


# Meredith 2019 Annual Report







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CONSTRUCTED BY THE MEREDITH  
ROTARY CLUB IN THE SPRING OF  
2019. IT IS DEDICATED TO THE  
PEOPLE OF THE LAKES REGION  
CONTINUING THE VISION OF  
ROTARIAN JOE CERUTTI WHO  
WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR THE  
BETTERMENT OF HIS FELLOW  
CITIZENS FOLLOWING  
ROTARY'S MOTTO,  
"SERVICE ABOVE SELF."**

Featured in the photo above from left to right:  
Craig Wiggin, Incoming Meredith Rotary Club President,  
Dick Pendergast, Rotary Treasurer,  
Betsey Donovan, Rotary Club President,  
Phil Warren, Meredith Town Manager,  
Jonathan James, Meredith Selectman,  
Mike Pelczar, Meredith Selectman and Former Rotary President.

Thank You to the Meredith Rotary Club for the new Pavilion  
dedicated to the people of the Lakes Region!



The Town of  
**Meredith**  
New Hampshire



2019

# Annual Report

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

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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 2019 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison and a Summary of Town Owned Property.

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

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Location: Community Center  
1 Circle Drive  
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 11, 2020  
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

## Contact Information on the Area Resources

### Emergency and Health Information

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

### Legal Services

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

### County and State Police

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

### Permits to Kindle Fires

Central Fire Station .....279-6061  
Town Hall .....279-4538  
Y-Landing Marina .....279-5050  
Also online at WWW.NHDFL.ORG



## Town Report Dedication's

This years Town Report is dedicated to Jim Hughes and Bob Davis...



James "Jim" Ford Hughes

Jim Hughes was one of the most well-known volunteers in the Lakes Region.

Jim had served on the Planning Board from 1982 - 1995 and as a Selectman for 25 years from 1987 - 2012.

While Jim was Selectman, he also filled the position as selectmen's representative to the Planning Board. This was the period of some of the town's most rapid growth. Jim worked very hard with the board to create a balance between this growth and preserving the heritage of the Town.

He was awarded the Citizenship award for the Town of Meredith.

Jim urged the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen to start the planning of the 250th year celebration all the way back in 2013 and the celebration was a huge success because of his vision to start planning five years prior.

His efforts were not concentrated solely on town government; he was also very active in other organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, the Grange, his church, and last but not least he was very dedicated to his extended family.

It was always a pleasure talking with Jim and seeing him with his bright orange socks. He truly was an asset to our community and is greatly missed.

## Town Report Dedication's



Robert "Bob" Davis

Bob Davis loved the outdoors; in so many ways it was his chosen playground. An avid skier, hiker and explorer, Bob and his family were always planning their next adventure. Bob loved being out on the lake, whether it be sailing, paddling or powering. Bob loved golf and was an active member at Waukegan Golf Club.

Bob loved his adopted town of Meredith and was an active participant in a broad range of activities serving the town and its people.

Bob was a long time and active member of the Meredith Conservation Commission.

Bob was an elected Trustee of the Town's Trust Funds and has served a number of roles with the Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association.

Bob Davis was a doer, when he saw something that needed to get done, he raised his hand.

Bob loved music and was always scouting out the local venues for musical theatre; good cover bands or more likely ancient artists from the seventies or eighties.

Those of us privileged to know Bob Davis knew there was no greater friend.

## Town Officials

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### **Select Board**

Raymond Moritz, Chairperson, 2021

Jonathan D. James, 2022

Nathan J. Torr, 2022

Jeanie Forrester, 2021

Michael J. Pelczar, 2020

### **Elected Officials**

Chris Kelly, Moderator, 2020

Kerri A. Parker, CMC, CTC, CDTC,  
Town Clerk, 2020

Mark Billings, Treasurer, 2020

### **Town Department Officials**

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Administrative Services Director

Robert Carpenter

Community Development Director

John C. Edgar, AICP

Town Planner

Angela LaBrecque, AICP

Code Enforcement Officer

John Greenwood

Public Works Director

Michael Faller

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Tim Green

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**

Robert Davis, (Deceased 5-9-2019)

James Gregoire, 2020

Mary Kahn, 2020

Bill Gartner, 2021

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

Martha Billings, 2020

Deb McNeish, Chairperson, 2022

Debra Swingle, 2024

### **Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee**

Mark Billings, ILSB Rep/Vice Chair

Edward Touhey, Chair

Dave Thorpe

Jeanie Forrester, BOS Rep.

Bill Bayard & Richard Gerken, PB Reps.

Ray Moritz, BOS Rep. Alternate

### **Lakes Region Planning Commission**

Ann Butler, 2021

Lynn Montana, 2023



## Town Officials

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### **Library Trustees**

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

Ann Butler, Chairperson, 2021

Lisa Garcia, 2020  
Sarah Johnson, 2022  
Jonathan James, 2021

### **Planning Board**

Richard Gerken, Secretary, 2021  
Ann Butler, 2021  
John Kreidler, 2021

Peter Brothers, Chairperson, 2021

Alternate: Jeffrey Reilly, 2021

Bill Bayard, Vice-Chair, 2022  
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

Robert Wichland  
Donna VanNess Murphy  
Ray Moritz, BOS Rep.

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Robb Jutton, 2021  
Warren Clark, 2020  
Alternate: Frank Marino, 2021

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairperson, 2021

Bruce Reichlen, Vice-Chair, 2021  
David Thorpe, 2021  
Alternate: Thomas Girard, 2020

### **Conservation Commission**

Paul Dillon, Vice-Chair, 2022  
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2022  
Scott Powell, 2020

Mark Billings, Chairperson, 2022  
Robert Davis (Deceased 5-9-19)

Alternates:

Don MacFarland

John Sherman

Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2021  
Mary Kahn, 2020  
Jim Gregoire, 2021

Tony Sabutis

### **Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee**

Bob Vogler

Donna VanNess Murphy & Frank Murphy  
Co-Chairs

Art Vonder Linden

Tony Sabutis

Bruce Bond

John Hodsdon

Tim Whiting

Jamie Irving

Nate Torr, Selectmen's Rep.

### **Energy Committee**

Bill Haley  
Michael Pelczar - Selectperson's  
Rep.

Bill Bayard, Chairperson

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

### **Village Pathways Committee**

Lissa Goodby  
Liz Lapham  
Margie Kreidler

Andrea Bourn, Chairperson

Cheryl Wilson

Carol Gerken  
Janice Roberts  
Rod Wilson

## Executive Summary

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### Report from the Town Manager

2019 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.

Work continues on major upcoming projects which include:

- DPW Building Project

- Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements

This office would like to commend the Meredith Rotary Club for its improvements to the Pavilion area at Hesky Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.  
Town Manager



The photos feature a before and after pictures of the pavilion located downtown by the town bandstand.



## Executive Summary

### Report from the Select Board

As in prior years your Select Board has worked hard to balance the need for services, the operating costs to provide them, the need to restore and grow our fund balance, and to minimize the effect on our property tax rate. Also, foreseeing several upcoming major project expenses we have increased our proposed set-asides to expendable trusts, in effect our savings accounts. An example would be the additional \$150,000 added to the Waterfront Infrastructure E.T.F., knowing that several refurbishments will be needed in the near future.

Fortunately we can report that our results for the 2019 year were very good. Our expenses were below the budget and our revenues were better than forecasted. These outcomes allowed us to maintain a substantial fund balance going forward, which will protect our strong credit rating when we need to finance our major projects. As you may recall, the DPW Facility Project was approved at last year's Town Meeting authorizing a \$7,600,000 bond issue.

As mentioned, there are several major projects in various stages. The DPW Facility Project, approved last March, is well under way in the design phase. We expect construction to begin during 2020 and to complete the project in 2021.

The much needed Library Expansion Project received approval to proceed with the design phase at last year's Town Meeting. We are now asking this year for you, our voters, to approve funding for the construction part of the project, and if approved will likely be completed in 2021.



Your Select Board is keenly aware of the significant impact these two projects will have on our debt service expense in 2021. But by setting aside considerable funds in our expendable trusts for future needs while still maintaining a strong fund balance we feel confident that a large tax increase will be avoided.

Congratulations to our Village Pathways Committee for having completed the funding and begun construction of The Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook. A large majority of the funding came from private sources, thus costing the town very little, yet making an attractive addition to our town. Watch for the ribbon cutting opening the trail in June.

We have many commissions and committees, staffed almost entirely by unpaid volunteers, working tirelessly to serve and improve Meredith. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. Perhaps you should consider how your talents could benefit the town while giving you the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part.

In closing, we can say 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, Chairperson

#### Meredith Select Board





## Executive Summary

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### Town Meeting 2019

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Board of Selectmen

Jonathan D. James, Chairperson

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

Michael J. Pelczar, Vice Chairperson

Town Moderator: Christopher Kelly

Nathan J. Torr, Selectperson

Town Manager: Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Jeanie Forrester, Selectperson

Raymond A. Moritz, Selectperson

Moderator Kelly opened the 2019 Town Meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **TOWN OFFICES**

##### Library Trustee - Three Year Term

SARAH JOHNSON	262
BETTY STRADER	250

##### For Selectman - Three Year Term

JONATHAN D JAMES	266
NATHAN J TORR	281

#### **ZONING AMENDMENT ARTICLES**

##### ARTICLE 2

YES	273
NO	23

##### ARTICLE 3

YES	242
NO	51

##### ARTICLE 4

YES	252
NO	48

##### ARTICLE 5

YES	221
NO	70

#### **SCHOOL BOARD RESULTS**

##### Moderator

CHRISTOPHER BOOTHBY	291
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##### For Member of School Board

Resident of Center Harbor  
Write IN TBA

Resident of Meredith

MARK BILLINGS	294
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Resident of Sandwich

DUNCAN PORTER-ZUCKERMAN	223
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### **2019 Town Meeting Deliberative Session**

#### **ARTICLE 6**

#### **Department of Public Works Improvement Project**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,600,000 for the Department of Public Works Improvement Project, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$7,600,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 6 as proposed, seconded by Mike Pelczar.

Phil spoke about when we started this process in 2013 and how long the building has been around. The costs of the current building is significantly more than the new proposed building. Bottom line what it will cost in taxes would be more.

Jack Carty spoke in support noting that the Public Works employees do a great job on the roads during the winter.

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Terrance Kennedy questioned if the administration building would remain in place along with the people who work there and which buildings on Jenness Hill Rd would be removed. Phil explained that the building on DW Highway would remain as it is with the employees there and that the only buildings that will be taken down is the main DPW building on the right on Jenness Hill along with the old Pole Barn that is adjacent to Hawkins Brook everything else will remain. The voting was open from 7:27pm – 8:27pm as required by Statute with a count of cards at 8:27pm the vote was Yes 185 No 37

### **ARTICLE 7**

#### **General Municipal Operations**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,533,958 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Ray Moritz motioned to approve Article 7 as proposed, seconded by Nate Torr.  
With a show of voter cards Article 7 passed.

### **ARTICLE 8**

#### **Downtown Parking ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Downtown Parking ETF previously established.

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve Article 8 as proposed, seconded by Jeanie Forrester.

Terrance Kennedy asked what the current balance is at this time. Phil stated that it was 220, 296.57 but that we need to consider the decrease of 150,000 for the Price property from it. which was approved last town meeting.

Wayne Hieligmann asked how much of our parking spaces are allowed to be used by businesses and rental properties 24/7. Phil answered 100% of them there are no restrictions.

With a show of Voter Cards Article 8 Passed

### **ARTICLE 9**

#### **Waterfront ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established.

Jeanie Forrester motioned to approve Article 9 as proposed, seconded by Jonathan James.

With a show of voter cards Article 9 passed.

After some discussion to clarify which book we were following. It was determined that the published town report yellow sections are the correct articles to follow.

### **ARTICLE 10**

#### **Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Fire Vehicle Replacement ETF previously established.

Jeanie Forrester motioned to approve Article 10 as proposed, seconded by Jonathan James.

Mark Billings asked for further clarification as to whether we were following the handouts or the Town Report Warrant, which Phil, Attorney Laura Spector-Morgan, and Ray Moritz confirmed. With a show of voter cards the motion passed.

## Executive Summary

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### **ARTICLE 11**

#### **Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF**

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

Jonathan James motioned to approve article 11 as proposed, seconded by Mike Pelczar

Terrance Kennedy ask what is included in the equipment, Phil explained that it is all the safety equipment not vehicles that are being required to be replaced in the next few years.

Tom Krane asked why the amount has increased. As Phil explained, in the next 5 years the self-contained breathing apparatus must be replaced which will cost in the vicinity of 150,000.

With a show of Voter Cards the motioned passed.

### **ARTICLE 12**

#### **Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF previously established.

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve Article 12 as proposed, seconded by Nathan Torr.

With a show of Voter Cards Article 12 passed.

### **ARTICLE 13**

#### **DPW Equipment Replacement ETF**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF previously established.

Nathan Torr motioned to approved Article 13 as proposed, seconded by Ray Moritz.

With a show of voter cards Article 13 passed

### **ARTICLE 14**

#### **Library Design**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000 for the Library Design fees associated with the Meredith Public Library Building Renovation/Expansion Project. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend and the Meredith Library Trustees will select the architect

Jonathan James motioned to approved Article 14 as proposed seconded by Mike Pelczar

George Locke spoke about the Library as a Jewel in the crown of Meredith. And the library is utilized by children and adults just the same. There are very many things that the library has to offer and is very much in favor of this article.

Karen Sticht asked what the money has already been spent on. She was under the impression from last year's meeting that an architect has been chosen, along with the design and a final cost. Ray explained that we do not have a final design for building we only had a conceptual design. This is the next step in the process which will pay for the detailed design to be completed. Phil explained further that the Architect has not been selected as yet and the library will need to still follow the process set by the Town to choose one.

Betty Strader explained that over the last year or so the Library building committee has worked very close with the Selectboard, as well as, the CIP committee and the RFQ will be going out and from that an architect will be chosen that has the qualifications that they are looking for.



## Executive Summary

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Robert Kennelly asked about the Veterans memorials that are out in front of the library. He would like a guarantee that they will remain in place and will not be destroyed.

Phil confirmed that it was his understanding that those items are to remain as is, it was confirmed by Betty Strader as well as Erin Apostolos who is the Librarian and was given permission to speak.

Bob Manly spoke in favor of his support for this project and gave credit for the library and the town working together.

Jim Gregoire asked what the unassigned fund balance was and what is the source for the fund.

Phil explained that it was taxation money from the past that was collected but not spent and the 400,000 will not come from taxation for the current year.

Jim asked further that if we wanted to reestablish the 400,000 then that would have to be raised by taxation? Which Phil explained that was correct. Jim stated that it was misleading to state that the money would not be coming from taxation.

Jeffrey Reilly is on the Meredith Library Fund which they are hoping to offset the money that will need to be collected by taxation

Karen Sticht reiterated that she wants to make sure that this 400,000 will be utilized to move the process for the library forward and not stagnate it and have to repeat the process again.

Ray Mortiz explained that yes this is going to move the process forward and that next year we will most likely be looking at what the exact amount is that we need to raise by taxation to actually build the project.

Ian Graustein asked if this would be a whole new building or a renovation of the existing building,

Jonathan James answered that it is going to be a renovation with an addition added to the building along with additional parking spaces.

Jack Carty stated that he was confused stating that there were 2 designs done are we starting from scratch or are we building on the existing designs.

Phil explained that those were just feasibility studies and this 400,000 will pay for actually drawing the plans to design the building to be completed.

Chuck Lowth felt maybe we are putting the cart before the horse in that the RFQ would get us the designs etc for noting.

Richard Gerken spoke about the CIP and the planning board that looks at all possibilities and impacts to the town and the tax base before they act to move forward for new buildings/renovations.

Betty Strader explained that the estimates received for the actual design plans are right around 350,000.

Virginia Lovett asked to move the question.

With a show of Voter Cards the motion passed.

### **ARTICLE 15**

#### **Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to complete the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook, formerly known as the Hawkins Brook Nature Trail. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation.

Ray Moritz motioned to approve Article 15 as proposed, seconded by Jeanie Forrester.

Michael Moore supports this Article as a faculty member who worked with the pathway committees to work out study programs.

## Executive Summary

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Mark Billings as a conservation commission member stands in support of this Article for the water preservation alone.

Carol Gerken shared the remarks from the Activity director at Meredith Bay Colony Club in support of this Article.

Ginny Lovett supports this Article but asked how the name was changed. John Kreidler spoke to the meeting about the benefits of this trial that will be accessible by all abilities of mobility. Jeanie Forrester stated that the trial name was changed due the large donation by MVSb in honor of Sam Laverack's in the amount of \$200,000 which Carol Gerken clarified.

Peg Higgenbotham would like the original name used and have a plaque put up for Mr. Laverack.

Lisa Garcia stated that she worked with him for 10 years and although Mr. Laverack did not live here in town he was an advocate for Meredith and the water that drives us.

Claire Jutrus stated that this is from taxation money and she attended presentations that stated that the money would be from all donations.

With a show of voter cards Article 15 passed.

### **ARTICLE 16**

#### **Discontinue ETF's/CRF's No Longer in Use**

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve (CRF) and Expendable Trust Funds (ETF). Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)

Cygnets Shores Pump ETF as created in 2002 (Article 8)	\$0.00
Fire Department Land/Building ETF as created in 2005 (Article 11)	\$0.00
Water Department CRF as created in 1984 (Article 39)	\$0.00
Fire Department Truck CRF as created in 1992	\$0.00

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve Article 16 as proposed seconded by Nathan Torr.  
With a show of voter cards Article 16 passes.

### **ARTICLE 17**

#### **Keno**

Shall we allow the operation of Keno games with the Town? (Submitted by Petition)

Nathan Torr motioned to approve Article 17 as proposed, seconded by Ray Moritz

Brad Rhodenburg stated that he lived in CT and NY and nothing good happens when you invite this type of activity to town.

Ed Touhey asked if this was a majority vote that would be required which it is.

L Michael Hatch asked if any of the people that began the petition were present. No one came forward.

Kevin Bell asked how many establishments would be issued permission to have Keno in the Town, and what would the financial impact be. Phil explained that any establishment with a pouring license is eligible to have Keno. There is no direct benefit to the Town of Meredith the monies go directly to the state to fund all-day Kindergarten. Any Town who chooses not to allow Keno would not be penalized for it.

Deanna Juris wanted it clarified that we are voting for the question not the recommendation by the Selectboard.

With a secret ballot vote: Yes 41 No 170 Article 17 is defeated.

## Executive Summary

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### **ARTICLE 18**

#### **Hart Family Skateboard Park**

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be used for the rebuilding of the Hart Family Skateboard Park, located at Prescott Park. This money will be used as matching funds to offset future fundraising. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the Skateboard Park is completed or by 31 December 2021, whichever is sooner. These funds shall be non-lapsing, and the Select Board shall be agents to expend. (Submitted by petition)

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve Article 18 as proposed, seconded by Nathan Torr, \*The Select Board recommended on a split vote, the members voting no felt that the funding request was premature.

Linda Karageorges spoke in favor of the Article stating that she has known the Hart Family since the family moved into her neighborhood when their father has passed away. The boys recently lost their mother and to have a place that is their father and mother would be a place the boys can go to. The Hart family has given so much to this town and the 25,000 figure is not much to ask for.

Ray Moritz motioned to allow Peter Thorndike to speak as the Friends of Meredith Parks and Rec president, seconded by Jonathan James.

Peter Thorndike addressed the group and stated that they took over the group who had fallen out of good standing with the State and the IRS. They are now back in good standing with the IRS. So because of that they have missed out on several fundraising opportunities. But they were granted a 25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk foundation. As they are getting their momentum back they would truly appreciate the support of the Town.

Peg Higginbotham has known the family for quite some time. The Hart Family has given back to the town in many ways. She feels that the hard work that these young people have done and will do to get this project complete should be supported.

Ian Graustein spoke in support of the Park.

L Michael Hatch spoke in support of the Park questioned the 2 selectmen who did not support this.

Terrance Kennedy ask what the projected cost is for this project.

Peter Thorndike answered that it is about 232,000

Jack Carty stated that he has never been on a skateboard nor will he ever be. But supports this for the youth of this town.

Lori Harding spoke in favor of this Article as she has an 11-year-old who would love to utilize this as he is devastated each time he goes there and the gate is locked.

Lisa Davis asked if we support this will it expose the town to liability. Laura Spectra-Morgan explained that just by funding it no. She further asked if it will require safety equipment for usage to minimize our exposure to liability.

Phil explained that as the Town has been instructed that as a recreational facility and we need to sign it as such. But is doesn't stop someone from suing the Town but would from succeeding. It doesn't add any extra liability as we already have a skate park in town.

Frank Michel motioned for an amendment to increase the amount to 50,000 seconded by Karen Stitct, Karen Stitct spoke in favor. Ray Mortiz and Jeanie Forrester spoke about why they did not recommend this as it is premature as they have not done any major fundraising to date and feel that waiting would be beneficial.

A vote on the amendment to 50,000 was passed. A vote on Article 18 was passed.  
Meeting adorned at 9:16pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kerri A. Parker, Town Clerk Meredith



## General Government

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### Administrative Services

Robert Carpenter, Director

Administrative Services provides the following services:

Administrative:

- Reception
- General Assistance
- Procurement Functions; RFP's, Bids, Purchase Orders
- Capital Asset Inventory and Maintenance
- General Inventory Maintenance
- Production of Annual Town Report

Finance:

- Tax Collection and Billing
- Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
- Utility Billing and Account Maintenance
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Compilation of Town Report Financials
- Annual Budget Preparation; Town Warrant and Documents

### Finance

Kimberly Brown, Deputy Tax Collector

Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance Officer

Carrie Sawyer, CPP, Disbursement Accountant

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Carpenter*, Director

Administrative Services

## General Government

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### Assessing

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

### Department's Mission

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

The Town's total valuation increased 1.01% in 2019 from \$1,936,858,689 to \$1,956,399,890. The increase was due to building permit activity and data changes from our re-inspection cycle. The last town-wide market update was in 2017. The residential real estate market continues to be strong in 2019. MLS statistics show the number of sales were up slightly over 2018 levels, 163 sales compared to 151, however, the median sales price saw a large increase of 14.37% from \$320,000 to \$366,000 and the average days on the market virtually remaining unchanged. This is by far the largest increase we have seen in recent history. We will continue to monitor sales activity and how it relates to current assessed value.

We have completed another year in our re-inspection cycle. I would like to thank all taxpayers for their cooperation in this endeavor. For 2020, we will be measuring and listing properties along Meredith Neck, Pinnacle Park, Barnard Ridge and surrounding areas. The objective of the program is to ensure data accuracy in our assessments and eliminating the need for a costly revaluation every five years. It also meets the requirements from the NH Department of Revenue Administration. If anyone has any questions regarding the cyclical program please call our office at 677-4213.

I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions and credits available. Exemptions include elderly, disabled and blind. There are 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](http://www.meredithnh.org) for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA  
Tax Assessor

## General Government

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### Community Development

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

**Mission.** The Mission of the Community Development Department is to facilitate courses of action leading to positive outcomes in land use, natural resource conservation, transportation, housing, public health and economic development. The department strives to be comprehensive in its approach while promoting customer service, public participation and informed decision making. The Community Development Department staff provides professional and administrative services in eight distinct areas. These functional areas are both regulatory and non-regulatory in nature:

- Long Range Planning
- Capital Improvement Programming
- Development Review (Subdivisions and Site Plans)
- Zoning Administration
- Building Permits and Inspection
- Compliance and Enforcement
- Geographic Information System (GIS)
- Public Health

Additionally, the Community Development provides support to several volunteer boards and committees including:

- \*Planning Board
- \*Short-Term Rental Committee
- \*Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee
- \*Zoning Board of Adjustment
- \*Village Pathways Committee, Energy Committee
- \*Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee
- \*Conservation Commission

**Staffing News.** Late last year (2018) we hired **John Greenwood** as our Code Enforcement Officer. 2019 has been a productive year for John as he's settled in with his varied responsibilities (building, zoning, health, compliance) and has developed professional relationships throughout the community. In 2019 John relocated to Meredith. After 14 years of outstanding service, **Chris Tivnan** retired in March of 2019. Chris first served as the Office Clerk and then as the Administrative Assistant. Chris's retirement created an opportunity to promote **Stephanie Maltais** to the vacated Administrative Assistant position. Stephanie manages the office flow and is a tremendous asset to the department. Stephanie and her family reside in Meredith. Stephanie's promotion created another vacancy. After a thorough recruitment process, we were pleased to hire **Kathy Sweeny** as our part-time Office Clerk. Kathy brings enthusiasm and strong customer service skills to the department. Kathy and her husband reside in Sandwich. Together, Stephanie and Kathy are the "front face" of the department answering phone calls, scheduling inspections, and addressing customer needs and inquires at the front counter. In 2019 **Angela LaBrecque** completed her 12th year of service as Town Planner. Angela employs a professional, steady, customer service approach to her work and is a great asset to the department, the Planning Board and other volunteers that she supports. Angela and her family reside in Center Harbor. Needless to say I take tremendous pride in the work of our team.

I'd like to close by sharing some observations about our volunteers. As I mentioned before, this department supports 8 volunteer boards and committees. It is important to acknowledge that we rely heavily upon these volunteers, whose contributions are many yet go largely unrecognized. They willingly give up personal time to volunteer for their community. They strive to make informed recommendations and decisions that are in the best interest of Meredith. Their responsibilities are varied, often complex and challenging. They serve with integrity and without remuneration. They gravitate to this work not for self-advancement but because they care about our town. Individually and collectively their service is a credit to themselves and to our community. Their names are listed in the Town Officials section of this Annual Report. If you cross paths with any of our many volunteers, please take a moment and say "Thank You!"

Respectfully Submitted,  
*John C. Edgar*, AICP  
Community Development Director

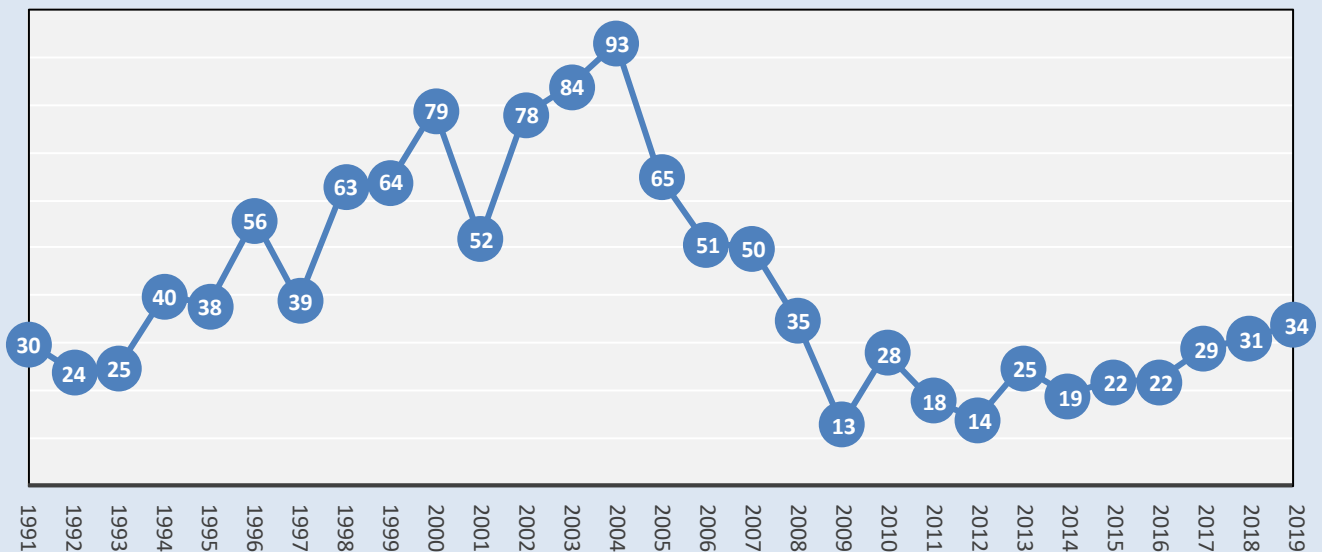
## General Government

### Community Development continued...

#### Building Permit Summary 2019

New Single-Family Homes	34	Garages/Storage Buildings	28
New Two-Family Homes	0	Oil (burners, tanks)	12
New Multi-Family Units	1	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	336
New Commercial Buildings	0	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	26
Special Use Permits	10	Residential Renovations/Repairs	97
Mobile Homes Replacements	3	Fences/Signs	10
Docks/Boathouse/Pools	6	Electrical	198
Demolition	48	Plumbing	90

Building Permits Issued from 1991 to 2019 - New Single Family Homes



#### Planning Board Application Summary 2019

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	5	Pre-application Consultations	3
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	3	Scenic Rd Tree Cutting Approvals	0
Subdivision Approvals	3	Architectural Design Reviews	3
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	3	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

#### Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary 2019

Variance Applications	13	Total Applications Withdrawn	0
Variances Granted	11	Equitable Waivers Granted	2
Variances Denied	2	Rehearing Requests Received	0
Special Exception Applications	15	Rehearing Requests Granted	0
Special Exceptions Granted	15	Rehearing Requests Denied	0
Special Exceptions Denied	0	Administrative Decisions Denied	0



## General Government

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### Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Ed Touhey, Chairman

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews, updates and recommends a program of capital improvements for the community. The recommended CIP is a non-binding planning tool. The primary purpose of the CIP is to aid the Select Board in their consideration of their annual budget (RSA 674:5). The CIP identifies capital needs six years into the future that may come before the voters. As a preface to the specific recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

- The recommendations that follow are excerpts from the full narrative that is available on line at [www.meredithnh.org](http://www.meredithnh.org). Also on-line is a companion document; “CIP (Excel) Workbook” dated 11/12/19.
- A review of capital appropriations during the period 2007 through 2019 indicates a high of \$1,943,649 in 2009 and a low of \$1,283,733 in 2016. The 13-year average was \$1,542,341. (See Appendix A)
- A review of capital appropriations as a percentage of total municipal appropriations during the period 2007 through 2019 indicates a low of 10.6 % in 2016 and a high of 16.9% in 2009. The 13-year average was 13.4%. (See Appendix B)
- In 2019 Town Meeting authorized the borrowing of \$7,600,000 for the Department of Public Works Improvement Project. The project is under design. Borrowing and construction is expected to occur in 2020.
- In 2019 Town Meeting authorized funding to design the Library Renovation and Expansion Project. The project is in its final stages of design. The estimated project cost is \$4,997,421. This amount will be offset by fundraising which at this time is conservatively estimated at \$600,000. Authorization to borrow the net amount (approximately \$4,397,421) will likely be considered at the 2020 Town Meeting.
- It is anticipated that if the Library Renovation and Expansion Project is approved, actual borrowing for both the DPW and Library projects would be combined. The combined debt service (\$1,077,482) would impact the 2021 budget.
- In 2019 the Select Board and Town Manager initiated a Waterfront Infrastructure Analysis which seeks to assess the town’s waterfront infrastructure (Meredith Bay, Cattle Landing, Shep Brown’s and the Post Office Dock on Bear Island) to determine the best approach for updating and maintaining these facilities. A Conceptual Design Options Update was presented in September 2019 including conceptual cost estimates. The Select Board and Town Manager continue to work on this towards a final report.
- Given the additional debt service anticipated in 2021, the Committee recommends significant ETF deposits in 2020 to address future capital needs while maintaining a stable Capital Improvement Program.

## General Government

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### Capital Improvements Program continued...

#### Recommendations

##### **Municipal Parking**

**Recommendation:** Allocate \$75,000 in 2020 to the Municipal Parking Expendable Trust Fund.

**Rationale:** The 2018 Town Meeting approved a warrant article (Article 7) proposed by the Select Board seeking authorization to purchase land on High Street adjacent to the Library for purposes of a municipal parking lot. According to Article 7, the acquisition would be funded in part by a transfer of \$162,500 from the Municipal Parking ETF. This transfer has occurred leaving a balance as of August 19, 2019 of \$117,807.

##### **Main Street**

**Recommendation:** Allocate \$70,000 in 2020 to the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund.

**Rationale:** In 2005 the “Meredith Village Core Revitalization Design Charrette” was sponsored by Plan NH, the Town of Meredith and the Greater Meredith Program. This community-based effort resulted in several recommendations aimed at improving the overall economic vitality of Main Street and the surrounding area. The Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance as of August 19, 2019 was \$52,100.

##### **Waterfront Infrastructure**

**Recommendation:** Allocate \$350,000 in 2020, \$25,000 in 2021 through 2023 and \$75,000 in 2024 to the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund.

**Rationale:** The Town of Meredith owns and maintains a significant amount of waterfront infrastructure. The Select Board and Town Manager initiated a Waterfront Infrastructure Analysis to assess the town’s waterfront infrastructure at Hesky Park/ town docks, Cattle Landing, Shep Brown’s and the Post Office Dock on Bear Island. The purpose of the assessment is to determine the best approach for updating and maintaining these facilities. While work continues on this assessment including prioritization, it is evident that capital investment in our waterfront infrastructure will be necessary in the future. The Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance as of August 19, 2019 was \$658,344.

##### **Fire Department**

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

**Rationale:** The Fire Department anticipates replacing communication equipment in 2020 (approximately \$100,000). The estimated balance of the Fire Department Communications Expendable Replacement Fund as of August 19, 2019 was \$102,403.

**Recommendation:** Allocate \$250,000 in 2020, \$100,000 in 2021, \$150,000 in 2022, \$250,000 in 2023 and \$200,000 in 2024 to the Fire Department **Vehicle Replacement** Expendable Trust Fund.

**Rationale:** The 1994 Pierce/Dash Engine 3 is scheduled for replacement in 2022 (\$650,000) and the Pierce Dash/Engine 1 is scheduled for replacement in 2025 (\$650, 000). The estimated balance of the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund as of August 19, 2019 was \$188,373.

## General Government

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### Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations continued...

#### **Fire Department continued...**

Recommendation: Allocate \$150,000 in 2020 and 2021 to the Fire Department **Equipment Replacement** Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: In 2020 the town plans to install NFPA-compliant exhaust systems at the downtown and Meredith Center fire stations (\$130,000). The Fire Department anticipates spending approximately \$285,000 in 2021 to replace 28 Air-Paks and 35 spare bottles. The estimated balance of the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund as of August 19, 2019 was \$119,334.

#### **Department of Public Works**

##### **Solid Waste Equipment**

Recommendation: Allocate \$125,000 in 2020, \$30,000 in 2021, \$40,000 in 2022 through 2024 to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

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 2020 (\$90,000), 2021 and 2024. The estimated balance of the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement Expendable Trust Fund as of August 19, 2019 was \$177,251.

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 \$425,000 in 2020, \$75,000 in 2021, \$200,000 in 2022, and 2023 and \$250,000 in 2024 to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

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

<u>Replacement Year</u>	<u>Equipment Being Replaced</u>	<u>Replacement Estimate</u>
2020	2008 Ford F350 Bucket Truck	\$160,000
2021	2007 Kenworth 10-wheel dump	\$265,000
2022	2013 F550 Dump	\$130,000
2023	2005 Volvo Excavator	\$250,000
2024	2004 Volvo Grader	\$350,000
2025	2013 Ford F550 dump	\$130,000
2026	2015 Ford F550	\$130,000
2027	2015 Ford 550	\$115,000

The estimated balance of the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund as of August 19, 2019 December 31, 2018 was \$10,338.

## General Government

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### Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations continued....

#### **Department of Public Works Facility:**

Recommendation: No additional allocation.

Rationale: In 2019 town meeting authorized the borrowing of \$7,600,000 for the Department of Public Works Improvement Project. The project is under design. Borrowing and construction are expected to occur in 2020.

The companion CIP Workbook dated 11/12/19 illustrates *authorized* debt service associated with a \$7.6 mil bond issue, over a 20-year term at 3.75% interest rate. Full principal and interest annual payments would commence in 2021 (\$692,708).

#### **Public Library**

Recommendation: Support authorization from the 2020 Town Meeting to borrow approximately \$4,397,421 for the Library Renovation and Expansion project.

Rationale: In 2019 Town Meeting authorized \$400,000 to cover architectural and engineering fees for the Library Renovation and Expansion project. As of November 6, 2019, the Total Project Estimate is \$4,997,421. This amount would be offset by fundraising which at this time is conservatively estimated at \$600,000. The Meredith Library Fund advises that fundraising is ongoing and that the total may increase thereby reducing the amount to be borrowed.

The companion CIP Workbook dated 11/12/19 illustrates *proposed* debt service associated with a \$4.397 mil bond issue, over a 20-year term at 3.75 % interest rate. Annual payments would commence in 2021 (\$384,774).

#### **Debt Service/ Debt Retirement**

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

2022	\$ 45,783	Plymouth Street/ Route 3 North
2025	\$182,350	Community Center
2027	\$ 89,610	Bundled Project

*Current debt* noted above, *authorized debt* associated with the DPW project and *proposed debt* associated with the Library project are illustrated in the companion CIP Workbook dated 11/12/19.



## General Government

### Capital Improvements Program continued...

#### Summary

#### 2020 Municipal Capital Improvement Recommendations

\$ 75,000	Municipal Parking ETF
\$ 70,000	Main Street Rehabilitation ETF
\$ 350,000	Waterfront Infrastructure ETF
\$ 250,000	Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF
\$ 150,000	Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF
\$ 125,000	Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF
<u>\$ 425,000</u>	DPW Equipment Replacement ETF
\$1,445,000	Subtotal- Recommended ETF Deposits
<u>\$ 353,853</u>	Existing Debt Service- Principle & Interest
<u><b>\$1,798,853</b></u>	<b>Total CIP Recommendations</b>

On the following page...

**Appendix A.** Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2007-2019

**Appendix B.** CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2007-2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Ed Touhey, Chairman

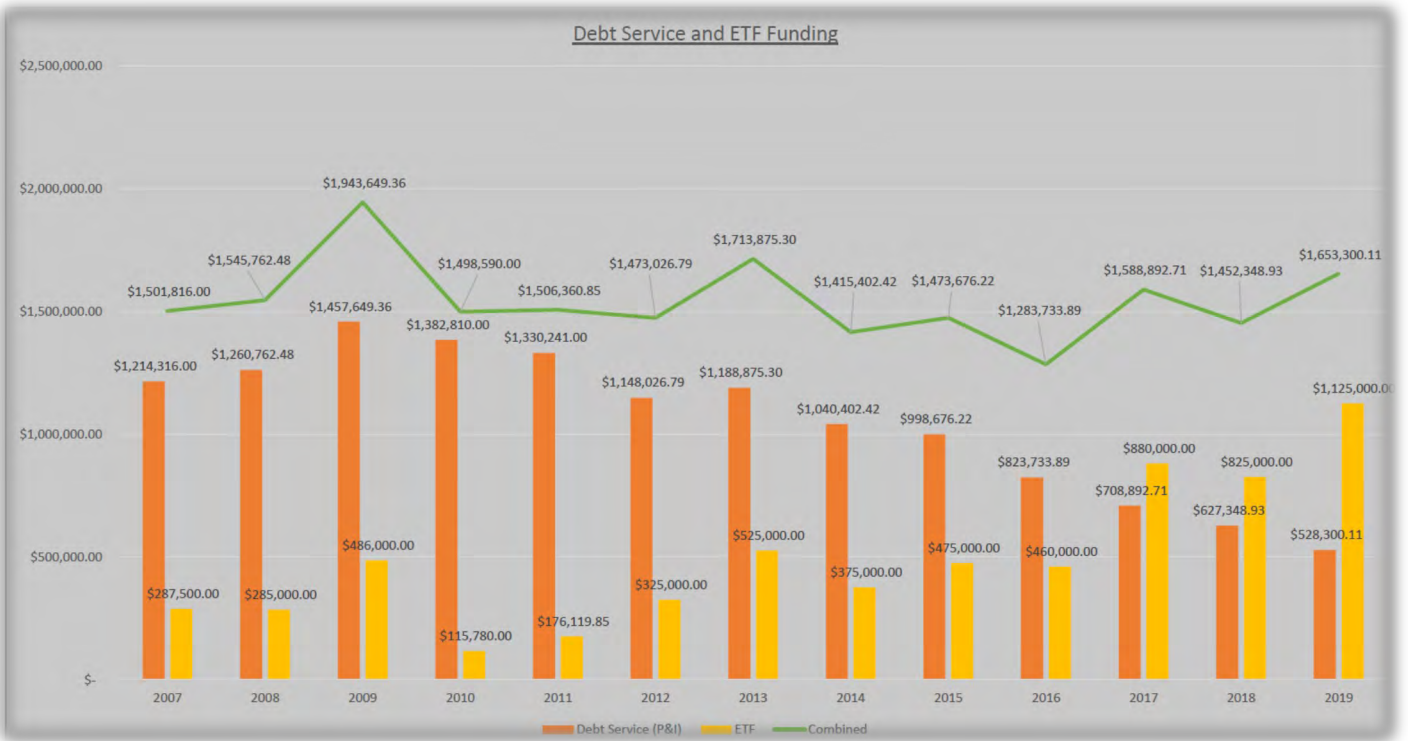


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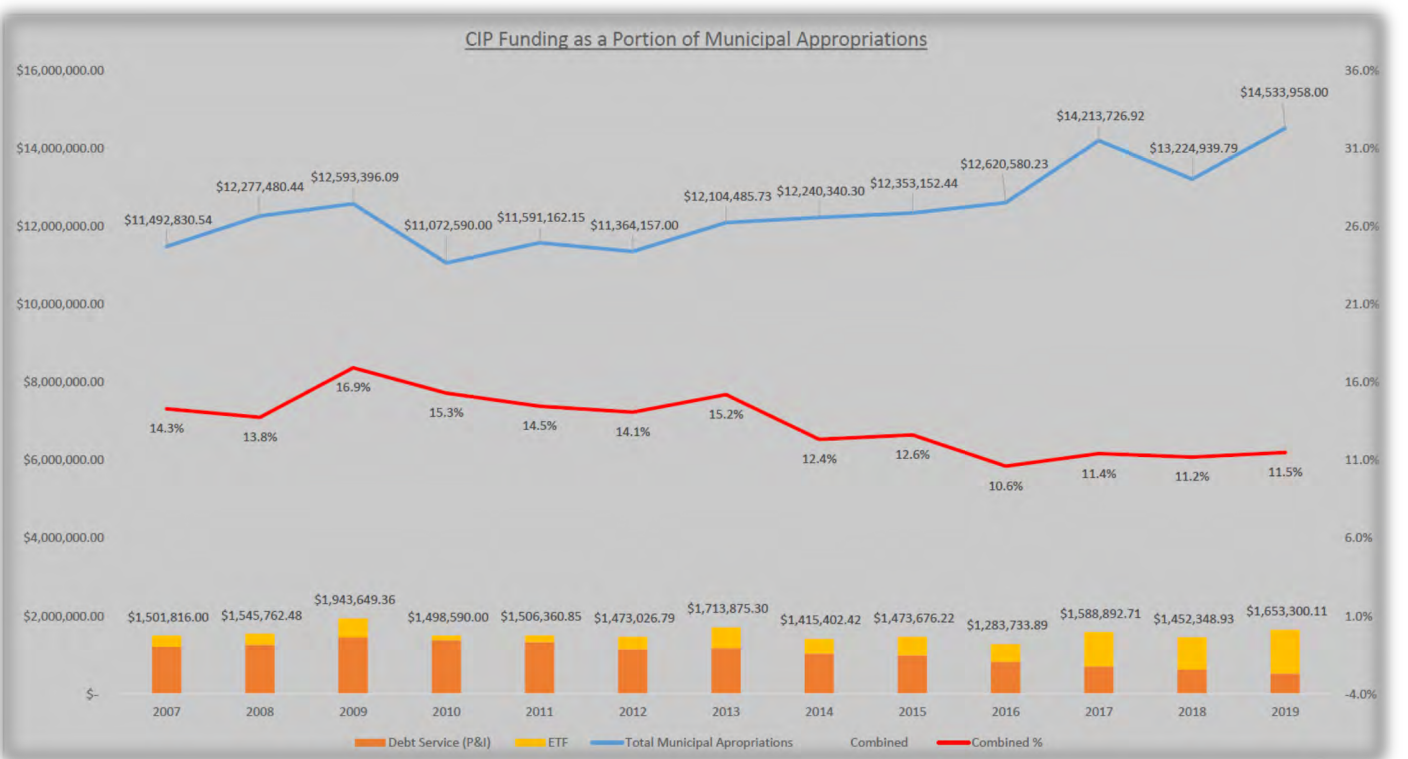
## General Government

### Capital Improvements Program continued...

#### Appendix A. Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2007-2019



#### Appendix B. CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2007-2019



### 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 very busy year in 2019. As reported last year, the Town of Meredith closed on the 200-acre Page Pond Community Forest Expansion in October of 2017 bringing the total acreage of this Community Forest to over 765 acres. When adding in the surrounding protected lands of Moulton, Bushnell and Sherman, it has created one of the largest un-fragmented parcels in the entire town. This supports a broad range of wildlife species. The acquisition also greatly enhances area water quality protection, as well as recreational and educational opportunities. The continued work on the Page Pond Community Forest required the largest amount of the commission's work in 2019. The clearing and restoration work on the former pasturelands is progressing well and the first phase of the trail system is now open. The commission would like to express its gratitude to the many volunteers, the local businesses and the Town of Meredith for their amazing support in bringing this project to life.

### 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 2019. The field mowing continues for a second year and will continue into the future in an effort towards controlling the invasive species that had engulfed the fields. The Meredith Department of Public Works has created a new parking lot at the Barnard Ridge Road entrance, thank you Mike Faller and team. 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 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. Included in that work was the construction of three 10' wide bridges and a number of culverts installed. Once again sincere thanks to Bruce Vaal and his 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 the awareness of the public to 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. We also continue to work with Plymouth State University's Center for the Environment analyzing the roadside inventory mapping completed over three years ago. This will allow us to identify priority areas where we should focus our attention.

#### **Easement Monitoring Volunteers**

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

### **2019 Highlights**

The Conservation Commission reviewed and monitored 44 Dredge & Fill Applications for projects such as docks, beaches, shore land clearing, culverts and subdivisions. We provide comments related to the protection of natural resources: including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachment on the wetlands buffer zone.

Your Commission has updated the Timber Management Plan and the Stewardship Plan for the expanded Page Pond Community Forest. These updates are important as they provide guidance to the Conservation Commission both now and into the future.

Your commission has begun placing interactive trail signs in areas of interest in our town forests. Using their smart phone with the appropriate application, hikers can tap into that information while in the woods.

Meanwhile your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings, commission members, alternates and other volunteers spend many hours in the field, monitoring and caring for your town forests. The Commission is the steward for more than 26 parcels. The properties range from as far east as Bear Island, to as far west as Hermit Woods.

Your commission would like to thank all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2019 your commission hosted 25 trail workdays where we typically had 5 to 8 volunteers put in hundreds of hours of work, Thank you all.

### **In Remembrance of Bob Davis**

The Meredith Conservation Commission and the Town of Meredith lost a valued member and a wonderful man in 2019. Bob Davis was a long time member of the commission as well as a number of other community service positions. Bob played a key role in many of the projects the commission has undertaken over the last two decades. Bob will be sorely missed but will hold a place in the hearts of all who knew him.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Billings – Chairman

Ralph Pisapia – Treasure

Paula Wanzer – Secretary

Paul Dillon – Vice Chairman

Mary Kahn-Member

Scott Powell – Member

Jim Gregoire - Member

John Sherman – Alternate

Don MacFarlane -Alternate

Tony Sabutis – Alternate



Conservation Commission continued...





Conservation Commission continud...



## General Government

### Public Works

All four of our divisions have been very busy this year:

Solid Waste: We renegotiated our contract with Androscoggin Valley Resource Recycling for another four years. Since 2007 we have been paying \$50.00 per ton for trash and construction demolition debris disposal. (Previous to 2007 we were paying \$92.50 per ton through the NH/VT Solid Waste Project.)

Since 2007, the contract with Androscoggin has equated to a savings of approximately 1.8 million dollars in disposal costs for the town. Many communities have gone to single stream recycling. It looked great at first but market fluctuations have increased the single stream disposal cost to over \$120 per ton and some communities pay even more than that. Fortunately, we still hand sort materials and market them accordingly. This has created a positive revenue stream for our town.

Another valuable resource to the town is the Northeast Resource Recovery Association. They provide an economic way for the town to market our recyclables. This organization also guarantees the market price when quoted and provides for a way for the town to receive our revenue in a timely manner.

Tonnage Recycled: Household trash 2,604.56 tons; Demolition debris 1,604.70 tons; plastic 39.54 tons; cardboard 166.5 tons; paper 40.95 tons; aluminum 13.5 tons; and mixed paper 13.23 tons.

We applied for and received a \$5,000 grant from NH the Beautiful toward the purchase of a new skid steer loader.

I would like to thank the staff at our recycling/transfer station for creating a positive influence on the town. Their hard efforts pay off for all of us both as a cost savings to the town and all the materials they recycle are not going into the landfill.

Buildings and Grounds: In 2019 our focus was on the Town water front parks and walkways. At the bandstand we rebuilt the water pump house, painted it and the canal bridge to match the parks décor. Crews installed 18 new guard rail flower boxes on the new Route 3 guard rail and built an irrigation system to the boxes. They also added irrigation to the docks curb flower areas.

Buildings and Grounds assisted the Greater Meredith Program with several installations of new sculptures for the town sculpture walk. The Rotary Club donated and built the new picnic pavilion in Hesky Park. Our employees were kept busy maintaining our town buildings and grounds. Repairs were made to town docks at various locations and we repainted the interiors of several of our buildings this year.

Cemetery: Meredith Village Cemetery is on Route 3

Burials		Monument Installations		Grave Sales	
Full	10	Bases	4	Full	4
Cremation	16	GLMs (4 Military)	10	Cremation	1
Ashes Scattered	1	C.P.s	3		
Total Burials 27		Total Monument Installations 17		Total Grave Sales 5	
Burial Revenue \$7,150		Monument Revenue \$550		Grave Sale Revenue \$2,150	

Two monuments were repaired and per lot owner request 16 monuments were cleaned and 4 shrubs were removed from lots. The cemeteries at Lang Street and the 89 other small cemeteries around town were mowed, cleaned and stones repaired as needed.

## General Government

### Public Works continued...

**Public Works:** Spring mud season was a very wet and long one. Our crews were constantly grading. York raking and hauling in gravel and stone for muddy soft roads. Thank you all for your patience!

As part of our yearly road maintenance program the following roads were either paved or rubber chip sealed. Our crews prepped the roads and finished the shoulders and drainage areas:

All town roads, parking lots and the parking spaces in the downtown area were line striped with fresh paint this spring. The old, faded or damaged street signs were replaced. Our mechanics inspect, service and repair all vehicles for all town departments.

Winter came in fierce and strong at the end of 2019 and our crews were kept constantly sanding, salting and plowing through the many storms and ice incidents. Our crews take pride in keeping our roads safe for travel and we have been told by many people that our roads are the best kept roads in the area in the winter.

Our Public Works office processed 38 Hesky Park Sign permits, 31 Driveway permits and 32 Facility Use permits for events at Community and Hesky Park. We received and completed 106 service requests for Buildings and Grounds and 172 for Highway.

I would like to thank the town residents for their continued support of Public Works. We work hard to maintain all of our town infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, docks, parks, parking lots, draining systems, signs, etc.) and keep it safe and operating smoothly. We were very proud to receive a Special Recognition award from the Greater Meredith Program for our Holiday lights! Our Buildings and Grounds crew worked hard to make our downtown and waterfront festive.

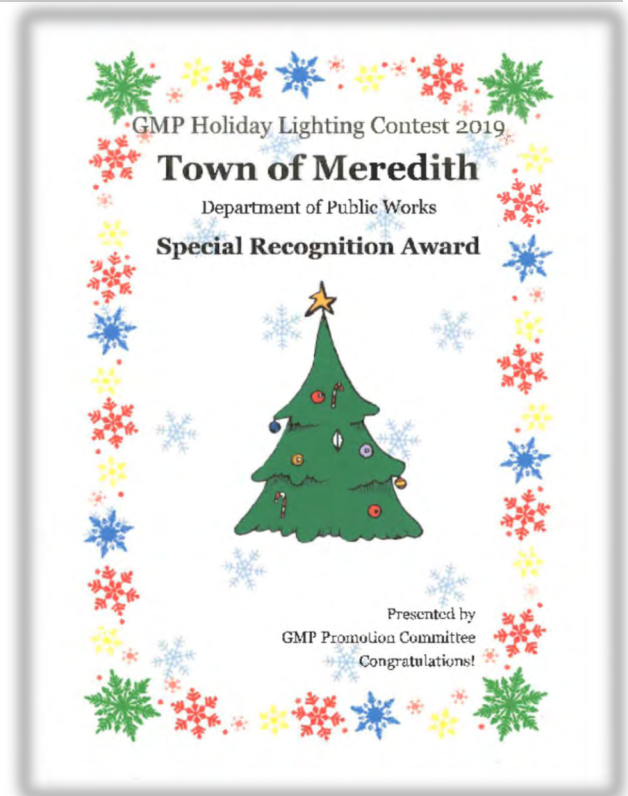
In addition, we are all thankful to be living and working in such a beautiful area.

Sincerely,

Michael Fallor

Public Works Director

Paved	Rubber Chip Sealed
Pinnacle Park Road	Spindle Point Road
Eaton Avenue	Sachem Cove Road
Plymouth Street	Circle Drive
Philbrook Avenue	Boynton Road
Sunset Hill Road	Kelly Lane
Lovejoy Sands Road	Needle Eye Road
Red Pine Road	Collins Brook Road
White Pine Road	Ashlind Drive
Pine Cone Lane	Bonner Road
Love Joy Landing parking lot	Dow Road
Waukewan Street (portions)	





## General Government

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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

#### Thank You!

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2019. Community members have shared their time and talents as youth sports coaches, field trip chaperones, special event helpers, and many other roles helping us to offer many quality programs and activities. Among our many dedicated volunteers is Nancy Lavigne, who has nearly single handedly cared for and nurtured the Community Center garden over the last 11 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 through generous contributions from local merchants, civic groups, and private citizens; the events listed below were successfully held. We are very appreciative of the generous sponsorships that we received making it all possible.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
4th of July Concert	Inns & Spa at Mill Falls
Holiday Open House	Matt & Lisa Tremblay
Summer Camp Scholarship	Altrusa, Jim Durkee Memorial Fund, Meredith Lions Club, After School Program Craft Fair Raffle & Concessions, and LRGH Nursery Guild.
Santa Calling	Chris Gonzalez
Senior Adult Computer Class	Meredith Public Library & Chris Leland
Tennis Lessons	Advantage Kids Tennis Program
Use of Maintenance Equipment	Meredith Water & Public Works Departments
Lego Club	Patricia Hilton
Spring Concert	New Horizons Band
Swasey Park Volunteer Day	Greater Meredith Program & Trailwrights
Counselors In Training	Marissa Learned, Mackenzie Rogers, Xander Gonzalez, Olivia Tatro, Olivia Kimball, Dagon Burr, Telanie Gillispie, Connor Dubois.
Tree Lighting	Meredith Fire & Public Works Depts., Jim LaFavre
Youth Soccer	Tricia Rosario, Patricia DelRossi, Jay Weiner, Kevin Shute, Erica Gilbert , Blythe Caruso, Felicia Condit, Kendra Hurd, Megan Moynahan, Jeremy Hallett, Melissa Torres, Patti Biederman, Will Vanasse.
Tee Ball	Brian Bolduc, Will Vanasse, Garrett Colgan-Snyder, Cindy Theriault

#### Community Center

Demand for the Community Center continued to be strong in 2019. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted several public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school district, county, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center serves as a valuable location for numerous Non-Profit organizations as well as private bookings such as birthday parties, reunions, weddings and so on. The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for the needs of our community in the future.

We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

## General Government

### Parks and Recreation continued...

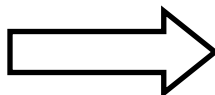
#### Program Growth

The Parks and Recreation Department experienced strong attendance in many of our core programs in 2019. New programs offered in 2019 included Gentle Yoga, Mother & Son Game Night, Family Skating Party, Partnership with Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association to offer a Widow Support Group, and a partnership with Service Link to offer a Medicare Workshop. New activities offered in the After School Program included Lego Club, Yoga, and Mindful Meditation.

#### Increased Revenues Once Again

I am happy to report that total department revenues increased by 7% in 2019, which marks the 5th consecutive year of increased revenues. Over the past 5 years revenues have increased by 98%. Thank you to our hard working staff and all those who took part in our programs and enjoyed our facilities.

A list of 2019 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided to the right.



#### Senior Adult Activities

Over the past 2 years a high priority was placed on adding new recreational opportunities for our senior adults. The Parks and Recreation Dept. formed the Senior Activity Advisory Group in 2018, comprised of local seniors who are interested in helping to achieve this goal. Through our monthly meetings we share ideas for new programs and methods of securing resources in support of senior programs.

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Dept. offers or supports the following programs for Senior Adults:

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| -Walk Fit                         | -Informational Workshops    |
| -Hooks&Needles Crochet & Knitting | -Water Color Painting       |
| -Free Blood Pressure/Foot Clinics | -Senior Exercise Class      |
| -Free Computer Classes            | -Strength & Balance Program |
| -Yoga                             | -Pickle Ball                |

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

#### Facility Projects

Facility improvement projects in 2019 focused on Prescott Park which included the installation of a new scoreboard and renovation of the dugouts at the varsity baseball field, and the installation of a new pitcher's mound at the middle school baseball field.

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 2020.

Sincerely,

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

#### 2019 Participant Totals

<u>Program/Activity</u>	<u>Participants</u>
After School Program	72
Summer Camp	208
Dover Bowl Field Trip	88
Altitude Trampoline Park Field Trip	95
Whales Tale Field Trip	115
Gunstock Field Trip (Grades 4-8)	51
Storyland Field Trip (Grades K-3)	48
Counselor In Training Program	8
Free Youth Tennis Lessons	29
Climbing Wall Program	58
Babysitting Training Class	6
Beginner Archery	11
Swim Lessons	93
Feb School Vacation Camps	52
April School Vacation Camp	44
December School Vacation Camp	34
Full Day Camp 1/25/19	42
Full Day Camp 3/15/19	41
Full Day Camp 11/1/19	46
Full Day Camp 11/27/19	29
Full Day Camp 12/2/19	40
Half Day Camp 6/20/19	27
Half Day Camp 12/20/19	45
Youth Soccer Program (Pre K-2)	74
Youth Tee Ball (Age 4&5-K)	35
Granite State Track (Ages 9-14)	26
Preschool Playgroup Daily Average	20
Adult Coed Volleyball	14
Senior Adult Strength & Balance	22
Senior Adult Exercise Class	16
Senior Adult Yoga	15
Gentle Yoga	8
Senior Adult Water Color Painting	4
Adult Day Pickle Ball Average	25
Evening Pickle Ball Program	20
Craft Fair Vendors	33
Craft Fair Attendees	450
Birthday Parties	55
Mother-Son Game Night	20
Halloween Bash	300
Holiday Open House	70
North Pole Calling	22
4th of July Concert	400
Easter Egg Hunt	400
Thanksgiving Dinner with Hart's	180
Senior Adult Drop In Average	13
Senior Adult Computer Class	6
Senior Adult Blood Pressure & Foot	6
Senior Adult Walking Group	10
Senior Adult Knitting Group Ave	8

Parks and Recreation continued...



Summer Camp



Color Run



Winter Outdoor Fun



Halloween Bash



School Vacation Camp

Fascination



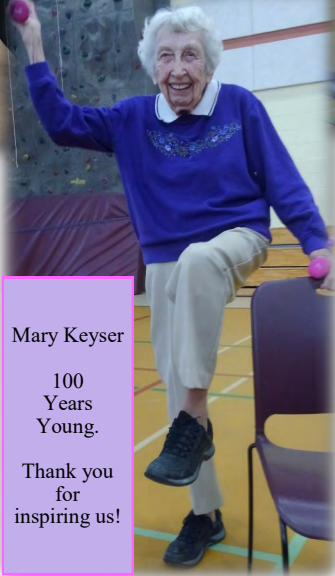
Senior Yoga

Senior Strength & Balance



We like to tire them out!

Mary Keyser  
100 Years Young.  
Thank you for inspiring us!



Not warm and fuzzy



## 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 2019 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: ( 10,338 Auto) & ( 483 Boat)	10,821	\$ 1,760,115
Dogs	1,224	6,963
Vital Records	1,309	16,315
Marriage Licenses	100	2,750
Refuse Permits	617	10,487
Miscellaneous...		
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies	92	5,135
Mailings - Notary and Justice Fees		
Total Revenue Collected		\$ 1,801,765

2019 proved to be a quiet but a challenging year. The Town Election, and Meeting had small turnouts but we were able to approve the budget without too much debate.

In May, my Deputy left the Town of Meredith for a position at another town. During that time while I worked alone in the office there was a need to adjust the hours of operations and I would like to thank the residents and nonresidents for their continued support and understanding.

I also acknowledge their patience when the lines were longer than they anticipated during that timeframe.

In August I was able to welcome Jennifer Hurd as Assistant Town Clerk, who came to Meredith from the Town of Tamworth and she is transitioning nicely. This coming summer Jen will attend the NH Joint Certification program which is the educational program developed by the Town Clerks and Tax Collectors to help us serve our residents and nonresidents to the best of our ability. I maintain my certifications by attending many continuing education programs offered by the State of NH and other Municipal Organizations in order to stay up to date of the ever-changing laws and procedures that are mandated by the State of NH, and Federal Election process. Currently I am working towards my Master Municipal Clerk certification from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). We have four elections in 2020. The First in the Nation Primary on February 11<sup>th</sup>, Town Election March 10<sup>th</sup>, Town Meeting the 11<sup>th</sup>, State Primary Sept 8<sup>th</sup>, and then the General Election for President of the United States November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Get out to vote and let your voice be heard.

Working for the Town of Meredith as first the Deputy (2006) and then being elected as your Town Clerk in 2008 has been one of the most surprising but, rewarding careers that I could ever have imagined for myself. I enjoy what I do and the people that I represent here in the Town of Meredith. Every day brings a new experience and challenge to what we do in the office for each of the people that walk into Town Hall whether it be a routine registration for a car or dog or a more complex issue that needs our attention. We in the office strive to make the experience of coming to Town Hall an enjoyable one. We in the Clerk's office look forward to serving you in the future.

Thank you,

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

### 2019 REVENUE COLLECTIONS



### Meredith Public Library

The Meredith Public Library Renovation and Expansion project will be on the Town Warrant at the 2020 Town Meeting. A Building Committee of library, town, and citizen representatives has been meeting weekly all year with the project manager, architect and construction team who are thrilled to present the final design to the community. A rendering of one of the historic reading rooms is pictured on the right. Gas fireplace inserts and restored original hardwood floors will help to create a living room effect inviting people to read by the fire, play a game or cozy up with a group of knitters. The expanded first floor will have an accessible meeting room available after hours, a vibrant children's room and a teen room for that growing population of users. The second floor will have several quiet study rooms, a media room for small meetings and a collaborative work space for learning and exploring which may include tools and technology such as sewing machines, art supplies and 3D printers. The mezzanine will be converted into a genealogy/reference room and will be a quiet research space. Instead of seven split levels, library services will be contained to two levels with an elevator.



The Meredith Library Fund which consists of President James McFarlin, Vice President Jaime Laurent, Treasurer Steven Geer, Secretary Janet Gulezian and Member Jeff Reilly as well as Fund Volunteer Amy LaFavre have been working hard to provide a philanthropic opportunity for people to donate to the project and to reduce the project cost to the taxpayer. They have raised over \$650,000 in one year! "Thank you to the numerous businesses, service organizations, and private citizens who have donated over the past year. The over-whelming support has been humbling. Please know that even after Town Meeting we will continue to collect donations and write grants to further reduce the cost of this project," said McFarlin.

The Friends of the Library also continue their support with a membership of over 100! Their Book Sales and Book Store raised nearly \$7,000 and that money supports numerous classes and lectures for adults, teens and children, museum passes, and Ancestry.com. Also, each kindergartener at Inter-Lakes Elementary School receives a book at the end of the school year. The Friends pledged \$13,000 to the Meredith Library Fund. To add to that, \$4685 was raised by Friends Liz Rohdenburg and Lisa Merrill when they competed and came in second place at Dancing with the Stars. Many Friends volunteer to keep the front garden looking beautiful during spring and summer, design the Fall/Halloween display, contribute a tree to the Festival of Trees and clean and sort books for sale. If you want to help out your library, please consider joining the Friends.



## General Government

### Meredith Public Library *continued...*

The Library Staff has been working hard to continue their exceptional service to the community. We offer tech support for most devices and a monthly Computer Club for assistance in a collaborative environment. We host three monthly adult book groups and Genealogy Club as well as a weekly knitters' group. Last year the Friends' sponsored watercolor classes, cooking demonstrations and several lectures. Teens continue to thrive at the library attending Mr. John's afterschool classes or clubs. Miss Karen draws in our youngest patrons and their parents with Animals and Me, Stella the Miniature Horse, or a Mad-Hatter Tea Party, just to name a few of the hundreds of activities available to children though out the year.



The State Library upgraded their Interlibrary Loan System and now our patrons can place their own holds on materials held at libraries across the state. We also continue our Home Delivery Service with assistance from the Altrusa Club.

Thank you to Paul Ristaino and his incredible Buildings and Grounds crew who helped us dig up our 1968 Time Capsule and bury a new one for 2018. They also landscape our grounds, shovel us out in the winter and help out with numerous odd jobs around the library. Thank you to Town Manager Phil Warren and the Select Board for working with us on the building project. Thank you as always to our loyal patrons!

Circulation...		Statistics...	
Adult Media	13,648	Reference Questions Answered	1,744
Adult Books	19,309	Annual Visits	45,998
Youth Materials	22,328	Number of Registered Patrons	4,995
Magazines	1,334	Internet Usage	3,270
Interlibrary Loans	1,545	Acquisitions...	
eBooks, eAudios, eMags	12,351	Media	612
Museum Passes	177	Books	1,390
Telescope	10	Gifts	170
Kindle	11	Magazines	403
		Lost/Discarded	2,552
<i>Total Circulation</i>	<i>70,713</i>	<i>Total Inventory</i>	<i>37,747</i>

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

Library Trust & Improvement Funds		Balance	Deposits	(Withdrawn)	Interest	YE Balance
Trust Fund	Purpose					
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	\$ 773,162	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ 78,321	\$ 851,483
Improvement Fund	Purpose					
Improvement Fund	Library	\$ _____	\$ 81,327	\$ _____	\$ 6,076	\$ 87,403
Total Library Trust & Improvement Funds		\$ 773,162	\$ 81,327	\$ _____	\$ 84,397	\$ 938,886



## General Government

### Fire

With another successful year upon us, I wish to start by thanking the individuals who support and make this department the professional organization that it is; Manager Warren, Select Board Members, Department Supervisors, MFD Officers, Members, Auxiliary and as always my wife for the continued support to Meredith Fire. We continue to strive to Always Be Ready; thus rendering the required emergency services deemed necessary to serve the citizens of Meredith on a daily basis.

In 2019 the department encountered a slight decrease in total number of calls associated with the previous year. A decrease in automatic responses for various calls other than fires to a neighboring community accounted for a few of the reduced runs. Prior to this past year, we had seen an 47% increase since 2009. Call data continues to indicate that the majority of runs fall under Public Assist; false alarms, service calls, good intent and rescue; motor vehicle accidents and medical assists. An increase with Rescue Calls included both motor vehicle accidents and requests for EMS support numbers climb.

I cannot stress the importance of scheduling annual routine maintenance on heating appliances, exhaust sources, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, sprinkler systems, etc. The Department continues to respond to numerous calls associated with these sources, which in many cases could have been prevented with annual maintenance, thus taxing the overall municipal budget.

In mid-July we encountered losing one of the outboard motors on our 26 ft. fire boat that responds to rescues, fires and EMS incidents on Lake Winnepesaukee. Due to the overall condition of the motor and fear that the second motor's condition may follow suit in the immediate future, it was determined that the best bang for the buck was to replace both motors. At the current time, funding was not available for such replacement which required removing the boat from service and requesting Mutual Aid Departments to answer Meredith's calls. To date, replacement of the motors is in progress with goal of having the boat operational in April/May timeline.

A purchase of a 14 ft. Inmar Rescue Boat with a 40 horse Evinrude Rescue Jet Prop Motor was placed into service to enhance our capabilities for water rescues and responses to the additional bodies of water throughout our community.

Recruitment and Retention continues to be an ongoing issue across the entire Country in the Volunteer/Call Departments. Meredith Fire is an aging department and certainly feeling some of the strain as well. If you or someone you know have considered becoming a member, please take time and stop by the station, let's sit down and discuss.

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2017 through 2019.

	2017		2018		2019	
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	61	12.86%	59	12.29%	46	10.27%
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	21	4.43%	42	8.75%	111	24.78%
Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	150	231.64%	142	29.58%	72	16.07%
Service Call	50	10.54%	32	6.66%	52	11.61%
Good Intent Call	51	10.75%	44	9.16%	41	9.15%
False Alarms & False Calls	<u>141</u>	29.74%	<u>159</u>	33.12%	<u>126</u>	28.13%
Total Number of Calls	<b>474</b>		<b>480</b>		<b>448</b>	

In closing, as always, the Officers and I look forward to the challenges in 2019, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for the continued support. Finally, remember early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours! In new modern construction homes, you now have 3 to 4 minutes to escape! Ensure you have an escape plan and practice it!

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

## General Government

### Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

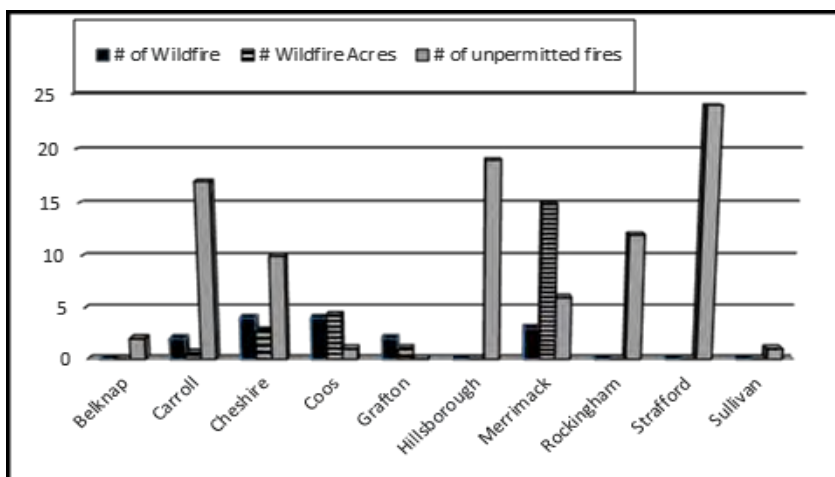
This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildfire activity throughout Meredith and the entire State. Meredith Fire Department and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high. Locally, we continue to support the operation of the Red Hill Tower as this is not operated by NH Forest & Lands. As with the other State Towers this is support only on High Fire Danger Days. Over the past years, the tower has spotted many incidents supporting early warnings and responses which reduce the area threatened.

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 a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, MFD, and the State's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

In 2019 a total of 734 permits were obtained for outside burning in Meredith, requiring a minimum of follow up responses by the Fire Warden or Deputies. A reminder that Fire Permits are available at the Meredith Fire Central Station, Town Office and Y-Landing at hours of operation, as well as on line.

As we prepare for the 2020 fire season, please remember to contact Meredith Fire (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, they may be obtained by visiting [www.NHfirepermit.com](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). Again you are encouraged to contact us here at Meredith Fire or DES at 603-271-3503 or [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect the Town of Meredith and New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/).

#### 2019 Wildland Fire Statistics in NH (All fires reported as of December 2019)



#### HISTORICAL DATA

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91
2017	65	134	100
2016	351	1090	159
2015	143	665	180

\* 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	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	3

### Police

Chief of Police, Kevin A. Morrow

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

It's hard to believe that it's another close to another year. But what's more poignant is that the year 2020, which at one point in our social history was a year reserved for Sci-Fi movies rather than real life, is looming on the immediate horizon. What we can hope for is that 'real life' will level out and become less about social media involved bullying and negativity (especially with our youth), drug-related overdoses and other crimes that occur because someone just needs something to make that “quick fix” happen, domestic violence tearing families apart, senseless DWIs that include damage to other's property and wellbeing, and, unfortunately, the list could go on. Regardless of what unfolds with the onset of the new year, rest assured that the men and women of the Meredith Police Department are prepared to handle it. And, how do we do that? We take our initial training, going all the way back to each of our own Police Academy days and build upon it with experience, guidance from our peers and training.

Training that this past year, totaled 629 hours and included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Firearms/Taser Qualifications and Civil Liability
- Intox900 Recertification
- Digital Forensics & Social Media
- Terrorism Indicators
- LIDAR (Radar) Operator
- Motor Officer (Motorcycle school)
- Active Shooter
- Drug Investigations
- Crime Scene First Responder
- Ethics in Law Enforcement
- ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) for SROs (School Resource Officers)
- Crisis Trauma in Police Work.

Funeral services of Greenland NH Police Chief Michael P. Maloney on 04/19/12 (The Boston Globe)



### Police continued...

What does Crisis Trauma mean for our Officers and Dispatchers? It does not mean how we handle the Public's crisis or trauma at the time of the emergency, which is part and parcel of the public's expectation of the job. It does mean how the Officers or Dispatchers process their own, or the team's, crisis trauma after the dust has settled. How do we take a step back and decompress and just breathe after wrestling with an out of control drug addict, clearing a home that's been burglarized, responding to a horrific motor vehicle accident, removing a crying child from a domestic violence situation, or responding to another agency's Officer involved shooting? There are days when our job is a thankless one, and yet we push on, even when Law Enforcement is painted in a bad light or made a target of complaints and criticisms. For the most part, the public can, by the everyday heroic actions of Law Enforcement, safely stay behind the sanitized lines and screens of the media of the horrors of the world, until they are undeniably drawn into the fray; and yet here we stay through it all. We can only ask for continued support from those we serve and ourselves. Be kind. Stay kind.

In closing, I should note that at the time of this year's Town Report being written, it is a very cold, snow-covered day with copious amounts of freezing rain that is making road conditions treacherous. The men and women of the Meredith Police Department that are on the schedule to work today, have left the warm comforts of home and family and those last precious days of school vacation to brave the bitter winds to answer whatever emergency comes through our door. We take our job seriously, with devotion and pride. Perhaps pulling it all together in the best way is an excerpt from former United States President Ronald Regan's Message on the Observance of Police Week and Police Officers' Memorial Day, May 1988:

*"There can be no more noble vocation than the protection of one's fellow citizens. Police Week, and in particular Police Officers' Memorial Day, affords each one of us the yearly opportunity to reflect upon the countless contributions made by our Nation's police officers."*

*No single group is more fully committed to the well-being of their fellow Americans and to the faithful discharge of duty than our law enforcement personnel. Danger is a routine part of their job, and all too often we lose one of these valiant men and women to the sickness that is crime."*

Here's to losing no one and wishing you all a safe and prosperous New Year.

Meredith Police Department  
2019 Statistics

Calls For Service: 13,270

Accidents: 234

Offenses: 392

(Felony-level Offense Cases that were a direct Arrest or were turned over to the Belknap County Attorney's Office for Grand Jury Indictment: 144)

Arrests: 301



### Emergency Management

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

2019 was not a very active year for members of the Emergency Management team, which I'm very thankful. Every year we mostly have power lines down, minor flooding, and trees across the roads, but compared to other Towns we made out well. Meredith Emergency Committee serves for the preparation and emergency response required by the Town to react to any type of emergency situation. With the assistance of Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, Town Manager, Public Works, Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Community Development, Superintendent SAU, Stewarts Ambulance, and our Heath officer, we have completed the required emergency plans. It is still a work in progress on some sub plans.

The CERT- Community Emergence Response Team helped the Town of Meredith with a few non emergence functions this year. CERT main voluntary function is to respond to emergence needs when requested, but also they are called out to help with non-emergence functions also. They helped with traffic duties for the Library's Road Race. So a BIG Thank you goes to the Meredith CERT.

Please do not forget about the Flu seasons which has caused a number of deaths this year, so here are some helpful hints:

- \* Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- \* Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- \* Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- \* Stay home if you are sick.

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





## 2019 Community Photos

Photos provided by: Marilee Sundius & Karen Thorndike

Third Graders on a Historical Walking Tour



Meredith's Mystery Stone: presented by John Edgar & John Hopper with Stone on loan from NH State Historical Society



Tom Witham presents a Plaque which recognizes donors for Farm Museum Roof



## General Government

### Village Pathways Committee

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 promote pedestrian activity in the community. Pedestrian planning takes the form of enhancing and expanding pathways, linking together recreational, civic and community destinations throughout Meredith Village and the community as a whole.

On-going activities this year included distribution of the Meredith Village Historic Walking Maps and the Village Walking Maps to various kiosks around the village. The committee again teamed with the Meredith Historical Society to provide a historical walking tour for the Inter-Lakes third grade classes.

The main focus of the committee in 2019 has been the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook. It will offer a scenic, off-road pedestrian trail featuring observation areas and descriptive signage. The universally accessible pedestrian trail begins to the left of Meredith Village Savings Bank and follows Hawkins Brook to a viewing platform overlooking the wetlands behind Crosspoint Shopping Center.



A boardwalk with viewing platforms overlooking the wetlands continues through an outdoor classroom area and joins a wooded trail ending at Prescott Park. This unique recreational trail will have educational components as well as being a connector to Prescott Park, the Inter-Lakes School campus, the Community Center and the downtown.

Trail construction began in November of 2018 behind MVSB. Work has continued in 2019 and will conclude in the spring of 2020. The Grand Opening and Dedication of the trail is being planned for Sunday, June 7, 2020. Please join us for this exciting event! The committee thanks the Meredith community for their continued support.

The Pathways Committee invites community members with an interest in joining the committee to attend a meeting, reach out to a committee member or to the Community Development Department.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Bourn,  
Meredith Village Pathways Committee, chair

Pathways Committee Members:

Andreas 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.



### 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/or repairs on the pump stations and sewer main cleaning activities to ensure maintain 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 accounts for more than 50% on 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.

Tim Green  
Water and Sewer Superintendent





### Waukewan Watershed Committee

Mission Statement – The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The Committee provides an organizational structure for the citizens and local officials from the five watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukewan Watershed. A principal responsibility of the Committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding the 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.

As the focused committee of concerned individuals from the Waukewan Watershed area, our current and continuing initiatives include;

- Ongoing monitoring and remediation of roadway sites identified in the Waukewan Winona Restoration Plan in close cooperation with senior management of the Town of Meredith, and its Department of Public Works
- Public educational presentations. Including the Committee sponsored Outreach Program on July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Meredith Community Center. This drop-in program featured representatives of state and local groups and speaker presentations sharing ideas on how to mitigate water runoff for homeowners. We extend our thanks to all participants and our gratitude to those local firms who generously lent their support.
- Participated in two grant application submissions, in concert with the Lake Winnepesaukee Association. These grants are now in their final stages of funding review.
- Continued advocacy and support for the Lake Waukewan Lake Host Program.
- Committee endorsement and involvement in monitoring and managing invasive species efforts, including participation in Chinese Mystery snail hunts.
- Committee support for the Waukewan Volunteer Lake Assessment Program, to ensure continued collection of Waukewan water samples for consistent data analysis of the health of our lake. This program has provided scientifically valid data for the past three decades.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Committee,  
please contact Donna VanNess Murphy @  
[dvnom@aol.com](mailto:dvnom@aol.com)

Respectfully Submitted,  
Donna VanNess Murphy, Chair



Members of the Waukewan Advisory Committee at the Lake Waukewan boat ramp.

Left to right: Tim Whiting, John Hodsdon, Bob Vogler, Donna Van Ness Murphy, Co-Chair,  
Tony Sabutis,  
Nate Torr, Select Board Rep., Frank Murphy, Co-Chair and Jamie Irving.  
Missing from photo: Art Von der Linden.

## Supported Outside Agencies

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### American Legion Post #33

2019 saw the Meredith American Legion family devote over a hundred hours with town affairs and fundraising efforts to benefit veterans and the children of the town. Fundraisers were held to raise money for C.H.A.D., Liberty House, the disabled veteran's fishing derby, the New Hampshire Veteran's Home and our annual children's Christmas Party among others.

For the first time in many years the Legion's annual Independence Day BBQ was moved due to the removal of the BBQ pit at Hesky Park. We held the BBQ for free in the Legion parking lot and realized a great turn out. We plan on repeating it again in 2020.

This year was momentous for the Legion as it was the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Legion's founding. 2020 will be noteworthy as well. Post 33's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is in 2020.

We continue to help organize and participate in the town's Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and 9/11 Memorial, as well as, making sure that our Veteran's graves are properly decorated each year.



We would also like to inform and/or remind everyone that with the signing of the Legion Act by the President there are no longer certain restrictions on eligibility dates for American Legion membership. If you have served honorably at anytime after December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941 you are eligible for membership in the Legion. Please pass this on to any veteran who you think may be unaware of this.

Post 33's American Legion family is proud and honored to be part of such a great and supportive community.

### American Legion Officers - Post #33

Robert O'Neil, Commander	Doug Bolinder, Sr. Vice Commander	Bill Trevor, Adjutant
Elliot Finn, Judge Advocate	Rudy Tibbetts, Sergeant at Arms	Hillary Seeger, Chaplain
Robert V. Kennelly, Service Officer	Hayward Price, Historian	
	Sam Blake, Finance Officer	

### American Legion Auxiliary Officers

Billie Jo Howe, President	Leslie Tibbetts, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Donna Chalmers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Mary Ballou, Secretary & Treasurer		Fran Milliken, Chaplain

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

Jim Hurd, Commander	Jeff Wyatt, Sr. Vice Commander	David MacDonald III, Jr. Vice Commander
Ernie Brown, Historian	Barry Weeks, Adjutant	Ben Gallagher, Sergeant at Arms



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### Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 250 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area. While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open year-round. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2019 were Jean Greenlaw and Stephanie Whiting.



The major project of the Chamber this year was a revision of the Chamber's website... [www.meredithareachamber.com](http://www.meredithareachamber.com) The new website is mobile responsive with enhanced search features and new content featuring lake activities, local businesses and the beauty of the Meredith area.

Again this year, the Chamber conducted an advertising campaign designed to attract people to visit the area and we produced and distributed a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure which was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts as well at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center. The brochure is also mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber Office.

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

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

Susan Cerutti  
Executive Director

### Meredith Historical Society

The Society's purpose is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The purpose also includes maintaining the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum and the Main Street Museum to house our collection.



The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two 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.

The Main Street Museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day, four days a week, Wednesday through Saturday, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Many visitors use our files to gather information about previous generations or early local life. The Farm Museum is open on Saturday afternoons, 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and staffed by volunteers. Arrangements can be made to visit either museum at other times by calling 279-1190.

Our monthly Speakers Series has continued to be enthusiastically received. Held at the Community Center on the first Tuesday of the month from April through November, the free lectures offered an assortment of presentations from light-hearted stories of Yankee ingenuity and the musical presentation of "Banjoes, Bones and Ballads," to the serious history of the Laconia State School.

## Supported Outside Agencies

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### Meredith Historical Society continued...

Meredith's Mystery Stone, discovered by Seneca Ladd was exhibited and discussed. This small egg-shaped stone, residing at the NH State Historical Society, receives the most inquiries of any item in the State's collection. We also learned about the variety of New England stone walls, the history of Lake Winnepesaukee's Mt. Washington and stories of the lives and struggles of settlers along the Pemigewasset River Valley.

In September we held an Open House at the Main St. Museum, serving free hot dogs and ice cream. Board members showcased exhibits and guests were able to do on-the-spot research of local last names.

Throughout the season the artwork of Freda Weeks (1906-1990) was displayed. Meredith Village Savings Bank generously loaned several pieces of her original artwork, along with art loaned from private collections of local individuals. Freda's style in the 1950's was to paint a local citizen in the location where that person was usually seen, whether in church or at the dump. Mention of her on our Facebook page generated the most comments and "shares" of any post.

The Farm Museum on Winona Rd is listed on the National Historic Register. With greater volunteer staffing we hope to increase this unique building's exposure to more people, but it was a successful season regardless. We participated in the town-wide yard sale in May on the grounds of the Farm Museum. The Meredith Garden Club held a summer luncheon meeting on the lawn and toured the exhibits. In September a reception was held to honor the donors who contributed to replacement of the building's roof shingles. In the fall several students from Inter-Lakes High School National Honor Society helped rake leaves away from the building. This year's Leadership Lakes Region class toured in November and learned from board member, John Hopper, the origins of the Farm Museum as a Free Will Baptist Meeting House as well as the importance of farming in early Meredith. John Moulton, of Moulton Farm, followed up with discussion of his family's farming history, showing that as a result of advances in techniques, farming is still a key aspect of local life and economy.



A growing collaboration with Inter-Lakes 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers has resulted in participating with the Pathways Committee when students take twice-yearly walking tours of Main Street. Docents are positioned at historical locations and describe an event that occurred there. The students are attentive and fascinated with the stories of the creation of the canal, the early mills, the "Great Catastrophe" that are some of Meredith's unique history. Each spring we deliver the "Traveling Trunk" to the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to help them gain awareness of early 20<sup>th</sup> century farm life. We welcome more participation at various grade levels.

Maintenance of our two buildings is an ongoing responsibility, demanding vigilance and monetary support. Both are among the very oldest still standing in Meredith. The Farm Museum was built in 1801, and the Main Street Museum was built c. 1812. The Historical Society welcomes the aid and patronage of those who appreciate the preservation of our past.

Sincerely,  
Karen Thorndike, President

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

Directors: Ceil Andrews, Rich Knighten, Don MacFarlane, Jackie Roy, DonnaMarie Tonelli



### 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 sixteen 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 supported ongoing programs and completed a number of new projects in 2019.

Ongoing projects that the GMP supported in 2019 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. In addition, GMP manages online requests to post to its sign board 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:**

2019 GMP Officers and Board Members: President Chris Kelly, Vice-President Katheryn Rolfe, Past President Bob Manley, Treasurer Dick Pendergast, Secretary Amy Tardiff, and Board Members: Kelly Chapman, Bronwen Donnelly, Ted Fodero, Jeanie Forrester, Bill Gartner, Andy Lane, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Lynn Leighton, Rusty McLear, Wendell Rizzo and Chris Williams.

Ex-officio members: John Edgar, Mary Moriarty, and Phil Warren. Liz Lapham served as GMP Executive Director from July 2018 to November 2019. The GMP Board appreciates and thanks her for her leadership.

#### **GMP Design Committee:**

The Design Committee provides design advice and plans, organizes and develops projects. In 2019 they focused on the following: In cooperation with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and Trailwrights Inc. they continued their work in Swasey Park. Trailwrights, Inc., a non-profit volunteer organization whose purpose is to promote environmentally sound techniques of trail maintenance guided the volunteers to learning best practices which included erosion control, safe and permanent trail construction and trailblazing.

The beautification sub-committee and volunteers completed several new improvements throughout town including: flower boxes and planting beds along Route 3 by the Town Docks parking area. They also continued maintenance on existing projects along Main & Pleasant Streets and the Routes 3 & 25 corridor.

In the fall the team revived a dormant Façade Program and invited local businesses to apply for up to \$3000 for design assistance. Harbor Hill Campground was the recipient of the grant and discussions for the work is scheduled to begin in the spring to improve their entrance on Route 25.

## Supported Outside Agencies

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### The Greater Meredith Program continued...

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

The Meredith Sculpture Walk celebrated its sixth year in 2019 with 32 sculptures positioned in high-visibility locations along Main Street, throughout the Mill Falls Marketplace, and lakeside in Hesky and Scenic Parks. 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 scheduled throughout the summer and fall and were available off-season by appointment. The locations for the sculptures are made possible by the support of both public and private owners. In August, the Committee coordinated its third outdoor public arts event with the New Hampshire Music Festival. Docents gave Sculpture Walk tours while NHMF musicians performed.

#### **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 second year as Executive Director and the program has been flourishing under her leadership. Currently, there are 15 students participating in internships and job shadows this year including: a student at Emerson Air in Gilford, a student job shadowing in the Radiology Department at LRGH and one student at an LRGH weekend experience. They have also had 13 guest speakers including: Meteorologist, Kevin Skarupa, Alex Ray of the Common Man and Scott Crowder from NE Pond Hockey Classic. Culinary focused field trips were also taken where they toured: Genuine Local, Chocolate Makers of Kellerhaus Kitchens and Hermit Woods Winery.

*The Lakes Center For the Arts* 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 the vacant Annalee Factory Building.

They registered a trade name, formed a legal corporation with the state of NH and are currently applying for non-profit status with the Internal Revenue Service.

Through extensive effort and organization they built a steering committee, created a website and social media presence, and gathered community support

A cleanup day at the property was held in the fall, with many GMP volunteers showing up to help. This paved the way for more clean up so the building could be ready for a public open house that brought people from all over the Lakes Region and beyond to see this spaces potential.

In November, they were able to hold a “building blocks” auction at the Chase House with fifty pieces of art all donated by local and regional artists which was a great success.

#### **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 continues to focus on 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 nineteen businesses and organizations in Meredith putting their scariest, funniest, best business-related and historical scarecrows on display for the annual scarecrow contest. A holiday lighting contest was held in December with local businesses involved.

A new highlight to the holiday season was the addition of Main Street’s first Social Media Scavenger Hunt. Teams competed to complete a series of photo challenges on Facebook and Instagram that brought them to seventeen different locations on Main Street. The response was great from both players and shop owners.

### The Greater Meredith Program continued...

#### Annual Meeting:

At the Annual Meeting held on January 7, 2020, the GMP recognized and highlighted the hard work and dedication of GMP volunteers for 2019 year. The GMP Board Member of the Year Award was presented to Nancy Lavigne, for her dedication to the program and her hands on work with the Design Committee. Volunteers of the Year Awards were presented to Wendell & Julie Rizzo and Brad & Lynn Leighton. Outstanding Business Supporter of the Year was presented to Mill Falls at the Lake and the Community Support Award was given to Breakthrough Property Services.



Also at the event, special thanks was given to Rusty and Jodie McLear for being life-long champions of Meredith and friends to GMP. In recognition of their contributions GMP is dedicating a water fountain in their names at the Garden Corner of the Meredith Historical Society this spring.

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

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## Supported Outside Agencies

The Greater Meredith Program continued...

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## Supported Outside Agencies

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### 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 2019, LRMHC's 195 employees served 4,081 children, adults and families. During this same time period, we provided over \$1.2 million of charity care.

In Fiscal Year 2019, **264 residents of Meredith received services from LRMHC, and 56 of these individuals utilized Emergency Services.** LRMHC provided \$69,601 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)	65	\$7,127	12
Adults (18 to 61 years)	151	\$58,344	36
Elder (62 + years)	48	\$4,130	8

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 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.

In closing, the LRMHC would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support.

## Supported Outside Agencies

### Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association

I, Kevin Kelly, am very pleased to report that our Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice celebrated its 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary serving the citizens of Meredith.



LRVNA continues to serve Meredith residents providing over 10,000 visits to over 750 residents, both in Homecare and Hospice annually.

The very best news remains that fact that LRVNA is well positioned to continue to provide compassionate, stellar, professional care to our residents and/or their loved ones, regardless of their ability to pay.

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

Sincerely,

Kevin M Kelly  
Chief Executive Officer  
Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association



### Community Action Program

The mission of Community Action is to work with low-income families, the elderly and those with handicapping conditions to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The Agency accomplishes this task by providing a broad array of programs that are locally defined, planned and managed.

During the past year, we have provided \$393,568.54 in services through the area center. In Meredith, we help with fuel and electric assistance, security deposits, emergency assistance and food from the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry. We also work hand-in-hand with other organizations to meet the needs of our residents. For those who are unable to come to the CAP office, we visit their homes and assess how we can help them. A portion of our funding that allows us to offer these services comes from the towns we serve. Meredith has been very supportive of our efforts over the years, and we are thankful for the Town's continued commitment to our programs.

For more information, please contact us at 279-4096 or stop by our office at 147 Main Street.

Lynn Tonkin  
Meredith Area Center Director



Photo provided by: Donna VanNess

## Supported Outside Agencies

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### Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, licensed, tax-exempt community childcare and education agency, incorporated in 1971, which provides exceptional and affordable early care and education for children from six weeks through twelve years of age. The Center offers a full range of services including a morning preschool program, full and part-time child care, summer and vacation enrichment camps, and USDA approved healthy meals and snacks.

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.



I-LDCC is open year-round from 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM, making it possible for parents to maintain employment. Through the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant Act and the State of New Hampshire, tuition assistance is available to families with income up to 250% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center provides a developmentally appropriate curriculum which engages children in activities that develop language and literacy through interactions, experiences, and relationships with peers and teachers. I-LDCC supports the well-being of the whole child while providing a warm and nurturing environment.

This year I-LDCC participated in the Sandwich Fair following our study of butterflies. The theme was “Metamorphosis” with each age group recreating a stage of the butterfly life cycle. Also this year all ages participated in Altrusa’s Festival of Trees, creating ornaments to go on a Christmas tree based on the book The Mitten by Jan Brett. This summer, the preschool and school age children participated in the Town of Meredith’s swimming lessons every day for six weeks with the children receiving certificates of completion at various swim levels. Also during the summer, children participated in the summer reading program “A Universe of Stories” sponsored by the Meredith Public Library. The Lions Club visited this fall and did a vision screening of all children and staff to identify those at risk of vision loss. In addition, I-LDCC collaborates with the Meredith Altrusa Club’s Literacy Committee to provide reading enrichment to our preschoolers throughout the year.

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

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 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. The center decorated a tree to be donated for Altrusa's Festival of Trees. This has been a yearly tradition and the children enjoy creating ornaments for this special event. They particularly loved this year's theme of the Grinch. The center will be holding their 16th Annual Food Drive. This year we had a new collaboration with Meredith

Village Savings Bank and EM Heath Supermarket. The children will again be donating to the Meredith Food Pantry. Our Preschool Class also continued their tradition of collecting items for the NH Humane Society during their animal unit. The children were very excited to deliver the food, toys and paper goods to the Humane Society. The children and staff also worked together organizing a bake sale to support one of our beloved teachers in her fundraising efforts for Cancer Research. The center is lucky to have supportive families and businesses that help make our projects a success.

The center was also host to high school and college students. The students assisted the teachers in the classrooms and played games with the children. It was a great experience for the center. We also had several college students observing and implementing activities in the classrooms. The children look forward to seeing the college students and it's a wonderful opportunity for the students to gain classroom experience. We feel it's important to give back to the community that has been so supportive of us for the past 23 years.

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 municipalities within a state-defined planning area established under NH RSA 36:45. Regional planning commissions strive to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a meaningful way, both locally and regionally, through communication, joint initiatives, and planning. Here are some highlights of our services and activities over the past year:



#### **Local Services, Meredith**

- Completed Turning Movement Counts and Pedestrian Counts at three intersections on Main Street at Dover Street, High Street, and Lake Street for the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP), including taking traffic counts and reviewing accident forms.
- Reviewed, interpreted, and distributed culvert inventory data to Meredith; discussed culvert data from Waukegan/Pardoe project with Community Development Director. Prepared GIS location map for Meredith Community Development Director.
- Completed Phase I of a Winnisquam Watershed Management Plan, directly involving the Planning Board.
- Worked with potential applicant for 5310 Capital funds on plans to apply for the next round of capital funds, including participation in the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council (RCC).
- Enabled annual Town electricity savings of \$12,308.00 through our Regional Electricity Aggregation initiative.
- Coordinated our annual summer Household Hazardous Waste Collection with Meredith as one of 25 participating members for a substantial group savings.
- Completed Cell Phone Signal Mapping project, with the help of volunteer drivers, to assist towns with inaccurate cell service coverage vendor claims affecting community safety and commerce.
- Facilitated the bulk purchase and distribution of the new edition of the *New Hampshire Planning and Land Use Regulation* books at a substantial discount.

#### **Regional Planning and Purchasing**

- Reviewed Developments of Regional Impact, as required by NH RSA 36:54, initiated by Andover, Belmont, Plymouth, Sanbornton, and Tuftonboro. Prepared and discussed draft comments with municipal planners, provided outreach to surrounding communities, corresponded with state and local officials, reviewed relevant state statutes, and provided feedback per LRPC guidelines to members through their Commissioners.
- Issued a Request for Proposals on behalf of five school districts for regional student transportation services to pursue and determine the feasibility of shared bus services.

#### **Economic Development**

- Coordinated over \$250,000 in EPA, NHDES, and LRPC grant funding to conduct environmental assessments on the Lakes Region Facility Brownfields property, formerly known as the Laconia State School, and cleared the way for several proposed redevelopment scenarios to move forward. The LRPC will now help to lead the way to obtain implementation funding.
- Completed year two of a two-year Targeted Block Grant project via the NH Office of Strategic Initiatives.
- As the designated Local Development District (LDD), provided grant administration services for seven grants awarded by the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC), a federal-state funding partnership, to member towns and local organizations who applied for projects.

#### **Solid Waste Management**

- With funding from a successful USDA Solid Waste and Water Management grant, provided technical training and educational programs via four problem-solving roundtable sessions for solid waste operators, municipal officials, and other stakeholders on: Food Waste & Composting; Disposal and Uses of Glass in Transportation; Capped Landfill Maintenance 101; and Reducing the Grey Area between Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Small Quantity Generators (SQGs).
- Worked with New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) to educate solid waste operators and community leaders about their capped landfill responsibilities.
- Conducted an innovative joint transportation and solid waste management meeting to address the use of crushed recycled glass as a base material in road and trail projects.

## Supported Outside Agencies

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### Lakes Region Planning Commission continued...

- Coordinated the **33rd Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection**, always held on the **LAST SATURDAY OF JULY / FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST**, among 8 locations and 25 participating member communities. Partnered with Plymouth State University's Technical Communications class to increase participation at our Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events and address local recycling issues.

#### **HHW By the Numbers...**

Regional planning commissions	1
Number of days	2
Locations	8
Participating communities	25
Years of collections	33
Percentage of NH's surface water contained within the Lakes Region	40
Volunteers	80+
Participating households	1,592
Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) bulbs accepted	1,739
Feet of fluorescent tubing dropped off	22,086
Pounds of hazardous substances properly disposed of	61,660
<b>Protecting the Lakes Region of New Hampshire</b>	<b>Priceless</b>

#### **Transportation**

- Public Transportation—Provided assistance to the Carroll County Regional Coordinating Council and the Mid-State Regional Coordinating Council (RCC). Together with Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission (CNHRPC), prepared an update to the Mid-State RCC's 2007/2010 Coordinated Transit and Human Services Transportation Plan.
- Worked with member towns, the LRPC TAC, and NHDOT to prioritize funding and transportation improvements for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as part of the State Ten Year Plan process.
- Completed regional analysis for freight planning, identifying bottlenecks, truck back-ups, and other issues affecting heavy commerce in the region and for regional bikeability for the Statewide Pedestrian & Bike Transportation Plan.

#### **Watershed Management**

- Provided technical and administrative support, including coordinating monthly meetings, to the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC), a state-chartered advisory committee under the Rivers Management and Protection Program per NH RSA 483.
- Completed two Watershed Assistance Section 319 Grant projects through the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) for the Winnisquam Watershed and the Squam Lakes Association.
- Completed a Water Quality Planning 604(b) Grant project through NHDES, working with the Town of Moultonborough and the Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA), to create a replicable septic system improvement model, including risk analysis, sample ordinance, and an educational toolkit to address nutrient loading from aging or failing septic systems.

#### **Community Outreach & Education**

- Convened six Commission meetings during the fiscal year and facilitated discussion on topics including: Updated Guidelines for Developments of Regional Impact; Becoming Age-Friendly Communities; Solid Waste Management Grant program initiatives; Regional Transportation Planning; and a legislative forum on Economic Development.
- Honored six individuals and three organizations at our June 24th Annual Meeting.
- Hosted a regional Planners Roundtable to share and discuss local and regional planning issues, including accessory dwelling units (ADUs), short-term rentals, and cell towers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey R. Hayes, MRP, Executive Director

## Supported Outside Agencies

### New Hampshire Humane Society

Thanks to the longstanding collaboration between the Town of Meredith and the New Hampshire Humane Society, animals finding themselves in need within the town limits can receive a positive outcome. For any animal welfare issue - stray dogs, 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 constituents.

The New Hampshire Humane Society has a staff of 20 animal care professionals, including an on-site veterinarian, who provide comfort, medical care, and emotional or behavioral rehabilitation to all animals who arrive here. Animal Control and Law Enforcement personnel may access our facility 24 hours a day, every day, for strays or abandoned animals from the Town. Residents who can no longer care for their pets may surrender them to us by appointment.

The New Hampshire Humane Society is a registered 501 (c) 3 organization who relies 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 from a holding facility to a full service adoption agency. We also offer many community programs, including:

- No-cost Spay/Neuter program (Please see [www.nhhumane.org](http://www.nhhumane.org) for information on how to apply.)
- 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 (ask about our Cat Tales program)
- A Pet Food Pantry program to help individuals who are having financial difficulties obtain the pet food they need to keep their animals at home with them
- Public Rabies Vaccine clinics



**In 2019, our total animal intake was 1,142. Pertinent statistics from the Town of Meredith follow.**

2019 Statistics	Dogs	Cats	Other Animals	Total
Stray Animals Received by Police	11	0	0	11
Stray Animals Received from Citizens	3	7	1	11
Animals Surrendered by Meredith Residents	6	19	1	26
Strays Reclaimed by Owners	14	2	0	16
Feral Animals Taken in, Neutered & Released	0	0	0	0
Adoptions by Meredith Families	19	26	3	48
Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Surgeries Provided to Meredith Residents	1	14	0	15

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Bald  
Director of Finance & Administration



### 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 on-going support. Your 2018-2019 allocation of **\$1836.00** has enabled our agency to continue to provide trauma informed direct services including 24-hour crisis intervention, long term support and assistance, and outreach and education to people whose lives have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter with a food pantry and material goods; staffs a 24-hour crisis line; provides 24-hour advocacy at hospitals and police stations; provides court and social service advocacy; and offers non-judgmental support and advocacy on a one-to-one basis as well as in peer support groups. New Beginnings has programming for children and teens that have witnessed and experienced violence, including resiliency-based programs. Though we serve a small county, the need for services is great. We were able to do a Primary Prevention Programing in Meredith school system. We had advocates in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, offering support and advocacy to **714** individuals in FY18-19, including **55** residents of the town of Meredith and resulting in **16,955** individual services. Services provided and donated by our volunteers, was over **17,000** service hours.

New Beginnings plays a significant role in the greater community. We facilitate outreach activities and offer education programs to businesses, clubs and groups. We also facilitate age-appropriate prevention programs for students in kindergarten through college, including topics such as conflict resolution, bullying, healthy relationships, and dating and sexual violence. We participate in many committees and commissions, including the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor's Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county. New Beginnings partners with law enforcement through the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), to reduce the rate of domestic violence homicides in Belknap County and ensure service provision to victims receiving police response. Advocates participate in the local Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART), a comprehensive collaboration of Belknap County Professionals dedicated to promoting efficient and victim-centered services in sexual assault cases; improving conviction rates and engaging victims' services focused on their health and healing.

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

Sincerely,

Kathy Keller  
Executive Director  
New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse



## Supported Outside Agencies

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### Waypoint

Our mission is to empower people of all ages through an array of human services and advocacy.

Waypoint is a private, nonprofit that has been helping people in NH since 1850, serving clients through 14 offices state-wide, and traveling over 1.3 million miles a year to serve clients in their homes and communities. In 2018, we rebranded and changed our name from Child and Family Services of NH to Waypoint, a name that better encompasses all the programs we offer local communities.

We have a new look, but offer all the same programs and services that we have been known for.

What we do:

- Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment
- Mental Health Counseling
- Home-based Family Strengthening & Support
- Runaway & Homeless Youth Services
- Home Care for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities
- Foster Care
- Human Trafficking Response
- Early Intervention for Children with Developmental Concerns
- Support for Families with Children with Chronic Health Conditions
- Pregnancy & Prenatal Support & Counseling
- Adoption Services
- Summer Camp for low-income youth

Last year we helped over 7,000 individuals and families. Over 700 elderly and disabled clients were able to remain in the comforts of their own home, 126 low-income youth were able to attend Camp Spaulding, 5,288 families received family support, and 1,711 at-risk and homeless youth received services.

Last year, Meredith residents accessed three of our family programs: Integrated Home Based Services, Parent Aide, and Adoption. These programs helped restore positive family functioning, provided supervised visits, parent strategies, and safe homes for children. The town of Meredith's continued support means that we have the programs and services available for Meredith residents who need help, and services provided vary year to year based on community needs.

Highlights from 2019 events:



2019 Annual Celebration awarded the late Eileen Mullen for the Voice for Children Award from Waypoint.

## Supported Outside Agencies

### Waypoint continued...



The 2019 WZID Christmas is for Kids Radiothon raised over \$150,000 for Waypoint children to receive Christmas gifts, and to support programming that helps children and families.

One of our happy families finalizing their adoption.



Sue is one of our foster moms who has been fostering children for over 11 years. Pictured here with two boys she has adopted.





## 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>
01/05/19	Jenness, Huntriss Marie	Jenness, Bryan	Dubois, Cheyenne
01/21/19	Morrill, Ayden Ryan	Morrill, Alec	Merrill, Tasha
02/28/19	Crowder, Elliston Sea	Crowder, Scott	Crowder, Chelsea
05/24/19	Mavris, Molly Marie	Mavris, James	Mavris, Amy
07/05/19	Mulari, Matthias Thomas	Jesseman-Mulari, Thomas	Jesseman-Mulari, Tiffany
08/01/19	McLaughlin, Isabelle Pauline	McLaughlin, Philip	McLaughlin, Naella
08/07/19	Carey, Caleb James	Carey, Adam	Carey, Claire
08/09/19	Wright, Hugh Scott	Wright, Brandon	Wright, Megan
08/09/19	Calley III, Todd Leon		Kimball, Jessica
08/13/19	Gilman, Theodore Ernest	Gilman, Shane	McDonald, Giullia
08/15/19	Corts, Maximilian Josua	Corts, Alexander	Corts, Stephanie
08/16/19	Burrows, Eloise Grace	Burrows, Nathaniel	Burrows, Elizabeth
08/25/19	Perthel, Peter Dylan	Perthel, Austin	Edwards, Jazmine
08/28/19	Taggett, Preston Michael	Taggett, Joshua	Taggett, Brandi
09/13/19	Howie, Ashton Scott	Howie, Tyler	Howie, Amber
09/17/19	Bernard, Teagan Cynthia	Bernard, Christopher	Bernard, Jocelyn
09/20/19	Harrison, Tucker James	Harrison, Dakota	Harrison, Ashley
09/22/19	LeBlanc, Alyson Elizabeth	LeBlanc, Aaron	LeBlanc, Alyce
11/15/19	Bryant, Reilly Ellen	Bryant, Cody	Bryant, Jessica
12/03/19	Delanski, Allison Kathleen	Delanski, Scott	Delanski, Amanda
12/11/19	Chisholm, Aubrie Lyn	Chisholm, Alex	Ramsey, Stephanie

## Vital Statistics

### Marriages

<i>Marriage</i> <i>Date</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
01/25/19	Jesseman-Mulari, Thomas J	Meredith, NH	Kessler, Tiffany M	Meredith, NH
03/14/19	Goddard Jr, Claude P	Meredith, NH	Riggs, Blair	Meredith, NH
03/25/19	Klock, Douglas O	Meredith, NH	Guyotte, Kellie S	Meredith, NH
04/02/19	Mongeon, Richard A	Meredith, NH	Rice, Priscilla L	Meredith, NH
04/21/19	Slater, Ryan S	Meredith, NH	Rayno, Jennifer L	Meredith, NH
05/25/19	Duquette, Andre J	Meredith, NH	Egan, Lylia N	Meredith, NH
06/22/19	Nickerson III, Murray E	Meredith, NH	Thurston, Crystal L	Meredith, NH
07/20/19	Cheverie, Matthew J	Meredith, NH	Grafer, Jessica L	Meredith, NH
09/01/19	Capone, Anthony J	Meredith, NH	Cardarelli, Maria A	Meredith, NH
09/07/19	Spears, Deven W	Meredith, NH	Obolewicz, Laura E	Meredith, NH
09/21/19	Jurius, Hayden A	Meredith, NH	Morrow, Braelynne J	Meredith, NH
09/23/19	O'Neil, Nathan G	Meredith, NH	Chesterton, Leah J	Meredith, NH
09/28/18	DiFabio, Joseph R	Meredith, NH	Jordan, Erica F	Meredith, NH
10/05/19	Bristol, Caleb A	Meredith, NH	Jones, Alyson M	Meredith, NH
10/12/19	McDonald, Bryan K	Meredith, NH	Riendeau, Kayla S	Meredith, NH
10/17/19	Belanger, Joseph D	Meredith, NH	Jenkins, Elizabeth M	Meredith, NH
10/26/19	Hazelton, Stephen C	Meredith, NH	Eng, Nicole K	Meredith, NH
12/28/19	Nason, David J	Meredith, NH	Dunphy, Natalie R	Corpus Christi, TX

## Vital Statistics

Deaths				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
01/05/19	Blackey, Agnes	Meredith	Johnson, Harry	Drake, Alice
01/13/19	Price, Kristine	Meredith	Havens, John	O'Connell, Ruth
01/13/19	Wentworth, Frances	Meredith	Eisener, Watson	Pitcher, Effie
01/16/19	Hughes, James	Laconia	Hughes, Hughie	Ford, Ethel
01/17/19	Wareing, Margaret	Laconia	Blake, Carl	Fair, Marion
02/04/19	White, Ruth	Meredith	Rosen, Harry	Polia Kogv, Marsha
02/05/19	Collins, Kevin	Laconia	Collins Jr, Oren	Veasey, Edna
02/06/19	Murray, Fay	Meredith	Stickney, Robert	Fuller, Isabella
02/16/19	Raymond, Theresa	Meredith	Plouffe, Hector	Gallant, Blanche
02/16/19	Gottsegen, Robert	Meredith	Gottsegen, Max	Krupp, Cele
02/24/19	Martin, Lorraine	Meredith	Martin, Elmwood	Duncan, Margaret
02/25/19	Patten, Caroline	Meredith	Patten, Carl	Jenot, Dorothy
03/04/19	Amadon, Janet	Meredith	Sanborn, J Smith	Johnson, Gladys
03/07/19	Snow, Gloria	Meredith	Yost, Albert	Darby, Velma
03/12/19	Zanca, Dorothy	Meredith	Payne, Edmund	Winslow, Ruth
03/14/19	Lavoie, Theodore	Meredith	Lavoie, Lewis	Guerin, Pauline
03/15/19	Rooney, Kathleen	Meredith	Higgins, Thomas	Sullivan, Julia
03/17/19	Biddiscombe, Beatrice	Meredith	Poirier, Frederick	Poulin, Frances
03/19/19	Lewis, Donald	Meredith	Lewis Sr, Clyde	Wheeler, Mildred
03/20/19	Nachbaur, Dorothy	Meredith	Vermette, Delphis	Girouard, Leona
03/24/19	Collins Jr, Oren	Meredith	Collins Sr, Oren	Brigham, Ruth
03/27/19	Beaman, Anne	Meredith	Beaman Jr, David	Anderson, Ruth
04/08/19	Elovecky, Anne	North Conway	O'Boyle, Edward	Cockburn, Edith
04/15/19	Varsames, Evangaline	Concord	Kosartes, John	Papoulas, Sophia
04/19/19	George, Nancy	Laconia	Miller, James	Sherrill, Margaret
04/22/19	Ballou, Carl	Concord	Ballou, Edgar	Duclos, Lorene
04/24/19	Delaney, Robert	Laconia	Delaney, Raymond	Finn, Helen
04/24/19	Forshay, Lee	Concord	Forshay, Lee	Depasquale, Evelyn



## 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>
04/24/19	Seiss Sr, Richard	Meredith	Seiss, Joseph	Haffner, Theresa
04/24/19	George, Leslie	Meredith	George, Russell	Robson, Margaret
04/25/19	Bredvik, Wayne	Meredith	Bredvik, Garfield	Carlson, Charlotte
05/03/19	Lagasse, Therese	Meredith	Duval, Joseph	Delorme, Aldea
05/03/19	Sullivan, Patricia	Meredith	Weber, Gregory	Brenner, Helen
05/04/19	Reagan, Bernard	Meredith	Reagan, Bernard	Stott, Barbara
05/06/19	King, Kathleen	Meredith	Sullivan, James	Jones, Victoria
05/07/19	Amand, Ora	Hampton	Garretson, Edgar	Mangus, Katherine
05/09/19	Davis, Robert	Laconia	Davis, Arthur	Greenfield, Olga
05/09/19	Morgan, Katherine	Meredith	Mills Sr, William	Bergeron, Theresa
05/13/19	Goddard, Blair	Meredith	Riggs Jr, Lawrason	West, Jeanne
05/14/19	Nealon, Bernard	Meredith	Nealon, Leo	Perry, Hazel
05/24/19	Valliere, Doris	Meredith	Bolton, Bernarr	Bailey, Doris
05/26/19	Carlsen, Joan	Meredith	Balakin, James	Furtado, Marie
06/02/19	Roman Sr, Robert	Laconia	Roman, Walter	Preskins, Dorothy
06/07/19	Narducci, Robert	Meredith	Narducci, Nicholas	Bassetti, Adelia
06/07/19	Woodward, Barbara	Meredith	Jones, Burleigh	Dame, Frances
06/08/19	Rathbun, Phyllis	Concord	Margeson, Arthur	Burke, Ernestine
06/13/19	Jackson, Mary Jane	Meredith	Penfield, Richard	Sawyer, Jeannette
06/15/19	Hutchins, Marian	Meredith	Lawrence, Thomas	Zebata, Stephanie
06/18/19	Frazier, Lucille	Laconia	Travers, Michael	Lacourse, Mary
06/18/19	Wyss, Raymond	Meredith	Wyss, Hemann	Tyszkiewicz, Stefany
06/19/19	Lauziere, Deborah	Meredith	Lauziere, Richard	Harriman, Gail
06/21/19	Forts, Shirley	Meredith	Gaulin, Raymond	Havens, Genevieve
06/21/19	Davis, Stephen	Meredith	Davis, Unknown	Evans, Melba
06/21/19	White, Leona	Franklin	Morse Sr, Merrill	Wing, Iva
06/25/19	McClellan, James	Meredith	McClellan, William	Harrison, Patricia
07/02/19	Rimmer, Richard	Meredith	Rimmer, Frank	Rocheftort, Blanche

## 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>
07/03/19	Hanney Sr, John	Laconia	Hanney, Joseph	Chisholm, Margaret
07/05/19	Kleiner, Randall	Meredith	Kleiner, Leo	Peacock, Dorothy
07/09/19	Campbell, Hilda	Laconia	Stevens, Edward	Covey, Eleanor
07/15/19	Shaw, Joey	New Hampton	Shaw, Russell	Horne, Margaret
07/16/19	Hatch, Virginia	Laconia	Weeks, Howard	Copp, Myrna
07/18/19	Stewart, Charles	Meredith	Stewart, Harold	Salsbarry, Frances
07/24/19	Knowlton, John	Meredith	Knowlton, David	Blethen, Lucy
07/25/19	French, David	Franconia	French, Marshall	Hagland, Augusta
07/25/19	Duquette, Roland	Meredith	Duquette, Joseph	Charest, Anntoinette
07/29/19	McEvoy, Yvonne	Concord	Kroon, Pieter	Verkerk, Dina
08/01/19	Sperry III, Elmer	Meredith	Sperry Jr, Elmer	Duffy, Helen
08/03/19	Ladd, Alice	Meredith	Mooney, Frank	Morin, Eva
08/05/19	Paine, Margaret	Meredith	Dunning, Carlton	Cochran, Marion
08/11/19	Merseles Sr, Donald	Meredith	Merseles, Mason	Robb, Evelyn
08/14/19	Morten, Patricia	Meredith	Best, Edward	Hengii, Eleanor
08/16/19	Carter, Barbara	Meredith	Carter, Joseph	Olsen, Margaret
08/16/19	Connor, David	Laconia	Connor, John	Georgina, Marion
08/22/19	Roy Jr, Joseph	Meredith	Roy Sr, Joseph	D'Errico, Lucia
08/22/19	Leonard, Florence	Meredith	Smith, Robert	Brake, Katherine
08/22/19	Hill, Irene	Meredith	Walsh, William	Donnolly, Mary
08/25/19	Barka, Corwin	Meredith	Barka, Robert	Levesque, Diane
09/03/19	Bridges, Scott	Meredith	Wamboldt, Dean	Gardner, Marie
09/04/19	Schreiter, Virginia	Meredith	Moreau, Alfred	Kunde, Gertrude
09/08/19	Bassett Jr, Richard	Laconia	Bassett Sr, Richard	Treloar, Beverly
09/13/19	McNamara, Mackenzie	Meredith	McNamara, Stephen	Dorais, Emily
10/02/19	Allen, Kathaleen	Laconia	Robinson, Odell	Schena, Dorothea
10/05/19	Downing, Rosalie	Meredith	Turmelle, Wilfred	Lovett, Elsie
10/06/19	Sassan, Ardeshir	Meredith	Koshcheshm, Mahmoud	Raufi, Motaram

## 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>
10/07/19	Mongeon, Richard	Meredith	Mongeon, Richard	Masiello, Rose
10/09/19	Cacici, Ida	Meredith	Attardi, Vincent	Guardella, Amable
10/11/19	Smith, Charles	Meredith	Smith, Ralph	Wetherbee, Susan
10/13/19	Drouin, Jean	Meredith	Gamache, Joseph	O'Brien, Maida
10/13/19	Hughey, Diane	Meredith	Lynch, Fredrick	Womersley, Beatrice
10/15/19	Scott, Sylvia	Laconia	Burton, Donald	Gidley, Susanna
10/21/19	Newton, Donald	Meredith	Newton, Malcolm	Bailey, Vivian
10/29/19	Nadeau, Thomas	Meredith	Nadeau, Armand	Hern, Martha
10/31/19	Davis, Stuart	Meredith	Davis, Donald	Jenness, Madeline
11/01/19	Larlee, Doris	Laconia	Pendexter, Harry	Wilcox, Georgia
11/04/19	Dickinson, Mark	New Hampton	Dickinson, Dana	Olsen, Geraldine
11/08/19	Wright, John	Laconia	Wright, Harlan	Badger, Mary
11/09/19	Lyon Jr, Harold	Meredith	Lyon, Harold	Briggs, Myrtle
11/09/19	Hanson, James	Meredith	Hanson, Vernon	Tretheway, Dorothy
11/11/19	Bartlett, Robert	Meredith	Bartlett, Elliot	Gates, Jean
11/20/19	Leiner, Edward	Concord	Leiner, Anton	Binder, Johanna
11/20/19	Sperry, Alice	Meredith	Deklyn, Charles	Platt, Marjorie
11/20/19	Stebbins, Beverly	Laconia	Westover, William	Wright, Alfreda
11/24/19	Heffron, Ann	Meredith	Royal Sr, Donald	Douglas, Margaret
12/03/19	Brouillard, Richard	Meredith	Brouillard, Euclide	Nadeau, Aurore
12/06/19	Horne, George	Laconia	Horne, Hollis	Hart, Elma
12/07/19	Conway, Jennifer	Meredith	Conway, James	Stuhtmann, Janet
12/07/19	O'Callaghan, John	Tilton	O'Callaghan, James	Knight, Helen
12/18/19	Caron, Robert	Meredith	Caron, Romeo	Mulligan, Mary
12/20/19	McMillen, Harold	Meredith	McMillen, Harold George	Obenrader, Catherine
12/25/19	Nagy, Elizabeth	Meredith	Varga, Antal	Szabo, Erzsebet
12/30/19	Donahue, Jane	Meredith	Buxton, Joseph	LeBlanc, Sylvia



# Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

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

Assets & Other Debts	Governmental Fund Types				Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	Special Revenue		Capital Projects		Trust and Agency		General Long-Term Debt		
	General								
<u>Assets</u>									
Cash & Equivalents	\$18,706,501	\$ 4,116,297	\$ 175,617	\$ 196,709	\$ .			\$ 23,195,124	
Investments				3,916,064				3,916,064	
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible)									
Taxes	1,028,139							1,028,139	
Accounts	470,445	63,120		399,864				933,429	
Special Assessments-Current	1,360							1,360	
Special Assessments-Noncurrent									
Other	(70,219)							(70,219)	
Inter-fund Receivable	150,102							150,102	
Intergovernmental Receivable									
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	306,817							306,817	
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(306,817)							(306,817)	
<u>Other Debits</u>									
Compensated Absences	692,319							692,319	
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt									
<b>Total Assets &amp; Other Debits</b>	<u>\$20,978,647</u>	<u>\$ 4,179,417</u>	<u>\$ 175,617</u>	<u>\$ 4,512,637</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,935</u>			<u>1,323,935</u>	<u>1,323,935</u>
								<u>\$ 31,170,253</u>	

# Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

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

Liabilities & Equity	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Accounts Payable	\$ 43,834	\$ 4,530	\$ .	\$ -	\$ -			48,364
Retainage Payable								
Intergovernmental Payable	8,836,079							8,836,079
Inter-fund Payable	4,119,032							4,119,032
Escrow & Performance Deposits								
Deferred Revenue						196,709		196,709
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable								
General Obligation Debt Payable						399,864		399,864
Compensated Absences Payable							1,323,935	1,323,935
Total Liabilities	692,319							692,319
	<u>\$ 13,691,264</u>	<u>\$ 4,530</u>	<u>\$ .</u>	<u>\$ 596,573</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,935</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>15,616,302</u>
<u>Equity</u>								
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 734,971	\$ (220,259)	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .			514,712
Reserved for Special Purposes	908,590	1,021,938	169,940	3,916,064				6,016,532
Reserved for Capital Recovery		710,000						710,000
<u>Unreserved</u>								
Designated for Special Purposes								
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>5,643,822</u>	<u>2,663,208</u>	<u>5,677</u>					8,312,707
Total Equity	<u>\$ 7,287,383</u>	<u>\$ 4,174,887</u>	<u>\$ 175,617</u>	<u>\$ 3,916,064</u>	<u>\$ .</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>15,553,951</u>
Total Liabilities & Equity	<u>\$ 20,978,647</u>	<u>\$ 4,179,417</u>	<u>\$ 175,617</u>	<u>\$ 4,512,637</u>	<u>\$ 1,323,935</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>31,170,253</u>

# Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

## Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Cable Franchise Revolving Fund	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 11,042	\$ 88,788	\$ 265,566	\$ 74,360	\$ 1,946,483	\$ 1,730,056	\$ 4,116,297
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)					25,737	37,383	63,120
Accounts Interfund Receivable					7,190	(7,190)	
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 88,788</u>	<u>\$ 265,566</u>	<u>\$ 74,360</u>	<u>\$ 1,979,411</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,250</u>	<u>\$ 4,179,417</u>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>							
Liabilities	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .
Accounts Payable			2,630		1,119	781	4,530
Deferred Rev.- Access Fees							
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ .</u>	<u>\$ .</u>	<u>\$ 2,630</u>	<u>\$ .</u>	<u>\$ 1,119</u>	<u>\$ 781</u>	<u>\$ 4,530</u>
<b>Equity</b>							
<b>Fund Balances</b>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ (44,842)	\$ (175,417)	\$ (220,259)
Reserved for Special Purposes	11,042	82,732			340,474	587,690	1,021,938
Reserved for Capital Recovery					660,000	50,000	710,000
<b>Unreserved</b>							
Unreserved/Undesignated	\$ .	\$ 6,056	\$ 262,936	\$ 74,360	\$ 1,022,660	\$ 1,297,196	\$ 2,663,208
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>\$ .</u>	<u>\$ 88,788</u>	<u>\$ 262,936</u>	<u>\$ 74,360</u>	<u>\$ 1,978,292</u>	<u>\$ 1,759,469</u>	<u>\$ 4,174,887</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 88,788</u>	<u>\$ 265,566</u>	<u>\$ 74,360</u>	<u>\$ 1,979,411</u>	<u>\$ 1,760,250</u>	<u>\$ 4,179,417</u>



## Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2018 (Unaudited)*

### Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	<u>Community Center</u>	<u>Landfill Closure</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 7,230	\$ (1,553)	\$ 5,677
Investments	169,940		169,940
Inter-fund Receivable			
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ <u>177,170</u>	\$ <u>(1,553)</u>	\$ <u>175,617</u>
 <b>Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$
Due to General Fund			
Retainage Payable			
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ <u></u>	\$ <u></u>	\$ <u></u>
 <b>Fund Balances</b>			
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$
Reserve for Special Purposes	169,940		169,940
Unreserved			
Undesignated (Deficit)	<u>7,230</u>	<u>(1,553)</u>	<u>5,677</u>
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	\$ <u>177,170</u>	\$ <u>(1,553)</u>	\$ <u>175,617</u>
 <b>Total Liabilities &amp; Fund Balances</b>	\$ <u>177,170</u>	\$ <u>(1,553)</u>	\$ <u>175,617</u>

# Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)

## Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds					
	Expendable			Nonexpendable		
	Library	Reserve	Others	Town	Library	Agency Funds
<b>Assets</b>						
Cash & Equivalents	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ 196,709
Investments	5,281	589,419	3,101,450	117,718	102,196	3,916,064
<u>Receivables</u>						
Interest						
Accounts						399,864
<b>Total Assets</b>	\$ 5,281	\$ 589,419	\$ 3,101,450	\$ 117,718	\$ 102,196	\$ 4,512,637
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Inter-fund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits						196,709
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable						399,864
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ 596,573
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	5,281	589,419	3,101,450	117,718	102,196	3,916,064
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	5,281	589,419	3,101,450	117,718	102,196	3,916,064
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>	\$ 5,281	\$ 589,419	\$ 3,101,450	\$ 117,718	\$ 102,196	\$ 4,512,637

## Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

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

	Balance 1/1/2019	Additions	Deductions	Balance 12/31/2019
<b><u>Developers' Performance Bond Fund</u></b>				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 204,664	\$ 8,245	\$ (16,200)	\$ 196,709
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 204,664	\$ 8,245	\$ (16,200)	\$ 196,709
<b><u>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</u></b>				
Assets				
Due from Others	\$ 333,850	\$ 66,029	\$ (15)	\$ 399,864
Liabilities				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 333,850	\$ 66,029	\$ (15)	\$ 399,864
<b><u>Total - All Agency Funds</u></b>				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 204,664	\$ 8,245	\$ (16,200)	\$ 196,709
Due from Others	333,850	66,029	(15)	399,864
Total Assets	\$ 538,514	\$ 74,274	\$ (16,215)	\$ 596,573
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 204,664	\$ 8,245	\$ (16,200)	\$ 196,709
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	333,850	66,029	(15)	399,864
Total Liabilities	\$ 538,514	\$ 74,274	\$ (16,215)	\$ 596,573

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

Non-Expendable		Beginning				Ending
Trusts	Purpose	Balance 1/1/2019	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Balance 12/31/2019
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,726	\$	\$	\$ 59	\$ 2,785
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	77,379			1,687	79,066
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	787			17	804
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	11,855			258	12,113
William E. Bixby	Library	155		(6)	3	152
Edwin E. Beede	Library	97,131		(3,438)	2,447	96,140
Hattie R. Erskine	Library	304		(199)	4	109
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,645			102	4,747
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	716			15	731
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	311			6	317
Town Cemetery	General	7,697			168	7,865
George S. Fogg	School District	3,276			71	3,347
Leavitt Fund		11,474			264	11,738
Total All Non-Expendable Trusts		\$ 218,456	\$	\$ (3,643)	\$ 5,101	\$ 219,914

# Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

## Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
		Balance				Balance
		1/1/2019	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	12/31/2019
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 21,042	\$ .	\$ (111)	\$ 569	\$ 21,500
Employee Benefits	Severance	190,646		(801)	4,285	194,130
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	51,955		(218)	1,168	52,905
Municipal Building	Additional Space	180			3	183
Fire Department	Communications	101,295		(425)	2,277	103,147
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	168,288	100,000	(81,545)	2,998	189,741
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	319,164	100,000	(80,120)	6,066	345,110
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	62,791		(118)	1,266	63,939
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	575,152	200,000	(1,402)	13,368	787,118
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	11			1	12
Water System	Improvements	237,976		(447)	4,797	242,326
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	51,536		(97)	1,039	52,478
Meredith Parking	Parking	226,938	212,500	(325,470)	4,695	118,663
Groundwater Source Study	Water Study	3,293		(5)	66	3,354
Parks & Recreation Facility	Improvements	115,715		(217)	2,333	117,831
DPW	Equipment Replacement	528,778	200,000	(262,644)	8,304	474,438
Library	Feasibility Study	5,200		(25)	105	5,281
Fire Department	Equipment Replacement	43,964	75,000	(319)	5,978	124,623
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 2,703,926</u>	<u>\$ 887,500</u>	<u>\$ (753,964)</u>	<u>\$ 59,318</u>	<u>\$ 2,896,780</u>
School - SPED	Special Education	155,679	50,000	(720)	4,939	209,898
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	52			1	53
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 2,859,657</u>	<u>\$ 937,500</u>	<u>\$ (754,684)</u>	<u>\$ 64,258</u>	<u>\$ 3,106,731</u>

Capital Reserves	Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
	Balance				Balance
	1/1/2019	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	12/31/2019
Police	\$ 2,862	\$ .	\$ .	\$ 67	\$ 2,929
Prescott Park Expansion	5,231			123	5,354
School Facilities Maintenance Fund	370,138	200,000		10,998	581,136
Total All Capital Reserves:	<u>\$ 378,231</u>	<u>\$ 200,000</u>	<u>\$ .</u>	<u>\$ 11,188</u>	<u>\$ 589,419</u>



## Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

### Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2019 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/19
<u>General Obligation Debt Payable</u>					
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 127,711
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 1,050,000
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	3.000%	\$ <u>595,000</u>
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2019					\$ <u>1,772,711</u>

### Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2020	\$ 280,022	\$ 72,781	\$ 352,803
2021	\$ 283,551	\$ 61,692	\$ 345,243
2022	\$ 288,138	\$ 51,165	\$ 339,303
2023	\$ <u>247,000</u>	\$ <u>39,585</u>	\$ <u>286,585</u>
Totals	\$ <u>1,098,711</u>	\$ <u>225,223</u>	\$ <u>1,323,935</u>

\*Bond for DPW facility not yet purchased and it will impact 2021.

### Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Benefits	\$ <u>692,319</u>
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# Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

## Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/(Under) Budget</u>
<b>Taxes</b>			
Property	\$ 30,832,117	\$ 30,832,117	\$ -
Village District	6,002	6,002	
Yield	11,000	25,487	14,487
Boat	35,000	53,609	18,609
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	130,000	137,800	7,800
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	65,000	91,081	26,081
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 31,079,118</u>	<u>\$ 31,146,095</u>	<u>\$ 66,977</u>
<b>Licenses and Permits</b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,500,000	1,705,758	205,758
Building Permits	40,500	77,548	37,048
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	62,000	31,342	(30,658)
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,602,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,648</u>	<u>\$ 212,148</u>
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues</b>			
<b>State/Federal</b>			
Highway Block Grant	172,245	219,902	47,657
Rooms & Meals Tax	326,861	326,409	(452)
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	144	160	16
Other State/Federal Revenue		111,993	111,993
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 499,249</u>	<u>\$ 658,464</u>	<u>\$ 159,214</u>
<b>Charges for Services</b>			
Income from Departments	<u>\$ 753,926</u>	<u>\$ 982,283</u>	<u>\$ 228,357</u>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Town Property		78,347	78,347
Other Grant/Miscellaneous Revenue		73,419	73,419
Interest on Investments	30,000	102,538	72,538
Betterment Assessments & Other	100		(100)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 30,100</u>	<u>\$ 254,304</u>	<u>\$ 224,204</u>
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 33,964,894</u>	<u>\$ 34,855,793</u>	<u>\$ 891,352</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Inter-fund Transfers	113,635	113,636	1
Other	5,000		(5,000)
Trust Funds		748,025	748,025
Enterprise Funds	1,611,712	1,756,155	144,443
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 1,730,347</u>	<u>\$ 2,617,816</u>	<u>\$ 887,469</u>
<b>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</b>			
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce Tax Rate</b>	<u>\$ 900,000</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ (450,000)</u>
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financing &amp; Use of Fund Balance</b>	<u>\$ 36,595,241</u>	<u>\$ 37,923,609</u>	<u>\$ 1,328,820</u>

# Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

## Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures - General Fund

	2018	2019	2019	2019	Balance
	Encumbered	Appropriation	Expended	Encumbered	(Overdrafts)
<b>General Government</b>					
Executive Office	\$ .	\$ 202,202	\$ 199,775	\$ -	\$ 2,427
Executive - Municipal Administration		1,220,431	1,120,557	5,997	93,876
Personnel Administration		2,762,381	2,469,083		293,298
Town Clerk		136,750	121,979		14,771
Administrative Services		328,679	320,770	1,200	6,709
Assessor		208,138	195,577	3,540	9,021
Tax Collector		69,624	60,142		9,482
Community Development		361,247	323,187		38,060
Regional Associations		237,544	237,544		
<b>Public Safety</b>					
Police		1,342,890	1,454,997	15,380	(127,487)
Ambulance		298,427	349,293		(50,866)
Fire		364,273	320,636	80,799	(37,162)
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid		91,040	86,852		4,188
<b>Public Works</b>					
Solid Waste Disposal		798,510	779,632		18,878
Building & Grounds		278,065	289,947	4,025	(15,907)
Cemetery		55,245	46,224		9,021
Highway Department		2,219,923	2,255,305	41,402	(76,784)
<b>Water Distribution</b>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
<b>Welfare</b>					
General Assistance		50,000	72,625		(22,625)
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>					
Parks and Recreation		741,824	648,921	4,805	88,098
Library		462,912	446,130	5,088	11,694
<b>Debt Service</b>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		441,729	446,214		(4,485)
Interest - Long-Term Debt		96,571	79,528		17,043
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
<b>Other Financing Uses - Inter-fund Transfers</b>					
Conservation Commission		50,000	51,751		(1,751)
Capital Projects		520,000	470,000	50,000	
Expendable Trust Funds	162,500	725,000	887,500		
<b>Total Appropriations-General Fund</b>	<u>\$ 162,500</u>	<u>\$ 14,142,405</u>	<u>\$ 13,803,169</u>	<u>\$ 212,236</u>	<u>\$ 289,500</u>
<b>Intergovernmental</b>					
Water/ Sewer Appropriation	\$ .	\$ 1,725,552	\$ 1,173,061	\$ 52,911	\$ 499,279
School Appropriation		17,992,115	19,592,115		(1,600,000)
County Appropriation		2,696,720	2,696,720		
Village District Appropriation		6,003	6,003		
<b>Total Appropriations and Expenditures</b>	<u>\$ 162,500</u>	<u>\$ 36,562,795</u>	<u>\$ 37,271,069</u>	<u>\$ 265,147</u>	<u>\$ (810,921)</u>

# Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

## Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Balance
1	General	\$ 14,631,161.17
2	Water	\$ 1,946,483.80
3	Sewer	\$ 1,730,056.99
4	Library	\$ 11,041.83
5	Conservation Commission	\$ 88,787.97
7	Cable Franchise	\$ 265,565.92
10	Community Center	\$ 7,230.29
15	Landfill	\$ (1,552.79)
16	Boat Launch	\$ 74,360.00
17	Engineering	\$ 196,709.06
20	Hawkins Brook	\$ 182,882.24
Total Cash		\$ 19,132,726.48
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 2 –20)		\$ (4,501,565.31)
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted		\$ 14,631,161.17

### Summary by Account

Accounts Payable	\$	
Baby Bicentennial	\$	89.28
Cloud	\$	30,643.54
Debit Cards	\$	15,000.00
Engineering	\$	196,709.96
Hawkins Brook	\$	182,882.24
Operating	\$	18,706,501.46
Payroll	\$	
Petty Cash	\$	900.00
Total Cash	\$	19,132,726.48
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 2 –20)	\$	(4,501,565.31)
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$	14,631,161.17



## Financial Statements

*Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)*

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

#### **Fiscal Year 2019**

##### Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1	\$	5,670,778
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##### Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2019 Tax Rate		(450,000)
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Capital Projects from Fund Balance		<u>(520,000)</u>
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Subtotal	\$	4,700,778
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##### Additions

Adjusting Entries (Unaudited)	\$	(214,502)
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2019 Budget Summary

Revenue Surplus (Unaudited)	580,795
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Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Unaudited)	\$	<u>289,500</u>
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2019 Budget Surplus	\$	<u>870,295</u>
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##### Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31, 2019 (Unaudited)	\$	<u><u>5,356,571</u></u>
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#### **Fiscal Year 2020 - Worksheet**

##### Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2020 (Unaudited)	\$	5,356,571
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##### Deductions

Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2020 Tax Rate		(815,000)
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##### Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31, 2020 (Unaudited)	\$	<u><u>4,541,571</u></u>
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# Independent Auditor's Report



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## *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of and for the year ended December 31, 2018 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, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, the respective budgetary comparison information for the general fund for the year 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 Notes 1-N and 13 to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2018 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions. 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 financial schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic 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 1, 2019

*Blodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

## Tax Information

### Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

Debits	2019 Levy	2018 Levy
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-19		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 750,991.74
Maple Ridge Village District		293.38
Betterment Assessments		1,359.80
Water Rents		29,001.30
Sewer Rents		37,382.66
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	30,840,074.23	
Maple Ridge Village District	6,001.71	
Yield Taxes	22,559.20	2,927.46
Betterment Assessments	1,359.80	
Land Use Change Taxes	11,700.00	
Water Rents	503,198.32	146,182.73
Sewer Rents	734,007.14	225,245.06
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	16,615.77	7,959.05
Betterment Assessments	2,636.00	
Sewer Rents	713.92	
Interest	10,295.16	24,566.94
Total Debits	\$ 32,149,161.25	\$ 1,225,910.12
Credits	2019 Levy	2018 Levy
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 29,815,615.79	\$ 757,752.76
Maple Ridge Village District	6,001.71	293.38
Yield Taxes	21,571.37	2,927.46
Betterment Assessments	3,995.80	1,359.80
Land Use Change Taxes	11,700.00	
Water Rents	477,461.18	175,184.03
Sewer Rents	697,852.13	262,627.72
Interest	10,295.16	24,566.94
Deeded to Town		
Property Tax	6,026.21	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	6,908.54	1,198.03
Sewer Rents	2,467.06	
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-19		
Property Taxes	1,028,139.46	
Yield Taxes	987.83	
Water Rents	25,737.14	
Sewer Rents	34,401.87	
Total Credits	\$ 32,149,161.25	\$ 1,225,910.12



## Tax Information

### Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2018	2017	2016	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-19	\$	\$ 195,633.01	\$ 102,724.63	\$ 6,791.56
Liens Executed During 2019	342,211.44			
Interest & Costs after Lien	9,184.64	21,738.00	36,064.01	430.45
Total Debits	<u>\$ 351,396.08</u>	<u>\$ 217,371.01</u>	<u>\$ 138,788.64</u>	<u>\$ 7,222.01</u>
Credits	2018	2017	2016	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 137,587.12	\$ 90,721.96	\$ 80,716.67	\$ 704.00
Interest & Costs after Lien	9,184.64	21,738.00	36,064.01	430.45
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	848.23	481.14		
Liens Deeded to the Town...	13,090.81	8,868.16	7,525.49	
Unredeemed Liens 12/31/2019	190,685.28	95,561.75	14,482.47	6,087.56
Total Credits	<u>\$ 351,396.08</u>	<u>\$ 217,371.01</u>	<u>\$ 138,788.64</u>	<u>\$ 7,222.01</u>

### Tax Collector's Report

This has been a tremendous year for learning for me. Over the course of the year I had the opportunity for continuing education through the New Tax Collectors' Workshop, Spring Workshop and my 1<sup>st</sup> year of Certification Training. I have appreciated attending these programs so that I can better understand the processes and statutes that regulate the position. These opportunities will allow me to better serve the residents and tax payers of Meredith. I am again thankful to my fellow tax payers for your patience and well-wishes as I learn the duties and responsibilities of the deputy tax collector.

My hours are 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. We accept cash and checks for payment in the office and payments for property taxes, utility billing and automobile renewal registration can also be made online at [www.meredithnh.org](http://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](mailto:dtc@meredithnh.org).

Kimberly S. Brown  
Deputy Tax Collector

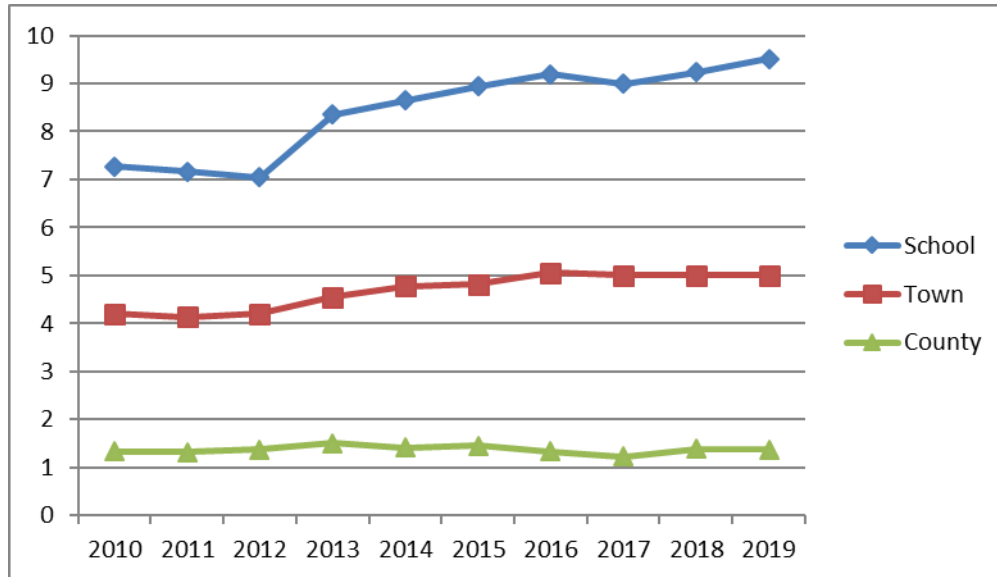
## Tax Information

### Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2010	7.27	4.20	1.33	12.80	1,834,675,812
2011	7.17	4.13	1.32	12.62	1,845,422,650
2012	7.05	4.20	1.37	12.62	1,856,317,320
2013	8.35	4.55	1.51	14.41	1,741,033,913
2014	8.65	4.77	1.41	14.83	1,745,511,622
2015	8.94	4.81	1.45	15.20	1,758,060,047
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

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

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



## Tax Information

### Department of Revenue Administration - 2019 Tax Rate Calculation

<b>Municipal Accounting Overview</b>	<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Tax Rate</b>
Total Appropriation	\$ 23,378,958.00		
Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)		\$ (12,909,334.00)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$ (520,000.00)	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$ (450,000.00)	
War Service Credits	\$ 231,000.00		
Actual Overlay Used	<u>\$ 67,591.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net Required Local Tax Effort		\$ 9,788,215.00	
<b>Municipal Tax Rate</b>			<u><b>\$ 5.00</b></u>
<b>County Apportionment</b>			
Net County Apportionment	<u>\$ 2,696,720.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net required County Tax Effort		\$ 2,696,720.00	
<b>County Tax Rate</b>			<u><b>\$ 1.38</b></u>
<b>Education</b>			
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$ 18,580,453.00		
Net Education Grant		\$	
Locally Retained State Education Tax	<u></u>	<u>\$ (4,183,963.00)</u>	
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>		\$ 14,396,490.00	<b>\$ 7.36</b>
State Education Tax	<u>\$ 4,183,963.00</u>	<u></u>	
<b>Net Required State Education Tax Effort</b>		\$ 4,183,963.00	<u><b>\$ 2.15</b></u>
<b>School Tax Rate</b>			<u><b>\$ 9.51</b></u>
<b>Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate</b>			<u><u><b>\$ 15.89</b></u></u>
Total Municipal Tax Effort		\$ 31,065,388.00	
Village District Tax Effort		\$ 6,002.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>\$ (231,000.00)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u><u>\$ 30,840,390.00</u></u>	
<b>Valuation</b>			
<b><u>Municipal (MS-1)</u></b>	<b><u>Current Year</u></b>	<b><u>Tax Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Assessment</u></b>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$ 1,956,399,890.00	\$ 13.74	\$ 26,880,934.00
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$ 1,946,257,490.00	\$ 2.15	\$ 4,184,454.00
<b><u>Village (MS-1V)</u></b>	<b><u>Current Year</u></b>	<b><u>Tax Rate</u></b>	
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$ 2,543,100.00	\$ 2.36	6,002.00
Less War Service Credits			<u>\$ (231,000.00)</u>
Proof of Rate			<u><u>\$ 30,840,390.00</u></u>

## Supplementary Information

### Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

#### Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	778,979
Residential		901,635,422
Commercial / Industrial		52,180,878
Total Value of Land	\$	954,595,279

#### Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$	885,523,053
Manufactured Housing		7,018,400
Commercial / Industrial		102,552,792
Total Value of Buildings	\$	995,094,245

#### Public Utilities

Electric	\$	10,142,400
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	1,959,831,924

#### Exemptions

Blind	\$	153,100
Elderly		1,519,600
Totally & Permanently Disabled		920,300
Solar / Wind Power		839,034
Total Exemptions	\$	3,432,034

Net Taxable Valuation	\$	1,956,399,890
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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		22 Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-018R-1		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
U06-059	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

<b><u>Map/Lot</u></b>	<b><u>Acres</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Use</u></b>
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
U11-047	0.63	Greemore Road	Recreation

## Supplementary Information

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### Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
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	
R06-003	5.00	22 Windsong Place	Tax Deeded Property 2019
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
U13-007	0.58	14 Pike Island Road	Tax Deeded Property 2019
U13-014A	0.12	Pike Island Road	Tax Deeded Property 2019
U32-04A	0.74	15 Clark Drive	Tax Deeded Property

## 2019 Community Photos

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Photo above provided by: Lynn Leighton



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## Town Warrant Information

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### 2020 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 10, 2020, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1 through Article 4; and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 5 through 16:

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

##### **ARTICLE 1**

To bring ballots for:

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

##### **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.

##### **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 needs to be returned to the building official prior to Certificate of Occupancy, as it is no longer a requirement of the Code Enforcement Officer.

##### **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.

## Town Warrant Information

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### DELIBERATIVE SESSION

#### **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 construction of 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 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. The remainder of the gross budget of \$880,000 will come from private donations.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) (2/3 ballot vote required)

#### **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)

#### **ARTICLE 7 Meredith Parking 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)

#### **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)

#### **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)

#### **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)

#### **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)

## Town Warrant Information

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### **DELIBERATIVE SESSION continued...**

#### **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)

#### **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)

#### **ARTICLE 14 Modify 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)

#### **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)

#### **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)

Board of Selectmen  
Meredith, New Hampshire

Raymond A. Moritz, Chairperson

Jeanie Forrester, Vice Chairperson

Nathan J. Torr, Selectperson

Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Jonathan James, Selectperson

## Budget Information

### 2020 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2019 Estimated	2019 Actual	2020 Recommended Estimated
<b><u>Taxes</u></b>			
Yield	\$ 11,000	\$ 25,487	\$ 11,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	130,000	137,800	130,000
Boat	35,000	53,609	40,000
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	65,000	91,081	162,318
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 241,000</u>	<u>\$ 307,976</u>	<u>\$ 343,318</u>
<b><u>Licenses and Permits</u></b>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,500,000	1,705,758	1,600,000
Building Permits	40,500	77,548	38,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	62,000	31,342	62,000
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,602,500</u>	<u>\$ 1,814,647</u>	<u>\$ 1,700,000</u>
<b><u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u></b>			
<b>State/Federal</b>			
Rooms & Meals Tax	326,861	326,409	326,861
Highway Block Grant	172,245	219,902	172,245
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	144	160	144
Other State/Federal Revenue		111,993	150,750
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 499,250</u>	<u>\$ 658,464</u>	<u>\$ 650,000</u>
<b><u>Charges for Services</u></b>			
Income from Departments	<u>\$ 753,926</u>	<u>\$ 982,283</u>	<u>\$ 805,000</u>
<b><u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u></b>			
Other		151,766	
Interest on Investments	30,000	102,538	42,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	<u>\$ 254,304</u>	<u>\$ 42,000</u>
<b>General Fund Revenues</b>	<u>\$ 3,126,676</u>	<u>\$ 4,017,675</u>	<u>\$ 3,540,318</u>
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>			
Enterprise Fund	113,636	113,636	
Trust Funds	748,025	748,025	1,245,000
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 861,661</u>	<u>\$ 861,661</u>	<u>\$ 1,245,000</u>
<b>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</b>			
<b>Reduce Tax Rate</b>	<u>\$ 830,000</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>	<u>\$ 815,000</u>
<b>Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources</b>	<u>\$ 4,818,337</u>	<u>\$ 5,329,335</u>	<u>\$ 5,600,318</u>
<b>and Use of Fund Balance</b>			
<b><u>Special Revenue Funds</u></b>			
Sewer	932,206	997,303	1,021,198
Water	<u>\$ 679,506</u>	<u>\$ 758,852</u>	<u>\$ 675,713</u>
<b>Grand Total All Funds</b>	<u>\$ 6,430,049</u>	<u>\$ 7,085,490</u>	<u>\$ 7,297,229</u>



## Budget Information

### 2020 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	<b>2019 Appropriations</b>	<b>2019 Expended</b>	<b>2020 Recommended</b>
<b>General Government</b>			
Executive Office	\$ 202,202	\$ 199,775	\$ 203,789
Executive - Municipal Administration	1,220,431	1,126,555	1,126,555
Public Health - Ambulance	298,427	349,293	298,427
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid	91,040	86,852	91,040
Personnel Administration	2,762,381	2,469,083	2,791,032
Town Clerk	136,750	121,979	144,460
Administrative Services	328,679	321,970	339,742
General Assistance	50,000	72,625	60,000
Assessor's Office	208,138	199,117	231,459
Tax Collector's Office	69,624	60,142	59,510
Community Development Department	361,247	323,187	356,920
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds			
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	520,000	520,000	
Regional Association	237,544	237,544	235,603
<b>Public Safety</b>			
Police	1,342,890	1,470,377	1,472,400
Fire	364,273	401,435	394,844
<b>Public Works</b>			
Solid Waste Facility	798,510	779,632	756,381
Building & Grounds	278,065	293,972	288,512
Cemetery	55,245	46,224	57,903
Highway Department	2,219,923	2,296,707	2,179,778
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>			
Parks and Recreation	741,824	653,726	764,663
Library	462,912	451,218	473,449
<b>Debt Service</b>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	441,729	446,214	280,022
Interest - Long-Term Debt	96,571	79,528	83,831
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
<b>Expendable Trust Funds</b>	\$ <u>725,000</u>	\$ <u>887,500</u>	\$ <u>1,245,000</u>
<b>Total General Fund</b>	\$ <u>14,023,406</u>	\$ <u>13,894,655</u>	\$ <u>13,945,320</u>
<b>Conservation Commission</b>	50,000	51,751	25,000
<b>Water Fund</b>	675,484	526,211	675,714
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	\$ <u>1,050,068</u>	\$ <u>699,762</u>	\$ <u>1,021,198</u>
<b>Total Operating Budget All Funds</b>	\$ <u>15,798,958</u>	\$ <u>15,172,379</u>	\$ <u>15,667,232</u>
<b>Revolving Revenue Fund</b>			
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ _____	\$ <u>56,163</u>	\$ _____
<b>Grand Total - Municipal Budget</b>	\$ <u><u>15,798,958</u></u>	\$ <u><u>15,228,542</u></u>	\$ <u><u>15,667,232</u></u>

## Budget Information

### 2020 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2020 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 15,753,995
Less: 2020 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(5,332,838)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	(815,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay	67,500
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	231,000
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 9,904,657</u>

**2020 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) \$5.06**

Compared to 2019 Tax Rate of \$ 5.00 (Municipal Portion Only)

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

2020 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,904,657
2019 Actual Amount Raised by Taxation	<u>(9,788,215)</u>
Variance 2020 to 2019:	<u>\$ 116,442</u>



Photo provided by: Scott Powell  
Winter Outing at Page Pond



# 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 - 8:00 pm M - F

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

## Police - Business

Located at: 400 Daniel Webster Highway

Mailing Address: PO Box 1366

Meredith, NH 03253

Kevin Morrow, Police Chief...

*kmorrow@meredithnh.org*

Phone #279-4561

Hours 8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

## Public Works - Business

Located at: 347 Daniel Webster Highway

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Mike Faller, Public Works Director...

*mfaller@meredithnh.org*

Phone #279-6352

Hours 8:00 am - 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 Waukegan Street

Mailing Address: 41 Main Street

Meredith, NH 03253

Tim Green, Superintendent

*tgreen@meredithnh.org*

Phone #279-3046

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



