

An aerial photograph of a large, deep blue lake. Numerous white sailboats are scattered across the water. In the background, there is a dense forest of green trees under a blue sky with light clouds.

Town of Sunapee



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Dedication

The 2022 Sunapee Town Report is dedicated to three outstanding individuals that served our town for more than 20 years each. Town Clerk and Tax Collector Betty Ramspott, Chief of Police David P. Cahill, and Transfer Station Attendant Ernest Colby. The Town cannot thank you enough for your commitment and dedication.



Betty Ramspott

For her tireless commitment to helping the Sunapee community. The Town of Sunapee benefited greatly from her years of steadfast leadership. Her hard work and dedication also resulted in accessible, accurate, and transparent elections year after year. Betty's outstanding community spirit touched many. We are grateful for her devotion to our community for more than twenty-five years.

Dedication



Ernie Colby

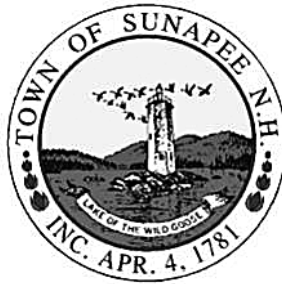
For his 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Sunapee. Ernie's tireless commitment has left an indelible mark on the Town of Sunapee and its residents. We are grateful for his devotion to our community for more than twenty years.

Dedication



Chief David P. Cahill

For his unparalleled commitment to the Town of Sunapee and its citizens. Chief Cahill's innumerable contributions have strengthened our community, encouraged us, built us up, and have served as a role model for us all. We are all better people having had him serve as the leader of Sunapee Police Department. We will be forever grateful for the care and attention he gave to it for over twenty years.



Annual Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES

	<i>TERM EXPIRES</i>
<i>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</i>	
Joshua Trow, Chairman	2024
Suzanne Gottling, Vice Chair	2023
Jeremy Hathorn	2024
Frederick Gallup	2025
Carol Wallace	2025
<i>TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR</i>	
Betty H. Ramspott, March 1997 - July 2022	2024
Joshua Boone, July 2022 - Present	2023
<i>TOWN MODERATOR</i>	
Aaron Simpson	2023
<i>TREASURER</i>	
Sue Fernald	2022
<i>TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS</i>	
John Berger	2023
Patrick Fine	2024
Lynn Arnold	2023
<i>CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS</i>	
Jeffrey Trow	2024
Barbara Chalmers	2024
<i>(1) Full Vacancy</i>	
<i>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</i>	
Beverly Bjorklund, Chair	2025
Nancy Berger	2024
Susi Churchill	2023
James Harrison	2024
Jim McGraw	2023
Jonathan Reed	2024
Susan Johanson, Alternate	2023
<i>PLANNING BOARD</i>	
Peter White, Chair	2023
Joseph Butler	2023
Randy Clark	2024
Jeffrey Claus	2025
Richard Osborne	2024
Gregory Swick	2023
Suzanne Gottling	Ex-Officio
Robin Saunders, Alternate	2025
<i>(2) Alternate Vacancy</i>	

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Mindy Atwood	2024
Faith Reney	2026
Christine Messenger	2028

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Theodore Gallup, Chair	2025
Richard Curtis	2025
Douglas Gamsby	2024
Charles Hirshberg	2025
Jeffrey Reed	2024
Jimmy Williams	2023
Wayne Stoddard	2023

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Jeffrey Claus, Chair	2023
James Lyons, Jr.	2024
Michael Jewczyn	2025
David Munn	2024
Jamie Silverstein	2025
David Andrews, Alternate	2025
Pierre Lessard, Alternate	2025
<i>(2) Alternate Vacancies</i>	



TOWN OFFICIALS

TOWN MANAGER

Shannon Martinez

Barbara Vaughn, Administrative Assistant

Allyson Traeger, Executive Assistant
July 2022 - Present

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK & TAX COLLECTOR

Ian Lawson

ASSESSORS

Kristen McAllister, Chief Assessor

Melissa Pollari, Land Use & Assessing
May 2011 - January 2022

Joseph Devarenne, Assistant Assessor
October 2022

Renee Theall, Land Use & Assessing
August 2022

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Howard Sargent

FINANCE OFFICE

Joanne Bisson, Account Clerk
August 2019 - March 2022

Cariann Zandell, Assistant Administrator, Finance,
April 2022 - Present

Consultant Interim Finance Director

Lindsay Hale, Finance Associate,
July 2022 - Present

FIRE CHIEF

John Galloway

HEALTH OFFICER

Wayne Whitford, June 2022

Shannon Martinez, Deputy

Doug Gamsby, July 2022 - Present

LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mindy Atwood

PLANNING & ZONING DIRECTOR

Michael Marquise, Planner

Sarah Liang, Administrative Assistant,
May 2019 - January 2022

POLICE CHIEF

David P. Cahill
April 2002 - May 2022

Teresa Mastin, Administrative Assistant
May 2007 - January 2022

E. Neill Cobb
November 2022 - Present

Joshua Levasseur - Executive Administrative Assis-
tant, January 2022 - Present

HIGHWAY DIRECTOR

Scott A. Hazelton

DEPUTY TREASURER

Kathy Weinstein

WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

David Bailey, Superintendent

Holly Leonard, Office Manager

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Laura Trow

APPOINTED TOWN COMMITTEES

	TERM EXPIRES
ADVISORY BUDGET COMMITTEE	
Mindy Atwood	TOE
E. Neill Cobb	TOE
Patrick Fine	2024
John Galloway	TOE
Frederick Gallup	TOO
Suzanne Gottling	TOO
Doug Hanson	2024
Jeremy Hathorn	TOO
Scott Hazelton	TOE
Joshua Boone	TOO
Linda Tanner	2023
Joshua Trow	TOO
Carol Wallace	TOO
<i>(2) Full Vacancies</i>	
BALLOT CLERKS	
Justine Cutting	Republican
Joan Gross	Republican
Justin Levesque	Democrat
Linda Schultz	Democrat
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE	
Frederick Gallup	TOO
Michael Jewczyn	TOO
Michael Marquise	TOE
Michael Sizemore	2023
<i>(2) Full Vacancies</i>	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	
Van Webb, Chair	2024
Barbara Chalmers	2025
Clifford Field	2024
Timothy Fleury	2024
Matthew Hurd	2024
Virginia Gwynn	2025
Mark Reynolds	2025
CROWTHER CHAPEL COMMITTEE	
Gisela Polleys, Chair	2023
John Augustine	2024
Betty Erickson	2022
Deborah Grant	2023
Helene Hagan	2022
Craig Heino	TOE
ENERGY COMMITTEE	
Keith Chrisman, Chair	2023
Doug Hanson	2025
Bette Nowack	2023

FIREWARDS

Austin Brown	2024
John Paris	2024
Joshua Trow	2024

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

John Galloway, Warden	2022
Matthew Gross	2022
Corey Oxland	2022
Matthew Pollari	2022
Dana Ramspott	2022
John Gosselin	2022

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Timothy Berube	2024
Charleen Osborne	2024
Jesse Socci	2025
Samantha Bailey	2023
Daniel Whitmoyer	2024

THRIFT SHOP

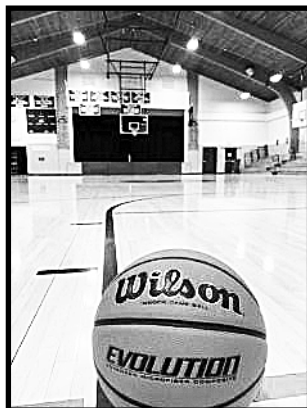
Valerie Ruopp	2023
Beverly Trainor	2023
Shannon Martinez	TOE
(2) Full Vacancy	

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Joshua Trow	2023
(1) Full Vacancy	

WATERSHED COALITION

Peggy Chalmers



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF SUNAPEE
2023 TOWN WARRANT**

WARRANT

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday, the 7th day of February 2023, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 1 thru 14 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 15 through 41, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 14th day of March 2023, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, in said Sunapee. The polls shall be opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

1 Selectman	3 Year Term
1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector	1 Year Term
1 Treasurer	1 Year Term
1 Cemetery Commissioner	3 Year Term
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	2 Year Term
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term
1 Planning Board Member	2 Year Term
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term
2 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term
1 Zoning Board Member	3 Year Term

Article 2: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 1

Amend Article II, Section 1.42 – Filing of Zoning Ordinance Amendments - to add language that allows Zoning Ordinance amendments to be placed on Town website per RSA 675:7.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

1.42 Filing of Zoning Ordinance Amendments. All zoning ordinance amendments shall be placed on file with the Town Clerk for public inspection. *They may also be published on the Town website per RSA 675:7*

Article 3: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 2

Amend Article II, Section 2.41 - Location of District Boundaries - to clarify language that the discontinuance of a road does not alter a zoning district boundary.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

2.41 **Location of District Boundaries** - District boundaries shown within the lines of roads, streets, and transportation rights-of-way shall be deemed to follow the center lines. The ~~vacation~~ *discontinuance* of roads shall not affect the location of such district boundaries. When the Board of Selectmen or their duly appointed agent cannot definitively determine the location of a district boundary by such center lines, by the scale of dimensions on the Zoning Map, or by the fact that it clearly coincides with a property line, it shall refuse action, and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, on appeal, shall interpret the location of the district boundary with reference to the scale of the Zoning Map and the purposes set forth in all relevant provision of this ordinance.

Article 4: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 3

Amend Article II, Section 3.40(m) - Additional Requirements - to better define 90-day use and allowable extensions of time with issuance of a Certificate of Zoning Compliance, require that if a travel trailer is used for sleeping quarters it must be connected to septic system or municipal sewer or be self-contained, and not used as a rental.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

3.40(m) Travel trailers, which include, but are not limited to camper trailers, motor homes, ~~recreational vehicles~~, tent trailers and truck campers, are permitted subject to the following restrictions:

- 1) The owner of the travel trailer may store up to two (2) such trailers on his/her property in as inconspicuous a location as possible;
- 2) A travel trailer may be used for temporary sleeping quarters for not more than 90 *total days per calendar year* ~~12-month period~~ unless a Certificate of Zoning Compliance is issued. Sewage Disposal must be in compliance with New Hampshire ~~Water Supply and Pollution Control Department of Environmental Services Water Division Subsurface System Bureau~~ regulations or approved by the Sunapee Municipal Water and Sewer Department if on municipal sewer. *If the travel trailer is self-contained, sewage must be disposed of per Water and Sewer Department Standards;*
- 3) All travel trailers used for temporary sleeping quarters must be in compliance with all other provisions of this ordinance including building setbacks;
- 4) If three (3) or more travel trailers are to be placed on an individual lot and used ~~as sleeping quarters for any purpose including storage~~, a Site Plan Review approval must *first* be granted by the Planning Board.
- 5) *Travel trailers may not be used as a rental.*

Article 5: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 4

Amend Article III, Section 3.50(b) – Special Exceptions - to clarify that an average front setback may be applied when a comparison method is used per this special exception and update how the hierarchy of structures is determined.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

3.50(b) The ZBA may allow a lesser front setback provided that all of the following conditions are met:

- 1) The lot for which the lesser front setback is requested is a pre-existing lot and non-conforming due to the lot size.
- 2) The majority of the lots on the same side of the road and within 500’ of both sides of the subject lot have structures of equal or greater type which do not meet front setback requirements (the hierarchy of structures from greater to lesser is house > garage > shed. *If a lesser structure is contained within a greater structure, then it shall all be considered as the greater structure*)
- 3) The proposed structure for which the special exception is being sought shall be ~~no closer at the average distance from to~~ the centerline of road right-of-way ~~than any of~~ all structures of equal or greater type used in the comparison in paragraph (2) above;
- 4) The proposed structure shall be no closer than 10’ to the right-of-way line of the road and;
- 5) The portion of the proposed structure encroaching on the front setback shall be no higher than 25’.

Article 6: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 5, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 5

Amend Article III – Special Exceptions – by adding Section 3.50(l) to allow more flexibility in shifting an existing non-conforming footprint into an area of a lot that is more conforming while maintaining certain minimums to protect water bodies and neighboring properties.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows

3.50(l). *The ZBA shall allow any legal structure, whether a pre-existing, non-conforming structure or a structure approved by prior variance or special exception, which presently is non-conforming to one or more dimensional setbacks to be relocated, reconstructed, modified or replaced by a new structure having the same purpose and use, provided that:*

- i) *The proposed structure’s non-conformity shall be lessened as determined by its location further from one or more property boundaries, or the water body, from which the dimensional setback the structure is non-conforming to is established; and*
- ii) *The proposed structure’s non-conformity shall not be increased as determined by its location closer to one or more property boundaries, or the water body reference line, from which the dimensional setback the structure is non-conforming to is established; and*

- iii) *The proposed structure is no higher than the greater 25' from the finished grade at its highest point within any setback or the maximum structure height applicable to the existing structure that may have been permitted by a prior Special Exception or Variance approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and*
- iv) *The proposed structure is of the same or less horizontal square footage as the existing structure; and*
- v) *If the proposed structure is (a) in a water body setback and (b) widened relative to the existing structure on the side most closely parallel to the shoreline, the area directly behind and between it and the buildable area of the property is of no greater square footage than the comparable area associated with the existing structure; and*
- vi) *If the proposed structure is non-conforming to a water body setback, it is at least 25' from the water body at all points where the structure is proposed; and*
- vii) *A drainage and erosion control plan is prepared by a licensed professional engineer as part of the application; and*
- viii) *Approval of a special exception under this provision is contingent upon receipt of an approved Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (SWQPA) permit, and*
- ix) *Approval of a special exception under this provision is contingent upon receipt of all state and local permits to ensure compliance with Article VII of the Ordinance.*

Article 7: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 6, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 6

Amend Article IV, Section 4.33(B)(8)(b)(I) – Cutting and Removal of Natural Vegetation within the Natural Woodland Buffer - to create a cutting/clearing standard for landowners who phase their project over several years. This addition will set a limit on the number of trees over a longer period of time to allow for re-growth.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

I. A cutting and clearing plan shall be subject to the approval of the Planning Board for the following:

(1) Cutting within the Natural Woodland Buffer of more than five (5) trees *in any 12-month period or ten (10) trees in any 5-year period* having a diameter of six (6) inches or more at a point 4.5 feet above the existing ground ~~in any 12-month period~~. Trees that are determined by an arborist, forester, or Selectman's agent to be dead, diseased, or dying are exempt from this requirement provided that this determination is filed with the Selectmen's agent, *or*

(2) Removal of large areas of vegetation (over one thousand [1000] square feet) within the Natural Woodland buffer in any calendar year *or over 2000 square feet in a 5-year period.*

Article 8: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 7, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 7

Amend Article IV, Sections 4.10 – Permitted Uses and create Section 4.95 – Short Term Rentals, Article VIII, Section 8.21 – Certificate of Zoning Ordinance Compliance-Permit and Amend Article XI – Definitions to provide definition of short-term rentals, new definitions for Owner-in-residence, Bed & Breakfasts, Inns, and Hotel/Motels. Further provide standards that short-term rentals must follow and limit which districts certain types of short-term rentals will be allowed to operate.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

Article IV, Section 4.10

Remove Lodging and Boarding and Tourist Homes from use list.

Add Short-Term Rentals Owner-in-Residence (STR-OIR) as permitted uses in all districts.

Add Short-Term Rentals Owner-Not-in-Residence (STR-ONIR) as permitted uses in only the Mixed-Use (I,II,III), Village-Commercial, Village-Residential, and Residential Districts. These will be permitted only by Special Exception in the Rural-Residential District and prohibited in the Rural Lands District.

Article IV, Section 4.95 – Short-Term Rentals

For the purposes of this section Short-term rentals shall include any single-family residence, two-family residence, or single-family residence with an additional room for rent. It shall not include bed & breakfasts, inns, or hotel/motels.

1). Short-term rentals shall meet the following standards:

Short-Term Rentals Owner-in-Residence (STR-OIR) are allowed in all zoning districts. Short-Term Rentals Owner-Not-in-Residence (STR-ONIR) are allowed in all the Mixed-Use Districts, Village-Commercial, Village-Residential, and Residential District. They are permitted only by Special Exception in the Rural-Residential District and prohibited in the Rural Lands District.

2). Occupancy shall be limited to two persons per approved bedroom plus one additional person per unit.

3). The number of bedrooms used at the property must conform to the permit requirements from either the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Water Division Subsurface Systems Bureau (property on a septic system) or the Sunapee Water and Sewer Department (property on municipal sewer).

4). Short-term rentals of single-family dwellings in their entirety (STR-ONIR) do not require Site Plan Review.

5). Short-term rentals with owners in residence (STR-OIR) do not require Site Plan Review.

6). Short-term rentals with owners not in residence (STR-ONIR) in either a single-family dwelling with an additional room for rent or a two-family dwelling requires Site Plan Review.

7). *Short-term rentals that require site plan review may apply via the Home Business requirements (Article V, Section D) in the Site Plan Review regulations.*

8). *Parking shall be 1 space/bedroom and a parking plan shall be submitted for review and approval.*

9). *The exterior of the property must maintain residential character.*

10). *Short-term rentals must comply with any registration process set forth by the Board of Selectmen.*

11). *A travel trailer, boat, or other mobile enclosure may not be used as a short-term rental.*

12). *Outside trash receptacles must be screened and meet the building setbacks in the district in which they are located.*

Article VIII, Section 8.21 - Certificate of Zoning Ordinance Compliance - Permit

8.21 ~~Certificate Required If~~ *The following actions require a Certificate of Zoning Ordinance Compliance:*

- (a) A new structure is to be constructed or installed;
- (b) An existing structure is to undergo expansion;
- (c) Additional dwelling units are to be added to the existing structure;
- (d) Any municipal structure is to be constructed or undergo expansion;
- (e) A bedroom or kitchen is to be added to an existing structure;
- (f) A structure is to be demolished;
- (g) A Site Plan Review approval has been granted by the Planning Board;
- (h) Interior renovations in excess of \$25,000 not included in (a)-(g) above (no fee will be required for a permit under this subsection)
- (i) *A property is used as a Short-term Rental.*

Article XI – Definitions

New Definitions:

Short-Term Rental – Owner not in Residence (STR-ONIR) - *A one or two-family dwelling where transient accommodations are provided for any periods less than 30 days. The landowner does not need to be in residence. Short term rentals of this type shall not include Hotels/Motels, Bed & Breakfasts or Inns as these are separately defined.*

Short-Term Rental - Owner-in-Residence (STR-OIR) – *A portion of a dwelling unit or second dwelling unit where transient accommodations are provided for any periods less than 30 days. The landowner must be in residence during the period of any rental.*

Amended Definitions:

Bed & Breakfast, Tourist Homes, & Inns, Lodging and Boarding – *An owner-occupied single-family dwelling in which ~~no more than ten (10)~~ between two (2) and six (6) additional rooms are used to provide transient sleeping accommodations and the landowner is in residence during the operation of the bed & breakfast., ~~with meals served to guests only.~~ Breakfast may be served to lodging guests only.*

***Inns** – A single-family dwelling in which between two (2) and ten (10) additional rooms are used to provide transient sleeping accommodations. The landowner does not need to be in residence, but a duly designated operator must be on site during the operation of the inn. Inns may hold special functions such as weddings, meetings, or other gatherings. Meals may be served to lodging guests or guests at special functions.*

***Hotel & Motel** – A commercial building or group of buildings providing sleeping accommodations for persons on a transient basis. A property will be considered a hotel/motel if it has three (3) or more units and does not meet the definition of a bed & breakfast or inn. Hotel/motel units may not be dwelling units per the definition in this ordinance.*

Article 9: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 8, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 8

Amend Article IV, Section 4.90 A & B - to add language to the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) section to reflect correct state statute reference along with updated reasons for allowing ADUs.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

- A. **Authority.** This article is adopted to ~~RSA 674:21~~ RSA 674:71 - 674:73 and is intended as an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) provision.
- B. The purpose of the ADU is to provide societal benefits for aging homeowners, ~~recent college graduates, and care givers, disabled persons, etc~~ along with increased access to affordable housing or long-term renters.
- C. **General Requirements**
 - 1. An ADU will be permitted in all districts by Special Exception. The special exception will be based on items 2-9 in this section and not on the requirements found in Section 4.15 (Amended 3/10/2020).
 - 2. Only one (1) ADU is allowed per single family dwelling unit.
 - 3. Owner occupancy is required in the main unit or ADU.
 - 4. The ADU cannot be larger than 1000 square feet. It must be within or attached with heated space to the single-family dwelling and there must be a connecting door between units.
 - 5. Setback dimensions for the ADU must meet the same guidelines as the single-family unit.
 - 6. The ADU addition must comply with existing lot coverage standards as specified elsewhere in this Ordinance.
 - 7. There shall not be more than 2 bedrooms in the ADU.
 - 8. Septic designs and sewer hookups shall accommodate the number of bedrooms as required by Article VII of this ordinance.
 - 9. Proper off-street parking must be provided per section 3.40(e) of this Ordinance.

Article 10: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 9, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 9

Amend Article VI, Section 6.12 - Non-Conforming Structures - Reconstruction & Article XI - Definitions - to clarify that any reconstruction of a building envelope must be in the same horizontal footprint as the previous structure.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

6.12 **Reconstruction.** A pre-existing, non-conforming structure existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance (March 18, 1987) may be replaced in the same or smaller envelope by a new structure having the same purpose and use provided that the non-conformity to this Ordinance is not increased thereby *and the new structure stays within the horizontal footprint of the existing structure.* The reconstruction or relocation of any other non-conforming structure requires a variance or special exception from the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The replacement of a non-conforming structure with a structure that increases the non-conformity to this Ordinance, either vertically or horizontally, shall only be permitted by variance, or if permitted hereby, by Special Exception.

Article XI - Definitions (add)

Horizontal Footprint - The exact horizontal location on the ground of an existing structure.

Article 11: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 10, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 10

Amend Article X, Section 10.50 - Decision - to update the rules for Zoning Board of Adjustment decisions including extending time for issuing decisions and clarifying methods of noticing decisions.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

10.50 Decision

~~Within thirty (30) days~~ *forty-five (45) days* after the public hearing, the Board shall issue its decision per RSA 676:7, II. The concurring vote of three (3) members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment shall be needed to ~~reverse an action of an administrative official or decide in favor of an applicant in any matter before it~~ *take any action (RSA 674:33, III).* The Board shall make a final written decision relative to an application or appeal, *which shall include findings of fact that support the decision.* The decision shall be filed in the Town Office within ~~seventy-two (72) hours~~ *five business days* after the decision has been made. If the appeal is approved, the decision shall ~~state the conditions of the special exception or variance were found to exist and shall indicate~~ *include* any conditions attached to the approval. If the appeal is denied, all reasons for denial shall be indicated in the denial letter and on the record.

Article 12: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 11, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 11

Amend Article XI - Definitions - Maximum Structure Height - to confirm that height is measured from the finished grade at a point 15' away from the structure to the highest level of the roof.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

Maximum Structure Height - The vertical distance measured from the lowest ~~ground elevation around the~~ *finished grade 15' away from the* structure to the highest level of the roof (excluding cupolas, weathervanes, *chimneys, antennae, etc...*)

Article 13: Shall the town vote for the adoption of Amendment No. 12, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amendment No. 12

Amend Article XI - Definitions - to change the requirement that retail sales in a home business are limited to antiques by allowing products that are associated with an approved service.

Full Text of the amended section will be as follows:

Home Business - Any business that is conducted within the home, by the inhabitants of the home and no more than three non-resident employees. The home business shall meet all of the requirements of the Site Plan Review Regulations. If the home business ~~is for retail purposes~~ *has retail items for sale*, it shall be limited to items which are made on the premises, antiques, *or associated with a service offered in the home business.*

The home business shall be subordinate and incidental to the primary residential use of the property and shall not change the residential character of the dwelling or neighborhood. The home business shall not generate noise, odor, traffic, or any other negative influences on the community or neighboring properties.

Article 14: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$2,148,000 for first phase of the engineering, design, construction and installation of new water mains at five Route 11 crossings and on Lower Main Street, High Street, Central Street and Route 103B, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$2,148,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with RSA 33, the Municipal Finance Act and authorizing the Sunapee Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate said bonds or notes and to fix the date, maturities, denominations, interest rate and other details of said bonds or notes: and to authorize the Sunapee Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend any grant funds that are available for such purpose? (3/5 majority vote required) Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Without impairing the general obligation of the Town to repay such bonds, the Sunapee Water and Sewer Commission will collect through water bond fees any amounts necessary to support repayment of 100% of the project cost.

This warrant Article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 15: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

Article 16: Shall the Town raise and appropriate, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$9,545,063.00? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,997,272.00, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. ***The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.***

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.40) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 17: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,378.00 to change the part-time position of fire chief to full-time. This sum covers nine months of wages and benefits. If approved, it is intended that this position will remain as part of the operating and default budgets in the future. ***The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.***

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.04) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 18: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$192,594.00 to expand the per-diem staffing of the Fire Department from 8-hour weekday positions up to 24-hour, 7 day per week coverage. This sum covers nine months of wages, and these positions will continue to be part-time, non-benefitted. If approved, it is intended that these positions will remain as part of the operating and default budgets in the future. ***The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.***

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.13) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 19: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$38,711.00 to make the current part-time Recreation Director a full-time, fully benefited position? The current budgeted hours provide 30 hours a week. This will bring the position to 40 hours a week. This sum covers 9 months of wages and benefits. If approved, it is intended that this funding will remain a part of the operating and default budget for the future. ***The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.***

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.03) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 20: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$115,000.00 to be added to the Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$699,721.59 in said reserve fund.) ***The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.***

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.08) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 21: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$135,000.00 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$121,162.26 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.09) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 22: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund? (There is currently \$66,415.26 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.02) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 23: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$106,890.02 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.01) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 24: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be added to the Highway Garage Infrastructure Improvements Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$98,427.56 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.03) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 25: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be added to the Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$77,122.57 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.07) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 26: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000.00 to be added to the Dirt Roads Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$91,123.45 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.02) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 27: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,800.00 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2022, Unassigned Fund Balance? (There is currently \$69,239.83 in said trust fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 28: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be placed on the Conservation Commission Fund previously established, to be used for conservation purposes in accordance with RSA 36-A? (There is currently \$130,806.00 in said fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.001) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 29: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be placed in the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$10,553.89 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.003) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 30: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$50,000.00 to be placed in the Veteran's Field Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (There is currently \$18,174.23 in said reserve fund.) *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (estimated impact \$0.03) and is included in the estimated 2023 tax rate of \$3.44.

Article 31: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$220,000 to purchase and equip a new dump/plow truck for the Highway Department, authorize the withdrawal of up to \$220,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose, and authorize the sale or trade-in of the existing dump/plow truck (H6), with proceeds from the trade-in or sale to be used to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article is contingent upon the passing of warrant article 21 the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 32: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$70,000 to purchase and equip a new truck for the Water & Sewer Department, authorize the withdrawal of up to \$70,000 from the Water & Sewer Department Replacement Fund previously established for such purposes, and authorize the sale or trade-in of the existing 2005 Chevrolet Panel Truck (W3), with proceeds from the trade-in or sale to be used to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 33: Shall the Town raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$45,000 to fund the replacement of the manhole at the Garnet Hill/Stone End Road Intersection, and to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the Collection System Replacement Fund previously established for such purposes? *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.*

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 34: Shall the Town vote to modify the elderly exemption from property tax in the Town of Sunapee under RSA 72:39-a, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years \$50,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 \$70,000; for a person 80 years of age or older \$90,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 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 for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$34,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$41,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 35: Shall the Town vote to modify the Blind Exemption amount, previously adopted in 1987 as per RSA 72:37 of the amount of \$15,000.00. It is proposed to increase this exemption amount to \$23,000.00. This exemption provides that every inhabitant who is legally blind shall be exempt each year from the property tax on a residence to the value of \$23,000.00. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

This warrant article does affect the tax rate (dependent on the number of eligible residents).

Article 36: Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted (2006), for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500.00 per year. This readoption includes the expansion of the eligibility requirements of the Optional Veterans' Credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year.

Article 36 a: Shall the Town vote to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, for the All-Veterans' Tax Credit, at \$500.00 per year. This readoption includes the expansion of the eligibility requirements of the All-Veterans' tax credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax.

Article 37: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the **Trustees of Trust Funds Sugar River Account created in 2018**; said funds with any accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund? **2022 Sugar River Account with \$33.00.** *The Board of Selectmen recommend this decision.*

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 38: Shall the Town vote to discontinue the **New Library Building Fund created in 2012**; said funds with any accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's General Fund? **09/30/2022 TD Bank Account with \$0.08. The Board of Selectmen recommend this decision.**

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 39: Shall the Town vote to start the process to select a municipal flag to be flown over public buildings and recreational areas in town, beginning with an open call for public submissions for said municipal flag, and then establishing a Town of Sunapee Flag Design Committee which would convene to select finalists to be voted upon by residents of the Town of Sunapee?

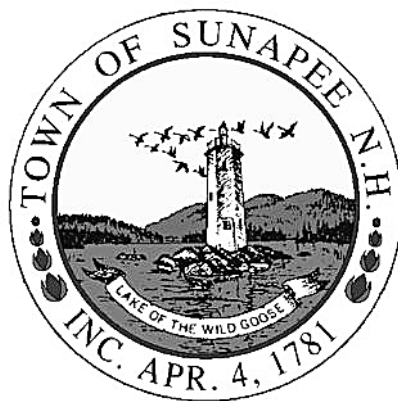
This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 40: Shall the Town vote to convey the 2.5% fractional ownership interest in property on Oak Ridge Road - Parcel ID 0103-0024-000, bequeathed to the Town of Sunapee F.A.S.T. Squad by Donald R. Osgood, to Janet McAlister of Sunapee, New Hampshire on such terms and conditions as the selectmen may deem appropriate?

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.

Article 41: Shall the town remove land on which the Wastewater Treatment Plant is located, and land needed for expansion of the plant, from the town forest? The land to be removed is a portion of the parcel previously known as the Barrett Lot, Map 5, Lot 22. It is anticipated that approximately 24 acres of the 41-acre parcel would be removed. Removal is contingent on the town forest being surveyed and exact boundaries being agreed upon by the Conservation Commission and the Water and Sewer Commission.

This warrant article does not affect the tax rate.



2023 TOWN WARRANT ARTICLES SUMMARY

2023 Town Warrant Articles Summary					
Article	Description	Amount	New Tax dollars raised in 2023	Revenue Offset/No increase to tax rate	Tax Rate Impact
	Budget Authorization				
	Fire Department Restructure: hiring full-time Fire Chief (Year 1 = \$59,378, thereafter = \$79,170)	\$ 59,378.00	\$ 59,378.00		\$ 0.04
	Fire Department Restructure: increasing Per Diem shifts (Year 1 = \$192,594, thereafter = \$255,202)	\$ 192,594.00	\$ 192,594.00		\$ 0.13
	Add to Fire Apparatus & Equipment	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00		\$ 0.08
	Add to Highway & Transfer Station	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 135,000.00		\$ 0.09
	Add to Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 0.02
	Add to Town Buildings Maintenance	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 0.01
	Add to Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00		\$ 0.07
	Add to Highway Garage Infrastructure	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 0.03
	Add to Dirt Roads Paving Capital Reserve	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00		\$ 0.02
	Add to Cemetery Trust from Fund Balance	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -	\$ 3,800.00	\$ -
	Add to Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 0.003
	Conservation Fund	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 0.001
	Hire Full-Time Recreation Director	\$ 38,711.00	\$ 38,711.00		\$ 0.03
	Add to Recreation Trust Fund-Veteran's Field	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 0.03
	Elderly Tax Reduction		\$ -		
	All-Veterans' Tax Credit		\$ -		
	Blind Exemption Tax		\$ -		
	Purchase Dump/Plow Truck from Highway	\$ 220,000.00		\$ 220,000.00	
	Discontinue the Trustees of Trust Funds Sugar River Account created in 2018		\$ -		
	Discontinue the New Library Building Fund at TD Bank Account created in 2012		\$ -		
	Selection of municipal flag		\$ -		
	Relinquish 2.5% fractional ownership interest in property on Oak Ridge Road		\$ -		
	Remove land from Town Forest		\$ -		
	TOTALS:	1,040,983.00	817,183.00	\$ 223,800.00	\$ 0.55

\$408,350 new tax dollars raised in 2008	\$250,000 new tax dollars raised in 2016
\$407,300 new tax dollars raised in 2009	\$485,000 new tax dollars raised in 2017
\$348,152 new tax dollars raised in 2010	\$600,000 new tax dollars raised in 2018
\$358,300 new tax dollars raised in 2011	\$446,520 new tax dollars raised in 2019
\$335,300 new tax dollars raised in 2012	\$484,200 new tax dollars raised in 2020
\$607,300 new tax dollars raised in 2013	\$522,299 new tax dollars raised in 2021
\$370,000 new tax dollars raised in 2014	\$445,000 new tax dollars raised in 2022
\$105,000 new tax dollars raised in 2015	\$817,183 new tax dollars raised in 2023

2023 TAX RATE ESTIMATED COMPUTATION

Using 2022 Value of Property for Calculation

	<u>2022 TOWN PORTION</u>	
Appropriations	\$	9,661,725
Less: Revenues	\$	- 4,241,064
Less: Fund Balance Surplus voted	\$	- 84,300
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Tax	\$	- 500,000
Add: Overlay	\$	47,774
Add: War Service Credits	\$	72,000
Net Town Appropriation		\$4,957,635

2022 Town Tax Rate **\$3.35**

Net Assessed Valuation 2024	
All Other Tax (Grand List)	\$ 1,481,025,412

AS PROPOSED

	<u>2023 ESTIMATED TOWN PORTION</u>	
Appropriations	\$	9,545,063
Less: Revenues	\$	- 4,528,868
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Tax	\$	- 850,000
Add: Warrant Article w/o revenue	\$	817,183
Add: Overlay	\$	30,000
Add: War Service Credits	\$	85,000
Net Town Appropriation		\$5,098,378

2023 Estimated Town Tax Rate **\$3.44**

Rate increase \$.09 using 2022 property Values.
 This is only operating budget, using \$850,000 of fund balance to reduce taxes. Totals do not include any new assessed valuation for 2023.

2022 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Total Appropriation	\$	9,661,725	
Less: Net Revenues (Not Including Fund Balance)			
	\$	(4,241,064)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus	\$	(84,300)	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$	(500,000)	
Add: War Service Credits	\$	73,500	
Add: Actual Overlay Used	\$	47,774	
Net Required Local Tax Effort		\$ 4,957,635	
<i>Town Tax Rate</i>			\$ 3.35

COUNTY APPORTIONMENT

Net County Apportionment		\$4,276,301	
Net Required County Tax Effort		\$ 4,276,301	
<i>County Tax Rate</i>			\$ 2.89

EDUCATION

Net Local School Appropriations		\$11,458,728	
Less: Net Education Grant		\$0.00	
Less: Locally Retained State Education Tax		\$(1,812,575)	
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$ 9,646,153	
<i>School Tax Rate</i>			\$ 6.51
State Education Tax		\$1,812,575	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort		\$ 1,812,575	
<i>State School Tax Rate</i>			\$ 1.24
<i>Total Tax Rate</i>			\$ 13.99

VALUATION

	Current Year	Prior Year
Total Assessment Valuation with Utilities	\$1,481,348,412	\$1,472,667,842
Total Assessment Valuation without Utilities	\$1,456,025,412	\$1,443,281,042

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY (MS-1)

Value of Land Only:

Current Use	\$	463,012
Residential	\$	715,414,700
Commercial / Industrial	\$	14,870,300
Total Taxable Land:	\$	730,748,012

Value of Buildings Only:

Residential	\$	693,535,800
Manufactured Housing	\$	1,637,700
Commercial / Industrial	\$	31,910,300
Total Taxable Buildings:	\$	727,083,800

Public Utilities: \$ 25,323,000

Valuation before Exemptions: \$ 1,483,154,812

Exemptions:

Improvements to Assist Persons with Disabilities	\$	1,696,400
Blind Exemptions	\$	0
Elderly Exemptions	\$	110,000
Total Amount of Exemptions:	\$	1,806,400

***Net Valuation on which the Tax Rate for Municipal,
County and Local Education is Computed*** \$ 1,481,348,412

***Net Valuation without utilities on which Tax Rate for State
Education Tax is computed*** \$ 1,456,025,412

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The independent auditor's report was unavailable by the printing deadline, however will be made available on the Town's website as soon as it is available. Auditor's reports from 2019-2021 are available on the Town's website.

<https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/finance/pages/audits>

TOWN OF SUNAPEE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES 2022 (unaudited)

	2020 Voted	2021 Voted	2022 Voted	2022 YTD (not all invoices received)	2023 Request	2023 Default	\$ of change/ 2022	% of change/ 2022	% of overall budget
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
Executive	332,502	355,055	325,455	326,452	335,473	330,107	10,018	3.08%	4.57%
Town Clerk, Election & Reg.	235,986	243,422	280,570	268,618	245,592	287,714	-34,978	-12.47%	3.34%
Financial Administration	228,848	243,964	357,040	429,500	508,385	361,822	151,345	42.39%	6.92%
Revaluation of Property	116,644	102,000	101,301	73,043	105,000	103,809	3,699	3.65%	1.43%
Legal Expense	18,000	18,000	18,000	57,781	20,000	18,000	2,000	11.11%	0.27%
Personnel Administrative	1,000	1,000	1,000	7,710	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	0.01%
Planning and Zoning	57,839	56,074	290,399	188,099	379,758	293,688	89,359	30.77%	5.17%
General Government Buildings	262,206	274,624	313,904	295,609	391,308	321,360	77,405	24.66%	5.33%
Cemeteries	13,636	13,647	14,393	11,040	15,876	14,458	1,483	10.31%	0.22%
Insurance	8,068	8,068	8,068	6,983	12,473	8,794	4,405	54.60%	0.17%
Advertising and Regional	28,544	14,390	13,890	12,490	14,770	13,891	880	6.33%	0.20%
Other General Government	31,128	31,520	31,968	43,156	31,979	31,968	11	0.03%	0.44%
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	1,334,401	1,361,764	1,755,987	1,720,481	2,061,613	1,786,612	305,626	17.40%	28.07%
Police	886,577	918,523	977,826	959,468	1,041,333	988,827	63,507	6.49%	14.18%
Ambulance	61,886	61,886	64,980	63,743	66,300	64,980	1,320	2.03%	0.90%
Fire	386,953	419,373	521,049	455,186	549,079	522,174	28,030	5.38%	7.48%
Emergency Management	200	200	500	309	500	500	0	0.00%	0.01%
Other									
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	1,335,616	1,399,982	1,564,355	1,478,706	1,657,212	1,576,481	92,858	5.94%	22.56%
Highway	1,750,762	1,817,923	1,948,883	1,807,472	2,060,071	1,974,950	111,188	5.71%	28.05%
Street Lights	16,800	16,800	15,000	9,527	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%	0.20%
Transfer Station	557,178	625,756	640,288	540,408	595,854	651,484	-44,434	-6.94%	8.11%
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	2,324,740	2,460,479	2,604,171	2,357,407	2,670,925	2,641,434	66,754	2.56%	36.36%

TOWN OF SUNAPEE

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES 2022 (unaudited)

		2020	2021	2022	2022	2023
		Per 434R	Per 434R	Per 434R	YTD Unaudited	Projected
	TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Tax		14,000	48,000	97,918	21,000
3185	Timber Tax		4,000	2,000	1,027	2,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes					
3189	Other Taxes					
3190	Interest & penalties on delinquent taxes	50,000	33,000	40,000	34,922	41,000
3187	Excavation Tax		350		-	120
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licenses and permits	500	780	1,280	1,587	850
3220	Motor vehicle permit fees	825,000	1,085,000	1,067,000	1,080,844	1,000,000
3230	Building Permits	35,000	45,400	46,200	69,203	42,200
3290	Other licenses, permits and fees	26,000	24,800	18,800	21,994	23,200
	FROM STATE					
3351	Shared revenues	35,099	-	-	-	12,000
3352	Meals and room tax distribution	176,553	257,424	294,330	294,330	240,000
3353	Highway block grant	122,921	120,131	122,420	121,944	122,000
3354	Water pollution grant	7,508	7,508	7,508	14,856	7,500
3359	Other	21,956	21,967	31,603	4,000	25,000
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS	119,376	109,054	110,000	129,809	113,000
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from departments	100,000	135,000	130,000	124,026	122,000
3409	Other charges	2,000	2,450	6,200	7,050	3,500

BALANCE SHEET—UNAUDITED

ASSETS AS OF 12/31/22

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	\$7,918,202
Hydro Electric Fund	\$575,704
Water Dept. Funds	\$940,573
Sewer Dept. Funds	\$2,709,306
Misc. Other Funds	<u>\$411,850</u>

Funds in Custody of Treasurer: \$12,555,635

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Property Tax Receivable	\$958,725
Due from Other Fund	\$1,718,413
Due from State of New Hampshire	\$294,330
Due from Trustees	\$6,284
Due from Hydro Fund - Operating Expenses	\$4,476
Due from Special Recreation	\$103,713
Due from Water & Sewer	\$79,549
Due from School	\$7,780
Due from Library	\$0
Water & Sewer Receivables	<u>\$196,198</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,369,468

TOTAL ASSETS/GRAND TOTAL: **\$15,925,103**

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE AS OF 12/31/21

Trade payables	\$172,791
Payroll items payable	\$118,782
Prepaid taxes	\$161,652
Land Disturbance Bonds	\$111,855
Due to School	\$5,443,525
ARPA funds received	\$292,735
Funds held in escrow	\$244,192
Cash held for other funds	<u>\$3,423,017</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$9,968,549

FUND BALANCE

Restricted for food pantry	\$3,676
Reserve for encumbrances	\$207,745
Unassigned fund balance	<u>\$5,745,133</u>
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$5,956,554

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE: **\$15,925,103**

LONG TERM DEBT

ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM NOTES AND BONDS

GENERAL OBLIGATION Debt Payable:	ORIGINAL AMOUNT	ISSUE DATE	MATURITY DATE	INTEREST RATE	OUTSTANDING Dec 31, 2022
Water Filtration Bond	\$2,083,400.00	1997	2027	5.0	\$462,000.00
New Abbott Library	\$975,000.00	2015	2033	2.76	\$585,000.00
Lake Avenue Perkins Pond Sewer WWTP Upgrade Project	\$504,241.00	2013	2024	4.25	\$54,241.37
	\$1,585,000.00	2015	2042	2.5	\$1,068,525.00
	\$1,467,585.00	2016	2042	3.5	\$1,174,400.00
UV System	\$236,000.00	2022	2041	1.256	\$227,577.16

The annual requirements to amortize all general obligation debt outstanding as of December 31, 2021, including interest payments, are as follows:

Future Debt Service	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$282,655	\$116,982	\$399,637
2024	\$257,106	\$105,335	\$362,440
2025	\$255,900	\$94,165	\$350,065
2026	\$265,138	\$84,865	\$350,003
2027-2042	<u>\$2,510,945</u>	<u>\$585,979</u>	<u>\$3,096,924</u>
	<u>\$3,571,744</u>	<u>\$987,326</u>	<u>\$4,559,069</u>

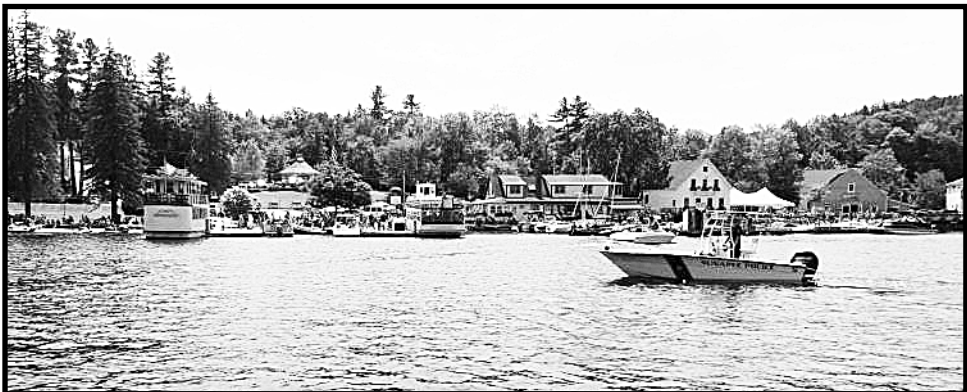


TREASURER'S COMPARATIVE BALANCES		
Institution	Balance Per Bank 12/31/2021	Balance Per Bank 12/31/2022
<i>Town of Sunapee Accounts</i>		
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust		
General Fund	\$7,322,270.18	\$8,503,515.04
Payroll Account	\$10,816.48	\$25,521.83
Conservation Commission Fund	\$99,140.87	\$130,806.00
Coffin Memorial Park	\$256.11	\$256.13
Sunapee Center Association	-	-
Total Funds Bar Harbor Bank & Trust	\$7,432,483.64	\$8,660,099.00
Sugar River Bank		
Hydro Fund	\$881,284.11	\$575,704.30
Recreation Special Revenue Fund	\$221,507.08	\$223,375.78
Special Detail Fund	\$2,627.80	\$-
Bartlett Tyler Fund	\$28,626.81	\$28,669.76
Dewey Woods Commission	\$1,614.81	\$1,618.85
Town Forest Fund	\$22,909.81	\$17,262.79
Bandstand Account	\$-	\$ -
Harbour Ridge Property	\$-	\$ -
Drug Forfeiture	\$-	\$ -
Total Fund Sugar River Bank	\$1,158,570.42	\$846,631.48
TOTAL TOWN OF SUNAPEE ACCOUNTS	\$8,591,054.06	\$9,506,730.48

TREASURER'S COMPARATIVE BALANCES		
Institution	Balance Per Bank 12/31/2021	Balance Per Bank 12/31/2022
<i>Water & Sewer Accounts</i>		
WATER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS		
Sugar River Bank		
Water Department General Fund	\$481,865.59	\$436,265.77
Water Dept. Replacement Fund	\$378,437.86	\$450,528.00
Water Capital Improvement Fund	\$55,577.38	\$58,391.05
Total Water Fund Sugar River Bank	\$915,880.83	\$945,184.82
SEWER DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS		
Sugar River Bank		
Sewer Department General Fund	\$864,942.26	\$972,842.36
Sewer Dept. Replacement Fund	\$876,408.59	\$960,391.28
Sewer Capital Improvement Fund	\$560,087.90	\$587,859.92
Total Sewer Fund Sugar River Bank	\$2,301,438.75	\$2,521,093.56
TOTAL WATER & SEWER ACCOUNTS	\$3,217,319.58	\$3,466,278.38

TOWN CLERK REMITTANCES TO TREASURER 2022

Auto Registrations:		\$ 1,080,746.20
Boat Registrations:		\$ 14,347.72
Dog Licenses:		
	Town of Sunapee	\$ 3,320.50
	State of NH	\$ 357.50
	Dept. of Agriculture	\$ 1,196.00
Municipal Agent	State of NH	\$346,768.81
Vital Statistics:		
	State of NH	\$2,851.00
ATV / Snowmobile:		
	State of NH	\$ 13,034.00
Clerk Fees:		
	ATV / Snowmobile	\$ 540.00
	UCC Filings	\$ 1,587.00
	Wetland's Applications	\$ 8.50
	Vital Statistics	\$ 1,639.00
	Return Check Fees	\$ 25.00
	Disk Sales / Copies	\$ 101.25
Total Remittances:		\$ 1,466,522.48



SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

PARCEL ID#	LOCATION	USE	ACRES	VALUE
Municipal Buildings and Land				
0106-0064-0000	807 Jobs Creek Rd	Georges Mills Fire Station	0.24	\$ 195,200
0129-0036-0000	9 Sargent Rd	Safety Services Building	6.10	\$ 2,751,300
0129-0043-0012	11 Soonipi Circle	New Abbott Library	2.78	\$ 1,923,600
0132-0001-0000	23 Edgemont Rd	Town Hall & Coffin Park	3.40	\$ 469,300
0218-0074-0000	89 Avery Rd	Transfer Station	20.94	\$ 332,400
0218-0077-0000	Avery Rd	Transfer Station	14.50	\$ 66,000
0218-0082-0001	621 Route 11	Highway Dept Buildings	7.56	\$ 856,400
0218-0083-0000	Route 11	Asphalt Crushing Lot	4.20	\$ 62,900
Municipal Buildings and Land Sub-Total				\$ 6,657,100
Beaches, Parks, Commons & Playgrounds				
0106-0019-0000	18 Cooper St	Georges Mills Beach	0.61	\$ 1,337,900
0123-0021-0000	706 Route 11	Dewey Field	79.00	\$ 258,700
0125-0025-0000	158 Garnet St	Dewey Beach	1.20	\$ 1,805,300
0132-0003-0000	Edgemont Rd	Ski Tow Hill	10.00	\$ 10,700
0133-0003-0000	Edgemont Rd	Ski Tow Hill	10.40	\$ 79,000
0133-0012-0000	River Rd	Coffin Park Land	0.81	\$ 71,900
0133-0013-0000	38 Main St	Hames Park	0.38	\$ 49,400
0133-0033-0000	Main St	Parking Lot	0.05	\$ 263,400
0133-0036-0000	1 Lake Ave	Parking & Public Restrooms	1.00	\$ 1,697,200
0133-0084-0000	Burkehaven Hill Rd	Ben Mere Park / Bandstand	3.60	\$ 246,600
Beaches, Parks, Commons & Playgrounds Sub-Total				\$ 5,820,100
Water & Sewer Plants & Facilities				
0104-0012-0000	24 Pleasant St	Public Water Supply Building	10.70	\$ 163,900
0120-0022-0000	24 Fernwood Point	Pump Station	0.34	\$ 480,100
0121-0001-0000	83 Woodland Rd	Pump Station	0.37	\$ 117,400
0123-0020-0000	112 Granliden Rd	Pump Station	0.12	\$ 84,100
0125-0045-0000	161 Garnet St	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 98,600
0127-0022-0000	184 Lake Ave	Pump Station	0.07	\$ 112,500
0128-0024-0000	55 Garnet St	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 98,600
0128-0026-0000	91 Garnet St	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 98,600
0128-0071-0000	113 Lake Ave	Pump Station	0.04	\$ 95,800
0133-0077-0000	Harbor Hill Rd	Public Water Supply	5.19	\$ 2,177,500
0133-0090-0000	1 River Rd	Pump Station	0.54	\$ 180,600
0134-0031-0000	258 Lake Ave	Pump Station	0.05	\$ 97,200
0136-0035-0000	15 Birch Point Rd	Pump Station	0.05	\$ 97,200
0136-0049-0000	8 Birch Point Ln	Pump Station	0.93	\$ 139,400
0203-0008-0000	Prospect Hill Rd	Town Reservoir	2.05	\$ 427,400
0225-0057-0000	21 Post Office Rd	Pump Station	0.06	\$ 91,700
0225-0086-0000	50 Treatment Plant Rd	Water Treatment Facility	43.00	\$ 8,239,800
0225-0087-0000	Route 11	Water Treatment Facility	0.33	\$ 4,400
Water & Sewer Plants & Facilities Sub-Total				\$ 12,804,800
Hydroelectric Plant & Facilities				
0132-0049-0000	11/21 Edgemont Rd	Hydroelectric Plant & Info. Booth	0.67	\$ 1,809,900
0132-0050-0000	Edgemont Rd	Hydroelectric Station	0.29	\$ 5,200
Hydroelectric Plant & Facilities Sub-Total				\$ 1,815,100
Town Cemeteries				
0104-0005-0000	Route 11	Georges Mills Cemetery	0.36	\$ 24,900
0132-0045-0000	Lower Main St	Lower Village Cemetery	0.46	\$ 45,300
0210-0035-0000	North Rd	Eastman Cemetery	2.20	\$ 53,200
0210-0037-0000	North Rd	Eastman Cemetery	7.10	\$ 82,400
0231-0013-0000	Stagecoach Rd	Weigle Cemetery	0.43	\$ 5,300
0231-0015-0000	Stagecoach Rd	Dexters Cemetery	0.25	\$ 4,500
0231-0017-0000	Youngs Hill Rd	Crowther Chapel	0.98	\$ 59,500
Town Cemeteries Sub-Total				\$ 275,100

Schools, Land & Buildings			
0129-0022-0000	23 School St	Playground / Mobile Classroom	2.00 \$ 234,600
0129-0025-0000	22 School St	Elementary School	2.70 \$ 2,658,500
0129-0034-0000	Route 11	Sherburne Gym Parking	0.02 \$ 2,200
0130-0034-0000	10 North Rd	Middle / High School	34.10 \$ 6,205,300
0132-0038-0000	Lower Main St	Middle / High School	0.02 \$ 2,400
Conservation Lands & Town Forests			
0105-0021-0000	Keyes Rd	Conservation Land	1.10 \$ 251,400
0122-0031-0000	Jobs Creek Rd	Bartlett-Tyler Lot / Town Forest	47.00 \$ 597,700
0122-0032-0000	Jobs Creek Rd	Dewey Woods / Town Forest	2.80 \$ 57,800
0123-0001-0000	Route 11	Dewey Woods / Town Forest	9.20 \$ 71,700
0123-0003-0000	Route 11	Dewey Woods / Town Forest	5.90 \$ 60,000
0124-0011-0000	Ryder Corner Rd	Wendell Marsh	97.40 \$ 254,300
0125-0046-0000	Garnet St	Dewey Woods / Town Forest	0.73 \$ 120,800
0131-0011-0000	Route 11	Wendell Marsh	36.06 \$ 8,200
0131-0022-0000	West Court Rd	Wendell Marsh	0.55 \$ 6,100
0131-0023-0000	West Court Rd	Wendell Marsh	2.89 \$ 7,600
0206-0007-0000	Prospect Hill Rd	Ledge Pond Lot / Town Forest	89.10 \$ 475,000
0206-0008-0000	Ledge Pond	Conservation Land	4.58 \$ 260,100
0207-0020-0000	Ledge Pond	Conservation Land	0.21 \$ 33,100
0207-0027-0000	Ledge Pond	Conservation Land	0.88 \$ 31,400
0207-0028-0000	Ledge Pond	Conservation Land	8.76 \$ 35,800
0210-0003-0000	Trow Hill Rd	Flint Webb Lot / Town Forest	40.00 \$ 19,300
0224-0014-0000	Route 11	Wendell Marsh	143.40 \$ 71,900
0224-0015-0000	North Rd	Wendell Marsh	39.00 \$ 17,700
0225-0089-0000	Route 11	Wendell Marsh	11.80 \$ 9,400
Conservation Lands & Town Forests Sub-Total			\$ 2,389,300
Land & Buildings Acquired by Tax Deed			
0104-0079-0000	Otter Hill Rd		1.30 \$ 7,900
0115-0041-0000	22 North Shore Rd		0.72 \$ 83,500
0132-0031-0000	Winn Hill Rd		0.58 \$ 6,300
0148-0043-0000	Edgemont Rd		0.02 \$ 34,100
0218-0002-0000	Sargent Rd		0.21 \$ 6,000
0218-0048-0000	Apple Hill Rd		7.10 \$ 69,500
0218-0064-0000	Sargent Rd		5.00 \$ 65,500
0218-0065-0000	Sargent Rd		2.20 \$ 62,300
0235-0003-0000	Edgemont Rd		0.22 \$ 4,200
0239-0012-0000	Backland		0.69 \$ 4,700
Land & Buildings Acquired by Tax Deed Sub-Total			\$ 344,000
All Other Town Owned Properties			
0102-0001-0000	Backland	Off Interstate 89	0.74 \$ 5,700
0102-0003-0000	Interstate 89		10.4 \$ 44,300
0102-0004-0000	Interstate 89		5.00 \$ 7,500
0102-0005-0000	Backland	Off Interstate 89	3.40 \$ 7,000
0103-0031-0000	Route 11	Otter Pond Right of Way	0.09 \$ 54,700
0104-0049-0100	Springfield Rd	Springfield Road Right of Way	0.16 \$ 11,400
0104-0049-0200	Off Springfield Rd	Springfield Road Right of Way	0.05 \$ 7,800
0106-0040-0000	Jobs Creek Rd	Lake Sunapee Right of Way	0.10 \$ 120,200
0125-0054-0000	Route 11	Old Route 11 Right of Way	0.67 \$ 6,300
0129-0037-0000	Route 11	Sargent Road Right of Way	0.25 \$ 4,400
0129-0039-0000	Sargent Rd	Orchard Park Sub Open Space	4.80 \$ 0
0136-0063-0000	Birch Point Rd	Birch Point Subdivision Open Space	4.40 \$ 257,300
0140-0011-0000	Burkehaven Hill Rd	Burkehaven Hill Boat Ramp	0.01 \$ 102,800
0210-0009-0000	Fieldstone Drive	Fieldstone Subdivision Open Space	26.93 \$ 89,200
0238-0054-0000	Penacook Path	Penacook Woods Sub Open Space	1.70 \$ 46,500
0238-0055-0000	Penacook Path	Penacook Woods Sub Open Space	1.40 \$ 45,500
All Other Town Owned Properties Sub-Total			\$ 810,600
TOTALS:			901.87 \$ 40,019,100

TAX COLLECTOR (MS-61)



New Hampshire
Department of
Revenue Administration

MS-61

Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning and ending

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

Instructions

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- 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)



Debits						
Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)			
			Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019	
Property Taxes	3110		\$538,724.98			
Resident Taxes	3180					
Land Use Change Taxes	3120					
Yield Taxes	3185					
Excavation Tax	3187					
Other Taxes	3189					
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$41,430.44)				
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance						

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2021	
Property Taxes	3110	\$20,617,122.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$195,835.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$2,535.30		
Excavation Tax	3187	\$61.60		
Other Taxes	3189		\$45,588.19	

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	3110	\$30,200.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$5,623.16	\$15,793.38		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
Total Debits		\$20,809,946.62	\$600,106.55	\$0.00	\$0.00

FINANCIALS



Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	2021	Prior Levies	
			2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$19,872,323.79	\$486,343.91		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$195,835.00			
Yield Taxes	\$2,535.30			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$5,448.16	\$13,343.38		
Penalties	\$175.00	\$2,450.00		
Excavation Tax	\$61.60			
Other Taxes		\$39,660.76		
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$58,308.50		
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Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made				
Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	2021	Prior Levies	
			2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$68.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
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Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$773,585.02			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$40,085.25)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
Total Credits	\$20,809,946.62	\$600,106.55	\$0.00	\$0.00

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$733,499.77
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$76,419.02



Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$72,662.62	\$37,551.42
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$61,758.47		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$474.80	\$6,500.73	\$7,014.98
Total Debits	\$0.00	\$62,233.27	\$79,163.35	\$44,566.40

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Redemptions		\$10,835.23	\$46,107.09	\$28,498.06
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$474.80	\$6,500.73	\$7,014.98
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$497.45	\$562.30	\$9,053.36
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$50,425.79	\$25,993.23	
Total Credits	\$0.00	\$62,233.27	\$79,163.35	\$44,566.40

For DRA Use Only	
Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$733,499.77
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$76,419.02



SUNAPEE (435)

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

Joshua

Boone

Jan 3, 2023

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.

Digitally signed by Joshua P. Boone

Date: 2023.01.12 08:28:57 -05'00'

Preparer's Signature and Title

REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE-TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS - YEAR 2022										
NON-EXPENDABLE TRUSTS										
Year	Name of Trust	** Principal	** Income	Balance End of Year	Income Amount	Balance at End of Year	Withdrawals	Principal & Income End of Year	Invested in Certificate of Deposit	Remaining in Regular Savings
various	#1, Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$ 22,821.29	\$ 33,599.87	\$ 395.38	\$ 33,995.25	\$ 56,816.54	\$ 52,302.43	\$ 4,514.11		
various	#2, Student Awards	\$ 56,612.12	\$ 1,878.24	\$ 410.11	\$ 2,288.35	\$ 58,900.47	\$ 54,220.79	\$ 4,679.68		
1983	Bartlett Speaking	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 561.11	\$ 109.11	\$ 670.22	\$ 15,670.22	\$ 14,425.21	\$ 1,245.01		
1988	Tuohy Memorial Scholarship	\$ 21,296.91	\$ 622.13	\$ 152.31	\$ 774.44	\$ 22,071.35	\$ 20,317.76	\$ 1,753.59		
1983	Bartlett Park	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 6,109.75	\$ 148.01	\$ 6,257.76	\$ 21,257.76	\$ 19,568.82	\$ 1,688.94		
1970	Library, General	\$ 9,158.77	\$ 545.95	\$ 68.05	\$ 614.00	\$ 9,772.77	\$ 8,996.31	\$ 776.46		
1972	Library, Gardner	\$ 2,636.24	\$ 162.57	\$ 19.62	\$ 182.19	\$ 2,818.43	\$ 2,594.50	\$ 223.93		
1948	Firemen's, Knowlton, M.	\$ 500.00	\$ 17,542.47	\$ 126.50	\$ 17,668.97	\$ 18,168.97	\$ 16,725.44	\$ 1,443.53		
1969	Firemen's, Robinson, C.B.	\$ 1,983.52	\$ 5,115.61	\$ 49.78	\$ 5,165.39	\$ 7,148.91	\$ 6,580.93	\$ 567.98		
1987	Firemen's, Warren & Quaw	\$ 500.00	\$ 714.91	\$ 8.51	\$ 723.42	\$ 1,223.42	\$ 1,126.23	\$ 97.19		
1968	Parks, Coffin, Elizabeth D.	\$ 6,250.14	\$ 4,402.52	\$ 74.69	\$ 4,477.21	\$ 10,727.35	\$ 9,875.05	\$ 852.30		
1958	Visiting Nurse, Emerson, J.	\$ 1,849.28	\$ 864.03	\$ 19.02	\$ 883.05	\$ 2,732.33	\$ 2,515.25	\$ 217.08		
1987	Historical Society	\$ 20,950.00	\$ 18,394.60	\$ 275.86	\$ 18,670.46	\$ 39,620.46	\$ 36,472.59	\$ 3,147.87		
1990	Crowther Family Trust	\$ 5,950.26	\$ 3,398.74	\$ 65.55	\$ 3,464.29	\$ 9,414.55	\$ 8,666.56	\$ 747.99		
	Total Non-expendable Fund	\$ 180,508.53	\$ 92,533.21	\$ 1,922.50	\$ 95,835.00	\$ 276,343.53	\$ 254,387.87	\$ 21,955.66		

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS		UNDER RSA 31:19-a									
Through December 31, 2022											
Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Account Total	Invested in CD	Account Total		
1989	Cemetery Expendable	\$62,308.28	\$6,451.84	\$479.71	\$69,239.83	\$0.00	\$69,239.83	\$63,738.68	\$5,501.15		
1995	Expendable Insurance	\$7,250.52		\$37.19	\$7,287.71	\$2,000.00	\$5,287.71	\$4,867.60	\$420.11		
2000	Special Education Trust	\$377,231.95		\$2,645.01	\$379,876.96		\$379,876.96	\$349,695.48	\$30,181.48		
2002	Milfoil Expendable Reserve	\$10,480.88	\$5,000.00	\$73.01	\$15,553.89	\$5,000.00	\$10,553.89	\$9,715.38	\$838.51		
2016	Employee Health Insurance Tru	\$39,194.53		\$193.52	\$39,388.05	\$11,913.40	\$27,474.65	\$25,291.77	\$2,182.88		
2017	Sesercentennial Trust	\$22,632.70		\$4.53	\$22,637.23	\$22,637.23	\$0.00		\$0.00		
2019	Recreation Trust Fund Veterans	\$18,047.69		\$126.54	\$18,174.23		\$18,174.23	\$16,730.28	\$1,443.95		
	Total Expendable Funds	\$540,346.55	\$11,451.84	\$3,559.51	\$552,157.90	\$41,550.63	\$510,607.27	\$470,039.19	\$40,568.08		

TRUST FUNDS									
<i>Through December 31, 2022</i>									
Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Invested in CD	Account Total
1996	Memorial Grdns	\$214.14	\$0.00	\$1.51	\$215.65		\$215.65	\$198.51	\$17.14
2015	Theilen Food Pantry Agreement	\$16,716.70	\$2,550.00	\$123.01	\$19,389.71	\$3,825.57	\$15,564.14	\$14,325.75	\$1,238.39
2000	Sam Bond Memorial Scholarship	\$7,551.53		\$52.95	\$7,604.48		\$7,604.48	\$7,000.30	\$604.18
2004	Raymond Leone Scholarship	\$271.98		\$1.90	\$273.88		\$273.88	\$252.12	\$21.76
1996	Molloy Scholarship	\$29.38		\$0.20	\$29.58		\$29.58	\$27.24	\$2.34
1995	Burrill Scholarship	\$19.19		\$0.14	\$19.33		\$19.33	\$17.80	\$1.53
1998	Charles-Esther Flint Scholarship	\$83.31		\$0.58	\$83.89		\$83.89	\$77.23	\$6.66
1999	Journalism Award	\$0.04		\$0.00	\$0.04		\$0.04	\$0.04	\$0.00
2004	Crowther Chapel	\$2,041.14		\$7.44	\$2,048.58	\$1,000.00	\$1,048.58	\$965.27	\$83.31
2009	L.R.Pierce Memorial Playgroup	\$1,171.77		\$8.22	\$1,179.99		\$1,179.99	\$1,086.24	\$93.75
2012	Touhy Family LLC	\$3,973.45		\$22.40	\$3,995.85	\$1,700.00	\$2,295.85	\$2,113.44	\$182.41
2014	Brown Family Revocable Trust	\$2,418.74		\$16.96	\$2,435.70		\$2,435.70	\$2,242.17	\$193.53
2021	Joyce Intemicola Memorial Sch	\$14,008.53		\$92.11	\$14,100.64	\$1,000.00	\$13,100.64	\$12,059.78	\$1,040.86
2021	Lions Club Scholarship Fund	\$15,559.83		\$96.56	\$15,656.39	\$2,000.00	\$13,656.39	\$12,571.38	\$1,085.01
Total Trust Funds		\$64,059.73	\$2,550.00	\$423.98	\$67,033.71	\$9,525.57	\$57,508.14	\$52,937.27	\$4,570.87

CAPITAL RESERVE TRUST FUNDS UNDER RSA 34/35

Through December 31, 2022

Year Created	Trust Name	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Invested in CD	Account Total
1984	Fire Apparatus & Equipment C/R	\$710,206.55	\$115,000.00	\$4,863.17	\$830,069.72	\$130,348.13	\$699,721.59	\$644,128.24	\$55,593.35
1989	Highway/Transfer Equipment C/R	\$771,786.30	\$135,000.00	\$2,254.33	\$909,040.63	\$592,878.37	\$316,162.26	\$291,042.96	\$25,119.30
1997	Used Highway Equipment C/R	\$40,958.78	\$25,000.00	\$456.48	\$66,415.26		\$66,415.26	\$61,138.53	\$5,276.73
1992	School Buildings Cap Imp Res	\$139,694.81	\$50,000.00	\$1,170.21	\$190,865.02		\$190,865.02	\$175,700.66	\$15,164.36
1999	New Library C/R	\$0.08		\$0.00	\$0.08		\$0.08	\$0.07	\$0.01
2001	Town Road Bridges C/R	\$65,693.22	\$50,000.00	\$534.35	\$116,227.57	\$39,105.00	\$77,122.57	\$70,995.13	\$6,127.44
2003	Dirt Roads Paving C/R	\$65,494.93	\$25,000.00	\$628.52	\$91,123.45		\$91,123.45	\$83,883.63	\$7,239.82
2008	Sunapee Central Elementary C/R	\$93,003.13		\$652.10	\$93,655.23		\$93,655.23	\$86,214.26	\$7,440.97
2013	Sewer Capital Improvement C/R	\$304,175.72	\$0.00	\$2,064.03	\$306,239.75		\$306,239.75	\$281,908.80	\$24,330.95
2015	Sunapee High School Roof C/R	\$125,650.47	\$0.00	\$881.02	\$126,531.49		\$126,531.49	\$116,478.47	\$10,053.02
2010	Town Buildings Maintenance C/R	\$136,336.86	\$40,000.00	\$1,136.99	\$177,473.85	\$70,583.83	\$106,890.02	\$98,364.97	\$8,525.05
2016	Computer System Upgrade C/R	\$90,615.04		\$262.75	\$90,877.79	\$90,266.69	\$611.10	\$562.55	\$48.55
2019	Old Abbott Library CR	\$51,083.56		\$10.22	\$51,093.78		\$0.00		\$0.00
2019	Water Capital Improvement C/R	\$138,407.47		\$900.27	\$139,307.74	\$39,400.00	\$99,907.74	\$91,970.00	\$7,937.74
	Highway Garage Infrastructure	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$663.81	\$100,663.81	\$2,236.25	\$98,427.56	\$90,607.43	\$7,820.13
	School Technology C/R	\$0.00	\$140,266.69	\$562.22	\$140,828.91		\$140,828.91	\$129,639.97	\$11,188.94
	Total Capital Reserve Funds	\$2,733,106.92	\$680,266.69	\$17,040.47	\$3,430,414.08	\$1,015,912.05	\$2,414,502.03	\$2,222,635.67	\$191,866.36
	Total Funds Invested in 3 Month Certificate of Deposit 4.2% Matures 3/15/23							\$3,000,000.00	

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

Through December 31, 2022

Year Created	Multiple Trust Funds Invested	Opening Balance	Principal Added	Interest Income	Total	Withdrawals	Ending Balance
2022	12/15/2022	\$0.00	\$3,000,000.00	\$5,868.49	\$3,005,868.49	\$0.00	\$3,005,868.49
	3 Month CD @ 4.2%						

ABBOTT LIBRARY
PROFIT & LOSS BUDGET VS. ACTUAL
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	Actual	Total Budget	over Budget
Revenue			
1 Town Funding Contributions			0.00
100 Town Funding	117,608.00	117,608.00	0.00
101 Town Funding Payroll & Benefits	291,497.84	355,208.68	-63,709.02
46429 Interest Operating Acct	5.78		5.78
Total 1 Town Funding Contributions	409,109.40	472,812.66	(63,703.26)
Expenditures			
2 Payroll and Benefit Expenses			0.00
207 Full Time Wages	148,980.68	169,092.18	-20,131.48
208 Part Time Wages	70,082.65	99,244.50	-29,161.85
209 Unused Sick Time	3,580.78	3,889.44	-308.68
210 Health Insurance	32,553.18	34,322.12	-1,768.94
215 Life & Disability Insurance	2,792.15	3,014.80	-222.65
220 Medicare	3,172.29	3,817.62	-645.33
221 Employer FICA	13,584.27	16,323.55	-2,739.28
231 Retirement Contribution	15,808.57	24,321.21	-8,512.64
250 Unemployment Comp Insurance	424.39	528.45	-104.06
260 Workers Compensation Insurance	558.70	652.81	-94.11
Total 2 Payroll and Benefit Expenses	\$ 291,497.64	\$ 355,206.66	\$ (63,709.02)
3 Prof. & Tech Services			0.00
341 Telephone	1,394.45	1,550.00	-155.55
341A Fire Alarm	777.60	400.00	377.60
341B Internet Access	689.05	750.00	-60.95
342A Computer Support/Hardware	7,983.98	6,700.00	1,283.98
342B Copier Lease	1,099.63	1,800.00	-700.37
365 Equipment Repair		1,300.00	-1,300.00
Total 3 Prof. & Tech Services	\$ 11,944.71	\$ 12,500.00	\$ (555.29)
4 Facilities			0.00
410 Electricity	7,958.61	8,500.00	-543.39
411 Heat	8,961.34	6,200.00	2,761.34
412 Water	440.00	1,000.00	-560.00
413 Sewer	480.00	500.00	-20.00
430 Bldg Repair & Maintenance	13,452.78	9,000.00	4,452.78
440 Outside Maintenance	1,050.92	3,700.00	-2,649.08
Total 4 Facilities	\$ 32,341.65	\$ 28,900.00	\$ 3,441.65
5 Other Services			0.00
520 Insurance	2,960.85	3,198.84	-235.99
540 Training and Meetings	1,170.00	1,375.00	-205.00

550 Programs	1,100.00	500.00	600.00
555 Advertising	804.90	650.00	154.90
560 Membership	635.00	750.00	-215.00
Total 5 Other Services	\$ 6,570.75	\$ 6,471.84	\$ 98.91
6 Supplies			0.00
610 General Supplies	1,575.98	2,000.00	-424.04
610-A Machine Supplies	883.22	900.00	-238.78
610-C Program Supplies	3,793.75	3,000.00	793.75
625 Postage	380.84	300.00	80.84
630 Office Equipment	283.88	325.00	-81.14
640 Custodial Supplies	1,571.38	1,000.00	571.38
Total 6 Supplies	\$ 8,229.01	\$ 7,525.00	\$ 704.01
62100 Contract Services			0.00
62110 Accounting Fees		2,000.00	-2,000.00
62140 Legal Fees	517.50	3,500.00	-2,982.50
62150 Outside Contract Services	6,035.00	4,160.00	1,875.00
Total 62100 Contract Services	\$ 6,552.50	\$ 9,660.00	\$ (3,107.50)
7 Capital Outlay			0.00
750 Furniture and Fixtures	289.34	300.00	-10.66
Total 7 Capital Outlay	\$ 289.34	\$ 300.00	\$ (10.66)
8 Library Materials			0.00
802-A Books	22,829.48	30,000.00	-7,370.52
802-B Subscriptions	4,454.57	4,300.00	154.57
802-C Non-Print	8,188.33	5,100.00	3,088.33
802-F Software	9,073.98	7,800.00	1,473.98
802-G Collection Supplies	2,040.78	1,700.00	340.78
802-H E-Content	9,408.73	2,200.00	7,208.73
Total 8 Library Materials	\$ 53,791.87	\$ 50,900.00	\$ 2,891.87
9 Bank Charges and Fees	475.03		475.03
Total Expenditures	\$ 411,692.50	\$ 471,463.50	\$ (59,771.00)
Other Revenue and Expense			
8100 Nonrecurring outside revenue	14,971.00		
9200 ARPA related expenses	15,052.02		
Net Other Revenue and Expense	-5	81.02	

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Abbott Library Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2022

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	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
B101 Operating Account	\$ 20,808.00
Total B102 Trust and Fines	<u>\$ 20,194.07</u>
B201 Cap. Campaign/Donation Account	\$ 22,128.75
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 63,130.82</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 3,060.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 66,190.82</u>
Other Assets	
A18611 Accrued Interest from CD	894.58
A18620 Martha Abbott Trust	125,160.00
A18630 Mabel Davies' Funds	115,104.00
Total A18610 Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$241,158.58</u>
A301 Library Gardner Fund	2,804.54
A302 Library General Fund	9,722.90
Total Other Assets	<u>\$253,686.02</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$319,876.84</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Total Accounts Payable	<u>\$ 15,429.99</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 15,429.99</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 15,429.99</u>
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	301,467.92
Net Revenue	2,978.93
Total Equity	<u>\$304,446.85</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$319,876.84</u>

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Abbott Library
Budget vs. Actuals FY_2022
 January - December 2022

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Abbott Library
Other Income
January - December 2022

43400 Direct Public Support	50.00
43450 Individ, Business Contributions	477.00
Total 43400 Direct Public Support	\$ 527.00
45000 Investments (deleted)	
45030 Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	280.79
Total 45000 Investments (deleted)	\$ 280.79
46400 Other Types of Income	
46430 Miscellaneous Revenue	710.08
46480 Book Reimbursement	690.98
46481 Non-Resident Fees	740.00
46487 Printing/Copying Income	957.51
46488 Fax	136.30
46489 Overdue Conscience	667.06
Total 46400 Other Types of Income	\$ 3,901.93
47200 Program Income	933.33
Total, other income	\$ 5,643.05

SUMMARY & MINUTES OF 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE, County of Sullivan, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs: You are hereby notified to meet in the Sunapee Middle High School Gymnasium, located on North Road, in said Sunapee, on Tuesday, the 8th day of February 2022, at 7:00 pm for the deliberative portion of the Annual Town Meeting, to discuss Articles 1 thru 4 and to amend, if deemed appropriate, Articles 5 through 23, hereinafter set forth. Final voting action on all articles shall take place by ballot on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2022, at the Sherburne Gymnasium, Route 11, in said Sunapee. The polls shall be opened from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm. There were 1243 votes cast.

Moderator Aaron Simpson opened the Deliberative Session on Tuesday, February 8th at 7:00 pm Aaron Simpson explained the Moderator's Rules of Procedure. The Moderator asked for any questions. Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Josh Trow led the voters in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Denotes winner.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

			VOTES
2 Selectmen	3 Year Term	Debbie Samalis	394
		*Carol P. Wallace	708
		*Frederick C. Gallup	473
		*Aaron Simpson	943
1 Town Moderator	2 Year Term		
1 Cemetery Commissioner	1 Year Term		
1 Cemetery Commissioner	2 Year Term	*Barbara B. Chalmers	959
1 Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term	*Christine Ann Messenger	938
2 Library Trustees	3 Year Term	*Beverly M. Bjorklund	869
		*Tim Eliassen	834
1 Library Trustee	2 Year Term	*Jonathan Reed	931
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	1 year Term	*John R. Berger	887
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	2 Year Term	*Patrick Chilion Fine	876
1 Trustee of Trust Fund	3 Year Term		
2 Planning Board Members	3 Year Term	*Jeff Claus	854
		*Michael J. Jewczyn	750
3 Water & Sewer Commissioners	3 Year Term	*Theodore H. Gallup	871
		*Charles I. Hirshberg	817
		*Richard F. Curtis	759
2 Zoning Board Members	3 Year Term	*Michael J. Jewczyn	764
		*Jamie Stevens Silverstein	798

Article 2: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 1, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.10 - Table of Dimensional Controls -to clarify that the definition of height where structures are permitted in reduced side setback on lots of inadequate lot size will be consistent with the Article XI Definition of Maximum Structure Height"

(If a structure is allowed a reduced side or rear setback due to inadequate lot size, the portion of the proposed structure in the area of reduced setback shall have a maximum structure height of 25.)

*Yes 813 No 258

The full text of the amended section will be as follows:

(If a structure is allowed a reduced side or rear setback due to inadequate lot size, the portion of the proposed structure in the area of reduced setback shall have a maximum structure height of 25.)

***Yes 813 No 258**

Article 3: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 2, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.40(e) - Additional Requirements - to allow for garage spaces to be counted as parking spaces for residential uses.

The full text of the amended section will be as follows:

(e) Parking for one and two family residential units shall be as follows:

- One family dwelling (up to four bedrooms) = 2 spaces (~~each additional bedroom~~) plus ½ space/bedroom for each additional bedroom over four
- Two family dwelling (up to eight bedrooms)= 4 spaces (~~each additional bedroom~~) plus ½ space/bedroom for each additional bedroom over eight
- Total required spaces must be rounded up to nearest whole space
- Garage spaces may be counted as parking spaces for residential uses
- Three or more dwelling units and commercial uses must meet the parking guidelines in the Site Plan Review Regulations

***Yes 744 No 349**

Article 4: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 3, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III, Section 3.40(1) - Additional Requirements - to clarify that steep slopes are determined by measuring as an average across an area with an elevation change of 20' or more, regardless of the boundary lines of the parcel in question.

The full text of the amended sections will be as follows:

There shall be no construction on slopes which exceed 25%. ~~and have an elevation change of more than 20'~~. This includes slopes measured as an average across an area with an elevation change of 20 'or more. Means of establishing the percent of slope is not restricted to the boundary lines of the parcel in question. Driveways, utilities, and stairways ~~would be~~ are exempt from this requirement provided a drainage and erosion control plan is prepared by a licensed professional engineer.

***Yes 751 No 332**

Article 5: Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 4, proposed by the Planning Board for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article IV, Section 4.10 - Permitted Uses - to define Food Vendor Carts to include carts pushed by hand or towed to a location for the sale of food and drinks and to exclude food trucks or other large vending vehicles which normally require a motor vehicle registration, and to allow Food Vendor Carts as a permitted use in the Village Commercial-District?

The full text of the new combined definition will be as follows:

Article IV, Section 4.10 -Add the term Food Vendor Cart to uses by right in the Village-Commercial District

Article XI - Definitions - Add the following definition:

Food Vendor Cart -A cart usually pushed by hand or towed to its location and is intended for the sale of food or drinks. This definition does not include food trucks or other large vending vehicles which normally require motor vehicle registration.

The moderator asked for questions or discussions on Articles 2 - 5, being none the articles were moved them to the official ballot.

***Yes 813 No 338**

Article 6: To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors, Committees, and/or other officers heretofore chosen.

Town Clerk, Betty Ramspott presented awards to Justine Cutting for serving as a ballot for the Town of Sunapee for 30 years, and Kathy Weinstein who has served as Supervisor of the Checklist for 18 years. Betty Ramspott read commendations for both individuals given by the New Hampshire Secretary of State's Office. Kathy Weinstein expressed her deep gratitude and how much she loved being a Supervisor of the Checklist for "her" town.

Article 7: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating, as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles, nor other appropriations voted separately, the amounts as set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein totaling \$8,931, 725? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$8,265,133 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by the previous action of the Town of Sunapee or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Josh Trow moved the article seconded by Sue Gottling. Chairman Josh Trow explained the difference between budget and default budget. He went on to clarify the increase in the budget is due to new personnel as audits have revealed that we need to increase personnel in the Finance Department. Another area we need to deal with is the increase in short term rentals in the Town of Sunapee and how to monitor them. This is a major concern for the Board of Selectmen and with several of our citizens. We would like to hire a person who could work on developing codes for the Town with this matter and several other areas. Josh Trow indicated this is a safety issue that needs to be addressed. An adjustment to the Planning/Zoning Supervisor is being explored also. The big adjustment in the budget this year is in the Fire Department. Josh Trow went on to explain that the last 5 years the Fire Chief has been given a stipend of \$15,000 a year and we are looking to increase that to \$50,000 which is more suitable for the responsibility and hours required of the Fire Chief. Also, included is hiring people on a per diem basis to be available for shifts during the day when our EMS and Fire personnel are out of town at their full-time jobs. Evenings and weekends will be covered by call personnel.

Josh Trow explained we started per diem last November, and it is working as planned. Another increase you will see is in the Town Clerk Tax Collector's budget as this is transitional year with the announcement of Betty Ramspott's retirement in July 2022. Josh Trow explained that CPIU for the Northeast is 7% and we are asking for 4% cost in living raise for our employees. We felt this was a fair amount and hopefully will encourage our staff to continue employment with the town. This accounts for approximately \$150,000 pay changes. Josh Trow wanted to make it clear Fire Wards do not get a stipend, they are volunteers. Resident Chris Whitehouse asked for an explanation of why the default budget had not been calculated properly for the past 3 years. Town Manager Shannon Martinez has investigated this issue, and she found for as many times as something was included in the default budget that should not have been, another item was removed that could have been included. With that she feels the discrepancies would be minimal. She went on to say the administration at the time put in a good faith effort to produce a correct default budget. Moderator Aaron Simpson ruled Chris Whitehouse out of order as he was not speaking to the current budget. Chris Whitehouse followed up with a question regarding a zoning budget line that did not exist in 2021. Town Counsel Laura Spector-Morgan stated it is legal to move money around, and Josh Trow added this was not new personnel it was a position that was established to accommodate two different departments. It was noted that the surrounding towns use ½ or ¼ percent of assessment to base fees, and we will look at what is best for the Town of Sunapee. Chris Whitehouse asked what would happen to the Fire Wards, per diems and Fire Chief's pay if the budget failed. Town Manager, Shannon Martinez once again explained to Chris Whitehouse Fire Wards are not paid. The increase in the budget is for the Fire Chief and per diem shifts. Josh Trow explained if the budget does not pass discussions will need to take place concerning all areas of the budget. He went on to say the budget is at the discretion of Selectmen and we will have to make decisions at that time. Resident Stuart Greer spoke in favor of the article stating he would like to have the Code Enforcement Officer position become a reality. He spoke about the need to keep our lakes and ponds safe, and this position would assist in the monitoring of projects around the lake and beyond. He went on to say he watched places being clear cut and projects with violations not being acted upon. Stuart Greer noted his support of the article is because will be direct assistance to the lake "our gem" that keeps our assessments high. We do not want to have decline in assessment. Stuart Greer went on to say we need to invest in something that is so important. Josh Trow stated to remember Lake Sunapee is the primary source of town supplied water. Resident Christine Corey asked for clarification as far as the 2018 budget and default. The moderator interjected and reminded Christine Corey to stick to this year's budget and the article before us. She questioned who it in our municipality is responsible for knowing the laws.

Town Manager Shannon Martinez replied it is the town manager. Christine Corey wanted to make sure the 2022 budget is correct because ignorance of the law does not make people exempt for not obeying the law. Christine Corey also has concerns about the Code Officer/Building Inspector that will be employed if the budget passes. She questioned if this person will be inspecting all properties or just new. Shannon Martinez explained we need to build our codes and hope to have input from the community to do so. Town Counsel Laura Spector-Morgan added that state building codes apply to all towns in New Hampshire and that existing buildings have some level of protection. Resident Karen Gosselin asked for clarification question under the Fire Department budget. She thought she heard the Fire Wards have never been paid and will not be paid. Chairman Josh Trow said she is correct they have never been paid and will not be paid. Josh Trow went on to say MRI is in the process of reviewing our Fire Department and assist us in the direction the Fire Department should be headed. One of the areas they will look at is if the Fire Wards are needed or should the Fire Chief report directly to the Town Manager. Karen Gosselin said it is only fair that the voters are informed of these facts and not led to believe that the Fire Wards is a paid position as stated by one of our residents. Resident John Augustine questioned if the language at end of this article about holding a special meeting if deemed necessary was put on this year as he does not recall it being there before. It was pointed out to John Augustine that yes this has always been at the end of the budget article. John Augustine asked if it was the intention of the Selectmen to hold another meeting and Selectman Fred Gallup asked why he is speculating before we know the outcome. Once the outcome is determined the Board will do the best with what is given. John Augustine hopes this does not happen because in his opinion every year the budget is passed and there is money left over. Josh Trow again explained what happens when there are dollars left over in the budget, and that the Board of Selectmen have adopted a policy to have between 4% & 17% in reserve in case of an emergency. This equates to the town being able to operate for a 2-to-3-month period if we had a disaster of some sort to deal with. Budget Committee Member Patrick Fine spoke and said he has been a resident since 1996 living overseas a lot of this time. He explained he had a bird's eye view of how the budget is put together. The budget gets created by different department heads. He went on to say how impressed he was with Department Heads and their desire to control expenditures and costs, showing this time and time again when they were asked to take second and third looks at their budgets. He stated he fully supports this budget that has been constructed in a responsible way to focus on business services to the town. Jesse Tyler stated he appreciates the care the Budget Committee, Selectmen and Department Heads did to provide a well thought out budget. He pointed out that our taxes are lower than most in our area. With that it is very important for us to remain that way and have the proper resources for finance and code officer positions and improve long-term habits that used to be acceptable but no longer are. He also stated that the quiet majority is very appreciative of all your efforts. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

*Yes 698

No 474

Article 8: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$135,000 to be added to the Highway and Transfer Station Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Sue Gottling moved the article seconded by Fred Gallup. Josh Trow spoke to Capital Reserve Articles 8-14. He explained that Capital Reserve is a mechanism to even out tax rate when making large expenditures. Josh Trow indicated that many of these capital reserve accounts have been level funded for many years and we may have to adjust soon to accommodate inflation. It was noted it is about \$430,000 a year that is deposited in these accounts from the town meeting vote. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved it to the official ballot.

***Yes 720 No 449**

Article 9: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Used Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established?

Fred Gallup moved the article seconded by Jeremy Hathorn. The Moderator asked for questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 763 No 411**

Article 10: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to be added to the Town Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Jeremy Hathorn moved the article seconded by Carol Wallace. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 789 No 380**

Article 11: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$115,000 to be added to the Fire Apparatus and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Carol Wallace moved the article seconded by Josh Trow. The Moderator asked for questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 741 No 438**

Article 12: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Town Road Bridges Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Josh Trow moved the article seconded by Sue Gottling. The Moderator asked for questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 890 No 284**

Article 13: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Dirt Roads Paving Capital Reserve Fund previously established for the purpose of paving dirt roads throughout the Town? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Sue Gottling moved the article and seconded by Fred Gallup. The Moderator asked for questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 816 No 364**

Article 14: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$50,000 to be added to the Highway Garage Infrastructure Improvements Capital Reserve previously established for that purpose? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Fred Gallup moved the article seconded by Jeremy Hathorn. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 615 No 554**

Article 15: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$40,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund previously established to be used for conservation purposes in accordance with RSA 36-A, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2021, Unassigned Fund balance? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Jeremy Hathorn moved the article seconded by Carol Wallace. Josh Trow explained the Conservation Commission requested \$55,000 but negotiated down to \$40,000 because they received more money from Change in Use Tax. Selectperson Carol Wallace pointed out the funding of this article is coming from unassigned fund balance. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 810 No 368**

Article 16: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Milfoil Control Non-Capital Reserve Fund previously established? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Carol Wallace moved the article seconded by Josh Trow. Josh Trow explained this goes hand in hand with code enforcement officer trying to protect our resources. Selectman Fred Gallup pointed out that New London and Newbury contribute to this cause also. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 952 No 221**

Article 17: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$3,250 to be added to the Cemetery Expendable Trust Fund previously established for the general maintenance and care of burial lots of the Cemeteries, and to authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2021, Unassigned Fund balance? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Josh Trow moved the article seconded by Sue Gottling. Josh Trow explained when burial lots are sold we deposit funds in the general fund, and this is how the cemetery gets reimbursed. The funds are used for upkeep and small purchases for the cemetery department. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 965 No 215**

Article 18: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$41,050 to fund the Harbor Parking Improvements Engineering and Recreation Design Project, and authorize the transfer of said sum from the December 31, 2021, Unassigned Fund balance? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Sue Gottling moved the article seconded by Fred Gallup. Josh Trow pointed out that the harbor is crowded, and parking is tight especially during the summer months. This plan includes 20 more parking spaces, a few being established for handicap parking. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 763 No 424**

Article 19: Are you in favor of the Town raising and appropriating the sum of \$195,000 to purchase and equip a new dump/plow truck for the Highway Department, authorizing the sale or trade-in of the existing dump/plow truck (H2), authorizing the withdrawal of up to \$195,000 from the Highway and Transfer Station Capital Reserve Fund previously established for that purpose, and authorizing the use of said trade-in or sale to reduce the amount withdrawn from said fund? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Fred Gallup moved the article seconded by Jeremy Hathorn. Josh Trow pointed out this is a perfect example of how capital reserve works. The funds for this truck are already saved in the above-mentioned capital reserve fund. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 736 No 455**

Article 20: Are you in favor of raising and appropriating \$5,700 to expand the trail network on the Ledge Pond Town Forest Land and authorizing the withdrawal of that amount from the Town Forest Fund? *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Jeremy Hathorn moved the article seconded by Carol Wallace. Josh Trow explained that an Eagle Scout completed the first mile of this trail, and the Conservation Commission would like to extend it to make a loop for hiking near Ledge Pond. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 873 No 326**

Article 21: Are you in favor of the Town of Sunapee adopting the provisions of RSA 72:28-b, All Veterans' Tax Credit? If adopted, the credit will be available to any resident, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any resident, who (1) served not less than 90 days on active service in the armed forces of the United States and was honorably discharged or an officer honorably separated from services and is not eligible for or receiving a credit under RSA 72:28 or RSA 72:35. If adopted, the credit granted will be \$500.00, the same amount as the standard or optional veterans' tax credit voted by the Town of Sunapee under RSA 72:28. *The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation.*

Carol Wallace moved the article and seconded by Josh Trow. Josh explained this article would pave the way for all honorably discharged veterans to receive the Veteran's Credit on property taxes. Sue Gottling explained the former rules were very difficult to understand who was eligible. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

***Yes 1022 No 166**

Article 22: Are you in favor of the town raising and appropriating the sum of \$250,000 to fund the design, engineering and construction of Phase 1 of the Veterans Field project to include a building with year-round ADA-compliant restrooms, a concession stands and storage for Recreation Department equipment, paved parking, a dual-use tennis court with four pickleball courts, a new dual-use full-size basketball court with three pickle ball courts, and an updated skateboard facility. This Phase 1 of Veterans Field project is expected to cost a total of approximately \$500,000. The remaining funding to complete Phase 1 Veterans Field project will be raised from the Recreation Department revolving fund where there is \$18,044 already earmarked for this project, plus other private sources, private donations, and any available grant monies to defray the project cost.

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until Phase 1 is completed, or December 31, 2027, whichever occurs first.

This warrant article was developed as part of a joint effort among the Recreation Department, The Friends of Sunapee Recreation, and more than 100 taxpayers who signed a petition to include pickleball courts in Phase 1 of Veterans Field project. By Petition. *The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.*

Josh Trow moved the article and seconded by Sue Gottling. Josh Trow explained the reason he voted not to support this article was that he would like to see the Recreation Department more stable before bringing on a full time Recreation Director, he feels the article is a good one just in his opinion the wrong time. Charleen Osborne, Recreation Committee Chairperson spoke in favor of the article explaining the Recreation Committee has been talking about this for years, and it has taken a back seat for other town projects and feels it is time to bring it to the voters and get a sense of how the voters feel about it. The complete Veterans Field project is projected to cost millions of dollars. Because of that reason the Recreation Committee decided to break it down in phases, this article before you is the first phase. This phase would allow for ADA bathrooms, water, a storage shed and more parking spaces. Charleen Osborne expressed that she feels it is very important to get the input of voters and move forward if that is what the voters want. She went on to say that the Veteran's Field Project will be one for all ages to enjoy and would appreciate support of this article. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

Yes 506 *No 691

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$30,000 to make the current part time recreation director a full-time position? The current budgeted hours provide for 30 hours a week. This will bring the position to 40 hours a week. This sum covers 9 months of wages and benefits. If approved, this funding will remain as part of the operating and default budget for the future. By Petition. *The Board of Selectmen do not recommend this appropriation.*

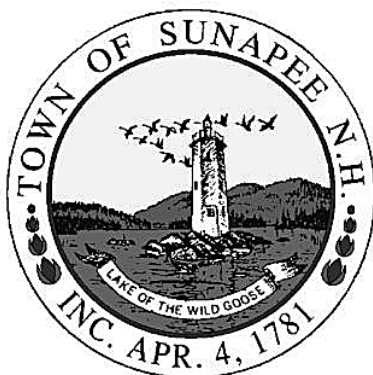
Sue Gottling moved the article and seconded by Fred Gallup. Charleen Osborne, Recreation Committee Chairperson addressed the article. Charleen Osborne explained that the Recreation Committee decided to move forward asking voters to approve a full-time Director. It is important to have someone that is very committed to the position and making the programs run smoothly. Town Manager Shannon Martinez added the Recreation Department needs to have a business plan, one that will essentially pay for itself. Recreation Committee Member, Melissa Trow feels it is important to have a full-time employee that is fully committed to the position. It was noted in the absence of a Recreation Director the Town Manager has been working diligently with the Recreation Committee to keep the winter programs running. The Moderator asked for further questions or discussion on the article being none the article was moved to the official ballot.

Yes 441 *No 762

The moderator asked for any other business to come before the meeting, being none, Josh Trow moved, and Sue Gottling seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Betty H. Ramspott
Betty H. Ramspott, Town Clerk

March 22, 2022
Date



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2022 has come to a close, and it continued to bring change in some significant positions. I believe the two most noteworthy changes this year were the retirement of David Cahill as our police chief of 20 years, and Betty Ramspott stepping down as Town Clerk after an incredible 25 years. They both have been cornerstones of the community for their tenure and we cannot express our thanks enough for the time and effort that they put into Sunapee. Stepping in to do their best to fill those sizable shoes are Lieutenant Neill Cobb, a Sunapee Police Department member for 18 years, and Joshua Boone, who joined us in 2021 as the Deputy Town Clerk. We wish the best to the outgoing folks and look forward to what new and exciting ideas are brought in to make Sunapee even better!

This year was also the first full year for our new Town Manager, Shannon Martinez. Shannon started with Sunapee in October of 2021 and I believe she has proven our faith in her as she has tackled everything that this year has brought. After nearly 20 years under the previous manager, there were certainly some items that needed to be tweaked and updated. Shannon has not stopped there and is busily taking on the effort of doing a full review of the town, to be sure we are working as efficiently as we can for our residents, citizens, and visitors. We have already started trying a clearer budget process, and are moving toward an online workflow for building permits, thereby simplifying, clarifying, and speeding up the entire process.

One benign item that rose to light a bit this year was the Street Names and Numbering Ordinance, as a result of the Sunapee Fire Department Association's (SFDA) fundraiser. That ordinance, adopted in 1989, requires all buildings to have numbers "readily visible from the numbered way with the unaided eye in natural daylight...at least four inches high." Having clearly visible numbers is a benefit both to you from the perspective of simple things like delivery services, but also for safety services. Remember, if they can't find your house then they can't help you! If you want to support the SFDA they are running a fundraiser selling house number signs, or you can purchase or create your own that fulfill this requirement.

As always, I like to ensure that folks know just how much of the town's functions are filled by volunteers, and that we are always on the lookout for the same. If you have interest in budgets, trust funds, recreation, planning, zoning, conservation, or any other town area, please visit Town Hall or the website to see what options there are – we would be glad to talk to you! If you aren't sure what you want or what a board does but have interest all the same, please contact the Town Manager to chat about the open opportunities.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone. Thank you to the Town Manager, department heads, and all the town employees and volunteers for their effort in keeping the town on the right track day-to-day, as well as all the citizens who understand that we are doing our best to serve you as diligently as we can. Finally, thank you to the Board and the Town for their trust in me as Chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Josh Trow
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

TOWN MANAGER

I would like to start off by formally acknowledging our small but mighty Team of Town employees within highway, police, fire, planning, zoning, town clerk/tax collector's office, recreation, finance, welfare, and more — all working hard with finite resources to meet the needs of a demanding citizenry with high expectations for exceptional service delivery at the local level.

I would also like to express my gratitude to our elected and appointed officials and volunteers. Their tireless commitment to addressing community needs despite many competing pressures makes us a better and stronger community.

Due to the departure of long-time Town Manager, Donna Nashawaty, in late 2021, this past year has been a year of transition, change, and learning. As with every transition, it has taken time for me to come up to speed on the many unique issues and challenges Sunapee faces. I have benefited from the expertise and genuine support of many throughout this transition year. To those people who went out of their way to help me navigate some often-turbulent waters and learn about operational practices within the various departments, I am grateful. I look forward to continuing to learn from both colleagues and residents.

2022 saw the retirement of dedicated Sunapee public servants: Police Chief David Cahill, Transfer Station Attende Ernest Colby, Water and Sewer Operator Arthur Mitts, Police Department Executive Assistant Teresa Mastin, and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Betty Ramspott.

The Town also saw the departure of long-time employee, Land Use and Assessing Coordinator, Melissa Pollari.

For those who left, the Town wholeheartedly thanks them for their service and dedication throughout their tenure.

The result of these retirements and departures meant significant personnel changes to the Town of Sunapee. It has been difficult to hire experienced talent to fill the roles left vacant by said departures. Many team members have taken on multiple positions and have worked countless extra hours to ensure we keep the trains moving forward. I remain grateful for their steadfast commitment to take care of our Town.

As of December 2022, we had welcomed 15 new team members. We celebrated the appointment of Lieutenant E. Neill Cobb as Sunapee's new Chief of Police in November 2022.

We expect 2023 to bring more fresh faces as well as growth opportunities to design and implement new business practices bringing more streamlined and citizen-focused solutions to the Town of Sunapee.

The following projects were undertaken in 2022 to encourage collaboration and cross-pollination of positions by putting in place new technologies that will make work more efficient

- Implementation of new payroll system
- Implementation of new timekeeping system
- Internet Speed Upgrades
- VOIP phone installation
- Fiber internet to transfer station (on-going)
- Mobile workstations configured to allow for more team collaboration
- Transition to SharePoint/OneDrive
- Digital Signatures
- Moving to paperless

We also overhauled some outdated policies including the Emergency Operations Plan and the Hazard Mitigation. I appreciate the many hours that went into revising these plans. Thank you to all who participated and got these documents to the finish line.

We partnered with Municipal Resources, Inc. to conduct strategic reviews of our planning and zoning department and fire department. Their team of experts spent hours reviewing our policies, procedures, budgets, and organizational charts. The results of their work have been integrated into 2023's proposed operating budget and are being reflected in changes to our organizational management structure.

A special thank you goes out to Robert Collins, long-time Hydro Plant Operator, for spearheading the penstock inspection. The penstock is one of the important components in the functioning of a hydropower system. Penstocks are pressure vessels in a channel or pipe that carries water from the source to the turbine in the power station. It is essential that these large pieces of equipment are regularly inspected to develop preventative maintenance plans. We drafted a new Public Safety Plan, Dam Safety Surveillance Management Plan, and Emergency Action Plan.

The success of this year's summer camp program is due to the countless hours of preparation by the Sunapee Recreation Department, Abbott Library, and Sunapee School District. By incorporating more structure into the daily schedule, increasing the number of planned activities, and adding weekly educational presentations at the Abbott Library, they created an enrichment program for all campers to enjoy. Mindy Atwood, Steve Bourque, and Terra Geer, thank you for your leadership.

In 2023, we expect to implement a new permitting system within the Planning and Zoning Office and update our website. My goal, in partnership with the Board of Selectmen and Department Heads, is to provide municipal services in the highest most cost-effective manner through dependable, professional, respectful, and courteous customer focused services.

Please contact me with your ideas and suggestions on how OUR TOWN can better serve the needs of our residents. The Town has many opportunities for its residents to serve on Boards and Commissions that provide formal ways to assist and advise on the Town's activities. Please consider joining one. The Town website (<https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us>) has information on all of them. Thank you for all you do.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Martinez,
Town Manager

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

As I write my first report as Town Clerk & Tax Collector, I would like to start off expressing my sincere thanks for my predecessor, Betty Ramspott, who served our community for the last 25-years. I worked with Betty for just shy of one year prior to her retirement, and in that time, she adequately prepared me for the duties and responsibilities that fall upon a Town Clerk & Tax Collector. It was a pleasure working for Betty and I know she is missed by those of you in the community who she assisted over the years. Betty's commitment and dedication to serving this community enabled her to be proactive in securing my appointment from the NH DMV as the municipal registration agent for the Town of Sunapee, prior to her retirement, which allowed for no interruption in service to customers looking to complete motor vehicle and/or boat transactions. Per standard protocol, there was an audit that was conducted on Betty's last day of work that had to be completed prior to me being able to collect any property taxes. I am pleased to report this was a clean audit with no issues, which allowed for the Selectboard to recommit the tax warrants to me, allowing me to resume collections of property taxes.

Many of you have had a chance to meet Ian Lawson, the Deputy Town Clerk & Tax Collector. Ian is a great addition, and he has learned much since his hiring last June. Thank you, Ian, for your commitment to this office and the community.

Motor vehicle and boat registrations have increased this year, which seems to be the trend as I look back to prior years. As a reminder, if you register your boats with our office, the Town of Sunapee retains a portion of the registration fee. Alternatively, if you mail your registration renewal payment directly to the State of New Hampshire, the State is the recipient of the registration fee in full.

Please do not forget to renew your dog license. All dogs 4 months or older are required to be licensed by April 30th of each year, and please make sure your dog's rabies vaccine is current. We are unable to license a dog if their rabies vaccine has expired. Dogs not licensed prior to June 1st will be subject to a \$25 fine. In 2022, our office licensed a total of 718 dogs.

Thank you to all the taxpayers who are so prompt with paying their tax bills, allowing us to achieve the 2022 real estate tax collection rate of 96%. As a reminder, taxes can be paid online via our Town website. If you choose the ACH option, a 95-cent convenience fee is added and your payment is secure, guaranteed to get to us, and applied the following business day. The cost of a first-class stamp is 60 cents and could take multiple days to arrive.

The three elections held this year were fair, transparent and went smoothly. There were recount requests, resulting in the Secretary of State's Office collecting Sunapee's ballots for the General Election. After the recount was completed, there was no change in the winners for the Sullivan District 5 & 8 races. This is a testament to the careful and meticulous way the entire Sunapee Elections Team runs your elections. Below you will find statistics from the 2022 elections:

Election Date	Election Type	Votes Cast	Turnout
March 9	Town & School Meeting	1149	35%
September 13	State Primary	876	30%
November 8	General Election	2058	73%

I want to close by thanking to everyone I have met in this new role. You have all been so kind, welcoming and supportive. I am committed to serving you with the same care, attention to detail, and tact that Betty did over her 25 years here. I look forward to the continuity of service from issuing a marriage license to a couple, then years later completing their children’s birth certificate, to registering their child’s first car and for them to vote. This job is so rewarding, and I enjoy every connection I make with you all.

Sincerely,

Joshua Boone,
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

ABBOTT LIBRARY



We are happy to report that 2022 was another great year at the Abbott Library. Circulation, library visits, and programming are all trending upward which is wonderful news. We are also very happy to report that we have hired and trained three enthusiastic and fantastic staff members. Peter Berghoef is our new Assistant Director, MacKenzie Kennedy is our new Youth Services Librarian, and Brittany Blomquist is our new Technology and Outreach Librarian.

We greatly enjoyed the return of in-person programming this year. We held afterschool enrichment programs from February-May, Storyhours, and adult and family programs. In 2022, the library offered more than 130 programs that were attended by more than 1,800 people.

We continued our strong working relationship with the Sunapee School District with classes visiting the library for author talks and read-alouds with library staff. In addition, staff visited the preschool for some fun activities and for the first time ever, we held a collaborative ESY preschool and Abbott Library Storyhour in July. SAU preschoolers attended regularly scheduled Abbott Library Storyhour and then used the library's Activities Room until about 11:30AM for "summer preschool" with school staff.

Finally, we are very pleased to report that with our \$15,000 grant from the State Library, we created a catalog between the Sunapee Middle High School, Sunapee Central Elementary School, and Abbott Library. Thanks go out to our colleagues, Heidi Doyle and Ray Palin for their efforts in making the project a great success!

Also new this year was a collaboration with the Sunapee Recreation Department. The library scheduled and hosted seven academic enrichment presentations for all Sunapee Recreation Day Camp campers. Two sessions were offered every Tuesday and presenters included: the LSPA, storyteller Simon Brooks, the Lebanon Co-op, Vermont Institute of Natural Science, the Montshire Museum, Comic artist Marek Bennett, and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. A huge thanks to Friends of the Abbott Library who donated more than \$2,600 for these camp programs.

Indeed, the Abbott Library continues to benefit from the long-standing tradition of non-taxpayer support from the Friends of the Abbott Library and the Abbott Library Foundation. Average support over the last six years is just over \$31,000 per year. To put that into perspective, \$31,000 is 27% of our operating budget. We thank both the volunteers who serve on the boards of these non-profits and the donors for the capital improvements to the library, the programs, and the professional development opportunities they provide.

In 2023, we look to diversify the e-content that we offer, provide afterschool enrichment programs, and continue to collaborate across the town. In 2022, we worked to provide programs and services with the Recreation Department, the School District, the Sunapee Seniors, LSPA, Project Sunapee, the Sunapee Farmer's Market, the (Continued on next page)

Sunapee Police Department, the Welfare Department, NH DHHS, and the Town Clerk's Office for a most-deserved retirement party for Betty Ramspott. If your organization is not on this list, call the library and let's get working together!

You can stay up-to-date with all that the Abbott Library offers by following us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, checking out abbottlibrary.org or by calling 603-763-5513 to sign up to receive our e-newsletter. Or just stop in! We will always be glad to help you!

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Atwood, Director
 Peter Berghoef, Assistant Director
 Brittany Blomquist, Technology & Outreach Librarian
 MacKenzie Kennedy, Youth Services Librarian
 Ruane Miller, Library Aide
 Wendy Lilly-Hansen, Saturday Library Aide
 Barbara Fitzgerald, Library Aide
 Alex Grout, Library Aide
 Terri Rounds, Library Aide
 Brian Gebo, Custodian
 David Sanberg, Saturday Library Aide
 Liz Moul, Library Aide Substitute



Successful return of the Friends Pancake Breakfast!



We love our new shed! Thanks to the foundation for sponsoring this project and to Craig and Darren for their terrific work building it.



New play grocery store in the Children's Area!



Join these lovely ladies for Mah Jongg on Thursday afternoons



Fun at Summer Learning Program 2022.

ABBOTT LIBRARY ANNUAL STATISTICS

Library Use:	2022	2021	2020
Total Circulation	46,970	43,008	39,892
Patrons (Library Visits)	21,245	15,310	9,824
New Registrations	196	216	109
Internet Usage	1,413	1,253	884
Reference	2,190	2,899	1,890
Wireless Usage	6,222	3,789	3,618
Downloaded Audio	4,279	3,537	3,152
Books Downloaded E	2,684	2,290	2,774
Books Music	282	706	1,044
Downloaded Music Streamed	2,270	2,154	3,622
			2020
Inter-Library Loans (through NH ILL):			
Borrowed by	843	863	388
Sunapee Lent by Sunapee	1,008	990	525
Active Borrowers	1,225	1,120	1,051
Website			
Visits	14,111	14,834	15,700
Meeting Room Usage in Hours	Activities	Conference	
	276	185	
Programs	Adult	Child	
Number of Programs	56	91	
Number of Attendees	453	1,404	
Number of Volunteer Hours	1,337.2		
2022 Materials:	Added	Deleted	
Adult Fiction	507	105	
Adult Non-Fiction	280	39	
Large Print	19	5	
Adult Audio Books	123	136	
Young Adult	189	73	
Children's Fiction	369	269	
Children's Non-Fiction	45	186	
DVD / Video	266	143	
Music CD	59	569	
Total:	1,857	1,525	
Total Materials at start of 2022:	33,767		

ASSESSING OFFICE



As we begin 2023, there appears to be a bit of calm when it comes to the Real Estate Market due to the rise in interest rates, lack of inventory, and affordability. The Federal Funds Rate at the start of 2022 was .07%, and today, December 15, 2022, the day this is written, the rate jumped to 4.4%. The rise in rates effects many, but not all since 52% of the sale data shown below were cash transactions.

Currently, we are out verifying physical property data, especially recent sales to ensure our assessment records reflect accurate information. The department is also preparing to visit all properties issued a building permit and those properties where construction wasn't completed last year. It is important that every property owner review their property record card. Often, when we visit property, many are not home so we must estimate to the best of our ability and experience. You can review your property record card by going to the Town of Sunapee website, [town.sunapee.nh.us / assessing](http://town.sunapee.nh.us/assessing) database. In viewing your property record card online, the date in the right-hand corner is when the data was last updated.

The data below is a snapshot of the market we have experienced over the last several years, newer sales in the coming months should provide insight into the direction of the Real Estate Market; the market is monitored daily by our department. Currently, the overall level of assessment for Sunapee is 58.7%, so we will likely do a statistical update to assessed values in the summer of 2023, stay tuned.

2020– Revaluation Year

*DRA Ratio = Assessed Value/Sale Price Ratio calculated using sales every year from 10/1—9/30

Year	Total Sales	Avg. Days on Market	Median Sale Price	Highest Sale	Lowest Sale	Total Sales in \$	DRA Ratio
2018	87	106	\$310,000	\$3,850,000	\$40,850	\$41,885,645	90.9%
2019	86	114	\$317,500	\$3,600,000	\$35,000	\$43,078,100	89.7%
2020	127	73	\$415,000	\$7,505,000	\$45,000	\$88,223,622	*97.3%
2021	90	61	\$365,000	\$6,940,000	\$44,000	\$67,252,320	77.2%
2022	92	33	\$361,000	\$5,500,000	\$19,900	\$60,516,070	58.7%

In closing, I'd like to express my gratitude an appreciation to Town Office staff for their support and wish Barbara Vaughn a happy retirement. Lastly, thanks to Joseph Devarenne, Assistant Assessor. He joined the team in October and compliments the team greatly.

Have a wonderful 2023 everyone, and please be kind.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen McAllister,
Chief Assessor

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

The following tax relief programs are permitted by State law and adopted by Town Meeting. Applications are available by the Assessor's office, online at the Town of Sunapee website: www.town.sunapee.nh.us or the NH Department of Revenue website: www.nh.gov/revenue.

Abatements: Per RSA 76:16, property owners who believe their property is assessed incorrectly or that the assessment is disproportionate to other similar properties may apply to the Board of Selectmen for abatement. *Filing deadline: March 1st*

Blind Exemption: Per RSA 72:37, every inhabitant owning residential real estate, who is legally blind as determined by the Administrator of Blind Services of the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Department of Education may apply for an exemption off the assessment of their residential property. Applicants must be a resident of Sunapee.

Benefits—reduction of assessed value: \$15,000.

Subject to change based on Warrant Article

Filing deadline: April 15th

Elderly Exemption: Per RSA 72:39-a and RSA 72:39-b, residents over 65 years of age who meet income and asset limits may apply for an exemption off the assessment of their property. A single resident must have a net income under \$25,000 and married residents must have a combined net income under \$34,000. Applicants cannot own assets in excess of \$75,000 (excluding the value of the residence and residential land up to two acres). Applicants must be a resident of Sunapee and must have lived in the State of New Hampshire for three (3) years, as of April 1st. Approved applications will receive the following reductions off their assessed value:

Benefits—reduction of assessed value: ages 65 – 74: \$35,000; ages 75 – 79: \$55,000; age 80 and over: \$75,000.

Subject to change based on Warrant Article

Filing deadline: April 15th

Veteran's Tax Credit: Per RSA 72:28, a resident who has served in the armed forces in qualifying wars or armed conflicts and was honorably discharged; a resident who served in any war or armed conflict that has occurred since May 8, 1975 in which the resident earned an armed forces expeditionary medal or theater of operations service medal; or the spouse or surviving spouse of such resident, may qualify for a \$500 tax credit. The surviving spouse of any person who was killed or died while on active duty, so long as the surviving spouse does not remarry, may qualify for a \$2,000 tax credit. Applicants must be a resident of Sunapee and must have lived in the State of New Hampshire for at least one year, as of April 1st. Any person who has a total and permanent service connected disability or is a double amputee or paraplegic because of a service connected injury, and has been honorably discharged, may qualify for a \$2,000 tax credit.

Subject to change based on Warrant Article

Filing deadline: April 15th

Solar Tax Credit: Per RSA 72:62, the Town of Sunapee has adopted a solar energy system exemption equal to 100% of the ad valorem value of the solar energy system from the assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property which is equipped with a —solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61.

Filing deadline: April 15th

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Burials

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Grave</u>
Dec. 20, 2021	Faith E. (Ames) Ferguson	New Eastman B	89B	G1
Jan. 31, 2022	Janet J. (Caron) Robillard	South Sunapee	60	G3
Mar. 11, 2022	Ronald R. Leone	New Eastman C	49C	G1
July 8, 2022	Priscilla A. (Nelson) Swensen	New Eastman A	63A	G1

Cremations

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Grave</u>
Jan. 12, 2015	Henry M. Pinkowski	New Eastman A	68A	G2
Mar. 23, 2020	Larry G. Posey	South Cemetery	51	G2
Sep. 7, 2020	Jerry M. Proper	New Eastman B	80B	G4
Sep. 6, 2021	Susan (Hodges) Lace	New Eastman A	91A	G3
Nov. 3, 2021	Dexter O. Collins Jr.	New Eastman A	81A	G2
Nov. 16, 2021	Eunice (Collins) Proper	New Eastman B	80B	G4
Nov. 24, 2021	Roger T. Porter	New Eastman A	77A	G4
Jan. 2, 2022	Charles F. Caswell	New Eastman B	89B	G3
Jan. 3, 2022	Porter Alvah Young	Old Eastman Ext.	3	G2
Jan. 9, 2022	Marilyn E. Ford	New Eastman B	87B	G4
Jan. 31, 2022	Alexander A. Milewski	New Eastman C	61C	G2
Feb. 2, 2022	Donna E. (Carlson) Osborne	Old Eastman Ext.	69	G2
Feb. 12, 2022	Jane R. (Moote) Porter	New Eastman A	77A	G4
Mar. 6, 2022	Angela R. (Ruggiero) Rook	New Eastman A	68A	G1
Mar. 7, 2022	Lee V. (Philips) Huff	New Eastman B	85B	G4
Apr. 19, 2022	Gavin W. Eriksson	New Eastman B	71B	G3
Apr. 19, 2022	Jean (MacWilliams) Chandler	New Eastman B	64B	G1
Jun. 14, 2022	Ruth E. Osuch	South Cemetery	130	G1
Aug. 8, 2022	Earnest A. Rowe	New Eastman A	74A	G4

The Sunapee Cemetery Commission's burial and lot sales records were digitized in 2022. The missing records from 1801 into the late 1930s were restored through intensive research using town reports, county deeds, gravestone marking transcriptions compiled in 1915, 2005, and 2022, local newspaper archives, NH Death Records, and the Sunapee Historical Society's unique 40,000-person genealogical database known as the Families of Sunapee. This effort yielded a list of about 2,200 burials from 1801 to present day in these town cemeteries: Old Eastman, Colby, Cooper, South, Lower Village, Georges Mills Village, and New Eastman.

Approximately 120 grave sites were confirmed to exist but that have no marker. Until recently, burial maps of only New Eastman Cemetery and portions of Old Eastman and South Sunapee Cemeteries existed. Now, accurate burial maps for all seven cemeteries have been created through this research and field work. Copies of the Cemetery Commission's new maps and records are at Town Hall, the Sunapee Historical Society, and soon at town.sunapee.nh.us/cemetery-commission, the commission's webpage. Interesting historical overviews of each cemetery, our ancient burial practices, and the new alphabetical list of all burials can be found at our webpage. Our By-Laws and Regulations are being updated. We take this opportunity to remind the community to report remains interments to the commission prior to burial.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Trow, Chair
Barbara Chalmers, Secretary

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A history of Sunapee's conservation lands since first established in 1929, and the Conservation Commission's activities since inception in 1965 was compiled this year. This history and a new overview of the laws, responsibilities, and resources that govern and guide the commission's work can be viewed at: town.sunapeenh.us/conservation-commission, our webpage. New commission members have also brought an interest in and focus on controlling invasive plants in Sunapee. We plan to continue and expand on these efforts next year.

During 2022, the commission reviewed 23 dredge and fill applications for properties in town. A commission member attended planning board meetings this year to improve communication regarding land developments early in the planning process.

Following our 2021 Ledge Pond Town Forest timber harvest, three new hiking trails were established there this year, including Lucien's Way, an Eagle Scout project of Sunapee boy scout Lucien Osborne. A very well attended Conservation Commission community hike at the new Ledge Pond trails was held in October and will become an annual event. The new trails are well signed and a trail map is now available on our website. Trailhead kiosks at Ledge Pond, Dewey Woods, and Wendell Marsh were spruced up with paint and new signage, including the updated town forest rules. In 2023, we will be assessing Dewey Woods for needed timber stand and meadow improvements.

During 2022, an agreement was reached with the town Water & Sewer Commission to remove the present municipal sewer plant site and the upland forest portion, (about 22-acres) of the Archers-Bartlett lot from town forest designation. This area is needed for future expansion of the sewer plant. The wetland and prime habitat zone in the Archers-Bartlett lot that connects conserved lands to the north and south will remain in town forest designation. When delineated, this agreement will go to Sunapee voters for approval as a warrant article.

In March the Conservation Commission began work to update the 2008 Sunapee Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) with expert assistance from the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. The NRI describes in detail our town's natural resources and is an important planning tool. The 2022 update effort is nearly complete and has resulted in an impressive science-based report and set of maps about the status and resiliency of our natural resources. A new and ambitious Conservation Plan for the coming decade is part of this work. Watch for up-coming community presentations about the new NRI and conservation plan in 2023. These documents can be viewed on our webpage.

We are asking voters in 2023 to fully fund the annual \$55,000 appropriation to the Conservation Commission Fund that we use to complete conservation projects in town. Our long-standing goal has been to have this fund reach \$250,000, but we are well short. We hope that you will support the commission and land conservation by helping us through your vote to secure funding for this important work.

Thank you.
Van Webb, Chairman
Barbara Chalmers, Secretary

CROWTHER CHAPEL



This year was another successful year at the Chapel with a good number of visitors and positive feedback about our gem in Sunapee. As in previous years we posted invites in a few Churches and requested the publishing of our opening dates in Church Bulletins. I wish to thank all the people on the committee for being docents and helping with the opening, closing and cleaning of the Chapel. As always a special thank you to M. J. Harringtons Jewelers and David Lantz for letting us store our artifacts in their storage vault for the winter. Another special thank you goes to John Augustine for allowing us the use of the Dexter's Inn for all of our meetings.

The Chapel is open 4 times a year on the last Sunday of June, July, August and September from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm with a docent present that can answer questions about the history of the Chapel. We would love to have additional volunteers and if there is anyone interested in getting involved with the Crowther Chapel please get in touch with us via the town office.

Sincerely,
Gigi Polleys
Chairperson
Crowther Chapel

ENERGY COMMITTEE

At the start of 2022, the Energy Committee (EC) consisted of Keith Chrisman, Bette Nowack, Adam Dolce, and Doug Hanson.

In implementing its Mission Statement, the EC:

- Assessed the installation of photovoltaic (PV) arrays for the Town, schools, and Water and Sewer facilities.
- Continued to populate the EPA Energy Star benchmarking tool, Portfolio Manager, to assess the energy performance of its municipal buildings.
- Presented the EC's accomplishments, programs, and plans to the community during the Farmer's Market this summer.
- Studied how Sunapee could reduce electricity rates by participating in New Hampshire's Community Power program.
- Worked with Water & Sewer and the Conservation Commission to site a PV array for the Treatment Plant's use.

In 2023, the EC plans to:

- Submit comments to the Planning Board regarding energy policy in the upcoming 2023 Master Plan.
- Continue to bring more Sunapee municipal buildings into Portfolio Manager.
- Continue to seek other locations for PV infrastructure in Sunapee.
- Continue to investigate locations and funding mechanisms for electric vehicle charging stations in Sunapee.
- Continue to determine whether and how Community Power could assist in reducing Sunapee's electricity rates.

Respectfully,

Keith Chrisman
Chairman, Energy Committee

FIRE DEPARTMENT



On behalf of the Sunapee Fire Department, I would like to thank the community for your support. We are so fortunate to have you by our side assisting us all the way. This partnership has allowed us the ability to train and provide essential emergency services to the Town of Sunapee.

I would also like to thank all the members of the Sunapee Fire Department, as well as their families for the flexibility that is required for responding to calls all hours of the day and night.

Our department responded to 616 calls, which means this past year was the busiest year we have had to date. The department responded to 300 medical calls and 316 fire related calls.

Below you will find this year's calls:

300 Medical	2 Chimney	4 Illegal burn
2 Brush fire	0 Ice rescue	23 Details
30 Mutual Aid	5 Boat rescue	7 Investigations
3 First alarm fire	16 Tree down	2 Spills
50 Car accidents	30 Wires down	12 Carbon monoxide
6 General alarm fire	2 Search/rescue	1 Car fire
96 Alarm activations		25 Public assist/good intent call

Also included this year are our non-emergency calls for service:

9 Life safety inspections	10 Residential safety checks	15 Fireworks permits
133 Category 1 fire permits	67 Category 2 fire permits	88 Category 3 fire permits

The Sunapee Fire Department has received grants and donations that have helped with the upgrade of many pieces of equipment. This year we have upgraded our fire boat with the help of donations as well as replaced our 21-year-old F550 with a new 2500hd pickup on a grant. As always, we are still applying for more grants to help offset the cost of equipment and supplies.



This year's training, although not as in-depth as last year's level one and two firefighter classes, brought some new levels to the department. Two members achieved fire instructor certification; 10 members achieved RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) certification for fast response to downed firefighters in buildings. We always continue to work on in-house trainings such as cold water rescue, pump training, SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus), search and rescue, and much more.



The Sunapee Fire Department was proud to be part of town events, such as filling the ice rink, the duck race in the harbor, as well as we assisted with the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot and we even helped deliver Santa to the harbor for visits with our youth.

For the most part, the Sunapee Fire Department is an on-call department; therefore, we respond from home or family activities when it is possible. Many members

work out of town or have employment from which they cannot leave to go to calls.

A couple of reminders: In an emergency, it is imperative that we locate your residence as soon as possible. With this said, I would like to ask all residents to please make sure you have your house numbers visible from the road. Also, a reminder to change your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors twice a year.

As in years past, we only issue burn permits online. This is for all categories from Class 1 seasonal permits to Category 3 brush piles. The cost is \$3.00 for the permit and a link to burn permit is under the Fire Department tab of the town website.

We are always seeking new members for both Fire and Medical positions. Please contact me or any member of the Sunapee Fire Department to learn more.

From the 28 members of the Sunapee Fire Department, we wish all our neighbors, supporters, and visitors a very safe and healthy 2023. Please contact me if you have any questions or any concerns with which I can assist.

EMERGENCY - DIAL 911

Chief John Galloway
Sunapee Fire Department
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9 Sargent Rd.
Sunapee, NH 03782
Phone # 603-763-5770
Fax # 603-763-7358
Cell # 603-520-5593



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



Stagecoach Road at top of hill looking east with rehabilitated drainage components, embankment improvements, 2" of new asphalt base course paving and new shoulder stone.

Winter Maintenance Highlights:

The Highway Department began winter maintenance operations on the Town's roads on November 26, 2021 and continued them through March 28, 2022. The winter of 2021/2022 saw approximately 31 plowable/treatable storm events with approximately 68" of snow, 1-3.5" of sleet and freezing rain split between three storm events including a significant freezing rain event on December 25th when Highway Department staff treated all Town roads and some NHDOT roads (paved & gravel) driving in reverse! We also received approximately 6" of rain. Our winter maintenance efforts resulted with an overall use of approximately 1,000 tons of straight rock salt, approximately 3000 tons of winter sand, and approximately 250 tons of 3/8" chip-stone.

Roadway Maintenance & Repairs: We completed multiple roadway maintenance and repair projects in 2022. We completed the total reconstruction of the west end of Stagecoach Road (from Harding Hill Road to Hells Corner Road), rehabilitated Birch Point Road and resurfaced Birch Point Lane, Love Joy Lane, Prospect Hill Road, Main Street in GM, Pleasant Street in GM, Holmes Lane in GM, and Cooper Street in GM. Highway personnel also completed drainage repairs and/or improvement projects for each of the roads in conjunction with the paving projects. The Highway Department's Road Management Plan provides a schedule and the estimated cost for the annual road repairs, and the repairs are funded in the Highway Department's paving line item with \$400,000 annually. The Road Management Plan is located on the Town's website at: www.town.sunapee.nh.us

Drainage Improvements: We completed multiple drainage improvements and/or drainage repair projects in 2022. In addition to the Stagecoach Road rehabilitation project, we worked with the NHDOT, the LSPA, and a private property owner to permit, design, and install a new catch at the Post Office in Georges Mills. The goal of this project was to replace a failing catch basin with a new catch basin and to significantly reduce sediment transport and deposition that had been occurring for decades into Otter Pond.



Photograph of the Main Street & Garnet Street Intersection Improvements Project. This project was originally designed, permitted, and bid out to local contractors in 2020 for construction in 2021. Early in 2022, the Town Manager and Highway Director worked with local citizens to establish a construction alternative (i.e. pavement markings) that allowed us to study two intersection realignment configuration options, and that also supports existing winter maintenance activities for this location.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

In 2022, the Buildings and Grounds Department continued to clean and sanitize public buildings on a more frequent basis due to the continued presence of COVID-19. Additionally, the department, with assistance from the Highway Department as needed, completed planned projects throughout the spring, summer, and fall of 2022. A couple of the projects that were completed are listed below:



Photograph of the New Library Shed Project: During the summer of 2022, the Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Department constructed a new library shed at the Abbott Library. The shed was designed and constructed such that it matched the existing Abbott Library and will be used for storage of items at the Abbott Library.

Photograph of the New Water Service to the Town Office: In October 2022, we replaced the failed water service to the Town Office with a new water service.

Should any resident of the Town have questions, comments, or suggestions regarding Highway Department operations, or Buildings & Ground Maintenance please do not hesitate to contact me at (603) 763-5060 Ext 102, or please feel free to stop in at my office at 621 Route 11.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Hazelton, CPESC
Highway Director



HYDROELECTRIC PLANT

I am pleased to provide this, my 23rd, report for the Town's hydro-electric generating plant. The Plant officially went online in February 1985 and has generated over 82,500,000 GREEN kilowatt hours and over 6.8 Million Dollars in revenue in its 37 year history. 2022 ended down about 15% LOWER than 2021 in generation, at 1,865,000 KWh. The first six months were very productive. However, the Plant went off line early in July and did not resume generation until early November. November and December were fairly productive.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which regulates all energy generating facilities, reclassified the Sunapee Project from a low hazard to a significant hazard Project due to the fact that the water conveying penstocks crossed public way. This then mandated an engineering analysis of the integrity of the 2 42" concrete lined ductile iron penstocks, which was completed in late October. Once the report is accepted by the FERC, the penstocks will not need to be inspected for another 10 years. In addition, the Town needed to submit a Public Safety Plan and a Dam Safety and Surveillance Monitoring Plan. The Town hired the engineering firm Gomez and Sullivan to prepare these, which will be submitted in the first quarter of 2023.

2022 was the fourth full year of net metering, which qualified the Town to receive the default energy price from Eversource, which is subject to change on February 1 and August 1 of each year. The 1st month of 2022, the Town received \$0.08825/kWh for electricity generation. From February 1 through July 31, the Town received \$0.10669/KWh, and from August 1 through the end of the year, the Town received a whopping \$0.22566/KWh. The Town reimburses Standard Power, our Net metering aggregator, approximately 20%, which for 2022 earned them \$28,041.93 In addition to this rate, the Plant still was able to generate and sell upwards of 1850 Renewable Energy Credits, which provided an additional \$0.038/kWh or \$71,982.

Total revenue generated for 2022 was just over \$221,000.00.

The dollar amounts in this report may be different from the amounts shown in the Revenue section of this Town Report due to the timing of payments.

In closing, I would like to thank Joe Adams and Jeff Collins for their continued commitment as assistant Plant Operators.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Collins
Plant Operator



PLANNING BOARD

2022 started out with renewed optimism for holding in-person public meetings again and enjoying the open civil discourse of ideas necessary for public boards to operate properly. The Planning Board, along with other town boards and committees were able to welcome the public back in the meeting room for in-person discussions and exchange of ideas, while continuing to also allow on-line participation.

The many cases that the Planning Board reviewed and approved over the past year included:

- Major and Minor subdivisions, including an additional 12 lots in an existing subdivision along Route 103B and a new 5 lot subdivision off from Nutting Road.

- A re-use of an existing vacant garage on Lower Main Street for a shipping and receiving facility for a local antique furniture business.

- Several annexations and mergers of adjacent building lots.

- Development of a commercial site into new storage unit facility at the intersection of Rt. 11 and 103.

- A Home Business for a hair salon.

- A new 3-bedroom apartment complex with a Deli along Lower Main Street.

- Various tree cutting permits

- Review, but not approval of, the proposed SCES upgraded detached classroom building and bio-mass fuel burning facility behind the Sherburne Gym on Rt. 11.

Due to the pandemic and other economic influences, Sunapee, along with many other global communities, has seen a sharp rise in Short Term Rentals (STR's) over the past few years. Like many other towns, we had very little in our current ordinance to address these uses which provide transient accommodations, like an Inn, but within the setting of a single- or two-family residence. The town and its' residents struggled to find an equitable solution to allowing such a use in residential areas, which bring tourists and income to our area, but sometimes impact the sense and feeling of community that the residents cherish.

With the formation of a STR taskforce, spearheaded by the town manager, we began to understand the complexities of finding that balance of rules and regulations needed to address the concerns of many stakeholders. Taking the taskforce's findings, the Planning Board started holding meetings in July to gather additional information and input from residents concluding with an appropriate proposed zoning amendment to put before the voters in March of 2023. The board heard from many residents and non-residents on the impacts, both good and bad, STR's can and do have on our town, and although the board still has some work to finalize this proposed amendment, it will ultimately be the voters that will decide how best to proceed on this very important issue facing our town.

The Planning and Zoning Boards held their annual joint public meetings to gather input on other proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance as well this year. Although there are the usual clarifications and updates, there will be other substantive proposals/ changes which will also be on the ballot to carefully review.

The Planning Board continues our work at updating the Master Plan, which we started reviewing last year. As part of this process, we invited and met not only with several of the town's department heads, committees and members, but the board has also engaged the services of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to assist in holding a series of public meetings and distributing a questionnaire. The board's task is to include as many townspeople as possible in the revising of the Master Plan. Your participation in this process is critical in defining the vision for, and what the town of Sunapee should set as, priorities and goals for future land development, land conservation, recreation, and economic growth drivers.

Please check the town's website along with posted notices around town and published notices in local papers for when the board is having Master Plan meetings. A Master Plan Questionnaire will be mailed out to each household and is available online asking for their thoughts and concerns regarding the future of our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. White, Chair

PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS

	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Withdrawn</i>	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Total</i>
Subdivisions*	6	0	0	0	6
Site Plans	5	0	0	0	5
Mergers^	2	0	0	0	2
Cutting / Clearing	4	0	0	0	4
Total Cases	17	0	0	0	17

*Twenty-one (21) new lots were approved in 2022. ^Two (2) lots were merged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Marquise
Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT



I would like to introduce myself as the Chief of Police for the Town of Sunapee, Chief E. Neill Cobb. I was appointed as the Chief of Police for the Town of Sunapee on November 14, 2022, followed by a public swearing-in ceremony on December 15, 2022. The appointment concluded a rigorous, multi-step selection process that spanned 6 months. I have been a Police Officer in the State of NH for 24 years and have served the Sunapee Police Department for the past 18 years; having held the positions of the Patrol Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Interim Chief of Police, taking an active role in the department's succession planning, policy development, and program implementation, while enhancing my management skills and demonstrating leadership qualities. I have served local communities in my commitment to public safety, including service as a Communication Specialist for New London Dispatch, a Patrol Officer in Bradford and Newbury and an EMT for the Sunapee Fire Department. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree from Castleton University, have attended Command Training at Roger Williams University, and hold the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. Additionally, I have received commendations from the Sunapee Police Department, and serve the department as a firearms instructor, traffic accident reconstructionist, and background investigator. As a 4th generation resident of Sunapee, I live here with my wife and children.

The Sunapee Police Department went through many changes throughout 2022. Chief David P. Cahill retired after 32 years in law enforcement, 20 of those as Sunapee's Chief of Police. His retirement was celebrated with events and retirement parties. On May 13, Chief Cahill was escorted home in a parade of police cruisers. The streets of Sunapee were lined with those that came out to see him off and wish him well, including Lower Main Street with students and faculty from the Sunapee Schools. He then signed off duty for the last time, surrounded by family, with a radio call received by his son who is a dispatcher. I would like to thank Chief Cahill for his years of dedicated service and commitment to the Town of Sunapee and the State of New Hampshire. Additionally, Officer Edward Shaughnessy, who was appointed as the Chief of Police in Bradford, NH in 2022, resigned from the Sunapee Police Department after over 10 years of part-time service.

Our staff's commitment to Sunapee was essential in filling the hours left behind by the vacancies. In addition to extra hours worked by our full-time staff, Officers Peter Brigham, Jeremy Soulia and Jeffrey Reed all stepped up to fill the void. Nicholas Henault joined us as a part-time officer and is completing his Field Training. Josh Levasseur took over in January as our full-time Executive Administrative Assistant, an essential role in the support of the department.

Throughout 2022 the Sunapee Police Department continued its commitment to the community. Among other involvements, we participated in the Alcohol Awareness week at the Sunapee Middle High School, conducted a Bike Rodeo on Veterans Field, provided safety and parking for the annual 4th of July Fireworks in Sunapee Harbor, held several Restorative Justice sessions, assisted with teaching a health class at the SMHS and with the Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) program in the Elementary School, an officer became a member of the NH Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, and a local resident and college student attending Endicott College performed an internship with the department.

A new dock was put in in Sunapee Harbor to serve as a permanent location for the Sunapee Police Boat. The boat has been docked on Lake Sunapee since the boat program was initiated through the generous donation of space on private docks. With the demand for those spaces increasing, it was time to find a permanent home. The project was completed with the assistance of Sunapee Highway Dept, Sunapee Buildings and Grounds and approval by the Board of Selectmen. Additionally, its permit required the approval of the State of NH DES and the State of NH Executive Council. It was funded by private donations through the Sunapee Police Benevolent Association. Having the boat easily accessible in Sunapee Harbor will improve response times to emergencies on Lake Sunapee.

In an effort to better provide transparency to the public and understanding of department activities, determine areas of town requiring special attention, and to provide officers with an additional tool to realize the results of their work, a quarterly Sectors Areas and Field Enforcement (S.A.F.E.) Report was established. This report analyzes statistics of areas of Sunapee and has led to the creation of additional sectors and improved consistency of call for service classification. The report has been published quarterly on the police department's website and shared on the new Sunapee Police Department Facebook page. Please follow us on that page as it will provide information that was previously shared on other platforms.

The Sunapee Police Department has five full-time police officers which include the positions of Chief of Police, Lieutenant, Sergeant, and two Patrol Officers. Additionally, the department has five to six part-time officers, an Executive Administrative Assistant and two civilian employees that serve as the Sunapee Harbor Liaison and the Crossing Guard. As of the end of 2022 there is one full-time officer vacancy. Four police cruisers include two 2020 Chevy Tahoes, a 2017 Ford SUV and a 2017 Ford F150. The cruisers are typically kept for six years at which time they are ready to be taken out of service as police vehicles. Additional major equipment includes a GEM electric vehicle which primarily services Sunapee Harbor with the Harbor Liaison, a 20ft Angler boat, a portable message board/speed sign and six speed signs, two of which are portable and are used to calm traffic and gather data. The lead time for replacing cruisers has been extended substantially since the last ordering process and is now expected to take 12-months. As a result, a 2023 Dodge Durango Pursuit was ordered earlier than usual to replace the 2017 Ford SUV.

Below are the statistics for the year 2022:

1197 Vehicle Stops	56 Arrests
6223 Calls for Service (CFS)	257 Field Interviews
7420 Total CFS and Vehicle Stops	894 PD Lobby Visits
267 Incident Reports	3372 Telephone Calls Received

Training continues to be a high priority within the department. All officers completed required training in De-escalation, Implicit Bias and Ethics. Sgt. Puchtler completed the FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute, the third component of the series, thereby receiving the FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award. Officer Boisvert participated in a 2-week Command Training Series: First Line Supervisor Course at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. Officer Merullo completed training as a Field Training Officer (FTO). The FTO class was based on the industry standard San Jose Model, providing the tools and knowledge to properly train new officers. All current full-time officers are now FTOs.

The year ahead looks exceptionally busy. A complete overview and update of the Department's Policies and Procedures, Job Descriptions and Forms has begun with the assistance of an outside firm. An evidence room audit and a management study of the department are planned to be initiated in 2023. The management study will be paid through the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). The completion of these projects are anticipated to prepare the Sunapee Police Department for the NH Law Enforcement Accreditation, once the guidelines are established by the NH Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. This Commission was established after recommendation from the NH Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency (LEACT). In response to a YouTube video that was created and published of a ride-along with a Sunapee Officer, we have been approached by The First Responder Network to be featured in an episode.

We will continue professional development and training opportunities for all of the department members including sending an officer to the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) NH, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Mental Health Awareness & De-escalation Training for Police.



All of the department members have worked exceptionally hard this past year to ensure the continuity of police service during this transitional period and while being short-staffed. I extend my deepest appreciation for their dedication to serving Sunapee. I also wish to extend my appreciation to the families of the Sunapee Police Officers for their support of the officers during this time.

I welcome communication regarding questions, concerns, or suggestions. Please feel free to contact me or stop by the Sunapee Police Department. I can be reached at 603-763-5555 or e.neill.cobb@sunapeepd.com. For emergencies dial or text 911. If we can be of assistance, or if you see something suspicious, please notify us as soon as possible. To live up to our motto "Success Through Teamwork", we rely not just on the department members but on many others including the community, fellow Sunapee Departments, and our law enforcement partners.

In closing I would like to offer that as a lifelong resident who has committed my entire adult life to the public safety of the Town of Sunapee, I am humbled and honored to have received the appointment allowing me to serve the citizens of Sunapee as Chief of Police. I would like to thank all the members of our community who have expressed their support. I am proud to be a member of the Sunapee community and the Sunapee Police Department and I am fortunate to be surrounded by an excellent team of law enforcement professionals. I look forward to our next chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Neill Cobb,
Chief of Police



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sunapee Recreation Department strives to provide content that the residents can be proud of, in a fun learning environment for all participants to enjoy and grow from. This year brought some changes in the department and my mission through this transition has been the continuity of programming without interruption to the community. While some programming was discontinued, others saw them reimagined for the long-term growth of the department and our overall mission.

Winter Activities:

Winter comes with its own unique beauty and in New England, we prepare for all types of weather: rain, snow, sleet, wind...even a combination of all in the same day! While most programs typically occur indoors at this time of the year, we do appreciate all of what our area offers in the form of ice skating, snowshoeing, downhill skiing, snowboarding, and cross-country skiing.

-Basketball: We offer a skills and drills program for the Kinder and 1st & 2nd grades, as well as participate in the local league for our 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th grade teams, which is comprised of local towns. Our K-1/2 grade programs are offered through a skills and drills format at our high school. The 3rd-6th grade levels participate in the Sugar River Youth Basketball League, comprised of neighboring towns. The league is focused on player development of the sport through fair play and sportsmanship.

-Open Gym: We were able to offer youth drop-in basketball for grades 3-12 on Saturday evenings at the Sherburne Gym. This program runs from December to the end of February from 6pm to 8pm. Participants shoot baskets or take part in more organized pickup games.

-Drop-in Volleyball: Open to adults on Friday nights at either the high school or the Sherburne Gym. Glad to see the sport is carried on by this group year-round!

-Adult Drop-in Basketball: Adult basketball for men and women runs Sunday from 5-7pm at the high school.

-Ice Skating Rink: The ice-skating rink is located at Veterans Field in Sunapee. The town does a great job each year to establish a solid surface for skating. Thank you to Craig Heino and the Buildings & Grounds and Highway crews for creating and maintaining the ice, the Sunapee Fire Department for trucking in the necessary water, and to all the volunteers for doing such a wonderful job on snow removal when needed.

Spring Activities:

-Baseball: Starting at the introduction of level T-Ball, through the majors level, we saw 99 players participated this year in our baseball programs. T-Ball is hosted in Sunapee while the older kids competed in the Kearsarge Valley Cal Ripken League competing against other towns from the area. From the basics of catching, throwing, and hitting off a tee at the lower levels, to learning how to pitch and play on the expanded field space of the highest levels of Rec, we saw a lot of growth from these players over the season. Teams enjoyed their fair share of success over the course of the season as well, making for a memorable season for all involved.

-Softball: Sunapee girls softball team participates in the Kearsarge Mountain South League. This league offers an under 10 and under 12 division for towns in the Kearsarge area. This season we had 14 participants, between the 3rd-6th grades, allowing us one team that played in the U12 division. The team played very well and enjoyed the season.

-Granite State Track and Field: Sunapee attracted 22 boys and girls to participate in Track and Field thanks to the Granite State Track & Field, a program sponsored by NHRPA. We are also very lucky to be provided the use of the Newport track for our practices. Field events include: 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1600m, 4x 100m relay, standing long jump, and softball throw. Each year, Sunapee competes in the Western Regional Meet and in the top 3 for each event qualifies for the State meet held in Winnisquam NH. This year we had 8 qualify for the State meet!

-Spring Egg Hunt: A fun spring tradition organized by Recreation and many high school volunteers. Over 100 young egg hunters raced around the Gazebo lawn to search for 600+ little treasures.

Summer Activities:

-Sunapee Summer Day Camp: Back for its second year, Sunapee Day camp brought new ideas into this summer. Teaming closely with the Abbott Library and Sunapee Elementary, we were able to structure the programs to ensure safety for all campers. We produce programming that we felt combined enrichment and entertainment and allowed the town's people not to feel overwhelmed when the camp came to an area of town they were visiting. Through the Abbott Library, we were able to offer a weekly schedule of programming where outside agencies came to us for specialized programs, to include offerings like Montshire Museum of Science, Christa McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, VINS, and Co-Ops to name a few. Field trips offered campers trips to blueberry picking, Sunapee Cruises Lake tour, The Fells, and the Sunapee Fire Department. These were some of the highlights to this year's summer camp.

-Babe Ruth Baseball: Twenty three 13-18 year old boys turned out for the Summer Babe Ruth season this year. The league is a favorite of high school players and coaches, allowing the short spring season to extend into the summer for weekly games. We offered two teams this year, a 13-15 year old team and a 16-18 year old team. Teams enjoyed a successful summer season and look to continue Sunapee's strong baseball tradition.

-Dewey Beach/Georges Mills Beach: Our beach staff does an outstanding job of getting the beaches ready for residents and their guests to enjoy each day in the summer months. Opening around Memorial Day and operating until Labor Day, we offered swim lessons as well as sign out paddle boards and kayaks. Whether you want to swim to one of the docks, build a sandcastle on the beach, or play some basketball; Dewey Beach has something for everyone. Georges Mills Beach was cleaned daily to offer a "hidden gem" to residents to get away from the crowds.

-Swim Lessons: 104 swimmers enrolled in our swim program at Dewey Beach this summer. We incorporated new learning tools this summer to diversify the program and keep the kids excited and eager to learn more each summer. We also added a late afternoon session to allow Summer Camp participants to enroll and make it easier for families to make lessons for working parents.

-SummerFest: This new event brought together music, vendors, food & refreshments, and games to the Veterans Field which brought the community together to get a start on our summer fun time! Music filled the air and visitors danced, and lawn games entertained. Local vendors were arranged around the field for all to explore and purchase from. It was a successful first year and something we look to bring back next year!

-4th of July Celebration: The official kick-off to summer! Watermelon Race in Sunapee Harbor attracted more than 20 participants and a large crowd on Friday night. Saturday started out with the Parade themed “Rec, White & Blue” travelling down Central Street, into and around the harbor. In the harbor, we were treated to a first year of a Hot Dog eating contest (fastest to eat 10 dogs) and a band featuring some old-time rock and roll, “Friday Night Therapy.” Fireworks were the featured evening send-off for the town on such a great Saturday in Sunapee to celebrate the 4th of July! Special thanks for all those who donated to the fireworks, as it would not be possible without these donations.

-Challenger Soccer Camp: This weeklong soccer camp, run by the Challenger Soccer Program, is designed to enhance skills at virtually all ages and skill levels. This camp is for ages 3-12 and held on Veterans Field in July.

-Rock Bass Fishing Derby: We were able to get close to 40 teams of anglers of all ages to join the efforts in August to rid Lake Sunapee of these pesky little critters. This year’s derby was still able to catch over 1,000+ rock bass and will be back again next year!

-Special Trips: Sunapee recreation featured a trip to Broadway this year to see the show *Wicked* in New York City. The trips provide a comfortable coach bus, plenty of friendly memories, and a great way for residents of all ages to share in the fun.

Fall Activities:

-Soccer: Soccer this year attracted over 114 players between the Kindergarten grade through the 6th grades. We focus for K-1/2 level on skills and drills. By offering these in a fun and enthusiastic way, the kids get the most out of this programming. Upper levels, grades 3rd-6th, participate in the Merrimack Valley Soccer League. Teams compete against teams from Bow to Grantham, and Andover to Hillsboro. All teams have successful seasons, learning and competing up to and including year end jamborees and tournaments.

-Pumpkin Carving & The Great Pumpkin Race: Local kids turned out to Veterans Field for free pumpkins to carve into jack-o-lanterns again this year. Another way to participate this year was to turn that pumpkin into a racing fruit and race it down the school hill next to Sherburne Gym. About 12 racers entered the first ever race and while running them straight was a challenge, it was a lot of fun for all involved.

-Lake Sunapee Turkey Trot 5K Race: The annual Thanksgiving Day tradition was held again this year, in its 16th year of the Lake Sunapee Turkey Trot in Sunapee Harbor. Over 670 runners/walkers lined the race course from Burkehaven Hill Road to Lake Avenue on its 5K loop. Special thanks to David Rowell for sharing years of experience and all the sponsors for their dedicated efforts to make this event a success. For race results and additional details, go to www.sunapeeturkeytrot.com.

Recreation Advisory Committee:

Charleen Osborne, Chair
Jesse Socci, Secretary
Samantha Heino
Dan Whitmoyer
Tim Berube

Thank you so much for supporting recreation and all its benefits!

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Bourque,
Recreation Coordinator



SUNAPEE WELCOME CENTER



This year's most popular request was for information about hiking trails. In particular the River Walk, Sawyer's Trail, Clarke's Lookout, Cricenti's Bog and Mount Sunapee. We even had several inquires about the SRK Greenway trail. The harbor is a popular destination with boat rides, the Historical Museum and the many unique and interesting shops. Also are available boat rentals, eating establishments and picnic areas.

The Craftsman's Fair in August brought many visitors. They all were pleased to be here for the Fair and interested in the many activities in our area. We are delighted each and every year with the compliments we receive on out lovely building and beautiful flower boxes. We thank the Sunapee Gardeners for their great job with the flower boxes.

Stop in and see us next season. We are open weekends Memorial Day through June and Labor Day through to Columbus Day. July and August we are open seven days a week!

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Bradie
Lois Gallup
Saylor Darling

TRANSFER STATION

The Town processed approximately 1,230 tons of municipal solid waste (MSW) in 2022, compared to 1,210 tons in 2021, and we processed approximately 515 tons of construction and demolition debris (C&D) in 2022 compared to 590 tons in 2021. The cost to dispose of MSW and C&D in 2022 was \$57.86/ton.

Gross revenues from the sale of recyclables in 2022 was \$42,220, compared to approximately \$57,465 in 2021. This translates to about \$0.03 on the tax rate. Market conditions for the sale of recyclables continued to rebound through the middle of this year and then began to decrease during the second half of the year. We hope that the market conditions will turn back around during 2023, and we hope to exceed this year's gross revenue at the end of 2023.

We continue to explore more innovative ways to remove additional solid waste products from our waste stream that we pay to dispose of. Specifically, we generated approximately 122 tons of glass in 2022 which is the same number of tons of glass in 2021, at a disposal cost of \$35/ton in 2022. We are working with the NRRA and a program that utilizes crushed glass as an aggregate product for the production of insulation. Another option residents should consider is purchasing items that come in plastic or aluminum containers because these items generate revenue when recycled.

In 2022, we completed a few minor facility improvements. We continued providing composted leaf and yard waste material back to the public at no cost, and we completed our sixth year with the "Take-it or Leave-it" shack. We estimate that approximately 50 tons of solid waste material was removed from the waste stream in 2022 as a result of the compost program and the Take-it or Leave-it shack.

Remember, please make a conscious effort to keep all recyclable materials out of your household trash and/or out of your trash bags that are disposed of in the trash compactor (especially metal and glass products). This will help save on MSW disposal costs. Please continue to do your part by recycling and encourage other residents in the Town to recycle as well. Recycling helps save tax dollars and the environment.

Should you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding operations at the Transfer Station, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Transfer Station staff, or myself at 603-763-5060 Ext. 102.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott A. Hazelton,
Highway Director





"Partnering to make recycling strong through economic and environmentally sound solutions"

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 Telephone: (603) 736-4401 or 1-800-223-0150 Fax: (603) 736-4402
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NRRA Customer Activity Report: 2022 YTD

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Account Name: Account Name	Product: Product Name ↑	Net Lbs	Gross/Net Tons	Customer Revenue	Customer Expense
Sunapee, NH, Town of	Alum Cans-Loose				
	Sum	24820	12.41	\$14,631.20	\$0.00
	Baling Wire				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$779.40
	Bulbs-Fluor. Lamps Straight				
	Sum	697	0.3485	\$0.00	\$405.74
	Bulbs-Fluor. Lamps-U-Tubes, CI				
	Sum	195	0.0975	\$0.00	\$113.52
	Electronics-Comm. Surcharge				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$481.23
	Electronics-Console TV				
	Sum	396	0.198	\$0.00	\$106.92
	Electronics-Flat Screen TV				
	Sum	7128	3.564	\$0.00	\$1,198.84
	Electronics-Laptops				
	Sum	133	0.0665	\$36.58	\$0.00
	Electronics-PCs Whole Units				
	Sum	1094	0.547	\$136.75	\$0.00
	Electronics-TV Cathode Ray Tu				
	Sum	6398	3.199	\$0.00	\$1,078.02
	Fibers-Mags Loose				
	Sum	26000	13	\$419.25	\$229.25
	Fibers-Mixed Loose				
	Sum	101500	50.75	\$854.85	\$544.77
	Fibers-News & Loose				
	Sum	10080	5.04	\$1,029.60	\$0.00
	Freon-Units				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$2,096.00
	Glass-PGA				
	Sum	220540	110.27	\$0.00	\$4,410.80
	Plastic-HDPE MC Baled				
	Sum	7536	3.768	\$997.43	\$0.00
	Plastic-HDPE Nat Baled				
	Sum	12236	6.118	\$5,627.36	\$0.00
	Plastic-PET Baled				
	Sum	37548	18.774	\$3,340.49	\$0.00
	Propane-1#				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$600.00
	Propane-100#				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$9.00
	Propane-20#				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$66.75
	Propane-20# Damaged				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$13.75
	Propane-40#				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$6.25
	Propane-Motor Fuel/Forklift				
	Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$2.50
	Scrap-AC's				
	Sum	2065	1.0325	\$371.70	\$0.00
Scrap-Batteries-Auto					
Sum	2496	1.1143	\$399.36	\$0.00	
Scrap-Facility Fee					
Sum	0	0	\$0.00	\$281.50	
Scrap-Light Iron					
Sum	238960	106.6786	\$13,489.90	\$0.00	
Steel Cans-Loose					
Sum	19360	8.6429	\$775.72	\$0.00	
Tires-Delivered					
Sum	24880	12.44	\$0.00	\$1,928.20	
Tires-OTR					
Sum	1660	0.83	\$0.00	\$278.05	
Tires-Passenger					
Sum	3850	1.925	\$0.00	\$539.00	
Total		749572	360.8138	\$42,110.19	\$15,169.49
				Customer Revenue	Customer Expense



Benefits of NRRA Municipal Membership

- * Voting privileges at NRRA annual/special member meetings
- * Free subscription to NRRA's E-Newsletter- "Full of Scrap"
- * Access to all of NRRA's cooperative marketing programs, providing consistently high value revenue, consistent movement for all recyclables, and the entire waste stream including MSW
- * Access to NRRA's monthly pricing guide
- * Access to NRRA Members' only section of website
- * Access to NRRA's cooperative purchasing programs
- * NRRA monthly/quarterly/annual activity reports
- * Annual NRRA environmental impact reports
- * Discounts to NRRA award winning annual conference
- * Discounts to NRRA workshops, bus tours, other events
- * NRRA SWAT team assistance as needed on site
- * Technical assistance from NRRA's member services team
- * Attendance at NRRA's member's only "M.O.M". meetings
- * Opportunities for NH DES credit towards operator training
- * Free NRRA membership for all K-12 schools in your municipality
- * Discounts on all NRRA School CLUB recycling programming
- * Grant processing assistance for any NH the Beautiful Bins/Grants/Signs
- * Financing assistance for recycling infrastructure - NRRA will assist with the purchase of balers, skid steers, trailers and storage containers, both with NHtB grant applications and with commodity payments over time

Membership Fee is .07/capita (\$ 100 minimum/\$ 1,800 maximum)

Municipal dues year runs from April 1 through March 31*
(option for July 1 thru June 30 available upon request)

*Municipal membership fees can be prorated for new members

TRANSFER STATION & BEACH PASSES

The owner or owners of the residential property will be given a 3-year decal pass for entrance to the Transfer Station and Dewey Beach. The decal pass is to be affixed to the inside of the driver's side windshield, upper corner. If not affixed and the decal pass is lost, a fee of \$25 will be charged for a replacement pass. The owner may request as many passes as he wants, but each decal pass must have a plate number.

Relatives of owners and long-term renters will be issued 1-year decal pass for entrance to the Transfer Station and Dewey Beach with a plate number. Seasonal or short-term renters will be issued a temporary — card stock pass with the make and color of their vehicle, plate number and expiration date.

Land only and Boat Slip — card stock passes will be reviewed and issued on a case-by-case basis.

If the property is a business, for example: Sunapee Cottages, which has 11 units, they would get 11 — card stock guest passes that would be good for the current summer season. Owners must request a contractor's pass. They will be issued a temporary pass with their make and color of vehicle, plate number and expiration date.

There is a fee for any materials placed in the open-top container. The tickets necessary for placing materials in this container are available at the Selectmen's Office or at the Transfer Station. Brochures explaining the fee schedule and the materials covered, are also available at the Selectmen's Office.

To request a new or replacement transfer station sticker, please go to:
<https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/transfer-station> and click the button that says —Transfer Station Sticker Renewal / Replacement Form

TRANSFER/RECYCLING STATION HOURS

603-763-4614

Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday ~ 8:00 am - 4:15 pm
Sunday ~ 8:00 am – 11:45 am. Closed Tuesday and Wednesday

The Town of Sunapee adopted an Ordinance at the Annual Meeting March 12, 1985 (amended March 1989 and 1990) covering our Transfer/Recycling Facility. Copies are available at the Sunapee Town Office or on the town's website:
<https://www.town.sunapee.nh.us/>



TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS:

The Sunapee Trustees of the Trust Funds (**STOTF**) met five times in 2022 to discharge its fiduciary duties under both the Town of Sunapee's Investment Policy and the State of New Hampshire's Revised Statutes, Title III (2014) (**RSA 31:19, Trusts, Reserve Funds and the Role of Trustees**), regarding the 49 existing Trust Funds to ensure that the monies therein are fully protected and prudently invested with sufficient liquidity to satisfy any authorized demands for funds. As stated in last year's report, all funds shall be invested and maintained in a professional manner that adheres to the principals of:

-Safety – preserving the value of principle through conservative investments that protect against loss due to error or fraud.

-Liquidity – maintaining the ability to convert invested assets into cash, when and as needed, without incurring financial penalties.

-Investment Return – obtaining the highest investment return possible, consistent with the concern for safety and liquidity.

-Convenience – maintaining a system of operational controls that facilitates the investment and reporting processes, while minimizing associated administrative and cost burdens.

Trustee Chairman Lynn Smith completed her term in March of 2022 and retired from her Trustee duties. The Trustees thanked Ms. Smith for her service. Trustee John Berger assumed the role of Chairperson following Ms. Smith's retirement. Town resident, Lynn Arnold, volunteered to serve as Trustee and was sworn into office in August of 2022. Ms. Arnold has prior experience in municipal trust fund management having performed a similar role for a town in the state of Massachusetts.

The **STOTF** revised its Investment Policy in July, 2022 to add specifics regarding eligible investments as well as restrictions on securities which are deemed ineligible. The Investment Policy can be viewed on the Town's website.

The Town's 49 Trust Funds are invested with TD Bank, N.A. through its Government Banking Department and held in a multi sub-account deposit product which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). TD Bank, N.A. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Canadian multinational Toronto Dominion Bank. Any amounts above the \$250,000 FDIC insurance limit are collateralized through a TD bank N.A. Trustee agreement with Bank of New York (BONY) Mellon utilizing a Letter of Credit (LOC) from the Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) of Pittsburgh, of which BONY Mellon is a member.

The STOTF receives monthly rate updates from TD Bank in large (over \$100,000) Certificate of Deposit (CD) yields, as well as U.S. Treasury equivalents, to determine if there are opportunities within a portion of the 49 trust funds to increase the yield on investments for those funds where there is no forecast need to invade those balances for planned or potential 2023 withdrawals. TD Bank, N.A. agreed to provide such monthly updates and has done so in accordance with said agreement.

Over the course of 2022 inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), accelerated rapidly exceeding 9.0% annualized in JUNE, the highest rate in 40 years. The Federal Reserve (FED) responded and, beginning in March, raised the target Fed Funds rate 6 times in 2022, including 4 straight 75 basis point increases, a total of 3.75%, an unprecedented rise in interest rates. This allowed the **STOTF** to consider CDs in the Fall of 2022 and on December 5th, the STOTF approved the investment of \$3,000,000 of its approximate \$3.25 million in aggregated fund balances in a 90-day (3 month) TD Bank CD earning 4.20%. The CD was issued on 12/15/2022 and will mature on 3/15/2023. The CD paid \$5,868.49 in interest for the 17 days from its December 15th settlement through December 31st, which is included in the interest rate total cited in the following paragraph. **STOTF** will continue to review such opportunities periodically to enhance investment returns when and where merited.

Aggregate Trust Funds began the year at \$3,518,021.73 There was \$786,801.74 in principal added, \$28,814.95 in interest earned at an average rate of 0.85%, up from \$3,608.95 and 0.11% in 2021, and \$1,066,988.25 in monies withdrawn, including \$73,731.01 remitted to the town for residual monies in the Old Abbott Library and the Sestercentennial Trust which were closed out during the year, leaving a year end 2022 aggregate balance of \$3,258,960.97 of which \$3,000,000 was transferred into the 90 day CD referenced above. (*Individual fund balances can be viewed in the FINANCIALS section of the 2022 Sunapee Town Report.*) The rise in interest earned from the prior year was primarily due to the Federal Reserve raising the targeted fed funds rate beginning in March and TD Bank concomitantly increasing the rate it pays on municipal deposits from .10% at the beginning of the year to 2.25% at year end as well as the 4.20% CD.

Late in 2019, The **STOTF** asked TD Bank, N.A. to submit a written attestation, provided annually, stating that, subject to its examination, the **STOTF** complied with the requirements of NH RSA 31:25 (Custody; Investment). TD Bank, N.A. provided such attestation to the **STOTF** by letter on January 3, 2023. In addition, the **STOTF** reviewed TD Bank, N.A.'s performance as Trustee and concluded that TD Bank, N.A. had performed satisfactorily in 2022 and, therefore, shall continue to act as Investment Advisor to the **STOTF** in 2023.

Given the above, we, the Trustees of the Trust Funds, believe we have faithfully discharged our fiduciary duties for the fiscal year 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

John Berger, Chairperson
Patrick Fine, Trustee
Lynn Arnold, Trustee

WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

The Water & Sewer Department had a busy year in 2022 and I would like to offer thanks to the Water and Sewer Commissioners for their support during the past year and to the Highway, Fire, and Police departments for all of their assistance.

This year in the water systems, the department repaired one water main break (of course it had to happen one day before Christmas Eve and only one week before the year ended), five water service line leaks, installed a new fire hydrant, installed a new gate valve, replaced 1,600 feet of summer water line and tested all commercial backflows in town. The department flushed hydrants at night again this spring and in the fall did limited flushing during the daytime hours.

The Georges Mills well system ran quite well and had six call outs during the year. The Georges Mills plant processed 14,662,886 gallons of potable water, which is about 1.98 million gallons more than in 2021. In light of the drought, in 2023 the department may entertain instituting water conservation efforts or bans in Georges Mills if the trend continues to be dry. This should help alleviate recovery issues that the wells were experiencing during the 2022 summer months.

The Slow Sand Filter plant ran well with six call outs. Each of the three filters were cleaned once during the year. The Slow Sand Filter plant processed 47,181,799 gallons of potable water, which is 1,369,955 less than in 2021. The new Ultraviolet disinfection system at Harbor Hill is fully functional and is up and running quite smoothly.

The Water Department is continuing to change out the 20 plus year old meters in Town for the new ones that read via radio and we would like to encourage customers that still have the old meters with little black pads on the outside of their houses to call and set up to have a new one installed.

The Wastewater Treatment plant ran pretty well with eleven call outs during the year. The plant treated and returned just over 129.2 million gallons of clean water back into the river to be used again. This is approximately 5.3 million gallons less than 2021. In doing so we produced about 85.46 tons of sludge that was dewatered utilizing our centrifuge and trucked to Merrimack's Wastewater Treatment plants where they treat and prepare it for land application.

The Collection System also ran well this past year with eight pump station alarms. Thirty-one manholes were repaired and upgraded as part of our collection system yearly maintenance. The Department also vacuumed all pump station wet wells and recorded the condition of and jetted approximately 1,800 feet of sewer main looking for any problems and clearing any potential blockages.

We wish to remind all sewer users that many items you purchase may say that they are flushable, when in all reality they create expensive problems in household plumbing as well as in all types of sewer and septic systems. These types of items should only be disposed of in the trash! Never flush non-woven products such as baby or other cleaning wipes, toilet cleaning items, sanitary items or dental floss, and everyone should put their household FOG (fats, oils and grease) into a can or jar for disposal in the trash as well. Avoiding the introduction of these items into the sewer system is very important in helping to prevent problems within your own sewer lines as well as in the Town's sewer collection and treatment system.

The department personnel continue to do the daily routines of plant inspections, water sampling, maintenance of our facilities and taking classes to keep current with the ever additional and changing rules and regulations for drinking water and water reclamation.

In closing, I would like to thank the Water and Sewer Department personnel for their commitment. We are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Any interested citizens can request to tour the Sunapee Water and or Wastewater Plants. To arrange for a tour, or to ask any questions, please call (603) 763-2115.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bailey
Superintendent

2022 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT TOWN OF SUNAPEE WATER DEPARTMENT

Introduction

Like any responsible public water system, our mission is to deliver the best-quality drinking water and reliable service at the lowest, appropriate cost. Aging infrastructure presents challenges to drinking water safety, and continuous improvement is needed to maintain the quality of life we desire for today and for the future.

In 2022, we installed a new hydrant, replaced 1,600 feet of summer water line, repaired one water main break, repaired five water service line leaks, installed a new gate valve, tested all commercial backflow preventers in Town and flushed hydrants in the spring and in the autumn. In 2022 we have been fully up and running with the new Ultraviolet disinfection system with the final work having been completed in September when the new instrumentation for it was received and installed. In 2023 we are hoping to receive grant funding to continue improving our Asset Management plan and if the warrant article for replacing water mains passes we will be moving forward with the next stage of getting this project to fruition. We are planning to replace another hydrant as well as another 1,000 or so feet of summer water line. We are continuing to work at getting all of the 20 plus year old meters in town replaced with new ones that allow for radio readings and would appreciate any customers that still have the old meters with the black touch pads on the side of their houses to call us and set up an appointment to have a new meter installed. These new investments along with on-going operation and maintenance costs are supported solely by water user fees. When considering the high value we place on water, it is truly a bargain to have water service that protects public health, fights fires, supports businesses and the economy, and provides us with the high-quality of life we enjoy.

What is a Consumer Confidence Report?

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) details the quality of your drinking water, where it comes from, and where you can get more information. This annual report documents all detected primary and secondary drinking water parameters and compares them to their respective standards known as Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs).

The sources of drinking water

(both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

What is the source of my drinking water?

The Sunapee water systems source is surface water from Lake Sunapee. The water intake pipe is about 35 feet below the surface and is located in Sunapee Harbor. The water is filtered in the Slow Sand Filter Plant located on Harbor Hill and is treated with Soda Ash to raise the pH and disinfected using ultraviolet light and finally some chlorine is added to ensure that any bacteria that might enter the distribution system is eliminated. The Georges Mills water system source is ground water from two bedrock wells located on Pleasant Street. The water is aerated to remove radon, treated to prevent corrosion and disinfected with chlorine.

Why are contaminants in my water? Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Do I need to take special precautions? Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Source Water Assessment Summary

DES prepared drinking water source assessment reports for all public water systems between 2000 and 2003 in an effort to assess the vulnerability of each of the state's public water supply sources. Included in the report is a map of each source water protection area, a list of potential and known contamination sources, and a summary of available protection options. The results of the assessment, prepared on 10/24/2002, are noted below. For Lake Sunapee, no susceptibility factors were rated high, 4 were rated medium, and 8 were rated low. For Georges Mills Water Works, no susceptibility factors were rated high, 2 were rated medium, and 10 were rated low. Note: This information is over thirteen years old and includes information that was current at the time the report was completed. Therefore, some of the ratings might be different if updated to reflect current information. At the present time, DES has no plans to update this data. The complete Assessment Report is available for review at the Sunapee Water & Sewer Department office located at 23 Edgemont Road. For more information, call David Bailey-Water and Sewer Superintendent at 603-763-2115, or visit the DES Drinking Water Source Assessment website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/dwsap.htm>.

How can I get involved?

For more information about your drinking water, please call David Bailey, Sunapee Water and Sewer Superintendent, at 603-763-2115. The Water and Sewer Office is located in the Town Hall at 23 Edgemont Road. The Water and Sewer Commission meets the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise posted. Meeting notices are posted in the Town Hall, on the Town Web Site, in the Abbott Library and in the Sunapee Post Office.

Violations and Other information: Sunapee had no violations during 2022.

Definitions

Action Level or AL: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Abbreviations

BDL: Below Detection Limit

mg/L: milligrams per Liter

NA: Not Applicable

ND: Not Detectable at testing limits

NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Unit

ppb: parts per billion

ppm: parts per million

RAA: Running Annual Average

TTHM: Total Trihalomethanes

Drinking Water Contaminants:

Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. This water system is responsible for high quality drinking water, but we can't control the variety of materials used in your plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing cold water from your tap for at least 30 seconds before using water for drinking or cooking. Do not use hot water for drinking and cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead/index.cfm>

2022 TEST RESULTS FOR SUNAPEE, NH SYSTEM #2271010

LEAD AND COPPER						
Contaminant (Units)	Action Level	90th percentile sample value *	Date	# of sites above AL	Violation Yes/No	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	1.3	.12	11/30/22	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.
Lead (ppb)	15	3	11/30/22	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
DETECTED WATER QUALITY RESULTS						
Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation	Likely Source of	
Radioactive Contaminants * Represents 2018 Test Results # Represents 2015 Test Results						
Compliance Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	.3*	15	0	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	
Combined Radium 226 + 288 (pCi/L)	.3*	5	0	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	
Microbiological Contaminants						
Coliform and <i>E. coli</i> Bacteria	No samples tested positive.	0	0	NO	Human and animal fecal waste	
Turbidity (NTU) RAA	0.39	TT	N/A	NO	Soil runoff	
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium (ppm)	.010	2	2	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Zinc (ppm)	.0072	5	5	NO	Galvanized pipes	
Synthetic Organic Contaminants including Pesticides and Herbicides * Represents 2018 test results						
Glyphosate (ppb)	4.2*	700	700	NO	Runoff from herbicide use	
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA) (ppb) RAA	37.6	60	NA	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (Bromodichloro-methane Bromoform Dibromomethane Chloroform) (ppb) RAA	78.32	100/80	NA	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination	

SECONDARY CONTAMINANTS					
Secondary MCLs (SMCL)	Level Detected	Date	Treatment technique (if any)	AL (Action Level), SMCL or AGQS (Ambient groundwater quality standard)	Specific contaminant criteria and reason for monitoring
Chloride (ppm)	27	7/21/22	N/A	250	Wastewater, road salt, water softeners, corrosion
PH (ppm)	7.69	7/21/22	N/A	6.5-8.5	Precipitation and geology
Sodium (ppm)	24	7/21/22	N/A	100-250	We are required to regularly sample for sodium
Sulfate (ppm)	3.1	7/21/22	N/A	250	Naturally occurring

2022 TEST RESULTS FOR SUNAPEE, NH SYSTEM #2271020

LEAD AND COPPER						
Contaminant (Units)	Action Level	90th percentile sample value *	Date	# of sites above AL	Violation Yes/No	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper (ppm)	1.3	.067	08/13/20	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (ppb)	15	0	08/13/20	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
DETECTED WATER QUALITY RESULTS						
Contaminant (Units)	Level Detected*	MCL	MCLG	Violation YES/NO	Likely Source of Contamination	
Microbiological Contaminants						
Coliform and E. coli Bacteria	No Samples tested positive.	0	0	NO	Human and animal fecal waste	
Radioactive Contaminants * Represents 2018 Results # Represents 2015 Test Results						
Compliance Gross Alpha (pCi/L)	10.4*	15	0	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	
Uranium (ug/L)	14*	30	0	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	
Combined Radium 226 + 228 (pCi/L)	1.3 #	5	0	NO	Erosion of natural deposits	
Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium (ppm)	.017	2	2	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits	
Fluoride (ppm)	.57	4	4	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories	
Volatile Organic Contaminants * Represents 2019 Results						
Haloacetic Acids (HAA) (ppb)	None Detected*	60	NA	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection	
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) (Bromodichloromethane Bromoform Dibromomethane Chloroform) (ppb)	2.45*	100/80	NA	NO	By-product of drinking water chlorination	
Secondary Contaminants					SMCL	
Sodium (ppm)	13	250	250	NO	Action Level 100-250	



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
BOSTON, MA 02109-3912

December 20, 2022

Mr. David Bailey, Superintendent
Sunapee Water and Sewer
PO Box 347
Sunapee, NH 03782

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 Office, I am pleased to inform you that the Sunapee Wastewater Treatment Facility has been selected as a recipient of the **2022 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Excellence Award**. The utility was nominated by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services to acknowledge its commitment to protecting human health and the environment through wastewater treatment. Congratulations on this accomplishment!

A representative of the utility is cordially invited to attend the annual New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, from 11:00AM - 1:00PM at the Boston Marriott Hotel/Copley Place. I understand that you do not plan to attend. However, should you change your mind please contact Jay Pimpare at (617) 918-1531 or Pimpare.justin@epa.gov.

Once again, EPA would like to congratulate the Sunapee WWTF on being selected as a 2022 Regional EPA award recipient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JT" or similar initials.

Jason Turgeon
Municipal Assistance Unit
EPA Region 1

cc:

Shannon Martinez, Sunapee Town Manager
Kimberly Hallquist, New London Town Administrator
John Adie, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Mark Spinale, EPA
Justin Pimpare, EPA

WATER QUALITY HEALTH EFFECTS INFORMATION

Health Effects Information:

Copper—Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

Lead—(15 ppb in more than 5%) Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). (Above 15 ppb) Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

Coliform and E. coli Bacteria—*E. coli* are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Human pathogens in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a greater health risk for infants, young children, the elderly, and people with severely compromised immune systems.

Compliance Gross Alpha—Certain minerals are radioactive and may emit a form of radiation known as alpha radiation. Some people who drink water containing alpha emitters in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Uranium—Some people who drink water containing uranium in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer and kidney toxicity.

Combined Radium—Some people who drink water containing radium 226 or 228 in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Barium—Some people who drink water containing barium in excess of the MCL over many years could experience an increase in their blood pressure.

Turbidity—Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Glyphosate—Some people who drink water containing glyphosate in excess of the MCL over many years could experience problems with their kidneys or reproductive difficulties.

Fluoride—Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones. Fluoride in drinking water at half the MCL or more may cause mottling of children's teeth, usually in children less than nine years old. Mottling also known as dental fluorosis, may include brown staining and/or pitting of the teeth, and occurs only in developing teeth before they erupt from the gums.

Haloacetic Acids—Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

Trihalomethanes—Some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

2022 was a year of change. The health care community finally got some ideas on how to handle COVID, and we were finally able to meet clients in person again! Fortunately, most of the housing, heating, and electric assistance programs that had been federally funded due to COVID were still in effect for much of the year. Unfortunately, when they started running out, we began to see an increase in requests for assistance again.

With rising food prices, the Food Pantry has remained popular and busy. We have continued to offer bags 24/7 in the foyer of the Town Hall (weather permitting). Our small group of volunteers does an amazing job making sure that we aren't distributing outdated food and that things are ready in an instant if someone has an urgent need. In addition to regular food pantry usage, we supplied children at the elementary school with weekend bags filled with food to carry them over from week-to-week.

Another food program that we were able to offer was fresh produce this summer! New London Hospital donated a weekly Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) share to us. Individuals from our town shared the bounty from their gardens as well. Thanks to our Safety Services for offering a convenient, air-conditioned space, anyone in need was able to get farm-fresh fruits and vegetables!

The "Back-to-School Backpack" program continued again this year. We worked with the schools, individuals, and groups to provide packs filled with school supplies to students in need. It was wonderful to be able to offer a fresh start to everyone on the first day of school!

Once again, the High School's Service Club presented the "Empty Bowl" dinner. The money that they raised was used to fill family Christmas bags with food.

We continue to work with the churches, police, schools, local businesses, individuals, and organizations on holiday programs and food drives throughout the year. This year we were able to provide a record 65 individuals from 35 families in our town with gift cards, Christmas gifts, and cheer!

Thanks to the police for delivering Christmas gifts to some of the senior citizens in our town. They also delivered hot Thanksgiving and Christmas meals, donated by the Appleseed, to many more.

Finally, we had an increased ability to help clients with larger heating fuel costs than anticipated. We were able to do this because of our Sunapee Heating Fuel Fund. It was supported entirely by private donations and managed by Southwestern Community Services. We work closely with Southwestern Community Services to determine electric and heating fuel eligibility and to best serve our clients.

Thanks again to the entire Sunapee community. We are very fortunate to have such great support!

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Trow
Welfare Administrator

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

“Zoning boards of adjustments have played a vital, but little-noticed role in the development of New Hampshire communities. Sometimes praised, sometimes criticized, they have continued to perform their principal role – reviewing applications for zoning variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers, and hearing appeals from decisions made by administrative officials – all without much fanfare. To a large extent, the success or failure of zoning administration rests on the proper exercise of judgment by members of the board of adjustments, and the job is not an easy one”. (The Zoning Board of Adjustments in New Hampshire, A Handbook for Local Officials, 2021, pg. V).

As in past years, many applications this year were for projects located within the Shoreland Overlay District. In all instances, the Board is vigilant in balancing property owner rights while ensuring that the intent of the ordinance is met and that appropriate measures are taken to protect our town and natural resources.

Although the number of cases reviewed this year may be less than recent years it did not make the task any less involved. On the contrary, cases are seemingly becoming more complex and challenging requiring applicants to hire a team of professionals which can include architects, engineers, wetland scientists and lawyers. The board was often challenged on their application, interpretation, and the legality of their decisions. As a result, there have been a significant number of amendments proposed for next year’s warrant articles to help strengthen and/or clarify various sections of our ordinance.

2022 was additionally challenging for the board as they faced most of the year without the support of a full-time zoning administrator. Challenges arose with the resignation of the Zoning Administrator, Melissa Pollari early in the year. As the town struggled to fill the position, we were very fortunate to have Roger Landry agree to come out of retirement for a period and provide some much-needed assistance. We thank both for their service and wish them all well with their future endeavors.

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPLICATIONS

	Approved	Denied	Dismissed / Withdrawn	Total
Special Exceptions	04	01	02	07
Variances	05	00	04	09
Rehearing	01	01	00	02
Administrative Appeal	01	02	00	03
Equitable Waivers	00	00	00	00
Total Applications	11	04	06	21

There were significant changes to the composition of the Board in 2022. Long time senior member and Chair Aaron Simpson resigned from his position after having served on the board for ten years in addition to fulfilling various civic duties for the Town of Sunapee spanning over 30 years. His knowledge and history of the town was a tremendous asset to the board. We also had the privilege of welcoming new members Michael Jewczyn, David Andrews, and Pierre Lessard.

ZBA membership at the end of December 2022: Jeff Claus/Chair, Jamie Silverstein/Vice Chair, Jim Lyons, David Munn, Michael Jewczyn and alternates David Andrews, and Pierre Lessard.

I would like to thank the Board Members for their dedication and service on the Board and to the Town. I would also like to extend the opportunity to other town residents to consider joining the Board, either as a Member or Alternate. The Board is comprised of five elected members and up to five alternates. Alternates are always needed and is a good introduction to state and local land use regulations.

Lastly, although we operate as an independent board we acknowledge and appreciate the support of the Town Manager, the Zoning Administrator, the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, and other Town bodies that together seek to promote the health, safety, and general welfare of our community.

Respectfully,

Jeff Claus, Chair,
Town of Sunapee Zoning Board of Adjustment

ZONING REPORT

CERTIFICATE OF ZONING COMPLIANCE (CZC) PERMITS ISSUED IN 2022

New Single Family Homes (includes replacements)	18
Residential Alternations, Renovations, Additions	30
Garages and Outbuildings	38
Manufactured/Mobile Homes	01
Municipal Structures/Renovations	02
Commercial Structures, New	00
Commercial Structure Additions / Renovations	03
Multi-Family Homes	00
Decks, Porches, etc.	28
Miscellaneous, Boat Houses, Solar Units, Cell Tower Additions, etc.	02
Total	122

ESTIMATED VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION **\$33,369,713.00**

10 YEAR SUMMARY

	<u>Total CZCs</u>	<u>New Single Family Homes*</u>
2022	122	18
2021	111	22
2020	104	23
2019	89	14
2018	104	11
2017	127	21
2016	113	19
2015	136	19
2014	117	12
2013	112	14
2012	110	10

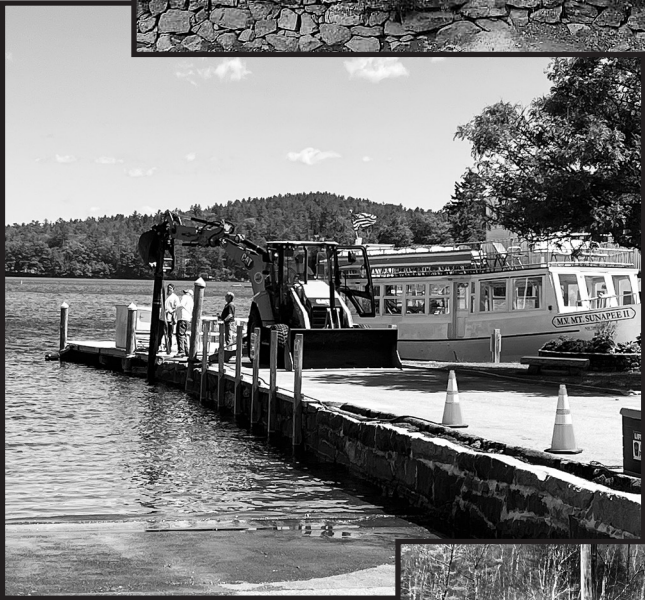
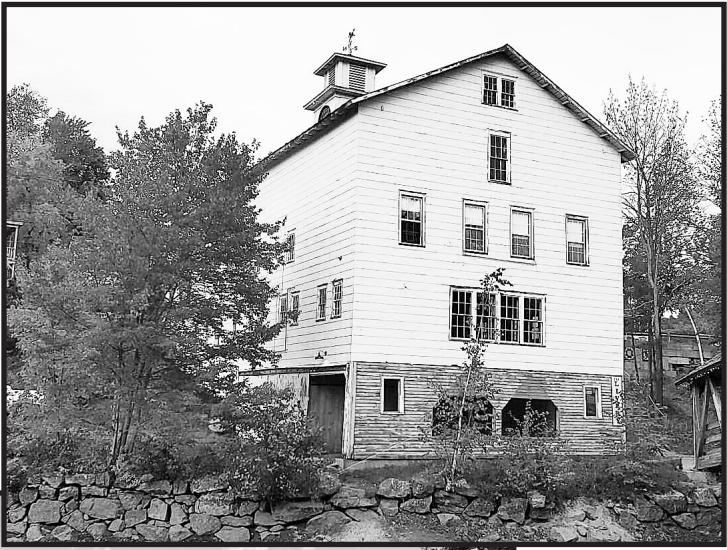
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OTHER PERMITS ISSUED IN 2021

Demolition Only Permits	05
Tree Cutting	25
Driveway Permits	20
Land Disturbance Permits	19
Sign Permits	03
Total Applications	72

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Theall
Land Use & Assessing Coordinator

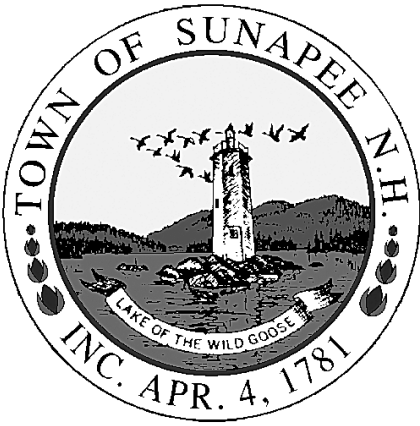












AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. This area includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilnot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 163 projects and protected 13,345 acres - including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access. Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places, and our opportunities for outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of the State and our communities.

Ausbon Sargent has had a busy year celebrating 35 years of land conservation! We completed three land projects with several more projects in different stages of completion, purchased the Ausbon Sargent office building, and returned to more regular events and hikes. The new land projects make up 207 acres of land that is now protected, and are located in the towns of Goshen, Newbury, and Bradford.

This year, we were happy to be able to host two important events in your beautiful town, taking advantage of the lake and mountain views. In May, our volunteer appreciation party was held at the newly renovated LSPA headquarters in Sunapee Harbor. In July, we held a special event for our major donors, easement donors, land donors, and members of the "Acorn Society." The location was Dexter's Inn on Stagecoach Road in Sunapee. Breathtaking views of the mountains, and the proximity to some Ausbon Sargent protected properties, including the Simpson Reserve, Nutting Family Farm, and Webb (V-Oz)/Harding Hill Farm, LLC, were an attractive draw to this venue.

This year, we were able to bring back a few more of the events we hold to connect with, educate, and thank our members and volunteers. Our first event of the year was a "Farm and Forest Tour" at the Messer Farm in February. Over 100 participants came on snowshoes and skis to explore the trails at Messer Farm. We held additional hikes in Andover, Sutton, Springfield, and New London. Due to COVID still being in the picture, the progressive dinner was essentially a "farm to table" meal in a bag, which included ingredients from local farms and businesses along with recipes to create a delicious dinner at home. Participants were happy to support the land trust and have a night off from wondering "what's for dinner?!" Our Annual Meeting was held in October at the New London Historical Society after being held virtually for the past two years. The land trust also celebrated the retirement of two staff members, and welcomed two new staff members, who fit in wonderfully. It has been a time for growth and change as we keep moving forward in our mission!

Ausbon Sargent is thankful to have the assistance of over 200 volunteers who help with easement monitoring, committee support, and clerical work. If you would like to join us in our work to protect these special places, there are many ways to get involved: you could become a conservation easement donor, volunteer your time to the organization, encourage the town officials throughout our 12-town region to conserve our rural character by supporting land conservation, and if you are not already, you can become a member of Ausbon Sargent.

Our website (www.ausbonsargent.org) indicates which of the land trust’s protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, and includes trail maps, printable hiking challenges, and driving directions. Be sure to look under the heading “Connect with the Land” for these details. For information on all of Ausbon Sargent’s protected properties, please visit our website and join our email list. Find us on Instagram and be sure to “Like” us on Facebook!

It has always been a pleasure to work with the Town of Sunapee Conservation Commission. We look forward to future events, collaborations, and land projects with you!

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Stanley, Executive Director

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Photo courtesy of Mike Sherrill

The Frank H. Simpson Reserve in Sunapee protects the Red Water Creek, which is a vital tributary to Lake Sunapee. The property is open to the public, year ‘round for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Despite a brief flurry of wildfire activity across the state this spring, the summer and fall months saw weather conditions which kept the fire danger consistently at low levels. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

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. 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!

The long lasting drought effects in Coos County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of northern Coos remains in the abnormally dry category with the northeastern portion still remaining in moderate drought. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the state may still be experiencing abnormally dry or drought conditions this spring. For this reason, we ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: Always Be Careful with fire. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2023 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 (DES). 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/nhdfl/. For up to date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: @NHForestRangers

Scan here for Fire
Permits



KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

Established in 1992, the Kearsarge Area Council on Aging (COA) has become an important social service organization dedicated to meeting the needs of our communities' seniors, and their families, friends, and neighbors. The mission of COA is to promote, develop, and reinforce programs that support and enhance the health, well-being, dignity, and independence of older people in the nine towns we serve in the greater Kearsarge area.

COA is a focal point for many area seniors who depend on us to help support their independence, help them find their sense of purpose, and provide the opportunity to help others through our many volunteer opportunities. 2022 continued to be a building back stronger time for COA. We are determined to return to a pre-COVID status as soon as possible. Below is an outline of the many services we continue to provide:

- The Transportation Program operates with one paid driver funded through many generous grants and the return of many volunteers. This service brings seniors to their physician appointments, grocery store, etc. and is heavily relied on by many isolated individuals.
- The Durable Medical Equipment Program is fully operational and serving the needs of many who are unable to obtain medical equipment elsewhere.
- We have continued with daily programs and services within our building and in the community. Many have the new option of Zoom attendance.
- We partner with Lake Sunapee VNA to provide foot care five times a month.
- COA continues to be a resource to our seniors and their families as information changes and resources become available.

Our staff is working diligently to achieve full resumption of services and programs. We have 2.5 paid staff and are working hard to rebuild a volunteer base. Though challenging, we have been able to meet the needs of the community despite the decreased number of volunteers.

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We are prepared to make necessary changes to our operations as the need arises. We are proud to be a resource center, operate the second largest free Mobility Lending Equipment Program in New Hampshire, and provide free transportation to our clients in the nine towns we serve.

We appreciate our partners, volunteers, members, donors, business sponsors, Board members and staff. It is with their guidance and support that we continue to lead to high levels of health and well-being opportunities for our senior neighbors.

2022 COA celebrated our 30th Anniversary. We look forward to another 30 productive years!

Respectfully submitted,

Kelley F. Keith, BA, MS
Executive Director

KLS FOOD PANTRY



We are grateful to the many people who continue to provide us with financial support, and to those who are supporting our programs by donating food and volunteering at the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry. This support has allowed us to continue our existing food programs and to adapt to the evolving needs as they arise.

FOOD PANTRY

Mother Theresa said, “if you can’t feed 100 people, feed one.” This statement has been the guiding philosophy of the KLSCFP for the past 13 years. We know we can’t eliminate hunger but we can help our neighbors who are in need of food.

The KLSCFP is a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit supported by local area individuals, businesses and organizations. We rely solely on donations and our amazing volunteers as we have no paid staff. Our Mission is to help meet the food and household needs of people in the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Region who are experiencing financial hardship. The towns included in this outreach effort are: Andover, Bradford, Danbury, New London, Newbury, Salisbury, Springfield, Sunapee (including Georges Mills), Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Families from all of these towns use the pantry’s services.

KLSCFP relies solely on donations and volunteers to provide this community service. It does not receive any federal, state or local funding. More than 125 volunteers from the area towns are involved in running the food pantry. The food pantry is located in the back of the First Baptist Church in New London and is open Wednesday evenings from 4:30 to 6:30PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30AM.

KLSCFP provides a variety of non-perishable foods as well as dairy, meat, eggs, fresh fruit and vegetables, paper goods and toiletries, laundry and dish detergents and diapers. Families are able to visit the food pantry on a weekly basis. Before the school year begins, in coordination with the First Baptist Church, we make available backpacks for children so they will have supplies for the upcoming school year. We have a Summer Meals Program to provide children with additional breakfast and lunch food when school is on vacation.

We have 246 registered families and serve up to 50 of them a week. There are numerous reasons why individuals come to the food pantry. Many are struggling to pay their rent, dealing with higher grocery bills and some have lost their homes and are living in temporary housing. All of these challenges have brought new people to the food pantry. It’s been difficult for us at KLSCFP to see the increasing number of families who come to the food pantry looking for help.

The pandemic forced us to rethink how we could best serve our clients and keep them and our tireless volunteers safe. A group of volunteers met and rewrote the procedures for the distribution of food. We also took on the food shortages that bedeviled the grocery stores and many of our suppliers. We had to identify new ways of supplying the high-quality food that our clients deserve.

Finding food was not our only problem. Aging equipment produced additional complexities. Thanks to the concerted efforts of many of our volunteers the food pantry now has a commercial refrigerator and freezer, as well as an upgraded heating and cooling system.

Through all of this our volunteers embraced change and made it possible for the food pantry to face these challenges and stay open. This never give up spirit has permeated the food pantry since way back in May of 2008, when a group of people, concerned about their neighbors' abilities to put food on the table created the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry.

We continue to receive food from the New Hampshire Food Bank and Hannaford Feed America Fresh Rescue Program, the USDA, Warner Food Pantry, and the SCPA. We are thankful for the fresh produce from Kearsarge Food Hub, Spring Ledge Farm, our twice weekly delivery of fresh bread from Blue Loon and local residents who share their summer garden bounty with us. We have also benefitted from the food drives conducted by the Boy Scouts, St. Andrew's Church, Windy Hill School and Auto Advisors in Springfield.

We are thankful to Loaves & Fishes for donating to our account at the New Hampshire Food Bank. Each year Hannaford and the New London Police Department partner for a very successful "Stuff-the-Cruiser" food donation event. Benjamin Edwards shreds documents for the public once a year for free asking only for a donation of food to the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry receives hundreds of pounds of food as well as monetary donations from these two events.

The O'Halloran Group who has been generous not only to us but to the Warner and Newport Food pantries via their yearly Ultra 1K Road Race. We were also the beneficiary of the "Breadboard Fundraiser" during which beautiful breadboards were handcrafted from local wood by Peter Gunn. They were sold at Blue Loon and Spring Ledge and the profits donated to the food pantry.

Once again, we were invited to participate in the New London Community Service Organization breakfast, and along with other non-profits we received a very generous donation. We would also like to thank a "friend" of the food pantry who for the past three years has made a generous donation of gift cards for our clients to use at locally owned businesses in the Kearsarge area.

We deliver food to those at Bittersweet who do not have transportation or are ill and cannot come to the food pantry on their own. We continue to partner with Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners to deliver food to those who cannot come to the food pantry and with students from Colby-Sawyer College who help our volunteers carry bags and load cars with groceries.

The New Hampshire Food Bank received a \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to support efforts to provide those in need with access to locally grown fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy. Our food pantry was given a grant of \$1,500 to partner with small local farmers. We partnered with Crow Tree Farm in Andover and Nalla Farm in Wilmot.

In the Fall of 2022, we were asked to participate in a Community Engaged Learning Project involving students from a Colby-Sawyer Class run by Professor Kathleen Farrell. The students combined assigned course work with community involvement at the KLSCFP. They were involved with volunteers in the many aspects of running the food pantry. It was a winning situation because of the work the students did to help and what they learned about food needs in this area.

We would be remiss if we did not thank the First Baptist Church which has housed the food pantry since it opened on January 28, 2009. The food pantry could not function without the help and support it receives from the church staff, Steph Barton, Kit Ross and Steven Hunt. Steph and Kit have been supporting the food pantry since 2009.

We would not have been able to keep the food pantry open if we didn't have the support from the communities we serve. We are fortunate to live in an area where people truly care about those who have less. Together, we continue to make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Sheehy & Marilyn Paradis
Co-Chairs



LAKE SUNAPEE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Lake Sunapee Protective Association

Lake Sunapee Protective Association (LSPA), founded in 1898, is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the environmental integrity of the Lake Sunapee region, especially its lakes and watersheds, through education, research, and collaborative action. LSPA's vision is that our lakes and surrounding watersheds remain vibrant and environmentally sustainable because our communities engage in sound stewardship. Our work is supported primarily through contributions from our 900+ members. Federal, state and local grants provide additional funding, and three towns, Sunapee, Newbury and New London, contribute annually towards our efforts to prevent invasive species infestations.



This year, our recently renovated building, The Center for Lake Studies, has served as a meeting place, educational center and research facility, catalyzing the interactions that make our work successful. Our doors are open at 63 Main St. in Sunapee Harbor from 9:00 – 5:00 Monday through Friday, with educational displays and information for residents and visitors freely available. Information about upcoming events and volunteer opportunities can be found on our website: <https://www.lakesunapee.org/>

In 2022 our staff worked alongside nearly 200 volunteers and dozens of collaborating organizations on a wide range of initiatives aimed at improving the environmental integrity of our lakes, streams and rivers.

Invasive Species Monitoring and Prevention

Since 2000 LSPA has provided courtesy boat inspections at boat ramps on Lake Sunapee to prevent invasive species introductions. This program has been successful, and Lake Sunapee remains one of the few lakes in New Hampshire without infestations of invasive milfoil, fanwort, zebra mussels, Asian clams, or spiny water fleas. The state-wide Lake Host program is administered by NH Lakes, with LSPA hiring and supervising the Lake Hosts for the five public boat ramps on Lake Sunapee. LSPA membership donations provide more than half of the funding for this program, and the remainder is covered by grants from the towns of Newbury, New London and Sunapee, along with a grant from NH Lakes.



In 2022, 11 Lake Hosts worked over 2,300 hours conducting a total of 4,937 inspections at five boat ramps on Lake Sunapee. Surveys conducted by Lake Hosts found that 22% of boats inspected were either coming from or headed to lakes with known aquatic invasive species infestations. There were no invasive species found on boats entering or leaving Lake Sunapee this year.

The second line of defense in preventing invasive species from entering the lake is our Invasive Watch program. Volunteers in this program perform monthly surveys from July to September while swimming, kayaking, stand up paddle boarding (SUP), or snorkeling. A total of 39 Invasive Watch areas were surveyed by LSPA staff and more than 50 volunteers in 2022 and no invasive species were detected.

Watershed Management Plan Implementation

LSPA’s 2020 – 2030 Watershed Management Plan outlines approaches to improve water quality by reducing nutrient input (primarily phosphorus) into lakes and streams in the Lake Sunapee watershed. Excess nutrients are known to lead to toxic cyanobacteria blooms, filamentous algae blooms, reduced water clarity and lower oxygen levels which can harm aquatic life. The plan consists of 31 actions that use strategies including: Education and Outreach, Research, Monitoring and Assessment, Land Conservation, Land Use Regulation, Zoning and Ordinances.

This year LSPA Watershed Director, Geoff Lizotte, coordinated a grant funded project at Beck Brook in Newbury that addressed stream bank slumping and soil erosion which were degrading water quality and wildlife habitat of this stream. Funding was provided in part by a Watershed Assistance Grant from NHDES with Clean Water Act Section 319 funds from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Mount Sunapee Resort took on the construction phase of the project which involved re-establishing a flood plain, using plants and root wads to stabilize the bank of the brook, and creating log and boulder steps to control and reduce the flow along a section of the stream. Completion of this project helps meet the water quality goal of reducing downstream phosphorus levels in Lake Sunapee.



LSPA also coordinated a grant funded project at Davis Hill Road in New London that addressed soil erosion along Davis Hill Brook. Funding for this project was also provided in part by a Watershed Assistance Grant from NHDES with Clean Water Act Section 319 funds from the EPA. The New London Highway Department took on the construction phase of the project, replacing a road culvert, installing a sediment trap and placing check dams, all of which slow down storm water runoff and drop out sediment, ultimately reducing phosphorus levels in Lake Sunapee.

2022 marked the second year for LSPA’s Watershed Wise Program, which encourages land stewardship practices that benefit water quality in streams, lakes and ponds in the Lake Sunapee Watershed. A total of 11 residents participated in the program this year by completing a self-assessment which was followed up with a free property evaluation performed by LSPA to determine if standards were met to acquire Watershed Wise Partner status. Landowners who did not meet these standards were provided with information about what they could change to achieve Watershed Wise Partner status. More information about the program can be found at www.lakesunapee.org/ww-intro.

LSPA’s public awareness campaign, “Let’s be Clear,” reached hundreds of people this year through presentations to local lake associations, civic groups, conservation commissions, and libraries. This effort, spearheaded by volunteers from LSPA’s Watershed Committee, helped to spread awareness of simple actions that can be taken by homeowners to protect water quality. <https://www.lakesunapee.org/lets-be-clear>

Water Quality Monitoring

The LSPA Water Quality Lab is housed at Colby-Sawyer College and is a collaborative effort of CSC, LSPA, and the NHDES. It is the only satellite lab for the NH Volunteer Lake Assessment Program (VLAP) that is currently in operation. In 2022, the lab conducted 3021 tests on 684 water samples taken from Lake Sunapee and 23 other water bodies in the region. In Lake Sunapee, water samples were collected by 19 family volunteers, LSPA interns, and staff. These samples were collected monthly in Lake Sunapee at the four deep sites, eight cove sites, and 30 tributary locations. LSPA staff also collected one winter sampling through the ice in February 2022. Water sample analyses include pH, Acid Neutralizing Capacity, Conductivity, Turbidity, Chloride, Chlorophyll-a, E. coli, and Total Phosphorus. The data are used to track short and long-term trends occurring in watershed lakes, ponds, and streams.

For additional information about LSPA’s work, including our scientific research and environmental education programs, please visit our website <https://www.lakesunapee.org/>



LAKE SUNAPEE REGION VNA & HOSPICE

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the team at Lake Sunapee Region VNA & Hospice (LSRVNA), thank you for the opportunity to provide home health, hospice, personal care, clinics, support groups and more in 2022. We remain proud of our ability to adapt and do our part to help address increasingly complex health and home care needs in our region. In 2022 we completed our most current Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), done in collaboration with local hospitals. The findings help guide us and make program decisions that have the greatest impact. While the pandemic brought changes and new challenges, we face them with the strength of a unified, dedicated team. Arguably the greatest obstacle remains the shortage of staff, a serious concern impacting the entire region and every industry. As we have said before, LSRVNA is its people, with more than 80% of our budget dedicated to staff salaries and benefits. As the difficulty to find qualified employees increases, the cost does as well. Our leadership team has been focusing on this and other key strategic priorities, and on how we can adjust and prioritize in response to this landscape. We recently implemented a new Electronic Medical Record (EMR), arguably the largest project a health care provider can undertake, in an effort to have the right tools for staff and the technology required to best serve residents of Sunapee and 30+ other towns. I am proud to report that for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2022, we served residents of Sunapee in the following ways:

Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and in-home supportive care to 192 residents;

Provided free/reduced cost in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost);

Provided 14 months of bereavement programming to hospice families after the death of their loved ones at no cost, including virtual bereavement support groups so that families and the community could safely access this vital assistance;

Residents continued to benefit from our growing Palliative Care program, helping to navigate serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals;

Foot Care clinics expanded in 2022 both in the number of locations and the frequency of clinic hours in response to a growing need and lack of access to this service.

With so much demanding our time and attention, we are beyond grateful for those who sustain LSRVNA as an enduring presence. Our frontline caregivers, behind the scenes employees, donors and diverse community partners who, together, complete this puzzle of health care. We understand that your funds, like ours, are limited. This makes us that much more grateful for your ongoing generosity and confidence. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any way we may be of service to you or your Town's residents. Thank you.

With gratitude,

Jim Culhane
President & CEO

NEW LONDON HOSPITAL

The last few years have been filled with challenges, but one constant is the dedication of New London Hospital (NLH) and Newport Health Center to delivering patient-focused, quality healthcare. The providers and staff continue both organizations' legacies of steadfast commitment to compassionate medical excellence—and this past year has been no exception.



Express Care

Our Express Care service that launched last November is operating successfully and is providing the region with a convenient option for medical treatment. Offering an emergency room type B level of care, patients have the opportunity to receive a higher level of services compared to an urgent care or walk-in clinic, without an appointment. The service is for patients ages two and older and is open seven days a week (no appointments required). Please check our website for more information, including hours of operation. The address is: www.newlondonhospital.org/expresscare

Primary Care

An ongoing challenge is one we share with hospitals nationwide: a shortage of primary care providers (PCPs). This trend began prior to the pandemic but has intensified due to it, with PCPs retiring or deciding not to return to healthcare practice. We are working creatively and diligently with search firms to identify and hire PCPs who will be a great fit for our community—and who will want to become part of its fabric and enjoy decades-long careers with us. While we have solutions in the pipeline for this issue, it will not be solved overnight. We humbly request the community's patience and confidence in our efforts.

Hospital Days

After a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, we were thrilled to see the community come together for the return of Hospital Days. Thank you to our staff, community partners and volunteers who helped us fill the town with the spirit that we all embrace during the summertime.

Financial Performance

We're also pleased to share that NLH and Newport Health Center are financially healthy and operating exceptionally well. Our team continues to evaluate services that were forced to pause due to the COVID-19 pandemic and provider shortages, and assess the feasibility of re-engaging them. In addition, we are deepening our integration as a member of the Dartmouth Health system, which provides patients the resources of a major medical center within the familiarity of a community hospital.



We are grateful for the demonstrable and ongoing support of our community members, and wish you and yours a healthy and happy New Year.

Warmly,

M. Tom Manion
President and CEO

Jeff Hollinger
Chair, Board of Trustees

To receive the latest NLH updates including information about upcoming events, important messages to the community and general hospital updates, please visit the bottom of our website homepage and click on "Subscribe to eNews."



STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, HOPE DAMON



Sunapee now has 3 state representative seats as a result of the redistricting process based on the 2020 census. Sullivan District 5 has 1 seat representing Sunapee and Springfield while Sullivan District 8 has 2 seats representing the towns of Acworth, Claremont, Croydon, Goshen, Langdon, Lempster, Springfield, Sunapee, and Washington. These districts will remain in place for 10 years. I am honored to serve in Concord as one of your District 8 representatives.

If you don't know me, I have lived in Sullivan County all my adult life – initially 7 years in Sunapee, then 36 years in Croydon. I recently retired from a rewarding career as a private practice dietitian and diabetes educator. My husband, retired building contractor George Chait, and I raised our 2 daughters here. Their education in Sunapee Schools has served well! I am a founder of Cinnamon Street Child Care, a Prouty cyclist, a leader of We Stand Up For Croydon, board member of NH Women's Foundation and a vigorous supporter of democracy that respects our foundations and learns from history.

Whoever you voted for, I will try to fairly and honestly represent you. I ran for office to support quality public education, protect individual freedoms, improve access to affordable housing and help communities be proactive about clean energy. I will use my "middle child" negotiating skills, my dietitian experience in motivational interviewing and my sense of humor to find common ground. I intend to be accessible to constituents and work for greater citizen participation. There are many examples of how much each individual vote matters!

An observation from campaigning in 9 towns: it is not easy to identify addresses quickly and accurately! I strongly encourage all to display prominent house numbers so that in an emergency, you can readily be located by first responders. Minutes count!

Since I am writing this report in early January, just a month after being sworn into office and only a week after committee work started, I think it could be informative to note some of what I am learning and experiencing about our legislative process. You may remember some of this from high school! NH has the third largest governing body in the world with 400 representatives and 24 senators (following the British House of Commons and the US Congress). Every member is assigned to a committee that studies proposed bills and makes a recommendation to the full House. Recommendations are either OTP = Ought to Pass, ITL= inexpedient to legislate or Without Recommendation. If the recommendation for a particular bill is unanimous in committee, the full house will probably not discuss the bill but just vote on the recommendation provided. I am told that in typical legislative sessions, about 70% of bills follow that path. I must admit to being surprised there might be so much consensus and look forward to seeing that! This session over 800 bills were submitted.

For 2023, the House, also known as the People's Court, is nearly evenly divided with just 3 more Republicans than Democrats seated, 201-198 (there are 2 open seats at the time of this writing.) That means most committees (continued on next page)

10 Democrats and 10 Republicans, so it is expected there will be an unusually high number of bills without a committee consensus i.e. “Without Recommendation”. I am serving on the education committee which has 125 bills to consider. There are extremely divergent points of view on the committee, as represents our state and our nation in these divisive times. The main issues are school funding, vouchers, and various bills addressing who makes decisions about curriculum including the issue of “divisive concepts”.

NH has an absolutely lovely, historic state house. I encourage taking a tour – Virginia Drew, Director of the Visitor Center has a great depth of NH knowledge and a clear passion for sharing in an entertaining way. Many NH 4th graders tour the state house and observe proceedings from the gallery – I look forward to welcoming Sunapee students.

State representatives also serve as county delegates. My orientation to the county responsibilities has been quite interesting. My overall impression is that citizens are getting very good value from our county taxes.

*There is a lead abatement program with grant funding from HUD that will evaluate and, if needed, provide services at little or no cost to homeowners and landlords. If your home or apartment was built before 1978, there is likely lead paint so you may want to request an evaluation. Lead is a poisonous metal that can cause organ damage, behavioral problems and difficulty learning. Lead poisoning is 100% preventable. For info on the this program, email the program manager kate@kkirkwood.com.

*The biggest county project by far is the renovation and expansion of the Sullivan County nursing home. When I toured the facilities recently, I was impressed both by the acute need to improve them and also the considerable efforts of staff and administration to provide our elders quality care while respecting the impact on taxes.

*County taxes also fund the House of Corrections which includes the intensive TRAILS program to provide addiction treatment and help inmates to successfully reintegrate back into the community. Participants in the TRAILS program have an impressive 20% recidivism rate compared to well over 70% for more traditional approaches to incarceration.

*Finally, county resources support the extension service which includes a cider press open to the public, a maple sugaring lease operation, forestry and garden consultations.

Please reach out to me at hope.damon@leg.nh.state.us If you would like to receive occasional e-newsletters about state house and county work, please send your email to me. I urge you to be informed, communicate with your government, and vote.

Respectfully,

Representative Hope Damon
Sullivan District 8



STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, LINDA TANNER



State of New Hampshire
House of Representatives

LINDA L. TANNER
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During this last term based on the 2020 census, redistricting occurred, and House seats have changed. I will be representing Sullivan District 5 which now includes the towns of Springfield and Sunapee. Historically the House has never been this evenly divided with 198 Democrats to 201 Republicans with 1 election still tied and due for a runoff in February. This term starts off with the State Budget. Hopefully, the parties will work more closely together to move the budget and bills through the House and on to the Governor's desk for signing.

Education, protecting our lakes and natural resources, as well as bringing relief to our property tax burden are my main areas of concern. I am hopeful that we will be able to stop and reverse some of the downshifting from the State to provide support for our public schools, building aid, transportation, and our local government. I am looking forward to working for common sense solutions not creating more issues.

Last term we made some significant changes that will help the people of New Hampshire. Dental benefits were added to Medicaid plans and the Division of Environmental Services were given funds for grants and loans to improve drinking water and wastewater systems particularly for PFAS contamination. Legislation was proposed for the State to once again meet part of its obligation to provide funding for the retirement system. We passed a bill for the State to contribute a 7.5% relief for municipalities portion which resulted in a \$26 million dollars in statewide property tax relief. An amendment passed in the Senate made the funding a onetime contribution. We will continue to fight for more property tax relief by reversing the downshifting of costs from areas like the retirement contribution from the State to local town and school property taxes.

How schools are funded and the role of the State in that funding remains after many years and court cases, a major unresolved issue. At the present time there are several lawsuits in the courts focusing on the State's obligation to define an adequate education and provide funding. Some other areas that will be addressed in education related bills are building aid, vouchers, State standards for curriculum, background checks, charter schools, non-discrimination policies and divisive concepts prohibitions.

I want to thank Sunapee Representative Suzanne Gottling who retired this year from the State House. Sue has worked tirelessly for six terms to represent her constituents. I was honored to work with her this past term on two bills she sponsored. One prohibited the use of houseboats on Perkins Pond. The other directs the Department of Safety to establish rules for eFoils and electric, hydro surfboard watercraft. Both bills were signed into law and will make our lakes safer. On a personal note, she has been a great role-model mentor, and friend. I will work to continue her legacy to represent my constituents to protect our precious natural resources and support high quality public education.

It is a privilege and an honor to be serving the towns of Sunapee and Springfield. I urge you to keep informed of State and local issues by attending meetings and hearings in person or internet. Don't hesitate to email me with your concerns comments and advice.

Representative Linda Tanner
Sullivan District 9
Education Committee
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STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE, SUE GOTTLING



On Dec. 5, 2022, I took license plate 4-74 off my car as I concluded 6 terms representing the citizens of Sunapee in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. It was an honor to represent you. Although I will miss representing you, Sunapee is fortunate to have Linda Tanner in the seat that, thanks to redistricting, now includes Sunapee and Springfield instead of Sunapee and Croydon.

During my time in the House, I was the prime sponsor of successful bills impacting our community including the permanent removal of phosphorous from household dish-washing detergents, adding dollars to the boating fee to fight against invasive species, making the “Clean, Drain and Dry” concept legally enforceable, requiring eFoil to have defined requirements for safety equipment, and prohibiting houseboats on Perkins Pond. Over several terms, I worked to address the effects of wake surfing on our water bodies. The most important bill, increasing the distance wake surfers had to be away from shore and other boaters, faced enormous, organized opposition and was defeated. Continued scientific study is needed to convince the boating public of the wisdom of compromise.

A Representative must be just as committed to defeating bills as promoting them. I worked with Senator Little to prevent unjustified removal of acreage from tiny Bradford Pines and with numerous Representatives to halt the destruction of the Wild Goose property. My goal always was to work in a bipartisan manner and over 70% of the bills I introduced or signed onto were bipartisan.

Many Representatives are asked to serve on Commissions or Committees established through legislation. I served on the Cannon Mountain Advisory Committee, the State Parks Advisory Committee, the Commission to study the production of hemp in NH and the 2-year Land Use Commission which focused on state standards for setbacks for wetlands.

An often-overlooked duty of a Representative is service on the County Delegation, the 13 Sullivan County Representatives who must give final approval of the Commissioners’ proposed budget. I served on the Executive Finance Committee for all six terms and was chair many times. Because Sunapee pays almost 30% of the County budget, I took this responsibility seriously and usually was able to keep recommended tax increases minimal. Unfortunately, the ballooning of costs for renovations and addition at the County Nursing Home in Unity will test future delegations.

Working in the legislature is an education, a challenge, and an adventure. Best of luck to the 3 Representatives to whom you, the voters of Sunapee can now direct questions, complaints, and praise.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Gottling



SUNAPEE GARDENERS

The Sunapee Gardeners are volunteers who come together to enhance our community by planting and maintaining the many gardens and shrubs in the Sunapee and Georges Mills areas. Our focus is the beautification of our town through our gardening endeavors and educational programs.



Ellie Goddard, who was an inspiration

to form what has become the Sunapee Gardeners in the 1990s, died in January 2022. She is sorely missed by many. The Sunapee Gardeners have raised funds to establish a Pollinators' Garden to be planted on the property of the LSPA in her memory and her inspiration to beautify the harbor. There will be educational signage to inspire visitors to establish pollinators' gardens of their own. Educating others was a part of Ellie's mission.

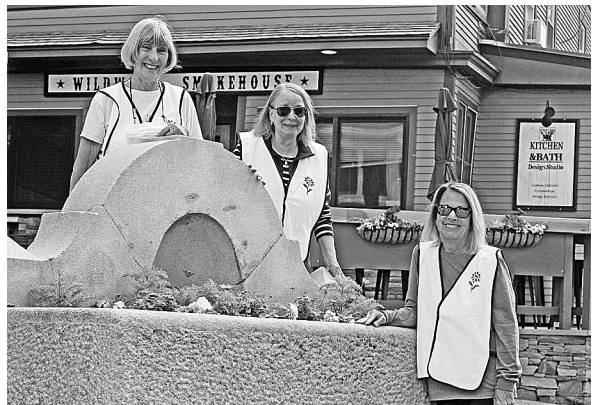
Left: Ellie Goddard. Below: Ellie with Patty Eaves at the Sunapee 250th Parade in 2019. Barbara Cooper photo



This holiday season, we Sunapee Gardeners hope that you have enjoyed the Harbor festooned with wreaths, bows, greens, and candle lights. The wreaths were offered at cost to the businesses and the bows and electric candles were gifts from

Below: Lee Ostrom, Judy Redfern, and Sharon Callahan tend the Watering Trough Garden. Barbara Cooper photo

the Sunapee Gardeners. The Gardeners plant and maintain many gardens and planters around Sunapee which include our Town Hall, Hames Park, Georges Mills, Dewey Beach, and several gardens in the harbor. Our window boxes at The Information Booth welcome those arriving to our Town. The Hames Park and the Watering Trough by Sunapee's Livery welcome all to the



SUNAPEE Gardeners



harbor. In the 1800's and the early 1900's, this watering trough refreshed the horses that were boarded at The Livery. The Livery, which is on The Historic Register, is now a lively venue for music, art, events, and more.

In the harbor, the Sunapee Gardeners maintain the newly designed Memorial Garden and the Serpentine Garden, both near the tour boats, and the Long Garden, located

Left: A view of the Sunapee Harbor Gazebo. Below: Bridge Boxes in the Sunapee Harbor. Bottom: Memorial Garden 2019. Barbara Cooper photos



in front of The Center for Lake Studies which is the home of the Lake Sunapee Protective Association. We also plant and tend the Bridge Boxes which cross the dam that regulates the water in our precious lake.

We enjoyed several outings during the summer with visits to: The Pumpkin Blossom Lavender Farm in Warner, The Wentworth Coolidge Mansion in Portsmouth, and Tarbin Gardens in Franklin.



This year, we were happy to welcome several new gardeners to our group. Anyone is welcome to join us! All that is asked is a desire to support our beautification efforts for our community. For more information, please contact us via our new website, www.sunapeegardeners.org or via email at SunapeeGardeners@gmail.com.

Chairman: Debbie Chrisman
Co-Chairman: Judy Redfern

Treasurer: Muriel Bergeron
Secretary: Kate McCloy
Head Gardener: Donna Rowe
Co-Head Gardener: Patty Eaves

SUNAPEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FLANDERS-OSBORNE MUSEUM AND SUNAPEE ARCHIVES

The Sunapee Historical Society recorded another busy year. The Flanders-Osborne Museum saw over 3800 visitors between Memorial Day and mid-October. A recently donated set of Ben Mere Inn guest room furniture was featured in a new lake hotels exhibit. We expanded our displays of Sunapee Fire Department equipment and added new displays of blacksmith tools, horse harnesses and a farm sleigh. Old favorites such as the Woodsum machine shop remained, and many Saturday mornings found Greg Young explaining early water, steam, and electric power to rapt audiences. Many thanks to Greg and all our docents for their help. Some of our steamboat artifacts were loaned this year to the NH Boat Museum in Wolfboro for a special exhibit, but will return later in 2023. We were proud to form that partnership.

Thanks to a grant from NH Humanities made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities, we were able to improve our audio-visual capabilities for visitor displays and our evening programs.

Our summer programs covered a variety of topics. Barbara Chalmers introduced the third and final volume of her book, *Sunapee's Historic Buildings & Places*, explaining how the detailed histories of 357 properties were researched to create a history of the town. We explored the life of Ned Wayburn, New York dance master and summer resident who—along with his friends—contributed much to town and lake life. With the help of a few local fishermen, Howard Sargent led a discussion about fishing traditions on Lake Sunapee. And we were regaled by Bruce Cronin's description of his various careers. Our history cruises continued to be a hit. We explored early lakeshore development from Gardner Bay around to Hastings with a total of 220 guests on three cruises. Thanks go to Barbara Chalmers, Midge Eliassen, and Nancy Dutton for their help with that annual event and to Sunapee Cruises with Capt. Kara Obey's expert piloting.

During the year, we contributed to a video, *The Forgotten Forest Primeval—Re-Discovering Mount Sunapee's Old Growth*, which can be found on YouTube, and participated in several events—a slideshow at Sunapee Cove, two classes of 8th graders discussing Sunapee's Civil War soldiers and what they went through, and the 4th of July parade. And as always, our work continues year-round at Sunapee Archives. Everyone is welcome to visit there to see what's on display or research an aspect of Sunapee's fascinating history.

Our event year ended with our first cemetery walk at Old Eastman Cemetery on a bright and blustery October day. Five actors brought to life the trials and tribulations of our earliest residents. We are planning another similar event in the new year at South Cemetery.

The year 2023 marks 50 years since the formation of the Sunapee Historical Society. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with the town, looking back at our accomplishments and looking forward to the next 50 years.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Fitts Rylander, President

Officers:

Barbara Chalmers, Vice President Lela Emery, Treasurer

Lucy Mueller, Secretary

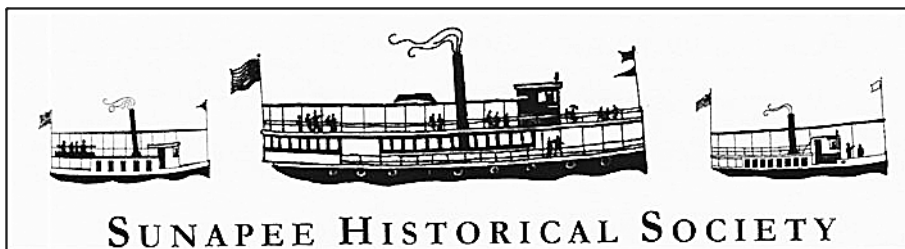
Directors:

Lois Gould

Howard Sargent

Jim McGraw

Heidi Unger



SUNAPEE-RAGGED-KEARSARGE GREENWAY



The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition was founded in 1993 to promote hiking and land conservation in our area. The coalition has pieced together a 75-mile hiking trail, known as the SRK Greenway, which forms a loop that links the regions three most prominent peaks: Mt Sunapee, Ragged Mountain, and Mt Kearsarge.

The SRKG Coalition is a community based, all-volunteer organization governed by an active Board of Directors. The Board oversees trail maintenance work, publishes a newsletter, and maintains a website (www.srkg.org). Sunapee directors are Tim Eliassen and Dan Whitmoyer.

In 2022, once again we were unable to sponsor group hikes due to COVID-19. However, trail use continued at a high level as hiking remained an attractive way to get exercise and enjoy the outdoors without significant risk of infection. Much trail work, mostly in the way of trimming brush and clearing blowdowns was accomplished.

Much of the trail passes over private property and would not exist without the generosity of many landowners, including several in the town of Sunapee. Thank you to all these landowners.

The website has maps of the entire 75-mile SRK Greenway. Also on the website are a schedule of hikes sponsored by the organization, a calendar of events, landowner information, membership information, and links to other hiking trails in New Hampshire. There is a map of the entire trail, updated in 2019, and a guidebook, updated in 2022. Both are available for purchase on our website and at selected locations around the area.

In Sunapee, from the south, the trail goes from the Webb Forest on Harding Hill Road, north to Hells Corner, then North to Tilton Park and the town offices. The next section follows lower Main Street to North Road, then North Road past the Middle-High School to Hilltop Road, and finally North Road to its end in a class VI road that continues on to the Springfield section of the trail.

Tim Eliassen
Dan Whitmoyer
Sunapee Representatives, SRKG Board of Directors

SUNAPEE SENIORS

After two years of mostly suspended activities due to the pandemic, we are happy to report that the Sunapee Senior Citizens Association is back in action.

The Sunapee Seniors is open to all residents of Sunapee and surrounding towns who are 55 years of age or older. Meetings are held at the Lake Sunapee Methodist Church on selected Mondays of each month from September through June. All meetings are held beginning with lunch at noon. Dues are \$10 per year, and interested people are always welcome to attend.

To start off our new year, Beverly and Bryan Trainor organized a well-attended luncheon buffet cruise on the Lake Queen.

Our first business meeting, following our signature volunteer luncheon, consisted of electing new Officers, forming a Program Committee, a Sunshine Committee, and asking for volunteers to provide lunch for the next gathering.

In November, Allison Keating of NH Fish and Game Wildlife Division gave her "Talking Turkey" presentation to our group. Our December gathering was for a wonderful luncheon at The Old Courthouse Restaurant in Newport, preceded by a tour of the Newport Historical Society Museum.

Our volunteers continue to operate the Thrift Shop in the basement of the Historical Society building. The shop is open Tuesdays 2:00-4:00, and Saturdays 10:00-12:00, and is always looking for additional volunteers to help with sorting clothes or staffing the shop. It also accepts donations of clothing and linens in good condition during open hours, or they can be dropped off at the town transfer station. The profits from the shop are donated to local organizations, and annual scholarships are awarded to deserving students. The local organizations include the Sunapee and Newport food pantries, Southwest Community Services Fuel Assistance, VNA, Fast Squad, Sunapee Police Benevolent Association, Sunapee schools art, music, and physical education programs, Abbott Library, Sunapee Historical Society, and Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust. The Thrift Shop has saved the town disposal fees, and saved the environment by recycling good used clothing and linens.

If anyone has any questions or wishes to learn more about Sunapee Seniors or the Thrift Shop, please contact Patty Eaves at pattykingeaves@yahoo.com.

President: Patty Eaves
Vice President: Gail Cook
Secretary: Janice Field
Treasurer: Beverly Trainor



Patty Eaves presents a certificate of appreciation to former president, Bryan Trainor

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION



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- ◆ Local to Sunapee: UVLSRPC staff worked with the Town as a planning and zoning circuit rider during staffing transitions. Our team also worked with the Conservation Commission to update the Natural Resources Inventory. Our team is currently working with the Town on updating the Master Plan. Our team also secured a grant for a Housing Navigator to work in the Town for 2 years on navigating the housing challenges of a small town.
- ◆ Regional Housing: UVLSRPC continued to fight the housing challenges of our region by teaming up the State of New Hampshire and the other 8 Regional Planning Commissions to update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Our team gathered data, provided outreach, and worked with consultants to draft methodology and an analysis of the NH workforce housing statute. www.Keystothevalley.com
- ◆ Regional Transportation: UVLSRPC has the knowledge and expertise in the areas of Regional Transportation. Our team wrapped up our corridor planning effort with a guided Action Plan to further assist communities in developing transportation projects that are shovel-ready for funding. Staff have assisted on several technical requests, developed many projects to ‘application ready’ and supported engineering on 7 projects. Our overall goal is to bring more transportation funds to the Upper Valley Region through project development and technical assistance. <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/transportation/regional-corridor-transportation-plan/>
- ◆ Regional Economic Development: UVLSRPC provided various regional and local technical assistance to our communities including grant administration support on economic development projects. Our team also completed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan for Sullivan County and worked with the State to convene the Southwest Comprehensive Economic Development Region to promote collaboration on funding opportunities.

Connect with us at info@uvlsrpc.org or 603-448-1680

Meghan Butts,
Executive Director, mbutts@uvlsrpc.org

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

DATE	CHILD	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
Jan 20	Vincent Joshua Lizotte	John Lizotte Jr	Alysse Coffey	Lebanon
Feb 9	Olivia Rae Shepard	Kenneth Shepard	Ashley Shepard	Concord
Mar 20	Evelyn Grace Kangas	Wendell Kangas	Kelsey Speake	Hanover
Mar 30	Enoch Qiddush Heinzen	Daniel Heinzen	Monica Heinzen	Hanover
Apr 6	Madelyn Claire Miles	Braden Miles	Jennifer Miles	Lebanon
Apr 6	Carson Alice Benedict	Christopher Benedict	Lindsay Hartzell	Lebanon
Apr 11	Bode Anders Mayo	Michael Mayo	Katherine Mayo	Lebanon
May 1	Phineas Bruce Boone	Joshua Boone	Heather Boone	Lebanon
May 4	Lochlan Edward Newman	Jonathan Newman	Abigail Newman	Lebanon
May 4	Nina Tracey Walz	Joseph Walz	Sara Walz	Lebanon
May 22	Grace Claire Sevigny	Timothy Sevigny	Emily Sevigny	Concord
May 26	Everett Joel Webb	Tyler Webb	Kelly Webb	Lebanon
Jun 15	Patrick Samuel Towne	Bernard Towne	Rachel Towne	Concord
Jul 2	Warren Joseph Tanner	Christopher Tanner	Samantha Downey	Concord
Jul 20	Myles Avery Pezone	Michael Pezone	Laura Pezone	Lebanon
Aug 5	Margot McBride Dupere	Chad Dupere	Caroline Dupere	Lebanon
Sep 2	Mclean Lewis Cooney	John Cooney	Veronica Lewis	Lebanon
Oct 4	Niamh M. Gill	Ryan Gill	Kristine Gill	Lebanon
Oct 28	Rip Eugene Menard	Eugene Menard	Tabatha Cole	Lebanon

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua P. Boone
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

DATE	NAME	PLACE	FATHER	MOTHER
Jan 2	Charles F. Caswell	New London	Howard Caswell	Elsa Seveigny
Jan 4	Daniel H. O'Neil	New London	John O'Neil	Gladys Montgomery
Jan 12	Patricia M. Taylor	Sunapee	James Shaw	Doris Lapan
Jan 13	Evangeline Mary Lambert	New London	Auguste Girard	Leona Bonneau
Jan 15	Eleanor J. Goddard	Sunapee	Emil Babiari	Martha Meisternect
Jan 16	David A. Dodge	New London	Ralph Dodge	Mary MacEachern
Jan 27	John Charles Frisco	Sunapee	John Frisco	Mary Destefano
Feb 4	Barry Shaw Smith	Lebanon	Paul Smith	Dorothy Shaw
Feb 9	David Richard Johnson	Georges Mills	Richard Johnson	Dorothy Rawson
Feb 26	Charles P. Boswell II	Sunapee	William Boswell	Alda Will
Mar 7	Lee V Huff	New London	Robert Phillips	Mildred Burbank
Mar 12	Lois Marie Bonnette	Claremont	Ralph Button	Edith Prucha
Mar 22	William Roth Jr	Keene	William Roth Sr.	Johanna Christensen
Mar 24	Phyllis MacWilliams	Warner	Theodore Baker	Florence Cox
Mar 30	Bennie R. Cooper	Sunapee	Newton Cooper	Nellie Spencer
Apr 9	Herbert Linwood Stiles	New London	Linwood Stiles	Dorothy Whall
Apr 16	Mary Elizabeth Donegan	Lebanon	John Donegan	Anita Thiele
Apr 19	Jean Gay MacWilliam Chandler	Sunapee	Rollo MacWilliams	Leola Thurber
Apr 21	Martha Park Boswell	Sunapee	Ernest Park	Martha Bixby
May 1	Neil Pratt Hayward Sr	Sunapee	Fred Hayward Jr.	Lucy Pratt
May 9	Richard Brearley Plank	New London	Otto Plank	Ellen Brearley
May 10	Dorothea M. Reynolds	Epsom	Allyre Gagne	Alvilda Johnson
Jun 2	Robert Harold Guillow	Sunapee	Harold Guillow	Mary Osborne
Jun 5	Kathleen S Smith	New London	Maurice Sinclair	Glencia Chapman
Jun 21	John R Mapley	Lebanon	Robert Mapley	Dora Hetherington
Jul 1	Sherry L. Galusha	Sunapee	Donald Galusha	Shirley Tyre
Jul 13	Robert S. Barry	Lebanon	Robert Barry	Irene Burt
Jul 13	Richard Martin Holmes	Lebanon	Joseph Holmes	Virginia Baumgartner
Jul 20	Gerald S. Fisher	Lebanon	Kenneth Fisher Sr.	Geraldine McAllister
Jul 25	Dorothy Sarnevitz	Sunapee	Jacob Bornstein	Anna Midlarski
Aug 8	Earnest A. Rowe	New London	Gilbert Rowe	Florence Johnson
Aug 29	Robert C. Nichols	New London	Algene Nichols	Florence Howard
Sep 30	Jackie G. Partlow Sr	New London	Roland Partlow	Jeannie Kingsbury
Nov 9	Roger J. Morell	Sunapee	Leroy Morell	Ruby Hall
Nov 17	Ellen Elena Pritula	Sunapee	Angelo Maresca	Christina (unknown)
Nov 28	Joanne Williams Plank	New London	Frank Williams	Alida Mckown
Nov 30	Mary Katherine Moynihan	Sunapee	Sean Moynihan	Amy Hall
Nov 30	Sally A. Roberts	Lebanon	Wilson White	Marie Donnelly
Dec 4	Sherrie Ann Artwell	Sunapee	Timothy Ferns	Mary Lecours

I hereby certify the above to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
Joshua P. Boone
Town Clerk & Tax Collector

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF SUNAPEE
JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

DATE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE	GROOM/BRIDE	RESIDENCE
Feb 22	Kelly M Petrin	Sunapee	Matt B Brady	Sunapee
Feb 22	Dustin L Silver	Sunapee	Cassandra L Wentzell	Sunapee
Mar 9	Jackie G Partlow Sr	Sunapee	Lisa M Langlois	Sunapee
Jun 4	Kieran T Sexton	Providence, RI	Julia M Sullivan	Providence, RI
Jun 25	Joshua T Wroblewski	Sunapee	Abby L Peel	Sunapee
Jul 19	Michael D Barnhart	Sunapee	Malorie D Blevins	Sunapee
Aug 20	Mark A Doolittle	Sunapee	Tia M Leavitt	Sunapee
Aug 27	David B Bijur	Chicago, IL	Lauren C Edmonson	Chicago, IL
Sep 10	Daniel M Gaudet	Sunapee	Alexis W Duggan	Sunapee
Sep 10	John F Hoar	Tewksbury, MA	Jennifer A Guccione	Tewksbury, MA
Sep 20	Kayla L Saxon	Georges Mills	Thomas M Reed	Georges Mills
Sep 24	Thomas R Clark	Newburgh, NY	Kristin-Alexis D Kennefick	Newburgh, NY
Dec 11	Ian J Lawson	Sunapee	Alyssa J Grace	Sunapee

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TOWN OF SUNAPEE DIRECTORY

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SUNAPEE MIDDLE HIGH	763-5615	763-3055-FAX
TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri: 8:00-4:30; Wed: 8:00-12:30	763-2449	
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WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT	763-2115	763-2271-FAX
WELCOME CENTER Memorial Day-June: Sat/Sun: 10:00-5:00; July-Labor Day: Daily: 10:00-5:00 Labor Day-Columbus Day: Sat/Sun: 10:00-5:00		
WELFARE OFFICE Sunapee Hours: Wed: 9:00—12:00	763-2212	
ZONING OFFICE	763-3194	

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ANNUAL MEETING FOR THE ELECTION
OF TOWN AND SCHOOL OFFICERS
AND
BALLOT VOTING ON THE WARRANT ARTICLES FOR
TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

POLLS ARE OPEN 8:00 AM TO 7:00 PM
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
AT THE
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