

2023

TOWN OF THORNTON

ANNUAL REPORT



Photo by Jerry Sobolewski

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Thornton, New Hampshire

The township was granted to Matthew Thornton and others in seventy-three shares on July 6, 1763, to contain 23,000 acres. It was named in honor of Mr. Thornton, who later became a member of the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

No settlements were attempted under this grant and a new charter was issued October 21, 1768, including additional territory; enough to make 40,071 acres in the whole, which was to be divided into ninety shares.

The grantees were mostly men of Londonderry and vicinity, and the town was not incorporated until November 20, 1781. By 1880 Thornton had a population of 774. In 1885 the town had ten school districts and ten common schools. There were 184 children attending school.



(From the Gazetteer of Grafton County, NH)

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2023

TOWN OF THORNTON
16 MERRILL ACCESS ROAD
NEW HAMPSHIRE, 03285

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2023 DEDICATION

BRAD C. BENTON



Brad C. Benton was a lifelong resident of the town of Thornton; one of four children of residents Bert and Olive Benton. After his father's passing in 1984, he took on the role of Superintendent of Cemeteries, a position he faithfully served for 38 years until his passing. Mr. Benton served as a Forest Fire Warden, both as a Deputy and Chief for 15 years, and operated the town land-fill; in those days, the trash was compacted with a bulldozer and then covered with dirt.

In the Winter months, you would find him clearing snow from the roads with his plow truck, which he did for over 40 years. In the Spring months, if he wasn't plowing, you would find him boiling maple sap into liquid gold in his sugarhouse. Mr. Benton continued the tradition of cooking syrup for the annual Sugar on Snow party, put together by the local Grange.

Though he grew up in this small town, he was not afraid to think big. He started a cross country ski area on the family farm with his friend, Werner Zwahlen. He and his family also built a campground together on the farm property, and when his sons wanted to start a Blues Music Festival on the farm he was all in!

Mr. Benton enjoyed seeing people enjoy the farm property he grew up on, and more recently enjoyed seeing town sponsored events happening there as well. Brad was very proud of the business he built with his wife Judy and sons Brad and Mike.

Rest in peace Brad and thank you for your contributions to our town over the years.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Thornton Board of Selectmen*

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Selectmen's Office

Desiree L. Mahurin, Town Administrator

Alisa Schofield, Administrative Assistant

Mary Conn, Finance Assistant/Assessing Assistant

Kerrin Randall, Board Secretary

Tax Collector/Municipal Agent

Alisa Schofield, Tax Collector/Municipal Agent

Town Clerk

Anita Ross, Town Clerk

Planning Department

Kerrin Randall, Land Use Administrator

Zoning Compliance

Shawn Magoon, Zoning Review Officer

Police Department

Chief Daniel Gilman

Sergeant Jeannine Wood

Officer Joel Barton

Officer Mark Smoker

Officer Sasa Vrucinic

Vicki Moore, Administrative Assistant

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

Library

Vivica Duffield, Library Director

MaryBeth King, Library Assistant

Christine St. Laurent, Library Aide

Maggie Wilson, Library Aide

Highway Department

John Kubik, Road Agent

Bruce Rodgers, Assistant Road Agent

Timothy Collins

Transfer/Recycling Center

Jamin Levasseur, Manager

Zack Simon, Assistant Manager

Ray Sidney

Chris Nardone

Paul Pelchat

Campton-Thornton Fire Rescue Roster

Chief Daniel Defosses

Deputy Chief Ian Halm

Julie O'Neill Administrative Assistant

Captain Scott Cathy

Lieutenant Daniel Custance

Members

Aaron MacAulay

Andrew Buckley

Anthony Patti

Alex Dria

Amanda Matt

Andrew Pettit

Basil Sole

Brian Engelsen

Chris Camejo

Elizabeth Fallon

Haley Vincent

Hallie Bilodeau

Jamie Tuttle

Joseph Nericcio

Joseph Wood

Kurt Warnick

Mark Roland

Marshall Miller

Michael Swarbrick

Nina Gray

Olivia Franklin

Paul Piscitelli

Paul Spring

Peter Hicks

Sheryl Labbe

Stefan Clugston

Walter Durack

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023)

Board of Selectmen

Peter Laufenberg	2024	Chair
Joseph Monti (resigned 01.01.2024)	2025	Vice-Chair
Marianne Peabody	2024	
Steven Babin	2026	
Brad R. Benton	2026	

Welfare Officer

Marianne Peabody	2024
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Town Clerk

Anita Ross	2026
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Planning Board

Nancy Decoteau (resigned 01.19.2024)	2026	Chair
Donna O'Donnell	2025	Vice Chair
Steven Babin	Selectman Ex-Officio	
Frank Freeman	2024	
Jack Gaites	2024	Interim
Cynthia Schofield	2024	Interim
Myrtle Lewis	2024	Interim
David Levin	2026	

Conservation Commission

Myrtle Lewis	2025	Chair
Michael Boisvert	2025	
Al Lewis	2025	
Katri Kiskila Gurney	2026	
Gerald Sobolewski	2026	

Capital Improvements Plan Committee

Alfred Lewis	Chair
Cynthia Schofield	
Joseph Monti	

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Joseph Monti	2024	Chair
Maureen Patti	2026	Vice-Chair
Gerald Sobolewski	2025	
Alan Rawson	2025	
Roger Robidoux	2025	Alternate
Joan Marshall	2026	

Supervisors of the Checklist

Robert Hatcher	2024
Clarissa Uttley	2026
Cindy McAuley	2028

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS

(AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023)

Moderator

John Piantedosi	2024
Kenneth Wolff	Asst. Moderator

Health Officer

Marianne Peabody

Cemetery Trustees

Michael Benton	2024
Wendy Johnston	2025
Geraldine Benton	2026

Treasurer

Susan Dumont	2024
Rebecca Farnsworth	Deputy

Trustees of Trust Fund

Richard Baker	2026	Chair
Ralph Bradley	2024	
Anthony Torino	2025	

Emergency Management

Matt Peltier	Director
Jeannine Wood	Deputy Director
Kerrin Randall	Secretary

Ballot Clerks

Donna Bates	2024
Tamara Chandler	2024
Sandra Picard	2024
Patricia Powers	2024
Carolyn Piantedosi	2024
David Rardin	2024
Paula Roberge	2024
Jacqueline Wolff	2024
Donita Rardin	2024

Library Trustees

Anita Ross	2024
Diane Gravel	2025
Martha Humphrey	2026

2023 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CHAIRMAN REPORT

As we conclude 2023, we find ourselves privileged to call Thornton home. As stewards of community well-being, the Board of Selectmen continuously endeavors to deliver services effectively within our means.

The town's growth trajectory persists, with the Board of Selectmen (BOS) approving 108 zoning compliance applications for new constructions—a slight dip from the 124 in 2022, yet still robust for our small community. The BOS extends its gratitude to our staff for steadfastly guiding residents through this approval process.

During the 2023 town meeting, the legislative body voted to purchase the state-owned land around the town hall. We are anticipating taking the deed to the property in the coming months. The BOS will be actively exploring its optimal use for the benefit of the community in the upcoming year.

Throughout the past year, selectmen from Thornton and Campton engaged in subcommittee meetings addressing various Fire Department issues. These discussions covered apparatus procurement for the next decade, fire station planning, and ambulance services. The outcomes included a strategic rearrangement and timing of fire engine purchases, lowering the town's projected capital outlay for fire department equipment by more than \$400,000. Additionally, an agreement was reached that Fire Substation 1 in Thornton would no longer serve as a fire station. The board will spend the next year exploring the best future use for this building. Both the changes to apparatus purchases and the change in use of Fire Substation 1 will have little to no effect on the responsiveness and capability of the fire department to aid our community.

On the budget front, the town demonstrated prudent and conscientious spending, concluding the fiscal year under budget by an unaudited estimate of \$200,000. These funds will be added to the unassigned fund balance; a fund utilized by the board to stabilize and in some cases reduce the municipal portion of the tax rate. This year, the board used \$550,000 from this balance to do just that, resulting in a year over year reduction in the municipal tax rate in 2023. Additionally, we are proposing the use of an additional \$160,000 from this balance to cover capital outlays in several Warrant Articles at the upcoming town meeting. It's important to remember that the total tax rate includes the municipal, local school, state school, and county tax rates.

At the year's end, the town introduced a new interactive GIS tax map system, available for public use. This user-friendly online platform enables residents to query, browse, report, and print maps from their computers. This marks the final stage of the tax map update process initiated in 2020. The system allows users to find abutters, run reports, print labels, view multiple map layers, and access parcel details. Drawing tools, measuring tools, street view, birds-eye view, and other useful attributes are also available within the system. A huge thanks to Desiree Mahurin who started this process when

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2023 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

CHAIRMAN REPORT

she was the town's tax collector and has seen it through even as she transitioned to her current role as Town Administrator. Office staff were very instrumental in working with Desiree to complete this large project.

Looking ahead to 2024, our assessing office anticipates a busy year with the required 5-year revaluation for the town. We will collaborate with Avitar Associates to conduct this town-wide reevaluation, and we encourage residents to stay tuned for more information as 2024 progresses.

Any BOS report is incomplete without extending a huge "Thank You" to the numerous townsfolk who generously volunteer for the various committees and boards that contribute to the seamless functioning and exceptional quality of life in our town. On behalf of the Board, I express our deepest gratitude for your invaluable contributions. Your dedication is truly appreciated, and it plays a vital role in making our town an outstanding place to live.

Lastly, across the departments overseen by the Board of Selectmen, noteworthy accomplishments have shaped another strong year for the Town of Thornton. We invite you to delve into the comprehensive reports from each department head, illuminating the highlights of their activities.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Selectmen,

Peter A. Laufenberg

Chair

2023 ROAD AGENT REPORT

FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

As a mild winter came to an end, warm spring weather came in slowly allowing our dirt roads to stay together quite well in comparison to other seasons. Very little stone was added in a couple spots throughout town to keep roads passable.

Sunrise Culvert Change



After roads dried out, the highway department completed the annual regrading and raking of dirt roads. At this same time, we also finished up sweeping winter sand from the paved roads.

As spring turned to summer, this past season was a year to remember for bringing much rain. Although we had many frequent rain storms, we were fortunate that we didn't receive any that were considered damaging.

Throughout the remainder of the spring and summer our department prepared Sunrise Hill Road for repaving by changing out all the original rusting metal culverts. Upon completion this road was repaved.

Next, our efforts were focused on preparing the Thornton Gore and Dick Bradley Road for much needed reclaiming and paving. In doing so we again changed out all the remaining metal culverts, did some roadside ditching and trucked in 1.5" stone to be reclaimed into the road to

strengthen weak areas. To do both roads and this project completely, a temporary bridge was required to be set due to NHDOT lowering the legal weight limit in recent years of a small bridge on Gore Road that spans the Johnson Brook. With the help of R.M Piper, a temporary bridge was installed long enough for the heavy reclaiming equipment and repeated paving truck loads to finish their work.



Gore Rd. Bridge Set

Gore Rd. drainage improvements



To finish the year, we have focused on roadside mowing as well as regrading as necessary. Around the shop we prepare trucks and equipment as well as stock pile sand and salt for the winter season.

As the year comes to an end, I thank the staff as well as all the others who helped complete the projects of this season. For 2024, our department wishes everyone a happy new year as we look forward to another busy upcoming season.



2023 THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARIAN REPORT

First, we wish to extend a warm welcome to the 69 new patrons who joined us in 2023! The library is usually a first stop for new residents as we welcome them to our community.

Do you know what's available in your local library? Or the level of use it gets?

Two public computers; 138 computer users, 208 copy/print/fax users in 2023 160% increase in Storytime attendance; 150 children in 2023 Free passes/discounts to area museums and state parks Community and school programs including author visits, CLiF grant book distribution, NH Humanities programs; all attended by 364 patrons Community garden tended by Adapt students, led by Madeline Zurkowski Story Walk Trail, courtesy of the Boy Scouts, with a book to read along the way	Resources for homeschool families Free Wifi, available in the library and the parking lot 100% increase in use of library for meetings: Scouts, book clubs, PTO, meet-ups, counseling/tutoring Summer program for school kids; reading challenges for adults and children Free access to Ancestry.com and FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City Town historical information, including local cemetery records 26 holiday/event cake pans to borrow Nature Packs for hiking, birdwatching
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The library enjoyed 1246 patron visits in 2023. Our collection currently contains 13,956 items, including 171 CDs, 935 DVDs, and 26 cake pans. We subscribe to 15 magazines. Interlibrary loan usage was up in 2023, with 328 items borrowed. Checkouts from our local collection totaled 819 items.

We are not just a lender of books and magazines. We provide a wide variety of services to the public. In 2023, book club attendance totaled 100, Storytime 150, and other programs 364. After-school participation totaled 283.

We invite you to take advantage of our 3D printers! Last year, 17 patrons designed and created projects. Call the library to learn more!

Our Summer Reading Program included a mime performer, as well as a visit from some of the animals at the Squam Lakes Science Center. In October, Kati Preston discussed her book "Hidden" - her true story of surviving the Holocaust.

Do you have an interest in your family history? The library offers access to Ancestry.com. We are also an Affiliate Library of the FamilySearch Library in Salt Lake City, with access to millions of digitized records not available to the general public. Our collection includes local cemetery records, old town reports, and some local historical information.

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2023 THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN REPORT

If you're looking for a little outdoor walk, please pick up a book and visit our Story Walk behind the library and the Community Garden. We wish to thank our local Adapt students who volunteered with the gardening this past spring, directed by Madeline Zurkowski.

We welcome your input on how we can serve you – our patrons. We are reinventing our Friends Group, so let us know if you are interested by emailing us at:

directorthorntonpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

Our thanks to the residents of Thornton for your support of the library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vivica Duffield, Library Director

Library Hours

Mon: 9:00am – 7:00pm

Tues: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Wed: 9:00am – 7:00pm

Thurs: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Closed during the school year
from 1:00pm to 2:35pm for school classes

Equipment Inventory

Projector	Scotch Laminator	Meeting Owl
Projection Screen	Folding Table	Paper cutter
Charging Dock	16 Folding chairs	Guitar
Adult Rm. Main Circ. Computer	Pop-Up Awning	2 Rolling book carts
Adult Rm. Laptop	Keurig	2 Air conditioners
Adult Rm. Lenovo All-in-One	Microwave	4 Nature Packs
Kids' Rm. Lenovo All-in-One	Mini fridge	Telescope
Director Lenovo Laptop	2 Alen Breathsmart units	Roku TV and rolling stand
Director Adult Rm. All-in-One	Portable CD player	2 Flashforge 3D printers
Canon Printer	Mic and speaker	Tall standing table
Brother Printer	3 hole punch	3 leather bar stools

THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL REPORTS

INCOME	2023 Approved	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Town & School Appropriation-Wages	82,345.00	80,751.03	86,915.00
Town & School Appropriation- Operations/Maintenance	19,660.00	19,660.00	23,000.00
Total Appropriation	102,005.00	100,411.03	109,915.00

Expenses			
Wages			
Full Time	37,100.00	37,428.75	38,213.00
Part Time	24,223.00	23,091.86	25,878.00
Health Insurance	11,204.00	10,613.46	12,750.00
NH Retirement System	5,118.00	4,435.28	4,903.00
FICA/Medicare	4,700.00	5,181.68	5,171.00
Total Wages	82,345.00	80,751.03	86,915.00

Operations			
Administrative/Prof dev.	1,200.00	885.47	1,000.00
Prof Dues/Membership	250.00	409.00	300.00
Ads/Communication	150.00	364.00	350.00
Public Books/Material	1,700.00	1,297.75	2,300.00
Inter Library Loan	800.00	880.00	950.00
School Books/Materials	2,500.00	2,374.49	2,300.00
Museum Passes	750.00	705.00	600.00
Community Programs	1,300.00	1,189.90	800.00
Computer Supplies	600.00	1,349.60	1,000.00
Equipment/computer Software/Support/Repairs	400.00	1,086.99	250.00
Legal Fees	500.00	0.00	100.00
Background Check	110.00	42.25	80.00
Postage	50.00	48.96	70.00
Supplies/Water Cooler	900.00	1,138.61	1,300.00
Telephone/Internet	1,400.00	1,349.60	1,700.00
Thank you & Bereavement	100.00	0.00	100.00
Fuel	1,000.00	990.00	1,800.00
Operations	13,710.00	14,111.62	15,000.00

Maintenance			
Interior Maintenance/Plumbing	1,150.00	0.00	1,000.00
Heater Maintenance	1,000.00	1,071.69	850.00
Exterior Maintenance	1,000.00	783.52	1,700.00
Plowing	2,800.00	2,400.00	3,000.00
Unexpected Maintenance	0.00	0.00	1,450.00
Maintenance	5,950.00	4,255.21	8,000.00

Total Operating & Maintenance	19,660.00	18,366.83	23,000.00
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Total Appropriation/Expense	102,005.00	99,117.86	109,915.00
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Remainder is encumbered against
plowing and fuel contracts

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THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - OTHER FINANCE SOURCES

Not subject to offsetting Expenses per RSA 202-A:4

	2023 Approved	2023 Actual	2024 Proposed
Donations	80.00	80.00	50.00
Copies/Faxes	90.00	440.40	200.00
Book Sales	50.00	135.00	100.00
Trust Funds Interest	90.00	372.66	375.00
Lost/Damaged	20.00	39.97	25.00
Out of Town Patron	0.00	25.00	0.00
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Income -			
does not offset expenses			
per RSA	330.00	1,093.03	750.00

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THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FINANCIAL REPORTS

OPERATING ACCOUNT Year Ending 2023

Checkbook Balance January 1, 2023		Notes
		3,902.37 includes 2022 encumbered expenses not cleared
RECEIPTS		
Town Appropriation	\$19,660.00	
Income Non-Town Funds	\$502.37	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$20,162.37	
PAYMENTS		
Checks and Debits	\$18,063.85	
Expenses encumbered in 2022	\$3,302.80	
Transfer to Non-Town Fund Acct	\$917.00	\$414.63 previous other income included
TOTAL PAYMENTS	\$22,283.65	
Checkbook Balance December 31, 2023		\$1,781.09

Thornton Public Library - Treasurer's Report NON-TOWN FUND Year Ending 2023

Income from other sources not subject to encumbrance

Non-Town Funds Balance 8/8/2023 **\$0.00**

RECEIPTS

Transfer from Operating Acct	\$917.00
Trust fund & bank interest	\$372.66
Donations/Copies/Faxes/etc.	\$425.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,715.16

PAYMENTS **\$520.29**

Non-Town Funds Balance 12/31/2023 **\$1,194.87**

2023 POLICE CHIEF REPORT



Dear Residents,

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your unwavering support. Without you, many of our accomplishments would not have been possible.

The year 2023 proved to be another outstanding year for the police department. Remarkably, the department experienced unprecedented consistency within its ranks, with no turnover. This achievement stands as a testament to the steadfast support we receive from the community.

Throughout the year, our officers not only dedicated themselves to diligent patrolling but also seized valuable opportunities for training across the state and Rhode Island. Courses attended included advanced crime scene and DNA collection school, vehicle processing, Taser instruction, narcotics investigation, working with victims of domestic violence, and executive development, among others.

The police department was awarded a grant of \$6,600 by the New Hampshire Department of Traffic Safety. This grant will be utilized for speed enforcement, DWI, and other distracted driving enforcement initiatives throughout 2024.

Sergeant Wood was honored with her third MacDonalds Community Policing award this year. This marks her second award as a member of our agency, and we couldn't be prouder of her dedication to community policing. Congratulations, Sergeant Wood.

Officer Joel Barton received the inaugural Officer of the Year Award. Officer Barton's passion for police work, positive attitude, and willingness to assist others in any situation made him a clear choice for this recognition. Congratulations, Officer Barton.

This year's National Night Out witnessed an incredible turnout, with beautiful weather adding to the success of the event. I extend my gratitude to the National Night Out Committee for their hard work. Planning for National Night Out typically commences in March and is no small task.

The Trunk or Treat event this year was also a resounding success. The Thornton Events Committee, with assistance from the police department and PTO, did a fantastic job planning and setting up the event. If you are interested in contributing to your community and helping with events, please consider joining the Events Committee team.

I would like to express my appreciation to Brad, Mike, and other members of the Benton family for their continued support. They have consistently been willing to lend a hand and genuinely care for the community. We are extremely fortunate to have them in our community.

In closing, I want to express how proud I am to serve as your Chief of Police. I am incredibly proud of our team of dedicated officers who tirelessly work to ensure we live in a safe community.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support, and I eagerly anticipate what 2024 has in store.

All the best,

Chief Daniel J. Gilman

2023 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR REPORT

In 2023, the Town of Thornton experienced a year marked by relative ease. Fortunately, there were no significant weather incidents within the town that necessitated the activation of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).

However, with the year coming to a close, a notable change is on the horizon. I, as your current Emergency Management Director, will be stepping down from the role. While I have thoroughly enjoyed serving in this capacity, the dual responsibility of overseeing large-scale incidents as both the Police Chief and Emergency Management Director has become challenging to manage effectively.

I am pleased to announce that Mr. Matthew Peltier of Thornton will be assuming the role of Emergency Management Director. With decades of experience in the Emergency Management field, Mr. Peltier is well-equipped to contribute significantly to the town's resources. We extend our congratulations to Mr. Peltier and warmly welcome him to the team.

This transition marks a positive step forward for Thornton's emergency preparedness, and we look forward to continued excellence in emergency management under Mr. Peltier's guidance.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel J. Gilman

Chief of Police/Emergency Management Director

2023 FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Dear Residents,

I would like to start off this year's town report a little different than usual. We just wrapped up our 75th year of service to our community. I would like to point out that the success of our agency would not be possible without the hard work of not only our current members, but also the dozens of members that came before us and their families. Without them or their support, the agency would not be what it is today.

The members of Campton-Thornton Fire Rescue had yet another record-breaking year, ending with 1,110 incidents handled in 2023. We saw a 4.6% increase in calls, from 1,061 in 2022. Statistically, Thursday was the busiest day of the week with 162 calls, while the busiest hour of the day was 1 pm with 71 calls, followed closely by 2 pm with 70 calls. Just under 17% of our calls occurred while another incident was being handled and 18% of our calls occurred during the overnight between 9 pm and 6 am, the same as 2022. We average 8 members responding to working fires, which is high, compared to many area departments. We assessed 624 patients, resulting in 448 transports. There were 377 transports to Speare Memorial Hospital in Plymouth, 12 to Concord Hospital and 5 to Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, among the many other facilities we transported to, in 2023.

We handled several significant incidents during 2023. They included Building Fires on Sunset Circle in Campton, Burbank Hill in Thornton, along with 3 unrelated fires on NH Route 175 in Campton. We also handled working Brush Fires on Cross Road in Thornton, on Miclon Road in Campton, and on US Route 3 in Thornton. We deployed water rescue technicians on the Pemigewasset River in Thornton on June 10, June 15 and in Woodstock in August. FF/AEMT Brian Engelsen was presented with a Valor Award for his actions, saving a life during the June 15 incident.

Full-time department member, Paul Piscitelli moved on to a new position with the Littleton Fire Department in the spring, we wish him well on his new endeavor. In 2023, we filled three vacant positions. In the spring, we hired Jamie Tuttle, a call division member, and Basil Sole, both of whom are Paramedics, to fill full-time positions. In the fall, we hired Joe Wood, who comes to us with several years of experience from out of state, to fill our final vacancy.

During the summer, members of the Campton, Ellsworth and Thornton selectboards met with me to discuss our current and future fleet purchases. After much research and discussion, the subcommittee recommended that we reduce the fleet to 3 engines, from the current 4 engine fleet. This will leave us with 2 engines at Station 1 and one engine at Station #3 in Campton. Station #2, in Thornton, will be closed and repurposed by the Town of Thornton. The major driving force for this decision was the fact that for a number of years, the department has not had anyone living near the Thornton substation, resulting in the minimal use of the engines housed there. We all agree that this new plan makes better financial and operational sense. Residents should not see any major impact from this change.

In September, the full-time staff became members of the International Association of Firefighters and were chartered as IAFF Local 5445, as a non-bargaining unit. Their main goal is to better help our department serve our community, by having access to additional training opportunities and additional grants for the department. This also gains them some networking opportunities to discuss and find solutions to challenges in our field with agencies across NH, the US and even the world.

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2023 FIRE CHIEF REPORT

Also in September, I was nominated and approved by the Governor and Council to sit on the Board of Fire Control. I am one of 3 fire chiefs to sit on the 12-person board made up of members of the public and private sector. The main goal of the board is to review and make recommendations to the NH State Fire Marshal, for changes to the NH State Fire Code.

In the spring, we placed an order for a new Engine 2, which will become our front-line engine, replacing the 1999 Engine 2. The order was placed with E-One, with delivery planned for the fall of 2025. During their yearly inspections, our maintenance shop found signs of damage to the pump of Engine 2, so the decision was made to remove it from service, due to the high cost of repairs. A few days later, Engine 3, our 2005 front-line engine failed inspection due to frame rot and was also removed from service. This left our 2001 Engine 4 as the front-line engine. The decision was made to order a small, traditional looking, 2-seat engine/ tanker to run as first due, until the new Engine 2 arrives. This new Engine 3 was ordered as a stock truck from Pierce and will arrive sometime this spring. Once the new Engine 2 arrives, the Pierce will move to Station #3 in Campton, and we will remove Engine 4 from service.

I want to thank everyone for their continued support. Be sure to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change the batteries twice a year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to our agency.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Defosses

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Fire Chief

Campton-Thornton Fire Rescue



CAMPTON-THORNTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET WORKSHEET

Acct#	Department	2023 Budget	2023 Expenses (As of 11/28/2023)	2024 BOS Adjusted Budget	2023/2024 Difference
4220	FIRE DEPARTMENT				
4220-000	Chief Salary-DD	\$76,433.00	\$77,645.66	\$81,474.00	\$5,041.00
4220-000	Lieutenant Salary- BS	\$56,925.00	\$52,035.36	\$59,550.00	\$2,625.00
4220-000	Lieutenant Salary-RB	\$61,375.00	\$56,725.81	\$63,225.00	\$1,850.00
4220-000	Lieutenant Salary-JT	\$64,825.00	\$52,567.32	\$67,075.00	\$2,250.00
4220-000	Full Time FF/EMT-BE	\$54,000.00	\$54,860.80	\$57,325.00	\$3,325.00
4220-000	Full Time FF/EMT-MS	\$54,000.00	\$54,643.20	\$64,475.00	\$10,475.00
4220-000	Full Time FF/EMT-JW	\$54,000.00	\$25,453.45	\$58,475.00	\$4,475.00
4220-000	Full-Time Administrative Asst.	\$49,254.00	\$49,256.16	\$51,938.00	\$2,684.00
4220-00	Payroll Differential-48 hour work week	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
4220-00	Employee Retention/Hiring	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00	\$0.00
4220-000	Payroll -Holidays	\$13,253.00		\$14,213.00	\$960.00
4220-001	Call Company	\$38,500.00	\$71,339.14	\$60,000.00	\$21,500.00
4220-003	Payroll - Overtime - FT	\$33,364.00	\$58,874.50	\$40,862.00	\$7,498.00
4220-004	Payroll - Special Detail	\$3,825.00	\$5,511.05	\$3,825.00	\$0.00
4220-006	Payroll- Per Diem (backfill & overnight)	\$102,265.00	\$114,284.60	\$120,000.00	\$17,735.00
4220-009	Payroll-Longevity	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,900.00	\$0.00
4220-010	Payroll Tax Expense	\$25,045.00	\$23,581.50	\$25,688.00	\$643.00
4220-011	Payroll Unemployment	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
4220-012	Payroll - Retirement	\$155,434.00	\$145,279.44	\$170,116.00	\$14,682.00
4220-013	Payroll - Health Ins. Life & Disability	\$92,696.00	\$66,568.52	\$87,500.00	(\$5,196.00)
4220-015	Payroll-Merit Pay	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
4220-030	Postage	\$600.00	\$448.20	\$600.00	\$0.00
4220-032	Office Supplies	\$7,000.00	\$5,113.16	\$7,000.00	\$0.00
4220-035	Computer Services	\$8,000.00	\$9,402.07	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
4220-036	Grants	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
4220-040	Insurance/Deductible	\$68,000.00	\$67,325.00	\$88,000.00	\$20,000.00
4220-050	Telephone Internet	\$6,500.00	\$6,372.32	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
4220-052	Utilities - Electric	\$13,000.00	\$12,039.07	\$13,000.00	\$0.00
4220-053	Utilities - Heating Oil	\$9,000.00	\$8,635.34	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
4220-060	Health & Safety	\$5,000.00	\$3,919.50	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
4220-061	Training/Education	\$6,000.00	\$10,462.88	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
4220-070	Vehicle Fuel	\$21,000.00	\$23,603.19	\$18,000.00	(\$3,000.00)
4220-071	Vehicle Maintenance	\$39,000.00	\$56,193.63	\$30,000.00	(\$9,000.00)
4220-080	FD Equipment	\$12,000.00	\$12,381.85	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00
4220-081	EMS/Rescue Supplies	\$12,000.00	\$14,323.47	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00
4220-082	FD Fire Gear	\$12,000.00	\$30,109.84	\$20,000.00	\$8,000.00
4220-083	FD Uniforms	\$5,000.00	\$7,434.49	\$6,000.00	\$1,000.00
4220-085	Equipment Maintenance/Contracts	\$10,000.00	\$11,537.67	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
4220-086	Misc. Building Maintenance	\$6,000.00	\$4,074.58	\$8,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Total - Operating Budget	\$1,188,194.00	\$1,198,902.77	\$1,313,741.00	\$125,547.00
	Campton 2024 Share (52.6%)	\$624,990.04	\$630,622.86	\$691,027.77	\$66,037.72

2023 FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER REPORT

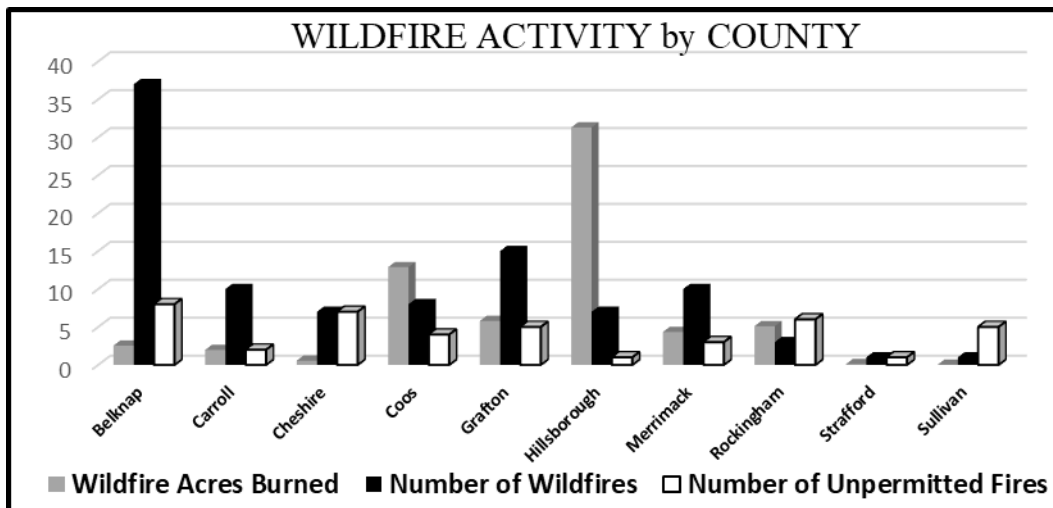
This past year we observed wet weather in late spring and throughout the summer. This led to reduced wildfire activity throughout the state and allowed many of our state firefighting resources to respond to Nova Scotia and Quebec to assist our Canadian neighbors with their record wildfire season. We were also able team up with local fire departments and provide many wildfire trainings throughout the state.

This time of year, we see fires caused by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Even with the lower wildfire threat in New Hampshire in 2023, properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were still impacted, with 8 structures threatened and 3 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful with fire.** If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2024 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online in most towns and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nh.gov/nhdfil/. For up-to-date information, follow us on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



2023 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED

Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
0	0	22	3	80	4	4	10	1	2	0	4

2023 TRANSFER STATION MANAGER REPORT

Over 2023, management and staff of the Campton-Thornton Transfer Station have made several improvements to the facility with the goal of increasing safety, including more signage and solar lights at the metal bucket, metal cans and the C&D cans.

In 2023 we saw 3,135,360 lbs. of household trash go into the “Hopper” while also we recycled:

133,140 lbs. of cardboard

26,668 lbs. of aluminum

51,240 lbs. of plastic

254,780 lbs. of metal

As a reminder, Recycling is mandatory in our community. Not recycling adds weight to the MSW container (household trash) which adds unnecessary cost to our community.

The staff at the Transfer Station has been enforcing the requirement of stickers. Sticker enforcement is necessary to confirm that only residents of Campton, Thornton, and Ellsworth are utilizing the facility. All residents and/or property owners may acquire a sticker at their appropriate Town Hall or at the Transfer Station, by providing their vehicle registration and proof of residency/ownership. Stickers are vehicle specific and cannot be transferred between vehicles. We ask for your continued understanding in this matter.

Going into 2024, we look forward to continuing to serve our communities and thank you for your continued support!

Transfer Station Staff:

Chris Nardone

Paul Pelchat

Ray Sidney

Zack Simon

Respectfully submitted,

Jamin Levasseur

Transfer Station Manager

2023 PEMI BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

In 2023, the 19 member Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District continued its cooperative efforts to promote waste reduction, increase recycling, and provide residents with a means of properly disposing of their household hazardous waste (HHW).

The District held two (2) one-day HHW collections, one in Littleton on Sunday, August 8th, and the other in Plymouth on Saturday, September 23th. A total of 284 households participated, representing every community in the District. 20,275 lbs. of material were collected, with nearly all (96%) of it being flammable materials. Total expenses for 2023 HHW programming, which includes advertising, setup & disposal, totaled \$30,476, a 7% increase from 2022. To help cover these expenses, the District received a \$10,000 donation from Casella Waste Management and NH Department of Environmental Services granted an additional \$4,990. Net expenditure for the program was \$15,486 which is less than \$0.50 per district resident. The District also coordinated two (2) fluorescent light bulb collections in the spring and fall, where all member towns were able to dispose of their bulbs and ballast. This year, fluorescent light bulb collections resulted in over 11,000 linear feet of fluorescent tubes being properly disposed of and 163 PCB containing light ballasts. Other materials collected were 47 fire/smoke detectors and an additional 396 specialty bulbs. The total cost for this effort was \$3,251.62.

The next two events in 2024 have been scheduled for August, 4th in Littleton at the Transfer station and September 21st at the Plymouth Recycling Center. Both events will run from 9AM to 12PM.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the district's programs are welcome to attend the district meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices and recycling centers. If at any time an individual community needs assistance in regard to their solid waste/recycling program, please contact the District by email.

Respectively Submitted,

Steve Bean, Chairman

2023 TAX COLLECTOR/ MUNICIPAL AGENT REPORT

Our partnership with the Town Clerk and the town clerk functions still proves to be very efficient. We work as a team to offer professional services to the community regarding tax collection, motor vehicle transactions, dog licensing and vital record documents to name a few.

If you have any questions regarding your property tax bills, payments towards your bill, delinquent balances, the lien and deeding processes or motor vehicle processes, please feel free to contact the office Mondays through Fridays.

I encourage you to visit our website at www.TownofThornton.org. Go to the Tax Collector Department and the Motor Vehicle Registration Department pages to find information regarding taxes and motor vehicle processes, forms, etc. You can also find useful information regarding on-line payment options, basic assessing information and tax bill copies on the Tax Kiosk website, which is linked through our website under On-Line Payments. Be sure to also look for our Facebook page to find other Town information and notices.

TAX COLLECTOR 2023 COLLECTION SUMMARY:

We continue to have a high collection rate of the current property tax bills:

Total 2023 property tax bills	\$10,146,648	
Total 2023 collected property tax bills	\$8,953,569	Collection rate = 88%

On-line tax payments continue to show growth since its inception in 2013. This year's numbers are as follows:

	<u># of payments processed</u>	<u>\$ of payments processed</u>
2023	861	\$1,742,988

MUNICIPAL AGENT 2022 SUMMARY:

Town Motor vehicle registration fees collected:	\$	707,236.09
Number of motor vehicle registrations processed:		4,247
State Motor vehicle registration fees collected:	\$	222,111.27
Misc. Revenue	\$	992.20

As always, it has been my pleasure to serve the Town of Thornton. This is my first report as the Tax Collector. I hope to continue my tenure of service to the Town of Thornton for years to come.

Sincerely,

Alisa Schofield,

Tax Collector/Municipal Agent

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New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

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Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

This form is due **March 1st (Calendar Year) or September 1st (Fiscal Year)**

Instructions

Cover Page

- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
- Select the entity name from the pull down menu (County will automatically populate)
- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division

Phone: (603) 230-5090

Fax: (603) 230-5947

<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)

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Debits

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Property Taxes	3110		\$553,936.14		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$29,957.13)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2022	
Property Taxes	3110	\$10,146,648.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$116,240.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$15,979.58		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$1,235.38		
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	3110	\$21,304.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$4,492.05	\$19,778.42		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$10,275,941.88	\$573,714.56	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$8,987,475.04	\$374,680.54		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$98,830.00			
Yield Taxes	\$12,564.41			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$4,212.05	\$15,092.42		
Penalties	\$280.00	\$4,686.00		
Excavation Tax	\$1,235.38			
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$179,253.40		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$413.34	\$2.20		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded	\$1,866.00			

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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Property Taxes	\$1,168,447.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$17,410.00			
Yield Taxes	\$3,415.17			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$20,206.51)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$10,275,941.88	\$573,714.56	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$1,169,065.66
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$158,218.01

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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2022	Year: 2021	Year: 2020
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$68,890.89	\$31,008.96
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$190,306.84		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$2,849.08	\$4,870.02	\$5,798.22
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$193,155.92	\$73,760.91	\$36,807.18

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2022	2021	2020
Redemptions		\$70,463.94	\$22,768.94	\$26,317.94
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$2,849.08	\$4,870.02	\$5,798.22
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$400.55		
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$3,957.02	\$4,097.34	\$3,982.95
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$115,485.33	\$42,024.61	\$708.07
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$193,155.92	\$73,760.91	\$36,807.18

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$1,169,065.66
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 -All Years)	\$158,218.01

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THORNTON (449)

1. CERTIFY THIS FORM

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

Alisa

Schofield

Jan 8, 2024

2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM

Please save and e-mail the completed PDF form to your Municipal Bureau Advisor.

3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM

This completed PDF form must be PRINTED, SIGNED, SCANNED, and UPLOADED onto the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal (MTRSP) at <http://proptax.org/nh/>. If you have any questions, please contact your Municipal Services Advisor.

PREPARER'S CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Alisa Schofield

Preparer's Signature and Title

2023 TOWN CLERK REPORT

Town Clerk Revenue Report

Dog License Fees Town	\$ 3,588.50
Dog Fines-PD Ordinance	\$ 100.00
Vital Records Fees Town	\$ 989.00
UCC Filing Fees	\$ 615.00

State Fees Collected by Town Clerk

Dog License Fees State	\$ 1,278.50
Vital Records Fees State	\$ 1,851.00

TOTAL FEES COLLECTED: \$ 8,422.00

Total Number of Dogs Licenses issued: 617

2024 Elections

Presidential Primary	Tuesday, January 23, 2024 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Town Election	Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Town Meeting	Saturday, March 16, 2024 10:00 AM
State Primary Election	Tuesday, September 10, 2024 8:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Presidential Election	Tuesday, November 05, 2024 8:00 PM – 7:00 PM

*****ALL ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL, 1886 NH ROUTE 175, THORNTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE*****

The Town Clerk's hours of operation can be found online at www.thorntonnh.org. You can also follow us on Facebook

Respectfully submitted,
Anita C. Ross, Town Clerk



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

-- THORNTON --

Child's Name	Birth Date	Birth Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name
SMITH, HAZEL AMELIA	02/15/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	SMITH, ERIC MICHAEL	DAVIS, ALYSSA JEANNETTE
BUCK, SHILOH REEN	04/26/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	BUCK, NOAH ALEXANDER	BUCK, LYDIA FRANKLIN
CAMPBELL, MYLES VINCENT	06/13/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	CAMPBELL, WAYNE SCOTT	CAMPBELL, KASSANDRA MAY
DODGE, LANDON ROBERT	06/15/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	DODGE, AUSTIN EVERETT	DODGE, DANA MARIE
DEMERS, WYATT JOSEPH	07/26/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	DEMERS, JOSEPH ALLEN	DEMERS, MORGAN TERESA
CLARK, MICHAEL EVERETT	07/29/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	CLARK, ETHAN MICHAEL	CLARK, LEAH MARIE
GRYCKOWSKI, EDDY RUSSELL	12/15/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	GRYCKOWSKI, LANDON JOE	GRYCKOWSKI, KATHARINE WHITE
KIRKPATRICK, ALEXANDER RYAN	12/19/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	KIRKPATRICK, FRASER ROSS	KIRKPATRICK, LAUREN ANNE
GUAY, BOWDEN CHAMPNEY	12/22/2023	PLYMOUTH, NH	GUAY, ANDREW DAVID	GUAY, JENNIFER ELAINE

Total number of records 9



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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

--THORNTON, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
MEDAGLIA, STEVEN PAUL	01/18/2023	MANCHESTER	MEDAGLIA, ANTHONY	FRANCO, MILDRED	Y
DWYER, FAY ROSEANNA	01/18/2023	THORNTON	COUSINEAU, HENRY	LYNDE, MARCIA	N
MACOMBER, PATRICIA ELAINE	01/28/2023	THORNTON	BEAMER, CARL	JOHNSON, VIOLET	N
LYNCH, JANE RIVERA	02/10/2023	PLYMOUTH	RIVERA, MIGUEL	PATTERSON, JENNIFER	N
DIAMOND, LINDA K	02/14/2023	THORNTON	KINNANE, JOHN	CONDON, JEAN	N
GILPATRIC SR, RICHARD JAMES	02/18/2023	LEBANON	GILPATRIC, LESTER	HAMMEL, DOROTHY	Y
CORRIDAN, DOROTHY M	03/15/2023	THORNTON	STEVENS, ASTON	UNKNOWN, AGNES	N
WILKINSON, JOHN FITZGERALD	03/17/2023	THORNTON	WILKINSON, IRVING	AVERY, LINDA	N
TANNER, BARRY DOUGLAS	03/23/2023	MANCHESTER	TANNER, DAVID	WARDYNSKI, BARBARA	U
ANDREW, BRUCE MARSTON	03/30/2023	THORNTON	ANDREW, JOHN	MARSTON, DEBORAH	Y
BOONE, DAMON HARLOW	05/04/2023	THORNTON	BOONE, ROBERT	DAMON, JOAN	N
GATEMAN, GERALD	07/09/2023	THORNTON	GATEMAN, JACOB	GREEN, IDA	N
HILLENBERG, NANCY LEE	07/16/2023	THORNTON	GREGOLOFF, WILLIAM	KELAKOWSKI, ELSIE	N
VEITCH, MARGARET JEAN	07/26/2023	THORNTON	VEITCH, WILLIAM	KEUR, JANTINE	N
MICCO, ANGELA	08/17/2023	PLYMOUTH	LACAPRIA, MICHAEL	BRANCLIFORT, SANTA	N
GUNTER, LOUISE LUCILLE	09/24/2023	THORNTON	AREL, ROLAND	NADEAU, LILLIAN	N
BLANCHETTE, CYNTHIA DAWN	10/01/2023	MANCHESTER	WEEKS, ALTON	BULLEY, JUNE	N
BENTON, BRADFORD CALVIN	10/17/2023	THORNTON	BENTON, BURT	SIMONS, OLIVE	N



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023

--THORNTON, NH --

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
WEEKS, AUTUMN HEATHER	11/04/2023	MANCHESTER	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN	WEEKS, CYNTHIA	N
MCKENZIE, NANCY JANE	11/25/2023	THORNTON	BOLTON, PERCIVAL	ROMPREY, ELDENA	N
STRONG, DERRICK ETHAN	12/09/2023	THORNTON	STRONG, DONALD	PARKS, MARY	N

Total number of records 21



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION
RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT
01/01/2023 - 12/31/2023
-- THORNTON --

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Town of Issuance	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
GUAY, ANDREW D PLYMOUTH, NH	SANBORN, JENNIFER E THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	LINCOLN	01/01/2023
SHUTE JR, RICHARD SIDNEY THORNTON, NH	STEVENS, SARA MARIE PLYMOUTH, NH	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	01/12/2023
GARVEY, JESSICA JEAN THORNTON, NH	PIRAGIS, BRIAN ANDREW THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	01/12/2023
LYON, DAKOTA MICHELLE CANAAN, NH	DOWNING, JORDAN SCOTT THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	PLYMOUTH	02/15/2023
VACH, SARAH JANE THORNTON, NH	MURPHY, KATE ROSE THORNTON, NH	PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	05/24/2023
SCIBETTA, ZACHARY JOHN BOW, NH	LONERGAN, KELLY MARIE THORNTON, NH	BOW	MEREDITH	06/03/2023
DAVIS, ALYSSA JEANNETTE THORNTON, NH	SMITH, ERIC MICHAEL THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	BRISTOL	07/08/2023
KING, ROBERT EDWARD THORNTON, NH	VEITCH, MARGARET JEAN THORNTON, NH	WOODSTOCK	THORNTON	07/20/2023
SIDNEY JR, RAYMOND ELWIN THORNTON, NH	KING, SHIRLEY MAY THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	THORNTON	07/22/2023
MCGONAGLE, ANDREW NEIL THORNTON, NH	MORRILL, SUSAN KELLY OTHER, MASSACHUSETTS	THORNTON	CAMPTON	08/11/2023
VAN NESS, ANDREW DAVID CONCORD, NH	LENENTINE, HALEY WHITESELL THORNTON, NH	NEW HAMPTON	NORTH WOODSTOCK	08/26/2023
SPINELLI, CHARLES PETER THORNTON, NH	DIETLEIN, DENISE EMMELL THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	COLEBROOK	09/09/2023
BOISVERT, BRIAN ANDREW THORNTON, NH	DROUIN, JENNY JOAN THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	DERRY	09/17/2023
COLBY, JOSHUA PETER THORNTON, NH	HOLTON, MORGAN LILLIAN THORNTON, NH	THORNTON	JACKSON	10/02/2023

TREASURER REPORT SUMMARY

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Cash on hand January 1, 2023

Checking	\$4,924.82
Money Market	<u>\$1,271,158.23</u>

\$1,276,083.05

Receipts:

Selectmen	\$1,399,226.99
Tax Collector	\$9,621,070.54
Town Clerk	\$716,657.29
NHPDIP General Fund	\$5,075,000.00
Northway Bank Interest	<u>\$808.63</u>

\$16,812,763.45

Payments:

Transfer to NHPDIP Gen Fund	-\$4,500,000.00
Selectmen	<u>-\$11,997,694.27</u>

-\$16,497,694.27

Balance on December 31, 2023

Checking	\$6,535.20
Money Market	<u>\$1,584,617.03</u>

\$1,591,152.23

\$1,591,152.23

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

TREASURER REPORT SUMMARY

NHPDIP GENERAL FUND

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Cash on hand January 1, 2023	\$3,485,590.08
Receipts:	
Selectmen	\$4,500,000.00
Interest	\$122,231.52
Withdrawals:	
Selectmen	<u>-\$5,075,000.00</u>
Balance on December 31, 2023	\$3,032,821.60

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

TREASURER REPORT SUMMARY

LANDFILL/CLOSURE BOND

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Cash on hand January 1, 2023	\$892.42
Receipts:	
Interest	\$46.69
Withdrawals:	
Selectmen	<u>\$0.00</u>
Balance on December 31, 2023	\$939.11

CONSERVATION FUND

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Balance on December 1, 2023	\$14,854.96
Receipts:	
Deposits	\$1,500.00
Interest	\$3.01
Withdrawals:	<u>(\$1,757.18)</u>
Balance on December 31, 2023	\$14,600.79

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Dumont Treasurer

TREASURER REPORT SUMMARY

D. JOHNSTON/DIRT DESIGNS EXCAVATION RECLAMATION YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Balance on January 1, 2023	\$5,049.51
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Receipts:

Interest	\$1.02
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Withdrawals:	<u>\$0.00</u>
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Balance on December 31, 2023	\$5,050.53
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LCJ HOLDINGS, LLC. ESCROW YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Balance on January 1, 2023	\$10,000.19
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Receipts:

Deposits	\$0.00
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Interest	\$0.20
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Withdrawals:

Checks	<u>-\$6,935.16</u>
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Balance on December 31, 2023	\$3,065.23
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Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Dumont Treasurer

2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Thornton's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) is a tool used for planning capital expenditures. The CIP's "Total Capital Requirements" spreadsheet is a 10-year schedule of anticipated capital expenditures (tangible assets or projects that cost at least \$10,000.00 and have a useful life of at least five years). The "Reserve Calculation" spreadsheet represents the capital reserve balances that are level funded each year in the amount of \$300,000.00. While the total expenditures for each year on the "Requirements" spreadsheet are variable, level funding the "Reserve" funds each year controls a portion of the tax rate and contributes to savings in the form of finance costs.

The CIP insures sound fiscal and capital planning by classifying projects according to their urgency and need for realization. This process requires the involvement and co-operation of all municipal departments. The committee begins the CIP process by asking department managers to submit their capital requests. Each department meets with the Town's Select Board to review their proposals. The CIP committee then receives the capital requests, which are evaluated and prioritized.

Over a period of several months, the "Total Capital Requirements" spreadsheet is created and revised as needed. We also meet with the Select Board to update them on our progress, and to discuss any issues encountered in developing the plan. The Capital Reserve balances are updated at year end and the "Reserve Calculation" spreadsheet is finalized. After holding a public hearing, the committee presents the plan to the Select Board for final approval of the plan.

There are vacancies on the CIP Committee and interested citizens should contact the Town office for information about joining. We meet monthly, May-December.

I would like to thank the Committee members for their hard work and dedication this year, and for their patience to see this process through to the end. Thanks also goes out to the various boards, department staff and volunteers who work tirelessly on behalf of Thornton residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Lewis, Chairperson

Cindy Schofield

Joe Monti

2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Inflation Rate = 3.50%

Revised: Dec 20, 2023

Total Capital Requirements

2024 - 2033

2024Final

Highway	Mill Brook	Roads	Paving	Bridges	Fire	Police	Transfer	Building	Mapping	Assessing	Total
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Calendar Year 2024

Engine # 2		20			360,955						
Upper Mill Brook Upgrade (CY2024)		97,645									
Assessing										120,000	
Old Town Hall Exterior Renovation								51,750			
Ambulance #2					142,005						
Ford 550 #3	91,800										
Police Cruiser #3						74,590					
Police Cruiser #1						76,115					
Replace Load King Baler							9,440				
Engine #3					216,835						
TS Paving			40,165								
TOTAL	91,800	97,665	40,165		719,795	150,705	9,440	51,750		120,000	1,281,320

Calendar Year 2025

Fire Dpt Utility Truck					21,380						
10 Wheel Dump Truck	48,480										
Police Cruiser #2						77,200					
Pole Barn for Storage							29,310				
2031											
TOTAL	48,480				21,380	77,200	29,310				176,370

Calendar Year 2026

Fire Station (Thornton) Renovation								83,155			
Excavator	59,700										
Ford 550 #1	98,340						48,850				
Above Ground Scale							24,765				
Skid Steer											
TOTAL	158,040						73,615	83,155			314,810

Calendar Year 2027

Mack 6 Wheeler	76,335										
Police Cruiser #4 (unmarked)						92,655					
TOTAL	76,335					92,655					168,990

2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Bond	LTP	Reserve	Total
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Highway	Mill Brook	Roads	Paving	Bridges	Fire	Police	Transfer	Building	Mapping	Assessing	Total
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Beginning Reserve	\$181,256	\$102,170	\$51,400	\$82,262	\$190,368	\$681,392	\$89,886	\$15,030	\$24,947	\$1	\$115,288	\$1,534,000
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2024 \$20

Requirements	\$91,800	\$97,665	\$0	\$40,165	\$0	\$719,795	\$150,705	\$9,440	\$51,750	\$0	\$120,000	\$1,281,320
Reserve Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$75,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$89,456	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$41,597	\$19,181	\$80,590	\$13,197	\$1	\$20,288	\$552,680

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2025

Requirements	\$48,480	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,380	\$77,200	\$29,310	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$176,370
Reserve Funding	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$70,000	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$70,976	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$45,217	\$11,981	\$126,280	\$88,197	\$1	\$45,288	\$676,310

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2026

Requirements	\$158,040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$73,615	\$83,155	\$0	\$0	\$314,810
Reserve Funding	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$32,936	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$70,217	\$61,981	\$82,665	\$55,042	\$1	\$70,288	\$661,500

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2027

Requirements	\$76,335	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$92,655	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$168,990
Reserve Funding	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$46,601	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$130,217	\$19,326	\$107,665	\$105,042	\$1	\$95,288	\$792,510

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2028

Requirements	\$171,185	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$53,445	\$0	\$0	\$224,630
Reserve Funding	\$140,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$15,416	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$180,217	\$49,326	\$147,665	\$66,597	\$1	\$120,288	\$867,890

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2029

Requirements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$287,645	\$0	\$46,340	\$0	\$0	\$135,000	\$468,985
Reserve Funding	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$155,000	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$55,416	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$47,572	\$129,326	\$101,325	\$66,597	\$1	\$10,288	\$698,895

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2030

Requirements	\$107,670	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$91,690	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$199,360
Reserve Funding	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$170,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$17,746	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$72,572	\$207,636	\$111,325	\$66,597	\$1	\$35,288	\$799,535

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2031

Requirements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$254,805	\$94,900	\$84,635	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$434,340
Reserve Funding	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$215,000	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$17,746	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$32,767	\$112,736	\$86,690	\$66,597	\$1	\$60,288	\$665,195

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2032

Requirements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98,220	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$98,220
Reserve Funding	\$70,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$87,746	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$132,767	\$64,516	\$111,690	\$96,597	\$1	\$85,288	\$866,975

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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2033

Requirements	\$90,565	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$124,395	\$0	\$70,530	\$0	\$0	\$285,490
Reserve Funding	\$75,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$100,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0	\$25,000	\$300,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$72,181	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$157,767	\$40,121	\$111,690	\$101,067	\$1	\$110,288	\$881,485

\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000
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Total

Requirements	\$744,075	\$97,665	\$0	\$40,165	\$0	\$1,283,625	\$729,765	\$243,340	\$258,880	\$0	\$255,000	\$3,652,515
Reserve Funding	\$635,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$760,000	\$680,000	\$340,000	\$335,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$3,000,000
Ending Reserve Balance	\$72,181	\$4,505	\$51,400	\$42,097	\$190,368	\$157,767	\$40,121	\$111,690	\$101,067	\$1	\$110,288	\$881,485

\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
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2023 TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

The investment policy of the Trustees of Trust Funds has a primary purpose to keep secure the invested principals and a secondary, though important, purpose to try to maximize income. Overall in 2023, our investments did very well and the trustees were able to keep total income from all funds as high as possible.

On the Capital Reserve Funds page of this report, the date of creation of many funds has been edited to reflect when the fund was created by a vote at Town Meeting, (or other posted meeting) not the date of the first deposit into the fund, as was the case previously for some of the funds. This change was recommended as the proper way to report by the NH Charitable Trust, a division of the NH Attorney General's Office, the agency that we file reports to each year.

The Trustees of Trust Funds meet quarterly at the town office building; meeting agendas are posted 1 week ahead of meeting dates. Meetings are open to the public.

Richard Baker, Ralph Bradley, Tony Torino, Trustees

REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

Name of Trust Fund	*** PRINCIPAL ***			*** INCOME ***					
	Balance 1/1/2023	New Funds	Cash Gains	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/2023	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance 12/31/2023	Net Balance 12/31/2023
<u>PERMANENT FUNDS</u>									
Perpetual Care funds in Fidelity stock and capital gains in bank	32,444.59	1,528.80 {stock incr}	386.56	0.00	34,359.95	0.00	469.88	0.00	34,359.95
W. Lee Trust for general care MRC Fidelity stock and capital gains in bank	17,054.22	803.60 {stock incr}	203.20	0.00	18,061.02	0.00	246.98	0.00	18,061.02
W. Lee Trust for Thornton Library Fidelity stock and capital gains in bank	17,054.22	803.60 {stock incr}	203.20	0.00	18,061.02	0.00	246.98	0.00	18,061.02
Perpetual care funds bank deposits	7,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,000.00	550.12	257.54	550.12	7,550.12
Town Cemetery Maintenance, Trust Lot Sales, Income for general care	47,025.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	47,525.00	0.00	1,652.88	0.00	47,525.00
I. Ham Memorial Trust for library books	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	12.81	0.00	1,000.00
C. Ham Memorial Trust for library books	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	12.81	0.00	1,000.00
Hubbard Brook Foundation	3,325.24	1,800.00	0.00	1,800.00	3,325.24	25.64	29.52	55.16	3,380.40
Jeannie Robbins Memorial Trust, income to reduce taxes	146,673.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	146,673.76	0.00	7,568.24	0.00	146,673.76
TOTAL	272,577.03	5,436.00	792.96	1,800.00	277,005.99	575.76	10,497.64	605.28	277,611.27

2023 REPORT OF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF THORNTON ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

Date of Creation	Name of Trust Fund	*** PRINCIPAL ***			*** INCOME ***			Net Balance 12/31/2023		
		Balance 1/1/2023	New Funds Created	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/2023	Balance 1/1/2023	Income During Year		Expended During Year	
<u>Private Purpose Trust Funds</u>										
06/08/2001	Thornton School District – Building	850.76	0.00	0.00	850.76	268.90	14.41	0.00	283.31	1,134.07
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>										
03/13/1990	Highway Vehicle, Equipment & Major Maintenance (name changed 3/2001)	165,960.28	75,000.00	79,500.00	161,460.28	11,151.45	8,644.27	0.00	19,795.72	181,256.00
03/14/1989	Fire/Rescue Vehicle, Equipment & Major Maintenance (name changed 3/2001)	475,851.61	170,000.00	0.00	645,851.61	7,484.30	28,056.37	0.00	35,540.67	681,392.28
03/17/2001	Transfer Station Major Equipment	12,927.54	0.00	0.00	12,927.54	1,561.27	540.84	0.00	2,102.11	15,029.65
12/31/2000	Municipal Buildings	19,055.61	0.00	0.00	19,055.61	5,575.01	316.28	0.00	5,891.29	24,946.90
03/12/2005	Police Cruiser & Cruiser Equipment	84,028.71	20,000.00	18,118.39	85,910.32	937.60	3,038.54	0.00	3,976.14	89,886.46
03/13/1990	Bridge Repairs & Maintenance	171,391.44	0.00	0.00	171,391.44	9,635.41	9,340.79	0.00	18,976.20	190,367.64
03/17/2007	Paving	68,675.03	10,000.00	0.00	78,675.03	802.00	2,785.07	0.00	3,587.07	82,262.10
03/17/2007	Assessing	88,561.00	25,000.00	0.00	113,561.00	1,478.81	248.21	0.00	1,727.02	115,288.02
08/22/2008	Mill Brook Road Construction & Improvement	110,000.00	0.00	12354.69	97,645.31	834.45	3,690.30	0.00	4,524.75	102,170.06
03/14/2009	Emergency Road Paving, Construction & Repairs (name changed 3/16/2019)	47,965.47	0.00	0.00	47,965.47	1,584.74	1,849.54	0.00	3,434.28	51,399.75
09/10/2015	Property Tax Map	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.43	0.00	0.00	1.43	1.43
TOTAL		1,245,267.45	300,000.00	109,973.08	1,435,294.37	41,315.37	58,524.62	0.00	99,839.99	1,535,134.36

2023 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Our Mission Statement :

A community-based group committed to the visual enhancement of the
Town of Thornton

The committee held no meetings this year.

We are always open to discussing ways we can support any town
department or committee.



2023 CEMETERY TRUSTEES REPORT

Report was requested but not submitted.

Cemetery Trustees

Geraldine Benton	2026
Wendy Johnston	2025
Michael Benton	2024

2023 CONSERVATION COMMISSION REPORT

Meetings: The Thornton Conservation Commission (TCC) members are Myrtle Lewis, Al Lewis, Jerry Sobolewski, Katri Gurney and Mike Boisvert. Maryellen Sakura resigned from the Commission in April. Thank you, Maryellen for your many years of service on the TCC.

The TCC met monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 3:00 PM at Town Hall, except for in July when we didn't meet because we didn't have a quorum. The meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Town website. The public is encouraged to participate.

Projects: The TCC has been working on the Robin's Nest Pemi River Access Project for the last two years. Many thanks go to Joe Peznola for developing schematic drawings for proposed improvements (additional parking, a boat launch, porta potties and an information kiosk) and for building consensus within State agencies (DOT, F&G and Recreation). Rather than pursuing this project, the TCC will now concentrate on short-term projects with more attainable impacts.

In 2023, the TCC supported many construction projects involving residential driveways, parking lots, residential developments and culvert replacements. These reviews included onsite walks, permit applications and drawing reviews.

Outreach: The TCC partnered with the NH Department of Environmental Services to conduct a one-hour presentation for riverfront property owners about the do's and don'ts of land use (when permits are required, etc.) on June 9th. We mailed postcards to residents about the event. The TCC partnered with Campton and Woodstock CC's. The event was well attended.

The TCC participated in the National Night Out event on August 1st. The TCC educated the participants about the TCC and the different habitats within Thornton.

The first annual TCC Community hike was conducted on September 30th at the Peaked Hill Pond trail. Although attendance was light, we have decided to make this an annual event, to encourage exploration of local hiking trails.

Other: The TCC has been working on updating the Thornton NRI. The TCC is partnering with a local organization to create GIS maps.

Two members of the TCC received training from the NHACC Wetland Protection Training 7-class series.

The TCC 2023 expenditures were \$718; for the NHACC annual fee, outreach supplies and training fees.

The Thornton Conservation Commission will continue to be a resource for the Town and its residents and will improve outreach and education about natural resources and wildlife within the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myrtle Lewis, Chair

2023 EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2023 was another busy one for the Events Committee. The community concert series brought new performances and great community attendance. Light Up Thornton brought festive cheer and friendly competition to neighborhoods around town. The committee continued to support the Police Department's annual Trunk or Treat with the staffing of a Witches' tent.



Free concerts were held at the Sugar Shack Campground music venue four Sundays in July and August. Community members were encouraged to bring their own picnic to enjoy while listening to great regional talent.



Thank you to all the performers for honoring our town with their great talents (Audrey Drake, Bob King, Andrea Mikali, Sly Richard, Erica Cushing, Red Rooster Riot, Fred Willey Hill). Thank you to all our sponsors (The Monti Family, Deborah Duffy, Hannafords, Noyes Insurance, Bank of NH, Northway Bank, Sunset Grill, Chesley's, The Covered Bridge Farm Table). Special thanks to all our volunteers and to the Benton's Sugar Shack family for the use of their great facilities for the shows!

The Events Committee assisted the Police Department in organizing the Trunk or Treat event, held on Halloween Oct 31st. Community volunteers decorated campsites and vehicles, and kids could walk between each asking for a trick or a treat. Thanks to all those that donated candy or showed off their spooky skills. We even had a haunted trail put together by our wonderful volunteers. Special thanks to DJ Jonathan Sayre for providing the light show and music and all our sponsors (The Sunset Grill, The Service Credit Union, The Bank of N.H., The Monti Family, The Covered Bridge Farm Table, The Dollar Store, Walmart).



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2023 EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

In December, community members were encouraged to decorate their homes for the holidays and enter the town wide Light Up Thornton contest. Twelve homes participated, making for a beautiful tour around town. Thank you everyone! First place was 8 Uhlman Drive, second place was 38 Joshua's Lane, and third place was 133 Banjo Drive.

To kick off this event, the committee organized a self guided tour of the lights, a concert by Fiddlehead Field Kids Orchestra, holiday craft tables, and even a visit from Santa. Thank you Fiddlehead Field Orchestra for an amazing performance! The craft activities included bird seed pine cone ornaments that kids hung at the town tree in front of townhall.

The Events Committee is always looking for volunteers and members. This year we have seen some turnover and are in need of some extra help! **Please join us and help us continue to provide these fun events to the town.**

Please follow us on Facebook (Thornton NH Events) for the latest news on upcoming events. Meetings are open to the public and times are posted at the Town Office or on the Town website.

We encourage anyone interested to reach out thorntonnhevents@gmail.com.

A big thank you goes out to our volunteers; we could not hold these events without you!



Thornton Events Committee

Judy Rolfe, Leslie Rosewarne, Vivica Duffield, Angel Allison, Myrtle Lewis,

Katie Gryczkowski, Heather Baldwin

2023 PLANNING BOARD

CHAIRMAN REPORT

The role of the Planning Board is to provide for orderly growth and development regarding land use matters in the town of Thornton. New Hampshire State Statute authorizes the following responsibilities to the Planning Board:

Site Plan / RSA 674:43,44

Subdivision / RSA 674:35, 36

Excavation / RSA 155-E

Master Plan / RSA 674:2

Scenic Roads / RSA 231:157,158

Zoning / RSA 674:16

The Planning Board is made up of six elected Thornton residents and one Ex-officio member who is a current member of the Board of Selectmen. The Planning Board is also authorized to appoint up to five alternate members.

The Planning Board accepted the resignations of Planning Director, Kathy Menici in May and member David Rivers in September. Both Kathy and David will be missed - and their contribution to the success of the Planning Board is greatly appreciated.

The Planning Board activity included the following during 2023:

- 6 Site Plan approvals
- 2 Subdivision approvals
- 2 Boundary Line Adjustment approvals
- 2 Home Occupation approvals
- Sign permit approval
- Voluntary Lot Merger approval
- Approval to do work on a Scenic Road

The Planning Board also revised the Rules of Procedure, the Site Plan Regulations and the Subdivision Regulations. The Master Plan Committee presented the final draft of the Master Plan to the Planning Board. The final step will be for the Planning Board to formally adopt the document at a Public Hearing.

The Planning Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:00PM. All meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Town website:

<https://www.townofthornton.org>

On behalf of the Planning Board,
Nancy Decoteau, Chair

2023 ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

CHAIRMAN REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) is the quasi-judicial board in Thornton. The ZBA meets every fourth Thursday of the month, should an application be submitted by the deadlines previously determined by the Board. In general, applications need to be received by noon on the first Tuesday of the month; however specific application and meeting dates are always posted on the Town website and at Town Hall.

This year was an extremely busy year for our ZBA members. We welcomed two additional ZBA members, who are filling the role as alternates; Roger Robidoux and John Maher. We codified a simple process for residents who want to apply for a Zoning Compliance Application (ZCA), however do not have the minimal amount of road frontage required for a ZCA. Now, if certain criteria are met, undersized road frontage approval can be obtained without going through the public hearing and variance request process. Also, we updated our Rules of Procedure to increase clarity, and support remote participation by ZBA members and the public. The ZBA now posts all agenda information for meetings and public hearings on the ZBA website, PRIOR TO the meeting/hearing, so as to increase transparency and provide anyone attending a ZBA meeting or hearing, access to the same information that the ZBA members receive. This information will remain on the ZBA website for 30 days following a Notice of Decision. The ZBA agendas, procedures, applications, minutes, meeting/public hearing information, and Notices of Decision are located on the Town's website, and available at our Town Hall.

The Thornton ZBA is well served by a committed group of volunteers.

For the first time in several years, we have a full voting Board, and alternate members. However, we are still seeking additional alternate members. If you are interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Selectboard for consideration, or the ZBA Chairperson. Town government is carried out by the people that volunteer their time, and if you have ever been interested in participating, we are happy to have you on the Thornton ZBA.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a special THANKS to our ZBA members for volunteering many hours this year and plowing new ground once again; your professionalism, dedication, and commitment to following our State Laws and Town zoning ordinances is exemplary.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire ZBA, a big THANK YOU to our Board Assistant, Kerrin Randall. Your dedication, knowledge, commitment, and ability to take on increasing levels of responsibility to assist our Board and the public is second to none. Many thanks to you.

Respectfully submitted by,
Joseph M. Monti, Chairman



2023 SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT

As in 2022, we restructured and adjusted the program to provide services to better meet the needs of our participants and their parents/guardians. This allowed us to provide programming for 56 unduplicated Thornton youth entering grades K-8. We again divided the program into two groups; summer day camp at TCS provided programming for students entering grades K-4, while our Youth Leadership Through Adventure (YLTA) program provided programming for students in grades 5-8. New this year, Adapt offered a Counselor in Training Program to our YLTA campers. This allowed students in 5-8 to participate in a leadership role and gain valuable skills in our K-4 summer camp setting.

For our 2023 program, drop-off and pick-up were at Thornton Central School; from there our 5-8 grade campers would head to our Basecamp in Campton where they had access to all of our WYLD and YLTA equipment such as kayaks, canoes, mountain bikes, rock climbing, fly fishing, archery, and paddle boards. To enhance our program in the 2024 camp season, campers will have access to the Adapt indoor rock climbing bouldering wall, located at Basecamp.

The program ran Monday through Friday with our original drop off time of 8:30 am and a pick-up time of 3:30 pm. This allowed staff proper time to plan and organize both before and after camp.

As in 2022, the most positive outcome from our 2023 season was connecting our participants back to nature. Our field trips were all outdoors based and mostly local, except for one field trip to the Vermont Institute of Natural Science. While this field trip is not local to us, it was a wonderful addition to our schedule, as none of our campers had visited this place previously. While there, students were able to learn and explore a new environment. In a post camp survey, one parent reported, "He loves doing crafts, going on off site adventures and both field trips were great! VINS and Squam Lake Science Center." In addition, we connected with local environmental resources, such as New Hampshire Fish and Game and the Squam Lakes Science Center, and provided our participants with opportunities to grow by exploring mindfulness activities, arts and crafts, and many more outdoor adventure activities.

Our YLTA program is designed for students in grades 5-8. The Youth Leadership Through Adventure Program ran daily for Session One, a total of two weeks. Although each morning the participants checked in at Thornton Central School, they were more "on the go" each day adventuring on different activities. YLTA challenged students in their leadership and growth as individuals. Activities ranged from mountain biking, swimming, rock climbing to canoeing and hiking. All activities are designed to help develop participants' skills in nature awareness, team building, leadership, and communication while showing students they can have a great connection to the outdoors.

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2023 SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT

For the upcoming 2024 camp season, we are restructuring the Middle School YLTA camp to better serve the needs of the community. The Middle School YLTA camp will offer a total of four sessions, as opposed to only three sessions in years past. The first session will be June 17th, with the last session beginning on August 19th. There will be two sessions that are four day, three night adventure camps. These sessions will focus on mountain biking, canoeing, and rock climbing. Followed by two more sessions of our traditional YLTA day camp, which includes an even wider variety of outdoor recreation.

In addition to the revisions to our program to better serve the Thornton community, Adapt is fortunate to own our Basecamp facility in Campton. This facility houses all of our supplies, equipment and vehicles as well as our Thornton Middle school summer adventure program. As always, we look forward to our 2024 season and our ability to provide summer programming services for the Thornton Community.

Be on the lookout for newsletters and updates on all of our programs at our website www.adaptnh.org.

Thank you for your continued support,

Madeline Zukowski, Summer Adventure Program Director

2023 CADY ANNUAL REPORT

Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-Free Youth would like to thank the town of Thornton for your support over the past year. Together we are preventing substance misuse and building possibilities, potential, and promise for our children.

Addiction is one of the most complex issues facing NH today—the consequences of this epidemic are severe with overdose deaths stealing the lives of 487 people in 2022. Use of addictive substances during adolescence poses serious risks of harm, including interference with brain development and significantly increased risk of addiction. We must remember addiction is a progressive disease that's preventable. CADY works to build protective factors and reduce risk for our children and youth, and together with our community partners, we are accomplishing that important goal.

Consequently, CADY believes local problems need local solutions; as such, it is our collective responsibility to address these problems head on to ensure that we are supporting the healthy social and emotional development of children in our region. The most recent Pemi-Baker Region Youth Risk Behavior Survey data indicates that local youth are experiencing significantly higher rates of sadness, hopelessness, and rates of suicidal ideation than previously reported in 2019. Misuse of alcohol, high-potency marijuana, vaping products, and prescription drugs are risk factors of great concern. The lack of treatment and mental health services for children in New Hampshire makes preventing the problems before they start a more urgent goal.

With your support, CADY has continued to build youth resiliency by providing asset-building, high-impact prevention programming and leadership training for hundreds of area students in grades 5-12, including Suicide Prevention Training for Central NH youth. We also continue to provide our most vulnerable youth a second chance to overcome challenges, to learn, grow and to turn their lives around through our region's juvenile court diversion program, Restorative Justice (RJ). Many of the high-risk youth referred to RJ are already struggling with substance use disorders—this vital intervention is preventing entry to the addiction pipeline and saving lives. To provide wrap-around support, we have hired a highly qualified mental health professional to provide trauma-informed counseling to support RJ youth and their families. To learn more about our programs, please go to our website, CADYINC.ORG.

CADY believes every child deserves a promising future. That's why we're doing whatever it takes—every day—to help local children, especially those hardest to reach and most vulnerable. We, as trusted adults, need to work together to protect the precious years of childhood from the harms of social isolation, mental health crises, substance misuse, and addiction.

Thankfully, our collective action has the power to transform lives by preventing youth substance misuse through education, skill building, increasing early intervention services and social-emotional supports, and offering opportunities for mentoring and resiliency building. We thank our community partners for working tirelessly with CADY to build healthy environments that foster hope, growth, and resiliency. **We cannot do this critical work without you.** Thank you, Thornton, we are truly honored and grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Deb Naro

Executive Director

2023 LAKES REGION MENTAL HEALTH CENTER REPORT

Founded in 1966, Lakes Region Mental Health Center (LRMHC) is designated by the state as the community mental health center (CMHC) serving 24 towns in Region 3 (Belknap and southern Grafton Counties).

LRMHC's **mission** is to provide integrated mental and physical health care for people with mental illness while creating wellness and understanding, in our communities. The organization's **vision** is to be the community leader providing quality, accessible and integrated mental and physical health services, delivered with dedication and compassion.

A CMHC serves the most vulnerable people that require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access needed services. Because of the nature of this work, LRMHC's annual budget is comprised of up to 70% Medicaid reimbursements. The resulting loss of Medicaid reimbursement revenue due to the expiration of the public health emergency (COVID), known as "unwinding", combined with increased case management efforts to re-engage this population and help those that are eligible to access benefits, has resulted in an unprecedented, extremely challenging 2024 Fiscal Budget year for LRMHC, as well as other community health agencies. The support of the towns we serve is more important than ever so that we can maintain services.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) "Mission Zero" plan to eliminate hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding by 2025 is a top focus of NH's 10-year Mental Health Plan. Because of the central location in the state, LRMHC has agreed to be a leader of this initiative and will dedicate part of the LRMHC Plymouth office location as a crisis center called "**A Place to Go**", expected to open in 2024. A Place to Go will offer people in crisis with acute psychiatric needs access to care and supports to address their immediate psychological needs.

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

From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023, LRMHC served **3,622** patients, and provided over **\$319,000** in charity care.

23 residents of Thornton accessed LRMHC services. Thornton residents represent **2%** of the LRMHC catchment area.

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

2023 PEMI RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) is a member organization of appointed local representatives that oversees the Pemigewasset (the Pemi) River corridor (one quarter mile on either side of the river) that traverses the municipalities of Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Franconia, Franklin, Hill, Holderness, Lincoln, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sanbornton, Thornton and Woodstock. The members of PRLAC act on behalf of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) to review and comment on state and local permits for activities impacting the corridor, and they communicate with municipalities and citizens regarding corridor management. The DES does not have adequate staff to visit most permit application sites in a timely fashion, and they have asked PRLAC as well as other Local Advisory Committees to perform this task for them. Our site visits collect data, make observations, and usually take photos of the sites of the proposed projects that will impact the Pemi corridor, and then we report our findings to DES, the developer, and the property owner. Although we ourselves do not have the authority to approve or deny an application, our observations influence the action that is taken by DES.

During 2023 PRLAC's membership remained strong, and we thank your town for providing knowledgeable and engaged representatives! Their participation continues to provide valuable insight and information as we pursue our mission. Just a reminder that Select Boards of each of the PRLAC towns may appoint up to 3 members to the committee.

The Pemi is a Class B River, meaning that it has high aesthetic value and is acceptable for swimming and other recreational activities, fish habitat, and for use as a public water supply after treatment. Our mission is to do those things necessary to maintain the Pemi's Class B water quality status. Historically, the Pemi has had a wide variety of surface water problems, and PRLAC has had considerable experience in identifying potential water quality issues before they become a crisis and make suggestions for prevention and remediation.

One role of PRLAC is to investigate permit applications that are submitted to DES. With the increase of development and infrastructure projects along the Pemi, our permit investigations have expanded dramatically. We continue to monitor individual and business growth for shoreline violations. One major concern we are still working on is the clear-cut mowing along the riverbanks by the various utility companies. We have observed that they are not leaving enough flora to keep the riverbanks stable, thus causing erosion. We continue to explore what options we have to control that process while protecting against invasive species. Although not specific to a permit application, some members did research as to the possibility of PFAS chemicals being manufactured and used in areas along the river corridor.

A number of the permit applications we received had to do with water withdrawals. Right now, the Pemigewasset River has 130 registered withdrawal users. PRLAC has seen a notable increase in withdrawal applications during this past year. Our objective is to balance sensible environmental and economic goals while respecting the rights and desires of riparian property owners of the region as a whole. We wish to ensure that there is enough water to support aquatic life, fish consumption, drinking water supply after adequate treatment, swimming, boating, and wildlife.

One way we are looking to protect this goal is to have the Pemigewasset River be a part of the DES

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2023 PEMI RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Instream Flow Program. The Instream Flow Program ensures that rivers continue to flow in spite of the uses and stresses that people put on them. The Instream Flow Program operates within the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program statute, Section 9-c (RSA 483:9-c) and in accordance with Administrative Rule Env-Wq 1900. We are pleased to announce that the Pemigewasset River has been chosen with active data collection already in process. We anticipate a final report in 2026. Here is the link for further information on this program: <https://www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/instream-flow>

Another key role of PRLAC is its participation with the DES Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP), where PRLAC members tested water quality at 9 stations along the Pemigewasset and three tributaries that feed into the Pemi. Last year was the 22nd year of regular water testing at these 9 stations, and we recognize what a benefit it is to have been able to rely on our volunteers to perform a 20-year longitudinal study of the Pemi River water quality parameters! Testing takes place from Bristol to Thornton and runs from April into September. VRAP tests are conducted for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Turbidity, Specific Conductance, temperature, and chloride; all key elements in assessing overall river health. Additionally, after taking the previous year off due to COVID precautions, DES's lab was once again able to test for E coli, total phosphorus, and nitrogen at popular recreation sites on the river. We are hoping to add test sites to include the river north of Thornton to Franconia Notch. Information on DES's rivers and lakes testing program along with the results of our annual testing are posted on the DES website: www.des.nh.gov/water/rivers-and-lakes/river-and-lake-monitoring.

Under state law, one purpose of the Local Advisory Committee is to develop a corridor management plan which communities may adopt as an adjunct to their master plan, and report to NH DES and communities on the status of compliance to laws and regulations. Our Management Plan is used to inform the public and serve as a resource for anyone interested in going forward with a project in the Pemi River corridor. During 2023, PRLAC worked diligently with Dave Jeffers and the staff at LRPC to complete the process by year's end. We are pleased to note that the approved document will be available to the public in the spring of 2024. Online access: <https://www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmgmtplan.asp>. We are extremely grateful to all who participated in the process.

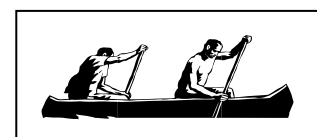
PRLAC continues to benefit from the financial support we receive from the majority of the Pemi Corridor towns that we work most closely with. For that, we are very thankful! Your contribution goes directly towards protection of this key corridor resource. All corridor communities receive our monthly meeting agendas and minutes. PRLAC meets at 6:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month from January through November. We have returned to in-person meetings with a Zoom option noted on the agenda. Details of the monthly meeting are posted through your Town, and all are encouraged to attend, and you can find out more information from reviewing the meeting minutes. The minutes of our meetings are available at our link: www.lakesrpc.org/prlac/prlacmeetings.asp

PRLAC continues to be a dedicated group of volunteers with a focus on keeping the Pemigewasset River healthy and cared for so that all of us can utilize its beauty and its natural resources.

Regards,

Sherrill D. Howard, Chair

PRLAC



2023 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

The polls were opened at Thornton Central School, located at 1886 NH Route 175, Thornton NH, at 8:00 am by Moderator John Piantedosi. The polls not to close earlier than 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots are to be cast at 1:00 PM.

Total number of voters on the checklist: 2001

New Voters on election day: 5

Total number of registered voters: 2006

Ballots cast: 1220

To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state qualified to vote in the town affairs and to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:

The following elected positions are available for the **March 14, 2023**, Town Elections.

<p><u>Select Board Member</u></p> <p><i>Three-Year Term, Two Positions</i></p> <p>Steven Babin 188</p> <p>Bradford R. Benton 218</p>	<p><u>Library Trustee</u></p> <p><i>Three-Year Term, One Position</i></p> <p>Martha Humphrey 309</p>
<p><u>Town Clerk</u></p> <p><i>Three-Year Term, One Position</i></p> <p>Anita C. Ross 315</p>	<p><u>Trustee of the Trust Funds</u></p> <p><i>Three-Year Term, One position</i></p> <p>Richard Baker 322</p>
<p><u>Planning Board Member</u></p> <p><i>Three-Year Term, Two positions</i></p> <p>David Levin 230</p> <p>Nancy Decoteau 180</p>	<p><u>Cemetery Trustee</u></p> <p><i>Three-Year Term, One Position</i></p> <p>Geraldine A. Benton 327</p>
<p><u>Overseer of Public Welfare</u></p> <p><i>One-Year Term, One Position</i></p> <p>Marianne Peabody 316</p>	

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2023 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Article 2: Zoning Amendments

Zoning Amendment #1

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance, as proposed by the Town of Thornton Planning Board, as follows:

Add a new Section 1. Authority which alters the sequential numbering of subsequent Articles and adds the following language:

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to RSA 674:21. The Town of Thornton Planning Board is vested with the authority to administer this ordinance, and may grant conditional use permits, or waiver provisions of this ordinance to allow the site of wireless telecommunications facilities.

Amend newly numbered Section 4. Applicability, Paragraph A to read:

In addition to compliance with this Ordinance, all applications are subject to Site Plan Review by the Thornton Planning Board in accordance with the Thornton Site Plan Review Regulations and are subject to approval by the Thornton Board of Selectmen.

Amend newly numbered Section 4. Applicability, to delete Paragraph B.

~~B. All requests for a variance must to before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.~~

Amend the first sentence of the newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, introductory paragraph to read:

All wireless telecommunications facilities shall, in all cases, require a zoning compliance certificate issued by the Board of Selectmen and may be permitted as follows:

Amend the newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, Paragraph A. Existing Tower Structures: as follows:

Change reference from building permit to zoning compliance certificate.

Change reference from Section 6 to Section 8.

Amend newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, Paragraph C. to change the reference from Section 6.C. to Section 8.C.

Amend newly numbered Section 6. Use Regulations, Paragraph D. to read as follows:

Ground-Mounted Facility: A wireless telecommunications facility involving construction of a ground mount shall require Site Plan Review and require a conditional use permit pursuant to the provisions of this Ordinance.

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Amend newly numbered Section 9. Monitoring and Maintenance, Paragraph B. to change reference from building permit to zoning compliance certificate.

Amend newly numbered Section 11. Application Procedure., Paragraph A. to read:

An applicant for a telecommunications tower must apply for a conditional use permit pursuant to the terms of this ordinance and for site plan review. If approved, the Planning Board will make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen to issue a zoning compliance certificate.

Amend the first sentence of the newly numbered Section 11. Application Procedure., Paragraph C. to read:

If the applicant is proposing to build a tower or other ground-mounted structure, the applicant shall submit written evidence demonstrating why no existing structure can accommodate the applicant's proposed facility.

Amend newly numbered Section 12. Waivers, Paragraph A. to read:

Where the Planning Board finds that extraordinary hardships, practical difficulties, or unnecessary and unreasonable expense would result from strict compliance with the terms of this Ordinance, or the purpose of these regulations may be served to a greater extent by an alternative proposal, it may approve waivers to the regulations. The Planning Board shall not approve any waiver(s) unless a majority of those present, and voting shall find that all of the following apply:

Amend newly numbered Section 12. Waivers, Paragraphs B., and C.:

Replace all references to Zoning Board of Adjustment with Planning Board.

Amend newly numbered Section 15. Savings Clause to read:

If any provision of this Ordinance is found to be unenforceable or unlawful by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall not be construed to invalidate the remainder of the Ordinance.

Recommended by the Planning Board

YES = 272 NO = 87

Article passed.

Zoning Amendment #2

Are you in favor of the adoption of amendments to the existing Town of Thornton Zoning Ordinance Floodplain Development Ordinance, as proposed by the Town of Thornton Planning Board, as follows:

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2023 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Amend Section II: Establishment, second paragraph to read:

The following regulations in this ordinance shall apply to all lands designated as special flood hazard areas by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in its "Flood Insurance Study for Grafton County, NH" dated February 20, 2008, as amended, together with associated flood insurance rate maps dated February 20, 2008, or as amended, which are declared to be a part of this ordinance and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Amend Section VI: Certification, Paragraph 1. to read:

The as-built elevation (in relation to Mean Sea Level) of the lowest floor (including basement) and include whether or not such structures contain a basement.

Amend Section VI: Certification, Paragraph 1.a. to read:

If the structure has been flood-proofed, the as-built elevation (in relation to Mean Sea Level) to which the structure was flood-proofed.

Amend Section IX. Special Flood Hazard Areas to delete all references to 100-year flood elevation and replace it with Base Flood Elevation.

Amend Section IX. Special Flood Hazard Areas, Paragraph 6.c., third sentence, to read:

A minimum of two flood openings having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding shall be provided.

Amend Section X: Variances and Appeals, Paragraph 2 to change the reference from RSA 674:33, I(b) to **RSA 674:33, I.**

Amend Section XI: Definitions to add the following definitions:

"Base Flood Elevation" (BFE) means the elevation of surface water resulting from the base flood.

"Flood Opening" means an opening in a foundation of enclosure walls that allows automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. See FEMA "Technical Bulletin 1, Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures."

Amend Section XI. Definitions to delete the definition of "Functionally Dependent Use".

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2023 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Amend Section XI. Definitions to delete the existing definition of “Substantial Improvement” and insert the following:

“Substantial Improvement” means any reconstruction rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures which have incurred “substantial damage,” regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either:

Any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violations of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specifications which have been identified by the local code enforcement official and which are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions; or

Any alteration of a “historic structure,” provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure’s continued designation as a “historic structure.”

Amend Section XI. Definitions to delete the incomplete sentence “Additional Sections Required”, which follows the definition of “Water Surface Elevation.”

Recommended by the Planning Board.

YES = 263

NO = 100

Article passed.

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Thornton town Meeting convened at Thornton Central School on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 10:00 am to act on the remaining articles of this warrant.

VOTERS PRESENT: 77

The Town Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Moderator John Piantadosi. Mr. Piantadosi announced that the local Boy Scout Troop 58 would be posting the colors for the first time this year. Scout Master Anita Ross gave the orders to present and post. The Scouts then lead the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Piantadosi congratulated the candidates who won their races in the Town Election and asked them to remain after the adjournment of the meeting to take their oath of office. A reminder was made that there were Town Reports available at the entrance of the meeting as well as a Thornton Library patron survey on the table in the back. This was followed by introductions: Town Clerk Anita Ross, Town Administrator Desiree L. Mahurin, Selectman Roy Sabourn, Vice-Chairman, Selectwoman, and (acting as Chairman in the absence of Brad Benton) Marianne Peabody, Selectman Peter Laufenberg, and Selectman Joseph Monti. Assistant Moderator Kenneth Wolff, Supervisors of the checklist, Cindy McAuley, Clarissa Palmer, and (at the entrance) Mary Pelchat.

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2023 TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Motion: To entertain a motion to disperse from reading the warrant in its entirety.

Moved: Voter

Seconded: Peter Laufenberg

Discussion: None

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion: To allow out of towners to speak, but not be allowed to vote.

Moved: Voter

Seconded: Voter

Discussion: None

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 3: Shall the Town in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, readopt the OPTIONAL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Voter

SECOND: Voter

DISCUSSION: Acting Selectboard Chairman, Marianne Peabody spoke to clarify this article. The only change was from standard (which is \$50) to optional (which is at the degression of the town) in the wording of the RSA. It was decided by the town, years ago, to have the amount set at \$500. Joyce Jardin asked about the eligibility for the tax credit within the households. Marianne Peabody stated that it would be for each Veteran in that household. Joyce Jardin also inquired about the cost to the town. Town Administrator, Desiree Mahurin clarified the town cost for the Tax Credit in 2022 was at \$98,000.

Motion on Article 3 was carried by unanimous vote.

Article 4: Shall the Town in accordance with RSA 72:28-b, readopt the ALL VETERANS' TAX CREDIT for an annual tax credit on residential property which shall be equal the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit of \$500 voted by the Town under RSA 72:28?

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

MOTION: Butch Burbank

SECOND: William DeLeo

DISCUSSION: Butch Burbank asked for clarification on the difference of Articles 3 and 4.

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Selectwoman Marianne Peabody spoke to this clarifying that the difference was that in Article 3 the wording was changed. Whereas in Article 4 the wording shall read standard or optional.

Joyce Jardin asked about the cost of \$98,000 if that was the total cost for all. This cost is for ALL veterans. Regardless of conflicts served and timelines. The way it was worded before would have restrictions on conflicts served, and timelines. With the new wording ALL Veterans regardless of Town Administrator, Desiree Mahurin stated that it was the grand total cost for all veterans in Thornton in all categories. The Town Administrator stated she did not have a breakdown of the costs separately for each veteran in all categories. But the total cost given was for all the veterans in the town.

Motion on Article 4 carried by unanimous vote.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be added to the existing Municipal Department Paving Projects Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of future paving at the Transfer Station. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: David Levin inquired as to why this became a priority, when there are other concerns regarding the transfer station such as additional dumpsters. Selectman Laufenberg address this stating that yes there are other concerns for the transfer station, in conversations with Campton that we share the Transfer Station with paving has been one of the top priority discussions among many. They want to start putting money into paving now. Paving falls into Capital Reserve funding, whereas the other concerns do not. Paving is not going to take place right away but will be done somewhere down the road. Capital funding cannot be used for additional dumpsters. Terry Penny asked about how much is put into each of the Capital Reserve Fund, she also would like how much money they were looking for regarding the paving. Selectman Laufenberg directed the question to pages 63 and 64 of the Town report, which gives a list of all the Capital Reserve Funds and the monies in each including the interest and balances for the year. Selectman Laufenberg also stated that on page 19-22 that shows the CIP committee report that shows where all CIP monies go including balances, interests, and anticipated amounts over the next 10 years and what accounts they go into.

Motion on Article 5 carried by unanimous vote.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be added to the existing Assessing Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: None

Motion on Article 6 carried by unanimous vote.

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Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) to be added to the existing Highway Vehicle, Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

MOTION: Peter Laufenberg

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: None

Motion on Article 7 carried by unanimous vote.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: None

Motion on Article 8 carried by unanimous vote.

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$170,000) to be added to the existing Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicle/Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: Butch Burbank inquired if we were still splitting the cost with Campton and as to what was being purchased. Selectman Laufenberg explained that there is a formula used to figure out the costs shared between Thornton, Campton, and Ellsworth.

Motion on Article 9 carried by unanimous vote.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000) for the purchase of approximately 1.18 +/- acres land in front of the Town's municipal buildings abutting Merrill Access Road and US Route 3. This article includes associated administrative, land surveying and utility easement preparation costs. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

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DISCUSSION: General discussion describing the project took place. Various concerns and clarifications were made. Ralph Bradley moved the question. The question was then voted on.

Motion on Article 10 Passed.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three million nine hundred twenty-three thousand thirty-nine dollars (\$3,923,039) to support town operations for the 2023 year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: Terry Penny presented an amendment to the article.

AMENDMENT: Amend the sum of \$3,923,039 to read \$3,622,899.98. This being a decrease of \$300,139.10.

AMENDMENT MOTION: Terry Penny

AMENDMENT SECOND: Donita Rardin

DISCUSSION: A discussion on how this would affect the taxes entailed. The Town Administrator clarified the concerns of tax increases.

Multiple comments were made and a discussion on how, if passed, this article would impact on the budget as a whole. Selectman Laufenberg stated that the selectboard would have to go back and decide on that. Selectman Monti remarked that if this passed it would also impact the Capital reserve Fund. Town Administrator Desiree Mahurin clarified that the use of money for the town operations is all calculated into the tax rate. George Humphrey moved the question. Terry Penny seconded. The moving of the question passed.

The Article Amendment was then voted on.

Article 11 Amendment did not pass.

Discussion on the Original Article was continued: Steve Babin made a motion to change the number to \$3,9065.49.

A second was made by Bob Hatcher.

Selectman Monti spoke to this.

This motion was voted on and did not pass.

Article 11 as originally presented was then voted on.

The original Article 11 as read Passed.

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Article 12: To see if the Town of Thornton NH will vote to accept Fraser Road and Holly Lane as town roads from the start of Fraser Road off of US Route 3, up and throughout the Fraser Road and Holly Lane Development back out and onto Route 3. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen, that the road has been constructed to current town standards, that the condition is acceptable to the Selectmen and the Road Agent, that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given a satisfactory deed for such road. Any and all costs associated with the legal review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance. **(Submitted by petition)**

MOTION: Butch Burbank

SECOND: William DeLeo

DISCUSSION:

Selectman Sabourn made a motion to amend the article on behalf of the board of selectmen. The amendment reads as follows:

AMENDMENT: To see if the Town of Thornton NH will vote to accept Fraser Road and Holly Lane as town roads ~~STRIKE: from the start of Fraser Road off of US Route 3, up and throughout the Fraser Road and Holly Lane Development back out and onto Route 3.~~ **ADD THIS:** Said roads are depicted on the plan of approved subdivision recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 12625. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen, that the road has been constructed to current town standards, that the condition is acceptable to the Selectmen and the Road Agent, that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given a satisfactory deed for such road. Any and all costs associated with the legal review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance. **(Submitted by petition)**

AMENDMENT MOTION: Peter Laufenberg

AMENDMENT SECOND: Marianne Peabody

DISCUSSION:

Selectman Sabourn made mention that there is no attempt to change the meaning of this article, the amendment is to clarify what is being asked to be taken over. Recently there was an extension to the roads that were asked to be accepted, but that is not what is being asked to be part of. It is the first portion of the roads that is being approved, not the last section. The amendment is to ensure that there is no question about what portion of the road is being accepted.

Amendment of Article 12 Passed

AMENDED ARTICLE TO READ: To see if the Town of Thornton NH will vote to accept Fraser Road and Holly Lane as town roads. Said roads are depicted on the plan of approved subdivision recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 12625. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen, that the road has been constructed to current town standards, that the condition is acceptable to the Selectmen and

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the Road Agent, that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given a satisfactory deed for such road. Any and all costs associated with the legal review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance. **(Submitted by petition)**

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: Butch Burbank

DISCUSSION: None

Article 12 Passed as amended.

Article 13: All warrant articles submitted to the townspeople must contain a statement as to the impact of the article on the property tax rate of the town. The statement must explicitly state the dollar amount of the article and the increase in the property tax rate in terms of absolute dollars and a percent increase from the year before. (For example, "This will increase the town budget by \$50,000 and add \$1.86 to last year's property tax rate of \$18.65 which is equal to a 10% increase in your property tax bill.") This will be effective for all Town of Thornton warrant articles.

The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

MOTION: William DeLeo

SECOND: David Levin

DISCUSSION: A discussion took place with the main question being, why the selectboard was not in favor of this article. Selectman Monti and Selectman Laufenberg spoke about the reason why the Selectboard did not support this article.

Article 13 Did Not Pass

To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Barbara Patterson spoke about having a post with a plaque for Phyllis Holbrook, Ken Robbins, and Alonso Benton to be placed at Pine Grove Cemetery. She also spoke about the Town Library and the need of a new library building. Sally Davis and Myrtle Lewis expressed their concerns about recycling at the Transfer Station and on what the rules were for disposal of recyclables. Selectman Laufenberg spoke to her concerns.

Selectman Peabody recognized Selectman Roy Sabourn for his 16 years of service to Thornton. Selectwoman Peabody stated that the board of selectmen would like to take this opportunity to thank Roy Sabourn for his many years of dedication and service to the Town of Thornton as a Selectmen for the last 16 years. Prior to holding the position of Selectman, Roy was also a member of the Planning Board for many years.

Roy has been on the Board of Selectmen since 2007, during that time he was appointed Chairman 4 times by his peers. He had also been delegated to represent the Board as the Enforcement Official and the Ex-Officio Planning Board member.

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Being a lifelong resident of Thornton as well as a licensed surveyor, he continuously offered a wealth of knowledge and information regarding the history and past events of our Town. During his tenure Roy attended multiple outside training sessions relative to municipal government to help acquire the technical knowledge to help perform his duties as a Selectman.

He has been instrumental in many important projects and processes through the years including but not limited to mapping updates, perambulation records, zoning compliance application processes and acquisition of grants.

Thank you, Roy, for all you have done for the Town of Thornton.

Enjoy your retirement!

Roy expressed his thanks to all.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Robert Hatcher

SECOND: Carolyn Piantadosi

ADJOURNED: 11:42pm

Given under my hand and seal the 20th day of April 2023

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anita C. Ross".

Anita C. Ross

Town Clerk

Town of Thornton

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2024 THORNTON TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Thornton in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in the town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Thornton Central School in said Thornton on Tuesday, the 12th of March 2024 at 8:00 AM to act upon the following subjects:

The polls are not to close earlier than 7:00 PM.
Absentee ballots are to be cast at 1:00 PM.

Article 1: To choose all necessary officers for the terms stated:
The following elected positions are available for the **March 12, 2024**, Town Elections.

Select Board Member	Three Year Term	Two Positions
Select Board Member	One Year Term	One Position
Cemetery Trustee	Three Year Term	One Position
Library Trustee	Three Year Term	One Position
Overseer of Public Welfare	One Year Term	One Position
Planning Board Member	Three Year Term	Three Positions
Planning Board Member	Two Year Term	One Position
Trustee of the Trust Funds	Three Year Term	One Position
Treasurer	Three Year Term	One Position
Supervisor of Checklist	Six Year Term	One Position
Moderator	Two Year Term	One Position

2024 THORNTON TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The following articles will be taken up during the business meeting beginning at 10:00 AM on Saturday the 16th day of March 2024 at the Thornton Central School.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)** to be added to the existing Municipal Department Paving Projects Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of future paving at the Transfer Station. (This appropriation will not have a net increase to the tax rate.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)** to be added to the existing Assessing Capital Reserve Fund. (This appropriation will not have a net increase to the tax rate.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** to be added to the existing Police Cruiser and Cruiser Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** to be added to the existing Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicle/Equipment and Major Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. This sum to come from the unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing Municipal Buildings Capital Reserve Fund. (This appropriation will not have a net increase to the tax rate.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required).

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **four million two hundred thirty-nine thousand seven hundred ninety-five dollars (\$4,239,795)** to support town operations for the 2024 year. Said sum does not include special or individual articles. (This appropriation may have an estimated net tax impact of .75 cents increase to the tax rate depending on actual revenues & fund balance usage in 2024.) The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Article 8: Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:39-a for elderly exemption from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$56,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$77,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$98,000. To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$48,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 9: Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37-b, Exemption for the Disabled from property tax, based on assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be \$56,000. To qualify, the person must have been a NH resident for at least 5 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$30,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$48,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$90,000 excluding the value of the person's residence.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 10: Shall the Town modify the provisions of RSA 72:37, Exemption for the Blind, to allow a resident who is legally blind as determined by the blind service program, bureau of vocational rehabilitation, department of education, to be exempt each year on the assessed value, for property tax purposes, of his or her residential real estate to the value of \$21,000.

The Board of Selectmen recommends this article (5-0). (Majority vote required)

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to delegate the duties and responsibilities of the cemetery trustees to the board of selectmen pursuant to RSA 289:6. If the majority vote in the affirmative then the delegation shall take effect 90 days after adoption and shall continue until rescinded by vote of the town meeting.

Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to accept Jack's Run as a town road from the Tri-Intersection of Fraser Road and Holly Lane. (It is a dead-end road.) Said road is depicted on the plan of approved subdivision dated May 4, 2022, and recorded at the Grafton County Registry of Deeds as plan no. 16413. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the Board of Selectmen, that the road has been constructed to current town standards, that the condition is acceptable to the Selectmen and the Road Agent, that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given a satisfactory deed for such road. Any and all costs associated with the legal review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance.

Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

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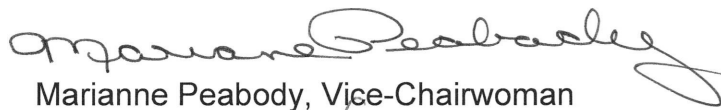
Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept Fondue Drive as a town road from Upper Mad River Rd., a distance of approximately 1,725 feet to a cul-de-sac. This acceptance is to be final and effective only upon a vote of the citizens, that the condition is acceptable that there are no title deficiencies with the road ownership and that the town is given satisfactory deeds for the road and cul-de-sac areas. Any and all costs associated with the legal Deed or Title review by town counsel shall be reimbursed to the Town of Thornton prior to acceptance. Submitted by petition. (Majority vote required)

To transact any other business, which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this 14th day of February 2024.



Peter Laufenberg, Chairman



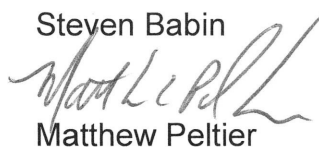
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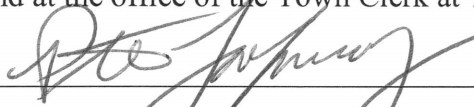




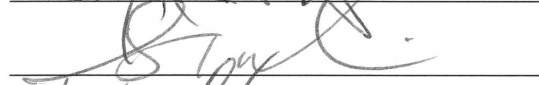
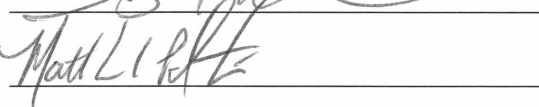
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Thornton Board of Selectmen

2024 THORNTON TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the place of meeting and at the office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall on the 15th day of February 2024



 Margaret Sweeney
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 Matt Little

Selectmen of Thornton, NH

2024 QUICKSHEET

PROPOSED BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES

The purpose of this document is to provide taxpayers with commentary on items in the budget and warrant articles that are noteworthy. In the budget itself you will find line-item notes as you go along.

In general, the budget is up \$301,000 over last year.

- \$249,000 of this increase is due to COLA, salary adjustments, increases in health care and increases in state retirement requirement.
 - ◊ To determine COLA the board used the Social Security annual COLA adjustment and the CPI as guidance. This chart shows a historical tracking of all three.

Year	Thornton COLA %	SS COLA %	CPI %
2014			1.6
2015	1.70	1.70	0.1
2016	2.00	0.00	1.3
2017	2.00	0.30	2.1
2018	2.00	2.00	2.4
2019	2.80	2.80	1.8
2020	2.00	1.60	1.2
2021	2.00	1.30	4.7
2022	4.00	5.90	8
2023	6.00	8.70	3.5
2024	3.00	3.20	
Cumulative	27.50	27.50	26.70

- You will note significant decreases and increases in salary lines for the Municipal Agent and Tax Collector line, respectively. This reflects the decision of the board to reorganize staff positions in the front office. Instead of having two positions, a part time municipal clerk and a part time deputy tax collector with no benefits, the board combined those positions in one full time Deputy Tax Collector/Municipal clerk position with benefits. The board found it exceedingly difficult to fill the part-time positions, especially without benefits being offered. The likelihood of filling and keeping a full-time benefited position is far more likely and sustainable.

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PROPOSED BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES

- This year the Board of Selectman included a potential tax impact notation in the warrant articles. Though not required, the Selectmen committed at last year's town meeting to include this information moving forward. It is important to understand that this is only a **POTENTIAL** tax impact to the municipal tax rate. There are numerous variables that go into the final tax rate that include municipal revenues, property valuation changes, budget surpluses and the use of unassigned fund balances all of which will affect the final tax rate. The final 2024 tax rate will not be set until quarter 4 of 2024 and is set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration.

Warrant Articles:

- Articles 2-6 fund the various capital reserve account in the needed amounts to achieve the purchase of capital items for the town according to the Capital Improvements Plan. This plan is a multi-year plan that is maintained by the CIP committee in conjunction with the BOS. For more information, please see the CIP information in the town report.
 - ◊ Articles 3,4,5 are proposed to be funded with funds raised by new taxation.
 - ◊ Articles 6 and 7 are proposed to be funded with funds from the town unassigned fund balance not from taxation.
- Article 7 is the funding for the overall budget that was prepared by the BOS, reviewed at the budget hearing, and approved by the BOS for presentation to the voters.
- Article 8 proposes to update the town's elderly exemptions. With the upcoming townwide revaluation it is highly likely that property assessments will increase significantly. To keep ahead of these changes the BOS is suggesting updating the elderly exemption requirements and benefits. The elderly exemption has an asset and income requirement that needs to be met to receive the exemption. Last updated in 2020, the BOS is proposing an increase of to these requirements of 20% in line with the cumulative rate of inflation since 2020. If a property owner meets the asset and income requirements, they are eligible for the exemption benefit. The exemption is a reduction of the assessed value of the property for tax calculations based on age. The proposed 40% increase to these amounts reflects the potential increase of property assessments based on guidance from the NH Department of Revenue Administration.
- Article 9 proposes to update the Exemption for the Disabled for the same reasons and using the same rationale for the monetary increase in requirements and benefits as explained in the explanation for Article 9.
- Article 10 proposes to update the Exemption for the Blind for the same reasons and using the same rationale for the monetary increase in requirements and benefits as explained in the explanation for Article 9.
- Petition Warrant Articles 11-13: The Board of Selectman do not offer rational or explanation for the petition warrant articles. It is incumbent on the petitioners to offer explanations in the way they best see fit.

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET REPORT

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET		2023 Approved Budget	2023 Actual Expended	2024 Proposed Budget	\$S Change From Last Year	Notes
<u>EXECUTIVE</u>						
01-01-41301-40130-00	Wages -Selectmen	\$24,181.00	\$24,181.00	\$24,906.00	\$725.00	3% COLA
01-01-41301-40220-00	FICA/med	\$1,850.00	\$1,849.76	\$1,906.00	\$56.00	
01-01-41301-40580-00	Expenses - Selectmen	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41302-40110-00	Wages (F/T)-Town Administrator	\$91,832.00	\$83,666.32	\$87,492.00	-\$4,340.00	3% COLA (ave 37 hrs week)
01-01-41302-40210-00	Health/Dental/Life/ Insurance	\$10,944.00	\$9,537.08	\$12,454.00	\$1,510.00	13.8% increase
01-01-41302-40220-00	FICA/med	\$7,025.00	\$6,216.09	\$6,694.00	-\$331.00	
01-01-41302-40230-00	Retirement	\$12,669.00	\$11,524.98	\$11,838.00	-\$831.00	
01-01-41304-40130-00	Wages Elected Officials-TTF	\$3,180.00	\$3,121.00	\$3,275.00	\$95.00	3% COLA Trust Fund Trustees (3)
01-01-41309-40110-00	Wages FT-Administrative Assistant	\$62,650.00	\$50,157.83	\$55,431.00	-\$7,219.00	3% COLA + steps; ave 37 hrs week \$28.81 (AA/TX/MA)
01-01-41309-40111-00	Wages FT-Assessing Clerk	\$52,034.00	\$53,578.92	\$56,658.00	\$4,624.00	3% COLA ave
01-01-41309-40112-00	Wages PT Office Asst/Brd Secretary	\$11,014.00	\$7,252.58	\$11,346.00	\$332.00	3% COLA ave 10 hrs week
01-01-41309-40113-00	Wages Municipal Support Staff	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41309-40210-00	Health/Dental/Life Insurance-Exec	\$35,000.00	\$27,188.46	\$39,830.00	\$4,830.00	13.8% increase
01-01-41309-40220-00	FICA/Med/Exec	\$9,859.00	\$8,464.73	\$9,443.00	-\$416.00	
01-01-41309-40230-00	Retirement Exec	\$15,821.00	\$14,151.85	\$15,166.00	-\$655.00	
01-01-41505-40130-00	Wages Treasurer & Deputy Treasurer	\$7,078.00	\$6,307.00	\$7,272.00	\$194.00	3% COLA (Treas=\$6772; DepTreas= \$500)
01-01-41505-40220-00	Fica/med Treasurer	\$542.00	\$478.65	\$556.00	\$14.00	
TOTAL EXECUTIVE		\$346,680.00	\$307,676.25	\$345,268.00	-\$1,412.00	0

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET REPORT

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET						Notes	
MUNICIPAL AGENT							
01-01-41400-40112-00	Wages Municipal Clerk						
01-01-41400-40113-00	Wages PT Municipal Clerk (DTX 50%)	\$19,179.00	\$14,287.14	\$1.00	-\$19,178.00		Now FT DTX/MC moved full budget to TX #41504
01-01-41400-40220-00	FICA/MED	\$10,076.00	\$7,899.40	\$0.00	-\$10,076.00		
01-01-41400-40394-00	Professional Service	\$2,238.00	\$1,697.29	\$0.00	-\$2,238.00		Per diem services or technical support + NHCTCA dues
01-01-41400-40570-00	Training/Mileage	\$500.00	\$411.00	\$500.00	\$0.00		MV sppring workshop, MV fall conf. (1 day), Mileage
01-01-41400-40610-00	General Supplies	\$450.00	\$528.68	\$550.00	\$100.00		Redbook, Toners, Ereg checks, MV printer & Misc.
01-01-41400-40625-00	postage	\$3,050.00	\$3,329.83	\$2,694.00	-\$356.00		DMV & E-reg postage envelopes
01-01-41400-40690-00	MV Refunds- Municipal Agent	\$650.00	\$705.65	\$900.00	\$250.00		increased due to higher list price of vehicles
		\$200.00	\$2,902.00	\$600.00	\$400.00		
TOTAL MUNICIPAL AGENT		\$36,343.00	\$31,760.99	\$5,245.00	-\$31,098.00	0	

TOWN CLERK							
01-01-41401-40130-00	Wages Elected Official TC						3% COLA Town Clerk ave 4 hrs week + 4 elections
01-01-41401-40220-00	FICA/MedTC	\$4,368.00	\$5,538.23	\$8,000.00	\$3,632.00		
01-01-41401-40394-00	Professional Services- Town Clerk	\$334.00	\$423.73	\$612.00	\$278.00		BSMI, NHCTC DUES
01-01-41401-40570-00	Training-Mileage Town Clerk	\$1,250.00	\$1,153.00	\$1,300.00	\$50.00		WORKSHOPS
01-01-41401-40610-00	General Supplies-Town Clerk	\$500.00	\$95.17	\$900.00	\$400.00		DOG TAGS, PAPER, TONER
01-01-41401-40625-00	Postage - Town Clerk	\$500.00	\$340.13	\$550.00	\$50.00		DOGS AND VITALS
		\$100.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$450.00		
TOTAL TOWN CLERK		\$7,052.00	\$7,550.26	\$11,912.00	\$4,860.00	0	

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ELECTIONS	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Actual Expended	2024 Proposed Budget	\$\$ Change From Last Year	Notes
01-01-41403-40130-00 Stipends (Moderator, Supers, BC)	\$2,000.00	\$2,700.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	MODERATORS, SUPERVISORS, BALLOT CLERKS (4 ELECTIONS)
01-01-41403-40394-00 Election- Advertising	\$600.00	\$320.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,800.00	4 ELECTIONS
01-01-41403-40580-00 Election Operating Expenses	\$3,800.00	\$3,668.57	\$15,000.00		4 ELECTIONS INCLUDES ABSENTEE BALLOT POSTAGE, MAILING OF MEMORY CARDS FOR ACCUVOTE MACHINE, ACCUVOTE MACHINE SERVICES, FOOD
01-01-41403-40690-00 Election Training and Mileage	\$150.00	\$110.00	\$700.00	\$11,200.00	ELECTION WORKSHOPS FOR TC, MODERATORS, SUPERVISORS, BALLOT CLERKS
ELECTIONS	\$6,550.00	\$6,798.57	\$28,100.00	\$21,550.00	0
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION					
01-01-41501-40340-00 Office Exp - Bank Service Chg	\$400.00	\$339.60	\$400.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41501-40341-00 Office Exp - Telephone	\$3,000.00	\$3,362.27	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41501-40390-00 Other Professional Fees	\$35,000.00	\$32,767.27	\$40,000.00	\$5,000.00	Finace software, IT support, website, background cks, payroll svc (NEW for 2024 = \$6750), etc.
01-01-41501-40550-00 Printing - Town Reports	\$2,200.00	\$2,286.50	\$2,600.00	\$400.00	
01-01-41501-40560-00 Dues/Subscriptions	\$3,500.00	\$2,994.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41501-40610-00 General Supplies	\$3,200.00	\$3,381.78	\$3,500.00	\$300.00	
01-01-41501-40625-00 Postage	\$900.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$600.00	
01-01-41501-40661-00 Equipment & Furniture Purchase or Rental	\$2,000.00	\$3,898.23	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41501-40690-00 Training & Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$575.70	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
01-01-41502-40301-00 Auditing	\$16,000.00	\$17,439.56	\$18,000.00	\$2,000.00	Based on actual 2023 expenses
TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$67,200.00	\$68,244.91	\$75,500.00	\$8,300.00	0

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TAX COLLECTOR	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Actual Expended	2024 Proposed Budget	\$S Change From Last Year		
01-01-41504-40113-00 Wages FT Deputy Tax Collector	\$10,076.00	\$9,382.78	\$42,675.00	\$32,599.00	FT ave 37 hrs week \$22.18 (LG6 S9)	
01-01-41504-40210-00 Health/Dental/Life Insurance-TX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,920.00	\$29,920.00	potential family plan + life ins	
01-01-41504-40220-00 FICA/Med TX	\$771.00	\$717.77	\$3,265.00	\$2,494.00		
01-01-41504-40230-00 Retirement TX	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,774.00	\$5,774.00		
01-01-41504-40394-00 Professional Services-TX	\$6,500.00	\$6,397.67	\$7,000.00	\$500.00	Newfound Title Search, GCRD, Avitar, Bank Fees, Misc Legal	
01-01-41504-40570-00 Training-Mileage TX	\$600.00	\$449.68	\$600.00	\$0.00	Workshops, Conference TX & Deputy Training	
01-01-41504-40610-00 General Supplies - TX	\$1,250.00	\$1,502.82	\$1,800.00	\$550.00	Toners, Binders, Tax Bills, Tx Folders, Cert. Mail Forms, Archival Binders	
01-01-41504-40625-00 Postage-TX	\$5,000.00	\$5,101.75	\$6,500.00	\$1,500.00	Includes Certified Mailing Fees	
01-01-41504-40690-00 Other Miscellaneous - TX	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR	\$24,198.00	\$23,552.47	\$97,535.00	\$73,337.00	0	

PROPERTY VALUES						
01-01-41521-40312-00 Assessing - Cyclical value updates	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	Used for excess exp not covered by CIP	
01-01-41521-40313-00 Assessing - Annual property update contract	\$29,460.00	\$27,097.50	\$30,000.00	\$540.00	Includes BTLA potential	
01-01-41521-40390-00 Assessing - Website display subscription	\$2,500.00	\$2,576.00	\$2,700.00	\$200.00		
TOTAL REVALUATIONS OF PROPERTY	\$31,961.00	\$29,673.50	\$32,701.00	\$740.00	0	

LEGAL EXPENSE						
01-01-41531-40320-00 Legal	\$20,000.00	\$10,454.12	\$18,000.00	-\$2,000.00		
01-01-41531-40321-00 Legal Settlements	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL LEGAL EXPENSE	\$20,001.00	\$10,454.12	\$18,001.00	-\$2,000.00	0	

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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION					
01-01-41552-40220-00 FICA/Med PERS ADMIN	\$0.00	\$119.83	\$1.00	\$1.00	Employee appreciation
01-01-41552-40230-00 Retirement PERS ADMIN	\$0.00	\$186.73	\$1.00	\$1.00	Employee appreciation
01-01-41552-40580-00 Emp longevity; bereavement flowers, holiday party, etc.	\$4,500.00	\$5,272.69	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	\$4,500.00	\$5,579.25	\$4,502.00	\$2.00	0
TOWN GRANTS					
01-01-41559-40820-00 Town Grants All Departments	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL TOWN GRANTS	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	0
PLANNING & ZONING					
01-01-41911-40113-00 Wages PT PLBD Asst.	\$10,500.00	\$12,268.08	\$16,200.00	\$5,700.00	Step increase to LG9S6 \$25.96 12 hrs ave. week
01-01-41911-40220-00 FICA/Med PLBD	\$803.00	\$938.50	\$1,240.00	\$437.00	
01-01-41911-40320-00 Legal- PLBD	\$8,500.00	\$5,171.02	\$8,500.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
01-01-41911-40394-00 Professional Services- PLBD Director	\$33,600.00	\$15,684.36	\$30,000.00	-\$3,600.00	
01-01-41911-40560-00 Dues/Subscriptions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
01-01-41911-40570-00 Training- PLBD	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
01-01-41911-40580-00 Operating Expenses - PLBD	\$6,500.00	\$4,915.79	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
01-01-41911-40610-00 General Supplies - PLBD	\$200.00	\$276.34	\$400.00	\$200.00	
01-01-41911-40661-00 Equipment Purchase or Rental	\$2,800.00	\$2,570.98	\$1,500.00	-\$1,300.00	\$1,200 for 3 iPads
01-01-41911-40810-00 Master Plan Expenses-PLBD	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	-\$1,000.00	
01-01-41913-40113-00 Wages PT ZBA Asst.	\$2,700.00	\$3,901.94	\$6,100.00	\$3,400.00	Step increase to LG9S6 \$25.96 4 hrs ave. week
01-01-41913-40220-00 FICA/Med ZBA	\$207.00	\$298.52	\$467.00	\$260.00	
01-01-41913-40320-00 Legal - ZBA	\$3,500.00	\$2,340.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
01-01-41913-40580-00 Operating Expenses -ZBA	\$1,900.00	\$1,296.84	\$1,900.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
01-01-41913-40610-00 General Supplies - ZBA	\$4,650.00	\$3,373.09	\$400.00	-\$4,250.00	
01-01-41913-40690-00 Mileage-Training ZBA	\$400.00	\$110.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	Level Funded
TOTAL PLANNING & ZONING	\$79,110.00	\$53,145.46	\$78,957.00	-\$153.00	0

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GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS						
01-01-41941-40360-00 Custodial Services-GGB	\$7,956.00	\$7,935.00	\$8,000.00	\$44.00		
01-01-41941-40410-00 Electricity - GGB	\$12,000.00	\$10,866.53	\$11,000.00	-\$1,000.00		
01-01-41941-40411-00 Propane- GGB	\$5,500.00	\$4,853.41	\$5,500.00	\$0.00		
01-01-41941-40430-00 Utility, Repairs & Maintenance - GGB	\$22,026.00	\$24,827.68	\$22,000.00	-\$26.00	includes painting of town hall	
01-01-41941-40610-00 General Supplies-GGB	\$1,400.00	\$2,077.44	\$2,200.00	\$800.00		
01-01-41941-40810-00 Old Town Hall -GGB	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		
01-01-41941-40811-00 Beautification Committee	\$300.00	\$32.99	\$300.00	\$0.00		
				\$0.00		
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	\$49,183.00	\$50,593.05	\$49,001.00	-\$182.00	0	

<u>CEMETERIES</u>						
01-01-41951-40130-00 Public Liaison Stipend	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00		Level funded
01-01-41951-40360-00 Custodial Services-Cemeteries	\$6,000.00	\$6,180.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00		Level funded
01-01-41951-40430-00 Repairs&Maint Monuments - Cem	\$1,000.00	\$1,252.29	\$1,000.00	\$0.00		Level funded
01-01-41951-40610-00 General Supplies&Software Cem	\$600.00	\$465.00	\$600.00	\$0.00		Level funded
01-01-41951-40630-00 Road Repair -Cemeteries	\$5,000.00	\$872.50	\$5,000.00	\$0.00		Level funded
01-01-41951-40660-00 Equipment & Machines- Cemeteries	\$17,500.00	\$13,510.00	\$17,500.00	\$0.00		Level funded
01-01-41951-40662-00 Cemeteries - Tree Work	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		Level funded
TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$30,851.00	\$23,029.79	\$30,851.00	\$0.00	0	

<u>INSURANCE</u>						
01-01-41960-40250-00 Insurance - Unemployment Comp	\$2,467.00	\$1,035.04	\$2,193.00	-\$274.00		
01-01-41960-40260-00 Insurance - WC	\$18,384.00	\$17,187.11	\$18,200.00	-\$184.00		
01-01-41960-40480-00 Insurance - Other PLT & Deductible	\$30,435.00	\$31,745.00	\$33,174.00	\$2,739.00		
TOTAL INSURANCE	\$51,286.00	\$49,967.15	\$53,567.00	\$2,281.00	0	

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ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC				\$0.00	
TOTAL ADVERTISING AND REGIONAL ASSOC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	0
					\$0.00
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT				\$0.00	
01-01-41990-40391-00 Map & Update	\$2,100.00	\$5,010.00	\$5,100.00	\$3,000.00	\$2100 map updates; \$3000 GIS online maps
01-01-41990-40831-00 Emergency Fund	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	-\$2,500.00	
01-01-41990-40832-00 Perambulation	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$7,101.00	\$5,010.00	\$7,601.00	\$500.00	0
POLICE				\$0.00	
01-02-42100-40110-00 Wages Police Chief	\$91,832.00	\$91,130.53	\$94,587.00	\$2,755.00	3% COLA
01-02-42100-40111-00 FT Admin Asst. - Wages -PD	\$54,704.00	\$55,002.19	\$57,803.00	\$3,099.00	3% COLA w/Step increase per Chief
01-02-42100-40112-00 PT Position- Wages PD	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	
01-02-42100-40113-00 Wages FT PD Officers	\$223,988.00	\$239,972.94	\$248,518.00	\$24,530.00	3% COLA based on actual 2023 pay rates
01-02-42100-40114-00 On Call Pay	\$14,560.00	\$12,826.25	\$14,560.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40140-00 OT- Wages PD	\$35,000.00	\$23,468.33	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	
01-02-42100-40190-00 Police Detail Exp -Private	\$7,000.00	\$6,512.50	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40191-00 Police Forest Detail - State Grant	\$1,500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40192-00 Police Traffic/DUI Detail Grants	\$2,200.00	\$2,266.45	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40210-00 Health/Dental/Life Insurance-PD	\$62,190.00	\$108,646.27	\$136,335.00	\$74,145.00	13.8% increase; employee changes caused over expenditure of 2023 budget
01-02-42100-40220-00 FICA/Med/PD	\$10,100.00	\$8,966.04	\$10,462.00	\$362.00	
01-02-42100-40230-00 Retirement PD	\$135,870.00	\$126,778.99	\$134,776.00	-\$1,094.00	
01-02-42100-40320-00 Legal-PD	\$26,967.00	\$24,766.14	\$25,408.00	-\$1,559.00	decrease
01-02-42100-40341-00 Telephone/Cell PD	\$7,000.00	\$6,143.59	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40392-00 Communications- PD	\$46,332.00	\$46,331.17	\$55,652.00	\$9,320.00	dispatch increase
01-02-42100-40393-00 Uniforms - PD	\$6,700.00	\$6,729.83	\$7,200.00	\$500.00	need newer uniforms, winter/summer boots. prices keep going up

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<u>POLICE</u>					\$0.00	
01-02-42100-40394-00	Outside Services - PD	\$25,000.00	\$25,509.72	\$26,053.00	\$1,053.00	includes DMS software & Guardian Tracking
01-02-42100-40550-00	Printing-PD	\$570.00	\$382.05	\$600.00	\$30.00	letterhead, envelopes, mv warnings, pd forms
01-02-42100-40560-00	Dues/Subscriptions PD	\$3,340.00	\$2,490.00	\$2,900.00	-\$440.00	add IACP NET program level funded
01-02-42100-40570-00	Training-Mileage PD	\$10,828.00	\$6,683.72	\$10,828.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40610-00	General Equip & Dept. Supplies PD	\$6,000.00	\$4,262.27	\$18,442.00	\$12,442.00	includes copier/fax \$4,900 & body cameras \$4,542
01-02-42100-40635-00	Fuel-PD	\$20,000.00	\$14,924.45	\$16,000.00	-\$4,000.00	4 cruisers on the road
01-02-42100-40660-00	Vehicle Expenses - PD	\$9,425.00	\$10,507.39	\$13,000.00		oil changes, tire rotations, cruisers are getting older and may need more extensive repair, replacement tires
01-02-42100-40680-00	Chiefs Expenses (education, uniform, equipment, etc.)	\$4,500.00	\$2,703.23	\$3,000.00	-\$1,500.00	education, uniform & equipment for Chief
01-02-42100-40690-00	Investigative PD	\$500.00	\$21.18	\$500.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42100-40813-00	Police Department Events	\$500.00	\$411.94	\$500.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL POLICE		\$809,106.00	\$828,837.17	\$932,324.00	\$123,218.00	0

<u>FIRE</u>					\$0.00	
01-02-42200-40397-00	Memberships-Lakes Region Mutual	\$32,167.00	\$32,166.56	\$38,303.00	\$6,136.00	
01-02-42200-40610-00	General Operating Cost- FD	\$541,816.00	\$541,816.48	\$599,065.90	\$57,249.90	
01-02-42200-40680-00	Forest Fire Expense - Departmental	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	
01-02-42200-40681-00	Fire Hydrants	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL FIRE		\$575,083.00	\$574,583.04	\$638,468.90	\$63,385.90	0

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ZONING REVIEW & CODE ENFORCEMENT				\$0.00	
01-02-42400-40112-00 Wages PT Zoning Review Officer	\$28,298.00	\$27,348.09	\$29,151.00	\$853.00	3% COLA Average 20hr./week
01-02-42400-40220-00 Fica/Med Zoning Review Officer	\$2,165.00	\$2,092.11	\$2,230.00	\$65.00	
01-02-42400-40320-00 Legal - Zoning Enf. & Review	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	-\$1,500.00	
01-02-42400-40341-00 Cell Phone	\$840.00	\$821.51	\$850.00	\$10.00	
01-02-42400-40560-00 Dues&Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00	
01-02-42400-40610-00 General Supplies Zoning Review	\$200.00	\$519.32	\$500.00	\$300.00	toner for printer, permit forms, protectors, etc.
01-02-42400-40625-00 Postage- Zoning Enf. & Review	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	-\$100.00	
01-02-42400-40690-00 Training & Mileage Zoning Review	\$3,000.00	\$3,509.18	\$3,500.00	\$500.00	average 40 mi x 2 days / week
01-02-42400-40830-00 Building	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL ZONING REVIEW & CODE ENFORCEMENT	\$37,404.00	\$34,290.21	\$37,432.00	\$28.00	

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				\$0.00	
01-02-42900-40112-00 Emergency Man. Stipends	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00	\$0.00	level funded
01-02-42900-40390-00 Outside Professional Services	\$100.00	\$279.90	\$500.00	\$400.00	safety exercises
01-02-42900-40610-00 Training & Supplies-EMD	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	scenario training
TOTAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	\$3,400.00	\$3,479.90	\$4,200.00	\$800.00	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				\$0.00	
01-03-43120-40110-00 Wages Road Agent (F/T)-Hwy	\$67,454.00	\$60,773.52	\$64,268.00	-\$3,186.00	3% COLA; ave 37 hrs week
01-03-43120-40111-00 Wages FT Hwy Employees	\$148,802.00	\$108,828.54	\$145,768.00	-\$3,034.00	3% COLA (3 employees)+ steps for 1 employee - based on actual hours
01-03-43120-40140-00 OT Wages-Hwy	\$7,000.00	\$5,727.29	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	mainly winter vacation coverage
01-03-43120-40180-00 PT Seasonal Wages-Hwy	\$23,800.00	\$4,882.50	\$47,600.00	\$23,800.00	17 weeks Dec1-Mar 31. average 20 hours @ \$35 per hour x 2 drivers

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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT							
01-03-43120-40210-00 Health/Dental/Life Insurance-Hwy						\$0.00	
	\$110,591.00			\$76,661.58	\$125,853.00	\$15,262.00	13.8% increase
01-03-43120-40220-00 FICA/Med Hwy	\$18,900.00			\$12,605.31	\$21,163.00	\$2,263.00	
01-03-43120-40230-00 Retirement Hwy	\$30,798.00			\$24,145.54	\$30,989.00	\$191.00	
01-03-43120-40341-00 Telephone/Cell Hwy	\$3,120.00			\$2,883.70	\$2,940.00	-\$180.00	2 cells at \$90 per month
01-03-43120-40390-00 Professional Services-Hwy	\$2,840.00			\$3,248.75	\$2,900.00	\$60.00	internet \$1200, advertising \$1700
01-03-43120-40393-00 Uniforms	\$6,970.00			\$7,298.31	\$8,125.00	\$1,155.00	\$136 per week (4 employees), \$175 boots per employee, \$350 T's and Sweats
01-03-43120-40395-00 Subcontractor - Summer Hwy	\$4,000.00			\$3,120.00	\$3,500.00	-\$500.00	mowing, landscaping
01-03-43120-40396-00 Subcontractor - Winter Hwy	\$1.00			\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	
01-03-43120-40410-00 Electricity Hwy	\$3,000.00			\$2,023.57	\$2,580.00	-\$420.00	lights, welding, avg \$215 per month
01-03-43120-40411-00 Heat & Oil Hwy	\$9,100.00			\$6,624.82	\$8,000.00	-\$1,100.00	2200 gallons @ \$3.629 per gallon
01-03-43120-40430-00 Repairs & Maintenance Bld-Hwy	\$2,000.00			\$12.60	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	drinking water, door repairs
01-03-43120-40560-00 Dues & Subscriptions Hwy	\$275.00			\$225.00	\$275.00	\$0.00	mutual aid, drug testing
01-03-43120-40570-00 Training & Mileage Hwy	\$100.00			\$75.00	\$400.00	\$300.00	one course per employee @ \$100
01-03-43120-40581-00 Paving-Hwy	\$271,337.00			\$286,662.17	\$225,000.00	-\$46,337.00	Based on Option #1 potential
01-03-43120-40610-00 General /Tool Supplies - Hwy	\$3,400.00			\$2,484.79	\$3,000.00	-\$400.00	paper products, shop tools
01-03-43120-40630-00 Road Repair -Hwy	\$40,000.00			\$43,788.25	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	culverts, gravel products
01-03-43120-40635-00 Vehicle Fuel- Hwy	\$33,750.00			\$22,579.27	\$25,000.00	-\$8,750.00	trucks and equipment 7,500 gallons
01-03-43120-40650-00 Sweeping Hwy	\$2,000.00			\$1,344.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	two sets of sweeper brooms
01-03-43120-40660-00 Vehicle & Equip Repairs Hwy	\$40,000.00			\$35,985.31	\$40,000.00	\$0.00	general maintenance and emergency repairs of fleet
01-03-43120-40661-00 Vehicle & Equip. Purchase/Rental	\$1.00			\$11,754.99	\$1,500.00	\$1,499.00	tool rental
01-03-43120-40680-00 Salt & Sand Departmental Hwy	\$51,810.00			\$23,695.58	\$54,600.00	\$2,790.00	2500 yds sand @ \$12, 300 ton salt @ 82
01-03-43120-40690-00 911 Posts/Signs	\$1,500.00			\$405.26	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00	signs and posts replacements
TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	\$882,549.00			\$747,835.65	\$865,462.00	-\$17,087.00	0

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PEMI-BAKER								
01-04-43220-40397-00 Pemi Baker Solid Waste Memberships					\$2,916.71	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL PEMI-BAKER					\$2,916.71	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	

TRANSFER STATION								
01-04-43210-40110-00 F/T Manager Wages - TS					\$63,402.78	\$62,772.00	-\$1,250.00	3% COLA + step for level 3 certification
01-04-43210-40111-00 FT Attendants Wages - TS					\$134,626.01	\$137,671.00	\$4,010.00	3% COLA
01-04-43210-40112-00 PT Wages- TS					\$10,676.23	\$17,568.00	-\$13,798.00	3% COLA
01-04-43210-40140-00 OT Wages - TS					\$2,237.24	\$1,300.00	\$50.00	
01-04-43210-40210-00 Health/Dental/Life Insurance-TS					\$67,380.37	\$84,331.00		13.8% increase; employee changes caused over expenditure of 2023 budget
01-04-43210-40220-00 FICA/Med TS					\$15,039.65	\$16,777.00	-\$841.00	
01-04-43210-40230-00 Retirement TS					\$27,582.29	\$27,120.00	-\$150.00	
01-04-43210-40341-00 Telephone/Cell TS					\$2,130.62	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40390-00 Other Professional Services					\$1,465.69	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40393-00 Uniforms - TS					\$434.30	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40410-00 Building & Utility - TS					\$3,092.64	\$4,200.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40411-00 Heat & Oil TS					\$456.21	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40430-00 Building Maintenance & Repairs TS					\$2,855.70	\$5,500.00	-\$500.00	\$2800 paint buildings
01-04-43210-40350-00 Printing-TS					\$1,997.23	\$2,200.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40370-00 Training & Mileage TS					\$275.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40610-00 General Supplies TS					\$1,666.95	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40635-00 Vehicle Fuel TS					\$3,182.15	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43210-40660-00 Vehicle & Equipment Expense - TS					\$18,498.19	\$20,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$3200 hydraulic piston repair backhoe
TOTAL TRANSFER STATION					\$356,999.25	\$393,439.00	\$47,879.00	

SOLID WASTE								
01-04-43240-40320-00 Legal - TS					\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00	
01-04-43240-40590-00 Solid Waste - Disposal - TS					\$184,304.46	\$192,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$147 per load increase
01-04-43240-40591-00 Solid Waste - Bulky Debris- TS					\$109,188.91	\$125,000.00	\$5,000.00	Casella \$653.99 + weight per trip (22 trips per year)
SOLID WASTE					\$293,493.37	\$317,001.00	\$14,000.00	

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2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					\$ Change From Last Year	Notes
MONITORING / CLOSURE					\$0.00	
01-04-43250-40590-00 Monitoring/ Closure -TS	\$3,200.00	\$510.72	\$3,200.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL MONITORING / CLOSURE	\$3,200.00	\$510.72	\$3,200.00		\$0.00	0
SEPTAGE DISPOSAL					\$0.00	
01-04-43260-40590-00 Solid Waste - Closure / Disposal	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL SEPTAGE DISPOSAL	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00	0
HEALTH DEPARTMENTS					\$0.00	
01-06-44110-40110-00 Permanent Positions Health Officer	\$1,057.00	\$1,057.00	\$1,090.00		\$33.00	3% COLA
01-06-44110-40220-00 Fica/med Health	\$81.00	\$80.87	\$83.00		\$2.00	
01-06-44110-40580-00 Operating Expenses-Health	\$100.00	\$20.00	\$100.00		\$0.00	
01-06-44110-40660-00 Local Health Expenses	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS	\$1,338.00	\$1,157.87	\$1,373.00		\$35.00	0
HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS					\$0.00	
01-06-44150-40350-00 Pemi-Baker Home Health	\$13,647.00	\$13,647.00	\$13,845.00		\$198.00	
01-06-44150-40351-00 Speare Memorial Hospital	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00		-\$500.00	
01-06-44150-40353-00 Ammonoosuc Community Health	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$0.00		-\$550.00	Removed for 2024
01-06-44150-40354-00 Mid-State Health Center	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00		\$500.00	
01-06-44190-40813-00 Lakes Region Mental Health Center	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00	\$5,250.00		\$0.00	
01-06-44190-40814-00 ADAPT	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		\$0.00	
01-06-44190-40815-00 American Red Cross	\$1,118.00	\$1,118.00	\$1,118.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL HEALTH AGENCIES & HOSPITALS	\$52,565.00	\$52,565.00	\$52,213.00		-\$352.00	0

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2024 PROPOSED BUDGET					Notes
	2023 Approved Budget	2023 Actual Expended	2024 Proposed Budget	\$S Change From Last Year	
AGENCY REQUESTS					
01-11-44160-40812-00 CADY	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40813-00 Voices Against Violence Donations	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40814-00 Tri County Community Action	\$5,416.00	\$5,416.00	\$5,416.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40815-00 Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40816-00 CASA of NH	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40818-00 PRLAC	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40819-00 Bridge House Shelter & Veterans Advocacy	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	
01-11-44160-40820-00 Transport Central	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	
TOTAL AGENCY REQUESTS	\$16,316.00	\$16,316.00	\$16,316.00	\$0.00	0

<u>WELFARE</u>						
01-07-44420-40112-00 PT Deputy Welfare	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$1.00	\$0.00		
01-07-44420-40130-00 Welfare - Wages Elected Official	\$6,257.00	\$6,257.00	\$6,445.00	\$188.00		3% COLA
01-07-44420-40220-00 Fica/Med Welfare	\$479.00	\$478.68	\$493.00	\$14.00		
01-07-44420-40580-00 Operating Expenses-Welfare	\$684.00	\$538.62	\$694.00	\$10.00		
01-07-44420-40812-00 Direct Assistance Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$7,900.15	\$10,000.00	\$0.00		
TOTAL WELFARE	\$17,421.00	\$15,174.45	\$17,633.00	\$212.00		0

<u>EVENTS COMMITTEE</u>						
01-01-45200-40811-00 Events Committee	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00		added portable toilets
TOTAL PARKS & RECREATION	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,000.00		0

<u>LIBRARY</u>						
01-08-45500-40110-00 FT Positions Wages -Library	\$37,100.00	\$37,428.75	\$38,213.00	\$1,113.00		3% increase
01-08-45500-40112-00 PT Library Wages	\$24,223.00	\$23,091.86	\$25,878.00	\$1,655.00		Wage adjustments per Library Trustees
01-08-45500-40210-00 Library Health	\$11,204.00	\$10,613.46	\$12,750.00	\$1,546.00		13.8% increase
01-08-45500-40220-00 FICA/Med Library	\$4,700.00	\$4,435.28	\$4,903.00	\$203.00		
01-08-45500-40230-00 Retirement Library	\$5,118.00	\$5,181.68	\$5,171.00	-\$53.00		

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<u>LIBRARY</u>					\$0.00	
01-08-45500-40430-00 Library Maintenance & Repairs	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	\$8,000.00		\$2,050.00	Tree removal or trimming, drive repair, septic pumping which have not been budgeted in the past
01-08-45500-40610-00 General Operating Expenses - Library	\$13,710.00	\$13,710.00	\$15,000.00		\$1,290.00	Constant Contact newsletter, increases in printer supplies, increase in ILL cost,
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$102,005.00	\$100,411.03	\$109,915.00		\$7,910.00	0
<u>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</u>					\$0.00	
01-08-45830-40825-00 Patriotic Purposes	\$750.00	\$675.60	\$750.00		\$0.00	flags etc
TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$750.00	\$675.60	\$750.00		\$0.00	0
<u>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</u>					\$0.00	
01-09-46110-40610-00 General Operating Expenses - CC	\$725.00	\$713.22	\$ 725.00		\$0.00	
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	\$725.00	\$713.22	\$725.00		\$0.00	0
<u>INTEREST TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES</u>					\$0.00	
01-12-47230-40981-00 Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1.00		-\$999.00	
TOTAL INTEREST TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1.00		-\$999.00	0
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY - OTHER</u>					\$0.00	
01-13-49090-40730-00 Cap Outlay Other	\$14,000.00	\$16,974.00	\$1.00		-\$13,999.00	2023 = PD furnace; Still pending Merrill Access Land acquisition \$8,000 as of 12/31/23
CAPITAL OUTLAY - OTHER	\$14,000.00	\$16,974.00	\$1.00		-\$13,999.00	0

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2024 PROPOSED BUDGET		2023 Approved Budget	2023 Actual Expended	2024 Proposed Budget	\$ Change From Last Year	Notes
<u>CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS</u>						
01-14-49150-41000-00 Cap Reserve - Highway Equipment		\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	-\$75,000.00	
01-14-49150-41001-00 Cap Reserve - Police Cruiser & Equip		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$60,000.00	
01-14-49150-41002-00 Cap Reserve - Mun. Buildings		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	
01-14-49150-41006-00 Cap Reserve - Mun. Paving		\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$65,000.00	Transfer Station Paving
01-14-49150-41007-00 Cap Reserve - Assessing		\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	
01-14-49150-41008-00 Cap Reserve - Fire Trk/Res Veh/EQ Maj Maint		\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00	\$80,000.00	-\$90,000.00	
TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS		\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	0
TOTAL BUDGETS		\$4,237,039.00	\$4,022,468.96	\$4,539,795.90	\$302,756.90	0
		\$214,570.04			7.145%	

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For the period beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024

Form Due Date: **20 Days after the Annual Meeting**

This form was posted with the warrant on: February 14, 2024

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

Name	Position	Signature
Peter Laufenberg	Chairman	
Marianne Peabody	Vice-Chairwoman	
Brad Benton	Selectman	
Steven Babin	Selectman	
Matthew Peltier	Selectman	

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					(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
General Government						
4130	Executive	07	\$307,676	\$346,680	\$345,268	\$0
4140	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	07	\$46,110	\$49,945	\$45,257	\$0
4150	Financial Administration	07	\$91,797	\$91,398	\$173,035	\$0
4152	Property Assessment	07	\$29,674	\$31,961	\$32,701	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	07	\$10,454	\$20,001	\$18,001	\$0
4155	Personnel Administration	07	\$5,579	\$8,500	\$8,502	\$0
4191	Planning and Zoning	07	\$53,145	\$79,110	\$78,957	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	07	\$50,593	\$49,183	\$49,001	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	07	\$23,030	\$30,851	\$30,851	\$0
4196	Insurance Not Otherwise Allocated	07	\$49,967	\$51,286	\$53,567	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	07	\$0	\$0	\$1	\$0
4198	Contingency		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4199	Other General Government	07	\$5,010	\$7,101	\$7,601	\$0
General Government Subtotal			\$673,035	\$766,016	\$842,742	\$0
Public Safety						
4210	Police	07	\$828,837	\$809,106	\$932,324	\$0
4215	Ambulances		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4220	Fire	07	\$574,583	\$575,083	\$638,468	\$0
4240	Building Inspection	07	\$34,290	\$37,404	\$37,432	\$0
4290	Emergency Management	07	\$3,480	\$3,400	\$4,200	\$0
4299	Other Public Safety		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Subtotal			\$1,441,190	\$1,424,993	\$1,612,424	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center						
4301	Airport Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4302	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4309	Other Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets						
4311	Highway Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	07	\$747,836	\$882,549	\$865,462	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4319	Other Highway, Streets, and Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$747,836	\$882,549	\$865,462	\$0
Sanitation						
4321	Sanitation Administration	07	\$356,999	\$345,560	\$393,439	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	07	\$293,493	\$303,001	\$317,001	\$0

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4325	Solid Waste Facilities Clean-Up	07	\$511	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal	07	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation	07	\$2,917	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$653,920	\$654,861	\$716,740	\$0

Water Distribution and Treatment

4331	Water Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335	Water Treatment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4338	Water Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4339	Other Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Electric

4351	Electric Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4352	Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Health

4411	Health Administration	07	\$1,158	\$1,338	\$1,373	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	07	\$68,881	\$68,881	\$68,529	\$0
4419	Other Health		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Health Subtotal			\$70,039	\$70,219	\$69,902	\$0

Welfare

4441	Welfare Administration	07	\$15,174	\$17,421	\$17,633	\$0
4442	Direct Assistance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445	Vendor Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4449	Other Welfare		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Welfare Subtotal			\$15,174	\$17,421	\$17,633	\$0

Culture and Recreation

4520	Parks and Recreation	07	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$0
4550	Library	07	\$100,411	\$102,005	\$109,915	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	07	\$676	\$750	\$750	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Culture and Recreation Subtotal			\$103,587	\$105,255	\$114,165	\$0

Conservation and Development

4611	Conservation Administration	07	\$713	\$725	\$725	\$0
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631	Redevelopment and Housing Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4632	Other Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651	Economic Development Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4652	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4659	Other Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Conservation and Development Subtotal			\$713	\$725	\$725	\$0
Debt Service						
4711	Principal - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4721	Interest - Long Term Bonds, Notes, and Other Debt		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4723	Interest on Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes	07	\$0	\$1,000	\$1	\$0
4790	Other Debt Service Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Debt Service Subtotal			\$0	\$1,000	\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay						
4901	Land		\$4,110	\$14,000	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings	07	\$12,864	\$0	\$1	\$0
Capital Outlay Subtotal			\$16,974	\$14,000	\$1	\$0
Operating Transfers Out						
4911	To Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4912	To Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Operating Transfers Out Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Operating Budget Appropriations					\$4,239,795	\$0

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			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	02	\$75,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Municipal Paving CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	03	\$25,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Assessing CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	04	\$80,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Police Cruiser & Equipment CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	05	\$80,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Fire Truck/Rescue Vehicle/Equipment CRF</i>		
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds	06	\$40,000	\$0
		<i>Purpose: Municipal Building CRF</i>		
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$300,000	\$0

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Proposed Budget

Account	Purpose	Article	Proposed Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2024	
			(Recommended)	(Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0

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Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2024
Taxes					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes for General Fund	07	\$116,240	\$143,000	\$80,000
3180	Resident Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Taxes	07	\$15,980	\$12,000	\$12,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	07	\$48,984	\$48,984	\$48,984
3187	Excavation Tax	07	\$1,235	\$1,200	\$1,200
3189	Other Taxes	07	\$0	\$500	\$500
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	07	\$36,697	\$45,000	\$45,000
Taxes Subtotal			\$219,136	\$250,684	\$187,684
Licenses, Permits, and Fees					
3210	Business Licenses and Permits	07	\$615	\$450	\$600
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	07	\$707,243	\$650,000	\$675,000
3230	Building Permits	07	\$37,876	\$35,000	\$35,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	07	\$14,153	\$12,000	\$12,000
Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal			\$759,887	\$697,450	\$722,600
From Federal Government					
3311	Housing and Urban Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3312	Environmental Protection		\$0	\$0	\$0
3313	Federal Emergency		\$0	\$0	\$0
3314	Federal Drug Enforcement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3319	Other Federal Grants and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
From Federal Government Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0
State Sources					
3351	Shared Revenues - Block Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	07	\$262,428	\$262,428	\$262,428
3353	Highway Block Grant	07	\$136,454	\$106,400	\$106,400
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Railroad Tax Distribution	07	\$5,904	\$3,616	\$3,616
3360	Water Filtration Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3361	Landfill Closure Grants		\$0	\$0	\$0
3369	Other Intergovernmental Revenue from State of NH		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues - Other	07	\$274,362	\$250,000	\$300,000
State Sources Subtotal			\$679,148	\$622,444	\$672,444
Charges for Services					
3401	Income from Departments	07	\$326,955	\$250,000	\$250,000
3402	Water Supply System Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0

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3403	Sewer User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3404	Garbage-Refuse Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3405	Electric User Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
3406	Airport Fees		\$0	\$0	\$0
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
Charges for Services Subtotal			\$326,955	\$250,000	\$250,000

Miscellaneous Revenues

3500	Special Assessments		\$0	\$0	\$0
3501	Sale of Municipal Property	07	\$90,742	\$88,000	\$10,000
3502	Interest on Investments	07	\$112,212	\$90,000	\$90,000
3503	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0
3504	Fines and Forfeits		\$0	\$0	\$0
3506	Insurance Dividends and Reimbursements		\$0	\$0	\$0
3508	Contributions and Donations		\$0	\$0	\$0
3509	Revenue from Misc Sources Not Otherwise Classified		\$0	\$0	\$0
Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal			\$202,954	\$178,000	\$100,000

Interfund Operating Transfers In

3911	From Revolving Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Airport Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Electric Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Other Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Sewer Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Water Proprietary Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0

Other Financing Sources

3934	Proceeds from Long-Term Notes/Bonds/Other Sources		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	04, 05	\$0	\$0	\$160,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$550,000	\$0	\$0
Other Financing Sources Subtotal			\$550,000	\$0	\$160,000

Total Estimated Revenues and Credits			\$2,738,080	\$1,998,578	\$2,092,728
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PROPOSED BUDGET & REVENUES



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Proposed Budget

Item	Period ending 12/31/2024
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$4,239,795
Special Warrant Articles	\$300,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$4,539,795
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$2,092,728
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$2,447,067

UNAUDITED REVENUE REPORT

	Unaudited 2023	Notes	Anticipated 2023	2022
Account #/Name	-		(from MS-636)	
01-31-00000-31210-00 Land Use Tax (CU)	116,240.00		100,000.00	18,800.00
01-31-00000-31851-00 Yield Tax	15,979.58		10,000.00	13,600.84
01-31-00000-31860-00 PILT-Payment in Lieu of Tax	48,984.00		45,106.00	45,106.00
01-31-00000-31899-00 Excavation Tax (Gravel)	1,235.38		1,000.00	1,051.62
01-31-00000-31901-00 Int & Cost - P/T Current	22,775.39	*All int & pen	50,000.00	22,686.13
01-31-00000-31903-00 Int & Cost - P/T Liens	13,517.32	*All int & pen		24,602.56
01-31-00000-31904-00 Elderly Deferral Int & Penalty	0.00	*All int & pen		0.00
01-31-00000-31930-00 Int & Penalties - Land Use Chg	403.89	*All int & pen		0.00
01-31-00000-31990-00 Interest - Yield Tax	0.00	*All int & pen		29.08
01-31-00000-31991-00 Int & Cost Excavation Tax	0.00	*All int & pen		0.00
01-32-00000-32104-00 UCC Filings	615.00		500.00	615.00
01-32-00000-32203-00 MV Registrations	707,243.09		650,000.00	669,190.90
01-32-00000-32301-00 Building Permit Fees	37,875.50		40,000.00	53,017.60
01-32-00000-32901-00 Dog License Fees -Town	3,588.50	* Other Fees	15,000.00	3,527.00
01-32-00000-32902-00 Dog Fines-PD Ordinance	100.00	*Other Fees		200.00
01-32-00000-32905-00 Vital Statistics -Town	989.00	*Other Fees		900.00
01-32-00000-32907-00 Planning Board - Fees	7,144.08	*Other Fees		10,486.22
01-32-00000-32908-00 Zoning Board - Fees	431.00	*Other Fees		1,727.14
01-32-00000-34020-00 Cemetery Burial Fees	1,900.00	*Other Fees		0.00
01-33-00000-33520-00 State - Meals & Rooms Tax (Dec.)	262,427.95		240,222.00	240,221.50
01-33-00000-33530-00 NH Highway Block Grant	136,453.73		104,882.00	193,961.75
01-33-00000-33590-00 Other State & Grants & Re-imb.	5,903.86		5,000.00	2,684.59
01-33-00000-33793-00 Recycle/Landfill - Town Re-imb.	274,361.72		356,000.00	200,205.90
01-33-00000-33794-00 State Bridge Aid Funds	0.00		0.00	0.00
01-34-00000-34010-00 Police Department Dona-tions	0.00	*Inc from Dept	272,500.00	250.00
01-34-00000-34011-00 Recycle/Landfill - Disposal Chgs	74,647.51	*Inc from Dept		76,150.35
01-34-00000-34012-00 Recycling Income	42,882.31	*Inc from Dept		58,538.07
01-34-00000-34013-00 Ambulance Service Income	91,732.28	*Inc from Dept		74,169.17
01-34-00000-34014-00 Police Fines & Fees	12,891.50	*Inc from Dept		6,123.17
01-34-00000-34015-00 Copy Machine Income	204.99	*Inc from Dept		129.00
01-34-00000-34016-00 Highway Revenue	0.00	*Inc from Dept		7,051.56
01-34-00000-34017-00 Miscellaneous	104,596.39	*Inc from Dept		94,849.61
01-35-00000-35012-00 SALE OF TAX DEEDED PROPERTY	90,742.02		17,000.00	151,644.36
01-35-00000-35020-00 Interest - Money Market	649.87	*Int on Invest	1,500.00	738.75
01-35-00000-35021-00 Interest - NHPDIP	111,561.94	*Int on Invest		24,246.90
01-39-00000-39150-00 Transfers from Capital Re-serve Funds	0		0.00	0.00
	0	*Other Taxes	500.00	
Total Revenues	2,188,077.80		1,909,210.00	1,996,504.77

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY 1, 2023-DECEMBER 31, 2023

	Unaudited 12/31/2023	Previous Year Balance 12/31/2022	Difference
Assets			
10101- Cash - PNB - Checking	6,535.20	4,924.82	1,610.38
10102- Cash - PNB - Money Market	1,584,617.03	1,271,158.23	313,458.80
10103- Petty Cash	350.00	350.00	0.00
10104- PEMI - Hubbard Brk Rsrch Scholar	0.00	0.00	0.00
10105- Northway - Conservation Fund	5,822.83	0.00	5,822.83
10203- D Johnston/Dirt Designs Excavation rec pit	5,050.53	5,049.51	1.02
10206- LCJ Holdings - PLBD Escrow Account	2,973.23	10,000.19	(7,026.96)
10301- NHPDIP - Cash - Closure Bond	939.11	892.42	46.69
10302- NHPDIP - Gen Fund Excess	3,032,821.60	3,485,590.08	(452,768.48)
10801- Prop.Taxes Rec - Current	1,115,974.89	527,353.18	588,621.71
10810- WE Prop Tax Rec - Current	50,479.46	26,583.46	23,896.00
10840- Land Use Taxes Receivable	17,410.00	0.00	17,410.00
10850- Yield Taxes Rec All Levels	3,415.17	0.00	3,415.17
10860- Excavation Gravel Tax All Levies	0.00	0.00	0.00
10890- Allowance for Uncollectable	(65,000.00)	(65,000.00)	0.00
11101- Tax Liens Receivable	158,218.57	99,900.41	58,318.16
11102- Welfare Liens Receivable	43.67	43.67	0.00
11103- Elderly Deferral Liens Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
11501- Accounts Receivable	17,576.41	17,576.41	0.00
12601- Acct Rec - Intergovernmental	57,670.22	57,670.22	0.00
13103- Due from Capital Projects Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
13107- Due from Expend. Trust Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
13108- Due from Non - expend Trust Fund	0.00	(0.23)	0.23
14001- Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
16701- Deeded Property	98,670.27	84,766.96	13,903.31
Total Assets	6,093,568.19	5,526,859.33	566,708.86

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET

JANUARY 1, 2023-DECEMBER 31, 2023

Liabilities and Net Assets			
20202- Acct Payable	140,994.28	(95,324.52)	236,318.80
20221- Bank Error Adj Acct- Wash acct	0.00	0.00	0.00
20248- Healthtrust Wellness In/Out	1,767.96	1,767.96	0.00
20251- Federal W/H Tax Payable	0.00	0.54	(0.54)
20252- NH Retirement Payable	657.70	829.27	(171.57)
20253- Employee Health Ins. Payable	40,830.33	38,989.56	1,840.77
20254- FICA W/H Payable	0.00	(0.54)	0.54
20255- Medicare FICA W/H Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
20256- EMPLOYEE DIRECT DEPOSITS	0.00	0.00	0.00
20257- Employee AFLAC - Pre Tax	9,521.10	9,491.30	29.80
20258- Employee Dental Ins. Payable	1,776.86	1,598.44	178.42
20259- AFLAC Post Tax	(7,901.42)	(7,882.90)	(18.52)
20260- Wage Garnish-State NH	(1.08)	(1.08)	0.00
20261- Accrued Payroll	26,457.47	25,580.44	877.03
20262- Timber Bond acct	2,120.67	0.00	2,120.67
20502- Grant Contract in/out funding	3,500.40	0.40	3,500.00
20702- State fees- Dogs	1,865.50	587.00	1,278.50
20705- State Fees- Vital Records	26.00	(21.00)	47.00
20706- Applicant Registry Recording Fees	98.52	0.00	98.52
20707- Interpleader Fees due to Court	0.00	0.00	0.00
20751- Acct Payable - PBRSD	1,080,381.00	960,492.00	119,889.00
20752- Acct Payable - Thornton School	2,516,755.00	2,032,597.00	484,158.00
20753- Acct Payable - WE Vill Prec	709,247.76	371,278.38	337,969.38
20754- Due to County	0.00	0.00	0.00
20756- ARPA FUNDS	265,492.95	265,492.95	0.00
20757- Events Committee Funds	3,263.80	2,483.88	779.92
20758- Bridge Aid SB401 one-time 2022 (non-lapsing)	114,933.04	114,933.04	0.00
21200- PLBD Escrow Accounts	12,808.06	15,065.22	(2,257.16)
21201- PLBD GCRD LCHIP fees	36.85	1.00	35.85
22201- Deferred Revenues	107,296.52	119,036.84	(11,740.32)
22202- Due to Hubbard Brk Scholarship	0.00	0.00	0.00
22203- Deferred Revenues - SB38	0.00	0.43	(0.43)
22204- Due To - Conservation Fund	(254.15)	1,500.02	(1,754.17)
22505- Escrow Planning Board Fees	45.10	43.88	1.22
22506- Yield Tax Escrow	0.00	0.00	0.00
24401- Reserve for Encumbrances	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
24511- Reserve for Contingency	0.00	0.00	0.00
24901- Reserve for Special Purpose	0.00	(20,000.00)	20,000.00
24902- Reserve for Welfare Liens	43.67	43.59	0.08
24909- Non-Spendable Reserve for Tax Deeded Prop	84,766.96	84,766.58	0.38
Total Liabilities	5,124,530.85	3,923,349.68	1,201,181.17
25301- Unassigned Fund Balance	1,542,228.09	1,544,151.47	1,923.38
Change in Net Assets	(573,190.75)	59,358.18	(691,786.71)
Total Net Assets	969,037.34	1,603,509.65	(693,710.09)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	(6,093,568.19)	(5,526,859.33)	(507,471.08)

UNAUDITED UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE DETAILS 2021-2023

Unaudited Unassigned Fund Balance Details 2021-2023

Beginning Balance	12/31/2020	\$1,463,188.00
Changes:		
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	2021	\$ (350,000.00)
	2022	\$ (250,000.00)
	2023	\$ (550,000.00)
Budget Summary:		
Revenue Surplus	2021	\$ 249,491.00
	2022	\$ 70,716.00
	Unaudited 2023	
Unexpended balance of appropriations	2021	\$ 221,876.00
	2022	\$ 221,340.00
	Unaudited 2023	
Change in nonspendable fund balance	2021	\$ (120,507.00)
	2022	\$ 77,406.00
	Unaudited 2023	
Unaudited Unassigned fund balance Ending Balance	12/31/2023	<u>\$1,033,510.00</u>

2023 SELECTMEN ACCOUNTS WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Audited Balance Due to School Districts 12/31/22 **\$ 2,993,089.00**

Less:

Payments: 1/1/23-6/30/23

Thornton Central School \$ 2,032,602.00

Pemi-Baker Regional School District \$ 960,492.00

Total Payments 1/1-6/30 \$ 2,993,094.00

Subtotal of balance due \$ (5.00)

Plus:

07/1/23 School Appropriations

Thornton Central School \$ 5,006,760.00

Pemi-Baker Regional School District \$ 2,182,645.00

Total 2022/2023 School Year Appropriations **\$ 7,189,405.00**

Less:

Payments: 7/1/23-12/31/23

Thornton Central School \$ 2,490,000.00

Pemi-Baker Regional School District \$ 1,103,764.00

Total Payments **\$ 3,593,764.00**

Unaudited Balance Due School Districts 12/31/23 **\$ 3,595,641.00**

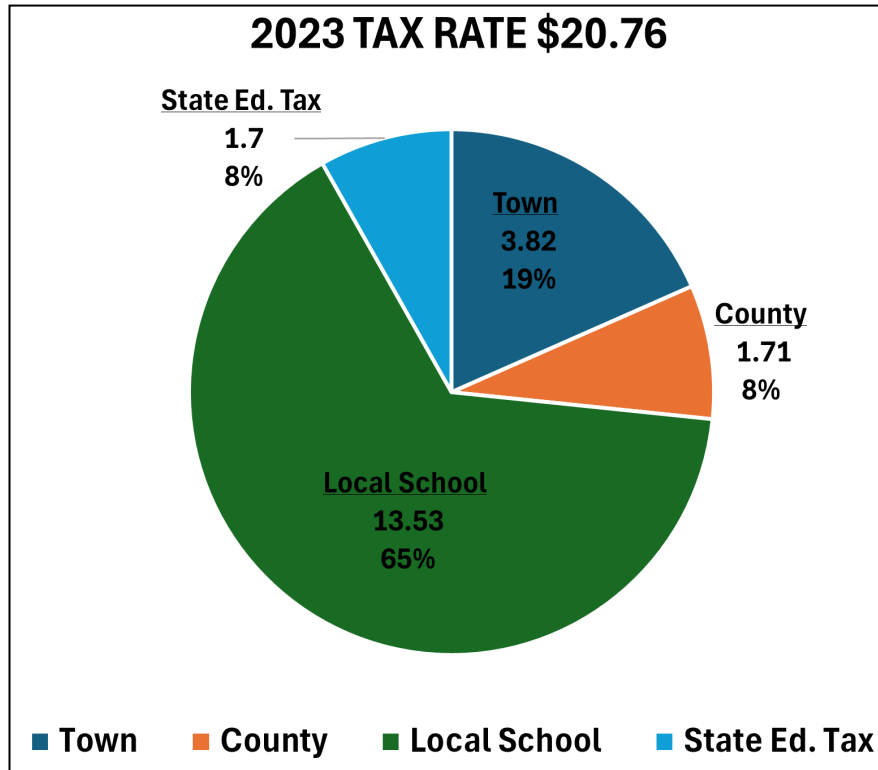
2023 EMPLOYEE EARNINGS

Name	Earnings
Babin, Steven	3,856.15
Barton, Joel J	70,897.26
Behen, James M	5,600.00
Benton, Brad R	4,896.20
Collins, Timothy J	50,034.12
Conn, Mary A	58,616.30
Cooper, Sandra L	143.00
Day Moore, Vicki E	54,759.55
Dickinson, Stephen J	3,136.22
Duffield, Vivica A	37,659.92
Dumont, Susan	6,317.00
Gilman, Daniel	95,892.00
Howe, Donald	1,204.38
King, MaryBeth	21,650.20
Kubik, John S	63,509.37
Laufenberg, Peter	4,896.20
Levasseur, Jamin R	65,303.78
Magoon, Arthur Shawn	29,644.11
Mahurin, Desiree L	83,950.57
Monti, Joseph	4,896.20
Nardone, Christopher	41,217.86
Peabody, Marianne	12,210.20
Pelchat, Paul	8,357.75
Randall, Kerrin L	23,479.97
Rodgers, Bruce A	58,718.88
Ross, Anita C.	5,551.51
Sabourn, Roy A	1,040.05
Schofield, Alisa	51,454.85
Sherriff, Judy	16,348.98
Sidney Jr., Raymond E	44,222.17
Simon, Zachary	49,334.67
Smoker, Mark D	71,320.30
St. Laurent, Christine	1,012.02
Vrucinic, Sasa	57,888.88
White, Pamela D	13,596.25
Wilson, Margaret	615.75
Wood, Jeannine	85,205.01
TOTAL EARNINGS	<u>\$1,208,437.63</u>

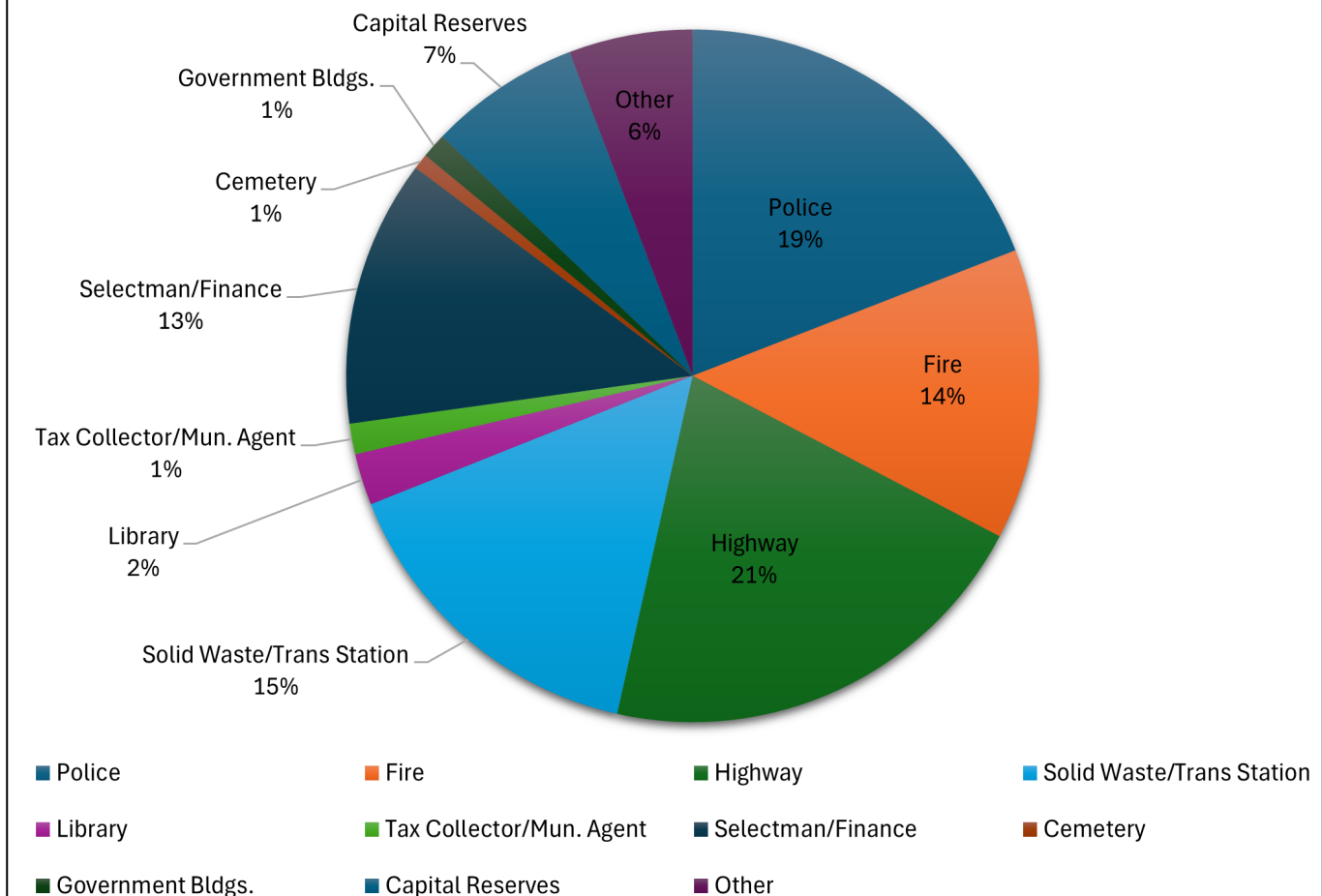
2023 SUMMARY OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>		<u>BALANCE</u>
	<u>BORROWED</u>	<u>PAID</u>	
1/1/23 Balance Carried Forward			\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
12/31/23 Remaining balance			\$0.00

2023 TAX RATE CHARTS

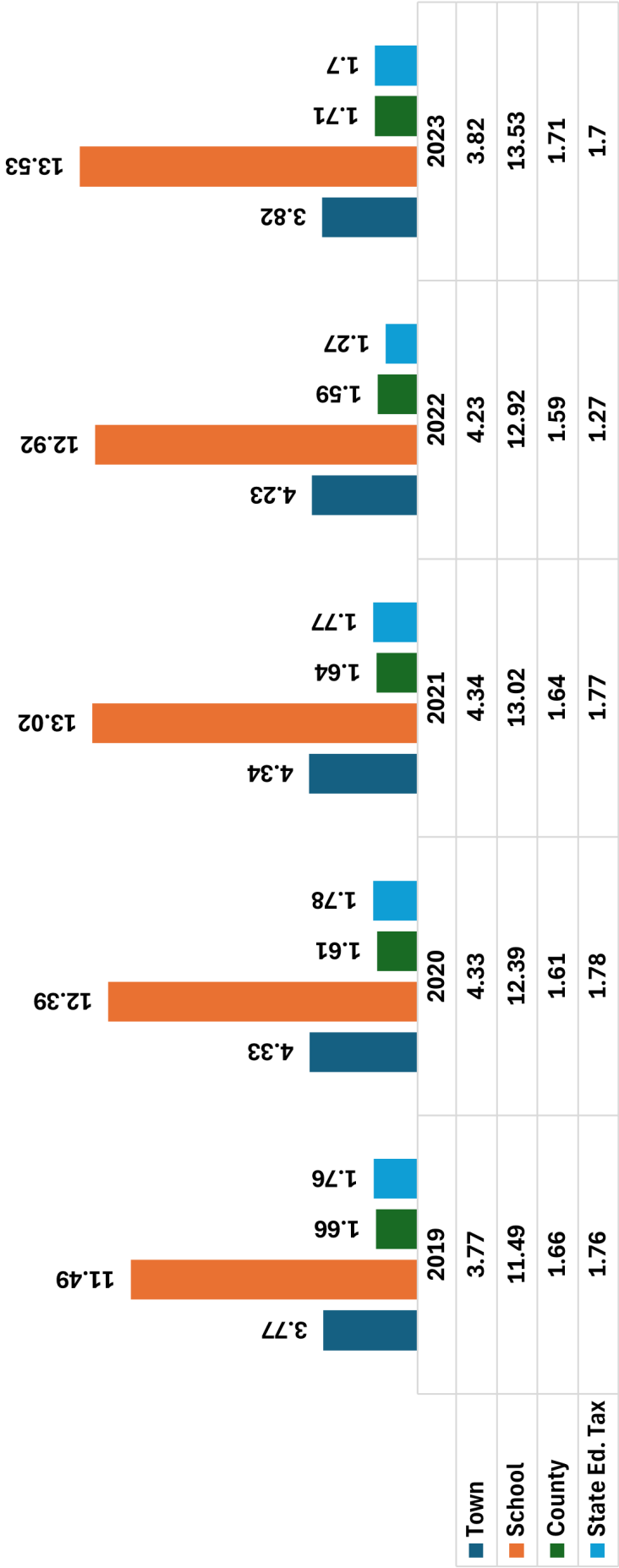


2023 THORNTON BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT



2023 TAX RATE CHARTS

THORNTON TAX RATE 2019-2023



NHDRA MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION



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2023
\$20.76

Tax Rate Breakdown Thornton

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,794,166	\$469,691,671	\$3.82
County	\$803,912	\$469,691,671	\$1.71
Local Education	\$6,354,214	\$469,691,671	\$13.53
State Education	\$787,102	\$462,983,071	\$1.70
Total	\$9,739,394		\$20.76

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Waterville Estates	\$495,786	\$31,025,386	\$15.98
Total	\$495,786		\$15.98

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$9,739,394
War Service Credits	(\$96,500)
Village District Tax Effort	\$495,786
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$10,138,680

Sam Greene

11/16/2023

Sam Greene
Director of Municipal and Property Division
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

NHDRA MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Appropriations and Revenues

Municipal Accounting Overview		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Total Appropriation	\$4,237,039	
Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)		(\$1,998,578)
Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$0
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		(\$550,000)
War Service Credits	\$96,500	
Special Adjustment	\$0	
Actual Overlay Used	\$9,205	
Net Required Local Tax Effort	\$1,794,166	

County Apportionment		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net County Apportionment	\$803,912	
Net Required County Tax Effort	\$803,912	

Education		
Description	Appropriation	Revenue
Net Local School Appropriations	\$5,475,460	
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$2,428,636	
Net Education Grant		(\$762,780)
Locally Retained State Education Tax		(\$787,102)
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort	\$6,354,214	
State Education Tax	\$787,102	
State Education Tax Not Retained	\$0	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort	\$787,102	

Valuation

Municipal (MS-1)		
Description	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$469,691,671	\$453,904,643
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$462,983,071	\$444,995,943
Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$0	\$0
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities, Less Commercial/Industrial Construction Exemption	\$469,691,671	\$453,904,643
Village (MS-1V)		
Description	Current Year	
Waterville Estates	\$31,025,386	

NHDRA MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Thornton

Tax Commitment Verification

2023 Tax Commitment Verification - RSA 76:10 II	
Description	Amount
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$10,138,680
1/2% Amount	\$50,693
Acceptable High	\$10,189,373
Acceptable Low	\$10,087,987

If the amount of your total warrant varies by more than 1/2%, the MS-1 form used to calculate the tax rate might not be correct. The tax rate will need to be recalculated. Contact your assessors immediately and call us at 603.230.5090 before you issue the bills. See RSA 76:10, II

Commitment Amount	10,144,460.00
Less amount for any applicable Tax Increment Financing Districts (TIF)	Ø
Net amount after TIF adjustment	10,144,460

Under penalties of perjury, I verify the amount above was the 2023 commitment amount on the property tax warrant.

Tax Collector/Deputy Signature: <i>Alisa Acheziele</i>	Date: 12/12/2023
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Requirements for Semi-Annual Billing

Pursuant to RSA 76:15-a

76:15-a Semi-Annual Collection of Taxes in Certain Towns and Cities - I. Taxes shall be collected in the following manner in towns and cities which adopt the provisions of this section in the manner set out in RSA 76:15-b. A partial payment of the taxes assessed on April 1 in any tax year shall be computed by taking the prior year's assessed valuation times 1/2 of the previous year's tax rate; provided, however, that whenever it shall appear to the selectmen or assessors that certain individual properties have physically changed in valuation, they may use the current year's appraisal times 1/2 the previous year's tax rate to compute the partial payment.

Thornton	Total Tax Rate	Semi-Annual Tax Rate
Total 2023 Tax Rate	\$20.76	\$10.38
Associated Villages		
Waterville Estates	\$15.98	\$7.99

NHDRA MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION

2023 TAX RATE CALCULATION

Fund Balance Retention

Enterprise Funds and Current Year Bonds	\$0
General Fund Operating Expenses	\$12,182,267
Final Overlay	\$9,205

DRA has provided a reference range of fund balance retention amounts below. Please utilize these ranges in the determination of the adequacy of your municipality's unrestricted fund balance, as currently defined in GASB Statement 54. Retention amounts, as part of the municipality's stabilization fund policy [1], should be assessed dependent upon your governments own long-term forecasts and special circumstances. Please note that current best practices published by GFOA recommend, at a minimum, that "...general purpose governments, regardless of size, maintain unrestricted fund balance in their general fund of no less than two months of regular general fund operating revenues or regular general fund operating expenditures." [2],[3]

[1] The National Advisory Council on State and Local Budgeting (NACSLB), (1998), *Framework for Improved State and Local Government Budgeting: Recommended Budget Practices (4.1)*, pg. 17.
 [2] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2009), *Best Practice: Determining the Appropriate Level of Unrestricted Fund Balance in the General Fund*.
 [3] Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), (2011), *Best Practice: Replenishing General Fund Balance*.

2023 Fund Balance Retention Guidelines: Thornton	
Description	Amount
Current Amount Retained (9.21%)	\$1,122,590
17% Retained <i>(Maximum Recommended)</i>	\$2,070,985
10% Retained	\$1,218,227
8% Retained	\$974,581
5% Retained <i>(Minimum Recommended)</i>	\$609,113

TAX RATE HISTORY

Unit of Government	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Municipal	3.82	4.23	4.34	4.33	3.77	4.48	4.15	3.91	3.57	3.87
School-Local Funding	13.53	12.92	13.02	12.39	11.49	12.04	11.48	11.66	11.37	10.79
School- State Ed Funding	1.70	1.27	1.77	1.78	1.76	2.18	2.11	2.17	2.60	2.36
County	1.71	1.59	1.64	1.61	1.66	1.78	1.8	1.65	1.56	1.77
Combined Town Rate	20.76	20.01	20.77	20.11	18.68	20.48	19.54	19.39	19.10	18.79
Waterville Estates										
Village District	15.98	12.91	14.57	15.20	13.51	15.70	15.79	15.54	15.64	17.12
Median Equalization Ratio		61.90%	83.70%	96.2%	101.60%	91.30%	100.90%	100.90%	106.30%	104.40%



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Thornton
Thornton, New Hampshire

Report on the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thornton as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities financial statements of the Town of Thornton, as of December 31, 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Major Funds and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thornton as of December 31, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

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

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note I-O to the financial statements, management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement healthcare costs and obligations for other postemployment benefits for the single employer plan in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities, decrease the net position, and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities is not readily determinable.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

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

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Change in Accounting Principle

As discussed in Note 2-C to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2022 the Town adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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,
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the

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information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

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

December 4, 2023
Concord, New Hampshire

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**TOWN OF THORNTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

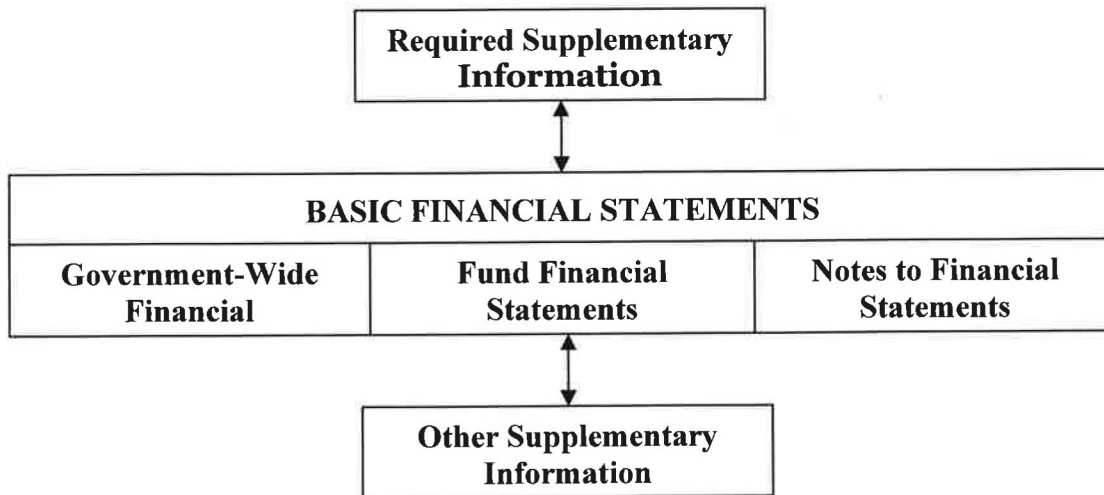
The following is a discussion and analysis of the activities of the Town of Thornton, New Hampshire (the “Town”) for the year ending December 31, 2022. Readers are encouraged to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Town’s financial statements.

Responsibility for both the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of this presentation (including all disclosures) rests with the Board of Selectmen. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the data contained herein is accurate in all material respects. This data is reported in a manner designed to fairly present the Town’s financial position, and the results of operations of the various funds of the Town. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the Town’s financial activities have been included.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Town’s basic financial statements. The Town’s basic financial statements include five components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the basic financial statements
4. Required supplementary information (Management’s Discussion and Analysis, Schedule of the Town’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of Town Contributions, Pensions, the Schedule of the Town’s Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability and the Schedule of Town Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits)
5. Other supplementary information



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Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Town's finances, in a manner similar to most private-sector companies.

The **Statement of Net Position** presents information on all of the Town's assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities and deferred inflow of resources with the difference between the four reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Town is improving or deteriorating.

The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Town's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future periods (such as uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave). The governmental activities of the Town include general government, public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, health, welfare, culture and recreation and conservation.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds: Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements report using the modified accrual basis of accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Town's programs.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between the governmental activities statement of net position and statement of activities.

Fiduciary Funds: These are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Town government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of these funds are not available to support the Town's own programs. The Town's fiduciary funds include capital reserve funds held for the Thornton School District and a private purpose trust fund held for the Hubbard Brook Foundation.

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Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

Budgetary Comparison Information

The basic financial statements include required budgetary comparison information in Exhibit D. This exhibit includes a budgetary comparison schedule for the Town's major governmental fund and includes a reconciliation between the reported activity of the revenues, expenditures and operating transfers for budgetary purposes and the activity as presented in the governmental fund financial statements (Exhibit C-3). The Town's major governmental fund for 2022 is the General Fund.

The following exhibit summarizes the major features of the Town's financial statements.

	Government-Wide	Fund Statements	
		Governmental	Fiduciary
SCOPE	Entire Town government (except fiduciary funds)	All activities of the Town that are not proprietary or fiduciary	Instances in which the Town is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources.
REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	Statement of Net Position	Balance Sheet	Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
	Statement of Activities	Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
ACCOUNTING BASIS	Accrual	Modified Accrual	Accrual
MEASUREMENT FOCUS	Economic Resources	Current Financial Resources	Economic Resources
TYPE OF INFORMATION ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term.	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter, no capital assets included.	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term.
TYPE OF INFORMATION REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND EXPENDITURES	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year, expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter.	All revenues and expenses during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

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GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Statement of Net Position

The Town's net position totaled \$4,624,663 at the end of 2022, an increase of \$489,725 or 12% when compared to the end of the previous year. This change is primarily due to increases in asset accounts consisting of investments by \$2,667,582 and net investment in capital assets in the amount of \$235,760. The increases in assets were partially offset by decreases in cash and cash equivalents in the amount of (\$1,762,591), taxes receivable, net of allowances for uncollectible taxes of (\$169,114) and tax deeded property, subject to resale, in the amount of (\$77,406). Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions and other postemployment benefits decreased by (\$77,584). Additionally, there were increases in liability accounts from accounts payable of \$21,968, accrued salaries and benefits of \$27,577, net pension liability of \$282,695 and unavailable revenue – donations by \$339,064. These increases in liabilities were offset partially by decreases from intergovernmental payable in the amount of (\$20,567) and deferred inflows of resources - amounts related to pension by (\$310,709).

	Governmental Activities - 2021	Governmental Activities - 2022	Change
Current assets	\$ 6,427,817	\$ 7,097,530	\$ 669,713
Restricted assets	12,727	-	(12,727)
Capital assets	2,750,977	2,986,737	235,760
Total assets	<u>9,191,521</u>	<u>10,084,267</u>	<u>892,746</u>
Deferred outflow of resources	<u>480,890</u>	<u>403,306</u>	<u>(77,584)</u>
Current liabilities	3,328,272	3,357,250	28,978
Long-term liabilities	1,635,376	1,897,852	262,476
Total liabilities	<u>4,963,648</u>	<u>5,255,102</u>	<u>291,454</u>
Deferred inflow of resources	<u>573,825</u>	<u>607,808</u>	<u>33,983</u>
Net position:			
Net investment in			
capital assets	2,750,977	2,986,737	235,760
Restricted	281,501	269,802	(11,699)
Unrestricted	1,102,460	1,368,124	265,664
Total net position	<u>\$ 4,134,938</u>	<u>\$ 4,624,663</u>	<u>\$ 489,725</u>

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A large portion of the Town's net position reflects its investment in capital assets such as land, buildings, and equipment, less any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. The Town uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Town's investment in its capital assets is reported net of any related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

Statement of Activities

During the current year the Town's net position increased by \$489,725. Total expenses of \$3,197,946 were exceeded by revenues of 3,687,671.

Property and other taxes generated \$1,971,423 in revenues for the Town. Motor vehicle, permit fees, licenses and other fees generated \$748,892 in revenues. Other general revenues consisted of grants and contributions and miscellaneous revenues. Program revenue consisted of operating grants and contributions and charges for services which had \$319,541 and \$222,761 in revenue, respectively.

Changes in net position for the year ending December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	Governmental Activities - 2021	Governmental Activities - 2022	Change
<i>Revenues:</i>			
Program revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 237,994	\$ 222,761	\$ (15,233)
Operating grants and contributions	302,690	319,541	16,851
Capital grants and contributions	-	-	-
General revenues:			
Property and other taxes	1,961,387	1,971,423	10,036
Licenses and permits	687,542	748,892	61,350
Grants and contributions	192,141	240,222	48,081
Unrestricted investment earnings	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	215,007	184,832	(30,175)
Total revenues	<u>3,596,761</u>	<u>3,687,671</u>	<u>90,910</u>
<i>Expenditures:</i>			
General government	689,377	674,957	(14,420)
Public safety	1,294,096	1,344,754	50,658
Highways and streets	772,949	413,822	(359,127)
Sanitation	527,332	582,757	55,425
Health and welfare	74,170	78,251	4,081
Culture and recreation	91,439	102,729	11,290
Conservation	757	676	(81)
Total expenditures	<u>3,450,120</u>	<u>3,197,946</u>	<u>(252,174)</u>
Increase in net position	146,641	489,725	343,084
Net position, beginning of year	<u>3,988,297</u>	<u>4,134,938</u>	<u>146,641</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 4,134,938</u>	<u>\$ 4,624,663</u>	<u>\$ 489,725</u>

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The Town's expenses cover a range of services. The largest expenses were for public safety (42.05%), general government (21.11%), sanitation (18.22%) and highway and streets (12.94%), which accounted for 94.32% of total expenditures.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWN'S FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Town uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Town's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Town's financing requirements. In particular, the unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of each year.

General Fund

The General Fund is the operating fund of the Town. At the end of the current fiscal year, the General Fund had an unassigned fund balance of \$1,553,165 while total General Fund equity was \$2,923,991. The total fund equity includes nonspendable, restricted, committed and unassigned fund balances at year-end. The General Fund unassigned fund balance increased by \$129,247 from December 31, 2021.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Actual revenues on the budgetary basis were over the budgeted amount by \$70,716. This is primarily due to increased revenues from the following budgeted sources: \$27,897 from property and other taxes, \$53,392 from licenses, permits, and fees and \$21,624 from miscellaneous. The revenue increase was partially offset by decreased revenue from intergovernmental sources in the amount of (\$14,958), charges for services in the amount of (\$7,239) and other financing sources of (\$10,000).

The Town under expended its budget by \$221,340. This is primarily due to savings realized in general government of \$55,059, public safety of \$104,746, highway and streets of \$35,867, sanitation of \$17,088, health and welfare of \$6,242, culture and recreation of \$1,289, interest on tax anticipation notes of \$1,000 and conservation of \$49.

OTHER FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

None of the 2021 appropriations were remaining or encumbered to offset 2022 expenditures and none of the 2022 appropriations were remaining or encumbered to offset 2023 expenditures.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capital Assets

The Town considers a capital asset to be an asset whose cost exceeds \$10,000 and has an estimated minimum useful life in excess of one year. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the course of the assets estimated useful life.

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The Town's gross investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2022 amounts to \$4,915,962 with \$1,929,225 in accumulated depreciation. The net book value of capital assets for governmental activities is \$2,986,737 as of December 31, 2022. This investment in capital assets includes vehicles and equipment, building and building improvements and land and land improvements. See Note 7 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for a summary of all capital assets.

Long-Term Obligations

During 2022, the Town made long-term obligation additions in the amount of \$284,080 and payments totaling \$21,604. See Note 11 of the Notes to the Basic Financial Statements for a summary of all outstanding long-term obligations. GASB #34 requires that these liabilities be reflected as a reduction in net position.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

The Town is not planning any new building projects at this time.

The Town is not considering any major changes in staffing levels at this time.

The Town is continuing to actively pursue the use of capital reserve accounts to save monies incrementally that will be used toward the payment of future purchases. Several new capital reserves were requested and approved in 2022.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Town's finances for all of Thornton citizens, taxpayers, and creditors. This financial report seeks to demonstrate the Town's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to: Town of Thornton, Selectmen's Office, 16 Merrill Access Road, Thornton, NH 03285.

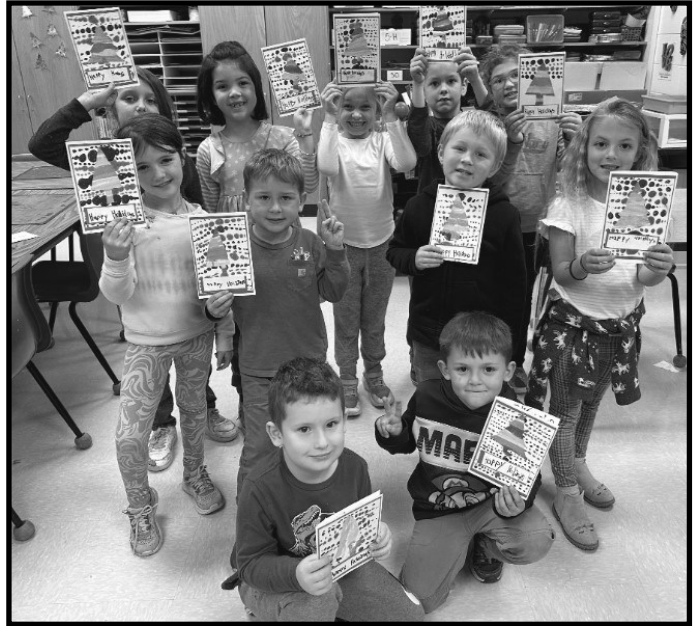
TOWN OWNED PROPERTY SCHEDULE

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Parcel ID		Location		Acres	Assessed	Description
					Value	
205	23		THORNTON GORE RD	0.330	3,700	
213	9		FADDEN RD	1.100	23,200	
213	51		FISCHER MOUNTAIN RD	4.300	29,300	Tax deeded parcel 9/20/2021
215	18		BEN MERRILL PINE	0.500	26,200	Unknown owner
215	43		WATERTHORN RD	5.040	32,200	Tax deeded parcel 7/18/2022
218	1	16	MERRILL ACCESS RD	1.200	313,200	Municipal Building
218	2	12	MERRILL ACCESS RD	1.050	146,500	Fire House
218	3	3225	US RTE 3	13.030	246,000	Highway Garage
219	47		COVERED BRIDGE RD	2.400	44,600	
219	53		MILL BROOK RD	1.800	30,800	
225	34		MILL BROOK RD	0.160	14,500	Corner ROW
225	41	20	ROBIN HILL RD (Building only)	0.000	32,800	Tax deeded parcel 7/16/2018
225	74	CEMET	NH RT 175	7.000	49,100	Pine Grove Cemetery
225	75	2129	NH RT 175	1.370	109,400	Old Town House
225	77		NH RT 175	2.000	97,500	Crawford Field
228	70	1886	NH RT 175	4.000	2,612,200	Thornton Central School
228	86	1845	NH RT 175	0.500	159,100	Tax deeded parcel 9/20/2021
229	3		COVERED BRIDGE RD	9.000	9,000	Unknown owner
231	38		JUDGES RD	0.690	100	Unknown owner
235	143	CEMET	UPPER MAD RIVER RD	4.000	46,300	Mad River Cemetery
240	112	1629	NH RT 175	7.070	127,900	Transfer Station
240	112	WLL 1	NH RT 175	13.180	109,800	Transfer Station
240	112	WLL 2	NH RT 175	4.500	44,400	Transfer Station
241	38		MAD RIVER RD	0.140	100	Unknown owner
242	22		NH RT 49	1.000	28,500	Unknown owner
246	46		ADAMS FARM RD	3.670	31,300	Unknown owner
Total Assessed Value					4,367,700	

NOTES:

2023 SCHOOL REPORTS



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OFFICERS OF THE THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark Fischler	2024
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

MARCH 9, 2023

Moderator Peter Laufenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the introduction of Architect Peter Stewart, CCI Jeff Downing, CCI Jon Healey, SAU48 Facilities Director Jason Bergeron, Principal Jon Bownes, Superintendent Kyla Welch, Director of Student Services Kim DiSalvo, Financial Services Dan Rossner, School Attorney Gordon Graham, Board Members Mark Fischler, Tara DiSalvo, Joanne Marcotte, Matt Hesser, and Matt McDermott.

Peter Laufenberg asked residents to allow non-residents to speak at the meeting should the need arise. After a brief discussion a motion was made and seconded to allow non-residents to speak at the meeting. **The motion passed with a voice vote to allow non-residents to speak.**

A motion was made and seconded to dispense the reading of the Warrant in its entirety. There was no discussion, the motion was passed by voice vote.

School Board Chair Mark Fischler spoke and gave a background on how the building committee and school board arrived at Article 2.

Steve Stepanek approached the moderator with a motion to have only 1 reconsideration vote. There was a motion to have only 1 reconsideration vote that was seconded and the motion passed with a voice vote.

Article 1: To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

A motion was made and seconded to open Article 1 for discussion.

There was no discussion and Article 1 passed by voice vote.

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Million Two Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars (\$14,228,799) for the purposes of Completing Renovations to the School, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$14,228,799 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, and sell and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and to further raise and appropriate \$355,720 to come from taxation for the first year's interest on the bond. The School Board will incorporate any and all eligible grants so as to reduce the amount of the bond. The School Board Recommends this article (3/5 ballot vote required).

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

A motion was made and seconded to open Article 2 for discussion. There was a lengthy discussion and Article 2 was voted on by secret ballot. Polls opened at 8:35 PM and closed at 9:35 PM ending in 182 Yes and 293 No. Article 2 did not pass.

A motion to reconsider Article 2. It was seconded. By voice vote the motion to reconsider Article failed.

Article 3: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$1,491,256) for the purposes of Completing Renovations to the Library and other modifications, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,491,256 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); to authorize the School Board to issue, negotiate, sell, and deliver such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; to authorize the School Board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state, or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project; and to authorize the School Board to take any action or to pass any other vote relative thereto; and further to raise and appropriate \$37,281 to come from taxation for the first year's interest on the bond. The School Board will incorporate any and all eligible grants so as to reduce the amount of the bond. The School Board Recommends this article (3/5 ballot vote required)

A motion was made and seconded to open Article 3 for discussion. There was a lengthy discussion and Article 3 was voted on by secret ballot. Polls opened at 9:50 PM and ended at 10:50 PM with a vote of 115 Yes and 202 No. Article 3 did not pass.

Article 5: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for such contingency fund. (The School Board recommends the appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

A motion was made and seconded to open Article 5 for discussion. There was no discussion and Article 5 passed by voice vote.

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

Article 6: All warrant articles submitted to the townspeople must contain a statement as to the impact of the article on the property tax rate of the town. The statement must explicitly state the dollar amount of the article and the increase in the property tax rate in terms of absolute dollars and a percent increase from the year before. For example, "This will increase the town budget by \$50,000 and add \$1.86 to last year's property tax rate of \$18.65 which is equal to a 10% increase in your property tax bill." This will be in effect for warrant articles related to Thornton Central School. (By Petition)

A motion was made and seconded to open Article 6 for discussion. There was a brief discussion and Article 6 did not pass with a voice vote.

Article 7: To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of five million seven hundred twenty-eight thousand three hundred and sixty-two dollars (\$5,728,362) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (The School Board recommends this appropriation.) (Majority vote required.)

A motion was made and seconded to open Article 7 for discussion. There was no discussion and Article 7 passed by voice vote.

Other Business:

Diana Daigle made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 7. The motion was seconded and the motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 7 passed with a voice vote.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynne M. Campbell

Clerk, Thornton School District

2023 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

This annual report provides a succinct opportunity to share some of the accomplishments and happenings in our school community. We would like to recognize all of our students, staff, and administrators who are fully engaged in academics, professional learning, athletics, and co-curricular offerings here in SAU 48.

In the areas of curriculum, instruction and assessment, all of our K-12 staff have been working diligently implementing a variety of initiatives designed to enhance the learning experiences for students. At Plymouth Regional High School the staff has been working collaboratively through professional learning communities refining their curriculum to better meet the needs of students. Our K-8 schools have created a K-8 literacy action plan, grounded in the Science of Reading principles, so that we can better align our instructional practices across schools. Our K-8 staff continue to work with Keys to Literacy to provide literacy professional development for our teachers. We are currently in year two of this three year commitment designed to help our teachers infuse best literacy practice throughout our classrooms. In science, our staff is refining the K-12 science curriculum to ensure that units are aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In mathematics, schools are working collaboratively in learning communities and with district consultants to refine lessons and units to best meet the needs of students. Several SAU 48 schools have active robotics programs where over 100 students participate weekly in after-school programs and compete in multiple events throughout the year.

School safety and security remain a top priority across SAU 48. Each school has a safety committee that includes administration, teachers, and local emergency services personnel. These committees meet regularly to review emergency operation plans and conduct site specific safety drills. Last school year, each school site received a comprehensive safety assessment from the NH Department of Homeland Security. Safety recommendations have been provided to school boards to better enhance the safety and security of all sites. SAU48 was the recipient of several Security Action for Education (SAFE) grants targeted toward improving safety in the areas of access control, emergency alerting, and surveillance.

SAU 48 continues to utilize the remaining Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding to help schools prevent, prepare, and respond to Covid-19 and future infectious diseases. These funds will be used for a variety of projects, including but not limited to; HVAC upgrades, window and door replacements, bathroom renovations, new technology, additional staffing, professional development, and cleaning supplies.

SAU 48 welcomed two new administrators this year: Jessica Makris Welch, Principal at Russell Elementary School and Mark Everett, Director of Facilities.

All of us remain incredibly grateful for the support and generosity afforded to our schools by the families, staff, and community members of SAU 48. We understand and appreciate the sacrifices our local taxpayers make to support our schools. Your satisfaction is important to us, so we encourage you to reach out with any inquiries or feedback you may have. Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or feedback anytime.

Kyla A. Welch

Superintendent of Schools

Pamela A. Martin

Assistant Superintendent

Dana L. Andrews

Assistant Superintendent

2023 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With great pleasure and pride, I am delighted to report that Thornton Central School maintains its outstanding reputation. Both past and present TCS students consistently excel academically and in co-curricular activities when compared to their peers. Notably, several of our graduates have gone on to attend ivy-league schools, and we recently celebrated another student's early admission acceptance into an ivy-league institution in December.

Mr. Craig Carpenter has recently become a valuable addition to our professional faculty. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Plymouth State University. Prior to joining our team at TCS, Mr. Carpenter gained valuable experience working at Gilford and Inter-lakes Elementary Schools.

In our ongoing commitment to academic excellence, the devoted staff at TCS and educators of SAU 48 have directed their focus towards literacy in the current academic year. Collaboratively, teachers across all grade levels have actively implemented the comprehensive 'Keys to Literacy' program, ensuring a consistent and unified approach to literacy development. The progress of students is meticulously monitored through the effective AimsWeb progress tracking system, providing valuable insights for tailored interventions. This collaborative initiative goes beyond individual classrooms, fostering seamless cooperation among educators throughout SAU 48. Together, they work towards customizing interventions for students facing literacy challenges, creating a supportive and unified learning environment.

Our co-curricular activities provide students with valuable opportunities for growth beyond the academic realm. In the past year, our Destination Imagination team achieved remarkable success, securing victory in the regional event and earning a top-three placement in the state competition. Additionally, the girls' basketball team emerged as the Pemi-Baker League champion. Notably, numerous alumni have gone on to become captains of high school athletic teams, played major roles in PRHS school performances, and demonstrated excellence in student government. Highlighting our strong legacy, PRHS clinched the state ski championship last year, and it's noteworthy that five out of the six boys competing at the state event were former TCS students.

Thornton Central School thrives due to the dedicated hard work and efforts invested by our community. A robust sense of community involvement is evident through the consistent support of a large group of volunteers. These individuals generously contribute their time to enhance the overall quality of our school. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in coaching, fundraising, organizing winter activities, coordinating classroom parties, participating in PTO initiatives, contributing to Destination Imagination, and chaperoning. Your commitment is invaluable and we sincerely appreciate your ongoing dedication to making our school an even better place. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted

Jonathan Bownes

Principal

THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

NURSE REPORT

SCHOOL YEAR 2023

The Thornton Central School Health Office mission is to include evidence based care to preserve and improve the health needs of all students. I work closely with students, parent/guardians, other health care professionals, school district administrators, teachers, all school personnel.

At the date of this writing there have been 1,873 visits to the health office. This is from 09/28/23 to 12/13/23. We presently have 180 enrolled students.

The NHHHS report of immunizations and valid exemptions of all student enrolled grades K-8 at TCS was completed and turned into the state on 10/31/23.

Speare Memorial Hospital continues to sponsor the Dental Health Clinic. Coordinated by Ruth Doan RH. Ruth holds clinics twice a school year providing cleanings, sealants, temporary fillings, topical fluoride as well as screening for any dental issues. This continues to be a useful and successful clinic.

Speare Memorial Hospital continues to provide free Covid test kits as supplies last.

Athletic trainer John Brule ATC from PRHS administered the yearly "Immediate Post Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing" (AKA ImPACT) for grades 5-8 on September 19, 2023. This is a baseline tool used when a student suffers a concussion, ImPACT is used to determine severity and when the head injury is resolving and the student is eligible to return to play.

We will hold a Sports Clearance in the spring of 2024, date TBD. This is for grades 4-8, anyone who has not had a physical by their PCP in the year before beginning TCS sports in grade 5. Plymouth Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine's Laurel Galvin APRN provide the clinic. We encourage 8th graders to participate if they are not going to have a physical before beginning at PRHS.

While not mandated by the State of New Hampshire and if time allows, I screen height, weight vision and hearing for several grades if they have not been done by their PCP. I also do hearing and vision screenings at the request of Special Education or a classroom teacher.

Health updates from parents and your child's PCP are continuously reviewed and are entered into your child's EMR/SNAP.

As always, our staff retains current CPR, First Aid, AED and EpiPen certification/training/renewal. Monitored by John Brule ATC from PRHS.

At TCS we meet regularly for Safety, Wellness and Faculty meetings.

The SAU school nurses meet monthly during the school year at Speare Memorial Hospital with our director Haley Hay, RN. As an employee of SMH I appreciate the continued support that I receive. It is helpful to collaborate continuity of care for the students, staff and community. We are all working hard to keep everyone healthy and safe.

I thank you all for your continued support.

Nurse Judi

Judi Macord RN

TCS Nurse

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION WARRANT



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

2024
WARRANT

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Thornton Local School

The inhabitants of the School District of Thornton Local School in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in School District affairs are hereby notified that the Annual School District Meeting will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2024
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Thornton Central School

GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before _____, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at Northway Bank and Town Offices and that an original was delivered to the keeper of the records.

Name	Position	Signature
Tara Di Salvo	School Board Chairperson	
Mark Fischler	School Board Member	
Matt Hesser	School Board Member	
Joanne Marcotte	School Board Member	
Matt McDermott	School Board Member	

Article 01 Reports of agents, auditors, committees or officer

To see what action the School District will take relative to the reports of agents, auditors, committees and officers.

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 02 Performance Energy Management Project

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Five Hundred Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$4,519,318) for the replacement of boilers, lighting, HVAC equipment, and other building energy improvement measures, and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Million Seven Thousand One Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$4,007,118) 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; Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to come from Federal Grants, Fifty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$59,700) to come from utility rebates; One Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$102,500) to come from general taxation. Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 03 Fund Balance to Capital Reserve

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the School Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established. This sum to come from June 30 fund balance available for transfer on July 1. No amount to be raised from taxation. The School Board Recommends this article. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION WARRANT



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Article 04 Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Thornton School Board and the Thornton Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2024-2025	\$160,904
2025-2026	\$179,474
2026-2027	\$181,426

and further to raise and appropriate One Hundred Sixty Thousand Nine Hundred Four Dollars (\$160,904) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. The School Board Recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 05 Contingency Fund

To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

☐ Yes ☐ No

Article 06 Operating Budget

To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of Five Million Eight Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Six dollars (\$5,895,436) for the support of schools, for the payment of salaries for the school district officials and agents, and for the payment for the statutory obligations of the district. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 REVENUE DATA

<u>Account</u>		<u>2023-2024 Tax Basis</u>	<u>2024-2025 Estimate</u>
	General Fund Revenues		
770	Unreserved Fund Balance	81,221	0
	Revenue From State Sources		
3110	Adequate Education Grant	510,522	510,224
3210	School Building Aid		
	Revenue From Federal Sources		
4810	National Forest Reserve	7,765	7,500
4100	eRate		
4580	Medicaid	35,000	35,000
	Local Revenue Other Than Taxes		
1510	Earnings on Investments	50	50
	Technology Device Revenue		
	Total General Fund Revenues	<u>634,558</u>	<u>552,774</u>
	Federal Fund Revenues		
	Title I	35,000	35,000
	Title IIA	1	1
	IDEA Reimbursement	30,000	35,000
4590	Other State/Federal Grants	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	Total Federal Fund Revenues	<u>65,002</u>	<u>70,002</u>
	Food Service Revenues		
4560	Hot Lunch	98,000	98,000
	Total School Revenue & Credits	797,560	720,776
	District Appropriation	<u>5,766,763</u>	<u>5,895,436</u>
1111	District Assessment	<u>\$4,969,203</u>	<u>\$5,174,660</u>
	Change in District Assessment (Dollar Amount)		205,457
	Change in District Assessment (Percentage)		4.13%
	Dollar Change in Net Assessed Valuation Per \$1000		\$0.44
	Net Assessed Valuation	2023	\$469,691,671

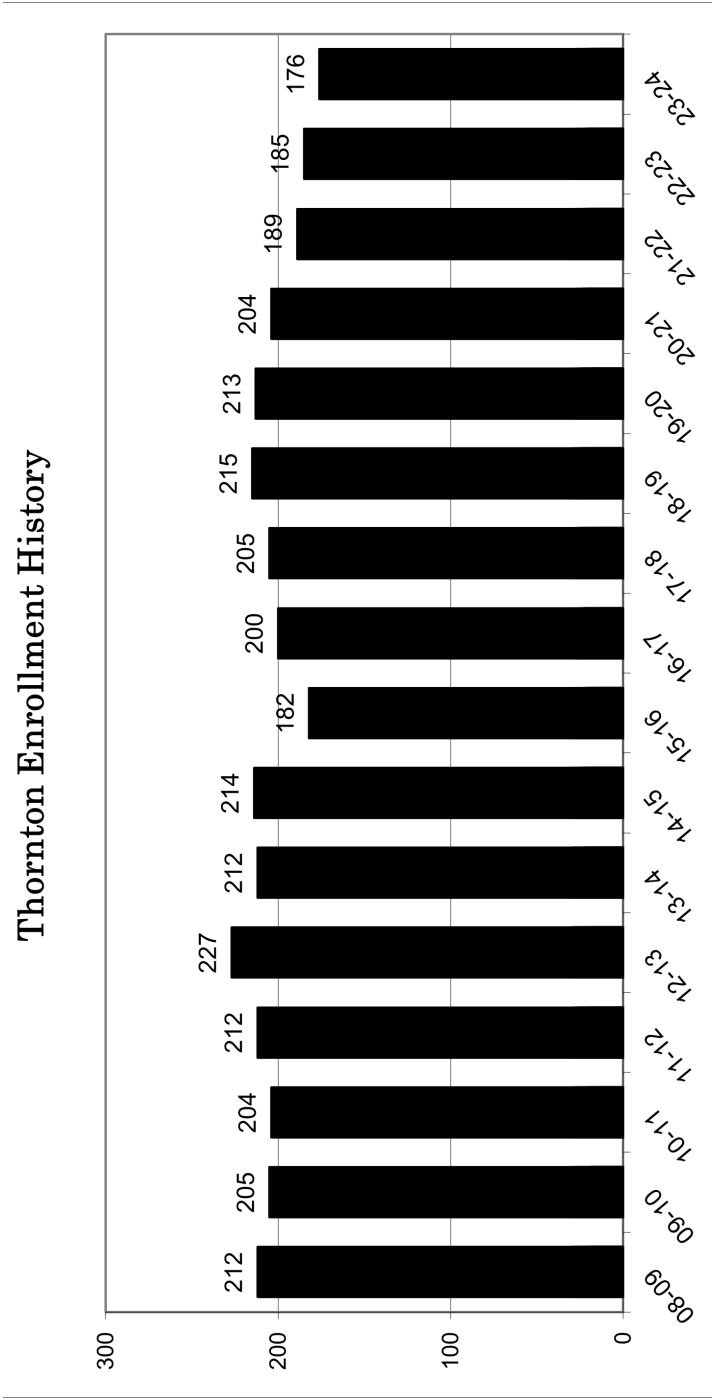
2023 THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

EMPLOYEE WAGES

Christina Anderson	Grade 4 Teacher	\$83,546.16
Sarah Askew	Grade 3 Teacher	\$67,293.00
Samantha Blizzard	Kindergarten Teacher	\$55,277.00
Jonathan Bownes	Principal	\$106,034.00
Craig Carpenter	Special Education Teacher	\$75,336.00
Julie Chase	Middle School Science Teacher	\$70,327.00
Robert Chase	Middle School Math Teacher	\$75,336.00
Michael Cowles	Middle School Social Studies Teacher	\$77,582.22
Benjamin Cronin	Grade 5-6 Teacher	\$64,050.00
Kristen Ferro	Grade 1 Teacher	\$65,653.00
Michael Ferro	Grade 5-6 Teacher	\$59,213.00
Amy Gagnon	Grade 2 Teacher	\$76,440.84
Jennifer Hairston	Grade 5-6 Teacher	\$56,361.00
Shannon Harrington	Middle School Language Arts Teacher	\$58,334.00
Ellen Lonergan	Special Education Teacher	\$83,546.16
Danielle Morse	School Counselor	\$82,317.06
Tanya O'Brien	Grade 3 Teacher	\$75,687.06
Caitlin Rackett	Grade 5-6 Teacher	\$64,674.00
Ashley Rose	Music Teacher	\$71,706.00
Susan Secor	Kindergarten Teacher	\$81,508.00
Kathryn Shaw	Grade 1 Teacher	\$77,582.22
Stephanie Shirley	Art Teacher	\$66,939.00
Stephen Switzer	Technology Integrator	\$79,519.20
Trevor Wassel	Physical Education Teacher	\$50,834.00
Kenton Wheeler	Special Education Teacher	\$83,546.16
Eileen Woolfenden	Reading Teacher	\$83,546.16
Laura Alexander	Paraprofessional	\$26,625.20
Emily Baird	Paraprofessional	\$24,164.70
Laurel Bandi	Paraprofessional 50%	\$12,017.04
Cory Beede	Custodian	\$39,436.80
Lynne Campbell	Administrative Assistant	\$55,433.94
Andrea Charbonneau	Paraprofessional 40%	\$9,665.88
Sheila Dockery	Paraprofessional 50%	\$12,017.04
Lisa Foisy	Paraprofessional	\$24,164.70
Katherine Hadaway	Paraprofessional	\$24,655.88
Deborah Marks	Paraprofessional	\$19,331.76
Karen Nielsen	Paraprofessional	\$24,164.70
Brandi Partridge	Paraprofessional	\$23,012.15
Lindsey Prevost	Paraprofessional	\$21,898.45
Anita Ross	Paraprofessional	\$29,564.85
Elisabeth Russell	Secretary	\$27,549.60
Kerry Schnell	Paraprofessional 80%	\$20,992.50
Jolene Stratton	Paraprofessional 80%	\$20,992.50
Lynn Tilden	Paraprofessional	\$26,753.78
Eric Tyrrell	Facilities Director	\$55,343.73
David White	Custodian	\$44,179.20
Dana Williams	Paraprofessional	\$22,265.81

THORNTON CENTRAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT HISTORY

	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24
K	19	17	21	21	21	15	17	13	23	25	30	24	20	19	21	17
1	29	19	16	25	24	23	25	15	14	23	25	30	23	20	17	22
2	26	27	17	19	27	24	25	20	20	14	24	26	27	16	21	18
3	31	27	26	19	19	23	23	20	22	16	17	20	27	26	16	20
4	30	28	28	28	18	20	22	22	28	25	16	17	21	28	26	14
5	17	31	27	28	29	19	20	21	22	27	23	20	17	22	28	27
6	19	18	30	26	30	29	22	20	25	25	26	24	23	13	22	27
7	21	19	19	29	29	30	31	23	23	28	26	26	23	22	13	19
8	20	19	20	17	30	29	29	28	23	22	28	26	23	23	21	12
	212	205	204	212	227	212	214	182	200	205	215	213	204	189	185	176



2022-2023 THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET

	General	Food Service	All Other	Capital Projects	Trust/ Agency
Current Assets					
Cash	346,320.93	(570.37)	(52,251.12)	0.00	0.00
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,126.67
Assessment Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interfund Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergov Receivables	1,742.53	14,417.15	135,407.35	0.00	0.00
Other Receivables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	3,471.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	351,535.44	13,846.78	83,156.23	0.00	1,126.67
Current Liabilities					
Interfund Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intergovernment Payables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Payables	23,131.96	0.00	83,003.25	0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Deductions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenues	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	23,131.96	0.00	83,003.25	0.00	0.00
Fund Equity					
Res for Encumbrances	247,182.41	12,014.35	1,700.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Amounts Voted	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Res for Special Purposes	0.00	1,832.43	(1,547.02)	0.00	1,126.67
Unreserved Fund Balance	81,221.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Fund Equity	328,403.48	13,846.78	152.98	0.00	1,126.67
Total Liability & Fund Equity	351,535.44	13,846.78	83,156.23	0.00	1,126.67

THORNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPENDITURES REPORT PER RSA 32:11A

	Fiscal Year <u>2021-2022</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2022-2023</u>
Expenditures	\$1,020,494	\$1,175,015
Revenues	\$170,449	\$162,872
Net Expenditures	<u>\$850,046</u>	<u>\$1,012,142</u>
\$ increase/decrease		\$162,097
% increase/decrease		19.07%

2024 GRADUATES

Alexander William Beaman

Olivia Janee Brown

Domenic Paul Cella

Camryn Gail Custance

Sydney Marie Dekutoski

Maggie Jane Demler

Carmen Geraldine Donis

Brayden Michael Goodspeed

Alexis Mylee Harrington

Isabella Klofac

Leanna May Marsh

Cullen Ian McNair

Quinn Ray Middlemiss

Sofi Mae Patterson

Gabriel B. Poehnert

Daniel Philip Richard

Brodhi Keane Rousseau

Abigail Lynn Sanborn

Mabel Barbara Shuffleton

Isabella Lee Silva

Mikayla Ryan Walker

NOTES:

TOWN OF THORNTON

HOURS OF OPERATION

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Selectmen, Town Administrator, and Assessing

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Telephone: 603-726-8168 Fax: 603-726-2078

Tax Collector and Municipal Agent

Monday – Thursday: 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Telephone: 603-726-4232 Fax: 603-726-2078

Town Clerk

Tuesday and Thursday: 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Telephone: 603-726-4232 Fax: 603-726-2078

Planning Department

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and by appointment

Telephone: 603-726-8168 Fax: 603-726-2078

Police Department

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m.. – 4:00 p.m.

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency Telephone: 603-726-4222

Fire Department

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Emergencies: 911

Non-Emergency Telephone: 603-726-3300

Highway Department

Telephone: 603-726-4546

Transfer Station and Recycling Center

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, Monday, and Friday - CLOSED

Telephone: 603-726-7713 or 603-254-6003

Thornton Public Library

Monday and Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.– 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m.

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Town Offices will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 15, 2024
President's Day	Monday	February 19, 2024
Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2024
Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
Columbus Day	Monday	October 14, 2024
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
Day Before Thanksgiving (closing @ 12 noon)	Wednesday	November 27, 2024
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday	November 29, 2024
Christmas Eve	Tuesday	December 24, 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday	December 25, 2024
New Year's Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2025

The Transfer Station will be CLOSED on the following holidays:

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