
09/26/20	Miner, Avis	Meredith	Cotton, Ellsworth	Randall, Doris
10/01/20	Thomsen, Ann	Meredith	Sibley, Fredick	Carpenter, Doris
10/02/20	Bourne, Jonathan	Meredith	Bourne, Philip	Nicholson, Mary
10/09/20	McGarr, David	Meredith	McGarr, James	Horgan, Margaret
10/10/20	Haddock, Brian	Lebanon	Haddock, Leslie	Bodge, Lillian
10/14/20	Pearson, Linda	Laconia	Pearson, Herman	Thompson, Arlene
10/16/20	Williams, Roy	Meredith	Williams, Arthur	Austin, Daisy
10/29/20	Walmsley, Robert	Laconia	Walmsley, Harold	Wilson, Grace

Vital Statistics

Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
11/01/20	Patten, Beverly	Meredith	Adams, Henry	Swain, Eunice
11/05/20	Brozza, Patricia	Plymouth	Sumner, Arthur	Weaver, Leola
11/07/20	Hodsdon, John	Meredith	Hodsdon, Marshall	Marken, Jean
11/08/20	Flood, Donald	Meredith	Flood, J Edwin	Guit, Mary
11/09/20	Chamberlain Sr, Walter	Lebanon	Chamberlain, Leslie	Crowell, Maude
11/14/20	Covey, Charlotte	Meredith	Brown, Charles	Whiting, Doris
11/15/20	Donovan, David	Laconia	Schaub, Philip	Donovan, Dawna
11/19/20	Lear, Shirley	Meredith	Brown, Norman	Jensen, Christine
11/22/20	Hayes-Bell, Margaret	Concord	Seaver, George	Ahearn, Mary
11/28/20	Richardson, Carolyn	Meredith	Unknown	Unknown
12/01/20	Rosenblatt, Barbara	Meredith	Mueller, Karl	Jung, Gertrude
12/05/20	Cronemiller, David	Meredith	Cronemiller, Richard	Williams, Blanche
12/07/20	Noreen, June	Meredith	Smith, Walter	Ballentine, Izolina
12/13/20	Morrill, Lisa	Franklin	Burrows, Roger	Unknown, Blanche
12/17/20	Chapman, Karen	Meredith	Schneller, Charles	O'Brien, Rita
12/21/20	Beane, Carol	Meredith	Akerman, Lawrence	Chipman, Margaret
12/23/20	McCain, Richard	Meredith	McCain, Harold	Shackett, Eleanor
12/24/20	Cone, Jackie	Meredith	Cone, John	Pafford, Maggie
12/25/20	Townsend, Wilson	Meredith	Townsend, Paul	Roberts, Elizabeth
12/26/20	Proulx, Rachel	Meredith	Desrocher, Romeo	Martel, Yvonne
12/29/20	Panebianco, Thomas	Meredith	Panebianco, Mariano	Quinn, Gertrude
12/30/20	Maheux, Anita	Meredith	Drouin, Norman	Dumais, Albina
12/30/20	Rousseau, Doris	Laconia	Blanchet, Fernan	Coulombe, Angele



Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

Assets & Other Debts	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue		Capital Projects	Trust and Agency		General Long-Term Debt		
<u>Assets</u>									
Cash & Equivalents	\$11,255,159	\$	4,573,871	\$	10,550,399	\$	4,264,150	\$	30,643,579
Investments							1,153,264		1,153,264
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible)	42,440		46,976						89,416
Taxes	5,318,975								5,318,975
Accounts	423,302						480,554		903,856
Special Assessments-Current	1,360								1,360
Special Assessments-Noncurrent									
Other									
Inter-fund Receivable	158,606		17,965						176,571
Intergovernmental Receivable									
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	374,966								374,966
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(374,966)								(374,966)
<u>Other Debits</u>									
Compensated Absences	760,505								760,505
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt								11,291,325	11,291,325
Total Assets & Other Debits	<u>\$17,960,347</u>		<u>\$ 4,638,812</u>		<u>\$ 10,550,399</u>		<u>\$ 5,897,968</u>	<u>\$ 11,291,325</u>	<u>\$ 50,338,851</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Liabilities & Equity	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Account	Total (Memorandum Only)
	Fund Types		Group	General Long- Term Debt		
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects		Trust and Agency	
Liabilities						
Accounts Payable	\$ 34,543	\$ 64,405	\$ (25,086)	\$ -	\$ -	73,862
Retainage Payable						
Intergovernmental Payable	4,555,743					4,555,743
Inter-fund Payable	3,335,900					3,335,900
Escrow & Performance Deposits				208,134		208,134
Deferred Revenue						
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	89,071			480,554		569,625
General Obligation Debt Payable					11,291,325	11,291,325
Compensated Absences Payable	760,505					760,505
Total Liabilities	\$ 8,775,762	\$ 64,405	\$ (25,086)	\$ 688,688	\$ 11,291,325	\$ 20,795,094
Equity						
Fund Balances						
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 777,111	\$ (217,103)	\$ 3,451,696	\$ -	\$ -	4,011,704
Reserved for Special Purposes	825,045	1,459,244	202,384	5,209,280		7,695,953
Reserved for Capital Recovery		710,000				710,000
Unreserved						
Designated for Special Purposes						
Undesignated (Deficit)	7,582,429	2,622,266	6,921,405			17,126,100
Total Equity	\$ 9,184,585	\$ 4,574,407	\$ 10,575,485	\$ 5,209,280	\$ -	\$ 29,543,757
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 17,960,347	\$ 4,638,812	\$ 10,550,399	\$ 5,897,968	\$ 11,291,325	\$ 50,338,851

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Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Cable Franchise Revolving Fund	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Assets							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 11,042	\$ 81,750	\$ 324,581	\$ 78,070	\$ 2,087,427	\$ 1,991,001	\$ 4,573,871
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)					20,542	26,434	46,976
Accounts Interfund Receivable					17,625	340	17,965
Total Assets	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 81,750</u>	<u>\$ 324,581</u>	<u>\$ 78,070</u>	<u>\$ 2,125,594</u>	<u>\$ 2,017,775</u>	<u>\$ 4,638,812</u>
Liabilities & Equity							
Liabilities	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.
Accounts Payable						64,405	64,405
Deferred Rev.- Access Fees							
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 64,405</u>	<u>\$ 64,405</u>
Equity							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$.	\$ (40,872)	\$ (176,231)	\$ (217,103)
Reserved for Special Purposes	11,042	55,955	324,581	78,070	363,190	626,406	1,459,244
Reserved for Capital Recovery					660,000	50,000	710,000
Unreserved							
Unreserved/Undesignated	\$.	\$ 25,795	\$.	\$.	\$ 1,143,276	\$ 1,453,195	\$ 2,622,266
Total Equity	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 81,750</u>	<u>\$ 324,581</u>	<u>\$ 78,070</u>	<u>\$ 2,125,594</u>	<u>\$ 1,953,370</u>	<u>\$ 4,574,407</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 81,750</u>	<u>\$ 324,581</u>	<u>\$ 78,070</u>	<u>\$ 2,125,594</u>	<u>\$ 2,017,775</u>	<u>\$ 4,638,812</u>

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Community Center	Landfill Closure	Library Improve	Public Works Building	Total
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 202,384	\$ (25,086)	\$ 3,464,646	\$ 6,908,454	\$ 10,550,399
Investments					
Interfund Receivable					
Total Assets	<u>\$ 202,384</u>	<u>\$ (25,086)</u>	<u>\$ 3,464,646</u>	<u>\$ 6,908,454</u>	<u>\$ 10,550,399</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$.	\$ (25,086)	\$.	\$.	\$ (25,086)
Due to General Fund					
Retainage Payable					
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ (25,086)</u>
 <u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$.	\$.	\$ 3,451,696	\$.	\$ 3,451,696
Reserve for Special Purposes	202,384				202,384
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Undesignated (Deficit)			12,950	6,908,454	6,921,405
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 202,384</u>	<u>\$ (25,086)</u>	<u>\$ 3,464,646</u>	<u>\$ 6,908,454</u>	<u>\$ 10,575,485</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 202,384</u>	<u>\$ (25,086)</u>	<u>\$ 3,464,646</u>	<u>\$ 6,908,454</u>	<u>\$ 10,550,399</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds						Totals
	Expendable			Nonexpendable			
	Capital						
	Library	Reserve	Others	Town	Library	Agency Funds	
<u>Assets</u>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 5,399	\$ 592,488	\$ 3,458,129	\$.	\$.	\$ 208,134	\$ 4,264,150
Investments				141,265	1,011,999		1,153,264
<u>Receivables</u>							
Interest							
Accounts						480,554	480,554
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,399</u>	<u>\$ 592,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,458,129</u>	<u>\$ 141,265</u>	<u>\$ 1,011,999</u>	<u>\$ 688,688</u>	<u>\$ 5,897,968</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Inter-fund Payable							
Escrow and Performance Deposits						208,134	208,134
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable						480,554	480,554
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 688,688</u>	<u>\$ 688,688</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved For Endowments	5,399	592,488	3,458,129	141,265	1,011,999		5,209,280
Reserved For Special Purposes							
Total Fund Balances	<u>5,399</u>	<u>592,488</u>	<u>3,458,129</u>	<u>141,265</u>	<u>1,011,999</u>		<u>5,209,280</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,399</u>	<u>\$ 592,488</u>	<u>\$ 3,458,129</u>	<u>\$ 141,265</u>	<u>\$ 1,011,999</u>	<u>\$ 688,688</u>	<u>\$ 5,897,968</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2020	Additions	Gain/Loss	Balance 12/31/2020
<u>Developers' Performance Bond Fund</u>				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 196,709	\$ 11,425	\$.	\$ 208,134
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 196,709	\$ 11,425	\$.	\$ 208,134
<u>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</u>				
Assets				
Due from Others	\$ 399,864	\$ 6,922	\$ 73,768	\$ 480,554
Liabilities				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 399,864	\$ 6,922	\$ 73,768	\$ 480,554
<u>Total - All Agency Funds</u>				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 196,709	\$ 11,425	\$.	\$ 208,134
Due from Others	\$ 399,864	\$ 6,922	\$ 73,768	\$ 480,554
Total Assets	\$ 596,573	\$ 18,347	\$ 73,768	\$ 688,688
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 196,709	\$ 11,425	\$.	\$ 208,134
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 399,864	\$ 6,922	\$ 73,768	\$ 480,554
Total Liabilities	\$ 596,573	\$ 18,347	\$ 73,768	\$ 688,688

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds- *Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)*

Non-Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2020
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,785	\$.	\$ (15)	\$ 56	\$ 2,826
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	79,065		(415)	1,579	80,229
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	29,366		(156)	586	29,796
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	804		(4)	16	816
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	12,113		(64)	242	12,291
William E. Bixby	Library	152		(1)	3	154
Edwin E. Beede	Library	96,140		(507)	1,920	97,553
Hattie R. Erskine	Library	109		(1)	2	110
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,747		(25)	94	4,816
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	731		(4)	15	742
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	317		(1)	6	322
George S. Fogg	School District	3,347		(17)	67	3,397
Leavitt Fund	Leavitt	11,738		(63)	235	11,910
Total All Non-Expendable Trusts		\$ 241,415	\$.	\$ (1,273)	\$ 4,821	\$ 244,963

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2020
Employee Benefits	Severance	\$ 94,130	\$.	\$ (997)	\$ 5,343	\$ 198,476
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	52,905		(12,413)	1,351	41,844
Municipal Building	Additional Space	184		(1)	5	187
Fire Department	Communications	103,146		(530)	2,839	105,456
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	189,741	250,000	(975)	5,222	443,988
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	345,110	125,000	(166,921)	8,072	311,262
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	63,939		(329)	1,760	65,370
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	787,117	150,000	(90,047)	20,920	867,989
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	12				12
Water System	Improvements	242,325		(1,245)	6,669	247,750
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	52,479	70,000	(270)	1,444	123,652
Meredith Parking	Parking	118,663	75,000	(50,609)	3,265	146,318
Groundwater Source Study	Water Study	3,354		(17)	92	3,429
Parks & Recreation Facility	Improvements	117,830		(605)	3,243	120,468
DPW	Equipment Replacement	474,438	425,000	(426,136)	9,398	482,700
Library	Feasibility Study	5,281		(27)	145	5,399
Fire Department	Equipment Replacement	124,622	150,000	(640)	3,430	277,412
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 2,875,276</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,000</u>	<u>\$ (751,762)</u>	<u>\$ 73,198</u>	<u>\$ 3,441,712</u>
Multifunctional School Bus	Activity	\$ 20,097	\$.	\$ (103)	\$ 553	\$ 20,547
School - SPED	Special Education	209,898		(1,079)	5,777	214,596
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	53			1	54
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 3,105,324</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,000</u>	<u>\$ (752,944)</u>	<u>\$ 79,529</u>	<u>\$ 3,676,909</u>

Capital Reserves	Beginning Balance 1/1/2020	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2020
Police	\$ 2,929	\$.	\$.	\$ 15	\$ 2,944
Prescott Park Expansion	5,354			28	5,382
School Facilities Maintenance Fund	581,136			3,026	584,162
Total All Capital Reserves:	<u>\$ 589,419</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 3,069</u>	<u>\$ 592,488</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-Term Debt Payable at December 31, 2020 is comprised of the following:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/20
General Obligation Debt Payable					
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 875,000
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 531,000
2020 DPW Facility Bond	\$ 7,600,000	2020	2035	1.360%	\$ 6,437,275
2020 Library Renovation Bond	\$ 4,070,000	2020	2035	1.370%	\$ 3,448,050
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2020					<u>\$ 11,291,325</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Years	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 896,825	\$ 488,305	\$ 1,385,130
2022	\$ 904,000	\$ 441,675	\$ 1,345,675
2023	\$ 906,500	\$ 390,080	\$ 1,296,580
2024	\$ 910,000	\$ 352,585	\$ 1,262,585
2025 - 2035	\$ 7,674,000	\$ 1,489,370	\$ 9,163,370
Totals	<u>\$ 11,291,325</u>	<u>\$ 3,162,015</u>	<u>\$ 14,453,340</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Benefits	<u>\$ 760,505</u>
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Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Balance
1	General	\$ 11,308,744.68
2	Water	\$ 2,087,426.54
3	Sewer	\$ 1,991,001.15
4	Library	\$ 11,041.83
5	Conservation Commission	\$ 81,750.24
7	Cable Franchise	\$ 324,580.74
10	Community Center	\$ 202,384.00
11	Public Works	\$ 6,908,454.00
13	Library	\$ 3,464,646.00
15	Landfill	\$ (25,085.79)
16	Boat Launch	\$ 78,070.00
17	Engineering	\$ 208,133.99
20	Hawkins Brook	\$ 34,396.17
Total Cash		\$ 26,675,543.49
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 2 –20)		\$ (15,366,798.81)
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted		\$ 11,308,744.68

Summary by Account

Accounts Payable	\$ (532,682.40)
Baby Bicentennial	\$ 89.28
Cloud	\$ 124,218.55
Debit Cards	\$ 15,000.00
Engineering	\$ 208,133.99
Hawkins Brook	\$ 34,396.17
Operating	\$ 26,845,969.59
Payroll	\$ (20,481.69)
Petty Cash	\$ 900.00
Total Cash	\$ 26,675,543.49
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 2 –20)	\$ (15,366,798.81)
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$ 11,308,744.68

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

Fiscal Year 2020

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1	\$	5,236,880
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2020 Tax Rate		(825,000)
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Capital Projects from Fund Balance		
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Subtotal	\$	4,411,880
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Additions

Adjusting Entries (Unaudited)	\$	219,396
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2020 Budget Summary		
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Revenue Surplus (Unaudited)		1,115,063
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Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Unaudited)	\$	1,836,090,
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2020 Budget Surplus	\$	2,951,153
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Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	\$	7,582,429,
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Fiscal Year 2021 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2021 (Unaudited)	\$	7,582,429
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Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2021 Tax Rate		(1,140,000)
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Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31, 2021 (Unaudited)	\$	6,442,429
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Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position and, the respective budgetary comparison information for the general, water and sewer funds for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Independent Auditor's Report

Town of Meredith *Independent Auditor's Report*

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-C to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2019 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, Fiduciary Activities. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

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

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

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

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

The combining and individual fund schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing 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 schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

October 22, 2020

Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>	<u>2019 Levy</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-20		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 1,028,139.46
Yield Taxes		987.83
Water Rents		25,737.14
Sewer Rents		34,401.87
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	31,982,023.01	393.50
Maple Ridge Village District	8,523.64	
Yield Taxes	4,077.97	4,947.33
Betterment Assessments	1,359.80	
Land Use Change Taxes	16,500.00	
Water Rents	503,367.46	154,040.57
Sewer Rents	729,892.16	231,809.96
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	780.21	52,761.95
Water Rents	69.90	
Sewer Rents	81.04	
Interest	20,209.99	28,317.93
Total Debits	\$ 33,266,885.18	\$ 1,561,537.54
<u>Credits</u>	<u>2020 Levy</u>	<u>2019 Levy</u>
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 26,796,079.36	\$ 1,080,555.25
Maple Ridge Village District	5,768.26	
Yield Taxes	4,077.97	5,935.16
Betterment Assessments		
Land Use Change Taxes	16,500.00	
Water Rents	482,766.73	179,538.43
Sewer Rents	703,308.14	265,898.39
Interest	20,209.99	28,317.93
Deeded to Town		
Property Tax		
Abatements		
Property Taxes	1,095.09	739.66
Water Rents	128.78	239.28
Sewer Rents	230.82	313.44
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-20		
Property Taxes	5,185,628.77	
Maple Ridge	2,755.38	
Betterment	1,359.77	
Water Rents	20,541.85	
Sewer Rents	26,434.24	
Total Credits	\$ 33,266,885.15	\$ 1,561,537.54

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2019	2018	2017	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-20	\$	\$ 190,685.28	\$ 95,561.75	\$ 20,570.03
Liens Executed During 2020	226,472.33			
Interest & Costs after Lien	1,176.28	16,464.20	26,158.82	4,192.49
Total Debits	\$ 227,648.61	\$ 207,149.48	\$ 121,720.57	\$ 24,762.52
Credits	2019	2018	2017	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 45,932.20	\$ 76,371.29	\$ 64,741.01	\$ 6,804.82
Interest & Costs after Lien	1,176.28	16,464.20	26,158.82	4,192.49
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	5,448.21	763.14	284.90	539.23
Liens Deeded to the Town...				
Unredeemed Liens 12/31/2020	175,091.92	113,550.85	30,535.84	13,225.98
Total Credits	\$ 227,648.61	\$ 207,149.48	\$ 121,720.57	\$ 24,762.52

Tax Collector's Report

If I was going to title this report, I would title it "Challenge Met!" While Covid-19 challenged the way business is normally handled in the tax office, the tax office rose to the challenge. At the end of March, for the safety of staff and the tax payers of Meredith, the office closed to the public. I was in the office answering questions by phone and by email and processing transactions through a transaction window or that were left in the drop-box which was checked and emptied hourly or payments that came by mail. Many of you took advantage of the online service to make payments. The office reopened July 6th and I was happy to be available in person once again.

My hours are 8am-5pm Monday through Friday. Cash and checks are accepted forms payment in the office. The drop-box is still available and checked every morning. Payments for property taxes, utility billing, and automobile renewal registration can also be made online at www.meredithnh.org and selecting the "Pay Bills" tab on the Home Page. We do not accept credit or debit cards in the office at this time. If you need assistance or answers to tax questions, I can be reached at 603-677-4202 or by email at dtc@meredithnh.org.

Kimberly S. Brown,
Deputy Tax Collector

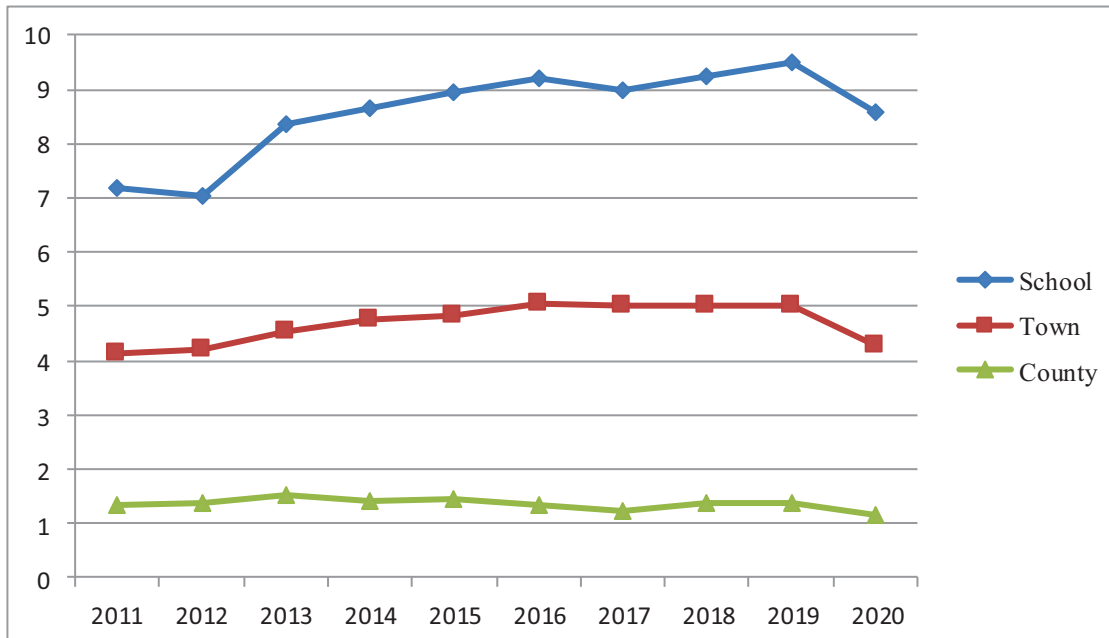
Tax Information

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
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
2016	9.20	5.06	1.33	15.59	1,771,154,645
2017	9.00	5.00	1.23	15.23	1,923,690,590
2018	9.23	5.00	1.39	15.62	1,936,858,689
2019	9.51	5.00	1.38	15.89	1,956,399,890
2020	8.58	4.29	1.15	14.02	2,302,685,480

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

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



Tax Information

Department of Revenue Administration - 2020 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Accounting Overview	Appropriation	Revenue	Tax Rate
Total Appropriation	\$ 20,753,996.00		
Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)		\$ (10,398,859.00)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$ (825,000.00)	
War Service Credits	\$ 305,875.00		
Actual Overlay Used	<u>\$ 49,965.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net Required Local Tax Effort		\$ 9,885,977.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			<u>\$ 4.29</u>
County Apportionment			
Net County Apportionment	<u>\$ 2,641,330.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net required County Tax Effort		\$ 2,641,330.00	
County Tax Rate			<u>\$ 1.15</u>
Education			
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$ 19,730,814.00		
Net Education Grant		\$	
Locally Retained State Education Tax	<u></u>	<u>\$ (4,304,986.00)</u>	
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$ 15,425,828.00	\$ 6.70
State Education Tax	<u>\$ 4,304,986.00</u>	<u></u>	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort		\$ 4,304,986.00	<u>\$ 1.88</u>
School Tax Rate			<u>\$ 8.58</u>
Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate			<u><u>\$ 14.02</u></u>
Total Municipal Tax Effort		\$ 32,258,121.00	
Village District Tax Effort		\$ 8,524.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>\$ (305,875.00)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u><u>\$ 31,960,770.00</u></u>	

Valuation

<u>Municipal (MS-1)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$ 2,302,685,480.00	\$ 12.14	\$ 27,954,602.00
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$ 2,289,105,880.00	\$ 1.88	\$ 4,303,519.00
<u>Village (MS-1V)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$ 2,959,600.00	\$ 2.88	8,524.00
Less War Service Credits			<u>\$ (305,875.00)</u>
Proof of Rate			<u><u>\$ 31,960,770.00</u></u>

Supplementary Information

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	855,654
Residential		1,108,103,547
Commercial / Industrial		63,031,653
Total Value of Land	\$	1,171,990,854

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$	1,006,054,543
Manufactured Housing		8,171,400
Commercial / Industrial		106,557,757
Total Value of Buildings	\$	1,120,783,700

Public Utilities

Electric	\$	13,579,600
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	2,306,354,154

Exemptions

Blind	\$	180,000
Elderly		1,400,000
Totally & Permanently Disabled		996,700
Solar / Wind Power		1,091,974
Total Exemptions	\$	3,668,674

Net Taxable Valuation	\$	2,302,685,480
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Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Facilities

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

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

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

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

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

Summary of Town Owned Property - Vacant/Undesignated

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I06-013	0.73	301 Bear Island	Tax Deeded Property
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
R08-033	1.90	113 Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road	
R35-003	13.00	Edgerly School Road	Landlocked
R37-012	1.70	NH Route 132	
S15-057	2.10	Off Boynton Road	
S17-008	1.08	23 Sunset Hill Rd	Tax Deeded Property
S18-055	0.27	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right of Way
S19-053	1.53	Needle Eye Road	Tax Deeded Property 2019
S21-009	0.13	204 Pease Road	Tax Deeded Property 2019
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-001-096	0.22	Westbury Road	Tax Deeded Property
U01-001A	0.27	Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Off Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right of Way
U10-027A	0.28	358 Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U12-001	0.17	30 Philbrook Avenue	Tax Deeded Property



Town Warrant Information

2021 Town of Meredith Warrant and Budget

TO THE INHABITANTS OF TOWN OF MEREDITH IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 9, 2021, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1 through Article 6; and Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 7PM until complete, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 7 through 14:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1 Elected Positions

To bring ballots for:

Board of Selectman	Two (2)	For Three	(3) Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Library Trustee	Four (4)	For Three	(3) Years

ARTICLE 2 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 1

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Remove Water Recreation and Water Storage as a use permitted by special exception in the Residential, Commercial Route 3 South and Central Business Districts. There is no definition of this use in the Ordinance and it is unclear what activities this use was intended to encompass.

ARTICLE 3 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

To provide that an appeal of a Special Permit (a permit issued for a temporary, unapproved use) may be taken to the Zoning Board of Adjustment, rather than the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS P. CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY to include a provision that the owner is required to employ a licensed land surveyor to verify that all state and federal conditions of the Shoreland or Wetland permit(s) are satisfied prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

ARTICLE 5 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 4

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

Amend the definition of Condominium to clearly state all provisions of the Zoning Ordinance also apply to condominiums. Remove condominium from the table of uses in the Central Business District, as condominium is a form of ownership and not a use.

ARTICLE 6 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith zoning Ordinance as follows:

Remove minimum lot sizes based on soils and slopes from the Zoning Ordinance. This will instead be added to the Subdivision Regulations. This will not change the minimum density requirements in the zoning districts.

Town Warrant Information

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 7 Municipal Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen million, six hundred sixty-five thousand, two hundred twenty-six dollars and fifty cents (\$15,665,226,50) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

ARTICLE 8 Meredith Parking ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 to be added to the Meredith Municipal Parking ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

ARTICLE 9 Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

ARTICLE 10 Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

ARTICLE 11 Main Street Rehabilitation ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be added to the Main Street Rehabilitation ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

ARTICLE 12 Dept. of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

ARTICLE 13 Meredith Collective Bargaining Agreement, SEIU Loc

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town and the State Employees Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,293 for the current year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent Town compensation plan.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)

Town Warrant Information

DELIBERATIVE SESSION continued...

ARTICLE 14 Discontinuance of Class VI portion of Tucker Mtn. Rd

To see if the town will vote to completely discontinue the 410-foot-long, Class VI portion of Tucker Mountain Road running between the properties owned by the Paul V. Thomas Revocable Trust on either side of the road (Tax Map R18-7 and R18-8), from its beginning on the West at the southeasterly side of the existing Tucker Mountain Road to the existing Tucker Mountain Road on the East at the southerly side. If approved, all public rights to utilize the Class VI road will be terminated and all ownership interest in and rights to utilize the land under the discontinued road shall revert to the Paul V. Thomas Revocable Trust. This article is expressly conditioned upon the Paul V. Thomas Revocable Trust executing a drainage easement to be prepared by town counsel to allow for drainage from Tucker Mountain Road and Trinity Road to continue to flow over the discontinued portion of Tucker Mountain Road. Majority vote required.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0)

ARTICLE 15 NH Resolution for Fair Non Partisan Redistricting

By petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Meredith to see if the town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Meredith to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts.

Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the Town of Meredith to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seat(s) in the NH House of Representatives if it does not already have it, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests.

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from town officials to Meredith's state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote.
(submitted by petition)

ARTICLE 16 Road Discontinuance - Beach Street

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue Beach Street as a public roadway from its intersection with Main Street to its dead end, totaling approximately 145 feet in length. Beach Street is more specifically described in a deed from the Calvary Bible Church to the Town of Meredith dated December 22, 1987 and recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds at Book 1036, and Page 157. (Majority vote required)

ARTICLE 17 Disposal of Town land - Beach Street

If Article 16 is approved, to see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell the land underlying Beach Street on such terms and conditions as they may negotiate. (Majority vote required)

Board of Selectmen
Meredith, New Hampshire

Raymond A. Moritz, Chairperson
Nathan Torr, Vice Chairperson
Jonathan James, Selectperson
Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson
Jeanie Forrester, Selectperson

Budget Information

2021 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2020 Estimated	2020 Actual	2021 Recommended Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 11,000	\$ 10,013	\$ 11,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	130,000	122,500	122,500
Boat	40,000	62,576	40,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	162,318	632,622	76,500
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 343,318</u>	<u>\$ 827,711</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,600,000	1,794,022	1,700,000
Building Permits	38,000	67,383	38,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	62,000	113,474	62,000
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,700,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,974,879</u>	<u>\$ 1,800,000</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State/Federal</u>			
Rooms & Meals Tax	326,861	324,869	324,869
Highway Block Grant	172,245	214,368	172,245
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	144	156	144
Other State/Federal Revenue	150,750	321,576	54,242
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 650,000</u>	<u>\$ 860,969</u>	<u>\$ 551,500</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>\$ 805,000</u>	<u>\$ 597,951</u>	<u>\$ 850,000</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Other		300,731	193,000
Interest on Investments	42,000	83,140	42,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 42,000</u>	<u>\$ 383,871</u>	<u>\$ 235,000</u>
General Fund Revenues	<u>\$ 3,540,318</u>	<u>\$ 4,645,381</u>	<u>\$ 3,686,500</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Enterprise Fund			
Trust Funds	1,245,000	1,245,000	310,000
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 1,245,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,000</u>	<u>\$ 310,000</u>
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>\$ 815,000</u>	<u>\$ 825,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,140,000</u>
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	<u>\$ 5,600,318</u>	<u>\$ 6,715,381</u>	<u>\$ 5,136,500</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	1,021,198	1,003,926	986,794
Water	<u>\$ 675,713</u>	<u>\$ 723,570</u>	<u>\$ 641,419</u>
Grand Total All Funds	<u>\$ 7,297,229</u>	<u>\$ 8,442,877</u>	<u>\$ 6,764,713</u>

Budget Information

2021 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	<u>2020</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>2020</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Recommended</u>
General Government			
Executive Office	\$ 203,789	\$ 207,716	\$ 205,072
Executive - Municipal Administration	1,222,931	1,090,750	1,222,957
Public Health - Ambulance	298,427	306,238	298,427
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid	91,426	91,425	93,358
Personnel Administration	2,791,032	2,400,689	2,846,438
Town Clerk	144,460	141,535	146,478
Administrative Services	339,742	272,038	327,598
General Assistance	60,000	31,564	60,000
Assessor's Office	231,459	185,217	228,172
Tax Collector's Office	59,510	59,091	63,231
Community Development Department	356,920	332,231	355,431
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects			
Regional Association	235,603	235,244	235,303
Public Safety			
Police	1,472,400	1,497,977	1,460,607
Fire	394,844	382,921	409,903
Public Works			
Solid Waste Facility	756,381	774,840	781,300
Building & Grounds	288,512	265,175	334,800
Cemetery	57,903	49,758	59,047
Highway Department	2,179,778	1,376,097	2,237,304
Culture and Recreation			
Parks and Recreation	764,663	460,351	761,250
Library	473,449	446,970	490,210
Debt Service			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	280,022	293,000	896,825
Interest - Long-Term Debt	73,831	50,580	488,305
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
Expendable Trust Funds	\$ <u>1,245,000</u>	\$ <u>1,245,000</u>	\$ <u>310,000</u>
Total General Fund	\$ <u>14,032,083</u>	\$ <u>12,196,407</u>	\$ <u>14,316,874</u>
Conservation Commission	25,000	24,586	25,000
Water Fund	675,714	652,526	641,419
Sewer Fund	\$ <u>1,021,198</u>	\$ <u>732,257</u>	\$ <u>986,794</u>
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ <u>15,753,995</u>	\$ <u>13,605,776</u>	\$ <u>15,975,227</u>
Revolving Revenue Fund			
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ <u><u>15,753,995</u></u>	\$ <u><u>13,605,776</u></u>	\$ <u><u>15,975,227</u></u>

Budget Information

2021 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2021 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 15,975,227
Less: 2021 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(5,314,712)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	(1,140,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay	47,500
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	305,875
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 9,873,889</u>

2021 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) \$4.29

Compared to 2020 Tax Rate of \$ 4.29 (Municipal Portion Only)

Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:

2021 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,873,889
2020 Actual Amount Raised by Taxation	<u>(9,885,977)</u>
Variance 2021 to 2020:	<u>\$ (12,088)</u>



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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

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

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

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

Police - Business

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

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 - 4:00 pm M - F

Includes...

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

Solid Waste Facility

Located at: 17 Jenness Hill Road
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #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
Robert Carpenter, Director...
rcarpenter@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
Phone #677-4217

~Conservation Commission
conservation@meredithnh.org

Water & Sewer

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

Frank Giordano, Superintendent
fgiordano@meredithnh.org
Phone #279-3046

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

