

# NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 2022 TOWN AND SCHOOL REPORT



## FLOWERS AND GARDENS



## Dedication

*Sarah Pooley Chapman*

*May 25, 1941 – May 30, 2022*

Sarah Chapman was known to many in our community as our long-time Library Director.

Sarah Chapman will be sorely missed by family, friends, and the New Boston community. Her smile, that twinkle in her eye, and her dedication to family and community, especially the Whipple Free Library will not be forgotten.

Sarah and her husband Don moved to New Boston in 1973. Don, who was working for the American Red Cross and moving around quite a bit, had been relocated to Manchester and they decided New Boston seemed like a reasonable commute. The Chapmans bought a house right in the center of town and, before they knew it, they were meeting neighbors and becoming part of the community. They both loved the town immediately, began volunteering wherever they could and never moved again.

Sarah got involved at Little People's Depot and Don joined the New Boston Fire Department. Sarah soon became New Boston's Supervisor of the Checklist, a position she held for 39 years. They became active in the New Boston Community Church and the New Boston Players. Living in the center of town, they were always part of the Fourth of July celebration—a celebration like they had never witnessed before. The family spent many evenings with neighbors putting the final touches on floats for the Fourth of July parade.

As fate would have it one day in 1976, Sarah was visiting the old town library (located in the village's Wason Building) with her three sons, and librarian Bea Kanzer asked Sarah if she'd be interested in working a few hours a week to help out. Sarah agreed and the rest is history.

When Bea retired due to a back injury, Sarah took over as librarian and never looked back. It's important to note that standing right beside Sarah, always willing to lend a hand with any task, has been her dedicated husband Don. From carting books to maintenance to filling in checking out books, Don has been a part of the library. They have always been a team.

From its humble beginning, Sarah has been the lifeblood of the Whipple Free Library. For more than 40 years, Sarah helped it grow into the community staple it is today. Driven, determined, devoted, caring, and wonderful, she played a key role in many fond memories of those who visited us over the years. The library has become a place to gather for New Boston residents of all ages. It's a community center for friends such as the knitting and quilting groups, a place for organizations and public meetings, as well as a place to read and learn, and a place for children—from tots to teens—to enjoy and truly experience the joy of books (special thanks to Children's Librarian Barb Ballou). The Whipple Free Library has become an integral part of New Boston life and it was partially a result of Sarah's vision and leadership. Her legacy and spirit will carry on inside the building and with all of those who use it.

Socializing with patrons, of whom became many friends, and attending as many programs for all ages as she could manage, watering the plants, working on the gardens, always striving to think of the next thing we could do for our library and the greater community beyond its walls, Sarah went above and beyond the traditional role of a director. She was our fearless leader, our greatest supporter, our dearest friend. She loved this community, and she loved our patrons; working diligently and passionately to tend to their needs and wants.

Sarah retired from her work as Supervisor of the Checklist last winter. She saw many changes in the process over the four decades she held the position, from handwriting the voters' checklist to hand counting the paper ballots to the automation we have today. Those that worked with her admired her knowledge and detail of the process.

Most dear to Sarah's heart was her family. Her beloved husband, their three sons and their families including their six grandchildren. Her stories, her laugh, her smile, and dedication to the family and the town she so loved will live on in the community's hearts. Sarah Chapman will be missed.



## Flowers and Gardens Theme

The Theme for our 2022 Town Report is “Flowers and Gardens.” With the help of our residents, please enjoy the photographs that represent the best of New Boston’s “Flowers and Gardens.”

### Dates to Remember in 2023

- March 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Town Meeting Elections (7AM – 7PM) at the New Boston Central School gymnasium
- April 17<sup>th</sup> Due date for applying for Veteran, Elderly, Disability, Solar and Wind Exemptions
- July 1<sup>st</sup> Real Estate Property Taxes are due (first bill)
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Parade & Festivities at the Hillsborough County Youth Center Foundation
- October 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween is Celebrated in New Boston
- December 1<sup>st</sup> Real Estate Property Taxes are due (second bill)



*Photos by Tom Boucher*

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## Milestones for 2022

- Jan School Bus Drivers honored with the Dreamkeeper Award and School Custodians honored with the Cornerstone Award from the Goffstown School Board for exceptional service during the pandemic.
- Mar Town Administrator Paul Branscombe hired.  
Library Director Sarah Chapman retired after 39 years of service to the Town of New Boston.
- Apr Mike Boyle retires from the Fire Department after 25 years of service to the Town of New Boston.
- May Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh retired after 13 years of service in this position.
- Jun New Boston Fire Chief Dan MacDonald retired after forty-two years of service to the Town of New Boston.  
Cliff Plourde appointed Interim Fire Chief.  
New Boston Seniors Caleb Hagner named GHS Valedictorian and Sarah Gentili named Salutatorian.  
Louise Robie named Recreation Volunteer of the Year.  
NBCS Special Education Teacher Lynn Wawrzyniak awarded Best Bobcat Award from New Boston School Board.  
Tom Miller awarded the Community Citizen of the Year Award from the Joe English Grange.  
NBCS Preschool Teacher Robin Fillion and School Nurse Judith Limondin retired after many years of service in these roles.  
Bus Driver Debbie Plessner retired after 35 years of service to the New Boston School District.
- Jul July 1<sup>st</sup> named “Dan MacDonald Day.”
- Aug John Jones retired from the New Boston Fire Department after over twenty years of service to the Town of New Boston.
- Sep Dick and Betsy Moody awarded the Hillsborough County Commissioners Award for Excellence in Agricultural Promotion.  
Library Director Tanya Ricker hired.
- Nov Road Agent Benji Knapp hired.  
Fire Chief of Operations Frank Fraitzl hired.
- Dec CERT Director Bruce McKim honored with the Spirit of NH Volunteer Service Award.  
New Boston Historical Society awarded with the America 250! Commendation from the Molly Stark Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution.  
New Boston Fire Department hit an all-time high for emergency call volume at 815 calls for service.  
Police Department achieved ten years of providing daily 24 hour continuous coverage for residents.



*Photo by Dan Rothman*

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**AMBULANCE/RESCUE SQUAD**  
 Emergency Calls.....911

**ASSESSING OFFICE**.....603-487-2500 X 161  
 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**.....603-487-2500 X 150  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Inspections by Appointment

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
 Hotline.....603-487-2500 X 314  
 Web Site [www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov)

**FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
 Emergency Calls.....911  
 Non-Emergency Calls.....603-487-2500 X 312

**FIRE INSPECTOR**.....603-487-2500 X 152  
 Inspections by Appointment

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**..... 603-487-2500 X 121  
 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**.....603-487-2500 X 612  
 Monday – Friday (Nov. – April) 7:00 am – 3:30 pm  
 Monday – Thursday (May – Oct.) 6:30 am – 5:00 pm

**LIBRARY**.....603-487-3391  
 Monday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Wednesday 10:00 am – 8:00 pm  
 Thursday 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
 Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 Saturday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**.....603-487-2500 X 142  
 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 Emergency Calls.....911  
 Non-Emergency Calls.....603-487-2433  
 Monday 8:00 am – 8:00pm  
 Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
 Thursday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm & 5:00-8:00 pm  
 Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT**.....603-487-2880  
 Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
[www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation](http://www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation)

**SELECTMEN’S OFFICE**.....603-487-2500 X 160  
 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**TAX COLLECTOR** 603-487-2500 X 171  
 Monday – Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**.....603-487-2500 X 121  
 Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**TOWN CLERK**.....603-487-2500 X 131  
 Monday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Tuesday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
 Wednesday 12:00pm – 7:00pm

**TRANSFER STATION**.....603-487-5000  
 Tuesday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
 Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm



*Photos by Laura Bernard*

**Town Web Site [www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov)**

## Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings\*\*

<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Capital Improvements	Fall	As Posted	As Posted
Cemetery Trustees	As Posted	As Posted	Town Hall
Conservation Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Economic Development	As Posted	As Posted	Town Hall
Emergency Management	As Posted	As Posted	As Posted
Energy Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Finance Committee	Thursdays – As Posted (Fall-Winter)	6:30PM	Town Hall
Fire Wards	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	6:00 PM	TBD
Forestry Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	5:30 PM	Town Hall
Fourth of July Association	2nd Wed (Jan-Aug)	7:00PM	Old Engine House
Historical Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Every other month	7:30 PM	Wason Building
Joe English Grange	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	6:30 PM	Grange Hall
Library Trustees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00 PM	Library
Open Space Committee	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Planning Board	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Recreation Commissioners	As Posted	As Posted	Old Engine House
Road Committee	As Posted	As Posted	Town Hall
Board of Selectmen	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	6:00 PM	Town Hall
Solid Waste Advisory Committee	As Posted	As Posted	Town Hall
Supervisors of the Checklist	As Posted	As Posted	As Posted
Zoning Board of Adjustment	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday (if applicable)	As Posted	Town Hall



*Photo by Linda Gosselin*

**\*\*Meetings are posted at local posting areas: Town Hall bulletin board, Post Office and on the Town Website:  
[www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov)**

## Town Officers and Officials

David Litwinovich, Select Board Member	Term Expires 2023
Donna Mombourquette, Select Board Chair	Term Expires 2024
Jennifer Brown, Select Board Member	Term Expires 2025
Lee C. Nyquist, Esq., Moderator	Term Expires 2024
Kimberly Colbert, Town Clerk	Term Expires 2024
Lorraine McKim, Deputy Town Clerk	
Ann Charbonneau, Tax Collector	Appointment Expires 2023
Sheri Moloney, Deputy Tax Collector	
William Gould, Treasurer	Term Expires 2023
Stephanie Dubreuil, Assistant Treasurer	
Benji Knapp, Road Agent	
Cliff Plourde, Interim Fire Chief	
Frank Fraitzl, Fire Chief of Operations	
James Brace, Police Chief	
Paul Branscombe, Town Administrator, Overseer of Public Welfare, Health Officer	
Jennifer Allocca, Finance Director	
Dana Dinsmore, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer	
Michael Courtney, Esq., Town Counsel	

## Town Department Managers

Library Director	Tanya Ricker
Community Development Director	Shannon Silver
Recreation Director	Mike Sindoni
Transfer Station Manager	Gerry Cornett

## Executive Council

David K. Wheeler, District 5	Term Expires 2025
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## Representatives of the General Court

Lisa Post	Term Expires 2025
Gerald Griffin	Term Expires 2025
Keith Ammon	Term Expires 2025

## State Senator

Denise Ricciardi, NH District 9	Term Expires 2025
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## Capital Improvements Program Committee

CIP Members at-large:	
Matthew Beaulieu	Appointment Expires 2025
R. Frederick Hayes, Jr.	Appointment Expires 2023
Jennifer Allocca	Appointment Expires 2023
Select Board member Ex-Officio	Donna Mombourquette
Finance Committee Representative:	Ken Lombard
Planning Board Representative:	Ed Carroll

## Cemetery Trustees

Almus Chancey	Term Expires 2025
Gail Stout	Term Expires 2023
Warren Houghton	Term Expires 2024

## Conservation Commission

Laura Bernard, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2025
Louise Robie, Vice Chairman	Appointment Expires 2024
Rebecca Balke, Treasurer	Appointment Expires 2023
Elizabeth Whitman	Appointment Expires 2023
Marty Kelley	Appointment Expires 2023
David Bellemore	Appointment Expires 2023
Barbara Thomson, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2024
Lee Cronk, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2023

## Economic Development Committee

Michael Palmer, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2025
Jimmy Allen	Appointment Expires 2025
Community Development Director Ex-Officio	Shannon Silver
Planning Board Chairman Ex-Officio	Peter Hogan

## Energy Commission

Ryan Nealley, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2023
Roger Dignard	Appointment Expires 2024
William McFadden	Appointment Expires 2023
Daryl Luter	Appointment Expires 2023
Susan Carr	Appointment Expires 2023
Select Board member Ex-Officio	Donna Mombourquette

## Finance Committee

Matthew Beaulieu	Appointment Expires 2023
Kenneth Lombard	Appointment Expires 2024
Roch Larochelle	Appointment Expires 2024
Mark Suennen, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2025
School Board Representative Ex-Officio	Samuel Perron
Select Board member Ex-Officio	Donna Mombourquette

## Fire Wards

Richard Moody	Term Expires 2025
Brandon Merron	Term Expires 2025
Wayne Blassberg	Term Expires 2023
Joseph Segien	Term Expires 2023
Brian Dubreuil	Term Expires 2023
Cliff Plourde	Term Expires 2024
Derek Danis	Term Expires 2025

## Forestry Committee

Thomas Miller, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2025
Graham Pendlebury	Appointment Expires 2025
Willard Dodge	Appointment Expires 2025
David Kent	Appointment Expires 2025
Joe Constance	Appointment Expires 2025
Elizabeth McKinley, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2025

## Highway Safety Committee

David Litwinovich	Representing Select Board member
Frank Fraitzl	Fire Department Representative
James Brace, Chairman	Police Department Representative
Benji Knapp	Highway Department Representative

## Library Trustees

Jennifer Allocca	Term Expires 2025
Kate Fitzpatrick	Term Expires 2025
Robin Winslow	Term Expires 2023
Elizabeth Whitman	Term Expires 2023
Richard Backus	Term Expires 2024
Melissa Harvey	Term Expires 2024
Marti Wolf, Chairman	Term Expires 2025

## Open Space Committee

David Woodbury	Appointment Expires 2025
Kenneth Lombard	Appointment Expires 2023
Peter Moloney	Appointment Expires 2023
Marina Hill	Appointment Expires 2024
Raleigh Bacon	Appointment Expires 2024
Jared Keyes	Appointment Expires 2025

## Planning Board

Peter Hogan, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2024
Ed Carroll	Appointment Expires 2024
Amy Sanders	Appointment Expires 2023
Ashley McQuade	Appointment Expires 2025
Select Board member, Ex-Officio	David Litwinovich

## Recreation Commission

Christopher Hall	Appointment Expires 2025
Helen Fanning	Appointment Expires 2025
Daniel O'Brien	Appointment Expires 2023
Lynn Wawrzyniak	Appointment Expires 2023
Kathleen Hawkes	Appointment Expires 2024
Recreation Director, Ex-Officio	Michael Sindoni

## Road Committee

George St. John	Appointment Expires 2025
Mark Suennen	Appointment Expires 2025
Mark Debowski	Appointment Expires 2023
Select Board member, Ex-Officio	David Litwinovich
Road Agent, Ex-Officio	Benji Knapp

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Floyd Guyette	Appointment Expires 2024
Bruce McKim	Appointment Expires 2024
Jim Keyes	Appointment Expires 2024
Joe Constance	Appointment Expires 2024
Transfer Station Manager, Ex-Officio	Gerry Cornett
Select Board member, Ex-Officio	Jennifer Brown

## Southern N.H. Planning Commission

Mark Suennen	Appointment Expires 2024
David Litwinovich (Alternate)	Appointment Expires 2024

## Supervisors of Checklist

Dorothy Marden	Term Expires 2026
Wendy Lambert	Term Expires 2028
David Mudrick	Term Expires 2024

## Trustees of Trust Funds

Jennifer Allocca	Term Expires 2023
Wendy Lambert	Term Expires 2028
R. Frederick Hayes Jr.	Term Expires 2024

## Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Craig, Vice Chairman	Appointment Expires 2023
Anthony Olivier	Appointment Expires 2024
Wayne Charest, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2024
Michael Dahlberg, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2025
Kenneth Clinton	Appointment Expires 2025
Lorraine McKim, Secretary	Appointment Expires 2024



*Photo by Danielle Morello*

## **Message From The Select Board**

Our New Boston community is fortunate to have municipal employees who really care about the well-being of our citizens. They provide essential services like road and bridge maintenance, emergency response - fire, police, ambulance, recreation for all ages, a place for our recyclables and trash, a welcoming library, and day-to-day operations with a high level of expertise and commitment to excellence. Our Department Managers and the employees are instrumental in making our New Boston community a great place to live, work and play.

As we began 2022, Chief of Police James Brace was in his 6th month of performing double duty as our Interim Town Administrator while continuing to meet the challenges of staffing the police department and keeping our citizens safe. Our words of thanks don't go far enough to express our appreciation for his excellent work as Interim Town Administrator for nine months and his continued superior leadership of our Police Department.

March brought us a new Town Administrator, Paul Branscombe. Paul brings many years of experience to New Boston after serving in municipal leadership in several New Hampshire communities. Staff enjoy his enthusiasm and citizens appreciate his responsiveness. The Select Board is appreciative of the work ethic and knowledge he brings to his leadership role.

We said good-bye to a long-term Town Hall employee, Laura Bernard, but she continues to provide valuable leadership of the Conservation Commission and the July 4th Celebration. Maralyn Segien was promoted to Human Resource Director and continues to support the Select Board, Town Administrator and Assessor.

Other changes at Town Hall included the creation of the department of Community Development. Its purpose is to improve coordination between Planning, Building and Zoning staff. Long-time Department manager, Shannon Silver, remains at the helm of this very busy department.

The citizens passed another carefully crafted operational budget which allowed the municipal services to continue unimpeded. All but one of the Warrant Articles passed - the GIS Mapping System which would be supported by our Planning, Assessing, and Highway personnel to assure proper measurement and location of lot lines and road boundaries, for example. This is the second time this effort has failed but due to the importance of this system, it will again be on the ballot in 2023.

Other highlights included a high turnout of voters at both the Town Meeting and State Elections which were once again flawlessly handled with expertise by our Town Clerk, Election officials and all of the volunteers. A new Select Board member, Jen Brown, was elected. Jen has deep family roots in our community and has been active in community activities for most of her adult life in New Boston. The Board of Selectmen became the Select Board by a resounding vote of our citizens. Procedures were updated to allow the Select Board to structure meetings to assure the business of the town is conducted in a timely manner. Citizens continue to have the right to come before the Board by scheduling with the Town Administrator if he is unable to resolve their issue.

Leadership changes also occurred in the Fire Department when long-time Fire Chief Dan MacDonald retired in June after 42 years. Many know Dan as the first on the scene any time, day or night. July 1 was named "Dan MacDonald Day" in his honor as a tribute to his dedication to our community.

Our Fire Department began transitioning from an on-call, volunteer type model to a scheduled, per diem staff model to improve fire and medical services response times to better serve our citizens.

We welcomed Frank Fraitzl in November to fill part-time hours as the Fire Department Chief of Operations. Frank comes to us with a 38-year career in the fire service including 19 years as a chief officer.

The Whipple Free Library welcomed Tanya Ricker as our Library Director in September. Tanya returns to the Library where she worked as a Page while in high school which set her education plans on a trajectory to become a Librarian.

The Highway Department welcomed Benjamin (Benji) Knapp after the tenure of Allen Brown, who was a great asset to our community. Benji is very familiar with New Boston because of the teamwork between us and his previous

employer. Benji's 20-plus years of experience in municipal road management provides our town with a new level of expertise. Also joining the team is Kathie Vieira as the Administrative Assistant, now named Crew Chief because of her organizational skills and quick learning curve of the department operations.

The town was fortunate to be awarded two bridge replacement grants from the "Build Back Better" effort of the Federal Government through the State of NH Department of Transportation. The grants cover 100% of the construction/replacement costs and 80% of the engineering costs. Both the Tucker Mill Road bridge and the Gregg Mill Road bridge will be replaced at the total estimated cost of \$138,000 which will be raised by withdrawing money from the Unreserved Fund Balance, meaning no current tax impact to our citizens. We also continue to receive the Highway Block grant to help with repair and maintenance of our roads.

In 2022, we also experienced the loss of folks who dedicated many of their years to volunteering and working to make our town a better place for all:

Sarah Chapman provided close to 50 years of service to our library with 25 years as our Library Director. Sarah was a beloved fixture of our town, along with her husband, Don, who continues to volunteer for many activities associated with the Library.

Jerry Kennedy who was a lifelong resident of New Boston, raised his family here and was well known as a volunteer on the Planning Board, Firefighter, Cemetery Trustee and The New Boston Artillery Company. Jerry was also a proud Army veteran.

Brandy Mitroff was the publisher (1998-2017) of the New Boston Bulletin ("*supporting a community working together for the common good*"). Her twenty years of service on the Finance Committee will be remembered for her attention to detail and depth of questioning of each department manager.

Our town is also very fortunate to have citizens who volunteer their time for boards, commissions, committees, elections, recreation and library activities and so much more. They, too, bring expertise and commitment to making New Boston what it continues to be - a town with a great history and great future. The Select Board would like to thank all of our unsung hero volunteers and those who stand for elected office.

Respectfully Submitted,

The New Boston Select Board  
Donna Mombourquette, Chair  
David Litwinovich, Vice Chair  
Jen Brown, Secretary/Clerk



Photo by Chris Lippincott

## Message From The Town Administrator

I am immensely pleased and proud to present my first Town Administrator report to the residents of New Boston. I joined the New Boston Town Government on March 14, 2022, where I was faced with a variety of issues and used my experience to tackle each challenge. I am thankful to Police Chief Jim Brace who was the Interim Town Administrator for many months and helped in the transition.

Collaboration with our Finance Director was my first order of business and in doing so we recommended to the Select Board that we review and update our policies and procedures to help employees in their daily work routine. Financial policies for Town Government and safety measures for our staff were a priority.

Re-establishing communication internally was made possible by holding mandatory Department Managers meetings and Administrative Assistant meetings, both held monthly. Collaboration and camaraderie became our focus, which has brought about true teamwork. We have revived a Personnel Policy Committee made up of employees from various departments to update our Employee Manual.

This year saw changes in personnel with the resignations of Laura Bernard and Allen Brown. We were fortunate to have Laura's assistant Maralyn Segien move up to become my Executive Assistant and Human Resource Director and retain her Assessing clerk duties without missing a beat. Equally as fortunate was the hiring of Benjamin (Benji) Knapp as our Road Agent who had been working in the neighboring Town of Weare for twenty years. Also, we added a new Building Inspector, Dana Dinsmore and his Assistant Danielle Morello and created a new Community Development Department under the leadership of Shannon Silver. The combined department enables us to offer the residents a more streamlined approach to Planning, Zoning and Building.

We said farewell to long time Fire Chief Dan MacDonald and were fortunate to find a successor in Frank Fraitzl who joined us from the Town of Litchfield. Frank has thirty plus years in the fire service. He immediately saw an obvious need for a new fire station. The department has implemented a program for member recruitment and retention by addressing per diem scheduling for Fire Fighters and EMS personnel.

In my short tenure in New Boston, we have been working with the engineering firm of Hoyle, Tanner Associates on three bridge replacements, namely Dougherty Lane, Tucker Mill Road, and Gregg Mill Road bridges.

New Boston was fortunate to be chosen to have two bridges (Tucker Mill and Gregg) out of the 23 projects that were selected by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation for MOBIL funding. This is a new program called Municipally Owned Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (MOBIL) and is used to supplement and accelerate locally owned bridge projects already enrolled in the State Bridge Aid Program. This will allow 100% funding for the bridge construction.

The warrant article for the Dougherty Lane Bridge passed in 2019 but no work was ever carried out and the warrant article was going to lapse in 2022. Therefore, the Town tried to put money aside to cover the cost of the replacement without being a burden on the taxpayer.

The Department Managers worked diligently to control spending and their fiscal responsibility paid off, which was illustrated by a modest increase in the municipal portion of the tax rate from \$4.09 to \$4.54. The overall tax rate increase was a modest 68 cents going for \$18.50 to \$19.18 without taking any monies from the unassigned fund balance to pay down the tax rate.

So, a challenging year ended on a good note, and we hope in 2023 residents will support Town government in the face of inflationary trends as we deliver vital services to the community.

In closing I should like to thank the Select Board for their support, the Department Managers for their dedication and loyalty and the Town Hall staff for their many contributions to making my time here that much more enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted  
Paul Branscombe, Town Administrator

# TOWN WARRANT



*Photo by Susan Carr*

## 2023 WARRANTS



### TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Boston, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Monday, February 6, 2023, at 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central School, located at 15 Central School Rd, New Boston, NH 03070. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central School located at 15 Central School Rd, New Boston, NH 03070, to act upon the following:

#### Article 01:

##### **Cemetery Trustee for 3 years, vote for 1**

Gail Peirce Stout

##### **Fire Ward for 3 years, vote for 2**

Joe Segien  
Wayne Blassberg

##### **Fire Ward for 1 year, vote for 1**

Steve Sears

##### **Library Trustee for 3 years, vote for 2**

Jacob Fields  
John Fladd  
Robin Winslow

##### **Select Board Member for 3 years, vote for 1**

William McFadden  
Kary Jencks

##### **Treasurer 3 years, vote for 1**

Bill Gould

**Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years, vote for 1**

Jennifer M. Allocca

**Article 02:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,900,000)**, for the construction of a **Fire / Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Facility** in the Town of New Boston. Said sum to be raised by issuance of serial bond(s) or note(s) not to exceed **Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,900,000)** under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Select Board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, to require the Select Board to hold a Public Hearing not less than 15 days prior to signing any municipal debt agreement(s) for the purpose of obtaining comment and testimony on the rate(s) of interest, maturity and other terms of the debt agreement(s), to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take such other actions or to pass any other vote relative thereto as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. **(3/5 ballot vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 02:** This Warrant Article is requesting funding for the new construction of a fire department and emergency management services (EMS/Ambulance) facility because the current fire station is inadequate to meet the current and future needs of the growing community. The architectural firm SMP, was hired to design a new fire station. The design concept is based upon input from the Fire Dept and EMS personnel, the FD/EMS (Safety Center) Building Committee made up of town residents and the Town Select Board. The Building Committee members along with the FD/EMS employees visited various New Hampshire towns that had recently constructed Fire/EMS and Safety Center facilities to gain insight of the experiences and feedback from those towns who recently went through a similar process. This facility is expected to serve New Boston's fire and emergency management services needs for the next 20 to 25 years. The design concept photos and floorplan can be viewed on the Town of New Boston website [www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov).

**Article 03:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **Operating Budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Six Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$6,822,518)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Five Million Eight Hundred Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars (\$5,815,453)**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 5-1)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 03:** The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of Town departments. **(Estimated Tax Impact Net of Estimated Revenue \$5.33)**

**Article 04:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Nine Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$908,000)** for the purpose of **constructing and furnishing an attached addition at the Police Station** located at 116 Old Coach Road, with **Six Hundred Seven Thousand Dollars (\$607,000)** to come from the American Rescue Program Act Funds (ARPA) and the balance of **Three Hundred One Thousand Dollars (\$301,000)** to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 04:** The Police Station was completed in 1994. Per the Town's 2018 Master Plan and the 2005 Master Plan, the police station at 116 Old Coach Road does not have the required building sprinkler system and adequate space. The addition will provide improvements for safety and space including secure booking and holding rooms, increased space for evidence and storage, a female locker room, increased security monitoring, as well as much needed exterior structural renovations and septic system updates. A copy of the design plans can be viewed on the Town's website at [www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov) **(No current year tax impact.)**

**Article 05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 05:** This yearly Capital Reserve Fund includes both replacement and mid-life refurbishment of all Fire Department vehicles except the ambulances, which are purchased through a separate ambulance fund that derives its revenues from user fees not taxes. The vehicle roster includes two front-line pumpers and a preowned pumper at the Hilltop Station, a tank truck, a forestry truck, a light rescue vehicle and a command vehicle which was added by the Fire Wards three years ago and is expected to be placed on the Town Warrant for 2024. These vehicles are extremely expensive, with pumpers expected to cost over \$700,000 in the next purchase cycle. With a midlife refurbishment, these pumpers generally have a 25-year life cycle. The other vehicles also have 15 to 30-year cycles. While this is good on one hand, it makes projecting future costs problematic. Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle plus equipment for the year of replacement or refurbishment, the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee recommend \$175,000 each year for the next six years. This is an increase of \$45,000 over the amount requested in previous years primarily due to the continuing increases in costs of replacement Fire Department vehicles. The department has seven (7) vehicles with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.19)**

**Article 06:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$339,000)**, for the purchase of a **Utility Vehicle**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the **Fire Department Vehicles Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the specified purchase is complete or December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation for Article 06:** The Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.), had the 2005 Utility 2 – Light Rescue Ford F450 scheduled to be replaced in 2020 based on a 15-year life cycle. In 2020, the replacement was rescheduled to 2023 because of the good condition of the vehicle due to the preventive maintenance schedule. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 07:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund** to maintain the Emergency Management communications and related system. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 07:** In 2020, the Town voted to establish an Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the collection of funds to maintain the Emergency Services communications and related systems. The C.I.P. Committee is continuing to request a \$20,000 annual deposit into this fund to meet the needs of the radio tower maintenance scheduled in 2027. The funding under this article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)**

**Article 08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 08:** The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of two (2) full-sized 6-wheel dump trucks, one (1) smaller 6-wheel water truck and five (5) 10-wheel trucks with plows. The C.I.P. Committee recommends a \$150,000 Capital Reserve Fund deposit in 2023 and future years. This is an increase of \$30,000 per year in order to maintain balances in the fund needed to purchase these vehicles. The funding under this article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 09:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 09:** The Capital Reserve Fund previously covered the replacement cost of the grader, loader and backhoe. In 2022, the Town voted to add a vibratory roller and an excavator to the roster of heavy equipment. The C.I.P. Committee agreed to add the roller, but the excavator is still under lease and not yet owned by the Town. Adding these pieces to the repurchase schedule does not change the recommended on-going deposit of \$45,000 into the Capital Reserve Fund since all of these pieces have working lives in excess of 20 years. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 10:** This yearly Capital Reserve Fund will remain at its current funding of \$40,000. Upcoming projects to be funded by this Capital Reserve Fund in 2023 are replacements for Tucker Mill Road Bridge and Gregg Mill Road Bridge for which the Town will only be responsible for 20% of the engineering costs and Federal and State funds will cover the balance. The funding under this article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seven Dollars (\$331,207)**, which represents 100% of the engineering study, preliminary design, permitting, right-of-way, final design and bidding for the replacement of the **Tucker Mill Road Bridge** over the Middle Branch Piscataquog River NHDOT Bridge # 087/150. The Town will be reimbursed 80% (up to \$264,965) of the actual engineering costs approved by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Bridge Aid Program, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of **Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$66,242)**, from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** which represents 20% of the Town's share of total engineering costs. Construction costs are anticipated to be reimbursed 100% of actual qualified construction and construction engineering costs by the Federal Aid Municipally Owned Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (MOBIL) Program. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2028, whichever comes first. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 11:** Tucker Mill Road Bridge was originally planned for replacement in 2025 on the New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program. However, the Town was awarded the Federal Aid Municipally Owned Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (MOBIL) Program which pays 80% of the preliminary design, permitting, right-of-way, final design and bidding costs and 100% of the construction costs. The funding under this article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Six Dollars (\$362,856)**, which represents 100% of the engineering study, preliminary design, permitting, right-of-way, final design and bidding for the replacement of the **Gregg Mill Road Bridge** over the South Branch Piscataquog River NHDOT Bridge# 132/138. The Town will be reimbursed 80% (up to \$290,284) of the actual engineering costs approved by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation State Bridge Aid Program, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of **Seventy-Two Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$72,572)**, from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** which represents 20% of the Town's share of engineering costs. Construction costs are anticipated to be reimbursed 100% of qualified actual construction and construction engineering costs by the Federal Aid Municipally Owned Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (MOBIL) Program. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and shall not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2028, whichever comes first. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 12:** Gregg Mill Road Bridge was originally planned for replacement in 2027 on the New Hampshire State Bridge Aid Program. However, the Town was awarded the Federal Aid Municipally Owned Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (MOBIL) Program which pays 80% of the preliminary design, permitting, right-of-way, final design and bidding costs and 100% of the construction costs. The funding under this article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000)**, for **Road Improvements**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road improvements are complete or until December 31, 2027, whichever comes first. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation for Article 13:** This yearly funding of roadwork has diminished the need for multi-million dollar bonds to repair severely deteriorated roads. The C.I.P. Committee once again included \$85,000 on the schedule for road improvement projects in each of the next six (6) years. Projects currently scheduled include Christie Road in 2023 and Beard Road in 2025. Road Agents have explained to the Committee these road improvements often include extensive tree trimming and drainage work prior to any repaving. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09)**

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Nine Cents (\$207,465.09)**, for Town road-related upgrades and other road improvements, to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire **Highway Block Grant Program** estimated to be **Two Hundred Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars and Nine Cents (\$207,465.09)**. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the said funds are expended or until December 31, 2028, whichever comes first. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 14:** This article is to accept the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant revenue and to expend for purposes allowed under said program. The funds can only be used for construction, reconstruction and maintenance of each municipality's Class IV and V highways. The funds can also be used towards equipment to maintain the local roads. The amount received is calculated based upon the Town's population in proportion to the entire State of New Hampshire's population and based upon the Town's Class IV and V road mileage in proportion to the total statewide Class IV and V mileage. **(No funds to be raised by taxation)**

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 15:* As required by State Law (RSA 75:8-a), and the New Hampshire Constitution, the Town must revalue all real estate so that all assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. A total amount of \$80,000 is the final estimated cost to complete a partial revaluation of all town properties in 2026. The next town full revaluation will be in 2031. The funding under this article is consistent with the C.I.P. Committee recommendation and scheduling. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03)

**Article 16:** To see if the town will vote to establish a **Contingency Fund** for the current year for unanticipated expenses that may arise, and further to raise and appropriate **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)**, to be placed into this fund. This sum is to come from **Unassigned Fund Balance**. Any appropriation left in the fund at the end of the year will lapse to the General Fund. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. The Select Board shall hold one Public Hearing not less than 10 days prior to each occurrence of expenditure from the Contingency Fund for the purpose of obtaining comment and testimony on the unanticipated expense(s) that document the use of the Contingency Fund. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 16:* Effective as of August 24, 2013, towns may establish a contingency fund by approving an article at the annual meeting. The fund may be used by the governing body (Select Board) during the fiscal year to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during that year and are not otherwise provided for in the Town's budget. The fund may not exceed one percent (1%) of the amount appropriated by the town (including the school budget) during the preceding year, excluding capital expenditures and debt service. A detailed report of all expenditures from the Contingency Fund must be made each year by the governing body and published in the annual report. RSA 31:98-a; RSA 32:11, VI. (No current year tax impact)

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)**, to be placed into the existing **Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust Fund**. This sum to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 17:* This fund provides for the maintenance, improvement and renovations of all town government facilities to ensure that they are well maintained and do not fall into disrepair. A facilities maintenance inventory schedule will be established to effectively and efficiently utilize said fund. (No current year tax impact)

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000)**, for a **Geographic Information System (G.I.S.) Mapping**, the first of two (2) annual appropriations for a total of Two Hundred Twenty Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$220,125). The sum of \$110,000 to come from Unassigned Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 18:* In 2022, the G.I.S. mapping was removed from the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) after it was determined that this is not a capitalizable asset. It entails the implementation of a computerized Geographic Information System (G.I.S.), to track the Town's parcel maps and provide detailed information not available when utilizing our paper maps. Electronic mapping will ensure equitable assessment of each parcel. This project will include review of existing parcels and remapping for accuracy. The benefits of utilizing G.I.S. with infrastructure planning, design, budgeting and asset maintenance includes improved workflows, decreased costs, improved

efficiency, improved collaboration amongst Town departments and other local and state governments. Anyone will have real-time access from anywhere on any electronic device. The mapping will contain other various data such as wetlands, zoning, floodplain, drainage, and other critical information. **(No current year tax impact)**

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)**, the third-year funding request to be placed into the existing **Record Retention Expendable Trust** for digitizing the Town of New Boston's records that require long term/permanent storage. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 19:** This article is to fund a multi-year project which entails the scanning of Town records from all departments. It is estimated to cost approximately \$80,000 for this four (4) to five (5) year undertaking. This will ensure the long-term security of the records, regain additional valuable office space, especially at Town Hall, and make this information more readily accessible to employees and, where appropriate, the public. In 2021, the first year of this project, the Building Office scanned and saved electronically all building files resulting in removal of 15 file cabinets and remodel of the office to expand to four (4) workstations from the previous three (3) previously in place before due to space constraints. In 2022, a similar project for Assessing and was able to empty several filing cabinets at Town Hall. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02)**

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,850)**, for the purpose of supporting the New Boston Fourth of July Association, a non-profit organization, by funding a portion of the cost of the **Fourth of July fireworks** and cover the costs of **mandatory police details** for the parade and the fireworks events. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 20:** This article is to support the annual Fourth of July celebration with fireworks and police detail. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01)**

**Article 21:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars (\$3,574)**, for funding the additional cost of **Police and Fire Dispatch Services** contracted through the Town of Goffstown. If Article 03 (Operating Budget) passes, this article will become null and void. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 21:** The contracts for Police and Fire dispatch services with Goffstown will increase by \$3,573.26 in 2023. \$1,153.46 for the Fire Department and \$2,419.80 for the Police Department. Pursuant to RSA 40:13, which became effective August 24, 2018, increases in contracts cannot be included in a default budget if the budget were to fail. The requested funds cover only the contract increases should the budget fall to default. This would enable the Police and Fire Department to continue dispatch services throughout 2023. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.004)**

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Three Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars (\$349,386)**, for the purpose of funding **Per Diem Fire Department staffing**. If Article 03 (Operating Budget) passes this article will become null and void. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 5-1)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 22:** In September of 2022, the Select Board authorized emergency funding for the purpose of hiring per diem staffing (daytime, nights & weekends and officers) for the Fire Department following a lack of voluntary response to emergency calls. This funding was not in the prior budget and should the Town vote for a default budget, this article would allow the per diem coverage to continue. If Article 03 (Operating Budget) passes, this article becomes null and void. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.37)**

**Article 23:** To see if the town will vote to discontinue the **Town of New Boston Expendable Trust** created in 2001 under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for the expenditure of principal and interest when required to meet legal benefits obligations of the Town. Said funds, in the amount of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Nine Dollars and Twenty cents (\$4,669.20)**, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's General Fund. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 23:* The trust was originally established to pay long-standing employees of the Town upon retirement. The current policy of longevity payments has since replaced the need for this trust. The Trustees of Trust Funds recommend closing this trust and placing the funds back into the General Fund.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote in accordance with RSA 72:27-a to readopt the provisions of RSA 72:28, II, previously adopted, for an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit at \$500 per year. If readopted and approved, this article shall take effect for the 2023 property tax year. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 24:* The New Hampshire Legislature passed, and Governor Sununu signed into law House Bill 1667 (Chapter 121, Laws of 2022), amending eligibility criteria of the veterans' tax credit to include individuals who have not yet been discharged from service in the armed forces. New Boston has an Optional Veterans' Tax Credit adopted in 2006 that must be readopted pursuant to RSA 72:27-a to remain in place and include the expanded eligibility effective for the April 1, 2023 tax year. If this article fails, the Standard Veterans' Tax Credit of \$50 will replace it for the April 1, 2023 tax year, which will include the expanded eligibility requirements.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to change how the **Fire Chief** is selected from **"Elected by the Board of Fire Wards from among the Fire Wards."** to **"Appointed by the Board of Fire Wards."** pursuant to RSA 154:1 (e), IV. If passed, this change will take effect one year following the vote. **(Majority Vote Required) (Select Board recommend 3-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 25:* This article would remove the restriction set forth by the 1994 Warrant Article #22 which required the Fire Chief to be a Fire Ward. This restriction meant the only candidates that could be considered for the position of Fire Chief were the Fire Wards of the Town of New Boston. This restriction severely limits the potential candidates that may be considered for this position and defrays from the goal of selecting the most qualified candidate. It also corrects erroneous language to more accurately reflect the wording of NH RSA 154:1(e) which states, "Fire Wards of any number, as determined by the local legislative body, either elected pursuant to RSA 669:17 or appointed by the local governing body, with a fire chief and firefighters appointed by the Fire Wards". **(No tax impact)**

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to change the sum of money that the New Boston Forestry Committee is allowed to retain in the forest maintenance fund for the management of town forests according to RSA 31:111, 112 and 113 from **Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000)**, as previously adopted in 1992 Article 15 and amended in 1996 Article 15, to **One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)**. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1st, and remain in effect until altered by a future vote of the town meeting. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

*Explanation of Article 26:* Over the past seven (7) years the New Boston Forestry Committee has taken a much more proactive approach to the management of the five (5) town forests under its care. It has created management plans for each forest and in accordance with the American Tree Farm System. In compliance with the Town of New Boston's bidding procedure it has authorized and supervised select cuts of these forests to enable natural regeneration, control disease, provide natural habitat for wildlife, control erosion and lay the foundation for systemic reforestation in the future. In conjunction with the New Boston School Board, it has also established a Christmas Tree Farm for the children of New Boston Central School. In addition, it has created an educational trail in the Todd Forest that identifies

various species for all those wishing to learn more about the natural habitat of the Town. This has been an entirely volunteer effort. The money gained from the select cuts of Town Forests is held in an account which is used to purchase management tools, supplies, trees and to pay for select services such as a summer intern or expert consultants. This change is requested to support the purposes outlined above. The cost of such goods and services is increasing over time and the Committee seeks to build this fund to accommodate future needs. These efforts are important for our community to maintain New Boston's rural character, allow for wildlife corridors and healthy wildlife habitats and to prevent the tax increases that accompany new subdivisions and building of new homes. It may be necessary to purchase small equipment to construct logging access or control erosion in the future. **(No appropriation is requested and there is no effect on the tax rate.)**

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article as per RSA 32:5, V-b. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 27:** The Select Board recommends including the estimated tax impact on each warrant article to provide the voter with how the specific warrant article has an impact on the tax rate. **(No appropriation is requested and there is no effect on the tax rate.)**

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the **New Boston Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan**, which authorizes the Select Board to develop and implement New Boston Community Power as described therein (pursuant to RSA 53-E:7) with no impact on taxes and with no obligation to participate. The program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply options for customers in New Boston. There is no cost to the Town budget, and no obligation to participate. Customers can opt out at any time and return to utility default service. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0) (Finance Committee recommend 6-0)**

YES [ ] NO [ ]

**Explanation of Article 28:** The Town is considering implementing a new program called Community Power, or in other states, called Municipal Aggregation. The objective of this program is to save the Residents of New Boston money on their electric bill. If adopted by a majority of Town voters, The New Boston Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan would empower the Town to enter into Electric Services Agreements with Competitive Electric Power Suppliers to serve the electric supply needs of residents and small businesses. The intent is to pool our electricity demand and use the power of the competitive market for cost savings and more local renewable energy supply choices. The Town currently uses a similar contract for savings on municipal power for town buildings. **Program savings over the contract period is the goal of the program along with more renewable energy choices, but savings cannot be guaranteed.**

This program would affect only the supply line on customer electric bills. Transmission and distribution, emergency services, and billing all stay with the distribution utility, Eversource. **Eligible customers are automatically enrolled in the new program by default following notification of program rates and an opt out period.** They can also elect to choose an optional product. There are no fees to opt out, join, or change options within the program. Customers that opt out and then rejoin the program may be charged a market kWh rate. Customers currently on competitive supply are not automatically enrolled, but they can opt in. There is no cost to the Town Budget. The full text of the Plan is available on the Town website at [www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov).

**Please Note:**

**The estimated tax impact noted in the article explanations are only estimates and will likely change at the time the 2023 tax rate is set next November. The estimates are based on the 2022 tax rate setting total Town evaluation (\$938,240,329), which will likely change in 2023. Revenues are based on estimates and will also change at the time of tax rate setting in 2023. The revenue total used to calculate the net impact of the operating budget does not include any use of fund balance at tax rate setting.**

# FINANCIAL REPORTS



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**Budget of the Town (MS-636)**  
**Budget Summary**

*January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023*

	2022	2023	Detail on Pages
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	5,720,727	6,831,518	22-32
Special & Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	10,277,548	11,208,338	33
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Fund Balance	(11,762,225)	(12,498,110)	34
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be raised	4,236,050	5,541,746	57-58



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

**Budget of the Town of New Boston (MS-636)**  
**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
<b>SELECT BOARD OFFICE</b>			
SELECT BOARD	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,375	\$ 8,000
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	92,000	95,001	97,850
TOWN OFFICE CLERICAL	142,775	122,637	60,407
TOWN OFFICE OVERTIME	1	-	1
LONGEVITY PLAN	975	500	500
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	15,113	13,737	10,339
FICA - MEDICARE	3,534	3,219	2,418
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,100	1,743	2,000
TECHNOLOGY	28,615	20,974	48,676
ADVERTISING	1,500	1,468	1,750
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	9,597	8,600	9,183
PRINTING	250	240	250
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,975	5,523	6,229
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	100	68	75
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,750	2,277	2,700
POSTAGE	1,407	1,015	1,341
SURVEYS, DESIGNS, ENGINEERING SV	1	18,882	1,500
MISCELLANEOUS	2,000	14,090	2,000
TOWN MODERATOR	590	540	350
SOCIAL SECURITY	37	-	22
MEDICARE	9	-	5
TOWN REPORT EXPENSES	2,500	2,591	2,500
<b>SELECT BOARD TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 318,829</b>	<b>\$ 320,479</b>	<b>\$ 258,096</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>			
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	\$ 24,577	\$ 23,476	\$ 18,828
PT ASSISTANT	9,757	8,086	9,948
TOWN CLERK	30,561	31,594	34,239
ELECTION - EXTRA TIME	3,517	5,811	1,121
LONGEVITY PLAN	375	375	319
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	4,334	4,252	3,996
FICA - MEDICARE	1,014	1,005	935
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	850	359	650
TECHNOLOGY	4,807	5,102	5,114
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	15,921	4,871	13,651
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	480	95	405
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,797	2,329	3,636
POSTAGE	5,952	6,142	6,369
RECORD RETENTION	5,000	9,575	10,000
BALLOT CLERKS	3,020	2,390	960
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST	2,171	3,112	945
ELECTION SUPPORT	400	281	400
SOCIAL SECURITY	347	8	143
MEDICARE	81	2	33
ADVERTISING	1	-	1
<b>TOWN CLERK continued</b>			
VOTING BOOTH EXPENSES	900	75	300
PRINTING BALLOTS	3,000	2,835	3,000
MISCELLANEOUS	800	2,329	800

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### Expenditures

	2022	2022	2023
ACCOUNT NAME	OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	ACTUAL EXPENSE	BUDGET REQUESTED
<b>TOWN CLERK TOTAL</b>	\$ 122,662	\$ 114,104	\$ 115,792
<b>FINANCIAL ADMIN.</b>			
FINANCE DIRECTOR	\$ 57,022	\$ 61,148	\$ 76,688
CLERICAL STIPEND	-	588	31,714
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	3,535	3,397	6,721
FICA - MEDICARE	827	795	1,572
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	905	413	1,165
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	5,585	6,837	22,466
PRINTING	400	425	425
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	186	135	260
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,098	1,255	1,200
POSTAGE	1,000	715	1,000
AUDIT	19,000	18,950	20,000
TREASURER	3,127	3,141	3,172
TREASURER-SOCIAL SECURITY	194	195	197
TREASURER-MEDICARE	45	46	46
BANK CHARGES	100	363	100
<b>FINANCIAL ADMIN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 93,024</b>	<b>\$ 98,402</b>	<b>\$ 166,725</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTING</b>			
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 30,804	\$ 28,666	\$ 33,243
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	466	466	909
LONGEVITY PLAN	550	550	550
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	1,973	1,840	2,151
FICA - MEDICARE	461	430	503
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	730	624	748
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	3,739	3,689	4,123
PRINTING	985	1,097	1,100
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	20	20	20
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	900	411	700
LIEN & DEED SEARCHES	1,150	580	935
OFFICE SUPPLIES	400	352	400
POSTAGE	4,290	4,189	4,452
<b>TAX COLLECTING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 46,468</b>	<b>\$ 42,913</b>	<b>\$ 49,835</b>
<b>ASSESSING</b>			
PROFESSIONAL ASSESSING	\$ 63,140	\$ 62,320	\$ 58,600
TECHNOLOGY	5,776	5,747	5,919
TAX MAP UPDATE	2,885	500	3,054
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	-	20
POSTAGE	75	-	1
<b>ASSESSING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 71,876</b>	<b>\$ 68,567</b>	<b>\$ 67,594</b>
<b>TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>\$ 211,368</b>	<b>\$ 209,882</b>	<b>\$ 284,154</b>
<b>GENERAL LEGAL</b>	<b>\$ 67,647</b>	<b>\$ 70,508</b>	<b>\$ 40,000</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 403,378	\$ 308,445	\$ 439,160
GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE	24,504	18,209	19,664
LIFE INSURANCE	4,727	4,734	5,896

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**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	3,775	3,707	4,709
RETIREMENT (CPI) except PD	50,569	39,851	62,618
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	7,323	7,257	9,765
FSA - EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	3,000	3,417	7,500
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	496	3,218	3,763
FICA - MEDICARE	117	918	880
EMPLOYEE PAYOUT AT TERMINATIO	7,500	17,821	10,101
NHRS - POLICE RETIREMENT	240,724	218,979	279,882
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,000	-	1,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,975	4,224	5,129
WORKERS COMPENSATION	68,150	68,150	64,306
FLEX PLAN	495	100	495
HRA CLAIMS	-	2,599	7,680
EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING	1,200	342	1,000
<b>PERSONNEL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 823,933</b>	<b>\$ 701,972</b>	<b>\$ 923,547</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>			
PLANNING BOARD	\$ 3,845	\$ 4,470	\$ 3,995
PLANNING COORDINATOR	66,936	69,009	77,710
PLANNING BOARD CLERICAL	19,558	-	45,116
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES	1	1,935	2,880
PLANNING CONSULTANT	8,900	1,463	8,160
PLANNING BOARD OT	1,000	236	500
LONGEVITY PLAN	1,000	1,000	1,000
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	5,725	4,709	8,134
FICA - MEDICARE	1,339	1,101	1,902
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,004	540	935
ADVERTISING	1,000	187	1,000
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	750	33	750
OFFICE SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	1,100	1,081	1,100
POSTAGE	1,500	480	1,500
BOOKS/SUPPLIES	190	374	222
SNHPC	3,960	4,129	4,129
SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,000	28	1,000
<b>PLANNING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 118,808</b>	<b>\$ 90,774</b>	<b>\$ 160,033</b>

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ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
<b>ZONING</b>			
ZBA Clerical	\$ 1,226	\$ 445	\$ 1,286
SOCIAL SECURITY	76	28	80
MEDICARE	18	6	19
TRAINING/CONFERENCES	120	-	120
ZBA ADVERTISING	525	829	800
ZBA SUPPLIES	150	20	150
ZBA POSTAGE	600	155	600
<b>ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,715</b>	<b>\$ 1,484</b>	<b>\$ 3,054</b>
<b>PLANNING &amp; ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 121,523</b>	<b>\$ 92,257</b>	<b>\$ 163,087</b>
<b>GOV'T BUILDINGS</b>			
CLOCK MAINTENANCE STIPEND	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,600
FACILITIES & GROUNDS MANAGER	-	-	32,285
GROUNDSKEEPING WAGES	8,152	21,906	6,253
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	600	1,453	2,489
FICA - MEDICARE	140	340	582
TELEPHONE	24,960	13,175	8,712
INTERNET	1,936	4,084	4,020
JANITORIAL SERVICES	9,250	9,101	9,155
ELECTRICITY	5,494	4,547	6,904
HEATING OIL	8,276	11,273	14,518
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	14,650	26,254	14,506
DEEDED PROPERTIES	1	-	1
GROUNDSKEEPING=GOVT	5,000	5,224	7,745
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE & REPAIR	-	-	1,275
MONUMENTS & OTHER FIXTURES	-	-	1,130
LAND PURCHASE	1	-	1
FURNITURE/FIXTURES	3,000	1,036	3,000
<b>GOV'T BLDGS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,985</b>	<b>\$ 99,917</b>	<b>\$ 114,175</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>			
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP	\$ 32,170	\$ 31,895	\$ 32,770
CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT	1	-	1
<b>CEMETERIES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,171</b>	<b>\$ 31,895</b>	<b>\$ 32,771</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
PROPERTY LIABILITY	\$ 88,399	\$ 88,399	\$ 96,355
INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	5,000	2,054	5,000
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 93,399</b>	<b>\$ 90,453</b>	<b>\$ 101,355</b>
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND</b>			
TRUSTEE STIPEND	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,375	\$ 1,375
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX FEE	1	-	-
<b>TRUSTEES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,376</b>	<b>\$ 1,375</b>	<b>\$ 1,375</b>

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### Expenditures

	2022	2022	2023
ACCOUNT NAME	OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	ACTUAL EXPENSE	BUDGET REQUESTED
<b><u>POLICE</u></b>			
POLICE = FULL-TIME WAGES	\$ 718,594	\$ 643,129	\$ 786,338
POLICE = PART-TIME WAGES	50,866	44,622	39,565
POLICE = OVERTIME	57,567	70,607	65,371
LONGEVITY PLAN	3,250	3,500	3,750
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	7,269	6,707	5,490
FICA - MEDICARE	12,185	10,945	12,959
TRAINING/CONFERENCES	4,000	1,339	5,250
PROSECUTOR	500	-	500
TELEPHONE	5,197	4,851	5,200
CONTRACTED SERVICES	74,551	76,901	80,323
INTERNET	2,484	3,933	3,156
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,050	2,358	1,860
UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT	20,600	40,831	36,083
OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,490	14,290	6,608
POSTAGE	848	1,236	812
GASOLINE	25,200	22,088	31,200
VEHICLE MAINT	12,000	10,290	12,000
RADIO MAINTENANCE	8,469	5,052	8,500
VEHICLES	20,254	34,684	21,851
MISCELLANEOUS	3,700	9,362	4,300
HIRED POLICE SERVICES	1	-	1
JANITORIAL	5,961	5,860	6,696
ELECTRICITY	4,950	3,911	6,188
HEATING OIL	2,195	1,965	3,602
BUILDING	3,400	35,995	3,380
<b>POLICE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,581</b>	<b>\$ 1,054,456</b>	<b>\$ 1,150,984</b>
<b><u>FIRE</u></b>			
FIRE CHIEF	\$ 50,354	\$ 32,507	\$ 27,793
FIRE CHIEF OPS SALARY	-	9,600	101,140
FIRE CLERICAL	27,427	30,809	36,789
PER DIEM - DAYTIME	32,500	32,503	66,463
PER DIEM - NIGHTS & WEEKENDS	-	-	251,732
FIRE CHIEF MILEAGE	200	-	1
AD&D INSURANCE	313	313	5,415
LONGEVITY	5,415	5,415	-
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	6,857	6,582	25,022
FICA - MEDICARE	1,604	1,543	7,017
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	5,775	7,616	9,880
INTERNET	2,747	2,740	2,843
INNOCULATIONS/PHYSICALS	1,014	714	1,085
DUES - SOUHEGAN MUTUAL	1,154	1,184	1,184
POSTAGE/OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,599	862	1,600
CDL LICENSING	240	-	240
EXPLORER PROGRAM	300	-	300
<b><u>FIRE Continued</u></b>			
FF/EMS STAFF HOUSING	-	495	19,200
MISCELLANEOUS	2,500	4,108	2,500
PROTECTIVE	20,000	4,753	20,000
UNIFORMS	1,662	2,115	4,250

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**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	18,500	18,472	33,850
FIRE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,650	5,338	4,250
FIRE RELATED EXPENSES	4,000	7,705	6,000
CISTERN/HYDRANT MAINT.	750	587	750
FIRE INSPECTOR	16,868	11,733	15,369
FIRE INSPECTOR - SS	1,046	724	953
FIRE INSPECTOR - MEDICARE	245	169	223
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,900	679	1,900
BOOKS & SUPPLIES	1,800	474	1,800
FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING	5,000	1,705	5,000
EMERGENCY 911 LINES	1	-	1
CELLULAR PHONE	2,916	3,753	3,409
DISPATCHING SERVICES	21,962	21,962	23,116
PAGERS	900	1,000	15,000
RADIO MAINTENANCE	2,500	837	2,500
PAGER REPAIRS	250	208	250
VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES	800	513	800
GASOLINE	2,625	2,907	8,800
DIESEL FUEL	5,780	11,268	12,825
ENGINE #1 MAINT. E1	1,800	1,739	1,800
ENGINE #2 MAINT. E2	3,000	4,457	5,000
TANKER MAINTENANCE T1	2,000	2,701	3,000
UTILITY MAINTENANCE U2	1,900	728	1,900
76M7 FORESTRY/TANKER F1	500	1,593	500
RTV1=ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	150	198	150
76-E5 MAINTENANCE	3,000	4,555	3,000
CAR #1 MAINTENANCE	3,000	3,258	5,000
TRASH REMOVAL	948	1,131	1,104
ELECTRICITY	3,483	3,387	5,209
HEATING OIL	4,828	7,711	8,168
BUILDING/EQUIPMENT	7,262	17,358	9,622
MISCELLANEOUS	400	1,865	1,000
EMERGENCY CALLS	67,578	64,540	76,055
WEEKEND SHIFT COVERAGE	4,250	5,325	43,112
EMERGENCY CALLS - SS	4,453	4,288	7,388
EMERGENCY CALLS - MEDICARE	1,042	1,003	1,728
<b>FIRE TOTAL \$</b>	<b>361,748</b>	<b>\$ 359,729</b>	<b>\$ 894,984</b>

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ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
<b><u>BUILDING</u></b>			
BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$ 39,720	\$ 32,806	\$ 38,370
BUILDING ASSISTANT	-	11,659	25,534
PROPANE GAS INSPECTIONS	8,562	4,160	8,405
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	2,994	3,001	4,319
FICA - MEDICARE	700	702	1,010
MILEAGE / TRAINING	2,599	5,147	1,915
CELL PHONE	480	834	977
TECHNOLOGY	2,312	2,251	2,359
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	175	-	432
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	895	1,170	1,040
OFFICE SUPPLIES	600	584	600
POSTAGE	150	128	150
VEHICLE REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	-	-	1,500
MISC/PUBLICATIONS	150	8	150
<b>BUILDING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 59,337</b>	<b>\$ 62,449</b>	<b>\$ 86,761</b>
<b><u>EMERGENCY MGMT</u></b>			
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,800
EMERGENCY MGMT - SOC SEC	310	310	360
EMERGENCY MGMT - MEDIC	73	73	84
REIMBURSEMENTS	400	766	700
ELECTRICITY FOR RADIO SITE	967	961	1,506
EMERGENCY MGMT MISC	10,158	9,949	12,656
<b>EMERGENCY MGMT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 16,908</b>	<b>\$ 17,058</b>	<b>\$ 21,106</b>
<b><u>FOREST FIRE</u></b>			
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 104	\$ -	\$ 104
FOREST FIRE SUPPLIES & EQUIP	998	496	998
FOREST FIRES	500	-	500
<b>FOREST FIRE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,602</b>	<b>\$ 496</b>	<b>\$ 1,602</b>
<b>EMERGENCY MGMT &amp; FOREST FIRE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,510</b>	<b>\$ 17,554</b>	<b>\$ 22,707</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>			
HIGHWAY DEPT. FULL-TIME	\$ 368,574	\$ 369,342	\$ 455,252
HIGHWAY DEPT. CLERICAL	23,043	18,456	1
HIGHWAY DEPT. OVERTIME	55,286	46,848	46,712
LONGEVITY	2,750	2,750	3,500
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	28,820	27,143	31,339
FICA - MEDICARE	6,740	6,348	7,329
SEMINARS	700	412	1,400
TELEPHONE/RADIO	498	892	498
INTERNET	1,061	1,103	1,145
TOOLS	2,750	2,597	2,750
NOTICES/PERMITS	300	-	300
<b><u>HIGHWAY Continued</u></b>			
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	295	80	320
UNIFORMS & BOOTS	7,120	7,897	8,235
OFFICE	1,200	752	1,200

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**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
POSTAGE	25	-	1
SIGNS	2,000	1,221	2,000
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	1,750	2,191	1,750
RADIO MAINTENANCE	2,350	643	2,350
DRUG TESTING	700	1,084	755
EQUIP SUPPLIES & PARTS	67,000	48,701	67,000
TIRES/REPAIRS	5,340	9,200	9,690
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	30,000	3,771	30,000
WELDING/SUPPLIES	1,269	525	1,309
ELECTRICITY	6,355	4,725	9,066
HEATING OIL	1,957	2,210	5,779
BLDG REPAIR & MAINT/CLEANING SUJ	9,051	6,559	9,207
GASBOY SYSTEM REPAIRS	1,800	2,970	1,800
<b>HIGHWAY ADMIN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 628,734</b>	<b>\$ 568,418</b>	<b>\$ 700,688</b>
BLASTING	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000
PAVING	400,000	395,801	491,241
LINE STRIPING	15,376	9,049	13,298
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	1,650	-	1
GRAVEL	46,598	48,769	72,998
CALCIUM	11,000	11,010	11,000
COLD PATCH/ASPHALT	3,795	2,498	3,960
CULVERTS/CATCH BASINS	8,000	25,909	14,500
GUARD RAILS	8,000	3,563	5,000
ROADSIDE TRIMMING / CLEARING	39,977	34,870	41,770
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS	5,000	1,788	7,500
WINTER HIRED EQUIPMENT	141,916	178,757	103,733
SALT	109,944	125,151	125,722
SAND	1	-	35,000
GASOLINE	9,000	11,876	11,508
DIESEL FUEL	40,300	65,278	76,261
PLOW BLADES/TIRE CHAINS	3,000	15,493	3,000
PLOW BLADES/EQT REPAIR	2,500	643	2,500
<b>HIGHWAY &amp; STREETS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 850,057</b>	<b>\$ 930,455</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,992</b>
<b>HIGHWAY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,478,791</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,874</b>	<b>\$ 1,723,679</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	<b>\$ 5,595</b>	<b>\$ 12,771</b>	<b>\$ 4,872</b>

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**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022	2022	2023
	OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	ACTUAL EXPENSE	BUDGET REQUESTED
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>			
SANITATION=FULL-TIME	\$ 165,756	\$ 162,592	\$ 173,133
SANITATION=PART-TIME	33,405	35,923	32,689
SANITATION=OVERTIME	9,377	9,991	10,285
LONGEVITY PLAN	1,000	1,500	1,750
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	13,619	13,016	13,507
FICA - MEDICARE	3,185	3,044	3,159
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,800	54	1,800
TELEPHONE	600	600	600
INTERNET	2,007	2,509	2,484
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	636	1,019	560
OFFICE SUPPLIES	900	798	900
POSTAGE	340	-	20
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2,820	588	2,820
MISCELLANEOUS	4,000	14,416	4,000
<b>TRANSFER ADMIN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 239,445</b>	<b>\$ 246,050</b>	<b>\$ 247,707</b>
<b>HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>\$ 360</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>
TIPPING FEES	73,460	52,692	68,810
TRUCKING FEES	22,075	15,769	19,820
TIRE/RECYCLABLE REMOVAL	2,600	335	2,700
RECYCLABLE TRUCKING	2,800	40	1
ELECTRICITY	5,077	3,657	5,465
HEAT	650	285	650
BUILDING	4,400	4,094	4,401
GROUNDS	5,800	6,581	6,800
SALT SUPPLY	3,600	929	3,961
SUPPLIES/TOOLS	1,400	3,074	1,400
DIESEL	3,573	3,928	5,989
VEH/EQUIPMENT	8,578	8,211	8,578
TRAILER MAINTENANCE	6,740	1,464	6,570
EQUIPMENT REFURBISH	3,600	5,190	3,600
<b>SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 144,353</b>	<b>\$ 106,250</b>	<b>\$ 138,745</b>
MUNICIPAL PROJECTS / ILLEGAL			
DUMPING	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 500
<b>TRANSFER STATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 385,898</b>	<b>\$ 352,660</b>	<b>\$ 387,552</b>
<b>LANDFILL/GROUND MONITORING</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>	<b>\$ 8,901</b>	<b>\$ 5,500</b>
<b>HEALTH OFFICER</b>			
HEALTH OFFICER STIPEND	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1
SOCIAL SECURITY	233	93	1
MEDICARE	54	22	1
HEALTH SEMINARS	400	70	400
WARRANT ADMINISTRATION	-	-	130
WATER TESTING	200	-	200
<b>HEALTH OFFICER Continued</b>			
HEALTH OFFICER SUPPLIES	100	98	100
<b>HEALTH OFFICER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,987</b>	<b>\$ 1,783</b>	<b>\$ 833</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>			

**Budget of the Town of New Boston (MS-636)**  
**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
HOME HEALTH CARE/VNA	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
GRANITE ST CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE	1,000	1,000	1,100
CASA	750	750	750
CHRISPINS HOUSE	1,000	1,000	1,000
FAMILY PROMISE	-	-	1,000
RED CROSS DONATION	1,000	1,000	1,000
ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b>HEALTH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,750</b>	<b>\$ 7,750</b>	<b>\$ 8,850</b>
FOOD	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 1
HEAT & ELECTRICITY	2,750	5,698	3,500
MEDICAL	500	191	500
HOUSING	15,500	19,780	15,500
WELFARE-MISC	750	5,619	1,535
TRANSPORTATION-ELDERLY/DISBLD	2,016	6,642	3,765
<b>WELFARE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 22,016</b>	<b>\$ 37,930</b>	<b>\$ 24,801</b>
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 29,766</b>	<b>\$ 45,680</b>	<b>\$ 33,651</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>			
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	\$ 66,936	\$ 66,851	\$ 71,521
RECREATION CLERICAL	44,613	44,580	47,382
LONGEVITY PLAN	1,000	1,500	1,500
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	7,292	7,147	7,779
FICA - MEDICARE	1,705	1,672	1,819
CONFERENCES, TRAINING, C	400	-	400
TECHNOLOGY	3,600	3,800	3,800
JANITORIAL	1,500	1,440	1,500
ELECTRICITY	1,283	1,268	1,971
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,518	1,280	2,095
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,610	3,783	2,765
OFFICE SUPPLIES	900	816	1,000
POSTAGE	680	486	731
GASOLINE - VAN	1,066	819	1,401
GROUNDSKEEPING	3,500	3,454	4,000
VAN MAINTENANCE	545	115	545
SENIOR TRIP EXPENSES	300	264	800
AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/GI	1	-	1
<b>RECREATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 139,449</b>	<b>\$ 139,275</b>	<b>\$ 151,010</b>

**Budget of the Town of New Boston (MS-636)**  
**Expenditures**

ACCOUNT NAME	2022 OPERATING BUDGET PASSED	2022 ACTUAL EXPENSE	2023 BUDGET REQUESTED
<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>			
LIBRARY=FULL-TIME WAGES	\$ 60,855	\$ 30,333	\$ 59,005
LIBRARY=PART-TIME WAGES	147,859	156,646	172,334
LONGEVITY PLAN	3,500	3,104	1,750
SOCIAL SECURITY	13,157	11,925	14,452
MEDICARE	3,077	2,789	3,380
BUILDING	950	7,919	976
HEATING OIL	2,685	4,644	6,566
NON-TAXPAYER FUNDS THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE PREPARED TO SPEND			
	10,000	-	10,000
LIBRARY(APPROPRIATION)	60,853	60,853	64,934
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 302,936</b>	<b>\$ 278,213</b>	<b>\$ 333,396</b>
<b><u>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</u></b>			
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 500	\$ 173	\$ 500
JULY 4TH CELEBRATION	1	-	1
<b>PATRIOTIC TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 501</b>	<b>\$ 173</b>	<b>\$ 501</b>
<b><u>CONSERVATION/ENERGY</u></b>			
FORESTRY CONSULTANT	\$ 585	-	\$ 585
ENERGY COMMISSION	150	384	150
<b>CONSERVATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 735</b>	<b>\$ 384</b>	<b>\$ 735</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 5,720,727</b>	<b>\$ 5,565,745</b>	<b>\$ 6,831,518</b>



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## Budget of the Town (MS-636) Special/Individual Warrant Articles

*January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023*

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3. VI, as appropriations:

- 1) in petitioned warrant articles;
- 2) raised by bonds or notes;
- 3) to separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds;
- 4) designated on the warrant as a special article or as a non-lapsing or non-transferable article

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Fire/EMS New Building Construction	02	\$ 7,900,000
Police Dept Building Addition	04	908,000
Fire Dept Vehicle CRF	05	175,000
Fire Dept Utility Vehicle from CRF	06	339,000
Emergency Management CRF	07	20,000
Highway Truck CRF	08	150,000
Highway Heavy Equipment CRF	09	45,000
Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF	10	40,000
Bridge Repair (Tucker Mill) from CRF	11	331,207
Bridge Repair (Gregg Mill) from CRF	12	362,856
Road Improvements (Christie Road)	13	85,000
Highway Block Grant	14	207,465
Town Revaluation CRF	15	25,000
Town Contingency Fund (Unassigned Fund Bal0	16	100,000
Municipal Facilities EFT	17	25,000
G.I.S. Mapping System year 1 of 2	18	110,000
Record Retention EFT	19	20,000
Fourth of July Fireworks & Police Detail	20	11,850
Fire & Police Dispatch Contract (if default)	21	3,573
Fire Dept Per Diem Staffing	22	349,386
<b>Total of Individual &amp; Special Warrant Articles</b>		<b>\$ 11,208,337</b>

## Budget of the Town of New Boston (MS-636) Revenues

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenues 2022	Actual Revenues 2022	Estimated Revenues 2023
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 13,890	\$ 13,890	\$ -
Timber Tax	15,000	16,194	15,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02/cu yd)	4,500	4,415	5,000
Interest & Penalties of Delinquent Taxes	32,980	27,537	25,000
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>\$ 66,370</b>	<b>\$ 62,036</b>	<b>\$ 45,000</b>
<b>Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,740	\$ 2,000
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,398,336	1,428,006	1,350,000
Building Permits	52,950	68,129	44,635
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	68,275	79,201	64,525
<b>Total Licenses, Permits &amp; Fees</b>	<b>\$ 1,521,311</b>	<b>\$ 1,577,076</b>	<b>\$ 1,461,160</b>
<b>From State</b>			
Meals & Rooms Tax	\$ 541,784	\$ 541,784	\$ 398,447
Highway Block Grant	204,972	379,275	207,465
Forest Land Reimbursements	125	125	140
Other State Grants	16,277	45,777	2,500
Federal Grants	-	-	1,000
<b>Total From State</b>	<b>\$ 763,158</b>	<b>\$ 966,960</b>	<b>\$ 609,552</b>
<b>Charges for Services</b>			
Income from Departments	\$ 7,925	\$ 11,713	\$ 7,375
Other Charges	-	-	-
<b>Total Charges for Services</b>	<b>\$ 7,925</b>	<b>\$ 11,713</b>	<b>\$ 7,375</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Town Equipment	\$ -	\$ 26,900	\$ 5,000
Interest From Investments	6,366	31,315	11,000
Other miscellaneous revenues	49,307	35,815	37,960
<b>Total Miscellaneous Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 55,673</b>	<b>\$ 94,030</b>	<b>\$ 53,960</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>			
From Enterprise Fund-Rec	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
From Capital Reserve Funds	(8,338,000)	111,275	2,411,063
From Permanant Funds	10,000	1,808	10,000
<b>Total Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>	<b>\$ (8,328,000)</b>	<b>\$ 113,083</b>	<b>\$ 2,421,063</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Proceeds from Long Term Bond(s)/Note(s)	\$ 8,900,000	\$ -	\$ 7,900,000
Amount VOTED from Surplus	-	-	-
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$ 8,900,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 7,900,000</b>
<b>Total Sources of Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,986,437</b>	<b>\$ 2,824,898</b>	<b>\$ 12,498,110</b>

## Summary Inventory of Valuation 2022 MS - 1

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
LAND:		
Current Use	15,081.91	1,618,734
Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.27	8,439
Residential	7,248.24	351,423,906
Commercial/Industrial Land	524.86	11,271,200
Non-Taxable Land	3,786.77	15,648,900
BUILDINGS:		
Residential		535,467,488
Manufactured		2,815,900
Discretionary Preservation Easement	10	30,612
Commercial/Industrial		26,310,500
Non-Taxable Buildings		32,857,900
UTILITIES:		
Electric		13,985,000
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS:		942,931,779
EXEMPTIONS OFF ASSESSED VALUE:		
Elderly (22)	3,742,650	
Blind (3)	99,000	
Disabled (1)	96,000	
Solar Power (43)	746,800	
Wind Power (1)	7,000	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS:		4,691,450
NET VALUATION AFTER EXEMPTIONS:		938,240,329
CREDITS OFF GROSS TAX:		
Veterans (249)		124,500
Service-Connected Total Disability (24)		48,000

## Current Use Report

Number of Owners in Current Use	367
Number of Parcels in Current Use	551

	<u>Acres</u>
Farm Land	1,166.77
Forest Land	10,224.68
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	2,224.84
Wet Land	1,465.63
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	4,362.68
Removed from Current Use	59.09

## 2022 REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Income Earned</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<b>Trust Funds:</b>					
Cemetery	\$214,845.72	\$ 3,050.00	\$ 6,938.72	\$ 6,389.65	\$217,346.65
Dodge Library	136,431.08	0.00	4,206.92	4,411.70	136,635.86
Dodge Poor Relief	94,441.12	0.00	2,821.63	2,955.54	94,575.03
Roger Babson	3,681.73	0.00	0.00	14.33	3,696.06
Caroline Clark	3,057.97	0.00	0.00	11.88	3,069.85
Common Trust #1	8,289.42	0.00	0.00	32.31	8,321.73
Expendable Trust	4,666.71	0.00	0.00	18.14	4,684.85
Police Details Exp. Trust	657.50	0.00	657.50	.00	0.00
Transfer Sta. Exp. Trust	2,139.17	0.00	2,139.19	.02	0.00
Record Retention Exp Tr	20,000.60	20,000.00	39,719.00	16.19	297.79
Municipal Facilities E Tr	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>76.99</u>	<u>20,076.99</u>
<b>Trust Fund Totals</b>	<b><u>\$488,211.02</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 43,050.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 56,482.96</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 13,926.75</u></b>	<b><u>\$488,704.81</u></b>
 <b>Capital Reserve Funds:</b>					
Fire Dept. Vehicles	\$ 370,681.60	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 74,296.33	\$ 2,072.44	\$ 428,457.71
Highway Trucks	359,448.14	120,000.00	8,425.00	1,832.67	472,855.81
Town Revaluation	99,710.52	25,000.00	27,900.00	376.66	97,187.18
Town Hall Renovation	35,103.85	0.00	20,116.80	85.10	15,072.15
Highway Heavy Equipment	119,839.43	45,000.00	0.00	345.96	165,185.39
Bridge Repair/Replacement	330,842.47	40,000.00	38,685.05	861.46	333,018.88
Emergency Management	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>76.68</u>	<u>20,076.68</u>
Town Capital Reserves	<u>1,315,626.01</u>	<u>380,000.00</u>	<u>169,423.18</u>	<u>5,650.97</u>	<u>1,531,853.80</u>
School Repair/Renovation	332,619.19	50,000.00	54,798.02	1,279.57	329,100.74
Special Education	<u>152,155.55</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>593.81</u>	<u>152,749.36</u>
School Capital Reserves	<u>484,774.74</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>54,798.02</u>	<u>1,873.38</u>	<u>481,850.10</u>
<b>Total Invested Funds</b>	<b><u>\$2,288,611.77</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 473,050.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$280,704.16</u></b>	<b><u>\$21,451.10</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,502,408.71</u></b>

**Note:** This is an unaudited report.

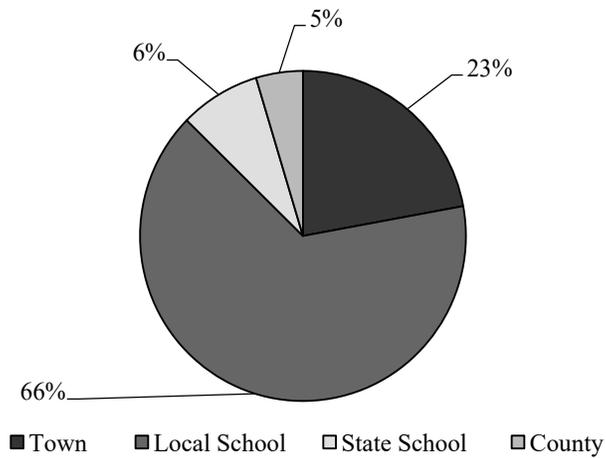


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2022 Property Tax Rate  
\$19.18/thousand



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**On a \$400,000 property, this is the actual tax paid:**

	Annual	
	Tax Rate	Tax Bill
Town	4.54	\$ 1,816
Local School	12.67	\$ 5,068
State School	1.07	\$ 428
County	0.90	\$ 360
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19.18</b>	<b>\$ 7,672</b>

## 2022 Tax Rate Calculation from the Department of Revenue Administration

	Town Portion	Tax Rates
Appropriations	7,035,810	
Less: Revenues	(2,986,437)	
Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	0	
Add: Overlay	41,068	
War Service Credits	<u>172,500</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	4,262,941	
Approved Town Tax Effort		4,262,941
<i>Municipal Tax Rate</i> .....		4.54

School Portion		
Net Local School Budget	16,077,702	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(3,199,993)	
Retained State Ed Tax	(990,497)	
State Education Taxes	990,497	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	11,887,212	
<i>Local School Rate</i> .....		12.67

### State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	924,255,329	
Multiplied by Statewide Property Tax Rate x 2.02		
Total to be raised by taxes	990,497	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no Utilities)		
Excess State Education Taxes to be remitted to State		
Pay to State		0.00
<i>State School Rate</i> .....		1.07

### County Portion

Due to County	839,835	
Less: Shared Revenues		
Approved County Tax Effort	839,835	
<i>County Rate</i> .....		0.90

**Total Tax Rate**..... **19.18**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	17,980,485
Less: War Service Credits	<u>(172,500)</u>
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>17,807,985</b>

### CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Donna Mombourquette, Chair  
David Litwinovich  
Jennifer Brown  
Select Board of New Boston

### PREVIOUS YEAR'S TAX RATES AND ASSESSED VALUATION

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
2008	14.71	644,892,403
2009	15.96	658,477,459
2010	17.25	663,903,939
2011 Revaluation Update	23.51	523,028,827
2012	23.03	528,999,862
2013	24.24	533,178,062
2014	25.45	550,774,034
2015	26.71	560,210,325
2016 Revaluation Update	23.35	629,707,167
2017	24.35	645,163,418
2018	23.87	659,751,647
2019	25.05	667,740,882
2020	24.09	683,500,314
2021	18.50	927,870,692



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### Proof of Rate

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	924,255,329	1.07	990,497
All Other Taxes	938,240,329	18.11	<u>16,817,488</u>
			17,807,985

## Land and Buildings Acquired Through Gift and Tax Collector's Deed

### By Gift or Purchase

MAP/LOT #	LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
1-26	Colburn Road, (Todd Family Irrevocable Trust)	29.0 acres	\$31,600
1-39	Dodge-Chickering Land (Great Meadows)	10.00 acres	\$12,500
3-5	West Lull Place (Twin Bridge Conservation Easement)	35.80 acres	\$76,100
3-86	B&M Railroad Right of Way	14.04 acres	\$42,900
3-124	Knowlton-Doonan Land, Howe Bridge	5.0 acres	\$18,700
4-95	Francetown Road	5.0 acres	\$18,700
6-23	Geer Grove, Route 13 (along river)	9.90 acres	\$227,300
6-39	Swanson Grove, Route 13 (along river)	7.94 acres	\$37,200
6-46	River Road	6.50 acres	\$20,500
7-22	Cochran Hill Road, (Sherburne Maxwell Property)	70.0 acres	\$319,100
7-74-1	Old Coach Road (across from Transfer Station)	58.48 acres	\$568,600
8-2	Briar Hill Road, (Skofield, Frances Property)	36.0 acres	\$153,500
8-49	Langdell Grove, Route 13 (picnic area), Coleman Grove (along river)	13.90 acres	\$250,500
9-2	Bog Brook Road	8.00 acres	\$134,300
9-54	AT & T Forest Products, Bog Brook Road,	33.41 acres	\$189,200
12-16	Old County Road, Gallerani Conservation Area	87 acres	\$154,400
18-5	Depot Street	0.04 acres	\$12,500
11-44	Bailey Pond	0.115 acres	\$27,800
12-49-8	Beausoleil-Laberge Land, Christie Road	6.90 acres	\$8,600
12-50	Leach Land to Conservation (bog land)	10.62 acres	\$12,600
14-6	Winiford Brown Land, Meadow Road (meadow land)	7.05 acres	\$46,500
14-10	Winiford Brown Land, Mt. Vernon Road (meadow land)	8.79 acres	\$23,400
18-29	Cousins Land, Molly Stark Lane	2.5 acres	\$109,400
18-39-1	Victor Daniels Land (adjacent to school)	1.05 acres	\$132,800

### LCIP King Land:

MAP/LOT #	LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
19-14	Mill Street	0.75 acre	\$141,400
19-15	Mill Street	15.64 acres	\$72,700

### LCIP Townes Land:

MAP/LOT #	LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
10-51	Lyndeborough Road	8.00 acres	\$193,600
10-53	Lyndeborough Road	5.62 acres	\$144,500
10-56	Lyndeborough Road	5.00 acres	\$26,100
10-57	Lyndeborough Road	1.00 acres	\$13,800
10-58	Lyndeborough Road	9.00 acres	\$165,500

### Town Forest Land

MAP/LOT #	LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
2-115	Siemeze Lot	85.0 acres	\$297,100
2-118	Colby Lot	8.0 acres	\$102,900
2-144	Follansbee Lot	11.0 acres	\$130,000
3-44	Johnson Lot	31.715 acres	\$68,200
7-22	Sherburne Lot	70.0 acres	\$319,100
7-70	Lydia Dodge Town Forest	244.7 acres	\$1,487,200
7-74-1	Bob Todd Town Forest	58.48 acres	\$568,600

## Land and Buildings Acquired Through Gift and Tax Collector's Deed

### Deeded Parcels

MAP/LOT #	LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
1-14	Follansbee Land, Saunders Road, Saunders Pasture	76.50 acres	\$291,300
1-22	Middle Branch Conservation Area, Saunders Road	82.0 acres	\$279,200
2-27	Twin Bridge Road	0.230 acres	\$1,200
2-115	Siemeze Land, Dodge Pasture	85.00 acres	\$297,100
2-118	Colby & Chandler Heirs	10.00 acres	\$102,900
2-144	Follansbee Land, Saunders Road	11.00 acres	\$130,000
3-44	Johnson-Morse Land, Oak Hill	31.715 acres	\$68,200
3-131	Belanger Land (along river)	9.42 acres	\$24,200
3-142	Tirrell Land	3.00 acres	\$19,900
4-47	Labine, Susan	1.200 acres	\$88,200
4-100	Kiely, Maurice & Lorraine	3.800 acres	\$17,200
5-68	J.L. & H. Wilson Heirs Land (bog land)	18.0 acres	\$20,700
11-16	Sargent Land, Route 13	0.58 acres	\$700
11-30-2	Reynells, Kerry K.	4.80 acres	\$73,900
14-30	Mason, William O.	3.450 acres	\$47,300
14-82	Mason, William O.	15.50 acres	
			\$123,500
14-92	Scott Land, Meadow Road	3.10 acres	\$16,300



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## Tax Collector Report (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

DEBIT	Levies of:	2022	2021
Uncollected Taxes at Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes			\$332,782.16
Land Use Change			
Yield Taxes			\$829.74
Excavation Tax			
Prior Years' Credit Balance		(\$3,208.48)	
This Year's New Credits			
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes		\$17,810,457	
Land Use Changes		\$66,050.00	
Timber Yield Taxes		\$14,074.21	\$2,120.06
Excavation Tax		\$2,928.14	\$1,486.94
Overpayment Refunds:			
Property Taxes		\$1,297.00	
Interest and Cost Collected on Delinquent Tax:		\$2,913.59	\$11,359.05
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$17,894,511.46</b>	<b>\$348,577.95</b>
<b>CREDITS</b>			
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Remittance to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$17,424,540.05	\$250,627.62
Land Use Changes		\$66,050.00	
Timber Yield Taxes		\$14,074.21	\$2,157.80
Excavation Tax		\$2,928.14	\$1,486.94
Interest & Costs		\$2,799.11	\$8,645.55
Penalties		\$114.98	\$2,713.50
Conversion to Lien			\$80,724.54
Abatements Made			
Property Taxes		\$6,391.63	\$1,430.00
Land Use Change Taxes			
Yield Taxes			\$792.00
Excavation Tax			
Uncollected Taxes End of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		\$392,630.43	
Land Use Change			
Timber Yield Tax			
Excavation Tax		\$0.00	
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$15,016.59)	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$17,894,511.96</b>	<b>\$348,577.95</b>

Property taxes are billed semi-annually; the first bill is typically due by July 1 and the second bill by December 1, to cover the tax fiscal year of April 1 – March 31. The first property tax bill is an estimated bill based on the previous year's tax rate; and typically half of your prior year's annual taxes. The second bill generated is based on the new tax rate set by the Department of Revenue in the fall. This new rate is applied to the current assessed value of your property as of April 1st.

You may view, print, and pay your property tax bill on-line via the link available on our town website, [www.newbostonnh.gov](http://www.newbostonnh.gov). Payments can be made via ACH for a \$.095 fee per transaction, or by Credit/Debit Card with a surcharge of 2.95% of the payment amount. You may also opt to receive your future tax bills electronically to your email.

Please call 487-2500 x171, or email [a.charbonneau@newbostonnh.gov](mailto:a.charbonneau@newbostonnh.gov) with any questions. My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, with additional hours posted during tax billing time. It is my sincere pleasure to assist you and be of service.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Charbonneau, Tax Collector



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## Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2022

<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>Levies of:</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Unredeemed Lien Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year:			\$53,085	\$68,696
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$85,936			
Interest & Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$1,621	\$4,908	\$6,735	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$87,557</b>	<b>\$57,993</b>	<b>\$75,431</b>
		<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>CREDIT</b>				
Remittance to Treasurer				
Redemptions:		\$31,634	\$26,520	\$29,777
Interest/Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)		\$1,621	\$4,908	\$6,735
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes:	\$702	\$1,778	\$2,827	
Liens Deeded to Municipality:				
Unredeemed Lien Balance at End of Year:		\$53,600	\$24,787	\$36,092
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$87,557</b>	<b>\$57,993</b>	<b>\$75,431</b>

**Ann M. Charbonneau,  
Tax Collector**



*Photo by Karen Roach*

## Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall Property (018-036)			
Land	174,700		
Town Hall Building	622,100		
Town Hall Contents	574,800		
Old Engine House Building	142,500		
Old Engine House Contents	24,300		
Gazebo	31,355		
Ball Field/Grandstand Property (018-037)			
Land	187,200		
Grandstand Structure	24,000		
New Dugouts	8,600		
Concession Stand	4,751		
Library (008-111)			
Land and Building	1,603,900		
Contents	1,225,300		
Wason Building (019-010)			
Land and Building	447,000		
Contents	12,700		
Fire Station (019-026)			
Land and Building	318,700		
Contents	215,800		
Highway/Police Dept Property (008-117)			
Land		255,500	
Highway Building		139,400	
Contents		261,000	
Police Station Building		398,100	
Contents		262,700	
Transfer Station (007-070)			
Land and Building		1,487,200	
Contents		145,900	
New Boston Central School (018-038)			
Land and Buildings		13,862,900	
Contents		500,000	
Central School Road Land (018-039)			
		175,300	
New Boston Cemetery (008-097)			
Land and Building		237,400	
New Land (008-110-2)			
		136,600	
Ball Fields (007-074-001)			
		568,600	

*\*Land and Buildings reflect assessed value, contents reflect insured value.*



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## Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee wrapped up its work on October 19th, 2022 with a total project cost for 2023 of \$540,000, a \$20,000 decrease from the 2022 schedule. New Boston's CIP Committee works to develop a six-year schedule of capital projects and purchases that reflect the town and school needs as well as the taxpayers' ability to afford. Using Capital Reserve Funds (CRFs), taxpayers have supported yearly allotments for the future purchase of fire and highway vehicles and equipment as well as bridges, preventing huge spikes in the tax rate for the year these expensive items need to be funded.

The CIP schedule represents projects and purchases that cost \$20,000 or more. Unless there is an unforeseen emergency, any new project comes onto the schedule six years out. It is expected that the Selectmen will bring forward to the March 2023 ballot the CIP items scheduled for that year. Voters are encouraged to consider these requests carefully.

### Fire Department Vehicles CRF

This yearly CRF includes both replacement and mid-life refurbishment of all Fire Department vehicles except the ambulances, which are purchased through a separate ambulance fund that derives its revenues from user fees not taxes.

The vehicle roster includes two front-line pumpers and a preowned pumper at the Hilltop Station, a tank truck, a forestry truck, a light rescue vehicle and a command vehicle which was added by the Fire Wards three years ago and is expected to be placed on the Town Warrant for 2024.

These vehicles are extremely expensive, with pumpers expected to cost over \$700,000 in the next purchase cycle. With a midlife refurbishment, these pumpers generally have a 25-year life cycle. The other vehicles also have 15 to 30-year cycles. While this is good on one hand, it makes projecting future costs problematic.

The CIP Committee carefully reviews this vehicle schedule annually, attempting to account for any known increases in vehicle costs and has recommended a deposit into the CRF of \$175,000 each year for the next six years. This is an increase of \$45,000 over the amount requested in previous years primarily due to the continuing increases in costs of replacement Fire Department vehicles. For example, in 2012 we asked for \$90,000 (or 16.7 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation) when the projected cost of a Pumper was \$490,000. This year we are asking for \$175,000 (or 18.8 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation) when the expected cost of a new Pumper is now \$710,000. The CRF deposit request has increased 12.5% in 10 years while the purchase price of a new Pumper has increased 45%.

### Fire Station Bond

The Fire Wards will again bring forward a warrant article for the construction of a new Fire Station on the town owned land beside the post office. The updated cost for the current building design is expected to be approximately \$6.8 million and the CIP Committee has reflected the initial bond payments for the project beginning in 2024.

### Fire Department Equipment Discussion

The Fire Department has a number of pieces of equipment (Thermal Camera, Jaws of Life, SCBA, etc.) with replacement costs well over the CIP \$20,000 thresh hold. In 2019 the Selectmen proposed a warrant which did not pass by the required 2/3 majority to expand the purpose of the Vehicle CRF to include equipment. The CIP Committee recommended that the Fire Wards reconvene with the Selectmen and seek a new warrant article in 2023 for a new CRF for their equipment replacement needs.

### Emergency Management CRF

In 2020 the town voted to establish an Emergency Management CRF for the collection of funds to maintain the Emergency Services communications and related systems. The CIP Committee is continuing to request a \$20,000 annual deposit into this fund to meet the needs of the radio tower maintenance scheduled in 2027.

### Highway Dump Truck CRF

This CRF now covers two full-sized 6-wheel dump trucks (\$260,000 new replacement cost), one smaller 6-wheel truck (F-550) with plows, and five 10-wheel trucks (\$295,000 new replacement cost). There is also an F-250 4x4 pickup truck with a plow.

The CIP Committee recommends a \$150,000 CRF deposit in 2023 and future years. This is an increase of \$30,000 a year in order to maintain balances in the fund needed to purchase these vehicles.

### Highway Heavy Equipment CRF

The CRF previously covered the replacement cost of the grader, loader and backhoe. In 2022 the Town voted to add a vibratory roller and an excavator to the roster of heavy equipment. The CIP Committee agreed to add the roller, but the excavator is still under lease and not yet owned by the Town. Adding these pieces to the repurchase schedule does not

change the recommended on-going deposit of \$45,000 into the CRF since all of these pieces have working lives in excess of 20 years.

### **Road Improvements**

This yearly funding of roadwork is one of the things that have prevented New Boston from needing multi-million dollar bonds to repair severely deteriorated roads. The CIP committee once again included \$85,000 on the schedule for road improvement projects in each of the next 6 years.

Projects currently scheduled include Christie Road in 2023, and Beard Road in 2025. As the Road Agent explained these projects often include extensive tree trimming and drainage work prior to any re-paving.

### **Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF**

This yearly CRF will remain at its current funding of \$40,000. Upcoming projects to be funded by this CRF in 2023 are replacements for Tucker Mill Road Bridge and Gregg Mill Road Bridge for which the Town will only be responsible for 20% of the engineering costs and Federal and State funds will cover the balance. Also in 2023 the Dougherty Lane Bridge will require \$100,000 from the CRF.

### **Property Update/Reval Funding**

This CRF collects funds for both the revaluation update (last performed in 2016) and the full revaluation required by the State every 10 years (being conducted in 2020/21). Due to the disparity in funding these two revaluations (an update is approximately half the cost of the full revaluation) the CIP Committee recommends holding the deposit at \$25,000 for the next six years.

### **GIS Mapping System**

The Selectmen have removed the GIS Mapping System from the CIP schedule after receiving an opinion from the Town's auditors that it was not an appropriate asset to be included on the schedule. The Selectmen intend to place a separate Warrant Article on the ballot for this system.

### **NBCS Addition Bond**

SAU 19 Business Administrator, Scott Gross, re-presented the 4-classroom addition project with an updated cost of \$3.4 million. They requested the bond amount for the project be pushed back again on the schedule until 2027 since NBCS enrolment has actually declined to 515 students this year.

### **Transfer Station Food Waste Composting System**

Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett expressed a desire to postpone the institution of a mechanical food waste composting system project that would cost approximately \$75,000 citing ongoing developments with these systems and the increased interest of private groups. The CIP Committee felt that the project should remain on the schedule as a placeholder and pushed back the collection of the funding until 2028.

### **Transfer Station Trailer**

The Transfer Station waste trailer, which had previously been on the CIP schedule at a cost of \$100,000 is now expected to cost \$140,000 when purchased in 2027. As a result of this increase, the requested amount over four years has been increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000 beginning in 2024.

### **CIP Committee**

Fred Hayes, Chairman, At-Large  
Ken Lombard, Finance Committee Representative  
Ed Carroll, Planning Board Representative  
Donna Mombourquette, Selectman Ex-Officio  
Matt Beaulieu, At-Large  
Jennifer Allocca, At-Large



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**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON 2023-2028 (CIP Schedule & Budget)**

See narrative for further details

Department	Ca	Yr	Project	Accrued	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Bridge Repair	C		Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF							
			Tucker Mill Road Bridge \$67K (2023)	\$368,467	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
			Greg Mill Road Bridge \$73K (2023)							
Fire Department	B		Dougherty Lane Bridge \$100K(2023)							
			<b>Fire Dept Vehicles Annual CRF</b>	\$402,857	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$175,000	
		05	2005 Utility 2 - Rescue Ford F450 (R) (15yr cycle) \$339K (2023)							
		N	New 76 Car 1 Command Vehicle (8yr cycle) \$69K (2024)							
		91	Rescue Pumper (R) (25yr cycle) \$732K (2026)							
		07	2007 Pumper (R) (20yr cycle) \$710K (2032)							
		19	2019 Tank Truck (F) (10yr cycle) \$50K (2029)							
		20	2020 Pumper (F) (10yr cycle) \$50K (2030)							
		07	2007 Forestry Truck (R) (25yr cycle) \$425K (2037)							
		26	Rescue Pumper (F) (10yr cycle) \$39K (2036)							
19	2019 Tank Truck (R) (20yr cycle) \$650K (2039)									
20	2020 Pumper- (R) (20yr cycle) \$950K (2040)									
Highway Department	C		<b>Hwy Truck Annual CRF</b>	\$51,044	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	
		07	T #10 Meack CTP 10 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$295K (2025)							
		08	T #4 Intl 7400 - 6 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$260K (2025)							
		08	T #8 Intl 7400 - 6 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$260K (2025)							
		10	T #11 Intl TK - 10 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$295K (2026)							
		20	T #2 F-550 w/plow (12yr cycle) \$85K (2032)							
		21	T #5 F-250-4x4w/plow (10yr cycle) \$70K (2031)							
		21	T #1 International - 10 WHL Dump (15yr cycle) \$260K (2036)							
		24	T #6 Intl HV613 - 10 WHL Dmp/Plow (15yr cycle) \$295K (2037)							
		24	T #3 Intl HV613 - 10 WHL Dmp/Plow (15yr cycle) \$295K (2037)							
Road Improvements	C		<b>Hwy Heavy Equipment Annual CRF</b>	\$161,687	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	
		10	Grader (20yr cycle) \$325K (2030)							
		16	Vibratory Roller (12yr cycle) \$120K (2036)							
		18	Loader (12yr cycle) \$246K (2030)							
		20	Backhoe (20yr cycle) \$182K (2040)							
			Christie Road Improvements 2023	\$85,000						
			Beard Road Improvements 2025							
			Road Projects (TBD)							
			Town Property Reval CRF 2026 \$80K, 2031 \$160K	\$96,815	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	
			In-Vessel Composting System (2028) \$75K							
Transfer Station	C		Transfer Trailer (20yr rotation cycle) (2027) \$140K		\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000		
			<b>ER Management Annual CRF</b>							
ER Management	B	17	ER System Maint. (10yr cycle) (Fire/EMS, PD, HWY) (2027) \$134K	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000		
			Library Expansion (2027) (\$150K)					\$75,000		
Library	C									
			<b>Yearly CIP Sub-totals</b>		\$540,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$650,000	
			<b>Bond Issues</b>							
Central School	A		New School Addition 2027 (10 Yr Bond) \$3.4M						\$85,000	\$461,125
Fire Department	B		Replace Fire Station (10Yr Bond) \$6.8M		\$172,495	\$172,495	\$1,017,552	\$983,250	\$948,750	\$914,250
			<b>Bond Issues Sub-totals</b>	\$0	\$0	\$172,495	\$1,017,552	\$983,250	\$1,033,750	\$1,375,375
			<b>Yearly Totals</b>	\$0	\$540,000	\$747,495	\$1,592,552	\$1,558,250	\$1,683,750	\$2,065,375

A = Committed Funds B= Life Safety C = Infrastructure D = Community Services and Facilities

R = Replacement  
 NR = Not Recommended  
 R&A = Raise & Appropriate  
 CRF = Capital Reserve  
 F = Refurbishment  
 N = New Purchase

<b>2022 TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
<b>Town of New Boston General Fund:</b>	
Balance - January 1, 2022	\$ 9,254,456.23
Receipts to December 31, 2022	\$ 28,635,201.14
Interest	\$ 4,614.20
Subtotal	\$ 37,894,271.57
<b>Less:</b>	
Payments by Order of the Selectboard	\$ 28,763,403.60
Fees, Taxes, and Benefits	\$ 747,506.55
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,912,035.74
Payroll	\$ 2,103,861.31
Buy CD's	\$ 5,000,000.00
Buy NHPDIP	\$ 2,000,000.00
Subtotal	\$ (28,763,403.60)
Balance - December 31, 2022	\$ 9,130,867.97
<b>Town of New Boston Town Clerk's Account:</b>	
Balance - January 1, 2022	\$ 32,455.40
Receipts to December 31, 2022	\$ 1,999,676.42
Subtotal	\$ 2,031,831.62
<b>Less:</b>	
Transfers to New Boston General Fund:	\$ (1,979,686.53)
Subtotal	\$ (1,979,686.53)
Balance - December 31, 2022	\$ 52,145.09
<b>NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:</b>	
Balance - January 1, 2022	\$29.18
Transfers from New Boston General Fund:	2,000,000.00
Interest	15,328.24
Subtotal	\$2,015,357.42
<b>Less:</b>	
Transfers to New Boston General Fund:	(1,500,000.00)
Balance - December 31, 2022	\$515,357.42
<b>TD Bank CD's:</b>	
Balance - January 1, 2022	\$0.00
Transfers from New Boston General Fund:	5,000,000.00
Interest	11,927.86
Subtotal	\$5,011,927.86
<b>Less:</b>	
Transfers to New Boston General Fund:	(5,011,927.86)
Balance - December 31, 2022	\$0.00
<b>Town of New Boston Tax Collector's On-Line Account:</b>	
Balance - January 1, 2022	\$ 96,589.83
Receipts to December 31, 2022	\$ 1,373,411.24
Subtotal	\$ 1,470,001.07
<b>Less:</b>	
Withdrawals to New Boston Checking Account	\$ (1,180,233.07)
Subtotal	\$ (1,180,233.07)
Balance - December 31, 2022	\$ 289,768.00

## Finance Committee Report for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23)

The New Boston Finance Committee was established in 1953 to review in detail the Town's proposed operating budget for the next year and all other special warrant articles that are anticipated to have a financial impact for both the Town and School. The Committee's recommendations appear in this report and on the official voting ballot. The New Boston Finance Committee is an advisory committee of the Select Board for the purpose of providing independent review of Town and School budgets in general conformance with NH RSA Chapter 32 (Municipal Budget Law). The normal membership of the Finance Committee includes one Select Board member, one School Board member, one member representing the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), and four at-large members appointed to three-year terms by the Select Board. This year, there were six voting members as there was a resignation by one at-large member.

Over the last several years, the Town's proposed operating budgets have been gradually increasing, rising between three and six percent per year, slightly outpacing the regional and national inflation rate. Beginning in 2021 and continuing throughout 2022, the rate of inflation nationally has been increasing month-over-month at an annualized rate of over eight percent (8%). In the New England region, the effect has been slightly behind the national average with an annualized rate of inflation at about seven percent (7%). This increased rate of inflation (measured by the Consumer Price Index) is reflected in increased costs to the Town of New Boston for equipment, goods, and services over and above the typical annual budget increases. These increased costs are reflected in the proposed Town and School budgets for 2023.

The Town of New Boston's department heads and the School Administrative Unit (SAU) have prided themselves on proposing budgets that focus on the needs of the Town to maintain the critical functions in each department. Over the last several years, this fiscal constraint has resulted in a moderate and steady increase to the bottom line operating budgets for the Town, year over year. In 2023, several departments have had to request a larger budget increase compared to prior years to keep up with the rising costs for equipment, goods, and services. In addition, there were several changes to personnel in the Town of New Boston, with the re-organization across several departments, the transition of some part-time personnel to full-time, and the creation of several new part-time positions.

The Finance Committee spent time with representatives from every Town department throughout November and December to review the proposed operating budgets of each department, line-by-line to understand the proposed changes and offer suggestions for modifications where feasible. The goal of the Finance Committee is to advise the Select Board in the development of a proposed operating budget that the Committee can recommend to the New Boston voters. The Finance Committee commended the several Town departments who provided practical budgets with documentation to support their changes.

In addition to reviewing the operating budgets for the Town and School, the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed special warrant articles that were generated from the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the Select Board. The New Boston CIP was established by the Planning Board to review larger capital expenditures for warrant article items that cost more than \$20,000. The CIP subcommittee reviews the long-range plan for capital expenditures and determines which improvements and equipment to recommend for funding to the Planning Board and Select Board for the next year. As part of the annual budget review process, the Finance Committee scrutinizes each proposed warrant article item generated by the CIP recommendations that will have a financial impact to the Town. Through the use of Capital Reserve Funds (CRFs) for higher cost improvements, trucks, and equipment, a smaller amount can be collected each year prior to the year of purchase so that the funds are available when these capital items are submitted as warrant articles. For additional discussion of the 2023 CIP recommendations, see the CIP Committee report in this Town Report.

Upon the recommendation by the Town Administrator and Finance Director, the Finance Committee also reviewed the Town's current unassigned fund balance. The fund balance is the difference between the revenues raised by the Town and the expenses paid by the Town at the end of the year. The fund balance consists of several categories including Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. Nonspendable funds include the nonexpendable portion of permanent trust funds. Restricted funds are monies that are legally restricted to a specific purpose, such as a grant or a capital project fund. Committed funds are monies that can only be used for a specific purpose based on a vote at Town Meeting; for example, expendable trusts and nonlapsing appropriations. Assigned funds are monies encumbered by the Town but not yet due to the recipient; for example, money committed to a contract to be paid at a later date. The Unassigned fund balance is the remainder of what is left over at the end of the year that does not fall into one of the other categories. Unassigned fund balance acts as a cash account to ensure that the Town can pay its bills while waiting on the annual property tax revenues to arrive. The Town of New Boston has a policy to maintain the unassigned fund balance equal to seven percent (7%) of the operating budget. As of the end of 2021 (2022 year end audited numbers are not available at this time), the unassigned fund balance exceeds the 7% target for the

proposed 2023 operating budget. The Finance Committee has recommended to commit funding from the unassigned fund balance to various special warrant articles to bring the unassigned fund balance closer to the Town policy target of 7%, which also reduces the current year tax impact for several warrant articles.

In January, the Finance Committee met for a final review of the warrant articles following the Town's public meetings for the proposed operating budget. The Finance Committee met one last time immediately following a February Public Forum regarding the proposed Fire Department and EMS facility and the proposed Police Station addition. The Finance Committee voted their recommendations for the Town and School Operating Budgets as well as for the individual warrant articles (with a financial impact to the Town) to appear in this report and on the official voting ballot.

## **TOWN WARRANT**

### **Fire / Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Facility Bond (\$7,900,000)**

After the Safety Complex Bond failed to receive the necessary 3/5 ballot vote to pass in 2022, a committee consisting of members from the Select Board, the Fire Wards, and other citizens of the Town reconsidered the size and scope of the Safety Complex, returning to a much needed Fire and EMS facility concept. The Fire Department has outgrown the existing fire station and requires a new building to provide the level of service required and expected by the Town. The Town Warrant will include a request for \$7,900,000 to be secured with bonds and notes. A Public Forum was held on February 5, 2023 to discuss the plan and costs for the proposed facility. The new building will be a one-story mixture of office space, residential space, and an apparatus bay. The office space provides offices for the Fire Chief, Fire Inspector, Fire Administrator, EMS Officer, a shared workspace for officers, a conference room for up to 12 people and a training room for up to 54 people. The residential space includes four bunk rooms and a day room with a kitchen for on-call staff. The residential space also includes an office for the duty officer. The apparatus bay is sized to hold up to seven fire and EMS vehicles, the trailer and a boat. The apparatus bay also includes a decontamination room and storage for firefighting and EMS gear and equipment.

Following the Public Forum, the Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

### **Town Operating Budget (\$6,831,518; adjusted to \$6,822,518 at the Deliberative Session)**

The town's proposed operating budget for 2023 is \$6,831,518 (as reported at the budget hearing on January 17, 2023) which is approximately 19% greater than the 2022 adopted operating budget (\$5,722,227). The Committee carefully examined each Department's budget, looking at the significant changes to line-item budgets that have the greatest impact to the overall Department budget. The Committee determined that the increases in most of the several Department budgets was in line with the increased costs for materials, goods, and services and voted to recommend approval of the proposed operating budget. A large portion of the overall increases in Department budgets are from changes in personnel, salary increases due to proposed merit raises, a cost of living adjustment (COLA), and health insurance premium increases. Additionally, nearly all Departments are seeing increased expenses for utilities (electricity, fuel, and technology services).

There was focused discussion regarding budgets that had a higher than expected increase, which was attributed to a change in the way those Departments are planning to operate in 2023. The Departments with the largest percentage increases include the Fire Department (+147%), Community Development Office (+37%), and Financial Administration (+34%). Some of these increases are offset by decreases in the Select Board Office and Legal budgets (-23%) as personnel roles were shifted between Departments.

The default budget, in the event the proposed operating budget warrant fails to pass, is \$5,824,453. This is \$1,007,065 or nearly 15% less than the proposed operating budget and represents an increase of about 2% over the 2022 adopted operating budget.

Finance Committee voted 5-1 to recommend.

### **Police Station Addition (\$908,000)**

In 2021, the Police Department proposed a special warrant article to provide a much needed addition to the existing Police Station. When that article failed, the 2022 ballot included the relocation of the Police Department to the proposed Safety Complex. After the Safety Complex Bond failed to receive the necessary 3/5 ballot vote to pass in 2022, the Select Board decided to support a stand-alone warrant for the construction of an attached addition to the Police Station located at 116 Old Coach Road. The addition will support secure booking and holding rooms, increased space for evidence and storage, a separate

female locker room, and septic system updates. To reduce the impact of the costs to the taxpayers, the Select Board has determined that approximately 2/3 of the funding (\$607,000) will come from the American Rescue Program Act (ARPA) funds while the balance of the funding (\$301,000) will come from the unassigned fund balance.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Fire Department Vehicles CRF (\$175,000 deposit)**

This CRF includes both replacement and mid-life refurbishment of all Fire Department vehicles except the ambulances, which are purchased through a separate ambulance fund that derives its revenues from user fees rather than property taxes.

The proposed CRF deposit of \$175,000 is a \$45,000 increase over prior years. The increase is due to the increased estimated costs for the refurbishments and replacements of the Fire Department vehicles within the timeline of the CIP.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Fire Department Utility Vehicle Replacement (\$339,000)**

The Fire Department fleet includes Utility 2, a 2005 Light Rescue Ford F450 which was originally scheduled for replacement in 2020 in accordance with the 15-year life assigned by the CIP schedule. The Fire Department's preventative maintenance program has allowed the vehicle to continue in service for several additional years. The Utility 2 vehicle is now scheduled for replacement in 2023, consistent with the CIP recommendation. The funding for this vehicle replacement is proposed to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Vehicles CRF.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Emergency Management CRF (\$20,000 deposit)**

In 2020 the town voted to establish an Emergency Management CRF for the collection of funds to maintain the Emergency Services communications and related systems. The CIP Committee is requesting a \$20,000 deposit into this fund to meet the needs of the radio tower maintenance scheduled in 2027.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Highway Department Truck CRF (\$150,000 deposit)**

This CRF includes replacement costs for most of the Highway Department trucks (dump trucks and pickup trucks) in accordance with a staggered replacement schedule. The proposed CRF deposit of \$150,000 is a \$30,000 increase over prior years. The increase is due to the increased estimated costs for the future replacements of the Highway Department vehicles within the timeline of the CIP. The Finance Committee recommends that the \$150,000 be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance for 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Highway Department Heavy Equipment CRF (\$45,000 deposit)**

The CRF includes replacement costs for four Town-owned pieces of equipment (grader, vibratory roller, loader, and backhoe), plus one piece of equipment that is currently under a lease agreement (excavator).

The proposed CRF deposit of \$45,000 is consistent with previous years' deposits. The Finance Committee recommends that the \$45,000 be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance for 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF (\$40,000 deposit)**

The CRF is used to pay for rehabilitation, repair, and replacement of Town-owned bridges. In 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Transportation determined that the Tucker Mill Road bridge and the Gregg Mill Road bridge would be eligible for newly available federal matching funds for engineering costs and full federal construction funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The Town of New Boston will be responsible for 20% of the engineering costs while state and federal funding will cover the balance.

The proposed CRF deposit of \$40,000 is consistent with previous years' deposits. The Finance Committee recommends that the \$40,000 be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance for 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Tucker Mill Road Bridge Replacement (\$331,207)**

Tucker Mill Road bridge over the Middle Branch of the Piscataquog River (NHDOT Bridge #087/150) is included in the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid Program. This bridge is proposed to begin engineering study, preliminary design, permitting, right-of-way clearance, and final design in 2023, with bidding and construction to follow in 2024/2025. The Town must raise the full amount of the engineering and design costs but will be reimbursed for 80% of the cost (up to \$264,965) by the NHDOT. The construction costs are anticipated to be reimbursed at 100% of approved construction and construction engineering costs through a new federal aid program.

The CIP Committee is proposing to withdraw \$66,242 from the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF to cover the Town's share of the project costs.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Gregg Mill Road Bridge Replacement (\$362,856)**

Gregg Mill Road bridge over the South Branch of the Piscataquog River (NHDOT Bridge #132/138) is included in the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) State Bridge Aid Program. This bridge is proposed to begin engineering study, preliminary design, permitting, right-of-way clearance, and final design in 2023, with bidding and construction to follow after 2025. The Town must raise the full amount of the engineering and design costs but will be reimbursed for 80% of the cost (up to \$290,284) by the NHDOT. The construction costs are anticipated to be reimbursed at 100% of approved construction and construction engineering costs through a new federal aid program.

The CIP Committee is proposing to withdraw \$72,572 from the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF to cover the Town's share of the project costs.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Road Improvements (\$85,000)**

This annual funding of roadwork has been used to pay for improvements to roadways, including tree trimming and drainage repairs. The CIP Committee is recommending \$85,000 for 2023 to pay for improvements to Christie Road. This amount is consistent with the CIP schedule and prior years' funding levels. It was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting with the Road Agent that an annual allotment of \$85,000 will not be enough money to meet the road improvement needs in the future.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Highway Block Grant Program (\$207,465.09)**

This annual apportionment of state highway revenues is provided to the Town for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of Class IV and V roadways. This warrant article allows the Town to accept the state apportionment in 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Property Update/Revaluation CRF (\$25,000 deposit)**

This CRF collects funds for both the revaluation update (next due in 2026) and the full revaluation required by the State every 10 years (completed in 2021). With the next action being the revaluation update, which is typically half the cost of the full revaluation, the CIP Committee recommends a deposit of \$25,000 in 2023, consistent with the CIP schedule and last year's deposit.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Establish a Contingency Fund (\$100,000)**

RSA 31:98-a and RSA 32:11, VI permit a Town to establish a contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during that year that are not otherwise provided for in the Town's budget. The Finance Committee recommends that the \$100,000 be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance for 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust Fund (\$25,000 deposit)**

This fund provides for the maintenance, improvement, and renovations of all town government facilities. The Select Board recommends a deposit of \$25,000 into this fund. This deposit is an increase of \$5,000 over last year due to the increasing estimated costs of future maintenance, improvements, and renovations. The Finance Committee recommends that the \$25,000 be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance for 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**GIS Mapping System (\$110,000)**

This project was placed on the CIP schedule in 2016 for funding in 2022. This warrant article first appeared before the voters on the 2022 Town Ballot but failed to pass. In 2022, this project was removed from the CIP schedule after receiving an opinion from the Town's auditors that it was not a capitalizable asset. The Town Administrator and the Select Board believe that the implementation of a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping system has many benefits to the Town and has proposed to put it forward to the voters for 2023. The system will be funded over two years, so the requested \$110,000 represents approximately 50% of the total cost of the system. The Finance Committee recommends that the \$110,000 be withdrawn from the unassigned fund balance for 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Record Retention Expendable Trust (\$20,000)**

This trust is to fund a multi-year project which entails the scanning of Town records from all departments. The \$20,000 for 2023 funding is for the third year of a four or five year program.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Fourth of July Fireworks/Police Details (\$11,850)**

This warrant article is to support the non-profit New Boston Fourth of July Association by funding a portion of the cost of the Fourth of July fireworks and mandatory police details for the parade and fireworks. The \$11,850 request is consistent with prior year's funding.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Police and Fire Dispatch Services (\$3,573.26)**

The contracts for Police and Fire dispatch services with Goffstown will increase by \$3,573.26 in 2023. These requested funds are intended to cover only the contract increases should the operating budget warrant article fail to pass. This would enable the Police and Fire Department to continue dispatch services throughout 2023. If the operating budget warrant article does pass, this article will become null and void.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Fire Department Per Diem Staffing (\$349,386)**

In 2022, the Select Board authorized the hiring of part-time Fire Department staff at a per diem rate to ensure emergency coverage during weekdays, nights, and weekends. This authorization was based on reduced availability and response by the New Boston Fire Department volunteers. As this funding was not included in the approved 2022 operating budget, it is considered a new appropriation and not eligible under a default budget. The intent of this warrant article is to fund the per diem coverage during weekdays, nights, and weekends. If the operating budget warrant article does pass, this article will become null and void.

Finance Committee voted 5-1 to recommend.

**Town of New Boston Expendable Trust Discontinuation (\$4,669.20)**

This trust was initially established to pay accrued benefits to long-standing employees of the Town upon retirement. Since that time, the policy for longevity payments has eliminated the need for this trust fund. Therefore, the Trustees of the Trust fund are requesting approval to discontinue the Trust and return the accumulated funds with interest to the Town’s General Fund.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Readopt the Optional Veterans’ Tax Credit (\$500/year)**

In 2022, the state law changed the eligibility criteria for the veterans’ tax credit to include individuals who are continuing to serve in the armed forces. The change in the state law requires the Town to readopt the provision with the changes to continue providing qualified veterans the annual \$500 tax credit that was previously adopted by the Town in 2006.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**Tax Impact Warrant Articles**

The Select Board recommends including the estimated tax impact on each warrant article with a tax impact. This additional information provides the voters with the estimated tax impact of a Yes vote.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**New Boston Community Power Plan**

The New Boston Energy Committee and the Select Board has worked out an agreement to establish the New Boston Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan. This program would provide a new default electric supply and new renewable energy supply option for electric customers in New Boston. There is no obligation for New Boston electric users to participate. The new Community Power Plan promises lower rates for electric supply while electric distribution will still be the responsibility of the public service company (Eversource Energy). By default and unless a resident or business chooses to opt-out, the electric supply for current rate payers will be the New Boston Community Power system.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**SCHOOL WARRANT**

**School Operating Budget \$18,442,171**

In December, SAU Business Administrator Scott Gross and New Boston Central School Principal Tori Underwood provided an overview presentation on the proposed 2023-2024 (FY24) school operating budget to the Finance Committee. The presentation included a look at the per pupil costs for New Boston Students. For additional discussion of the proposed 2023-2024 school operating budget, see the School District Reports in this Town Report.

Cost per Pupil Comparisons, 2020-2021 School Year

The most recent school year for which cost per pupil has been calculated was the pandemic-influenced 2020-2021 school year. According to data available from the New Hampshire Department of Education, Office of School Finance, the New Boston (and Goffstown) cost per pupil compares favorably to the statewide average cost per pupil for elementary and secondary schools:

	<u>Statewide Average</u>	<u>New Boston</u>	<u>Goffstown</u>
Elementary Schools	\$19,332 per pupil	\$14,437	
Middle Schools	\$17,263 per pupil		\$13,879
High Schools	\$17,758 per pupil		\$15,371

For New Boston’s school, NBCS, the cost per pupil was \$14,437, the 3rd lowest in the state out of 155 elementary schools. Despite the low spending, our students scored above the state average in Science, Language Arts and Math on the Statewide Assessment System (SAS). The MVMS per pupil expense for 2020-2021 was \$13,879 per pupil, the 4th lowest in the state out of 61 middle schools. The GHS per pupil expense for 2020-2021 was \$15,371 per pupil, the 5th lowest in the state out of 73 high schools.

Proposed Operating Budget, 2023-2024 School Year

The overall school operating budget has several components: the General Fund (broken out by the three public schools), Food Services, and Special Revenues. The General Fund is the primary fund for the operations of the three public schools: elementary, middle, and high schools. For the 2023-2024 school year, the New Boston Central School (NBCS) proposed budget is \$8,793,788, an increase of \$167,927 or 2.0% over the current year budget (2022-2023). The most significant changes to the proposed budget over the current year include an increase in electricity and propane costs and additional hours for secretaries and paraprofessionals.

As New Boston does not have our own middle school, the Town of New Boston tuitions our middle school students to Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) in Goffstown. The anticipated tuition cost for MVMS in 2023-2024 is \$15,589 per pupil, an increase of \$186 per pupil or 1.2% over the current year actual costs. The SAU also anticipates an increase of sixteen students attending MVMS next year, resulting in a total budget of \$2,790,239, or \$288,186 (+11.5%) more than the current year cost.

Similarly, New Boston does not have our own high school so the Town of New Boston tuitions our high school students to Goffstown High School (GHS). The anticipated tuition cost for GHS in 2023-2024 is \$16,784 per pupil, an increase of \$44 per pupil, a negligible increase over the current year costs. The SAU also anticipates a decrease of six students attending GHS next year, resulting in a total budget of \$6,361,495, or \$184,923 (+3.0%) more than the current year cost.

Taken together, the General Fund costs for NBCS, MVMS, and GHS total \$17,945,522 for the 2023-2024 school year, an increase of \$641,036 (+3.7%) over the current year cost. This is the portion of the operating budget to be raised by taxation.

In addition to the General Fund costs, there are two additional components of the total school operating budget. These additional components are offset by revenues in the form of user fees and grants so they do not have an impact on current year taxation. The first component is the Food Service budget which is proposed at \$196,649, an increase of \$17,672 (+9.9%) over current year costs. These increases come primarily from wages, benefits, and increased food prices. The second component is Special Revenues, generally in the form of grants. These grants include Title I, Title IIA, Title IVA, REAP, IDEA, ESSER 2, and ARP ESSER 3, combining state and federal grant programs. These grants are expected to total \$300,000 in 2023-2024, an increase of \$97,091 (+47.8%) over the current year revenues.

The total School Operating Budget for 2023-2024 that will be reflected in the School Warrant Article is comprised of the following three funds:

General Fund Budget	\$17,945,522 (NBCS \$8,793,788 + MVMS \$2,790,239 + GHS \$6,361,495)
Food Service	\$196,649 (not raised by taxation)
Special Revenues (Grants)	\$300,000 (not raised by taxation)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,442,171</b> (increase of \$755,799 or +4.3% over current year)
Default	\$18,312,948 (\$129,223 less than proposed budget)

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

**NBCS Facilities Renovation and Repair CRF (\$150,000 deposit)**

This CRF was created in 2010 to address renovations and repairs at the New Boston Central School. The New Boston School Board maintains a Capital Improvement Plan, independent of the Town’s CIP program, that includes all proposed capital projects being considered by the School Board. The current Plan includes 40 line items with a total cost of over \$5.2 million over six years. Some significant projects in the plan to be funded from the CRF include roof replacement (FY25), septic system upgrade (FY25), and bathroom renovations (FY26). While the Town’s CIP and the School District Capital Improvement Plan are separate, the SAU Business Administrator intends to coordinate efforts between the two entities in the near future.

The School Board is recommending a deposit of \$150,000 into the CRF this year. This money will come from any surplus monies from the current school year (2022-2023) as of June 30, 2023.

Finance Committee voted 6-0 to recommend.

Respectfully submitted,  
New Boston Finance Committee

FY23 Finance Committee:

- Mark Suennen, Chair
- Matt Beaulieu
- Roch Larochele
- Ken Lombard
- Sam Perron, representing the School Board
- Donna Mombourquette, representing the Select Board



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## Finance Committee 2023 Estimated Tax Rate

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	
2018	\$659,751,647	\$23.87	
2019	\$657,465,182	\$25.05	
2020	\$683,500,314	\$24.09	
2021	\$927,870,692	\$18.50	Townwide Revaluation
2022	\$932,510,045	\$19.18	
2023	\$938,240,329	\$21.41	Est'd based on 0.6% increase in Assessed Evaluation from 2022

### TOWN WARRANT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expense/Revenue</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>	
Fire Department/EMS Facility Bond	\$7,900,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
2023 Town Operating Budget	\$6,822,518	\$7.27	
Police Station Attached Addition	\$908,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Fire Department Vehicle CRF	\$175,000	\$0.19	
Purchase Fire Department Utility Vehicle	\$339,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Emergency Management CRF	\$20,000	\$0.02	
Highway Department Truck CRF	\$150,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Highway Department Heavy Equipment CRF	\$45,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF	\$40,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Tucker Mill Road Bridge Design	\$331,207	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Gregg Mill Road Bridge Design	\$362,856	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Town Road Improvements	\$85,000	\$0.09	
Accept Highway Block Grant	\$207,465	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Town Revaluation CRF	\$25,000	\$0.03	
Contingency Fund	\$100,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust	\$25,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
GIS Mapping System	\$110,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
Record Retention Expendable Trust	\$20,000	\$0.02	
4th of July Fireworks/Police Details	\$11,850	\$0.01	
Fire and Police Dispatch Contract	\$3,574	\$0.004	Only valid if Operating Budget does not pass
Fire Department Per Diem Staffing	\$349,386	\$0.37	Only valid if Operating Budget does not pass
<b>Subtotal Town Proposed Appropriations</b>		<b>\$18,030,856</b>	<b>\$19.22</b>

Veteran Credits	\$172,500	\$0.18	
Less: Estimated Revenues from Operations	(\$1,534,535)	(\$1.65)	
Less: Bonds and/or Notes	(\$7,900,000)	(\$8.47)	
Less: ARPA Funds	(\$607,000)	(\$0.65)	
Less: Unassigned Fund Balance Transfers	(\$771,000)	(\$0.83)	
Less: Transfer from FD Department CRF	(\$339,000)	(\$0.36)	
Less: Transfer from Town Bridge CRF	(\$694,063)	(\$0.74)	
Less: Highway Block Grant	(\$207,465)	(\$0.22)	
Less: Miscellaneous Revenues	(\$42,960)	(\$0.05)	Estimated
Less: Revenue from Other State & Fed Sources	(\$402,087)	(\$0.43)	Estimated
Less: Special Articles for Default Budget	(\$352,960)	(\$0.38)	Reduction if Operating Budget Passes

<b>NET TOWN APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$5,352,286</b>	<b>\$5.74</b>
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### SCHOOL WARRANT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expense/Revenue</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
School Operating Budget 2023-2024	\$18,442,171	\$19.66

CRF Deposit	\$150,000	\$0.00	No Current Year Tax Impact
<b>Subtotal School Proposed Appropriations</b>	<b>\$18,592,171</b>	<b>\$19.82</b>	
Less: Estimated Revenue, Local (non-tax)	(\$149,149)	-\$0.16	
Less: Estimated Revenue, State Sources	(\$32,000)	-\$0.03	
Less: Estimated Revenue, Federal Sources	(\$365,000)	-\$0.39	
Less: CRF Deposit from Unassigned Fund Balance	(\$150,000)	-\$0.16	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	(\$700,000)	-\$0.75	Estimated
Less: Est. State Adequacy Grant	(\$2,920,967)	-\$3.11	Estimated (from State)
Less: State Ed Tax ( SWEPT)	(\$1,371,923)	-\$1.46	Estimated (from State)
<b>NET SCHOOL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$12,903,132</b>	<b>\$13.75</b>	Estimated
<b>COUNTY TAX</b> (Estimated)	<b>\$ 839,835</b>	<b>\$0.90</b>	Estimated
<b>STATE EDUCATION TAX</b> (Estimated)	<b>\$ 990,497</b>	<b>\$1.06</b>	State estimate
<b>TOTAL 2023 APPROPRIATIONS TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b>\$20,085,750</b>	<b>\$21.41</b>	<b>Estimated 2023 Tax Rate</b>



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### ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

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

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

##### ***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of New Boston as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of New Boston, as of December 31, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

##### ***Basis for Opinions***

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

##### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

##### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

**Town of New Boston**  
**Independent Auditor's Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

October 25, 2022

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*

**EXHIBIT C-1**  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2021**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,953,116	\$ 1,645,798	\$ 9,598,914
Investments	29	1,058,027	1,058,056
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectible:			
Taxes	455,392	-	455,392
Accounts	361	73,699	74,060
Intergovernmental receivable	215,000	-	215,000
Interfund receivable	25,132	10,000	35,132
Inventory	13,063	-	13,063
Prepaid items	24,328	1,371	25,699
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	951,108	-	951,108
Investments	494,544	-	494,544
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,132,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,788,895</u>	<u>\$ 12,920,968</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 220,793	\$ -	\$ 220,793
Accrued salaries and benefits	56,863	-	56,863
Intergovernmental payable	5,617,414	-	5,617,414
Interfund payable	-	35,132	35,132
Total liabilities	<u>5,895,070</u>	<u>35,132</u>	<u>5,930,202</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	67,420	-	67,420
Unavailable revenue - grants and donations received in advance	531	342,406	342,937
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>67,951</u>	<u>342,406</u>	<u>410,357</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (DEFICIT)</b>			
Nonspendable	37,391	769,459	806,850
Restricted	131,663	77,929	209,592
Committed	1,529,694	1,568,055	3,097,749
Assigned	143,144	-	143,144
Unassigned (deficit)	2,327,160	(4,086)	2,323,074
Total fund balances	<u>4,169,052</u>	<u>2,411,357</u>	<u>6,580,409</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 10,132,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,788,895</u>	<u>\$ 12,920,968</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**EXHIBIT C-3**  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 3,741,166	\$ 95,711	\$ 3,836,877
Licenses and permits	1,597,808	-	1,597,808
Intergovernmental	952,399	-	952,399
Charges for services	33,435	517,149	550,584
Miscellaneous	185,009	202,793	387,802
Total revenues	<u>6,509,817</u>	<u>815,653</u>	<u>7,325,470</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	1,191,838	303	1,192,141
Public safety	1,813,383	160,571	1,973,954
Highways and streets	2,681,962	-	2,681,962
Sanitation	446,964	-	446,964
Health	12,396	-	12,396
Welfare	4,598	-	4,598
Culture and recreation	467,691	132,878	600,569
Conservation	-	491,762	491,762
Capital outlay	482,723	-	482,723
Total expenditures	<u>7,101,555</u>	<u>785,514</u>	<u>7,887,069</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(591,738)</u>	<u>30,139</u>	<u>(561,599)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	5,481	-	5,481
Transfers out	-	(5,481)	(5,481)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>5,481</u>	<u>(5,481)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	(586,257)	24,658	(561,599)
Fund balances, beginning	4,755,309	2,386,699	7,142,008
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 4,169,052</u>	<u>\$ 2,411,357</u>	<u>\$ 6,580,409</u>

The Notes to the Basic Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**  
*Schedule of Estimated and Actual Revenues (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,589,233	\$ 3,575,507	\$ (13,726)
Land use change	63,808	63,808	-
Yield	20,946	35,987	15,041
Excavation	5,000	4,933	(67)
Interest and penalties on taxes	40,205	38,934	(1,271)
Total from taxes	<u>3,719,192</u>	<u>3,719,169</u>	<u>(23)</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	2,000	2,400	400
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,383,315	1,468,667	85,352
Building permits	45,300	47,225	1,925
Other	78,325	79,516	1,191
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,508,940</u>	<u>1,597,808</u>	<u>88,868</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Meals and rooms distribution	433,572	433,572	-
Highway block grant	287,793	287,793	-
State and federal forest land reimbursement	139	139	-
Other	217,689	217,582	(107)
Federal:			
FEMA	-	3,426	3,426
Other	-	9,887	9,887
Total from intergovernmental	<u>939,193</u>	<u>952,399</u>	<u>13,206</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	93,090	33,435	(59,655)
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	59,076	53,476	(5,600)
Interest on investments	5,106	6,276	1,170
Other	57,659	119,950	62,291
Total from miscellaneous	<u>121,841</u>	<u>179,702</u>	<u>57,861</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	256,826	409,637	152,811
Total revenues and other financing sources	6,639,082	<u>\$ 6,892,150</u>	<u>\$ 253,068</u>
Unassigned fund balance used to reduce tax rate	250,000		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 6,889,082</u>		

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Major General Fund**

*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Current:					
General government:					
Executive	\$ -	\$ 294,266	\$ 275,208	\$ -	\$ 19,058
Election and registration	-	103,039	97,106	3,005	2,928
Financial administration	-	228,790	220,907	-	7,883
Revaluation of property	113,825	-	70,000	-	43,825
Legal	-	110,294	89,123	-	21,171
Personnel administration	-	46,352	32,745	-	13,607
Planning and zoning	-	162,130	137,523	-	24,607
General government buildings	-	75,002	135,463	-	(60,461)
Cemeteries	-	33,170	31,440	-	1,730
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	83,600	84,128	-	(528)
Other	-	1,270	18,195	-	(16,925)
Total general government	<u>113,825</u>	<u>1,137,913</u>	<u>1,191,838</u>	<u>3,005</u>	<u>56,895</u>
Public safety:					
Police	-	1,463,307	1,399,253	-	64,054
Fire	-	328,919	321,441	20,270	(12,792)
Building inspection	-	78,701	75,550	-	3,151
Emergency management	-	19,964	17,139	5,967	(3,142)
Total public safety	<u>-</u>	<u>1,890,891</u>	<u>1,813,383</u>	<u>26,237</u>	<u>51,271</u>
Highways and streets:					
Administration	-	748,278	639,898	-	108,380
Highways and streets	614,889	1,038,064	1,690,860	-	(37,907)
Bridges	-	335,000	337,437	-	(2,437)
Street lighting	-	16,196	13,767	1,212	1,217
Total highways and streets	<u>614,889</u>	<u>2,137,538</u>	<u>2,681,962</u>	<u>1,212</u>	<u>69,253</u>
Sanitation:					
Administration	-	287,690	286,522	-	1,168
Solid waste collection	-	1,200	40	-	1,160
Solid waste disposal	-	205,647	153,511	-	52,136
Solid waste clean-up	-	5,000	6,891	-	(1,891)
Total sanitation	<u>-</u>	<u>499,537</u>	<u>446,964</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,573</u>
Health:					
Administration	-	4,097	3,646	-	451
Health agencies	-	8,750	8,750	-	-
Total health	<u>-</u>	<u>12,847</u>	<u>12,396</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>451</u>
Welfare:					
Administration and direct assistance	17,421	-	-	-	17,421
Vendor payments and other	-	31,100	4,598	-	26,502
Total welfare	<u>17,421</u>	<u>31,100</u>	<u>4,598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,923</u>
Culture and recreation:					
Parks and recreation	8,000	162,808	158,469	-	12,339
Library	-	273,032	241,366	12,690	18,976
Patriotic purposes	-	12,350	8,701	-	3,649
Total culture and recreation	<u>8,000</u>	<u>448,190</u>	<u>408,536</u>	<u>12,690</u>	<u>34,964</u>

*(Continued)*

*SCHEDULE 2 (Continued)*  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Major General Fund*  
*Schedule of Appropriations, Expenditures, and Encumbrances (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2021*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Conservation	-	735	-	-	735
Capital outlay	250,596	281,826	482,723	100,000	(50,301)
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	448,505	448,505	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 1,004,731</u>	<u>\$ 6,889,082</u>	<u>\$ 7,490,905</u>	<u>\$ 143,144</u>	<u>\$ 259,764</u>



*Photo by Cathy Widener*

# DEPARTMENT REPORTS



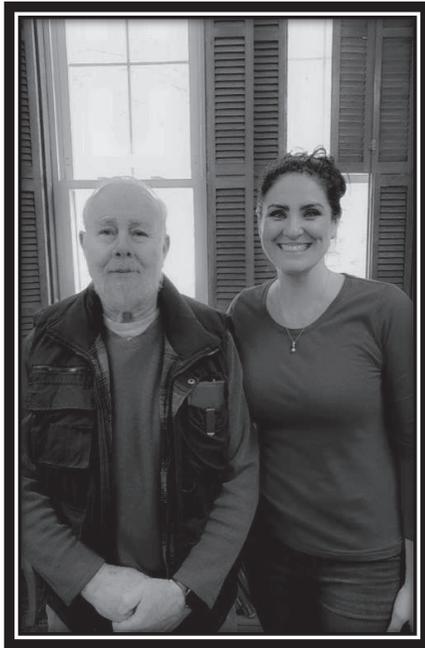
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## 2022 New Boston Building Department Report

In 2022 the Building Department conducted 855 inspections and issued 687 permits and 245 Certificates of Occupancy/Use. In June, we welcomed Danielle Morello to the team as the department's new Building Assistant, as Sonya Fournier took a new role in the Planning Department. In August, Dana Dinsmore joined us as the new Building Inspector/Code Enforcement officer. Danielle's customer service and Dana's building and inspection experience have made them both a great addition to the Building Department and the Community Development Division.

Danielle has enjoyed getting to know New Boston's residents and contractors in the process of performing her role. She has been working hard to create a more efficient, digitized method of scheduling, filing and recordkeeping and identify and propose news ways in which the Building Department may better serve the community.

Dana has also enjoyed getting to know and collaborate with our residents and contractors. Dana has devoted his time to being inclusive and sharing his wealth of knowledge with the community. His efforts to provide insight to the process of how projects need to be completed to meet code requirements and to explain the safety requirements and the rationale behind them to residents and contractors alike, have been recognized and appreciated by many. Dana's hope for the upcoming year is to develop and implement protocols that will improve the efficiency of the current process even more.



*Photo by Danielle Morello*

Respectfully submitted,  
Danielle Morello, Building Assistant

## 2022 New Boston Building Department Report

2022 exemplified an increase in permits for single-family homes, demolition, remodel/alterations, and solar installations. 2022 showed a decrease in permits from 2021 for pools, manufactured homes, and miscellaneous projects.

The permit count for accessory dwelling units remained identical to those exhibited in 2021.

The overall activity was as follows:

	2021	2022
<u>TOTAL PERMITS</u>	<u>867</u>	<u>687</u>
Single Family Homes	13	16
Duplex/Condex	0	0
Manufactured Homes	1	0
Accessory Dwelling Units	2	2
Commercial Buildings	0	0
Demolition	3	7
Pools	22	14
Remodel/Alterations	19	32
Solar Installations <i>(Rooftop &amp; Ground-Mounted)</i>	7	29
 <u>Misc. Permits</u> (Plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc.)	 613	 586
 Certificates of Occupancy/Use issued in 2022 <i>*Certificates of Occupancy/Use denoted separately in 2022, but was included in the total permit count in 2021.</i>	 ----	 245

The total income generated from permit fees and additional fees issued by the building department in 2022 was \$68,129.40. This represents a \$15,503.40 increase from the \$52,626.00 total collected in 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

D. Morello, Building Department



*Photo by Tom Boucher*

# NEW BOSTON PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Statement of Condition  
2022 Income and Expense

INCOME:

Receipts from Registry Fees	\$24.73
Receipts from Subdivision Fees:	
Certified Letter Fee	\$910.00
Secretarial Fee	\$475.00
Application Fee	\$1,500.00
Total from Subdivision Fees:	\$2,885.00
Receipts from NRSPP Fees:	
Certified Letter Fee	\$449.82
Secretarial Fee	\$400.00
Application Fee	\$1,002.00
Total from NRSPP Fees:	\$1,851.82
Sale of Regulations, Master Plans, etc.	\$0.00
Driveway Permit Fees	\$300.00
ZBA Application Fees	\$1,166.60
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$6,228.15</b>

EXPENSES:

Registry Fees	\$32.93
Certified Letters and Mail	\$684.32
Planning Coordinator & Planner Salary	\$69,010.45
Planning & ZBA Boards Clerical	\$445.00
Planning & ZBA Boards Minutes	\$1,935.00
Planning Board Chairman Salary	\$2,970.00
Planning Board Members Stipends	\$1,500.00
Overtime	\$235.51
Advertising Expense	\$1,015.80
Office Supplies and Equipment	\$1,012.05
Lectures, Seminars, Books, etc.	\$613.58
Miscellaneous	\$27.98
Deed Preparation & Other Professional Services	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>\$79,482.62</b>
<b>BALANCE (Actual Expense to the Town)</b>	<b>\$73,254.47</b>



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

## REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

In 2022, the Planning Board continued their second and fourth Tuesday meeting schedule. The meetings were a combination of hearings on applications and work on other planning issues. Site walks to view property under proposal for subdivisions and site plans were held mainly on weekends.

- Please see the accompanying list of subdivisions, site plans and conditional use permits that were reviewed and approved by the Planning Board during 2022.

### MEMBERSHIP:

The Planning Board ended 2022, with two alternate seats vacant. The Board of Selectmen appoints alternates after recommendation from the Planning Board. Interested residents are encouraged to submit an application to the Planning Department.

### BUDGET:

The Planning Department's 2022 budget closed with a total income generated from permit and application fees in the amount of \$ 6,228.15 and expenses in the amount of \$ 79,482.62, for a balance or actual expense to the Town of \$73,254.47.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Silver  
Community Development Director

### New Boston Planning Board

Peter Hogan, Chairman  
Amy Sanders, Vice Chairman  
David Litwinovich, Ex-Officio and Secretary  
Ed Carroll  
Ashley McQuade

## ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets on the third Tuesday of the month as needed to accommodate hearing requests by applicants. The current Chairman is Michael Dahlberg; The Vice Chairman is David Craig; the Secretary is Lorriane McKim; full members are Ken Clinton, Anthony Olivier and the alternate member is Wayne Charest.

02/15/22 Application for a **VARIANCE** to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance. The applicant/agent is Adam Donovan & Brittany Loveless, for property located at 24 Lorden Road, owned by Adam Donovan & Brittany Loveless, Tax Map/Lot # 12/19-20, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District. The applicant/owner are requesting permission to construct a garage within the 20' side setback.

**WITHDRAWN**

03/15/22 Application for a **'SPECIAL EXCEPTION'** to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4 of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by Morgan A. Hollis, Esq. for the property located at Lyndeborough Road, Tax Map/Lot #10/70-1, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District, owned by Michael A. Havatez. The applicant/owner is requesting a special exception for the removal of earth products.

**GRANTED**

05/17/22 Application for a **'VARIANCE'** to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by Anthony J. Eberhart, for the property located at 16 Meetinghouse Hill Road, Tax Map/Lot #19/44, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District, owned by Kamaje Realty LLC. The applicant/ owner is requesting permission to add one additional dwelling unit in an existing 2 Family.

**GRANTED**

09/15/22 Application for a **'VARIANCE'** to the terms of Article II, Section 204.2, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by TMS Holdings 3, LLC, for the property located on 666 North Mast Road, Tax Map/Lot #3/64, in the Commercial "COM" District, owned by TMS Holdings 3, LLC. The applicant is requesting to encroach in the front yard setback to add an additional 1380 sq. ft. building on the property.

**GRANTED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sonya Fournier, Community Development Assistant

## **New Boston Police Department**

I would like to begin my 2022 Town report by thanking the men and women at the New Boston Police Department for their dedication and service to our citizens. Between July of 2021 and March of 2022, I served in the dual role of Town Administrator and Police Chief. This would not have been possible without the support of my staff. Equally, the staff at the Town Hall was also instrumental as we successfully passed our town budget and maintained services during our search for a new Town Administrator.

By far, 2022 turned out to be the most challenging year we have faced over my past eleven as Chief. The challenges of recruiting and retaining qualified Police Officer candidates has become a statewide problem and New Boston felt that impact. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, we found ourselves without a Records Clerk and four full-time Patrol Officer vacancies.

Due to the vacancies, a decision had to be made whether we could continue offering 24-hour police coverage to our residents. Collectively, the full-time staff comprised of myself, Sergeant Case, Sergeant Loveless, and Corporal Sullivan, along with part-time Officers Marmorstein and Tokarz, made the commitment to continue our 24-hour coverage as long as it could be reasonably sustained. Meanwhile, our Executive Assistant, Cathy Widener, committed to handling the clerk duties as well her own. Because of this dedication, we were able to navigate the next several months as we filled our vacant positions.

In April we welcomed a new Records Clerk, Carol-Ann Nitzsche, and two new Officers, Shane Morton and Joshua Wynkoop. In May, we welcomed Officer Scott Murphy and welcomed back Officers Secor and Iacoviello who completed their training at Police Standards. Cathy Widener also celebrated the completion of her 31<sup>st</sup> year with NBPD.

Just as we began to return to normalcy in the spring, we were faced with another serious challenge resulting from an Officer Involved Shooting at the New Boston Space Station. This tragic incident underscored the mental health crisis law enforcement officers face on a daily basis. We remain incredibly appreciative of the many agencies who assisted New Boston during this incident as well the Commander, David Zesinger, and his staff at the Space Station.

Due to the ongoing pandemic, we were not able to complete a full DARE program in 2022, but Sergeant Case and I were able to complete three presentations on topics identified by our sixth-grade classes. We also continued our relationship with NHTI-Concord with the completion of a 120-hour student internship.

Throughout the year, we addressed several departmental projects which are a part of the 2018 Master Plan. The completed projects included the installation of a pass-through evidence locker system, replacement of flooring in the lower level of the building, security system upgrades, and a roof replacement.

We also obtained two grants totaling \$27,000. The first was a State GOFFER grant which was funded at 100%. This allowed the department to purchase a new radar/display trailer, new cruiser radars and two additional AED's. The second grant obtained was through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership. This grant reimbursed 50% of the cost of five bulletproof vests purchased in 2022.

As fall approached, we engaged in public discussions with the fire station building committee regarding a return of the proposed Safety Complex to the ballot in March. The Select Board ultimately voted to move forward with a stand-alone Fire Department and a Police Department building addition for voters to decide upon in 2023. The building addition being a re-presentation of the plan proposed in 2021.

In September, we brought our department back to full staffing with the hire of Officer James Fulton II. We also welcomed back Officers Wynkoop and Murphy who completed their training at Police Standards. Sergeant Case continued his relationship with CHaD and served as player/coach guiding police to another win in the Police vs. Fire charity baseball game.

Entering our final quarter of 2022, we prepared our 2023 budget with costs related to the current market and inflation. The only new request we made was related to the creation of a Detective/Investigator position. This position would turn a part-time position into a full-time position utilizing most of the funding which had been allocated to the part-time position. The position was proposed to be partially funded, beginning in May 2023, to offset other rising costs.

The need for this position has been identified over the last several years with the increasing demands of our Felony level investigations. In October 2021, we had a shooting on Popple Road that remains active and ongoing. We also had six death investigations in 2022, one of which being a negligent homicide involving a child. We also had 16 sexual assault offenses reported in 2022; all which require significant attention and follow up. While the Officers have done a phenomenal job balancing their investigative and patrol duties, the priority these cases demand warrant a dedicated Detective to be assigned. Accordingly, our request was included in the 2023 budget.

If our Detective position is approved in 2023, our staffing numbers would not change as we would still have 12 sworn Officers. Instead of 10 full-time and 2 part-time, we would become 11 full-time and 1 part-time. Per FBI group VI statistics, a town of 6000 in New England has an average staffing of 2.3 full-time Officers per thousand. New Boston is currently at 1.7 and would move to 1.85 if the change is made.

On December 9, 2022, we celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing 24-hour police coverage. We have faced many staffing challenges over the last 10 years, despite which, we have continued to provide uninterrupted coverage to our residents. This is a milestone we are all very proud of. Interestingly, during some discussions throughout the year, we discovered there are still residents who were unaware we are a 24-hour agency.

In December, we completed a school evacuation drill in collaboration with the New Boston Central School, New Boston Fire Department and other town members. The drill being part of our ongoing and overall school safety planning. We also partnered with Space Force Lt. Colonel Zesinger, and his staff, to complete an Active Shooter exercise and tour of the Space Force installation, continuing the partnership we have built in furtherance of our shared missions.

We ended the year having said goodbye to Officer Ben Tokarz who resigned in October to pursue employment in the private sector. Officer Tokarz had served New Boston as a part-time Officer since 2015 and generally worked one shift each week. His calmness and contributions will be missed. On December 28<sup>th</sup>, we also said goodbye to full-time Officer Shane Morton, who had only served New Boston for eight months. Following the incident in May at the Space station, he felt a fresh-start was needed and resigned to pursue those opportunities. We are thankful for his bravery during the May incident.

We will begin 2023 looking to fill our open positions while continuing to provide service to the best of our abilities.

Attached to this report is our annual 2022 statistics. At first glance, you may note reductions in several areas. However, as previously mentioned, our staffing levels played a significant role in these reductions. Due to vacancies and training, we found ourselves only 59% staffed in 2022. This was a reduction from 78% in 2021 and 97% in 2020. While staffing decreased, average calls per Officer/per hour increased to 1.23 in 2022. An increase from 1.18 in 2021 and 1.16 in 2020. We also noted a jump in average reports per Officer (annually) to 51.35 in 2022. Also, an increase from 43.46 in 2021 and 36.98 in 2020. While I would maintain we have a very safe community to live in, we are not absent of crime or the collateral effect of crime in neighboring communities.

I would like to thank our community for the continued support over the last 11 years and look forward to continuing serving our great community again in 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Brace  
Chief of Police

<b><i>Calls For Service</i></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
CALLS FOR SERVICE (ALL)	21087	18166	15631
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP	5386	3598	2961
MOTORIST ASSIST/LOCKOUTS	40	32	55
MV ACCIDENT/SLIDE OFF	89	101	123
OHRV COMPLAINT	14	6	2
DISABLED/ABANDONED MV	49	36	27
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	102	107	112
PARKING COMPLAINT	16	12	17
ROAD HAZARD (ALL)	126	84	107
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	100	75	69
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	24	28	26
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	57	25	61
UNWANTED SUBJECT	3	4	4
PAPERWORK SERVICE	69	255	220
SERVE RESTRAINING ORDER	7	7	7
CIVIL STANDBY	13	25	23
CIVIL ISSUES	24	39	56
DOMESTIC ORDER VIOLATION	7	4	5
JUVENILE OFFENSES	23	27	45
DIRECTED PATROL	5323	4462	4068
BUSINESS/PROPERTY CHECK	6712	7074	5522
HOUSE CHECKS/REQUEST	1096	506	405
FINGERPRINTS	14	14	16
PISTOL PERMITS	58	60	25
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	27	23	26
VIN VERIFICATION	46	51	37
WELFARE CHECK	73	79	63
OPEN DOOR	1	2	3
CITIZEN ASSIST/GIVE ADVICE	101	78	86
ASSIST FIRE & RESCUE	282	334	412
ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT/OTHERS	117	97	115
CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY POLICING	56	25	13
911 HANG-UP/ABANDONED CALL	13	10	6
ALARMS	105	67	110
ANIMAL COMPLAINT (ALL)	146	157	147
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	29	35	26
GUNSHOTS (REPORTED)	26	7	18
NOISE COMPLAINT	20	16	12
NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE	0	6	8
LITTERING/ILLEGAL DUMPING	10	7	2
FOUND/LOST PROPERTY	35	58	26
POLICE INFORMATION	114	123	135
MISSING PERSON/RUNAWAY	16	12	9
DEATH INVESTIGATION (ALL)	4	5	6
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE	20	9	16
ALL OTHERS	493	391	398

<b><i>Calls by Month</i></b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
JANUARY	1763	1438	1100
FEBRUARY	1793	1242	881
MARCH	1516	1782	835
APRIL	1391	1573	1048
MAY	1837	1757	989
JUNE	2055	1751	1610
JULY	2031	1515	1479
AUGUST	2015	1376	1287
SEPTEMBER	1701	1290	1514
OCTOBER	1726	1402	1492
NOVEMBER	1704	1510	1623
DECEMBER	1555	1530	1773

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>	169	227	192	167	111
<b>TOTAL MV COLLISIONS</b>	113	98	75	87	92
<b>INJURIES</b>	28	20	19	18	21
<b>FATALITIES</b>	0	1	0	0	0

<b><i>Motor Vehicle Offenses</i></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Operating Without License	31	52	60	13	15
Habitual Offender	1	2	3	3	0
Suspended License	39	70	65	34	26
Suspended Registration	18	30	15	11	9
Unregistered MV	69	90	193	104	105
Uninspected MV	190	332	497	578	647
Speeding	3464	3310	3500	2124	1540
Stop Sign/Fail to Yield	101	69	73	61	66
Highway Markings	100	113	104	68	33
Following Too Closely	30	29	27	30	8
Traffic Control Devices	30	2	2	0	0
Misuse / Failure to Display	383	389	419	148	231
Equipment Violations	840	903	720	506	416
Use of Mobile Devices	47	85	29	42	11
Negligent Driving (Jessica's Law)	NR	23	15	19	6
Other Offenses	272	271	434	347	318
<b>TOTAL WARNINGS</b>	5013	4910	5302	3026	2443
<b>TOTAL CITATIONS</b>	575	788	759	617	614
<b>TOWN ORDINANCE (CANINE)</b>	69	74	17	9	14
<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	372	480	487	420	378
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	149	141	152	140	154

<b>Crimes</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	1
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assaults	17	29	19	23	24
Domestic Violence Offenses	13	25	17	23	18
Sexual Assault/Offenses	14	8	4	5	16
Burglary / Attempted	3	1	1	0	0
Thefts (All)	22	27	12	23	33
Fraud/Forgery	20	24	24	19	14
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	23	20	27	13	30
Child Abuse/Neglect/Endanger	4	2	3	7	4
Child Porn/Obscene Material	0	1	5	1	1
Criminal Threatening	8	4	8	6	5
Criminal Trespass	4	4	3	5	3
Disorderly Conduct	3	0	4	2	4
Reckless Conduct	2	0	1	2	4
Protective Order Violation	3	3	8	6	4
Harassment	7	3	7	3	6
Stalking/Prowling	0	1	1	3	1
Drug Violations	56	58	61	46	37
DWI	18	21	20	30	25
Liquor Law Violations	27	28	21	41	17
Traffic Offenses	74	41	149	95	77
Stolen Motor Vehicle	0	1	0	0	0
Resisting/Hindering Arrest	1	0	5	1	3
Warrant (Arrests)	8	19	21	23	10
Protective Custody/IEA	12	3	5	8	9
Animal Offense	13	12	12	13	7
All Other Offenses	20	27	49	22	25



*Photo by Cathy Widener*

## 2022 Highway Department Report

Another year has come and gone and all in all everything went as planned.

In the Highway world, there are three main seasons. First is winter, in which we spend all of our time plowing, salting, and sanding. In between storms is spent repairing and maintaining equipment to be ready for the next storm.

Second is summer when we work on the roads. Paving asphalt roads and grading dirt roads are what most people think of. Although that does happen, there is much more that goes on. Ditching, brush cutting, cleaning the inlets and outlets of culverts, addressing beaver dams, and applying calcium on dirt roads are some of the routine maintenance that gets done through the course of the summer months.

Our Third season is the famous 'mud season'. This occurs in the spring, usually around March into April. When the weather warms up the frozen roads begin to thaw. Typically, the trouble is on dirt roads because the layer of pavement on asphalt roads will hold cars and other vehicles up even though underneath is melting. The dirt roads get muddy because, as the frost melts it creates water, and, since the road thaws from the top down, the remaining frost will not let the water seep into the ground so it goes to the surface, resulting in mud. One of the only things that can be done is to put stone in the mud to try and stiffen up the dirt road surface. This is not a perfect solution, but it helps. The dirt roads are posted with weight restrictions to prevent heavy vehicles from further damaging and rutting the softened roads. Once all the frost melts the water will soak down into the ground and the mud magically disappears.

In 2022 The Highway Department started in January performing our routine duties. It wasn't a blockbuster winter for snow but busy all the same. In March the voters approved the purchase of two new 10-wheel plow trucks to replace two aging 6-wheel plow trucks. We would like to thank the voters for their support. The 10-wheelers hold more material which decreases the number of times drivers have to come back to the yard to reload, allowing them to spend more time on their routes treating the roads. The 10-wheelers will also get better traction and have a longer life cycle. Spring brought the usual problems with the dirt roads being muddy. We got through it and appreciate everyone's patience and understanding who had to deal with this frustrating time. The plan is to start putting a layer of good crushed gravel on the dirt roads to combat this issue, beginning in 2023.

Once the summer months came, the crew switched gears to road work. The typical maintenance was performed on trucks and equipment. In addition, more than 20 culverts were replaced, and more than 8,600 tons of asphalt was put down, increasing the quality of the road surface on many roads.

Summer changed to fall and the highway work changed from construction to preparing for winter. The roads were graded a final time, the sides of roadways were mowed and brush cut, and we made winter sand and hauled it to the yard. Plow gear was maintained and installed on the trucks.

December brought some cold weather and about 10 inches of snow. From the 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> we received an unusual storm, starting with freezing rain, that required sand and salt to the roads. The temperature then warmed to over 50 degrees and we had over 3 inches of rain. Between the heavy rain and rapid snow melt, we had our hands full with flooding challenges. No sooner had the rain pulled away, we had 60 MPH winds blowing dozens of trees across the roads and cutting power to parts of town. Mother Nature was not yet done and temperatures plummeted to 10 degrees, freezing solid any mess that had not yet been taken care of.

Another project taking place at the Highway Department is the new addition. It has been started with rough electrical & plumbing done, windows and doors in and the department continues to work on it as time permits. It will have another bathroom, an office, and a new breakroom enabling the old break room to be converted into a parts inventory room.

With the retirement of Allen Brown, a new road agent was hired, Benjamin Knapp. Benjamin started in November and looks forward to working in New Boston. The Highway Department would like to thank Allen for his service to the town and wish him the best in his retirement.

As 2022 ends it has been a busy year. I would like to sincerely thank the highway crew for all the time and dedication they put in keeping our roads clear and safe, not only on a daily basis but sometimes through the long nighttime hours. The crew is greatly appreciated. The Highway Department also appreciates everyone's support and we look forward to a productive 2023.

Respectfully,

Benji Knapp, Road Agent  
And Your Highway Crew



*Photo by Jennifer Allocca*

## 2022 Recreation Department Report

The opening paragraph in our 2021 town report stated we were hopeful for a feeling of normalcy to return. While that did not fully happen last year, I am pleased to report that 2022 has been a much better year for our department and town. We were able to adjust our program and event offerings to almost match our pre-pandemic numbers in 2019. To change the structure of this report, I want to break it into segments, highlighting major facility changes to go along with program and event offerings.

**Facilities:** While we are somewhat limited, we make best use of the space we have available for programs and events. The department utilizes the Old Engine House, White Buildings, NBCS Gym, Community Church, Whipple Free Library, Baseball fields, Softball field, Ice Skating Rink, Tennis Court and our 15 passenger mini-bus. This year, we made major infield improvements to Baseball Field #1 using monies from our fundraising account. At the White Buildings, we paved the parking lot and installed 8 new energy efficient windows in both buildings with funds from our revolving account. These upgrades will help improve our programs and decrease our maintenance and utility expenses. We want to thank the Highway Department for their assistance in coordinating the paving.

**Youth Programs offered:** After School program, Basketball, Bike Clinic, Cheerleading, Fall Baseball Clinics, Fall Softball, Field Hockey Clinic, Golf, Hockey Skills Clinic, Karate Clinic, LEGO Camp, Safe Sitter, Soccer Camp, Spring Baseball, Spring Softball, Summer Camp Coolio, Tee Ball, Teen Canobie Lake Trip, and Tennis.

**Adult Programs offered:** Bus trips, Men's Basketball, Painting with Steve, Pickleball, Summer Softball, Women's Self Defense Clinic, Yoga, and Zengevity. We thank Lauren Burnham for many years of teaching Zengevity. We hope to bring back a similar program in the near future.

**Senior Programs offered:** Bingo and Cards, Bus trips, Foot Care Clinic, Weekly lunches, Senior Newsletter.

**Events in 2022:** Fire and Ice, Easter Egg Grab and Bonnet Parade, Summer Concerts, Halloween (Scarecrow Alley, Trunk or Treat, Trick or Treat), S'mores with Santa, Tree Lighting.

**Collaborations:** I have always felt good relationships are beneficial to everyone in town. Municipal departments support and assist each other every day to help make this a great town to live and work. Along with other departments, these are some other organizations we are proud to assist and support: New Boston Beacon, Farmer's Market, New Boston Central School, PTA, NB Community Church, NB Baptist Church, Roots and Wings, and numerous community businesses that sponsor and advertise with us throughout the year.

**Volunteers:** Without volunteers, we cannot offer some major programs including Baseball, Softball, Tee Ball, Basketball, and the Bike Clinic. On behalf of the department and the Recreation Commission, thanks to those who give their time and effort to our programs and this community.

**Staff:** We are fortunate to have good people working for our department. I thank our After School and Camp Coolio staff and all our program instructors. Much gratitude to the aforementioned Recreation Commissioners for their guidance and support throughout the year (Helen Fanning, Chris Hall, Katie Hawkes, Dan O'Brien, Lynn Wawrzyniak). Special thanks to Sheri Moloney, our Recreation Assistant, for her diligence, dedication and community spirit.

Thank you to all the residents of New Boston for supporting the Recreation Department! We are always open to suggestions and feedback so please contact us any time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Sindoni  
Recreation Director



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

*"Our mission is to enrich and enhance the lives of the residents of New Boston. We accomplish this by providing safe, welcoming facilities and affordable, diverse recreation and cultural opportunities for people of all ages to play, learn, and build community."*

## New Boston Recreation Department

### 2022 Revolving Account Overview

R/A Revenue		189,748				
R/A Expenses						
	After School wages	49,074				
	Summer Camp wages	21,152				
	Program Instructors	451				
	Medicare/Social Security	5,759				
	Conference/Training	201				
	Telephone	548				
	Sanitation	3,557				
	Utilities	3,640				
	Building Maintenance	5,711				
	Transportation	3,320				
	Equipment/Room rental	1,340				
	Uniform/Sports Equipment	4,192				
	Office Supplies	2,518				
	Program/Event Supplies	9,442				
	Groundskeeping	11,228				
	Buildings	49,932 *				
	Equipment	2,188				
	Community Outreach	629				
	Donations Made	1,358				
	League/Tourney fees	14,024				
	Band/Concert expense	3,075				
	Gift/Award/Scholarship	2,588				
	Contracted Instructors	7,171				
	Credit Card fees	3,402				
	<b>2022 Expenditure</b>	206,500				
	Net Income/(Loss)	-16,752				
	*One time expense for White Building					
	window and paving projects.					



*Photo by Tom Boucher*

## 2022 Town Clerk Report

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 1,427,907.00
Boat Registrations	2,364.59
Municipal Agent Fees	46,216.00
Mail-In Registrations	7,439.00
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	<u>2,740.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 1,486,666.59

Dog Licenses	\$ 11,934.00
Fines	<u>3,031.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 14,965.00

Vital Statistics:

Marriage Licenses	\$ 217.00
Birth, Marriage, Death Certificates	<u>2,315.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 2,532.00

Miscellaneous:

Emergency Response Fee	350.00
Filing Fees	0.00
Miscellaneous Account	964.50
Ordinance Violations	724.00
Pole Petitions	0.00
Return Check Fees	50.00
UCC Filing Fees	1,740.00
Voters Checklist	<u>335.75</u>

TOTAL \$ 4,164.25

**GRAND TOTAL \$1,508,327.84**

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Colbert  
Town Clerk



*Photos by Julia Byam*

## **New Boston Transfer Station And Recycling Center**

2022 was a productive year. The Transfer Station has continued to implement changes to lower the cost related to tax base operational funding. The diversion of bulky waste and furniture to the fee based revolving fund is starting to show the benefits of initiating the program and coming in line with contract requirements. Inflation caused logistic issues and higher trucking costs due to fuel surcharges and were handled with no service interruption of 86 loads sent to market. Facility improvements included paving the metal drop-off area, the continuation of lighting upgrades and traffic flow safety.

The volume of Solid Waste has dropped as expected with the diversion of all furniture and bulky waste into the user fee category. 630 tons of Solid waste and 410 tons of recycling was processed and shipped. A total of 194 tons of demolition/ bulky waste, 7.05 tons of electronics and 226 freon units were collected and processed. 2,696 Scale tickets were produced, documenting the collection of fees, disposal locations and vendor interactions.

The recycling markets are adjusting to a slowdown in the economy with record inflation. New Boston's residents produce clean recyclables that meet strict standards, and the recyclables were moved to market with little issue and generated very respectable revenues of \$60,007.00 and \$40,250.00 in cost avoidance for a net value of \$100,257.00 savings of tax funding.

The 2022 Revolving Fund generated \$107,669.00, bringing the total to \$218,915.00. Operational costs related to recycling and fee-based items were paid for out of this fund in the amount of \$57,580.00. A 2013 Ford F350 was purchased for \$27,500.00 to replace the 23-year-old pickup truck, as well as a heavy-duty demolition 40-yard dumpster for \$10,850.00. A new traffic pattern at the demolition area to improve safety was also completed and paid for in part by the fund. Total expenditures from the non-tax base supported Revolving Fund was \$85,769.00. The remaining balance of the fund is currently \$133,143.00 and will be set aside to cover operational costs and replacement of equipment related to recycling and fee item processing. A long-term benefit will be removing related equipment from the Capital Improvement program.

The New Boston Central School recycling program has entered an unprecedented 13<sup>th</sup> year of service. With an annual dumpster disposal cost averaging \$11,500.00, the partnership with the Transfer Station has saved in excess of \$149,500.00 in taxes and continues to educate our children about caring for the environment.

The 2023 budget will increase by only 0.43%. which includes new trucking contracts and pay adjustments for the facility staff. This modest increase is still \$57,346.00 less than 2021. This is largely a result of implementation of the Revolving Fund. A clear bag initiative will be started to ensure the recycling mandate is followed and mitigate illegal dumping, allowing the Transfer Station to adhere to vendor contracts and keep hazardous materials out of the waste stream.

On behalf of the Transfer Station Staff, I would like to thank the residents of New Boston for their cooperation and adapting to the changes and continued support ensuring the New Boston Transfer Station is fiscally responsible and environmentally proactive.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald T. Cornett  
Transfer Station Manager



*Photo by Linda Gosselin*

## 2022 Librarian's Report

The Whipple Free Library underwent several staffing changes this year. Most notably, we lost Sarah Chapman, fearless library director of 47 years, at the end of May. Sarah's dedication to the town of New Boston and the Whipple Free Library is unrivaled. She was the heart of this library and she will be sorely missed. Barbara Ballou did a fantastic job as acting Assistant Director in Sarah's absence, taking on many extra work duties and making sure the library was able to continue providing services for our patrons. Ultimately, she was permanently promoted to Assistant Director and Youth Services Librarian. I was hired in September as Director and have been working diligently to learn the ins and outs of our operations, acclimate myself with the library, and get to know the people in our community.

We filled existing open positions with Sophie Bourgeois in February as a Library Page, and Kim Mullen in April as a Library Assistant. Our Adult Services Librarian, Allison McGrail, went back to her pre-pandemic photography job in late August. Ken Ballou, who did our interlibrary loans (among many other things), ended his time with us on December 30<sup>th</sup> to focus on his firefighting career.

The library staff has done an amazing job in the face of many challenges this year. They are always happy to help our patrons, and I could not be happier to be a part of this team.

By March, most museums had reopened to their normal operating capacity and patrons began using our passes (provided by the Friends of the Library) more frequently again.

Most of our programs were held in person, with a Zoom option available for many. Our weekly programs during this year included knitting, quilting, mahjong, and cribbage. Monthly programs at the library included WhoDunnit Mystery Book Club, Bon Appetit Cookbook Club, Wednesday Evening Book Club, Second Friday Foreign Films, and Monday Morning Quilting. We had several adult programs including wreath making, self-care, edible plants, permaculture, a watercolor class, the history of Joni Mitchell, an author talk, and more.

In September a memorial service and bench dedication was held for long time library staff member Bea Peirce (champion of shelf reading, genealogy wizard and knower of all library card numbers). The stone bench, gifted from her family, is located outside, near our community room. A beautiful garden will be added in the spring around the bench.

We installed a new people counter system for statistical purposes. Our doors were fitted with handicap accessible mechanisms. We refreshed both our patron and public computers in May, and we now have two laptops for public use.

We were honored to be the recipient of a Trex bench that was earned by the New Boston NH Plastic Film Recycling Project. We thank the Friends very much for their purchase of two picnic tables that replaced two of the four we had that were worn out. The library purchased two additional tables to replace the remaining two. The new tables are well constructed, comfortable, and should last a long while. Barbara often uses them for programming in the summer, and patrons enjoy them for a variety of uses as well.

The Friends of the Library had the ability to fundraise in-person again for the first time since the pandemic began in 2020. They had an Antiques Appraisal in May that was very well attended. Their annual book sale was held outside again, and it was a great success. Folks gathered for the Wassail for the first time since 2019 and it was enjoyed by all who attended. They decorated the library for the holidays to help our patrons enjoy the festive ambiance. The Friends continue to support our museum pass program and fund our movie collection.

Summer is our busiest time every year and 2022 was no exception. "Oceans of Possibilities" was the theme and we used it in a number of different ways for the children's summer adventure program and the adult's summer reading program. We were lucky to have three UNH Extension Docents come with hands-on activities to help us learn about watersheds and estuaries. One of the biggest events we had was when "The Whalemobile" visited. We partnered up with the Goffstown Public Library so that both towns could enjoy this wonderful opportunity. It was so exciting for the children to go inside the giant inflatable to see what a whale looks like on the inside. *Talewise* presented "Pirates: Lost at Sea", an interactive show with science experiments to kick off our summer and Squam Lake Science Center presented their "Aquatic Critters" program to end it.

Children who came into the library were able to enjoy stories, crafts, movies and more, while earning tickets towards some very special prizes. We had some awesome prizes donated by local and non-local businesses. We were also very lucky to have some amazing coupons donated that all participants received – movie passes, trampoline park coupons, restaurant coupons, ice cream coupons and much more! Once again, Lindt Chocolates donated a huge box of chocolate truffles that were enjoyed by all visitors for the entire month of August. We filled a jar with the truffles and let everyone guess how many. The official count was 290 and the winner’s guess was 291!

New Boston teens are lucky to have an active group that meets year-round. They plan their own summer program and monthly Saturday Teen Nights during the school year. This summer, the teens enjoyed Survivor Fun Night, Dungeons and Dragons night, a Murder Mystery night, Open Mic Night, Fandom and Trivia Night, and Teen Pizza and Game Night. The teens earned tickets towards the prize of their choice by attending programs, reading books, and getting a BINGO on their BINGO card.

We have four active youth book clubs – Craft a Story for grades 1 to 3, Pageturners for grades 3 to 5, Between the Lines for grades 6 to 8 and a High School Teen Book Club for grades 9 to 12. The Lego Club for school-aged children filled up quickly and has a waiting list. Story times are held weekly for children under the age of six – babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

As we head into 2023, we look forward to increasing adult programs and striving to meet the ever-evolving needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Tanya Ricker, Library Director



*Photo by Danielle Morello*



**2022**

Town Appropriation	
<b>Total Town Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 292,935.00</b>
Paid from Appropriation	
Payroll	\$ 186,978.67
Benefits	17,818.46
Heat	4,643.61
Building	7,919.42
Deposited to Library Checking Acct	60,853.00
Trustees Fund Spent	\$ 4,359.95

Library Checking Account	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 40,033.40</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Town Appropriation	\$ 60,853.01
Interest	201.48
Donation/Grants/Guilt Box/Out of Town Borrower	740.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 61,795.38</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Books/Materials	\$ 18,479.95
IT/Infrastructure	10,957.58
Electricity	2,591.70
Office/Postage	7,678.34
Building Maintenance	13,513.12
Staff Development	1,147.00
Programs	4,390.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 58,757.69</b>
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 43,071.09</b>

Operating Account	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 43,720.04</b>
Income:	
Trust Fund Income	4,893.47
Interest	339.26
Expenditures	(4,359.95)
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 44,592.82</b>

Unanticipated Revenues	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
Income:	
Unanticipated Revenues	906.69
Interest	0.33
Expenditures	-
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 907.02</b>

Hayes Toy Fund	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 863.62</b>
Income:	
Interest	6.56
Expenditures	-
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 863.62</b>

Mary Statt Memorial Fund	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,784.17</b>
Income:	
Interest	13.56
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,797.73</b>

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<b>Jack Ballard Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,007.31</b>
Income:	
Donations	-
Interest	7.65
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,014.96</b>

<b>Janice Hawkins Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,251.63</b>
Income:	
Interest	7.65
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,259.28</b>

<b>Nola Page Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 2,800.32</b>
Income:	
Donations	-
Interest	21.28
Expenditures	-
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 2,821.60</b>

<b>Rhoda Shaw Clark Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 207.47</b>
Income:	
Interest	1.58
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 209.05</b>

<b>Irving and Elinor McDowell Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,350.21</b>
Income:	
Interest	10.26
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 1,360.47</b>

# Library Report

## For the Year Ending December 31, 2022

**LIBRARY TRUSTEES**      **TERM EXPIRES**

Marti Wolf, Chair	2025
Kate Fitzpatrick	2025
Jennifer Allocca	2025
Robin Winslow	2023
Betsy Whitman	2023
Dick Backus	2024
Melissa Harvey	2024

**MUSEUM PASS USAGE**

131

**MEETING ROOM USAGE**

**Non-Library Programs:**  
156 programs 1863 attendees  
**Library Groups/Adult Programs**  
150 programs 1175 attendees  
**Teen Programs**  
36 programs 412 attendees  
**Children's Programs**  
199 programs 3,020 attendees

**LIBRARY STAFF**

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>
Library Director	Sarah Chapman, Tanya Ricker (9/17/22)
Youth Services and Assistant Director	Barbara Ballou
Circulation and Interlibrary Loan	Ken Ballou
Technical Services	Ronna LaPenn
Library Assistants	Mary Kennedy, Cathy Daniels, Kim Mullen
Page	Sophie Bourgeois

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN STATISTICS**

Items borrowed from other libraries	1,134
Items loaned to other libraries	744

**LIBRARY HOLDINGS ON 1/1/2022**      30,019

Acquisitions by purchase and gift:	
Children's	565
Adult Fiction	317
Adult Non-Fiction	108
Young Adult	90
Audio Books	0
Videos	41

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 08:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 08:00 p.m.
Thursday	02:30 p.m. - 06:30 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 05:00 p.m.
Saturday	09:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

**LIBRARY HOLDINGS ON 12/31/2022**      31,035

**CIRCULATION STATISTICS**

Children's	14,854
Adult Fiction	5,099
Adult Non-Fiction	1,552
Young Adult	947
Periodicals	759
Audio Books	190
Videos	1,199
Other	51
Interlibrary Loan (includes book group)	1,071
Downloaded Audio/e-books & Periodicals (Hoopla and NHDB)	9,585
Total Circulation	35,307

**PERIODICALS**

Purchased	36
Gifts	3
Total	39



*Photo by Chris Lippincott*

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Tanya Ricker, Library Director**



## **2022 New Boston Fire Department**

2022 was a year of change and transition for The New Boston Fire Department. Dan MacDonald who had been Chief since 1999 retired. Chief MacDonald's long serving devotion and commitment to the Department and the citizens of New Boston was unparalleled. His long list of accomplishments and leadership over the years is vast and numerous. We all owe him a large thanks and debt of gratitude for his many years of service.

As part of the transition, the Board of Fire Wards, in conjunction with the Select Board determined that to better meet the many critical challenges the Department is facing it was in the best interest of the Town to hire a Full-Time Fire Chief to replace Chief MacDonald. Assistant Chief Cliff Plourde was selected from the Board of Firewards to fill the position of Fire Chief as an interim measure. Captain Brian Dubreuil was also promoted to Assistant Chief. In June an effort was initiated to hire a Full-Time Operations Chief culminating in the hiring of Frank Fraitzl in November. Operations Chief Fraitzl will be working a Part-time schedule due to budget constraints with the hopes of moving to full time in 2023.

In keeping with the upward trend of requests for Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the department responded to a nearly 26% increase in the number of calls for service in 2022 over 2021, for a total of 815. This continued increase and rapid escalation in requests for services has put a tremendous strain on the ability of the existing members to keep up with the demand. Up until this year, Nbfd was a call volunteer force. With the continued rapid growth of the town, ever increasing requests for services, demographics, and socio-economic factors, coupled with the lack of sufficient new volunteers, the staffing issues faced were dire. Therefore, an emergency plan was developed and initiated to increase staffing and improve response times. Starting in December, a Per Diem recruitment and hiring program was initiated to increase staffing to supplement the efforts of the current members. Using a combination of existing department members and new hires to fill the per diem staffing needs, along with weekend officer staffing we will be able to provide bare minimum coverage to initiate a response for Emergency Medical and Fire calls around the clock 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Because of the inadequacy of accommodations, specifically living quarters and facilities at the existing station, overnight staff will be housed at a rental apartment on Mill Street.

In continuing with the Departments long standing success in seeking and obtaining grant funding to supplement and offset increases to the operating budget, members were successful in obtaining a grant for \$124,000 to purchase two new Zoll Cardiac Heart Monitors along with a Lucas CPR device for the ambulances. These new, state of the art devices, will enable our Emergency Medical Staff to continue to deliver the best critical care possible to our citizens, and visitors of our community, in their time of need for years to come.

Despite the numerous and mounting challenges that the Department faces, in keeping with the time-honored traditions of valor, honor and integrity of the Fire Service, our members continue to rise to the challenge, provide the highest quality of service, and respond on a daily basis, around the clock, and under any conditions.

Clifford R Plourde  
Chief of Department  
New Boston Fire Department

## **Cadet Program**

This program introduces the Fire and EMS services to the youth of New Boston and surrounding towns. These young adults participate in weekly trainings along with training with the department members for the weekly department trainings. The cadet program currently has 3 members, 1 of which has just completed his Firefighter I certification at MST through Goffstown High School. This program has produced numerous Fulltime FF/EMT's throughout the years, both inside and outside of NH. As the director of the program, I would like to thank FF Kyle Merron & FF/EMT Nate Shatney for the running the trainings, and I would also like to thank the other members that have helped make this program move forward as it is a pleasure to see these young adults grow in the program and reach their goals.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lt Derek Danis  
Cadet Program Director

## Honor Guard

New Boston Fire Department Honor Guard was organized in 2006 and continues today. We currently have 6 members.

Commander/Captain Brandon Merron  
Deputy Commander/Captain Gina Catalano  
Janet Chamberlain  
John Jones  
Deputy Chief (ret) Rodney Towne  
Bryan Wells

The mission of the Honor Guard is to provide honor, dignity and respect for our brothers and sisters of the fire service and their families. To respect and represent the flags with pride and integrity, while maintaining a commitment to the traditions of the fire service. We attend various ceremonies, such as, presentation of colors, memorial services, and flag folding events. Our members have trained and drilled with many other area units and members of various branches of the military. We continue to support our community as well as assist others when needed.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandon Merron  
Honor Guard Commander

## Training Officer Report

2022 was a very active year for not only our emergency calls (815) but for training as well. The state had many courses to offer, and our members took advantage of this. For decades New Boston Fire and Rescue has had weekly training that includes both Firefighting skills and EMS and we continue to do this. The courses are paid for by the department after successful completion, however, each member does these courses in their own time. Some courses take as much as 1200 hours to complete.

We logged 5335 hours of combined training. Here are some individual accomplishments from some of our members. All these certifications are State Level.

### **Driver Operator Any Vehicle (DOAV)**

Andrew Wawrzyniak, Dan Chamberlain, Kyle Merron, Nate Shatney

### **Firefighter I**

Ken Ballou, Meg Hoppert, Timary Malley, Dan Chamberlain

### **Firefighter II**

Ken Ballou, Kyle Merron

### **Fire Instructor 1**

Steve Wiggin

### **Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT)**

Connor Fitzpatrick, Chris Martin, Mitchell Young

Other trainings included Active Shooter Training, Water Supply Drills, Driver/Pump Operator. DHART (Dartmouth Hitchcock Advanced Response Team) also provided some training regarding their Helicopter Operations.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandon Merron  
NBFD, Captain of Training

## Fire Prevention Report

The Fire Prevention Division had an active year in 2022.

Gas / Wood stove / Pellet stove / Oil burner inspections = 189  
2022 New Address Assignments = 20  
2022 New Homes added with sprinklers = 12  
2022 Alterations/remodels added with sprinklers = 4  
2022 Assembly Permit Inspections = 9  
2022 Foster-Care Inspections = 4  
2022 Day Care Inspections = 2  
2022 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Inspections = 1  
2022 Greenhouse inspections = 1  
2022 Sprinkler plan reviews = 29  
2022 Car seat inspections = 1

Investigations (Structure fire) = 1  
Investigations (Brush fire) = 2

Listed below are some examples of the services the Fire Prevention Division is providing to the town:

- New & Existing Business/Residential Inspections
- New Building address assignments for the Town and 911
- Town Buildings and School Inspections
- Car Seat Inspections
- Building / Sprinkler Plan Review
- Fire Investigations
- Assembly Permit Inspections
- Sprinkler and Fire Alarm Inspections
- Day-Care Inspections
- Foster-Care Inspections
- Woodstove/Pellet Stove Inspections
- Gas (propane) Inspections
- Generator Inspections
- Oil Burner Inspections
- Public Education
- Fire Suppression & Emergency Medical Services
- Town-Wide Safety Committee
- Miscellaneous Fire Protection Inquiries

Our goal is to provide the best customer service for the residents of New Boston. We work closely with builders, service providers, utility companies and various businesses to accomplish this goal. We strive to increase our customer service in the New Year 2022 and continue to make the town a safer place for all that reside or visit.

**I would like to remind you that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives and should be installed throughout your home, especially in sleeping areas. Also, don't forget to replace the batteries in your detectors twice a year or consider purchasing new detectors available with a 10 year battery life span that are maintenance free. Please address your house to help us find it in any kind of emergency in any time of day with all types of weather conditions.**

I strongly encourage you to call with any questions you may have regarding how to make your home or business safer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Dubowik, Captain of Fire Prevention, NBFD

## 2022 New Boston Fire Dept. Town Report

### Fire / EMS Incident Summary January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Incident Type	Count	Incident Type	Count
<b><u>Fire</u></b>		<b><u>Good Intent Call</u></b>	
Fire, Other	2	Dispatched & cancelled in route	23
Building fire	15	Authorized controlled burning	4
Cooking fire, confined to container	1	Smoke scare, odor of smoke	5
Chimney or flue fire	9	Dispatched- No response	5
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction	3		
Fire in motorhome, camper	1	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>37</u></b>
Passenger vehicle fire	2		
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	9	<b><u>False Alarm &amp; False Call</u></b>	
Outside electrical equipment fire	2	System Malfunction, other	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>44</u></b>	Smoke detector activation malfunction	3
<b><u>Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</u></b>		Alarm system sounded malfunction	20
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident.	438	Unintentional transmission of alarm	7
Motor Vehicle Accident with injuries	13	Sprinkler activation, due to malfunction	5
Motor Vehicle Accident no injuries	28	Smoke detector activation unintentional	17
Extrication, rescue, Other	2	Detector activation, no fire unintentional	1
Search for person on land	2	Alarm system activation, unintentional	14
Trapped by powerlines	1	CO detector activation, no CO	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>484</u></b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>75</u></b>
<b><u>Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</u></b>		<b><u>Severe Weather &amp; Natural Disaster</u></b>	
Gasoline or Flammable Liquid Spill	2	Flood assessment	4
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	10	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>4</u></b>
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1		
Chemical spill no (hazard or leak)	1	<b><u>Special Incident Type</u></b>	
Carbon monoxide incident	5	Special type of incident, Other	15
Furnace problem, delayed ignition	1	Training or Drill	6
Overheated motor	1	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>21</u></b>
Power line down	85		
Arching shorting electrical equipment	1	<b><u>Total Incident Count:</u></b>	
Building or structure collapse	1		<b><u>815</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>108</u></b>		
<b><u>Service Call</u></b>			
Service Call, Other	3		
Lock-out	2		
Water Problem	1		
Assist police or governmental agency	5		
Public service	19		
Unauthorized burning	9		
Cover assignment, standby, move-up	3		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>42</u></b>		



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*Photos by Laura Bernard*

# BOARDS & COMMISSION S REPORTS



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## 2022 New Boston Conservation Commission

The year 2022 found the New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC) return to live meetings, which was a relief after nearly two years of “Zooming”. It also found us conducting lots of trail maintenance and cleanup after what felt like too many storms with trees and branches littering our trails. Thanks go our members and volunteers for keeping up with mother nature. We repaired and added several footbridges and re-routed trails where winds or beavers demanded we adapt.

We completed the Edwards/Wilke Conservation Easement at our June Commission meeting - a project that was begun in late 2019. Thanks go to Jessica and Joshua Edwards for working with us to preserve this precious spot along the Middle Branch of the Piscataquog River.

Final touches on the Rail Trail continued into 2022, with kiosks installed at the trail heads, benches installed along the trail, and a book exchange and plastic bag recycling installed at Lang Station. Our Rail Trail Subcommittee Chair Louise Robie planned and led a team in an amazing and successful fundraising festival in the fall. Special thanks to Paul Botta who allowed us to use Molly’s grounds for the festival and even donated several prizes for our raffle. Thanks go to all the awesome cooks who brought homemade dishes for our guests – no one in attendance left hungry. And finally, thanks to new resident and volunteer Esther Brown who single-handedly brought in over \$6,000 worth of donated items for our raffles/silent auction and was instrumental in making this event a success!



Photo by Louise Robie

The NBCC sponsored two New Boston students for a great adventure at Barry Conservation Camp. This is an annual tradition that was begun in 2014 and we expect to continue it well into the future.

The New Boston Forestry Committee has offered to assist the NBCC with developing Management Plans for each of our Conservation Areas, with work to begin in early 2023. This collaboration will undoubtedly be huge success for us all.

We are always looking for people to assist with trail work, fundraising, or grant writing, or who wish to learn about training to become a Conservation Area Steward. If you are interested, please reach out via email at: [conservation@newbostonnh.gov](mailto:conservation@newbostonnh.gov).



Be safe, stay healthy and enjoy the outdoors!

Laura Bernard, Chairman  
Louise Robie, Vice Chair  
Rebecca Balke, Treasurer  
Lee Cronk, Member

Marty Kelley, Member  
David Bellemore, Member  
Betsy Whitman, Member  
Barbara Thomson, Alternate

## New Boston Conservation Commission - 2022 Financial Report

### Checking Account

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2022 \$77,443.21

#### INCOME

Interest	\$1,576.97
Open Space Reimbursement	\$0.00
Donations & Miscellaneous	\$0.00
10% Land Use Change Tax <sup>1</sup>	\$80,732.00
Rail Trail Fundraisers/Donations	\$91,074.00
Brochure Sales	\$0.00
Transfer Funds from Certificate of Deposit	<u>-\$65,328.49</u>
	\$108,054.48

#### EXPENDITURES

Conferences/Training	-\$60.00
Dues - NH Association of Conservation Commissions	-\$325.00
Trail Maintenance Equipment	-\$106.98
Supplies - Paper, Books, Postage	\$0.00
Trail/Property Improvements & Maintenance	-\$674.99
Open Space (titles, appraisals, easements, legal)	-\$73,207.93
Surveying/Legal	
Donations - Camp Sargent and Barry Conservation Camp	-\$870.00
Administrative	-\$315.55
Rail Trail Project	<u>-\$59,363.23</u>
Website/Brochure	<u>\$0.00</u>
	-\$134,923.68

Ending Balance - December 31, 2022 \$50,574.01

### New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHDPIP)

Beginning Balance \$284,638.29

#### INCOME

Earnings	\$2,973.15
Deposit from Checking	<u>\$350,000.00</u>
	\$352,973.15

#### EXPENDITURES

Withdrawal & Deposit in Checking	<u>-\$284,671.51</u>
	-\$284,671.51

Ending Balance - December 31, 2022 \$352,939.93

**Total Conservation Commission Balance** \$403,513.94

Amount Dedicated to Land Purchase \$359,737.87

<sup>1</sup>By town vote, the Conservation Commission annually receives a 100% share of the Land Use Change Tax assessed by the Town on properties that are taken out of the Current Use program.

## 2022 Open Space Committee Report

2022 has moved us forward again.

Working with members from the Conservation Commission, the Forestry Committee and the PLC, conservation easement protection was added to five town forests, permanently protecting them against development.

We completed work with the owner of a 16-acre parcel consisting mostly of forested land and some wetlands in the vicinity of Tucker Mill Road and accepted a much appreciated donated Conservation Easement on the property.

We completed work with the owners of an 86 +/- acre parcel that extends from Francestown Road to Colburn Road. This property consists of some hardwoods, open pasture, significant wetlands and extensive protection of the Middle branch of the Piscataquog River. Accomplishing this effort was a learning experience for the committee and the landowner. Maureen Teague, who deserves some sort of award for her persistence in dealing with the mortgage holder, finally convinced them that the easement could go forward. The Teagues have moved out of state but we look forward to working with the new landowners in protecting this important property.

Work continues on another 96 +/- acre parcel on Francestown Road, which also abuts Briar Hill Road. This property consists of open fields, some hardwoods and extensive wetlands. The property also features a Maple Sugar operation. Another special aspect of this property is the view along Francestown Road which is a great example of a New Hampshire farmstead. This project is just about to close and we hope that by the time you read this, will be completed.

We are currently working with a landowner, again on Francestown Road, who is offering a 44 +/- parcel in fee at a bargain sale price. The property consists of hardwoods, open fields as well as a significant beaver pond. We plan to finish this project in the upcoming year.

We are also working with a property owner in south New Boston. Protecting this property will guarantee access to great hiking opportunities in this part of town as well as providing a good view of the Town from that vantage point.

Respectfully submitted,

Raleigh Bacon  
Marina Hill  
Jared Keyes  
Ken Lombard, Chair  
Peter Moloney  
David Woodbury



*Photo by Cathy Widener*

## 2022 New Boston Forestry Committee Report

The Forestry Committee reports that 2022 reflected a productive effort by the committee members and many dedicated volunteers. The Town's six forests cover nearly 500 acres and compliment other public and private conserved lands in New Boston. They preserve the forests and open nature of the Town, protect natural resources and aquifers and provide timber as outlined in the Forest Management Plans. The forests are in permanent conservation easements through the town's partnership with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy group (PLC). These easements protect our forests in perpetuity from development while maintaining access for recreation and forestry work. Ongoing collaboration with the Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee and the PLC is vital in this effort.

The New Boston Central School Christmas Tree farm is on Old Coach Road across from the ballfield. This project began in 2018 and, each fall, first graders plant 3-year-old seedlings. Through the years the trees are watered, fertilized, and weeded by committee members and volunteers. In their sixth-grade graduation year, the students can cut one of the trees. This year, members installed a dug well, and a drip irrigation system was added. The Committee thanks Willard Dodge for his time and the use of his equipment, and the School Committee for their support.

The forests provide recreational opportunities for many outdoor activities. The many trails through the forests are central to this activity. Forestry, in partnership with the Conservation Commission and New Boston Mountain Bike Riders led by residents Sam Wiggin and Chris Hall, work to insure the good condition of the existing multi-use trails. Sam, Chris, and their dedicated volunteers work hard to keep trails clear of fallen trees and storm damage while making thoughtfully designed trail improvements. This group also conducts a popular summer youth program designed to teach riding skills while emphasizing the importance of good trail sharing practices among hikers, horseback riders, hunters, and mountain bikers.

A primary responsibility for the Forestry Committee is maintaining the health of the forests. Management Plans outline the objectives for maintaining each of the forests and can be found on the committee website. Red Pine Scale, Emerald Ash Borer and, in Hemlock trees, the Woolly Adelgid are causing serious damage. These and other risks are monitored closely and, when necessary, small-scale logging takes place to remove at risk and infected trees. Last year this work involved cuts in Lydia Dodge, Johnson, and Follansbee forests. This work will continue through 2023.

In May, a tour of the work in Follansbee Forest was conducted to demonstrate best practices in small-scale logging. The committee compliments local logger John Stout for his exceptional work

Committee members are Tom Miller, Graham Pendlebury, Willard Dodge, Joe Constance, Dave Kent and much appreciated volunteer, Jeff Bridges. This past year the Committee welcomed New Boston resident, Liz McKinley. She is working with the committee as an alternate member. Liz is a Community Forester with the NH Division of Forests and Lands.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Kent  
Forestry Committee



*Photo by Tom Boucher*

## 2022 New Boston Energy Commission Town Report

The New Boston Energy Commission has continued to investigate ways the town can improve energy efficiency and reduce cost expenditures.

Our initiatives for 2022:

- The Commission created the New Boston Community Power Aggregation Committee (CPAC) to pursue a Community Power plan that will be put to the voters in March 2023. This will reduce electrical costs for the Town as well as residents.
- The Commission completed lighting conversions to LED streetlights and Town buildings. This has reduced operating costs and has improved lighting quality.
- The Commission assisted the Recreation Department by preparing plans for its recent replacement of windows and insulation of exterior walls at the White Buildings.
- The Commission has worked with the school, library, town, and recreation departments to provide recommendations for future infrastructure upgrades.
- The Commission worked with the Town to issue a competitive Request For Proposals for a Town solar array to be installed at the Transfer Station. Its power would be net-metered against all of the Town's building meters to reduce energy costs. It was not cost effective upon last evaluation but as situations change and become more favorable it will continue to be evaluated.
- The Commission has been working with the Town to update and maintain the Energy Star Portfolio Manager to keep track of total energy usage in the Town buildings.
- The Commission has been assisting the Town with its work on improving Broadband internet access through discussions with all current and potential providers in the Town as well as discussing the possibility and feasibility of a municipally owned broadband provider.
- The Commission has been watching for any and all possible grants or programs that could be utilized by the Town to support moving to more energy efficient equipment.

The Commission continues to urge the town officials to investigate enacting the recommendations presented in the Energy Chapter of the Town Master Plan.

New Boston Energy Commission's Mission is as follows:

- To promote energy conservation, efficiency, and renewables to reduce energy consumption, reduce energy costs save money, strengthen the local economy, and improve the environment.
- To study, advise and educate the citizens and Town officials on policy and actions to reduce environmentally harmful carbon emissions.
- To support, encourage and acknowledge actions that will lead to carbon emission reductions, while protecting the economy and natural resources.

Ryan Nealley, PE, CEM, Chair

Susan Carr, Member

Roger Dignard, RA, NCARB, Member

Daryl Luter, Member (Chair of New Boston Community Power Aggregation Committee)

Bill McFadden, Member



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

## Subdivisions Approved

<u>Name and # of Lots</u>	<u>Map/Lot #</u>	<u>Location</u>
Chancey Family Farm Trust FW & S Chancey CO-Trustees	#9/19	Wilson Hill Road (2) Lot Subdivision
James W. Dodge, Trustee New Boston Self Storage, LLC	#5/21 & #5/21-3	Weare Road (NH Route 77) LLA
Robert R Kelly Ethan & Heather Preston	# 8/37 & 8/37-3	Weare Road (NH Route 77) LLA
E.F. Deroeth 1992 Trust *	#1/50	Colburn Road (3) Lot Subdivision
Thibeault Coporation of New England <b>(application withdrawn)</b>	#6/40	River & Byam Roads (5) Lot Subdivision

Note: These applications have been approved with conditions \*precedent and/or \*\*subsequent that are still outstanding.

## Conditional Use Permits Approved

<u>Name, Location</u> <u>Tax Map/Lot #, District</u>	<u>Conditional Use Permit</u>
Paul & Lisa Weyna #9/22, 'R-A' **	Installation of one culvert (wetland crossing) of 500 sq ft of impact, in order to install driveway access.
James W. Dodge, Revocable  drained	CUP- for encroachment into the 50' poorly
New Boston Self Storage, LLC  storage	soil wetland setback for placement of a new
175 Weare Road #5/21-3, 'COM' **	building.

Note: These applications have been approved with conditions \*precedent and/or \*\*subsequent that are still outstanding.

## Site Plans Approved

<u>Name, Location</u> <u>Tax Map/Lot #, District</u>	<u>Non-Residential Use</u>
Peter & Susan Shellenberger 11 Byam Road #6/40-1 #60/40-1-1 'COM' **	to operate an outdoor event venue.
James W. Dodge, Revocable New Boston Self Storage, LLC 175 Weare Road #5/21-3, 'COM' **	Expansion of storage units by (1) 30 ft by 100 ft building.

Belle & Ian Mcleod  
167 Parker Road  
#3/113, 'R-A'  
\*

Note: These applications have been approved with conditions \*precedent and/or \*\*subsequent that are still outstanding.

## Scenic Road Tree Cutting

### Name, Proposal and Location

Eversource Energy  
Proposes to trim and remove trees and brush adjacent to and beneath most of its power lines within the town and on portions of Colburn, Hooper Hill, Scobie, and Thornton Roads, designated "Scenic Roads".

## 2022 Road Committee Report

The road committee met twice in early 2022 before the town select board disbanded it. During the spring, the select board discussed the merits, purpose, and expectations of the road committee and decided to reconstitute it with new membership and direction. The select board approved a statement of purpose and expectations for the road committee on May 2. Quoting from the document:

The New Boston Road Committee (i.e., Committee) is an ad hoc committee developed to provide local expertise on recommendations for maintenance, repairs, or other requested projects including new development impacts on local roads. The Committee is an adjunct to the expertise of the Road Agent who is charged with maintaining roadways that are suitable for travel.

Committee members are to include two community member volunteers with specific knowledge of engineering of roads, one community member volunteer with historical knowledge of New Boston and its road network, the Road Agent, and an ex-officio member of the Select Board. The Town Administrator shall attend meetings at the request of the Select Board as needed. A community member will serve as the Chair of the Committee.

It is expected that the New Boston Road Committee meets quarterly or as frequently as requested by the Town Administrator and Road Agent or Planning Board. The Committee will present its activities on a quarterly basis to the Select Board. The Committee will provide input for projects as requested by the Town Administrator and Road Agent or Planning Board. At any time, members of the Committee can submit suggested projects in writing to the Town Administrator and Road Agent for consideration. The Committee may engage in researching ideas to present to the Town Administrator and Road Agent that relates to maintenance of municipal roads for suitable travel. The Committee may assist in making recommendations to the Capital Improvement Program at the request of and in cooperation with the Town Administrator and Road Agent or Planning Board. The Committee may assist in making recommendations for the content of Requests for Proposals at the request of and in cooperation with the Town Administrator and Road Agent. It is expected that all issues of disagreement that require resolution will be settled by the Town Administrator, Road Agent, and Select Board member.

The Road Committee met six times in 2022. Highlights from the meetings included:

- Developing an inventory of town culverts
- Discussing road paving plans, drainage concerns, road striping, signs, and bridge construction projects
- Investigating options for stabilizing dirt roads
- Welcoming and getting to know the new road agent, Benjamin (Benji) Knapp
- Researching software and assistance that could be provided by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and UNH for use in planning maintenance for the town's road network.

Road Committee meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. Meeting notifications are located on the town website.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Debowski, Road Committee Chairman  
Mark Suennen, Road Committee Member  
George St. John, Road Committee Member  
David Litwinovich – Selectman  
Benjamin Knapp – Road Agent



*Photo by Chris Lippincott*

## Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The implementation of the Revolving Fund, approved as warrant article on the 2021 town ballot, has proven to be a valuable and flexible tool to the management of the Transfer Station, as you will see in Gerry's narrative on these pages.

I, too, would like to thank the New Boston residents for their cooperation and adaptation to changes, for their willingness to ask staff for assistance on where the occasional odd trash item belongs, as well as their sometimes bringing children and teens to learn about the handling of trash and recycling.

In the coming year, we will focus on how to increase recycling, food waste composting, and glass recycling as new opportunities evolve, as well as reducing costs.

Trash disposal and recycling efforts in the U.S. and here will continue to change as landfills come under pressure to be cleaner and safer and recycling will continue to evolve as new technologies emerge. The Committee is always looking for ways to cut costs and improve the recycling effort as new technologies are available.

New Boston will begin a clear bag initiative on March 1 with a three-month transition away from household trash bags that are opaque.

On behalf of our committee, I would like to express "Thank you" to the Transfer Station staff for their tireless efforts in the many duties they cover for safe and efficient management.

Jim Keyes-Committee Chairperson

### Committee Members

Joe Constance

Floyd Guyette

Bruce McKim

Gerry Cornett-Transfer Station Manager/ex-officio

Jennifer Brown-Select person/ex-officio



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# VITAL STATISTICS



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## RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

- NEW BOSTON -

Person A's Name and Residence	Person B's Name and Residence	Place of Marriage	Date of Marriage
LEVENTIS, JAMES B NEW BOSTON, NH	CHINONE, HIROKO NEW BOSTON, NH	NEW BOSTON	01/21/2022
GRZELA, ROBERT J NEW BOSTON, NH	VECCHIA, JENNIFER D NEW BOSTON, NH	DERRY	03/10/2022
BENNETT, AMBER L NEW BOSTON, NH	WONTOR, EMILY A NEW BOSTON, NH	NEW BOSTON	05/07/2022
NEWELL, BRADLEY D BEDFORD, NH	BERGERON, MADELEINE D NEW BOSTON, NH	PORTSMOUTH	05/07/2022
DUGRENIER, CHRISTINE G NEW BOSTON, NH	BOWEN, JACOB D NEW BOSTON, NH	DUNBARTON	06/24/2022
BORTZ, RICHARD G NEW BOSTON, NH	JACOBY, HEATHER L NEW BOSTON, NH	GILFORD	07/07/2022
AUGER, ROBERT D NEW BOSTON, NH	COSTA, JAMIE B NEW BOSTON, NH	MILFORD	08/19/2022
PARKER JR, WILLIAM L NEW BOSTON, NH	FROST, JENNIFER L NEW BOSTON, NH	GOFFSTOWN	08/20/2022
WILSON, KATHRYN J NEW BOSTON, NH	ABBOTT, JARED D NEW BOSTON, NH	JAFFREY	08/20/2022
WINGREN, MATTHEW E NEW BOSTON, NH	JOYCE, KELLY A NEW BOSTON, NH	FRANCESTOWN	08/21/2022
LANNAN, TERRENCE C NEW BOSTON, NH	VALLIANT, KERRI A NEW BOSTON, NH	MILFORD	08/27/2022
SARTELL JR, MARK S DERRY, NH	MCILVEEN, HEATHER M NEW BOSTON, NH	NASHUA	09/09/2022
CLOUTIER, BRIELLE A NEW BOSTON, NH	HEITZ, CHRISTOPHER M NEW BOSTON, NH	HOLLIS JAFFREY	09/23/2022
BRESLIN, EMILY B NEW BOSTON, NH	FORSYTH, JUSTIN R NEW BOSTON, NH	NEW BOSTON	10/01/2022
ANTINORO, ADAM A NEW BOSTON, NH	BEARD, STEPHANIE F NEW BOSTON, NH	NEW BOSTON	11/06/2022
FLOTTEN, DANIEL B NEW BOSTON, NH	BASSETT, ANNE S NEW BOSTON, NH		11/11/2022

**Total number of records 16**



## RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

-- NEW BOSTON--

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Birth Date</b>	<b>Birth Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name</b>
CANNON, EMERSON RAE	01/12/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	CANNON, IAN JAMES	CANNON, HEATHER SHEILA
COOPER, AYLAM MAY	01/19/2022	NASHUA, NH	COOPER, AUSTIN JUSTICE	DEROCHEMONT, ELIZABETH TATUM
MAGEE, WILLIAM DOUGLAS	02/01/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	MAGEE, JOSHUA MICHAEL	MERLIN, JENNIFER LEE
QUIMBY, VIOLET GRACE	02/07/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	QUIMBY, CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL	QUIMBY, KAYLA CIARRA
COPENHAVER, JAMES ANDREW	02/25/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	COPENHAVER, JUSTIN ROBERT	COPENHAVER, KELLY ANNE
NICHOLS, EASTON JAMES	03/06/2022	NASHUA, NH	NICHOLS, JAMES MICHAEL	NICHOLS, REBEKHA LYNN
JORDAN, LEO MACK	03/07/2022	NASHUA, NH	JORDAN, CAMERON EDWARD	MORRISSEY, KRISTIN MARIE
LACROIX, BROOKS HENRY	03/27/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	LACROIX, JONATHAN DAVID	LACROIX, KIMBERLY ERIN
GREEN, REYA DONNA	03/28/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	GREEN, JONATHAN CHARLES	GREEN, STEPHANIE
GOMEZ, AVERY LEVY	04/23/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	GOMEZ, JOSHUA MANUEL	GOMEZ, STACY KARA
LEONARD, LUKASZ NIKOLAI	04/24/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	LEONARD, NICHOLAS CRAIG	LEONARD, DIANA
ANTOINE, SOPHIA JADE	05/15/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	ANTOINE, GREGORY CHRISTIAN	SAR, PAULA
SUTTMEIER, SOPHIA RHODE	05/24/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	SUTTMEIER, MARK ROBERT	ARSENAULT, ASHLEY MARIE
RUMORE, GRIFFIN LOUIS	06/09/2022	PETERBOROUGH, NH	RUMORE, LOUIS FREDERICK	RUMORE, FELICIA ANN
BLOOD, NOLAN JOHN	06/10/2022	NASHUA, NH	BLOOD, ADAM JOHN	BLOOD, MARIA JANE
GINNARD, MAEVA LEE	06/24/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	GINNARD, IAN PAUL	GINNARD, JACQUELYN NICOLE
SHERWIN, KHAI DAVID	06/25/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	SHERWIN, GREGORY EDWARD	SHERWIN, KRISTAL ROSEMARY
ROBICHEAU, ELIZABETH IRENE	06/27/2022	NASHUA, NH	ROBICHEAU III, THOMAS LEROY	ROBICHEAU, KRISTYN LYNN
BOUCHER, ORION IAN	06/30/2022	NEW BOSTON, NH	BOUCHER, THOMAS JAMES	EGNER, ASHLEY MCADAMS
LATULIPPE, JONATHAN RAYMOND	07/12/2022	LEBANON, NH	LATULIPPE, KYLE ISRAEL	LATULIPPE, MELISSA ROSE
LAMIE, NAVY JANE	07/21/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	LAMIE, RYAN PAUL	LAMIE, KELSIE MEAGAN
HICKS, WILLOW LEIGH	07/31/2022	NASHUA, NH	HICKS, CLIFFORD CHARLES ANTHONY	HICKS, KATHLEEN MARY
STAFFIERE, EVE NOELLE	09/10/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	STAFFIERE, JACOB MARK	STAFFIERE, MICAYLA CHRISTINE
ROUSSEAU, CADEN EDWARD	10/02/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	ROUSSEAU, LUCIEN ARTHUR	ROUSSEAU, ASHLEY JEAN
CATSAM, DELILAH LORIN	10/23/2022	MANCHESTER, NH	CATSAM, DARYN JAMES	CATSAM, KATHERINE ANN



## RESIDENT DEATH REPORT

01/01/2022 - 12/31/2022

--NEW BOSTON, NH --

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Death Place</b>	<b>Father's/Parent's Name</b>	<b>Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union</b>	<b>Military</b>
COMEAU, LOUIS JOSEPH	02/02/2022	MANCHESTER	COMEAU, LOUIS	MONETTE, EVELYN	N
MATHEWS, MURIEL EMILY	02/03/2022	MANCHESTER	SHEPHERD, JOHN	SKELLY, MILDRED	N
PINAULT, THERESE	02/10/2022	NEW BOSTON	RAYMOND, ETIENNE	MIGNAULT, LEONIE	N
KIMBALL, GERALD	02/13/2022	MERRIMACK	KIMBALL, GERALD	HODDER, EMMY	N
CLARK, CATHERINE SHAW	02/18/2022	MANCHESTER	CLARK, JOHN	SHAW, RHODA	N
MITROFF, PALMER	03/29/2022	MANCHESTER	ADAMS, MARSHALL	RADFORD, ANNE	N
RUGGIERO, VITO ANTONIO	04/08/2022	MANCHESTER	RUGGIERO, ANTHONY	GRAHAM, HELEN	Y
KEARNS III, JAMES JOSEPH	04/09/2022	NEW BOSTON	KEARNS JR, JAMES	KOZLOWSKI, JEAN	N
BRUNETTI, ALISON RACHEL	04/16/2022	NEW BOSTON	BRUNETTI, JOSEPH	CLINE, JUDITH	N
DISTASO, JOHN JOSEPH	04/21/2022	MANCHESTER	DISTASO, JOSEPH	WALTON, HELEN	N
WATERHOUSE, VIRGINIA H	04/21/2022	NEW BOSTON	HUBBLE, CLARE	HOLLOMON, VIRGINIA	N
WILSON, PAUL EMERSON	04/24/2022	NEW BOSTON	WILSON, FRANK	DAVIS, LILLIAN	Y
CHRISTIAN-WHITE, LORI	05/12/2022	MANCHESTER	CHRISTIAN, ROBERT	OLIGNY, LUCILLE	N
FOOTE, FREDERICK	05/14/2022	MANCHESTER	FOOTE, ROBERT	PRINGLE, LOUISE	Y
HARRINGTON, RICHARD MICHAEL	05/15/2022	MANCHESTER	HARRINGTON, WALTER	BLAKE, NATALIENNE	Y
CHAPMAN, SARAH ELIZABETH	05/30/2022	NEW BOSTON	POOLEY, JOHN	RICH, MARY	N
THORGERSON, THOMAS A	05/30/2022	MERRIMACK	THORGERSON, ARTHUR	JOHNSON, SHIRLEY	N
IVANOV, RICHARD	06/28/2022	NEW BOSTON	IVANOV, NIKOLAI	UNKNOWN, VALENTINA	Y

Decedent's Name	Death Date	Death Place	Father's/Parent's Name	Mother's/Parent's Name Prior to First Marriage/Civil Union	Military
POMPEI, JAY ANTHONY	07/05/2022	MERRIMACK	POMPEI, JOSEPH	GROSSI, PAULA	N
HOLBROOK, FLORENCE LOUISE	07/09/2022	NEW BOSTON	STIER, WILLIAM	BEERS, FLORENCE	N
MCDOUGALL, SANDRA PATRICIA	07/22/2022	NEW BOSTON	MCDOUGALL, ROBERT	COMTOIS, TRACY	N
LATULIPPE, JONATHAN RAYMOND	08/04/2022	LEBANON	LATULIPPE, KYLE	BOULANGER, MELISSA	N
PARENT, RICKY	08/08/2022	NEW BOSTON	PARENT, ARTHUR	NELENNON, COLLEEN	N
GILMAN, ELAINE	08/29/2022	NEW BOSTON	BEAUDOIN, DAVID	LALIBERTE, JACQUELIN	N
MERRILL, ERIC DICKSON	09/04/2022	MILFORD	MERRILL, ROBERT	TIMMINS, DOROTHY	Y
CROWLEY, CYNTHIA	09/17/2022	NEW BOSTON	BELKA, PHILIP	FILIP, MILDRED	N
STIPE, JOSEPH ANTHONY	09/17/2022	NEW BOSTON	STIPE, SCOTT	CAHILL, MARY	N
NIXON, JANET	09/23/2022	CONCORD	RICH, ERNEST	WHYTE, MARGARET	N
YOUNG, EUGENE	09/29/2022	MANCHESTER	YOUNG, JOHN	HOWARTH, RITA	N
VANDEBORG, ROBERT G	09/30/2022	MERRIMACK	VANDEBORG, ROBERT	STEPHENS, LUELLA	Y
MILLER, LEON PAUL	10/21/2022	GOFFSTOWN	MILLER, PAUL	HOLOBINKO, SUSAN	Y
ARCHAMBAULT, CAROLE MARIE	10/30/2022	NEW BOSTON	BERTANI, JOHN	GHIORZI, LENA	N
BARSS, DALE	11/01/2022	MANCHESTER	HERBERT, PETER	WEISS, JANE	N
HOUGHTON, CAROL ANN	11/05/2022	NEW BOSTON	GELINAS, ROLAND	ORR, PAULINE	N
STRONG, NANCY	11/22/2022	NEW BOSTON	MATHERSON, EDWIN	WIGHT, RAYMAH	N
WILSON JR, FRANK READ	11/27/2022	NEW BOSTON	WILSON, FRANK	DAVIS, LILLIAN	N
WOODBURY, ALFRED NELSON	12/14/2022	MANCHESTER	WOODBURY, SHERMAN	LEAVITT, MARION	N
GLEASON, MARY E	12/22/2022	MANCHESTER	DUBOIS, WILLIAM	BURKE, MARY	N

Total number of records 38



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## 2022 New Boston Cemetery Burials

4-25-2022 Buried ashes of Muriel Jean Brown, Age: 75 yrs. Brought by Family.

5-21-2022 Buried ashes of Dale Edward Colburn, Age: 48 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-1-2022 Buried ashes of Frederick Foote, Age: 57 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-3-2022 Buried ashes of Roy F. Follansbee, Age: 79 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-3-2022 Buried ashes of Alice Sophia Follansbee, Age: 97 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-4-2022 Buried ashes of Catherine Shaw Clark, Age: 83 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-4-2022 Buried ashes of Roberta E. Hebert, Age: 79 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-18-2022 Buried ashes of Theresa L. Labrecque, Age: 81 yrs. Brought by Family.

6-25-2022 Buried ashes of Sarah Elizabeth Chapman, Age: 81 yrs. Brought by Family.

7-1-2022 Buried ashes of Andrew Little, Age: 81 yrs. Brought by Family.

7-31-2022 Buried ashes of Florence Louise Holbrook, Age: 87yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown. NH.

8-14-2022 Buried ashes of Shirley Hooker, Age: 89 yrs. Brought by Family.

9-17-2022 Buried ashes of Jeremiah F. Kennedy, Age: 81 yrs. Brought by Family.

9-23-2022 Buried body of Cynthia Crowley, Age: 74 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH.

9-24-2022 Buried ashes of Guido Diapaoli, Age: 78 yrs. Brought by Family.

10-8-2022 Buried ashes of Lucine R. Wason, Age: 49 yrs. Brought by Family.

10-8-2022 Buried ashes of Robert Michael Wason, Age: 68 yrs. Brought by Family.

10-22-2022 Buried ashes of David G. Prince, Age: 86 yrs. Brought by Family.

10-29-2022 Buried ashes of Leon Paul Miller, Age: 73 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH.

11-4-2022 Buried body of Carole Marie Archambault, Age: 86 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH.

11-12-2022 Buried ashes of Maurice S. Briere, Age: 86 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH.

11-18-2022 Buried ashes of Carol Ann Houghton, Age: 83 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH.



**In Memoriam**

**Jeremiah “Jerry” Kennedy**  
*4/19/1940-1/31/22*

**Catherine “Cathy” Shaw Clark**  
*3/26/1948-2/18/22*

**Palmer “Brandy” Mitroff**  
*2/9/1947-3/29/22*

**John DiStaso**  
*2/18/1954-4/21/22*

**Frederick Foote**  
*5/23/1964-5/14/22*

**Sarah Chapman**  
*5/25/1941-5/30/22*

**Sarah C. Trimbur**  
*4/20/1961-7/2/22*

**Eric Merrill**  
*6/17/1953-9/4/22*

**Janet Rich Nixon**  
*1932-9/23/22*

**Dale Barss**  
*9/23/1963-11/1/22*

**Carol Ann Houhgton**  
*10/20/1939-11/5/22*

**Nancy Strong**  
*10/28/1946-11/22/22*

**Frank Wilson**  
*1/27/1936-11//22*



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

# MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS



*Photo by Tom Boucher*

## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year was another year where we observed wet weather in early spring followed by rapid drying and drought conditions which extended through the summer for much of the state. Drying conditions in early May led to large fire growth on numerous fires which required multiple days to extinguish and firefighter response from local, state, and federal agencies. Wildfire activity continued through the summer months where dry conditions led to more multi-day fires. Fires burned deep into the ground, requiring firefighters to establish water supplies and to spend days digging out all the hot spots.

This fall we had multiple fires started by the careless disposal of woodstove ashes. Before dumping your woodstove ashes, you should place them in a covered metal container until they are out cold. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

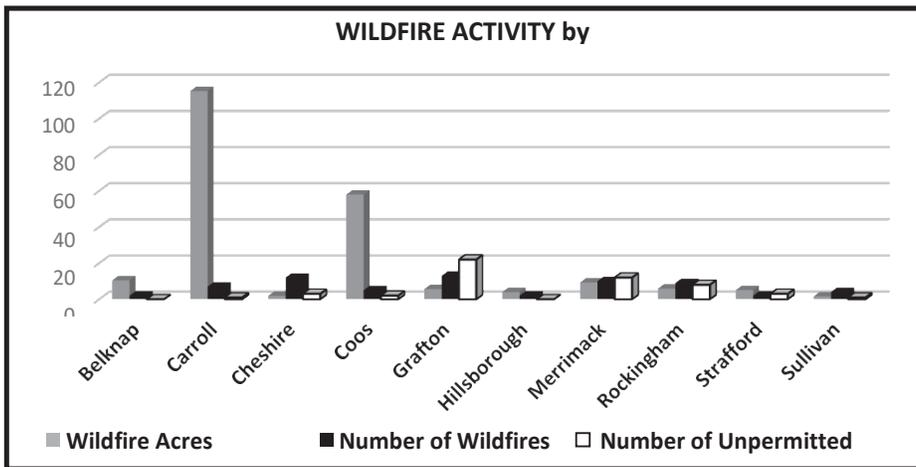
The long-lasting drought effects in Rockingham County are showing some minor signs of improvement but a good portion of Rockingham County remains in moderate drought and much of the state is still in the abnormally dry category. While the drought conditions have improved, we expect some areas of the 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](http://www.NHfirepermit.com). The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. You are encouraged



to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire’s forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdfl/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdfl/). For up-to-date information, follow us on Twitter and Instagram: [@NHForestRangers](https://twitter.com/NHForestRangers)

### 2022 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS



Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2022	66	217	52
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165
2019	15	23.5	92
2018	53	46	91

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2022)

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Railroad operations & maintenance	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	3	21	4	60	7	5	7	1	2	1	3



**Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services  
Report to the Town of  
NEW BOSTON  
2022  
Annual Report**

In 2022, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of New Boston. Services included 30 nursing visits, 25 physical therapy visits, 14 occupational therapy visits, and 1 home health aide visit.

Services available to New Boston residents include:

- Visiting nurse, physical and occupational therapy, social work and home health aide services to assist people of all ages.
- Hospice end of life care at home and bereavement support for family members
- Foot Care Clinics, including foot assessment and nail care

The cost of service provided with all sources of funding is \$17,375.00. These services have been supported to the greatest extent possible by Medicare, Medicaid, other insurances, grants, and patient fees. Services that were not covered by other funding have been supported by your town.

For 2023, we request an appropriation of \$3,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services in New Boston.

For information about services, residents may call (603) 532-8353 or 1-800-541-4145, or visit [www.HCSservices.org](http://www.HCSservices.org).



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## **Minutes of the New Boston Deliberative Session February 7, 2022**

Moderator Lee Nyquist opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Moderator Nyquist indicated to the voters that deliberative sessions are important and we would take up Articles 5 – 31. The Articles would be read debated and be moved to the official ballot. The voters present have the power to amend the Articles.

Moderator Nyquist introduced James Brace, Interim Town Administrator, Karen Scott, Select Board member, David Litwinovich, Select Board Chair, Donna Mombourquette, Select Board Member and Cathy Strausbaugh, Deputy Clerk.

Moderator Nyquist explained that he will announce the Article and read the motion. One of the select board members will move the Article and one will explain the Article. Voters may amend an Article, but it must be done in writing and handed to the moderator. There are three ways to vote. By voice vote, by division and by secret ballot. Moderator Nyquist noted that he will follow Roberts Rules of Order which is a handbook of parliamentary law.

In the procedure of matters the Moderator makes the final decision. When you speak you must step up to the microphone, state your name and address. All remarks are made to the Moderator. Substance and civility are important. Anyone at anytime may move to restrict reconsideration of an Article with a second to the motion and a vote.

Moderator Nyquist introduced Rev. Woody Woodland to lead the voters in prayer.

**Article 05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000)**, for the construction of a **Safety Complex** in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the r e p u r p o s i n g / demolition of the present Fire Station, for the roof repair and renovation of the current Police Station which may be used by the Recreation Department, and for the renovation of the current Recreation Department building to possibly create a large town meeting room. Said sum to be raised by issuance of serial bond(s) or note(s) not to exceed **Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000)** under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take such other actions or to pass any other vote relative thereto as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. **(3/5 ballot vote required) (Submitted by Petition) (Select Board recommend 3-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 5 seconded by Donna Mombourquette. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion.

Discussion: Joyce Welton, 111 Bog Brook Road – The Building Committee is proposing this amendment to Article 5 to clarify the proposed use of the police and recreation buildings, and to include language recommended by the Town’s recently appointed Bond Counsel. The changes are to read:

**Article 05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000)**, for the construction of a **Safety Complex** in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the demolition of the present Fire Station, for the roof repair and renovation of the current Police Station which may be used by the Recreation Department, and for the renovation of the current Recreation Department building to create a large town meeting room. Said sum to be raised by issuance of serial bond(s) or note(s) not exceed **Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000)** under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply

with all laws applicable to said project and to take such other actions or to pass any other vote relative thereto as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. **(3/5 ballot vote required) (Submitted by Petition) (Select Board recommend 3-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved the Article and Donna Mombourquette seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Ms Welton explained that if the Article passes that the use for the former police and fire buildings are recommendations or suggestions. The final decision is made by the Select Board.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. There being none he asked for a vote on Article 5. All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay.

The Ayes have it. Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote on the amended article.

All those in favor signify by saying Aye. Opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 5 will be moved to the Official Ballot.

**Article 06:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **Operating Budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$5,720,727)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Five Million, Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-two Dollars (\$5,418,862)**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. **(Estimated Tax Impact Net of Estimated Revenue \$4.09. No change from prior year) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette to move Article 6, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist recognized James Brace to speak to the Article.

Mr. Brace thanked employees and Department Heads for their hard work in keeping budgets as low as possible. Mr. Brace indicated that the budget process begins in September with the Department Heads presenting their budgets to the Town Administrator. From there it is reviewed by the Finance Director who looks at every line item in all department budgets. The budget is then moved on to the Finance Committee who scrutinize the budget again. The budget is then passed along to the Select Board who hold a public hearing for the purpose of clarification for taxpayers. And then it is presented to the public again at this Deliberative Session for more questions or explanation. Mr. Brace explained that if this year's budget and the special warrant articles were to pass the impact would be \$.66 on the tax rate per thousand dollars. This does not include the Safety Complex which was previously presented. If the Town Budget passes the estimated increase would be zero, level funding.

Discussion:

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road. There is \$478,000 (8%of the total budget) in state revenues. How does that come back to the town? Mr. Brace referred to Jennifer Allocca, Finance Director, to speak to the question. Jennifer indicated that a lot of it is due to rooms and meals taxes.

Keith Ammon: does the budget include the increases being sent back to our town? Jennifer: New Hampshire Municipal Association does not have the update as yet. Keith Ammon, Does the money go back to the taxpayer? Some of that money is to offset the tax rate.

Mr. Brace: We cannot put that money into the budget if we do not have the amount, our numbers are conservative. We absolutely use some of it to offset the tax relief. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion.

Seeing none he called for a vote on Article 6. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 6 will be moved to the Official Ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak , 9 Davis Lane, who moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 5-6. Seconded by Brendan Merron.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. There being none he called for a vote to restrict reconsideration. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Articles 5-6 are restricted from reconsideration.

**Article 07:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000)** to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved Article 7, seconded by David Litwinovich to move Article 7 to the Official Ballot.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye all those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 7 will be moved to the Official Ballot.

**Article 08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise from the **Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000)**, for the refurbishing of a **Forestry Truck**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the **Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the specified purchase is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. **(No current year tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 8 and Donna Mombourquette who seconded.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote on Article 8. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 8 will be moved to the official ballot.

**Article 09:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed into the existing **Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund** to maintain the Emergency Management communications and related system. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved Article 9, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 9 will be moved to the Official Ballot.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved Article 10, seconded by David Litwinovich.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 10 will be moved to the official ballot.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise from the **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred, Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000)**, for the purchase of **two 10-wheel dump trucks with plows**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until these specified purchases are complete or December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. **(No current year tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 11, seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and article 11 will be moved to the official ballot.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved Article 12, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 12 will be moved to the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Laura Bernard who moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 7 – 12, seconded by Debra Davis. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion, seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Articles 7 – 12 are restricted for reconsideration.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved Article 13, seconded by David Litwinovich.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 13 will be moved to the official ballot.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000)**, for the **Howe Bridge Repair**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. **(No current year tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 14 seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 14 will be moved to the official ballot.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000)** for **Road Improvements**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road improvements are complete or until December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved Article 15, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 15 will move to the official ballot.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000)**, the second of a two-year appropriation request for the purpose of **constructing a Highway Department Garage Addition** on Old Coach Road. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2026, whichever comes first. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 2-1, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 16, seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 16 will be moved to the official ballot.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to change the **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** by adding a Caterpillar CS44 vibratory roller to the existing inventory. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 17, seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion.

Discussion:

Mark Suennen, 325 Twin Bridge Road. Just clarification on the explanation for this Article. It designates that the money will come from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. It should be reflected in the Article.

James Brace: There are two subcategories within the CRF.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote on the main Article as presented. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All opposed Nay. The Ayes have it.

Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote on the amendment to include

Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund in the Article. All those in favor please signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 17 is moved to the official ballot as amended.

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to change the **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** by adding a 2018 Komatsu excavator to the existing inventory. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved the Article, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 18 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$201,233)** for Town road-related upgrades and other road improvements, to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire **Highway Block Grant Program** estimated to be **Two Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$201,233)**. If the full amount of the Highway Block Grant is not received, the remainder will come from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the said funds are expended or until December 31, 2027, whichever comes first. **(No funds to be raised by taxation if the full amount of the Highway Block Grant Fund is received) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved the article seconded by David Litwinovich.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road. The article does not state that no funds are to be raised if the full amount of the Highway Block Grant is received.

Moderator Nyquist called for a vote on Article 19. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it.

Moderator Nyquist called for a vote on the Amendment. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 19 is moved to the official ballot as amended.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak, 9 Davis Lane who moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 13-19. Seconded by Laura Bernard. Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote to restrict reconsideration. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Articles 13-19 are restricted for reconsideration.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust Fund** per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintaining, improving, and renovating Town municipal facilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in this fund, with the amount to come from taxes. Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved the Article 20 seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 20 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000)**, to be deposited into the **G.I.S. Mapping System Capital Reserve Fund**, for the first of three annual appropriations. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved Article 21, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 21 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Police Details Expendable Trust Fund** created in 2014. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved the Article, seconded by David Litwinovich.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye, all those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 22 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Transfer Station Machinery and Equipment Expendable Trust** created in 2011. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved Article 23, seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 23 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** to be added to the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved Article 24, seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 24 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)**, the second-year funding request to be added to the existing **Record Retention Expendable Trust** for digitizing the Town of New Boston's records that require long term/permanent storage. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved Article 25, seconded by David Litwinovich.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye all those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 25 is moved to the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Laura Bernard who moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 20-25, seconded by Jennifer Allocca.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor of restricting reconsideration signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Articles 20-25 are restricted for reconsideration.

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,850)** for the purpose of supporting the New Boston Fourth of July Association, a non-profit organization, by funding a portion of the cost of the **Fourth of July fireworks** and cover the costs of **mandatory police details** for the parade and the fireworks event. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved the Article seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 26 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the governing body to **Select Board** from **Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved the Article seconded by Karen Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 27 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Boston, based on increased assessed values, for qualified taxpayers as defined in RSA 72:39-b, to be as follows: for a person between 65 – 74 years of age, increase from \$88,000 to \$119,000; for a person between 75 – 79 years of age, increase from \$121,000 to \$163,500; and for a person 80 years of age or older, increase from \$176,000 to \$238,000. And further to increase by \$2,000 the maximum income allowed as follows: a single person from \$35,000 to \$37,000 and a married couple from \$45,000 to \$47,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$94,500 excluding the value of the person's residence and the first two acres of land. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved Article 28, seconded by David Litwinovich.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 28 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will modify the Disability Exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Boston, based on increased assessed values, for qualified taxpayers as defined in RSA 72:37-b, to be as follows: for a person who qualifies, the exemption shall be increased from \$70,400 to \$96,000. And further to increase by \$2,000 the maximum income allowed as follows: a single person from \$35,000 to \$37,000 and a married couple from \$45,000 to \$47,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$94,500 excluding the value of the person's residence and the first two acres of land. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized David Litwinovich who moved the Article seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye all those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 29 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to change the percentage distribution on Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 from **60% to 100%** for the New Boston Conservation Commission, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1st, and remain in effect until altered by a future vote of the town meeting. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Donna Mombourquette who moved the Article, seconded by Karen Scott. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. The chair is in doubt. The Moderator called for a division vote. All those in favor please stand and raise your hand. All those opposed please stand and raise your hand.  
The Ayes 32  
The Nays 8  
The motion carries and Article 30 is moved to the official ballot.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to change the percentage distribution on Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 from **60% to 100%** for the New Boston Conservation Commission, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1st, and remain in effect until altered by a future vote of the town meeting. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

Moderator Nyquist recognized Karen Scott who moved the Article, seconded by David Litwinovich. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Article 31 is moved to the official ballot.  
Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak who moved to restrict reconsideration for Articles 26-31. Seconded by Laura Bernard. All those in favor signify by saying Aye all those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and Articles 26-31 are restricted for reconsideration.

Moderator Nyquist thanked everyone for attending the Deliberative Session and looked forward to seeing everyone on voting day, March 8, 2022

**Article 32:** To act on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Keith Ammon who moved to adjourn the meeting seconded by Joyce Arivella. Moderator Nyquist called for a vote. All those in favor of adjournment signify by saying Aye. All those opposed Nay. The Ayes have it and the meeting is adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cathleen Strausbaugh Deputy Clerk



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# 2022 WARRANT



## TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

To the Inhabitants of the Town of New Boston, New Hampshire in the County of Hillsborough, in said State qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified in accordance with SB-2, the first session of all business other than voting by official ballot shall be held on Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm, at the New Boston Central School. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each warrant article. Warrant Articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant Articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant Articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the first session on official ballot shall be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act upon the following:

### Article 01:

#### **Cemetery Trustee for 3 years, vote for 1**

Almus Chancy [1508]

#### **Fire Wards for 3 years, vote for 3**

Richard Moody [1090]

Bradford Bingham [879]

Derek Danis [984]

Brandon Merron [1135]

#### **Library Trustee for 3 years, vote for 3**

Marti Wolf [860]

Jennifer M. Allocca [881]

Kate Fitzpatrick [921]

Robin M. Winslow [661]

#### **Selectmen for 3 years, vote for 1**

Jennifer R. Brown [982]

Karen Scott [750]

#### **Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years, vote for 1**

Wendy Lambert [1474]

**Town Moderator for 2 years, vote for 1**

Lee Nyquist [1424]

**Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years, vote for 1**

Maya Harvey [666]

Wendy Lambert [927]

**Article 02:** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by petition for the Town of New Boston Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

**Amend Article IV, Special Provisions, by adding the new Section 409 as follows:** Workforce Housing that will include the following Sections: Purpose, Authority, Applicability: allowed as a Conditional Use within the R1, RA to allow single family duplex and multi-family (maximum five unit buildings) and Small Scale Commercial District, Conditional Use Permit Criteria, Definitions, Workforce Housing Incentives, Workforce Housing General Requirements, Assurance of Continued Affordability, and Administration-Compliance and Monitoring.

**Amend Article II, Section 204, to allow the following by Conditional Use Permit within the following Districts: Small Scale Planned Commercial District, R-1 Residential-One, and R-A Residential & Agriculture:** A. A property that contains an existing housing unit with at least 2,000 square feet of living area and/or has an existing detached building on the property, may renovate said structure(s) to provide for

not more than four (4) total units (including existing housing unit) on the property provided the structure(s) are not increased in area and adheres to Town of New Boston fire and health regulations. In addition, at least one of the housing units shall qualify as a Workforce housing unit/renter occupied. The property owner is permitted to add a fifth (five) unit to the property provided that the site is Owner Occupied.

**Amend Article II, Section 204.4 R-A Residential-Agriculture, by adding Mixed Density Housing Overlay District as an allowed by Conditional Use Permit adding a new Section 204.10, Mixed-Density Housing Overlay District, with the following requirements:**

Purpose: allow for single family, two-family, three-four-five family housing units, General Standards including maximum density of 3 units per acre, minimum lot area 10 acres, 20% of the units shall be Workforce, NH Department of Environmental Standards adhered to, building types and styles appropriate for neighborhood, minimum 50 foot wide landscaped buffer and phasing plan.

**And Amend Article VI, Section 602 Definitions by adding the following:** Net Tract Area: The net tract area of the parcel is determined by subtracting the total area calculated for wetlands, surface waters, hydric soils, flood plain, roads & rights-of-way, and slopes greater than 25% from the total (gross) tract area.

**YES [856]**

**NO [767]**

**Explanation for Article 02.** These amendments will provide for the allowance of Workforce Housing in the community to be consistent with State Law requirements.

**Article 03:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, Article IV, Special Provisions, Section 404.3 Requirements/Limitations - Accessory Dwelling Units, as follows:

By adding #13. Manufactured Homes cannot serve as an Accessory Dwelling.

**YES [983]**

**NO [770]**

**Explanation for Article 03:** This article would prohibit manufactured homes from being used as an Accessory Dwelling Unit.

**Article 04:** Are you in favor of the adoption of the following amendment to the existing Town Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board?

To amend the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, Article II, Establishments of Districts and District Regulations, Section 204.7 Groundwater Resource Conservation District, as follows:

By removing in its entirety #9. Excavation of sand and gravel, except were conducted in accordance with a permit issued pursuant to RSA 155-E and the Town of New Boston Earth Removal Regulations, a Conditional Use Permit issued by the Planning Board, or except when incidental to a permitted use.

**YES [1014]**

**NO [556]**

**Explanation for Article 04:** By removing this section, it would clarify the oversight of the Earth Removal Permit Process.

**Article 05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000)**, for the construction of a **Safety Complex** in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the demolition of the present Fire Station, for the roof repair and renovation of the current Police Station which may be used by the Recreation Department, and for the renovation of the current Recreation Department building to possibly create a large town meeting room. Said sum to be raised by issuance of serial bond(s) or note(s) not to exceed **Eight Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$8,900,000)** under and in compliance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof, to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project and to take such other actions or to pass any other vote relative thereto as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. **(3/5 ballot vote required) (Submitted by Petition) (Select Board recommend 3-0)**

**YES [877]**

**NO [891]**

**Explanation of Article 05:** This Warrant Article is requesting funding for the new construction of a safety complex that would combine all emergency services in one central location on the vacant lot next to the post office. The requested funding would also cover the demolition of the existing fire station, and the possible repurposing of the current police station and recreation department building to serve the current and anticipated needs of the Town. With funds allocated at the 2021 Town meeting, a new committee was formed to investigate the need for a safety complex and to develop a conceptual design for the new facility. This committee incorporated representatives from the Fire Department, Police Department, and Town boards as well as private citizens. As designed, this facility is expected to serve New Boston's emergency services needs for the next 40 to 50 years.

**Article 06:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **Operating Budget**, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth in the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling **Five Million, Seven Hundred Twenty Thousand, Seven Hundred Twenty-seven Dollars (\$5,720,727)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **Five Million, Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Sixty-two Dollars (\$5,418,862)**, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston 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. **(Estimated Tax Impact Net of Estimated Revenue \$4.09. No change from prior year) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

YES [1207] NO [549]

**Explanation of Article 06:** The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of Town departments.

**Article 07:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000)** to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.14) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1283] NO [446]

**Explanation of Article 07:** Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle plus equipment for the year of replacement or refurbishment, the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee recommend \$130,000 each year for the next six years. This is a reduction of \$20,000 over the amount requested in previous years primarily due to removal of the hose-reel truck from the vehicle roster. The department has 7 vehicles with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise from the **Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000)**, for the refurbishing of a **Forestry Truck**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the **Fire Department Vehicles & Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the specified purchase is complete or December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. (No current year tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1333] NO [417]

**Explanation for Article 08:** The Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.), has the 2007 Forestry Truck scheduled to be refurbished in 2022 to extend the useful life based on a 15-year cycle. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 09:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed into the existing **Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund** to maintain the Emergency Management communications and related system. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1581] NO [376]

**Explanation of Article 09:** In 2020 the Town voted to establish an Emergency Management Capital Reserve Fund for the collection of funds to maintain the Emergency Services communications and related systems. Beginning in 2022, the C.I.P. Committee is requesting a \$20,000 annual deposit into this fund to meet the needs of the radio tower maintenance scheduled in 2027. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. (Estimated Tax Impact \$0.13) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1231] NO [509]

**Explanation of Article 10:** The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of three full-sized 6-wheel dump trucks, one 6-wheel water truck and four 10-wheel trucks with plows. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise from the **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund** and appropriate the sum of **Four Hundred, Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$420,000)**, for the purchase of **two 10-wheel dump trucks with plows**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said amount from the **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until these specified purchases are complete or December 31, 2024, whichever comes first. **(No current year tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1218]**      NO [529]

*Explanation of Article 11:* It is the recommendation of the Road Agent to purchase two 10-wheel dump trucks with plows to replace 2 6-wheel trucks that were due to be replaced in 2022. The Road Agent found a package deal for two new 10-wheel trucks, which are expected to last longer than the 6-wheel trucks, at \$210,000 each. The life cycle for this type of vehicle is 15-years. One of the older trucks may be retained as a spare plow truck. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.05) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1240]**      NO [498]

*Explanation of Article 12:* This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader and backhoe on a 12-year to 15-year replacement cycle. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1365]**      NO [372]

*Explanation of Article 13:* To keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long-term plan for upkeep and construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the C.I.P. Committee spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund** and appropriate the sum of **One Hundred Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000)**, for the **Howe Bridge Repair**, and furthermore to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. **(No current year tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1384]**      NO [361]

*Explanation of Article 14:* Repairs on the Howe Bridge are planned for 2022 as recommended and scheduled by the C.I.P. Committee.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000)** for **Road Improvements**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the road improvements are complete or until December 31, 2025, whichever comes first. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.09) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1347]**      NO [393]

**Explanation for Article 15:** This yearly funding of road work is what has prevented New Boston from needing multi-million-dollar bond(s) to repair severely deteriorated roads. The C.I.P. Committee included \$85,000 on the schedule of road improvement projects for this year and this will continue in each of the next 6 years.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000)**, the second of a two-year appropriation request for the purpose of **constructing a Highway Department Garage Addition** on Old Coach Road. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2026, whichever comes first. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.04) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 2-1, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

YES [1132]      NO [609]

**Explanation of Article 16:** This is the second year of a two-year funding project approved by the C.I.P. Committee to add an attached addition to the current highway garage building. By providing shelter from the elements, this will extend the life and decrease the amount of downtime of frontline highway equipment. The total cost is \$70,000.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to change the **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** by adding a Caterpillar CS44 vibratory roller to the existing inventory. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

YES [961]      NO [775]

**Explanation of Article 17:** Recommendation of the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee as the vibratory roller was not previously included in a replacement schedule as part of the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 18:** To see if the town will vote to change the **Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund** by adding a 2018 Komatsu excavator to the existing inventory. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

YES [1010]      NO [723]

**Explanation of Article 18:** Recommendation of the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee as the excavator was not previously included in a replacement schedule as part of the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$201,233)** for Town road-related upgrades and other road improvements, to be offset by revenue from the State of New Hampshire **Highway Block Grant Program** estimated to be **Two Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$201,233)**. If the full amount of the Highway Block Grant is not received, the remainder will come from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the said funds are expended or until December 31, 2027, whichever comes first. **(No funds to be raised by taxation if the full amount of the Highway Block Grant Fund is received) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

YES [1402]      NO [345]

**Explanation of Article 19:** This article is to accept the State of New Hampshire Highway Block Grant revenue and to expend for purposes allowed under said program. The amount received is calculated based upon the Town's population in proportion to the entire State of New Hampshire's population and based upon the Town's Class IV and V road mileage in proportion to the total statewide Class IV and V mileage.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust Fund** per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of maintaining, improving, and renovating Town municipal facilities and to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)** to be placed in this fund, with the amount to come from taxes.

Further, to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1194]**      NO [521]

**Explanation of Article 20:** This fund will provide for the maintenance, upkeep and improvement of all town government facilities to ensure that they are well maintained and do not fall into disrepair. A facilities maintenance inventory schedule will be established to effectively and efficiently utilize said fund.

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000)**, to be deposited into the **G.I.S. Mapping System Capital Reserve Fund**, for the first of three annual appropriations. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.06) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [721]**      **NO [965]**

**Explanation of Article 21:** Five years ago, this project was brought to the Capital Improvement Program (C.I.P.) Committee. It entails the implementation of a computerized **Geographic Information System (G.I.S.)**, to track the Town's tax maps and provide detailed information not available when utilizing our paper maps. This project will include review of existing parcels and re-mapping for accuracy. The C.I.P. Committee placed this project on the schedule with a funding request of \$60,000 per year over three years, from 2022 – 2024.

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Police Details Expendable Trust Fund** created in 2014. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1410]**      NO [280]

**Explanation of Article 22:** This Expendable Trust was originally set up to cover the cost of details for the New Boston Parent Teacher Association (PTA), *Kick off to Spring 5K*. The PTA is no longer sponsoring this event, so this Police Details Expendable Trust fund is no longer needed.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the **Transfer Station Machinery and Equipment Expendable Trust** created in 2011. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. **(No tax impact) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1522]**      NO [277]

**Explanation of Article 23:** In 2021 the Town voted to create a Recycling Revolving account. The machinery and equipment utilized for the recycling program will be purchased with the funds from the Recycling Revolving account.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000)** to be added to the existing **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund**. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.03) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1044]**      NO [644]

**Explanation of Article 24:** As required by State Law (RSA 75:8-a), and the New Hampshire Constitution, the Town must revalue all real estate so that all assessments are at full and true value at least as often as every fifth year. A total amount of \$150,000 is the final estimated cost to complete a revaluation of all town properties in 2026. The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. recommendation and scheduling.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000)**, the second-year funding request to be added to the existing **Record Retention Expendable Trust** for digitizing the

Town of New Boston's records that require long term/permanent storage. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.02) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [984]**      NO [702]

**Explanation of Article 25:** This article is to fund a multi-year project which entails the scanning of Town records from all departments. It is estimated to cost approximately \$80,000 for this 4-5-year undertaking. This will ensure the long-term security of the records, free up additional valuable space, especially at Town Hall, and make this information more readily accessible to employees and where appropriate, the public. In 2021, the first year of this project, the Building Office had all the building files scanned and saved electronically. As a result of this work, they were able to remove 15 file cabinets and remodel the office which now has 4 workstations (only 3 were in place before due to space constraints).

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,850)** for the purpose of supporting the New Boston Fourth of July Association, a non-profit organization, by funding a portion of the cost of the **Fourth of July fireworks** and cover the costs of **mandatory police details** for the parade and the fireworks event. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.01) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1257]**      NO [447]

**Explanation of Article 26:** The Town's portion of funding in support of the Fourth of July celebration had traditionally been part of the operating budget. Due to the possibility of a default budget in 2021, it was determined that this funding would be better served as a separate appropriation placed before the voting public.

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the governing body to **Select Board** from **Board of Selectmen**. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1178]**      NO [491]

**Explanation of Article 27:** All other boards, commissions and committees of New Boston reflect a gender-neutral title, therefore it is recommended to utilize the title of Select Board when referring to the Town of New Boston's governing body.

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will modify the Elderly Exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Boston, based on increased assessed values, for qualified taxpayers as defined in RSA 72:39-b, to be as follows: for a person between 65 – 74 years of age, increase from \$88,000 to \$119,000; for a person between 75 – 79 years of age, increase from \$121,000 to \$163,500; and for a person 80 years of age or older, increase from \$176,000 to \$238,000. And further to increase by \$2,000 the maximum income allowed as follows: a single person from \$35,000 to \$37,000 and a married couple from \$45,000 to \$47,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$94,500 excluding the value of the person's residence and the first two acres of land. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1395]**      NO [307]

**Explanation of Article 28:** This exemption serves some of our most vulnerable seniors and allows them to stay in their home here in New Boston. The previous exemption amounts were voted in at the March 13, 2007 Town Meeting. Due to the sharp increase in values of properties in 2021 in New Boston, we are recommending that the exemption amounts are increased to keep pace with the increases in property valuations. Given the increases in the cost of living, we are also increasing the maximum income and asset amounts for qualification for the exemption, which is in line with the limits the State of NH uses for qualification of the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners' Property Tax Relief.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will modify the Disability Exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Boston, based on increased assessed values, for qualified taxpayers as defined in RSA 72:37-b, to be as follows: for a person who qualifies, the exemption shall be increased from \$70,400 to \$96,000. And further to increase by \$2,000 the

maximum income allowed as follows: a single person from \$35,000 to \$37,000 and a married couple from \$45,000 to \$47,000 and own net assets not in excess of \$94,500 excluding the value of the person's residence and the first two acres of land. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1344]**      NO [341]

***Explanation of Article 29:*** The previous exemption amounts were voted in at the March 13, 2007 Town Meeting. Due to the sharp increase in values of properties in 2021 in New Boston, we are recommending that the exemption amounts are increased to keep pace with the increases in property valuations. Given the increases in the cost of living, we are also increasing the maximum income and asset amounts for qualification for the exemption, which is in line with the limits the State of NH uses for qualification of the Low and Moderate Income Homeowners' Property Tax Relief.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to change the percentage distribution on Land Use Change Tax collected pursuant to RSA 79-A:25 **from 60% to 100%** for the New Boston Conservation Commission, in accordance with RSA 36-A:5, III, as authorized by RSA 79-A:25, II. If adopted, this article shall take effect April 1st, and remain in effect until altered by a future vote of the town meeting. **(Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)**

**YES [892]**      NO [751]

***Explanation of Article 30:*** The Land Use Change Tax (LUCT) will not change. It is assessed at 10% of fair market value at the time of land use change. The purpose of the LUCT is to act as a disincentive for the conversion of open space land for the purposes of development. The Land Use Change Tax monies have been allocated to the New Boston Conservation Commission at 60% with the remainder going to the general fund since the 2003 Town Meeting vote. This change is being requested due to an increased demand for funds to protect dwindling open space land by creating conservation developments, acquiring land in fee (purchased land) and by purchasing conservation easements. This is important for our community to maintain New Boston's rural character, protect our clean water (especially along the Piscataquog River and its tributaries), allow for wildlife corridors and healthy wildlife habitats and to prevent the tax increases that accompany new subdivisions and building of new homes.

**Article 31:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Two Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-five Dollars (\$2,465)** for funding the additional cost of **Police and Fire dispatch services** contracted through the Town of Goffstown. If Article 6 (Operating Budget) passes this article will become null and void. **(Estimated Tax Impact \$0.003) (Majority vote required) (Select Board recommend 3-0 and Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)**

**YES [1311]**      NO [382]

***Explanation of Article 31:*** The contracts for Police and Fire dispatch services with Goffstown will increase by \$2,465 in 2022. \$800 dollars for the Fire Department and \$1,665 for the Police Department. Pursuant to RSA 40:13, which became effective August 24, 2018, increases in contracts cannot be included in a default budget if the budget were to fail. The requested funds cover only the contract increases should the budget fall to default. This would enable the Police and Fire Department to continue dispatch services throughout 2022.

**Article 32:** To act on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

*Please Note:*

*The estimated tax impact noted in the articles are only estimates and will likely change at the time the 2022 tax rate is set next October. The estimates are based on the 2021 tax rate setting total Town evaluation (\$927,870,692), which will likely change in 2022. Revenues are based on estimates and will also change at the time of tax rate setting in 2022. The revenue total used to calculate the net impact of the operating budget does not include any use of fund balance at tax rate setting.*



## 2022 Town of New Boston Report by Southern NH Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) provides a wide range of services and resources to help member communities with a variety of land use planning and transportation challenges. Each year, with the approval of appointed representatives, the Commission’s skilled staff designs and carries out programs of regional significance mandated by New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations. The Commission also works with Community staff, land use board volunteers, and governing boards on a variety of local projects.

Often, community stakeholders request assistance from SNHPC for traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle counts, grant assistance, specific studies, mapping, and facilitation services. Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner as SNHPC carries out projects of common interest and benefit to all member communities; and keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulations.

In 2022, the Commission provided the Town of New Boston with assistance on a number of local planning efforts including:

- Conducting traffic counts and providing pedestrian counts,
- Providing technical assistance to propose short- and long-term solutions for connecting the New Boston and Goffstown Rail Trails,
- Creating an outreach video for the New Boston Shuttle, and
- Completing a New Boston population scenarios memo for the fire station committee.

The following table details services performed for the Town of New Boston during the past year and includes both hours worked specifically for the Town and for regional projects involving multiple municipalities. In the latter case, the total hours spent by SNHPC staff are divided equally by the number of communities, resulting in time allotment attributed to each community. Examples of regional projects are the development of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

Hours	Description
112	Provided oversight and administration for FTA 5310 transportation service. This federal funding stream is locally matched and supports community transportation programs that benefit New Boston.
97	Conducted traffic counts at 20 locations in the town, including NH 136 east of Pine Echo Rd which reported approximately 3,150 Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT).
80	Continued to update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment in collaboration with other Regional Planning Commissions. Provided multiple outreach opportunities including surveys, virtual community conversations, and social media options. Conducted data analysis and research on various elements that impact housing. Developed a draft report scheduled to be released in early 2023.

Hours	Description
	Hosted a virtual technical session on New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority's Housing Opportunity Planning Grant application.
34	Participated on Regional Transportation Coordinating Council (RCC) to better coordinate public and human service transportation options locally and regionally. Tasks included scoping and developing budgets for transit-related projects, serving as lead agency for FTA 5310 funds for combined Manchester-Derry-Salem region, and coordinating with stakeholders to finalize and implement a regional Mobility Manager position. Additionally, staff oversaw a comprehensive update of the 2016 Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation plan by updating figures, garnering RCC and RPC input, and collating into a finished document which was approved in September.
31	Coordinated an update of the FY 2025-2034 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan which highlights transportation system improvements for the region. The process included guidance to communities, review of projects, and presentations to the TAC and MPO Policy Committees. Provided ongoing updates and revisions to maintain project funding and scheduling.
24.5	Provided technical assistance to Manchester Transit Authority including outreach, CART advisory committee, mapping and updating the Short Range Transit Plan.
20	Worked with New Boston's building department to obtain building permit data on new housing units and commercial developments in order to determine roadway network and travel pattern changes for input in the SNHPC regional travel demand model.
19	Developed a methodology for determining equity analysis areas within the region. Began investigating possible transportation related disparate impacts and adverse effects on Title VI/Environmental Justice classes and other vulnerable groups.
19	Reviewed the Town of New Boston's existing components for the regional Intelligent Transportation System Architecture for a required update. Verified architecture for compliance for federal funding.
17.5	Conducted feasibility analysis of potential sites for public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure for inclusion in a regional charging plan. Viable sites for DC Fast Charging and Level 2 charging were identified by analyzing traffic volumes and various site features and amenities including availability of Phase 3 power required at potential sites along state routes.
17	Performed a pedestrian/cyclist count on the New Boston Rail Trail at Lang Station.
13	Facilitated a "Pathways to Play" project to assess access to recreational facilities in each of the 14 communities in the SNHPC region with a goal of reducing childhood obesity. Mapped recreation facilities, conducted a region-wide survey, and continued to engage community stakeholders.
12	Provided technical assistance to propose short- and long-term solutions for connecting the New Boston and Goffstown Rail Trails.
11	Participated in the efforts of the Alliance for Healthy Aging (AHA) Transportation Committee to provide Age-Friendly Community Assistance. Worked with multiple agencies and stakeholders across the state to ensure a coordinated effort to improve transportation awareness and options for older and disabled adults, immigrants, veterans, minority, low-income, and other vulnerable populations. Worked toward a statewide transportation needs assessment (ongoing). Assisted with a statewide volunteer driver recruitment initiative that culminated with a website and multi-media outreach campaign. For more information: <a href="https://nhaha.info/volunteer-driver-initiative/">https://nhaha.info/volunteer-driver-initiative/</a>
7	Represented RPCs on the State Coordinating Council for Community Transportation (SCC) to better coordinate transportation options throughout New Hampshire; participated in monthly meetings, provided insight regarding volunteer driver program initiatives and transportation needs for older adults, and contributed to a statewide proposal to assess the transportation needs of older

Hours	Description
	adults.
7	Assisted with outreach efforts for the New Boston Shuttle including a "how-to" video and recommendations for improving access to shuttle information on the Town's website.
7	Provided technical assistance for the region's scenic byways including the General John Stark Scenic Byway Council.
5	Hired a regional Mobility Manager, a new position working to better understand transportation needs and coordinate transportation services in the region. Work focused on assisting homebound individuals to utilize existing transportation services for medical appointments and essential errands, identifying needs and barriers to transportation, understanding needs of community transportation and human service providers, and improving coordination between different services to meet the needs of all individuals.
4	Developed a regional Rail Trail Passport program in celebration of Bike to Work Month, in which one participant won an e-bike donated by a local bike shop. Worked with community representatives to provide outreach and education on local trails throughout the region.
4	Began updating the region's Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (ongoing project).
2	Completed New Boston population scenarios memo for the fire station committee.
2	Hosted CommuteSmart NH challenge to encourage multi-modal trips (transit, carpooling, bicycle, etc.) to help residents save money, reduce wear and tear on their vehicle, help relieve congested roads, and live a healthier, less stressful lifestyle.
1	Provided the New Boston Open Space Committee assistance with cluster development examples.
1	Coordinated with Rockingham Planning Commission, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, and Nashua Regional Planning Commission on a joint Safe Streets for All grant application to identify potential transportation safety improvements in the region.

Town of New Boston Representatives to the Commission

Mark Suennen (Vice-Chair)

David Litwinovich

**Executive Committee Member:** Mark Suennen (Vice-Chair)





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# SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



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## New Boston School Board

	TERM EXPIRES
Kary Jencks, Chair	2023
William Schmidt, Vice Chair	2024
Belynda Cianci	2025
Julie Kirklin	2025
Samuel Perron	2023

## Officers of the School District

	TERM EXPIRES
Keith Diaz, Moderator	2023
William Gould, Treasurer	2023
Maralyn Segien, Clerk	2023

## Administration

Brian Balke	Superintendent
Wendy Kohler	Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Dolloff	Special Education Director
Kate Magrath	Human Resources Director
Scott Gross	Business Administrator

## New Boston Central School Staff

Tori Underwood	Principal
John Bridle	Assistant Principal
Jennifer Gilliland	Special Education Facilitator
Kim Bacastow	Paraeducator
Samantha Barritt	Paraeducator
Melanie Basile	Speech Pathologist
Christian Beard	Custodian
Jennifer Bechtold	School Psychologist
Shayna Bernard	Paraeducator
Christopher Blair	Custodian
Melanie Bono	Paraeducator
Barbara Bouchard	Kitchen Assistant
Gary Bouchard	Technology Coordinator
Hannah Boulanger	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
Melissa Brennan	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
Kathy Brown	School Counselor
Melissa Buckley	Paraeducator
Colleen Carbonneau	Speech Pathologist
Conor Cass	Custodian
Heather Chalson	Art Teacher
Melinda Charles	Media Generalist
Lauren Craven	Music Teacher
Lesley Delisle	Reading Specialist Assistant
Colleen Denslow	Board Certified Behavior Analyst

Erika Desclos	Paraeducator
Laurie Dodge	Paraeducator
Christen Dudas	School Nurse
Heidi Eaton	Paraeducator
Megan Erving	Paraeducator
Jennifer Finethy	Special Education Teacher
Valerie Flanagan	Grade 5 Teacher
Jessica Fournier	Occupational Therapist
Debra Frarie	Grade 3 Teacher
Jodie Gallione	Paraeducator
Carrie Gentili	Grade 5 Teacher
Alexia Gorton	Grade 2 Teacher
Samantha Gorton	Readiness Teacher
Kelly Howe	Grade 4 Teacher
Karen Jones	Special Education Teacher
Julie Karagianis	Special Education Secretary
Alexander Kelley	Grade 6 Teacher
Heather Kilar	Custodian
Sarah Labedzki	Paraeducator
Jaclyn Lafond	Grade 4 Teacher
Courtney Lamarche	Paraeducator
Sarah Lamb Perry	Special Education Teacher
Julie Lamontagne	Grade 1 Teacher
Jillian LeBourveau	Grade 2 Teacher
Sonia Lepore	Paraeducator
Alison Lockitt	Occupational Therapist
Deborah Lynch	Grade 6 Teacher
Megan MacDonald	Paraeducator
Kathy Marchesseault	Kindergarten Teacher
Antoinette McCoy	Reading Specialist
Gary McKee	Custodian
Julie McNish	Grade 4 Teacher
Jo-Ann Miller	Principal Secretary
Kristen Mitchell	Grade 3 Teacher
Heidi Morgan	Paraeducator
Brenda Mota	Media Paraeducator
Jennifer Moulton	Grade 5 Teacher
David Mudrick	Grade 3 Teacher
Kimberly Newcomb	Grade 6 Teacher
Jennifer Parker	Paraeducator
Sarah Pearl	Paraeducator
Sara Penerian	Math Interventionist
Crystal Porto	Paraeducator
Jennifer Prive	Grade 2 Teacher
Jessica Proulx	Paraeducator
Jordan Reardon	Special Education Teacher
Dawn Ryan	Paraeducator
Dawn Shannon	Kitchen Assistant
Lisa Siemiesz	Paraeducator
Deb Smith	Kitchen Manager
Hannah Soares	Special Education Teacher
Rachael Spray	Principal's Assistant
Ryan Theman	Grade 6 Teacher
Amy Unger	Paraeducator
Amy Veilleux	Grade 1 Teacher
Lynn Wawrzyniak	Special Education Teacher

Danielle Wayland  
 Maggie Welch  
 Laura Wiggin

Reading Specialist  
 Grade 1 Teacher  
 Paraeducator

Jessica Willard  
 Jill Wilmoth  
 Morgan Winchell

Grade 1 Teacher  
 Grade 6 Teacher  
 Physical Education Teacher

2022-2023 SAU #19			
Administrator's Salaries			
Town	Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent	Business Administrator
Goffstown	\$ 129,185	\$ 96,463	\$ 95,695
New Boston	\$ 38,218	\$ 28,538	\$ 28,310
	167,403	125,000	124,005

NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT	
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM FINANCIAL	
STATEMENT	
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Local (Sales)	\$ 488
State	\$ 7,951
Federal	\$ 314,318
Reimbursements	\$ -
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 322,757</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Food & Milk	\$ 118,093
Wages and Benefits	\$ 62,509
Other	\$ 48,727
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 229,329</b>
<b>Profit/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 93,428</b>
<b>Prior Year Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 10,962</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 104,390</b>



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## October Student Enrollment 2018 – 2022

Grade	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Preschool	19	17	25	24	19
Kindergarten	43	45	21	32	30
Readiness	14	15	13	5	15
1	65	86	75	53	70
2	91	69	81	76	50
3	67	95	65	83	77
4	82	71	91	68	87
5	92	76	63	93	69
6	84	96	74	64	95
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>512</b>
Home Study	22	20	46	40	28

### Students Tuitioned to Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown High School

Grade	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
7	73	89	95	77	64
8	85	71	87	95	75
9	97	91	86	98	111
10	93	85	83	79	83
11	91	88	83	76	79
12	83	87	80	75	73
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>485</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>997</b>



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**MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
***ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE NEW ENGLAND ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS***  
***AND COLLEGES***

**Jessica Milligan, Principal**

The 2021-2022 school year at Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) was dedicated to meeting the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of our students. When schools opened in September 2021 after an unpredictable two years prior, the focus was on teaching students school routines and social and emotional skills and providing academic instruction that filled in gaps that occurred due to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

MVMS continued to utilize Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS). This school-wide initiative encourages a consistent, positive climate across all classroom settings focusing on the components of “Paws Pride”: Respect, Responsibility, Community, and Pride. This program is a proactive approach to establishing behavioral supports and provides a positive social culture for all students. All MVMS students have the opportunity to achieve social, emotional, and academic success which is why PBIS continues to be the backbone of our community.

Together as an MVMS Community, we continued to promote students’ wellness, engagement, and learning. The hard-working MVMS staff, family members of our students, and steadfast community partners, like Crispin’s House, supported our students in their pursuit for career and college readiness.

We were again able to provide extracurricular activities such as the Spelling Bee, in which James Fox, our School Bee Champion, placed fourth in the State of New Hampshire; athletics; chess club; drama club including *School House Rock* and *Romeo and Juliet’s Restaurant Wards*; and music ensemble performances. We also supported student learning with after-school homework club, individual tutoring, and access to the library media center. MVMS students went on enriching field trips to Strawberry Banke, Canobie Lake Park, Camp Lincoln, and The MS *Mount Washington*. MVMS welcomed guests back into the building such as our Artists in Residence, Theo Martey and the Akwaaba Ensemble who showcased African drumming and dancing.

MVMS continues to hold its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), is one of only eight New Hampshire middle schools recognized as a Spotlight School by the New England League of Middle Schools and continues to thrive with a positive school culture and climate. No matter what challenges have been presented to us, we have been able to adapt and move forward in the best interest of our students and will continue to do so in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Milligan  
Principal



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## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

### **Brian Balke, Superintendent**

I am honored to present this 2021-2022 Superintendent of Schools report on behalf of School Administrative Unit #19 (SAU19).

The 2021-2022 school year was an exceptionally challenging year for all members of our educational community. To think about and to reflect on the 2021-2022 school year is to think about the Pandemic. Unlike the previous school year, we knew a fair amount about the Pandemic by this point. SAU19 took advantage of state resources by creating a multi-faceted Covid testing program. At the start of the 2021-2022 school year, we offered a number of testing options for students and staff. Specifically, we offered weekly PCR testing as well as symptomatic testing. During the 2021-2022 school year, we offered “drive up” testing as one of the options for those needing testing. The SAU19 Testing program allowed participants a number of options to help keep kids in school and to minimize disruption to families. As we know, despite significant efforts to keep Covid out of our schools, the 2021-2022 saw significant numbers of infections across our communities. During the 2021-2022 school year, the SAU again partnered with the Manchester Health Department to offer Covid vaccine clinics for students and staff.

SAU19 again developed comprehensive Emergency Operations Plans (EOP) to clearly outline the approach to various mitigation measures and requirements that were put in place to protect the health of all in our schools and our community for the 2021-2022 school year. The Goffstown and New Boston School Boards adopted slightly different Emergency Operations Plans to address the Pandemic. Examples of continued mitigation measures included: physical distancing, masking, cleaning protocols, ventilation, etc. Despite our collective efforts, Covid numbers spiked in November and remained very high until February. During this time, our schools remained open and administration did everything possible to attempt to minimize the impact on teaching and learning for our students.

Many students struggled during this school year; academics and social-emotional well-being were primary concerns for our educators. We saw students struggle with mental health and behavior as well as academics. Student data showed us that students lost ground in the area of mathematics. Educators provided multiple options for additional academic tutoring for students and families who wanted it throughout the school year.

Despite everyone being tired of Covid and subsequent mitigation efforts, parents in our communities were incredibly flexible and supportive of our schools. Our communities rallied to support one another and to take care of our kids. I extend my appreciation to parents who changed schedules, drove kids to and from school, and did the best they could to raise their kids during tumultuous times. I would like to thank the community as a whole for the support our schools received during the 2021-2022 school year.

During the 2021-2022 school year, there were a number of unanticipated funding sources that provided additional revenue for our schools. These funds were used to enhance teaching and learning through additional staff and support services. SAU19 schools used these federal and state funds to support technology needs as well as addressing staffing challenges. In addition to academic tutoring, additional extra-curricular activities were created to provide opportunities for our students to connect.

During the 2021-2022 school year, all SAU19 schools continued to have per-pupil costs well below the state average while student assessment results exceed the state averages. We are proud to offer a superior education at a reasonable and responsible cost to taxpayers. The educational return on investment remains high for both communities. I believe that great schools increase property values of homes. Both Goffstown and New Boston have very active, competitive real-estate markets; great schools contribute to this immensely.

I remain grateful to our dedicated professional staff, support staff, and administrators as they work tirelessly to make our schools wonderful places to learn and grow. We are grateful to give of our time, our talents, and our passion to the youth of Goffstown and New Boston. I also offer my heart-felt gratitude to our school boards and budget/finance committee members who graciously give their time to the community. They are dedicated volunteers who give an incredible amount of their time to their communities. Lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful kids who walk through our doors every day – I am so proud of our students; we are lucky to have such great kids in our schools. Schools in Goffstown and New Boston are strong, student-centered, and focused on advancing student learning. We believe that our schools are the heartbeat of our communities; our schools are a significant draw for new people moving into our towns and absolutely promote property value and desirability. SAU19 schools with low per-pupil costs and high achievement are a good value to the taxpayers of Goffstown and New Boston.

It remains my greatest honor to serve the communities of Goffstown and New Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Balke  
Superintendent of Schools



*Photo by Jennifer Allocca*

## **New Boston Central School Principal's Report 2021-2022 Tori Underwood**

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the staff members we said good-bye to at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Robin Fillion, Preschool Teacher and Judith Limondin, School Nurse looked forward to their retirements. Deb Downing, Paraeducator, Lori Kjellander, Music Teacher, Emily Murphy, Paraeducator, Alyssa Nault, Paraeducator, Jillian Smith, Paraeducator, and Jeanne Wolhandler, COTA left us for new experiences and opportunities.

We welcomed Samantha Barritt, Paraeducator, Lauren Craven, Music Teacher, Colleen Denslow, BCBA, Christen Dudas, School Nurse, Heidi Eaton, Paraeducator, Courtney Lamarche, Paraeducator, Alison Lockitt, Occupational Therapist, and Karen White, Preschool Teacher. We were able to fill two previously unfilled positions, Melanie Basile, Speech Pathologist and Barbara Bouchard, Kitchen Assistant. We welcomed back Conor Cass, Custodian.

### **Return to Full-time**

We were very excited to be starting the school year with a full-time, in-person schedule. We appreciated everyone's understanding, as we continued to navigate the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. During the summer, the staff focused on full curricula, programming, and investigating the return of extra-curricular opportunities. It was important to everyone to support the students academically and socially/emotionally. New Boston Central School is a "Special Place to Learn and Grow."

### **Schoolwide Theme**

We focused activities around our theme, *Better Together*. It was inclusive of the adults and students, working together to re-build community that was altered by last year's hybrid/remote model of education. The staff worked to create activities and experiences for the whole school community throughout the year.

### **The Return of Traditions**

During the past eighteen months we had to forgo some of our school traditions. During the year, we brought back many traditions the school was so accustomed to experiencing. We saw a return of the Hiking Club, Garden Club, Girls on the Run and Yearbook Club (sponsored by the PTA). A huge thank you to the staff for all the planning and longer days spent making each field trip a special memory for students learning outside of the classroom.

Readiness and first grade attended a new field trip by going to Carriage Shack Farm, second grade went to Odiorne State Park and experienced the tidal pools. Third and fifth grades went on Whale Watches, each on a separate day. Fifth grade's was a make-up for the one they missed in 2020 after earning their money to attend through their Michaelmas Fair in 2019. Fourth grade enjoyed a hike at the Flume and a ride up Cannon Mountain.

### **Forestry Committee – Tree Planting**

We were pleased to resume our partnership with the New Boston Forestry Committee. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were unable to plant trees with the first graders in the spring of 2020 and 2021.

In September, the third graders (2020 first graders) planted trees with the Forestry Committee, organized by Tom Miller. The third graders and their staff appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to work together for the tree planting. In the Spring of 2022, the first and second graders (2021 first graders) had the opportunity to plant their trees, as we moved forward with the yearly tradition. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this possible.

### **Community Meetings/Awards Assembly**

Community Meetings returned for the 2021-2022 school year. A huge thank you to the Joe English advisors and the Joe English Board members for their dedication and hard work. The group met weekly after school to review student submissions for presentations and organized the Community Meetings. At the beginning of the year, we were unable to gather in large groups, so the program was live-streamed into classrooms. This was a first for Community Meetings and the group was up for the challenge. They created slide presentations and were responsible for organizing and announcing the presenters. Parents/Guardians of presenters were invited to the gym to see the presentations.

The last Community Meeting of the year saw a full return to the gym and was our first in-person assembly since 2020. The meeting was combined with the Awards Assembly and the Young Author's presentations. Mrs. Charles and Mrs. Ballou acknowledged one student from each home room with the Young Author's Award. They selected a book that would be meaningful for recipient of the award. Thank you to them and each student who submitted a writing piece.

#### **Best Bobcat Award**

Julie Kirklin, School Board Member, presented Special Education Teacher, Lynn Wawrzyniak, with the Best Bobcat Award for the 2021-22 School Year. Nomination quotes included: "Lynn has been a dedicated, compassionate teacher at NBCS for many years. She is committed to being an advocate for students, supporting her colleagues and making school a fun place to be. She puts incredible time and effort into her lesson planning and teaching so that students maintain a love for learning. She values connections and fosters relationships with her students; they know she truly cares for and about them. New Boston is a beautiful community to be a part of because Mrs. Wawrzyniak is dedicated to making a positive impact." Congratulations to Mrs. Wawrzyniak!!

#### **Sixth Grade – Camp Cody in Freedom, NH**

The sixth grade returned to Conservation Camp for the first time since 2019. They were able to stay for three overnights and four days. Special thank you to the sixth-grade teachers, paraeducators and Special Education staff for staying at camp with the students to provide student support.

What a wonderful week everyone had at camp. The students participated in an All-day Hike, Canoe Odyssey, Orienteering, Blacksmithing, and Shark Dissection, to name a few. We ate meals outside under a tent. Everyone worked on respect and care for the environment and resources. The focus of the week was the 4 Cs: commitment, cooperation, care and communication. These four concepts were weaved into everything the students and staff accomplished during the week. All day of fresh air, hard work, fun and friendship was a wonderful experience.

#### **PTA**

The PTA is an amazing group of parents, who provide many opportunities for our students. They are responsible for popcorn and ice cream days, special events, curriculum enrichment, contribute funding for sixth grade conservation camp and playground improvements. We are very grateful for all you do for the staff and students at NBCS.

#### **Thank you**

I want to thank the dedicated staff, students, parents and community for a great school year. We were *Better Together*.

Respectfully submitted,

Tori Underwood  
Principal



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

## **GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Francis J. McBride, Principal**

2021-2022 saw a bit more educational normalcy at Goffstown High School where all students returned to the in-person educational pool. Students and staff appreciated seeing each other every day, in person, knowing that there was work to be done to make up for some prior educational losses for many students. Our dedicated staff continues to strive toward our mission – Advancing Student Learning.

The quality of our whole staff continues to be a point of pride. A huge thank you to Superintendent Brian Balke, Human Resources Director Kate Magrath, the GEA Negotiation Team, The Goffstown School Board, The Goffstown Budget Committee and to our voters who helped pass a strong four-year teacher contract. Competing for qualified teaching staff in southern New Hampshire continues to be a challenge. This contract has already made a difference year one with hiring and retaining top talent. Thank you.

Shout out for our continued strong relationship with Goffstown Fire and Police Departments. These fine men and women work hard daily to keep GHS students and staff safe. A special thank you to our dedicated School Resource Officer, Matt Pelletier.

Each year Goffstown School Board gives out two awards to recognize staff members or community members who have truly gone the extra mile to support education in Goffstown. Congratulations to:

- Cornerstone Award winners – Dawn Tabor & Custodial & Maintenance Staff
- Dream Keeper Award – Bus Drivers & Durham School Services

Goffstown High School has much to celebrate this year:

Congratulations to Justin Hufft, Athletic Director at Goffstown High School, who was recognized with the Clyde W. Meyerhoefer Award by The New Hampshire Athletic Directors Association (NHADA).

Our outstanding English teacher turned Tech Ed teacher and Goffstown Adult Education Director, Advisor to Peer Outreach and Speech and Debate Team, Mr. Curt McDermott was in the final four from an original pool of well over 100 nominated for the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year.

2022 saw a full return to live dance, music, and theater in our Performing Arts Department. Five major productions, *The SpongeBob Musical*, our annual *Spring Dance Gala*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *The Nutcracker*, were all staged for our larger school community. Additionally, through a Title IV-A grant the Performing Arts Department was able to offer two unique experiences to students across the district. In the spring, we were able to produce and bring to all of the elementary schools a traveling performance of the children's story *How I Became a Pirate*. In August, a week-long dance intensive with visiting artists and instructors from across NH and New York City was held at GHS.

Congratulations to our students who represented Goffstown High School at the 2022 NH All-State Music Festival: Kaylin Emerson, Lily Hazelbaker, Hilde Hieronymus, Emily Hughes, Nikko Kendall, Ryanne McCann, and Gavin Palmer.

Congratulations to Dr. Houghton and all GHS Envirothon participants. The NH Envirothon is a science competition where NH high school students contend for a chance to compete with other teams from across the U.S., Canada, and China at the National Envirothon competition. Envirothon students compete in five categories: Wildlife Science, Soil Science, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry and Current Environmental issues – this year's topic was "Waste to Resources." Goffstown High School teams placed first and second in the overall competition.

The GHS winning team consisted of the following students: Jana Andrs, Lili Cadorette, Calvin Demers, Alex Magin, and Taryn Ouellette. These students not only finished first in the overall competition, but also finished in the top spot for each of the following categories: Aquatics, Forestry, and Wildlife. They also placed second in Soils. The following GHS students: Alec Balke, Maggie Jorczak, Hannah Laidlaw, Westley Mitchell and Ronnie Morgan finished second overall. They had second place finishes in Forestry and Wildlife and third place finishes in Aquatics and Presentation. Our alternate team, Sam Cullen and Anna Cadorette finished first in Soils and third in Wildlife.

Rho Kappa recognizes students who are academically excelling in Social Studies while providing greater opportunity for members to become civically engaged in the community. In only its second year, Rho Kappa has 58 active members. Under the guidance of social studies teacher and Rho Kappa Advisor, Andy Pyszka, Rho Kappa brought two big initiatives to GHS:

- “Picturing Women Inventors,” an exhibit that explored the inventions of 19 highly accomplished American women.
- “Count Me In” initiative which educated Seniors on how to register to vote and request absentee ballots.

Congratulations to members of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for coming in first place overall at the FBLA State Leadership Conference under the guidance of Krista Scarlett, Advisor. Congratulations to the following students who also took home individual awards: Carly Swansburg; Natalie Mellina; Brynne Van Guilder; Makayla Strickulis; Sophia Perron; Kenna Piecuch; Eva de Matteis; Jocelyn Ashford; Sophia Christinakis; Logan Cote; Harrison Spalthoff; Vincent Peng; Caitlin Smith; Emma Vigeant and Olivia Georgantas

Twelve GHS students were recognized for their work through the 2022 Scholastic Art Awards of NH. Special Kudos to Gold Key recipient Ella Scuderi for her photography entitled “Dancing in the Dark.”

Congratulations to Keira Amirault, Emily Charles, William Jones, and RYanne McCann! All four students were recognized as being members of the 50,000 highest scorers on the 2021 PSAT and qualifying for participation in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Special congratulations to RYanne McCann - Semifinalist in 2023 National Merit Scholarship Competition.

Congratulations to the following athletes:

- Antonio Kapos won the shotput event for Division 2 competitors during the winter season for Indoor Track.
- Brodie Reeves won the Division 2 state championship in wrestling for the 120-pound weight class.
- GHS boys basketball team made their first Division 1 state championship game appearance.
- Peyton Strickland won the discus event at the Meet of Champions for all divisions in New Hampshire for Spring Track.
- GHS basketball player Robby Baguidy won the Division 1 basketball player of the year award from the NH High School Basketball Coaches Association.

We remain committed to providing a top-notch academic experience for all students who enter our doors. And, as I say annually, we appreciate your continued support.



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

## **New Boston Central School Health Report 2021-2022 School Year**

With sadness, I said goodbye to the New Boston Central School Community at the end of this school year. It has been a pleasure to work with the wonderful children of New Boston Central School for the past 15 years. As I look forward to relaxation and perhaps a few visits back as a sub, I want to thank the New Boston community for its part in my journey.

Number of students (10/1/2021): 508 in school  
46 homeschooled  
Average number of student health visits per day: 38  
Average number of staff health visits per day: 3  
Percentage of visits by children with chronic conditions: 5%  
Vision and hearing screenings: 181  
Number of staff flu shots: 33  
Number of classroom presentations by nurse: 33  
Number of PCP referrals: 12  
Number of dental referrals: 3  
Number of reportable illnesses: 282 (all Covid)  
911 calls: 2 (one staff, one student)

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Limondin  
NBCS Nurse



*Photo by Chris Lippincott*

**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
DELIBERATIVE SESSION  
February 8, 2022**

School District Moderator Keith Diaz recognized a quorum of voters was present and declared the meeting open at 7:00pm. He noted this meeting is being held to prepare for the official ballot on March 8, 2022 and consideration of School District Warrant Articles. He led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Keith Diaz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Bill announced the District wanted to recognize two dedicated Board members who are moving on from the District, Wendy Lambert and Rob Witt. He thanked them for their time, four terms for Wendy and one term for Rob, and presented them with gifts as they are not running for re-election.

Keith Diaz introduced Supervisor of the Checklist Dot Marden, Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh, Assistant Town Clerk Lorraine McKim, School District Clerk Maralyn Segien, School District Treasurer Bill Gould, School Board Chairman Kary Jencks (absent), School Board members Wendy Lambert, Sam Perron, Bill Schmidt and Rob Witt, NBCS Principal Tori Underwood, Assistant Principal John Bridle, Special Education Facilitator Jenn Gilliland, Superintendent Brian Balke, Business Administrator Scott Gross, Human Resources Director Kate Magrath, Select Board members David Litwinovich, Karen Scott and Donna Mombourquette and Finance Committee Chairman Bill Gould, Finance Committee members Ken Lombard, Roch Larochelle, Mary Constance, Matt Beaulieu and Select Board Representative to the Committee Donna Mombourquette.

Approximately 51 people were present at the Deliberative Session.

Keith Diaz briefly reviewed the rules and procedures of the Deliberative Session, and invited the audience to voice any questions they may have. He confirmed that he has examined the documents and found them to be in order. The legal requirements were met and the Warrant was posted appropriately.

**ARTICLE 1**

**To choose two member of the School Board for the ensuing three years**

Julie Kirklin, Belynda Cianci, Nicole Treat and Matt Crow filed for the School Board member positions.

**ARTICLE 2**

**Shall the School District raise and appropriate as an Operating Budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and 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 Seventeen Million, Four Hundred Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty- Nine Dollars (\$17,418,529). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be Seventeen Million, Three Hundred Forty Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars, (\$17,340,548) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the School District 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. This warrant article (the Operating Budget Article) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant articles. (Majority vote required.)**

*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend  
The Finance Committee Voted 7-0-0 To Recommend*

Bill Schmidt **MOVED** to pass the warrant article as written. Rob Witt seconded the motion.

Tori Underwood presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the budget.

With no questions or discussion from the audience, Keith Diaz restated the motion to pass the warrant article as written. It **PASSED** unanimously.

### ARTICLE 3

To see if the New Boston School District will vote to approve the cost items included in the New Boston Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement reached between the New Boston School Board and the New Boston Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated Increase
2022-2023	\$217,843
2023-2024	\$160,488
2024-2025	\$170,765

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$217,843 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; this amount to be offset by \$2,909 from the Special Revenue Fund with the remaining amount of \$214,934 to be raised by taxation for the purpose of funding the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2 the Operating Budget. (Majority vote required.)

*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 to recommend  
The Finance Committee Voted 7-0-0 to recommend*

Wendy Lambert **MOVED** to pass Article 3 as written. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion.

Human Resources Director Kate Magrath presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the outcome of the New Boston Education Association Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations that determined this proposal.

Peter Bax of Wilson Hill Road noted teachers are not allowed to work while they have COVID-19 and asked if this is mandated through the contract. Kate noted DHHS Guidelines for isolation and quarantine environments will be followed.

With no further questions or discussion from the audience, Keith Diaz restated the motion to pass the warrant article as written. It **PASSED** unanimously.

Lynn Wawrzyniak moved to restrict reconsideration on Articles 2 and 3, seconded by Jennifer Allocca. This motion also passed.

### ARTICLE 4

Shall the school district vote to approve the negotiated renewal and amendment of the Authorized Regional Enrollment Agreement (AREA Agreement) between the New Boston and Goffstown School Districts which provides for the continued maintenance of AREA schools located in Goffstown to serve grades seven through twelve from the school districts of Goffstown and New Boston for a term of ten (10) years commencing on July 1, 2024 and terminating on June 30, 2034 in accordance with the proposed AREA Agreement as approved by the State Board of Education and on file with District Clerk and the administrative offices at SAU No. 19.

*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend*

Sam Perron **MOVED** to pass the warrant article as written. Bill Schmidt seconded the motion.

Business Administrator Scott Gross presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the AREA Agreement.

With no questions or discussion from the audience, Keith Diaz restated the motion to pass the warrant article as written. It **PASSED** unanimously.

#### ARTICLE 5

**To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate up to FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) for deposit into the existing New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Fund and to authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2022 Unreserved Fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2022. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)**

*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend  
The Finance Committee Voted 7-0-0 To Recommend*

Wendy Lambert **MOVED** to pass the warrant article as written. Rob Witt seconded the motion.

Business Administrator Scott Gross presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the CRF.

With no questions or discussion from the audience, Keith Diaz restated the motion to pass the warrant article as written. It **PASSED** unanimously.

#### ARTICLE 6

**Shall the School District adopt the revisions to RSA 198:4-b, II enacted in 2020, and authorize, indefinitely until specific rescission, the District to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed, in any fiscal year, 5% of the District's current fiscal year's net assessment, allows for the expenditure of the retained general funds after the School Board first holds a public hearing on the action to be taken with such funds, and further requires that an annual accounting and report of the activities of the retained general funds be presented to the School Board and published in the annual report to the District?**

*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend*

Wendy Lambert **MOVED** to pass the warrant article as written. Sam Perron seconded the motion.

Business Administrator Scott Gross presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the proposal.

With no questions or discussion from the audience, Keith Diaz restated the motion to pass the warrant article as written. It **PASSED** unanimously.

Keith Diaz thanked the School Board, administration, ballot clerks, staff and custodians. He noted voting would take place at New Boston Central School on March 8, 2022 between 7:00AM and 7:00PM. At 8:16 PM, with no further business, Keith Diaz declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maralyn Segien  
School District Clerk



*Photo by Laura Bernard*

**OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BOSTON,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
March 8, 2022**

**MARALYN SEGIEN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK**

**ARTICLE 1**

**MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD**

**THREE YEARS**  
(Vote for Two)

<u>Nicole Treat</u>	<b>680</b>
<u>Belynda Cianci</u>	<b>946</b>
<u>Matthew "Matt" Crow</u>	<b>670</b>
<u>Julie Kirklin</u>	<b>1028</b>

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*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend  
The Finance Committee Voted 7-0-0 To Recommend*

**YES 1275      NO 465**

**ARTICLE 2**

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*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 to recommend*  
*The Finance Committee Voted 7-0-0 to recommend*

**YES 1291          NO 458**

**ARTICLE 4**

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*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend*

**YES 1537          NO 212**

**ARTICLE 5**

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*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend*  
*The Finance Committee Voted 7-0-0 To Recommend*

**YES 1353          NO 400**

**ARTICLE 6**

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*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend*

**YES 1355          NO 376**

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BOSTON,  
NEW HAMPSHIRE  
March 14, 2023

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MARALYN SEGIEN  
SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

ARTICLE 1

MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL  
BOARD

THREE YEARS  
(Vote for Two)

Ashley Brochu-Braica

Kelly M. Socia

Nicole Treat

Todd Biggs

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DISTRICT MODERATOR

THREE YEARS  
(Vote for One)

Keith F. Diaz , Esq.

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DISTRICT TREASURER

THREE YEARS  
(Vote for One)

Bill Gould

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DISTRICT CLERK

THREE YEARS  
(Vote for One)

Maralyn Segien

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*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0-0 To Recommend*

YES  NO

**ARTICLE 3**

Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate up to One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) for deposit into the existing New Boston Central School Facilities Renovation and Repair Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the use of that amount from the June 30, 2023 Unreserved Fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2023? This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)

*The School Board Voted 5-0-0 To Recommend  
The Finance Committee Voted 6-0-0 To Recommend*

YES  NO



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**New Boston School District  
2023-2024 Expenditure Budget**

Function		2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Appropriation	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Change from 2022-2023 Appropriation	% Change from 2022-2023 Appropriation
<b>1100-1199</b>	<b>Regular Education</b>	\$ 10,356,049	\$ 11,392,684	\$ 11,784,526	\$ 391,842	3.44%
<b>1200-1299</b>	<b>Special Education</b>	\$ 2,044,493	\$ 2,260,368	\$ 2,509,108	\$ 248,740	11.00%
<b>1300-1399</b>	<b>Vocational Programs</b>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1410	Co-Curricular	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,072	\$ 17,072	0.00%
1420	Athletics	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1430	Summer School Programs	\$ 57,534	\$ 70,626	\$ 95,902	\$ 25,276	35.79%
<b>1400-1499</b>		\$ 57,534	\$ 70,626	\$ 112,974	\$ 42,348	59.96%
1600	Adult Education Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1810	Field Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>1600-1899</b>		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2120	Guidance	\$ 106,065	\$ 110,168	\$ 112,934	\$ 2,766	2.61%
2125	Guidance Records	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2130	Health Services	\$ 112,684	\$ 111,998	\$ 110,973	\$ (1,025)	-0.91%
2140	Psychology Services	\$ 169,159	\$ 13,420	\$ 3,620	\$ (9,800)	-73.03%
2150	Speech Pathology and Audio	\$ 75,872	\$ 192,207	\$ 174,440	\$ (17,767)	-9.24%
2163	Occupational Therapy	\$ 131,827	\$ 140,520	\$ 129,223	\$ (11,297)	-8.04%
2180	Other Student Support Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2190	Outside Consultants	\$ 12,874	\$ 8,900	\$ 8,900	\$ -	0.00%
<b>2000-2199</b>		\$ 608,480	\$ 577,213	\$ 540,090	\$ (37,123)	-6.43%
2210	Summer Curriculum Development	\$ 1,940	\$ 6,765	\$ 8,678	\$ 1,913	28.28%
2212	Professional Book and Printed	\$ 401	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
2213	Staff Development and Training	\$ 2,113	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -	0.00%
2222	Information Center Services	\$ 137,410	\$ 148,553	\$ 159,660	\$ 11,107	7.48%
2290	Technical Support Services	\$ 85,748	\$ 98,253	\$ 101,003	\$ 2,750	2.80%
<b>2200-2299</b>		\$ 227,613	\$ 265,571	\$ 281,341	\$ 15,770	5.94%
2311	School Board	\$ 15,035	\$ 15,937	\$ 18,055	\$ 2,118	13.29%
2313	Treasurer	\$ 809	\$ 1,079	\$ 1,330	\$ 251	23.26%
2314	District Meeting	\$ 1,531	\$ 2,351	\$ 2,351	\$ -	0.00%
2317	Audit Services	\$ 8,840	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,700	\$ -	0.00%
2318	Legal Services	\$ 11,822	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
<b>2310-2319</b>		\$ 38,036	\$ 39,067	\$ 41,436	\$ 2,369	6.06%
<b>2321</b>	<b>SAU Services</b>	\$ 516,836	\$ 620,244	\$ 556,810	\$ (63,434)	-10.23%
2410	Administration	\$ 513,591	\$ 534,287	\$ 557,327	\$ 23,040	4.31%
2490	Other Student Support Services	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
<b>2400:2499</b>		\$ 513,591	\$ 536,787	\$ 559,827	\$ 23,040	4.29%
2519	Other Fiscal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1	0.00%
2620	Building Operations	\$ 488,729	\$ 512,559	\$ 572,052	\$ 59,493	11.61%
2630	Care and Upkeep of Grounds	\$ 13,010	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700	\$ -	0.00%
2640	Equipment Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
2660	Public School Infrastructure	\$ 4,793	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
<b>2600-2699</b>		\$ 506,532	\$ 521,759	\$ 581,252	\$ 59,493	11.40%

Function		2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Appropriation	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Change from 2022-2023 Appropriation	% Change from 2022-2023 Appropriation
2721	Transportation	\$ 563,760	\$ 700,142	\$ 700,142	\$ -	0.00%
2722	Special Needs Transportation	\$ 163,288	\$ 260,047	\$ 267,849	\$ 7,802	3.00%
2725	Field Trip Transportation	\$ 12,278	\$ 6,896	\$ 6,896	\$ -	0.00%
2790	Other Transportation	\$ -	\$ 3,077	\$ 3,264	\$ 187	6.08%
<b>2700-2799</b>		<b>\$ 739,327</b>	<b>\$ 970,162</b>	<b>\$ 978,151</b>	<b>\$ 7,989</b>	<b>0.82%</b>
2800	Other Professional Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
<b>2800-2999</b>		<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4100-4300</b>	<b>Land Acquisition</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ 3</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4500</b>	<b>Building and Construction</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>4600</b>	<b>Building Improvements</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>5110</b>	<b>Debt Service - Principal</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>5120</b>	<b>Debt Service - Interest</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>5221-5222</b>	<b>Fund Transfers</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 2</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	
<b>5251</b>	<b>Transfer to Capital Reserve</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (50,000)</b>	
<b>5222</b>	<b>Transfer to Food Service</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Fund 10	Total General Fund**	\$ 15,608,491	\$ 17,304,486	\$ 17,945,522	\$ 641,036	3.70%
Fund 21	Food Service Fund ***	\$ 229,328	\$ 178,977	\$ 196,649	\$ 17,672	9.87%
Fund 22	Federal Grants Fund ***	\$ 229,285	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 100,000	50.00%
Total New Boston School District		\$ 16,067,104	\$ 17,683,463	\$ 18,442,171	\$ 758,708	4.29%

Note:

The proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 column equals the MS-27 operating budget posted with the warrant.

\*\* 2021-2022 Actuals include encumbered funds and impact of COVID 19 on school operations

\*\*\* Federal Funds increased significantly during COVID 19 years



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**New Boston School District  
FY 2023-2024 ESTIMATED Revenues**

**New Boston School District  
FY 2023-2024 Revenues (Estimate)**

		2022-23 Actuals	2023-24 Proposed
<b>LOCAL REVENUE FROM OTHER THAN TAXES</b>			
1300-1349	Regular Education Tuition	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
1600-1699	School Lunch Sales	\$ 116,977	\$ 134,649
1700-1799	Student Activities		
1800-1899	Community Service Activities		
1900-1999	Other Local Revenue	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	<b>Local Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 128,477</b>	<b>\$ 149,149</b>
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>			
3210	School Building Aid		
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		
3220	Kindergarten Aid		
3230	Special Education Aid	\$ 25,000	\$ 30,000
3240-3249	Vocational Aid (AREA Vocational Trans)		
3250	Adult Education		
3260	Child Nutrition		\$ 2,000
3270	Driver Education	\$ 2,000	
3290-3299	Other State Sources	2193	
	<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 29,193</b>	<b>\$ 32,000</b>
<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>			
4100-4539	Federal Programs / Grants	\$ 200,000	\$ 300,000
4540	Vocational Education	\$ -	
4550	Adult Education	\$ -	
4560	Child Nutrition Programs	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
4570	Disabilities Programs	\$ -	
4580	Medicaid Distribution	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000
4590-4999	USDA Commodities	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Federal Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 270,000</b>	<b>\$ 365,000</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>			
5110-5139	Sale of Bonds	\$ -	\$ -
5140	Reimbursement of Anticipation Notes	\$ -	\$ -
5221	Transfer from Food Service SR Fund	\$ -	\$ -
5222	Transfer from Other SR Funds	\$ 2,909.00	\$ -
5230	Transfer from Capital Project Funds	\$ -	\$ -
5251	Transfer from Capital Reserve Funds	\$ -	\$ -
5252	Transfer from Expendable Trust Funds	\$ -	\$ -
5253	Transfer from Non-Expendable Trust	\$ -	\$ -
5300-5699	Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -
9997	Supplemental Appropriation (Contra)	\$ -	\$ -
	<b>Other Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 2,909.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
		<b>2022-23 Actuals</b>	<b>2023-24 Proposed</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL SCHOOL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 430,579</b>	<b>\$ 546,149</b>

**New Boston School District  
FY 2023-2024 ESTIMATED Revenues**

	2022-23 Actuals	2023-24 Proposed
<b>Unassigned Fund Balance (MS-25)</b>	\$ 1,803,091	\$ 1,250,000
<b>Less Voted from Fund Balance</b>	\$ 50,000	\$ 150,000
<b>Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes</b>	\$ 1,128,091	\$ 700,000
<b>Fund Balance Retained (2.5%)</b>	\$ 625,000	\$ 400,000
<b>Total Revenues and Credits</b>	\$ 1,608,670	\$ 1,396,149
<b>Assessment Overview</b>		
<b>General Fund Appropriation</b>	\$ 17,304,486	\$ 17,945,522
<b>Food Service Appropriation</b>	\$ 178,977	\$ 196,649
<b>Special Revenue Appropriation</b>	\$ 202,909	\$ 300,000
<b>Warrant Article CRF (UFB)</b>	\$ -	\$ 150,000
<b>Warrant Article - Building Improvements</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Warrant Article- Teacher CBA</b>		
<b>Total Appropriation</b>	\$ 17,686,372	\$ 18,592,171
<b>LESS TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS</b>	\$ 1,608,670	\$ 1,396,149
<b>NET LOCAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATION</b>	\$ 16,077,702	\$ 17,196,022
<b>Net Education Grant (Adequacy)</b>	\$ 3,199,993	\$ 2,920,967
<b>Locally Retained State Ed Tax (SWEPT)</b>	\$ 990,497	\$ 1,371,923
<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Effort</b>	\$ 11,887,212	\$ 12,903,132



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## ***INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT***

To the Members of the School Board  
New Boston School District  
New Boston, New Hampshire

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

#### ***Adverse and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the New Boston School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### **Summary of Opinions**

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

#### ***Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the New Boston School District, as of June 30, 2022, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Unmodified Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the New Boston School District as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and the respective budgetary comparison for the general fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

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

#### ***Basis for Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities***

As discussed in Note 12-B to the financial statements, management has not recorded the long-term costs of retirement health care costs and obligations for other postemployment benefits in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the assets, liabilities, decrease the net position, and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities has not been determined.

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***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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

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

***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

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

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

***Change in Accounting Principle***

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

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

- Management's Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of School District Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of School District Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits, and
- Notes to the Required Supplementary Information

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

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

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

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

January 23, 2023  
Concord, New Hampshire

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the New Boston School District ("District"), we offer readers of the District's Financial Statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the District for the year ended June 30, 2022. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the District's financial statements.

### 1. Financial Highlights

- The assets and deferred outflow of resources of the District fell short of its liabilities and deferred inflows of resources at the close of the most recent year by \$(2,477,658) (*net position*). Of this amount, (\$3,709,671) (*unrestricted net position*), had it been positive, may have been used to meet the government's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors. The negative unrestricted net position is attributable to the reporting of the District's proportional share of the actuarially determined retirement system's unfunded pension liability less the system's net position ("net pension liability"). Reporting the District's proportional share of the net pension liability does not impact the District's ability to meet its current obligations.
- The District's total net position changed by \$479,614 (\$2,957,272 in FY 21).
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$2,489,759, a change of \$331,264 in comparison with the prior year \$2,158,495.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the District had \$1,128,091 remaining in unassigned fund balance. This money is available for spending at the District Town Meeting's discretion or for tax relief. In addition, \$625,000 has been assigned and retained for contingency in accordance with RSA 198:4-bII.
- Per GASB Statement Nos 68 and 71, the District is required to record its related share of net pension liability of the New Hampshire Retirement System. The net pension liability is the District's proportionate share of the retirement system's actuarially determined unfunded pension liability less the system's net position. This amount is reported only on the government-wide financial statements and has no impact on the fund financial statements of the District. At the end of the most recent year, our net pension liability is \$5,222,776.

### 2. Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements are comprised of four components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, 3) notes to the financial statements, and 4) required supplementary information. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

#### Government-wide Financial Statements.

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

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the District's assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference between the items reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event

giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the time of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g. earned but unused vacation leave).

The governmental activities of the District include administration, instruction, support services, operations and maintenance, transportation, and non-instructional services.

**Fund Financial Statements.** A *fund* is a group of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District are governmental funds.

**Governmental Funds.** *Governmental Funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

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

The District maintains four individual governmental funds. Information is presented in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the general fund which is considered to be a major fund. Data from the other three funds are combined into a single, aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these non-major governmental funds is provided in the form of *combining statements* elsewhere in this report.

The District adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general, food service, and grants funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the major general fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

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

**Other Information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents *required supplementary information* that is required to be disclosed by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America which includes this management discussion and analysis, the Schedule of School District's Proportioned share of Net Pension Liability, Schedule of School District Contributions – Pensions, Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability, Schedule of the District Contributions – Other Postemployment Benefits. Other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. This includes the combining and individual fund schedules.

### 3. Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred outflows of resources fell short of the liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$2,477,658 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The largest portion of the District's net position \$1,127,623, reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, and equipment and furnishings), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The following is a summary of condensed statement of net position and statement of activities for government-wide financial data for the current and prior fiscal years.

#### New Boston School District's Condensed Statement of Net Position

Summary of Net Position Governmental Activities			
	2022	2021	% Change 2021-2022
Current and Other Assets	\$3,846,003	\$ 2,543,888	51.19%
Capital Assets	1,154,440	1,228,303	-6.01%
Total Assets	<u>5,000,443</u>	<u>3,772,191</u>	32.56%
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,502,405	2,205,959	-31.89%
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	5,901,515	8,454,052	-30.19%
Other Liabilities	333,842	374,844	-10.94%
Total Liabilities	<u>6,235,357</u>	<u>8,828,896</u>	-29.38%
Deferred Inflows of Resources	2,745,149	106,526	2476.98%
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,127,623	1,212,718	-7.02%
Restricted Net Position	104,390	10,962	852.29%
Unrestricted Net Position	(3,709,671)	(4,180,952)	-11.27%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (2,477,658)</u>	<u>\$ (2,957,272)</u>	-16.22%

Summary of Changes in Net Position  
Governmental Activities

	2022 Amount	2021 Amount	\$ Difference	% Difference
<b>Revenues:</b>				
<b>Program Revenue:</b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 12,492	\$ 10,064	\$ 2,428	19.44%
Operating Grants and Contributions	591,200	733,762	(142,562)	-24.11%
<b>General Revenue:</b>				
School District Assessment	11,199,668	10,621,468	578,200	5.16%
Unrestricted Grants	4,497,031	5,304,153	(807,122)	-17.95%
Miscellaneous & Interest	130,499	66,442	64,057	49.09%
Total Revenues	<u>16,430,890</u>	<u>16,735,889</u>	<u>(304,999)</u>	<u>-1.86%</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Instruction	\$ 12,565,388	\$ 13,144,511	\$ (579,123)	-4.61%
Support Services:				
Student	593,071	771,027	(177,956)	-30.01%
Instructional Staff	219,096	251,696	(32,600)	-14.88%
General Administration	38,035	61,818	(23,783)	-62.53%
Executive Administration	488,769	502,269	(13,500)	-2.76%
School Administration	520,448	560,981	(40,533)	-7.79%
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	557,814	687,887	(130,073)	-23.32%
Student Transportation	739,326	629,750	109,576	14.82%
Noninstructional Services	229,329	123,787	105,542	46.02%
Total Expenses	<u>15,951,276</u>	<u>16,733,726</u>	<u>(782,450)</u>	<u>-4.91%</u>
Change in Net Position	479,614	2,163	477,451	99.55%
Net Position, beginning	(2,957,272)	(2,959,435)	2,163	-0.07%
Net Position, ending	<u>\$ (2,477,658)</u>	<u>\$ (2,957,272)</u>	<u>\$ 479,614</u>	<u>-19.36%</u>

**Governmental Activities.** As noted above, governmental activities net position changed by \$479,614. Key elements of this change are as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Total net change in governmental funds fund balance:	
General Fund	\$ 232,903
Other Governmental Funds	98,361
	<u>331,264</u>
Depreciation expense, net of capital asset additions	(73,863)
Change in notes payable	(11,232)
Change in accrued interest payable	583
Change in compensated absences	(107,500)
Change in net pension liability, net of deferred resources	301,586
Change in net OPEB liability, net of deferred resources	38,776
	<u>38,776</u>
Total net change	<u>\$ 479,614</u>

**4. Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As noted earlier, fund accounting is used to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

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

As of the end of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$2,489,759, which is a change of \$331,264 (\$2,158,495 in FY21) in comparison with the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund	\$2,336,614
Other Governmental Funds:	
Food Service Fund	104,390
Student Activity Funds	48,755
	<u>48,755</u>
Total	<u>\$2,489,759</u>

**5. General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

The general fund is what most people think of as "the budget" since it is the fiscal point of the First Session of Annual Meeting (Deliberative) and largely supported by locally raised taxes. The general fund ended the fiscal year with an unassigned fund balance of \$1,753,091 of which \$1,128,091 will be returned to the taxpayers in 2022-2023 and \$625,000 will be retained in accordance with RSA 198:4-bII.

**COMMENTS ON GENERAL FUND BUDGET COMPARISONS (SEE EXHIBIT D-1)**

- General fund actual revenues totaling \$15,841,349 exceeded budgeted revenues by \$19,690 (.1%)
  - **Local sources** totaling \$105,005 exceeded budget by \$15,045 due to a combination of over collection of tuition revenue and under estimation of local revenue sources.
  - **State sources** totaling \$4,530,782 exceeded budget by \$8,751 this amount is attributed to state revenues being slightly higher than expected.
  - **Federal sources** totaling \$5,894 fell short of budget by \$4,106 due to less than expected Medicaid reimbursements.
  
- General fund expenditures totaling \$15,678,304 were less than appropriation totaling \$17,160,378 by \$1,482,074.
  - **Instruction** totaling \$12,470,764 was below budget by \$1,117,072 primarily due to under expenditures in tuition charges to the Goffstown School District, as well as lower salary and benefits costs at New Boston Central School due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - **Student Transportation** totaling \$739,326 was lower than the budget of \$942,311 by \$202,985. This was a result of combining bus routes due to driver shortages.
  - **Support Services- Student** totaling \$604,483 was lower than the budget amount of \$743,225 with a variance of \$138,742. This variance is largely attributed to changes in student support needs, and challenges filling paraprofessional vacancies.

**6. Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets.** The District’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2022, amounted to \$1,154,440 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings and building improvements, machinery and equipment, and furnishings. The total change in the District’s investment in total capital assets for the current year was \$73,863 as evidenced below:

Capital Assets at Year End  
Governmental Activities

	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	%
			Change 2021-2022
Land	\$ 6,770	\$ 6,770	0.00%
Buildings & Building Improvements	4,255,772	4,255,772	0.00%
Machinery, Equipment & Furnishings	129,342	129,342	0.00%
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,237,444)	(3,163,581)	2.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,440</b>	<b>\$ 1,228,303</b>	<b>-6.01%</b>

Depreciation Expense \$ (73,863)

Additional information on the District’s capital assets can be found in the notes to the financial statements at Note 5.

**Long-Term Debt**

The table below illustrates the long-term debt of the District as of June 30, 2022. The compensated balances were calculated on vacation days and retirement stipend days for all eligible employees for compensation at retirement. In accordance with GASB 68, the calculated value of the unfunded state retirement to the District for FY 2022 is noted, Note 10.

Long-Term Debt Outstanding at Year End Governmental Activities			
	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021	% Change 2021-2022
Compensated Absences	\$ 197,500	\$ 90,000	-54.43%
Notes Payable	26,817	15,585	-41.88%
Pension Related Liability	5,222,776	7,836,085	50.04%
Net Other postemployment benefits liability	454,422	512,382	12.75%
Total	<u>\$ 5,901,515</u>	<u>\$ 8,454,052</u>	<u>43.25%</u>

**Future Budgetary Implications**

Significant activities or events, which will have an impact on future district finances, include:

- Estimating revenues and expenditures for the Grants Fund remains challenging. In FY 22 for example, the District budgeted \$110,000, yet received and expended \$229,285 in mostly federal grants. The District anticipates additional funding from ESSER II and ESSER III grant funds through FY 24-25.
- The financial impact of COVID -19 remains a challenge in terms of expenses and revenues. The budget for fiscal year 2022-23 does not include COVID-19 related expenses. State adequacy grants are based on student attendance, free and reduced meal counts and a variety of other factors that are directly impacted by the pandemic.
- The State shifting cost responsibilities to local governments may have an impact on taxation calculation.
- The unassigned Fund Balance established in this audit is intended to be returned at tax rate setting in November.
- Future budgets will continue to be developed based on actual expenditures in prior years, in particular reviewing salary and benefits. Additionally, a more accurate approach to revenues is be implemented focusing on funding derived from tuitions and other local sources.

**7. Request for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the District’s financing for all those with an interest in the District’s finances. Questions, concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Business Administrator, C/O SAU#19, 11 School Street, Goffstown, New Hampshire 03045.



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