

# NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE 2020 TOWN AND SCHOOL REPORT



## CELEBRATING OUR PETS



## Dedication H. Randall Parker

*September 13, 1936 – December 4, 2020*



Randy lived most of his life in New Hampshire, and after he finished his studies, becoming a mechanical engineer, he married Gail, his astronomy partner at Cornell. Gail & Randy Parker (pictured above dressed as HRH Queen of England & her Duke of Edinburgh at a 250<sup>th</sup> Halloween Celebration), moved to New Boston in 1963 after refurbishing a dilapidated old Grist Mill and turning it into a home where they would raise their 3 children and spend the next 57 years.

Randy always has an appreciation for nature, and in 1969 he was one of the three founding members of the New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC). The following year they discovered that the B&M Railroad was planning on selling their land in New Boston, and the NBCC was very excited at the prospect of protecting that land along the Piscataquog River. They soon realized that working within the constraints of a Town Committee was complicated and much too slow, so Randy led an effort to establish the Piscataquog Watershed Association. The PWA went on to raise funds and purchase that precious land along the river for \$25,000 and later it was transferred to the Town.

As the Town grew, Randy was there to help his community. He was on the building committee that advised the Town on renovations at Town Hall, turning the space into offices for Town employees. He also

served on the building committee in 1966, when the New Boston Central School needed an addition. The original recommendation was for a four-room addition, but after studying attendance records and projecting population growth curves, Randy suggested that by 2000, the school population would grow from 195 to 450 students. He won over residents at Town Meeting, and they voted for a six-room addition. In 2000 the student population was just over 500!

Randy was a long-time supporter of the New Boston 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association, a member of the Society for the Protection of Old Mills and continued to be an invaluable champion for the towns' Conservation Areas, but especially the New Boston Rail Trail. Over the last few years, Randy assisted with fundraising to finish the



rehabilitation of the Rail Trail. He'd also had a vision of one day having a tunnel on the Rail Trail, running under Parker Road. When the New Boston Railroad was in use, there was a wooden bridge built on Parker Road above the Railroad tracks to accommodate the trains. The tunnel would bring the trail back onto the rail bed and alleviate the need to hike up a steep hill to cross Parker road. In Randy's memory, the Conservation Commission is working to get the tunnel built.

Randy in his element, working in the woods. Photo by Barbara Thomson

Randy's engineering background and enthusiasm was vital to the planning, financing and construction of the South Branch Footbridge that connects the New Boston village to the Whipple Free Library and Post office. Randy could be seen daily walking with his trusted black lab "Henry" from his home on Mill Street, down the Mill Pond trail, across the footbridge and up to the Post Office. You will be missed Randy...

## Celebrating Our Pets Theme

We thought long and hard about what we would choose for our Town Report theme given the year we've had. The COVID-19 pandemic turned most of our lives upside-down and many of us struggled with our fear of the virus and the sadness of our isolation. Missing aging parents, not being about to hug our grandchildren and even worse, suffering the loss of a loved one at the hands of this virus was almost unbearable. For some, the comfort and unconditional love of our pets provided brightness and warmth in an otherwise stressful and scary year. For this reason, we decided to celebrate the dogs, cats, horses, cows, chickens, pigs and any other animals we consider family.



*Kevin & Polly*

*Photo by: Sharon Adler*

## Dates to Remember in 2021

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| June 8th                 | Annual Town Meeting Elections (7AM – 7PM)<br>at the New Boston Central School gymnasium |
| July 1 <sup>st</sup>     | Real Estate Property Taxes are due (first bill)   |
| December 1 <sup>st</sup> | Real Estate Property Taxes are due (second bill)  |

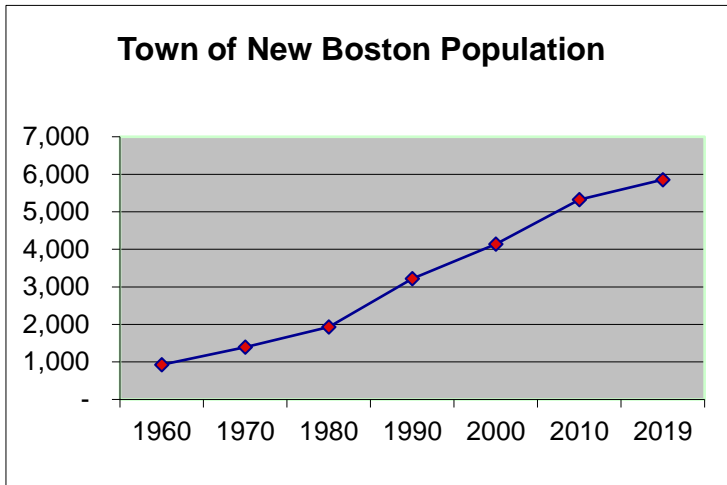


Town of New Boston  
New Hampshire  
  
ANNUAL REPORT  
for the  
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020

Population (est) - 5,789\*  
Total Area = 45 square miles

Census History

Population	Year	Increase
925	1960	
1,390	1970	465
1,928	1980	538
3,214	1990	1,286
4,138	2000	924
5,321	2010	1,183
5,857 *	2019	536



\* estimated population

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*Kaiser and Nicole*

*Photo by: Rick Keyes*

# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

## AMBULANCE/RESCUE SQUAD

Emergency Calls .....911

ASSESSING OFFICE .....487-2500 X 161

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

BUILDING DEPARTMENT .....487-2500 X 150

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Inspections by Appointment

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Hotline .....487-2500 X 188

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

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Emergency Calls .....911

Non-Emergency Calls .....487-2500 X 312

FIRE INSPECTOR .....487-2500 X 152

Inspections by Appointment

HEALTH DEPARTMENT .....487-2500 X 142

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT .....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 ..... 487-3391

Monday 9:30 am – 8:30 pm

Wednesday 9:30 am – 8:30 pm

Thursday 2:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Friday 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Town Web Site**

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



# COMMUNITY INFORMATION

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

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

## RECREATION DEPARTMENT ..... 487-2880

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
[www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation](http://www.newbostonnh.gov/recreation)

## SELECTMEN'S OFFICE.....487-2500 X 161

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## TAX COLLECTOR.....487-2500 X 171

Monday – Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR .....487-2500 X 121

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## TOWN CLERK .....487-2500 X 131

Monday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Wednesday 12:00pm – 7:00pm  
Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

## TRANSFER STATION ..... 487-5000

Tuesday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm  
Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

## WELFARE ADMINISTRATOR.....487-2500 X 121

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

**Town Web Site**

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

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

<b><u>Board or Committee</u></b>	<b><u>Schedule</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
Capital Improvements Committee	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
Emergency Management	As Posted	As Posted	As Posted
Energy Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	6:30 PM	As Posted
Finance Committee	Thursdays – As Posted (Fall-Winter)	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Fire Wards	As Posted	As Posted	Fire Station
Forestry Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	5:30 PM	Town Hall
Fourth of July Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed (Jan-Aug)	7:00 PM	Old Engine House
Historical Society	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday Every other month	7:30 PM	Wason Building

<u>Board or Committee</u>	<u>Schedule</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Joe English Grange	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7:30 PM	Grange Hall
Library Trustees	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	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	As Posted
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	As Posted
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

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

## Milestones for 2020

- Jan Worldwide COVID-19 pandemic begins
- Feb First supermoon of the decade
- Mar Governor Sununu declares State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, subsequently causing schools and business shutdowns and cancellation of most annual events and programs throughout the year. Some events continued with significant modifications.
- Apr Christine Quirk named Citizen of the Year by Joe English Grange
- May Piscataquog Land Conservancy celebrates 50 years  
Forestry Committee opens Lovejoy Educational Trail
- Jun Mr. and Mrs. Howard Towne awarded Best Bobcat Award from New Boston School Board  
Little People's Depot preschool closes after 46 years of serving New Boston families

Dr. Todd Hope donates a vehicle to the New Boston Fire Department to be used as the Department's first Command Vehicle



*Lego Photo by: Ashley Clark*



- Jul      Oldest citizen Betty Poltrack honored with a parade and a formal presentation of the Boston Post Cane!  
Fire Department EMT Captain Gina Catalano honored for 25 years and counting of service
- Aug      New Boston Firefighter Dick Moody honored for 50 years and counting of service  
Erin and TJ Dinsmoor restore Klondike Corner sign
- Sep      Lynn Leclair named Recreation Volunteer of the Year
- Nov      The Fire Department took delivery of its new Engine
- Dec      NBCS completed building envelope and complete lighting retrofit  
Mike Boyle retired as Captain of Fire Department Hilltop Company  
The Fire Department responded to 670 calls in 2020, a record



*Kola*

*Photo by: Cathy Daniels*

## Message from the Board of Selectmen

For New Boston, like so many other municipalities across the country, 2020 was a most difficult year. The coronavirus pandemic changed our lives significantly and served to make our community far more insular than ever. For a time, it seemed like everything was closed and many of us never ventured far from home.

Services in the Town of New Boston did continue however, with each department adjusting for social distancing. The Town Clerks office for example, installed a walk-up window so citizens did not have to line up in a crowded lobby. Emergency services devised protocols for departments to follow which all did with considerable skills. Another change was opening the rear door at the Town Hall to serve the Town Administrator's Office, Selectmen's office and Building Department. All departments and all the personnel within them performed most admirably to keep things going very well.

Once again, our situation was somewhat complicated by having to conduct operations under a default budget. This necessitated certain economies across the board, and our department heads adjusted their requests to stay within the 2020 default. This year, the budget being presented has a very modest increase which we hope you will support. This increase amounts to just \$80,436 over last year's default budget.

Despite the pandemic and the default budget, we did accomplish certain goals that benefited us all. These include:

- Creation of a Recreation Bus Shelter at the Highway Garage (to be completed in 2021)
- Approved continuation of bus service for seniors and handicapped individuals to Bedford, Goffstown and Manchester through the Manchester Regional Transportation Service.
- Purchase of a new backhoe for the Highway Department
- Wall mounted air conditioning and heating units for both the Police Station and Recreation Department (Old Engine House).
- Holding tank for the Bunting Fire Station to address many DES concerns about remediation of displaced water flowing through to the Piscataquog River.
- A complete measure & list of the properties in New Boston as preparation for the 2021 town-wide revaluation.

- Installation of a new water tank in the basement of the Town Hall.
- Complete outside restoration and repainting of the Old Engine House Building (Recreation Department Offices).

The Department Managers and Selectmen made great strides in bringing forth many of these projects where funding had been approved through warrant articles.



*Ruby Constance Photo by Mary Constance*

Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett volunteered to help the Highway Department dispose of some older and/or no longer needed equipment. Gerry utilized the Municibid Auction Website and posted

two older trucks, plows, a street-sweeper and a backhoe. The Town realized revenues of almost \$72,000.

Two long-time employees retired from service to the town; Jan Caswell from the Building Department and Glenn Martin from the Transfer Station. We wish them well and thank them for their many years of service.

Also, we welcomed newcomers as employees, including Sonya Fournier, Building Department, Bill Dodge, Highway Department and part-time clerk Michelle O'Sullivan at the Police Department. Also, there were two new employees hired at the Transfer Station, Michael Depetrillo and Prescott Weldon.

We also want to mention the generosity of some town residents. Ken Colbert donated carpeting and installation for the Selectmen/Assessing office at Town Hall. Gail Parker raised the funds for the creation and installation of a new "Welcome to New Boston" sign in the village square. Jim Dodge donated bark mulch to finish off the area around the new sign. The Fire Chief accepted a donation of a used vehicle for the purpose of servicing as a Command Vehicle. New residents Erin & TJ Dinsmoor noticed that the Klondike Corner sign had fallen over and was in disrepair. They volunteered to build a new sign and then installed it in a safe location.

Again, we thank all the citizens of New Boston for making it a great place to live and we look forward to seeing you at our town elections on June 8th.

Joseph Constance, Chairman  
Karen Scott, Selectboard member  
David Litwinovich, Selectboard member



## **Town Officers**

Joseph Constance, Chairman	Term Expires 2021
Karen Scott, Selectman	Term Expires 2022
David Litwinovich, Selectman	Term Expires 2023
Lee C. Nyquist, Esq., Moderator	Term Expires 2022
Kimberly Colbert, Town Clerk	Term Expires 2021
Cathleen Strausbaugh, Deputy Town Clerk	
Ann Charbonneau, Tax Collector	Appointment Expires 2023
Maralyn Segien, Deputy Tax Collector	
William Gould, Treasurer	Term Expires 2023
Stephanie Dubreuil, Assistant Treasurer	
Allen Brown, Road Agent	Appointment Expires 2022
Daniel T. MacDonald, Fire Chief	
James Brace, Police Chief	
Peter R. Flynn, Town Administrator	
Peter R. Flynn, Overseer of Public Welfare	
Daniel Kramer, Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer	
Shannon Silver, Health Officer	
Barton Mayer, Esq., Town Counsel	

## **Town Department Managers**

Library Director	Sarah Chapman
Planning Board Coordinator	Shannon Silver
Recreation Director	Mike Sindoni
Transfer Station Manager	Gerry Cornett

## **Executive Council**

Debora Pignatelli, District 5	Term Expires 2021
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## **Representatives of the General Court**

William S. Foster	Term Expires 2023
Gerald Griffin	Term Expires 2023
Keith Ammon	Term Expires 2023

## State Senator

Denise Ricciardi  
Concord, NH District 9

Term Expires 2023

## Capital Improvements Program Committee

CIP Members at-large:

Matthew Beaulieu

Appointment Expires 2022

R. Frederick Hayes, Jr.

Appointment Expires 2023

Jennifer Allocca

Appointment Expires 2023

Ex-Officio

David Litwinovich

Finance Committee Representative:

Ken Lombard

Planning Board Representative:

Ed Carroll

## Cemetery Trustees

Almus Chancey

Term Expires 2022

Gregg Peirce

Term Expires 2023

Warren Houghton

Term Expires 2021

## Conservation Commission

Laura Bernard, Chairman

Appointment Expires 2022

Louise Robie, Vice Chairman

Appointment Expires 2021

Rebecca Balke, Treasurer

Appointment Expires 2023

Elizabeth Whitman

Appointment Expires 2023

Edward Boyle, Alternate

Appointment Expires 2023

Marty Kelley

Appointment Expires 2023

David Bellemore

Appointment Expires 2023

Barbara Thomson, Alternate

Appointment Expires 2021

Lee Cronk, Alternate

Appointment Expires 2023

## **Energy Commission**

Ryan Nealley, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2023
Roger Dignard	Appointment Expires 2021
William McFadden	Appointment Expires 2023
Daryl Luter	Appointment Expires 2023
Susan Carr, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2023

## **Finance Committee**

William Gould, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2022
Matthew Beaulieu	Appointment Expires 2023
Mary Constance	Appointment Expires 2023
Kenneth Lombard	Appointment Expires 2021
Roch Larochelle	Appointment Expires 2021
William Schmidt, School Board Representative	
Board of Selectmen	

## **Fire Wards**

Richard Moody	Term Expires 2022
Brandon Merron	Term Expires 2022
Wayne Blassberg	Term Expires 2023
Joseph Segien	Term Expires 2023
Daniel MacDonald	Term Expires 2021
Cliff Plourde	Term Expires 2021
Daniel Teague	Term Expires 2021

## **Forestry Committee**

Thomas Miller, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2022
Michael Constance, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2022
Graham Pendlebury	Appointment Expires 2022
Kim DiPietro	Appointment Expires 2021
Brian Allocca, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2023
Willard Dodge	Appointment Expires 2022
David Kent	Appointment Expires 2022

## Highway Safety Committee

Selectmen	Representing Selectmen
Daniel MacDonald	Fire Department Representative
James Brace, Chairman	Police Department Representative
Allen Brown	Highway Department Representative

## Library Trustees

William Gould, Chairman	Term Expires 2022
Jennifer Allocca	Term Expires 2022
Kate Fitzpatrick	Term Expires 2022
Richard Jardine	Term Expires 2023
Elizabeth Whitman	Term Expires 2023
Richard Backus	Term Expires 2021
Craig Anderson	Term Expires 2021
Lorraine McKim, Alternate	Term Expires 2023
Thomas Rothwell, Alternate	Term Expires 2023

## Open Space Committee

David Woodbury	Appointment Expires 2022
David Grosso, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2023
Kenneth Lombard	Appointment Expires 2023
Mary Koon	Appointment Expires 2021
Peter Moloney	Appointment Expires 2023

## Planning Board

Mark Suennen, Vice-Chairman	Appointment Expires 2022
Peter Hogan, Chairman	Appointment Expires 2021
Ed Carroll	Appointment Expires 2021
Amy Sanders	Appointment Expires 2023
Selectmen Rotating Member, Ex-Officio	

## **Recreation Commission**

Christopher Hall	Appointment Expires 2022
Helen Fanning	Appointment Expires 2022
Daniel O'Brien	Appointment Expires 2023
Lynn Wawrzyniak	Appointment Expires 2023
Kenneth Hamel	Appointment Expires 2021
Michael Sindoni, Director, Ex-Officio	

## **Road Committee**

James Brace, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
George St. John, Alternate	Appointment Expires 2022
Rodney Towne	Appointment Expires 2022
Mark Suennen	Appointment Expires 2022
Denis Pinard	Appointment Expires 2022
Mark Siemiesz	Appointment Expires 2022
Mark Debowski	Appointment Expires 2023
Selectmen Rotating Member, Ex-Officio	
Road Agent, Ex-Officio	

## **Solid Waste Advisory Committee**

Floyd Guyette	Appointment Expires 2021
Transfer Station Manager, Ex-Officio	

## **Southern N.H. Planning Commission**

Mark Suennen	Appointment Expires 2022
David Litwinovich (Alternate)	Appointment Expires 2022

## **Supervisors of Checklist**

Dorothy Marden	Term Expires 2026
Sarah Chapman, Chairman	Term Expires 2022
David Mudrick	Term Expires 2024

## Trustees of the Trust Funds

Jennifer Allocca  
Wendy Lambert  
R. Frederick Hayes Jr.

Term Expires 2023  
Term Expires 2022  
Term Expires 2021

## Zoning Board of Adjustment

David Craig, Chairman  
Anthony Olivier  
Wayne Charest, Alternate  
Michael Dahlberg  
Kenneth Clinton  
Nadine Scholes, Clerk

Appointment Expires 2023  
Appointment Expires 2021  
Appointment Expires 2021  
Appointment Expires 2022  
Appointment Expires 2022



*Dusty getting a kiss from Frank Digiovanni  
Photo by: Laura Bernard*

# TOWN WARRANT



*Brother & Sister, Max & Chloe Charest      Photo by Laura Bernard*

# 2021 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, May 3, 2021 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, June 8, 2021 from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm to act upon the following:



**Article 01:**

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

Warren Houghton

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

Brad Bingham

Cliff Flourde

Dan MacDonald

Dan Teague

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

Richard Backus

Melissa Harvey

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

Joyce Arivella

Donna Mombourquette

**Town Clerk for 3 years, vote for 1:**

Kim Colbert

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

Patrick M Burke

Fred Hayes

**Article 02:** 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 five hundred twenty-three thousand, three hundred eighty dollars (\$5,523,380)**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **five million four hundred forty-two thousand, nine hundred forty-two dollars (\$5,442,942)**, 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. (Selectboard recommend 2-1, Finance Committee recommend 6-1)

**Explanation of Article 02:** 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.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 03:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)** to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle plus equipment for the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$150,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure enough money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 04:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular 6-wheel and four 10-wheel dump trucks. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 05:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of **one hundred eighty-one thousand, eight hundred twenty-six dollars (\$181,826)** from the **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund** for the purpose of payment for a replacement dump truck destroyed by fire in 2020. No tax impact (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** In 2020 one of the Town's dump trucks caught fire while being used on a road project. The truck was declared a total loss and the insurance company returned a small claim amount which was for scrap. The Town has purchased a new replacement truck whereby the payment is due in March 2021.

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 06:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal of **sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000)** from the **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund** for the purchase of a 4x4 pickup truck with plow attachment. No tax impact (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0).

**Explanation of Article:** The C.I.P. recommends that the pickup truck fleet have a replacement cycle of ten years. The new truck will replace a truck that is over ten years old and due to continued need for repairs is in dire need of replacement in 2021. If prudent, one pickup truck may be kept offline for back up and to plow snow. The pickup truck is listed for replacement on the 2021 C.I.P. schedule.

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 07:** 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**. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader and the backhoe on a 12-15-year replacement cycle.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 08:** 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**. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** The funding under this warrant article is consistent with the C.I.P. Committee recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. 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.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 09:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000)** for its share of costs for the reconstruction of the Lyndeborough Road Bridge. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2024. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** This project has been planned for a couple of years and funding previously approved was used for preliminary engineering. The Town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$250,000 of which the Town must appropriate a matching fifty percent (50%) either in cash or in-kind services. This project will entail replacing a failing culvert with a pre-formed concrete bridge.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **two hundred one thousand, seven hundred eighty-nine dollars and forty-three cents (\$201,789.43)** for Town road related upgrades and other road improvements, to be offset by the State Highway Block grant. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:7, IV. No money to be raised by taxation. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation for Article:** This amount was previously placed in the Highway Department operating budget. It is customary in the State of NH to place a separate warrant article for Highway Block Grants. Placing this as a separate warrant article increases transparency and ensures that the funds will be spent for the right purpose.

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **six hundred five thousand dollars (\$605,000)** for the purpose of **constructing and furnishing an attached addition located at the Police Station** on Old Coach Road and furthermore, to withdraw **three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000)** from fund balance and the remaining **three hundred five thousand dollars (\$305,000)** coming from taxation. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 5-2)

**Explanation of Article:** The Police Station is following a report from the Town’s 2018 Master Plan as well as one item from the 2005 Master Plan (a Building Sprinkler system). 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 roof work, siding, and septic.

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a **Transfer Station/Recycling Center Revolving Fund** pursuant to RSA 31:95-h. All revenues received by the Transfer Station Recycling

Center from fees, charges, or other income derived from the activities or service supported by the fund will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the Town's general fund balance. And furthermore, the Town Treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the revolving fund and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created which include repairs, equipment, supplies, building needs and all costs incurred for designated operations. This authorization will stay in effect until rescinded. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** This article is to authorize the Transfer Station to retain income for deposit into a special fund for the purposes detailed in the article. It is estimated that the future operating budget for the Transfer Station would be reduced by approximately \$40,000 per 12-month period if the Revolving Fund is approved.

YES [  ]      NO [  ]

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)**, the first of a two-year appropriation request for the purpose of **constructing an attached garage addition located at the Highway Department facility** on Old Coach Road. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2026. (Selectboard recommend 2-1, Finance Committee recommend 5-2)

**Explanation of Article:** This is 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.

YES [  ]      NO [  ]

**Article 14:** 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**. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** As required by State Law (RSA 75:8-a), and the New Hampshire Constitution, the Town must reappraise 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 \$160,000 is the final estimated cost to complete a full revaluation including the measuring and inspection of all properties.

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200)** for the purpose of converting all 42 existing streetlights to LED. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** The LED lighting monthly rates will be reduced by approximately 50% - 62%. Currently the Town budgets \$7,000 per year and this conversion would reduce the annual budget by between \$3,000 and \$3,500. A rebate for installation will be awarded by Eversource in the amount of \$4,150. (Original Cost -\$13,318)

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute easements and power purchase agreements that they deem to be in the best interest of the Town to establish a solar energy installation on Town property at the Transfer Station with the intent of offsetting power for that and other Town facilities in a cost-effective and sustainable manner. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee Recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** The objective is giving authority to the Board to review and sign a contract with a solar vendor. Any considered arrangement would be a zero dollar investment on the part of the town. This Warrant was brought forth to the Selectmen by the New Boston Energy Committee.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing **Record Retention Expendable Trust** and raise and appropriate **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** for digitizing the Town of New Boston’s records that require long term/permanent storage and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to expend. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

**Explanation of Article:** 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 valuable space, especially at Town Hall, and make this information more readily accessible to employees and where appropriate, the public.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eleven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$11,700)** for the first of a five-year appropriation request for providing **body cameras for the Police Department**. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 6-1)

**Explanation of Article:** This Warrant Article reflects a five-year commitment for a total cost of approximately \$58,500. The purpose is self-explanatory as this is a national topic throughout our law enforcement community.

YES [ ]      NO [ ]



**Article 19:** 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. (Selectboard recommend 3-0, Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

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

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate thirty-eight thousand dollars (\$38,000) for the development of a conceptual design package for a new Fire, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management (EM) facility in the Town of New Boston. (Selectboard recommended 3-0)

**Explanation of Article:** This Warrant Article is requesting funding to develop a conceptual design for a new fire station. A research and deeds study was completed by the fire station building committee over seven years ago. As a result of public opinion by the voters and most recently by the Board of selectmen, the Board of Fire Wards heard the message and will revisit the design of the proposed station. To accomplish this part of the project, the first step is to develop a new conceptual design package. This package will include an updated needs assessment, conceptual design and presentation graphics. The completed plan will enable the project to be put out to bid once again and bring a new proposal back to the voters for consideration at the 2022 town meeting. A new committee will be formed to manage the process through completion of the project. The committee will incorporate representatives from town boards, private citizens and representatives from the fire department. Because the previously

proposed warrant article planned for the 2021 town meeting did not get on the warrant, this petition warrant if approved, would be a prudent action to eliminate a lost year, subjecting the project to further increases. **Submitted by Petition**

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will insure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voters without gerrymandering.

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

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from town officials to New Boston’s state legislators, informing them of the demands from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. **Submitted by Petition**

YES [ ]                      NO [ ]

**Article 22:** To act on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

# FINANCIAL REPORTS



*"The Crew"*

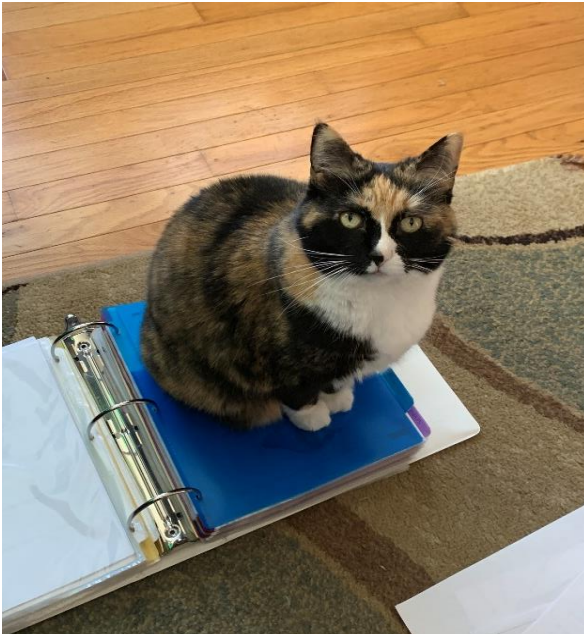
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# Budget of the Town (MS-636)

## Budget Summary

*January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021*

	2020	2021	Detail on Pages
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended	5,832,206	5,523,380	35-46
Special & Individual Warrant Articles Recommended	3,949,939	1,669,366	47
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Fund Balance	(5,395,765)	(2,868,625)	48
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be raised	4,386,380	4,324,121	



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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
<b><u>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE</u></b>			
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 6,900	\$ 6,900	\$ 8,000
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	91,186	91,186	94,343
TOWN OFFICE CLERICAL	67,978	64,611	74,502
TOWN OFFICE OVERTIME	1	-	1
LONGEVITY PLAN	1,250	1,250	1,250
HEALTH INSURANCE	29,820	29,667	30,795
DENTAL INSURANCE	1,080	1,080	1,080
LIFE INSURANCE	380	572	389
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	334	328	342
CPI RETIREMENT	7,196	6,675	7,368
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	664	526	793
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	10,374	10,001	11,042
FICA - MEDICARE	2,426	2,339	2,582
WORKERS COMPENSATION	438	438	382
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	3,400	2,735	3,400
TECHNOLOGY	28,290	29,262	28,420
ADVERTISING	1,000	3,956	1,500
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	9,612	8,896	9,784
PRINTING	750	141	750
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	5,792	5,533	6,790
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	100	81	100
OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500	2,297	3,800
POSTAGE	995	1,478	1,495
SURVEYS, DESIGNS, ENGINEERING S	1	-	1
MISCELLANEOUS	2,500	1,890	2,500
TOWN MODERATOR	600	240	240
SOCIAL SECURITY	37	-	15
MEDICARE	8	-	3
TOWN REPORT EXPENSES	2,300	2,369	2,600
<b>SELECTMEN'S OFFICE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 277,911</b>	<b>\$ 274,450</b>	<b>\$ 294,266</b>
<b><u>TOWN CLERK</u></b>			
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK	\$ 22,968	\$ 21,004	\$ 22,626
PT ASSISTANT	7,111	10,920	8,384
TOWN CLERK	29,110	29,463	28,418
ELECTION - EXTRA TIME	-	7,931	-
LONGEVITY PLAN	375	375	375
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	3,693	4,321	3,611
FICA - MEDICARE	864	1,011	844
WORKERS COMPENSATION	167	167	149
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	850	58	850
TECHNOLOGY	3,819	1,201	4,159
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	5,942	1,467	15,446

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	310	20	315
OFFICE SUPPLIES	4,950	3,730	2,950
POSTAGE	5,050	6,097	5,300
RECORD RETENTION	2,618	2,850	5,000
BALLOT CLERKS	3,783	4,481	1,040
SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST	7,600	5,029	1,014
SOCIAL SECURITY	706	184	127
MEDICARE	165	43	30
ADVERTISING	60	-	-
VOTING BOOTH EXPENSES	800	1,338	200
PRINTING BALLOTS	1,159	3,092	1,400
MISCELLANEOUS	800	1,640	800
<b>TOWN CLERK TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 102,900</b>	<b>\$ 106,422</b>	<b>\$ 103,039</b>
<b>FINANCIAL ADMIN.</b>			
FINANCE DIRECTOR	\$ 52,270	\$ 51,282	\$ 53,270
CLERICAL STIPEND	2,826	2,668	5,114
HEALTH INSURANCE	24,705	24,802	25,350
DENTAL INSURANCE	1,080	1,080	1,080
LIFE INSURANCE	138	146	141
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	120	116	123
CPI RETIREMENT	2,614	1,344	2,664
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	241	234	287
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	3,416	2,848	3,620
FICA - MEDICARE	799	666	847
WORKERS COMPENSATION	149	149	164
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	650	210	650
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	4,940	5,729	6,830
PRINTING	500	390	500
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	35	105	85
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000	830	1,100
POSTAGE	1,200	878	1,000
AUDIT	22,500	18,000	20,000
TREASURER	2,990	2,990	3,035
TREASURER-SOCIAL SECURITY	185	185	188
TREASURER-MEDICARE	43	43	44
BANK CHARGES	100	-	100
<b>FINANCIAL ADMIN TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 122,501</b>	<b>\$ 114,696</b>	<b>\$ 126,191</b>
<b>TAX COLLECTING</b>			
TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 26,607	\$ 26,640	\$ 28,549
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	393	392	440
LONGEVITY PLAN	375	375	550
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	1,697	1,699	1,831
FICA - MEDICARE	397	397	428
WORKERS COMPENSATION	68	68	62

## Budget of the Town (MS-636)

### Expenditures

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	315	-	363
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	3,398	3,186	3,573
PRINTING	450	379	1,095
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	20	20	20
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	1,200	474	900
LIEN & DEED SEARCHES	800	808	1,625
OFFICE SUPPLIES	400	241	400
POSTAGE	4,405	3,416	4,075
<b>TAX COLLECTING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 40,525</b>	<b>\$ 38,096</b>	<b>\$ 43,911</b>
<b>ASSESSING</b>			
PROFESSIONAL ASSESSING	\$ 52,000	\$ 52,983	\$ 52,000
TECHNOLOGY	5,382	5,002	5,608
TAX MAP UPDATE	1,080	8,080	1,080
<b>ASSESSING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 58,462</b>	<b>\$ 66,065</b>	<b>\$ 58,688</b>
<b>GENERAL LEGAL</b>	<b>\$ 35,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,518</b>	<b>\$ 110,294</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>			
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 22,700	\$ 115	\$ 25,350
GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE	1,080	-	1,080
LIFE INSURANCE	2,500	1	2,500
RETIREMENT (CPI) except PD	2,175	1,729	1,825
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	496	118	496
FICA - MEDICARE	116	41	116
EMPLOYEE PAYOUT AT TERMINATIC	5,000	-	5,000
TUITION REIMBURSEMENT	1,000	-	1,000
UNEMPLOYMENT	6,975	4,716	6,975
FLEX PLAN	810	395	810
EMPLOYMENT ADVERTISING	1,200	-	1,200
<b>PERSONNEL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 44,052</b>	<b>\$ 7,115</b>	<b>\$ 46,352</b>
<b>PLANNING</b>			
PLANNING BOARD	\$ 3,170	\$ 3,170	\$ 3,170
PLANNING COORDINATOR	61,713	60,753	62,373
PLANNING BOARD CLERICAL	34,474	32,338	36,325
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES	1,057	97	3,000
PLANNING CONSULTANT	7,300	2,063	9,900
PLANNING BOARD OT	840	560	1,000
LONGEVITY PLAN	1,000	1,000	1,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	19,044	19,161	19,950
DENTAL INSURANCE	684	684	684
LIFE INSURANCE	163	210	165
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	142	139	143
CPI RETIREMENT	3,086	2,830	3,119
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	285	279	336
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	6,336	5,960	6,626

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
FICA - MEDICARE	1,482	1,394	1,550
WORKERS COMPENSATION	244	244	227
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,005	257	1,005
ADVERTISING	680	342	875
REGISTRY OF DEEDS	750	173	750
OFFICE SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT	1,100	656	1,100
POSTAGE	1,500	352	1,500
BOOKS/SUPPLIES	190	133	190
SNHPC	3,836	3,836	3,960
SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,000	180	1,000
<b>PLANNING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 151,081</b>	<b>\$ 136,811</b>	<b>\$ 159,946</b>
<b>ZONING</b>			
ZBA CLERICAL	\$ 1,025	\$ 650	\$ 1,104
SOCIAL SECURITY	63	40	68
MEDICARE	15	9	16
TRAINING/CONFERENCES	120	-	120
ZBA ADVERTISING	525	462	525
ZBA SUPPLIES	150	-	150
ZBA POSTAGE	600	173	200
<b>ZONING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,498</b>	<b>\$ 1,335</b>	<b>\$ 2,183</b>
<b>GOV'T BUILDINGS</b>			
CLOCK MAINTENANCE STIPEND	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
GROUNDSKEEPING WAGES	7,222	5,460	8,652
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	528	445	617
FICA - MEDICARE	124	104	144
WORKERS COMPENSATION	613	613	539
TELEPHONE	12,360	12,599	12,780
INTERNET	2,752	1,678	1,800
JANITORIAL SERVICES	9,750	8,623	9,950
ELECTRICITY	6,600	4,658	5,880
HEATING OIL	11,123	6,678	8,330
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	15,658	4,819	14,468
DEEDED PROPERTIES	1	-	1
GROUNDSKEEPING=GOVT	9,540	3,052	9,540
LAND PURCHASE	1	-	1
FURNITURE/FIXTURES	1,000	-	1,000
<b>GOV'T BLDGS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 78,572</b>	<b>\$ 50,029</b>	<b>\$ 75,002</b>
<b>CEMETERIES</b>			
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP	\$ 31,170	\$ 30,895	\$ 31,670
CEMETERY IMPROVEMENT	1,500	-	1,500
<b>CEMETERIES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 32,670</b>	<b>\$ 30,895</b>	<b>\$ 33,170</b>
<b>INSURANCE</b>			
PROPERTY LIABILITY	\$ 76,580	\$ 74,404	\$ 78,600



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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE	2,000	2,000	5,000
<b>INSURANCE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 78,580</b>	<b>\$ 76,404</b>	<b>\$ 83,600</b>
<b><u>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND</u></b>			
TRUSTEE STIPEND	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX FEE	70	-	70
<b>TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,270</b>	<b>\$ 1,200</b>	<b>\$ 1,270</b>
<b><u>POLICE</u></b>			
POLICE = FULL-TIME WAGES	\$ 576,281	\$ 560,133	\$ 687,204
POLICE = PART-TIME WAGES	21,928	51,256	62,165
POLICE = OVERTIME	50,083	30,097	50,940
LONGEVITY PLAN	3,000	3,000	3,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	189,406	164,782	180,362
DENTAL INSURANCE	7,680	6,405	7,036
LIFE INSURANCE	1,521	2,219	1,814
LONG TERM DISABILITY	1,325	1,430	1,581
CPI RETIREMENT	2,557	2,332	2,523
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	2,660	2,624	3,701
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	6,541	7,508	7,598
FICA - MEDICARE	9,590	10,621	11,795
NHRS - POLICE RETIREMENT	159,870	170,457	214,370
WORKERS COMPENSATION	18,035	18,035	15,762
TRAINING/CONFERENCES	3,250	3,328	4,000
PROSECUTOR	1,000	-	500
TELEPHONE	13,980	12,874	13,680
CONTRACTED SERVICES	66,804	80,224	72,052
INTERNET	2,280	2,237	2,448
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,400	1,460	1,050
UNIFORMS/EQUIPMENT	20,650	10,738	20,550
OFFICE SUPPLIES	7,500	8,952	7,850
POSTAGE	880	489	848
GASOLINE	21,150	12,859	20,506
VEHICLE MAINT	11,440	11,802	11,600
RADIO MAINTENANCE	8,000	17,945	8,300
VEHICLES	28,131	638	19,741
MISCELLANEOUS	4,150	3,124	3,700
HIRED POLICE SERVICES	250	-	1
JANITORIAL	4,650	5,087	5,196
ELECTRICITY	5,100	3,912	4,320
HEATING OIL	2,427	1,761	2,014
BUILDING	3,600	3,044	3,400
<b>POLICE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,257,119</b>	<b>\$ 1,211,374</b>	<b>\$ 1,451,607</b>
<b><u>FIRE</u></b>			
FIRE CHIEF	\$ 40,081	\$ 39,787	\$ 43,627
FIRE CLERICAL	20,276	18,151	20,240

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
FIRE CHIEF MILEAGE	1,875	2,925	600
AD&D INSURANCE	4,318	4,318	4,318
LONGEVITY	-	-	313
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	3,742	4,380	3,979
FICA - MEDICARE	875	1,024	931
WORKERS COMPENSATION	14,237	14,237	11,903
TELEPHONE	1,792	2,890	2,301
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSES	6,039	3,974	5,425
INTERNET	1,882	1,831	1,739
INNOCULATIONS/PHYSICALS	1,077	189	1,015
DUES - SOUHEGAN MUTUAL	1,154	1,154	1,154
POSTAGE/OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,400	1,905	1,600
CDL LICENSING	200	25	200
EXPLORER PROGRAM	300	-	300
MISCELLANEOUS	1,600	2,554	2,200
PROTECTIVE	23,500	8,729	23,500
UNIFORMS	1,400	1,007	1,400
PROTECTIVE CLOTHING	11,000	5,276	11,000
FIRE EQUIPMENT REPAIR	2,300	2,246	2,650
FIRE RELATED EXPENSES	4,200	5,465	3,800
CISTERN/HYDRANT MAINT.	700	479	1,200
FIRE INSPECTOR	16,964	13,821	18,174
FIRE INSPECTOR - SS	1,052	1,019	1,127
FIRE INSPECTOR - MEDICARE	246	238	264
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,700	2,084	1,900
BOOKS & SUPPLIES	1,500	180	1,800
FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING	6,000	2,982	6,000
EMERGENCY 911 LINES	435	3	-
CELLULAR PHONE	2,200	2,326	3,380
DISPATCHING SERVICES	20,000	21,960	21,162
PAGERS	2,900	3,258	2,650
RADIO MAINTENANCE	2,500	5,473	2,500
PAGER REPAIRS	400	113	250
VEHICLE MAINT SUPPLIES	550	456	800
GASOLINE	709	1,193	2,100
DIESEL FUEL	4,709	3,506	4,828
ENGINE #1 MAINT. E1	4,000	1,419	1,800
ENGINE #2 MAINT. E2	3,000	4,231	3,500
HOSE #1 MAINTENANCE H1	1,800	1,045	-
TANKER MAINTENANCE T1	2,200	2,923	1,600
UTILITY MAINTENANCE U2	700	377	1,900
76M7 FORESTRY/TANKER F1	1,500	1,555	2,000
RTV1=ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE	200	-	200
76-E5 MAINTENANCE	2,500	2,319	3,400

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
CAR #1 MAINTENANCE	-	4,596	3,000
TRASH REMOVAL	1,896	869	948
ELECTRICITY	4,500	3,592	4,800
HEATING OIL	4,767	3,607	3,568
BUILDING/EQUIPMENT	6,062	6,716	6,262
MISCELLANEOUS	400	207	400
EMERGENCY CALLS	36,428	26,419	42,000
EMERGENCY CALLS - SS	2,259	3,585	2,604
EMERGENCY CALLS - MEDICARE	528	838	609
<b>FIRE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 278,553</b>	<b>\$ 245,455</b>	<b>\$ 290,919</b>
<b><u>BUILDING</u></b>			
BUILDING INSPECTOR	\$ 35,982	\$ 30,621	\$ 35,992
BUILDING ASSISTANT	24,206	24,716	21,769
PROPANE GAS INSPECTIONS	5,000	4,768	5,784
LONGEVITY PLAN	450	175	-
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	4,042	3,733	3,962
FICA - MEDICARE	945	873	927
WORKERS COMPENSATION	2,001	2,001	1,799
MILEAGE / TRAINING	3,900	2,364	4,031
CELL PHONE	480	373	480
TECHNOLOGY	1,626	1,550	1,626
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	630	-	630
OFFICE SUPPLIES	800	368	800
POSTAGE	300	215	300
MISC/PUBLICATIONS	600	236	600
<b>BUILDING TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 80,962</b>	<b>\$ 71,993</b>	<b>\$ 78,701</b>
<b><u>EMERGENCY MGMT</u></b>			
EMERGENCY MGT DIRECTOR	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,588	\$ 4,300
EMERGENCY MGMT - SOC SEC	248	248	267
EMERGENCY MGMT - MEDIC	58	58	62
WORKERS COMPENSATION	-	-	1,131
REIMBURSEMENTS	400	-	400
EMERGENCY MGMT PHONE	643	-	322
ELECTRICITY FOR RADIO SITE	942	1,068	1,080
EMERGENCY MGMT MISC	9,622	10,411	10,182
<b>EMERGENCY MGMT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 15,913</b>	<b>\$ 15,373</b>	<b>\$ 17,743</b>
<b><u>FOREST FIRE</u></b>			
REIMBURSEMENTS	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 104
FOREST FIRE SUPPLIES & EQUIP	1,500	477	1,620
FOREST FIRES	500	-	500
<b>FOREST FIRE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,100</b>	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>\$ 2,224</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAY</u></b>			
HIGHWAY DEPT. FULL-TIME	\$ 340,536	\$ 271,715	\$ 347,816

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
HIGHWAY DEPT. CLERICAL	8,941	9,616	9,202
HIGHWAY DEPT. TEMP	-	17,477	-
HIGHWAY DEPT. OVERTIME	49,988	43,735	51,131
LONGEVITY	3,000	2,500	2,750
HEALTH INSURANCE	142,716	80,688	106,379
DENTAL INSURANCE	5,856	3,281	4,152
LIFE INSURANCE	899	818	900
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	783	594	784
CPI RETIREMENT	17,027	6,243	17,044
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	1,572	1,184	1,836
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	25,267	21,080	25,657
FICA - MEDICARE	5,909	4,930	6,001
WORKERS COMPENSATION	19,934	19,935	17,364
SEMINARS	900	-	900
TELEPHONE/RADIO	3,684	3,052	3,684
INTERNET	900	972	900
TOOLS	5,000	1,695	3,000
NOTICES/PERMITS	1,500	-	1,500
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	205	120	345
UNIFORMS & BOOTS	7,782	6,933	7,782
OFFICE	1,000	1,372	1,000
POSTAGE	100	-	100
SIGNS	2,500	4,797	1,500
SAFETY EQUIPMENT	2,500	3,009	2,500
RADIO MAINTENANCE	1,000	2,345	1,000
DRUG TESTING	700	266	700
EQUIP SUPPLIES & PARTS	70,000	51,863	70,000
TIRES/REPAIRS	5,000	4,393	5,048
EQUIPMENT REPAIRS	35,000	30,653	35,000
WELDING/SUPPLIES	1,700	1,448	2,400
ELECTRICITY	7,000	6,949	7,200
HEATING OIL	2,500	1,264	2,500
BLDG REPAIR & MAINT/CLEANING SI	7,000	8,168	7,000
GASBOY SYSTEM REPAIRS	3,200	2,208	3,200
BLASTING	5,000	-	5,000
PAVING	269,136	129,356	340,996
LINE STRIPING	8,331	7,927	11,774
BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	1,650	12,572	1,650
GRAVEL	31,000	37,378	41,758
CALCIUM	11,000	10,089	11,000
COLD PATCH/ASPHALT	3,500	2,926	3,500
CULVERTS/CATCH BASINS	5,000	12,679	7,000
GUARD RAILS	16,000	-	16,000
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS	-	-	2,000

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
WINTER HIRED EQUIPMENT	128,969	187,339	143,969
SALT	115,000	77,796	115,000
SAND	24,009	26,425	1
GASOLINE	5,725	3,542	5,846
DIESEL FUEL	36,010	26,671	36,920
PLOW BLADES/TIRE CHAINS	8,117	2,211	5,000
PLOW BLADES/EQT REPAIR	2,293	10,397	2,523
<b>HIGHWAY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,452,339</b>	<b>\$ 1,162,609</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,214</b>
<b><u>HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT</u></b>			
HW BLOCK GRANT - PAVING	\$ 34,333	\$ -	\$ -
H.B.G.-SPECIAL PROJECTS	100,000	-	-
H.B.G.- EQUIP PURCHASES	20,000	26,975	-
H.B.G.- MISCELLANEOUS	50,000	38,278	-
<b>HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 204,333</b>	<b>\$ 65,253</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>HIGHWAY &amp; H.B.G. TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,656,672</b>	<b>\$ 1,227,862</b>	<b>\$ 1,498,214</b>
<b><u>STREET LIGHTING</u></b>			
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	<b>\$ 6,984</b>	<b>\$ 6,328</b>	<b>\$ 6,996</b>
<b><u>TRANSFER STATION</u></b>			
SANITATION=FULL-TIME	\$ 118,508	\$ 135,107	\$ 160,120
SANITATION=PART-TIME	70,603	42,585	32,450
SANITATION=OVERTIME	6,817	9,089	9,016
LONGEVITY PLAN	2,000	1,000	1,000
HEALTH INSURANCE	34,705	26,812	35,350
DENTAL INSURANCE	1,536	1,157	1,200
LIFE INSURANCE	436	423	546
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	380	275	368
CPI RETIREMENT	5,925	2,841	8,006
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	762	542	862
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	12,895	11,550	13,188
FICA - MEDICARE	3,016	2,701	3,084
WORKERS COMPENSATION	7,548	7,548	6,762
MILEAGE/CONFERENCES	1,880	70	1,880
TELEPHONE	1,218	1,062	1,242
INTERNET	1,320	2,277	2,016
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	3,761	1,600	3,675
OFFICE SUPPLIES	450	224	450
POSTAGE	340	-	340
PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2,745	2,425	2,435
MISCELLANEOUS	3,700	11,224	3,700
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS	1,200	40	1,200
TIPPING FEES	75,662	65,099	78,178
TRUCKING FEES	18,300	13,470	25,146
TIRE/RECYCLABLE REMOVAL	13,225	8,308	13,175

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
TIPPING FEES FOR DEMO	14,970	11,603	19,738
TRUCKING FEES FOR DEMO	8,000	5,850	10,500
RECYCLABLE TRUCKING	12,975	10,455	13,925
ELECTRICITY	4,600	4,606	5,500
HEAT	650	367	650
BUILDING	5,343	5,835	5,243
GROUNDS	6,300	5,337	3,300
SALT SUPPLY	2,624	1,894	2,624
SUPPLIES/TOOLS	2,600	1,584	3,600
DIESEL	2,309	882	2,405
VEH/EQUIPMENT	7,300	3,962	8,878
TRAILER MAINTENANCE	5,285	6,739	5,285
EQUIPMENT REFURBISH	7,500	6,998	7,500
<b>TRANSFER STATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 469,388</b>	<b>\$ 413,540</b>	<b>\$ 494,537</b>
<b>LANDFILL/GROUND MONITORING</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>	<b>\$ 2,700</b>	<b>\$ 5,000</b>
<b><u>HEALTH OFFICER</u></b>			
HEALTH OFFICER STIPEND	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
SOCIAL SECURITY	186	184	186
MEDICARE	44	43	44
WORKERS COMPENSATION	195	195	168
HEALTH SEMINARS	400	278	400
WATER TESTING	200	65	200
HEALTH OFFICER SUPPLIES	100	79	100
<b>HEALTH OFFICER TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,125</b>	<b>\$ 3,843</b>	<b>\$ 4,097</b>
<b><u>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</u></b>			
HOME HEALTH CARE/VNA	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
GRANITE ST CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE	1,000	1,000	1,000
CASA	500	500	500
CHRISPINS HOUSE	800	800	1,000
RED CROSS DONATION	1,000	1,000	1,000
ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY	2,250	2,720	2,250
FOOD	800	296	1,300
HEAT & ELECTRICITY	6,000	790	6,000
MEDICAL	700	-	500
HOUSING	20,000	19,090	18,000
WELFARE-MISC	2,000	-	1,500
TRANSPORTATION-ELDERLY/DISBLI	3,965	1,944	3,800
<b>HEALTH &amp; WELFARE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 42,015</b>	<b>\$ 31,140</b>	<b>\$ 39,850</b>
<b><u>RECREATION</u></b>			
DIRECTOR'S SALARY	\$ 61,713	\$ 60,549	\$ 62,853
RECREATION CLERICAL	40,852	35,073	42,546
LONGEVITY PLAN	1,000	1,000	1,000

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
HEALTH INSURANCE	24,044	17,320	15,845
DENTAL INSURANCE	744	517	456
LIFE INSURANCE	271	355	278
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	236	231	242
CPI RETIREMENT	4,103	4,705	5,270
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	473	465	568
FICA - SOCIAL SECURITY	6,735	6,256	6,910
FICA - MEDICARE	1,575	1,463	1,616
WORKERS COMPENSATION	6,563	6,563	6,263
CONFERENCES, TRAINING, C	436	-	400
TELEPHONE	1,020	1,154	1,020
TECHNOLOGY	3,600	3,600	3,600
JANITORIAL	750	1,505	1,500
ELECTRICITY	1,800	1,352	1,800
DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,375	1,313	1,378
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	2,100	2,064	2,580
OFFICE SUPPLIES	800	890	900
POSTAGE	680	601	680
GASOLINE - VAN	879	377	757
GROUNDSKEEPING	1	-	3,500
VAN MAINTENANCE	250	487	545
SENIOR TRIP EXPENSES	606	117	300
AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/GI	1	-	1
<b>RECREATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 162,607</b>	<b>\$ 147,958</b>	<b>\$ 162,808</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>			
LIBRARY=FULL-TIME WAGES	\$ 56,114	\$ 45,088	\$ 56,889
LIBRARY=PART-TIME WAGES	141,268	135,408	154,130
LONGEVITY PLAN	3,344	3,344	3,344
HEALTH INSURANCE	20,424	21,026	22,002
DENTAL INSURANCE	684	684	824
LIFE INSURANCE	148	207	150
LONG-TERM DISABILITY	129	127	131
CPI RETIREMENT	2,806	2,294	2,844
SHORT-TERM DISABILITY	259	254	306
SOCIAL SECURITY	12,655	11,175	13,290
MEDICARE	2,960	2,614	3,108
WORKERS COMPENSATION	764	764	605
TELEPHONE	3,060	3,182	3,180
HEATING OIL	3,383	2,642	2,227
NON-TAXPAYER FUNDS THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ARE PREPARED TO SPEND	10,000	-	10,000
LIBRARY(APPROPRIATION)	55,859	55,859	58,505

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

ACCOUNT NAME	2020 DEFAULT BUDGET	2020 ACTUAL	2021 REQUESTED
<b>LIBRARY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 313,857</b>	<b>\$ 284,668</b>	<b>\$ 331,537</b>
<b>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</b>			
MEMORIAL DAY	\$ 500	\$ 392	\$ 500
JULY 4TH CELEBRATION	7,000	-	-
<b>PATRIOTIC TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,500</b>	<b>\$ 392</b>	<b>\$ 500</b>
<b>CONSERVATION / ENERGY</b>			
FORESTRY CONSULTANT	\$ 585	\$ -	\$ 585
CONSERVATION - ADMINISTRATION	-	-	-
ENERGY COMMISSION	150	57	150
<b>CONSERVATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 735</b>	<b>\$ 57</b>	<b>\$ 735</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,326,552</b>	<b>\$ 4,574,196</b>	<b>\$ 5,523,380</b>



*Oak and Luna (Great Pyrenees)*

*Photo by: Brian Allocca*



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

*January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021*

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 nontransferable article

Purpose of Appropriations	Warrant Article #	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)
Fire Dept Vehicle CRF	3	\$ 150,000
Highway Truck CRF	4	110,000
Highway CRF Purchase Dump Truck	5	181,826
Highway CRF Purchase 4x4 Truck	6	65,000
Highway Heavy Equipment CRF	7	45,000
Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF	8	40,000
Lyndeborough Road Bridge Reconstruction	9	120,000
Town Road Related Upgrades	10	201,789
Police Dept Addition	11	605,000
Highway Dept Garage Addition	13	35,000
Revaluation CRF	14	25,000
Converting 42 Street Lights to LED	15	9,200
Record Retention Expendable Trust	17	20,000
Police Dept Body Cameras	18	11,700
4th of July Fireworks / Police Details	19	11,850
New Design for Fire Dept/Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Management Building	20	38,000
<b>Total of Individual &amp; Special Warrant Articles</b>		<b>\$ 1,669,365</b>



*Maggie Mae, 10 mth old  
Red Corgi*

*Photo by:  
Michelle Callahan*

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

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenues 2020	Actual Revenues 2020	Estimated Revenues 2021
<b>Taxes</b>			
Land Use Change Tax	\$ 50,000	\$ 32,164	\$ 50,000
Timber Tax	92,000	89,523	75,000
Excavation Tax (\$.02/cu yd)	5,000	5,889	5,000
Interest & Penalties of Delinquent Taxes	50,000	44,949	60,000
<b>Licenses, permits &amp; fees</b>			
Business Licenses & Permits	1,455	2,295	2,300
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,300,000	1,455,047	1,300,000
Building Permits	35,500	60,782	49,200
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	71,116	74,107	75,225
<b>From State</b>			
Meals & Rooms Tax	296,380	296,380	296,380
Highway Block Grant	205,989	205,966	201,790
Forest Land Reimbursements	148	148	142
Other State Grants	58,117	185,994	2,687
Federal Grants	6,840	48,555	25,000
<b>Charges for Services</b>			
Income from Departments	50,408	57,577	65,100
Other Charges	-	-	-
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>			
Sale of Town Equipment	1,550	71,809	20,000
Interest From Investments	25,269	27,705	15,000
Other miscellaneous revenues	63,823	73,112	68,975
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers in</b>			
From Enterprise Fund-Rec	-	-	-
From Capital Reserve Funds	540,500	970,671	246,826
From Expendable Trust Funds	2,300	1,645	10,000
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>			
Proceeds from Long Term Bond(s)/Note(s)	-	-	-
Amount VOTED from Surplus	6,000	6,000	300,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,862,395</b>	<b>\$ 3,710,318</b>	<b>\$ 2,868,625</b>

## Summary Inventory of Valuation 2020 MS - 1

	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>
<b>LAND:</b>		
Current Use	15,224.82	1,394,714
Discretionary Preservation Easement	0.27	5,500
Residential	7,159.26	224,053,100
Commercial/Industrial Land	525.24	8,538,000
Non-Taxable Land	3,773.77	11,318,900
<b>BUILDINGS:</b>		
Residential		416,301,349
Manufactured		2,327,900
Discretionary Preservation Easement	10	25,951
Commercial/Industrial		21,471,900
Non-Taxable Buildings		24,077,000
<b>UTILITIES:</b>		
Electric		14,006,700
<b>VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS:</b>		<b>688,125,114</b>
<b>EXEMPTIONS OFF ASSESSED VALUE:</b>		
Elderly (26)	3,298,900	
Blind (2)	66,000	
Disabled (2)	140,800	
Improvements to Assist (1)	12,500	
Solar Power (30)	1,099,600	
Wind Power (1)	7,000	
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS:</b>		<b>4,612,300</b>
<b>NET VALUATION AFTER EXEMPTIONS:</b>		<b>683,500,314</b>
<b>CREDITS OFF GROSS TAX:</b>		
Veterans (242)		121,000
Service-Connected Total Disability (15)		30,000

# Current Use Report

Number of Owners in Current Use	369
Number of Parcels in Current Use	579

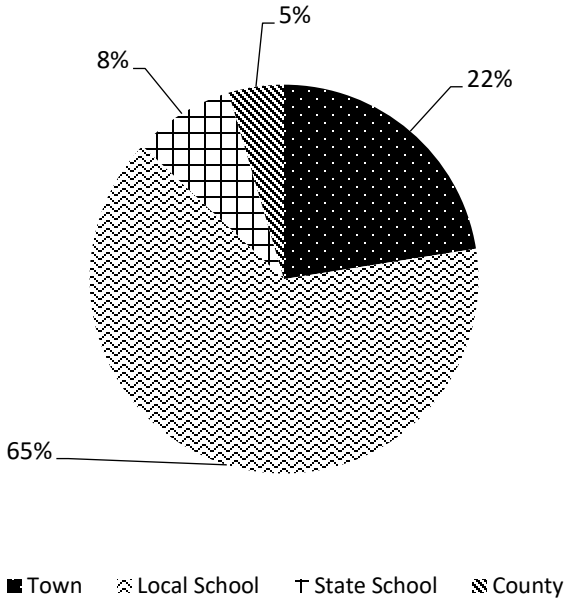
	<u>Acres</u>
Farm Land	1,170.93
Forest Land	9,163.05
Forest Land with Documented Stewardship	3,411.85
Wet Land	1,478.99
Receiving 20% Recreation Adjustment	4,847.51
Removed from Current Use	39.47



*"Captain" the Chicken*

*Photo by: Maralyn Segien*

## 2020 Property Tax Rate \$24.09/thousand




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**On a \$300,000 property, this was the actual tax paid:**

	Tax Rate	Annual Tax Bill
Town	5.42	\$ 1,626.00
Local School	15.54	\$ 4,662.00
State School	2.02	\$ 606.00
County	1.11	\$ 333.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24.09</b>	<b>\$ 7,227.00</b>

## 2020 Tax Rate Calculation from the Department of Revenue Administration

	<b>Town Portion</b>	<b>Tax Rates</b>
Appropriations	6,376,939	
Less: Revenues	(2,856,395)	
Fund Balance to		
Reduce Taxes	6,000	
Add: Overlay	39,956	
War Service Credits	<u>151,000</u>	
Net Town Appropriation	3,705,500	
Approved Town Tax Effort		3,705,500
<i>Municipal Tax Rate</i> .....		5.42

### School Portion

Net Local School Budget	15,919,224	
Less: Adequate Education Grant	(9,946,050)	
Retained State Ed Tax	(1,351,706)	
State Education Taxes	1,351,706	
Approved School(s) Tax Effort	10,621,468	
<i>Local School Rate</i> .....		15.54

### State Education Taxes

Equalized Valuation (no utilities)	669,493,614	
Multiplied by Statewide Property Tax Rate	x 2.02	
Total to be raised by taxes	1,351,706	
Divide by Local Assessed Valuation (no Utilities)	657,465,182	
Excess State Education Taxes to be remitted to State		
Pay to State	0.00	
<i>State School Rate</i> .....		2.02

### County Portion

Due to County	758,555	
Less: Shared Revenues		
Approved County Tax Effort	758,555	
<i>County Rate</i> .....		1.11
<b><i>Total Tax Rate</i></b> .....		<b>24.09</b>

## 2020 Tax Rate Calculation from the Department of Revenue Administration

Total Property Taxes Assessed	16,437,229
Less: War Service Credits	(151,000)
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>16,286,229</b>

### Proof of Rate

	Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
State Education Tax	669,493,614	2.02	1,351,706
All Other Taxes	683,500,314	22.07	<u>15,085,523</u>
			16,437,229

### 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.

Joseph Constance, Chairman  
Karen Scott  
David Litwinovich  
Selectmen of New Boston

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

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>TAX RATE</u>	<u>VALUATION</u>
2006	Revaluation Update	15.30	611,464,248
2007		14.02	628,584,691
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

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS - 2020

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Income Earned</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Cemetery	\$158,717.38	\$ 7,357.98	\$ 5,774.57	\$ 5,599.59	\$165,900.38
Dodge Library	100,075.99	198.34	4,124.02	3,970.35	100,120.66
Dodge Poor Relief	66,707.52	86.48	2,514.40	2,351.57	66,631.17
Roger Babson	3,680.40	0.00	0.00	1.01	3,681.41
Caroline Clark	3,056.92	0.00	0.00	.81	3,057.73
Common Trust #1	8,286.30	0.00	0.00	2.33	8,288.63
Expendable Trust	4,665.07	0.00	0.00	1.26	4,666.33
Police Details Exp. Trust	657.22	0.00	0.00	.28	657.50
Transfer Sta. Exp. Trust	<u>15,134.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>4.26</u>	<u>15,138.54</u>
Trust Fund Totals	<u>\$360,981.08</u>	<u>\$ 7,642.80</u>	<u>\$ 12,412.99</u>	<u>\$ 11,931.46</u>	<u>\$368,142.35</u>

### Trust Funds:



**Capital Reserve Funds:**

Fire Dept. Vehicles	\$ 720,949.20	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 654,300.95	\$ 5,237.84	\$ 221,886.09
Highway Trucks	448,293.48	100,000.00	70,000.00	3,379.11	481,672.59
Town Revaluation	131,927.57	30,000.00	36,100.00	1,045.54	126,873.11
Town Hall Renovation	48,116.76	0.00	13,500.00	483.72	35,100.48
Highway Heavy Equipment	163,727.55	40,000.00	132,000.00	3,106.66	74,834.21
Bridge Repair/Replacement	311,104.12	40,000.00	61,836.36	6,005.71	295,273.47
Town Capital Reserves	<u>1,824,118.68</u>	<u>360,000.00</u>	<u>967,737.31</u>	<u>19,258.58</u>	<u>1,235,639.95</u>
School Repair/Renovation	280,953.97	50,000.00	0.00	1,632.26	332,586.23
Special Education	<u>151,322.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>818.18</u>	<u>152,140.63</u>
School Capital Reserves	<u>432,276.42</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,450.44</u>	<u>484,726.86</u>
<b>Total Invested Funds</b>	<u>\$2,617,376.18</u>	<u>\$ 417,642.80</u>	<u>\$980,150.30</u>	<u>\$33,640.48</u>	<u>\$ 2,088,509.16</u>

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

## 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	\$25,200	
1-39	Dodge-Chickering Land (Great Meadows)		10.00 acres	\$10,000	
3-5	West Lull Place (Twin Bridge Conservation Easement)		35.80 acres	\$60,900	
3-86	B&M Railroad Right of Way		14.04 acres	\$31,400	
3-124	Knowlton-Doonan Land, Howe Bridge		5.0 acres	\$12,000	
4-95	Francetown Road		5.0 acres	\$12,000	
6-23	Geer Grove, Route 13 (along river)		9.90 acres	\$144,700	
6-39	Swanson Grove, Route 13 (along river)		7.94 acres	\$25,400	
6-46	River Road		6.50 acres	\$13,500	
7-22	Cochran Hill Road, (Sherburne Maxwell Property)		70.0 acres	\$224,700	
7-70	Lydia Dodge Land, Old Coach Road, Town Forest		244.7 acres	\$1,014,700	
7-74-1	Old Coach Road (across from transfer station)		58.48 acres	\$375,800	
8-2	Briar Hill Road, (Shofield, Frances Property)		36.0 acres	\$120,500	
8-49	Langdell Grove, Route 13 (picnic area), Coleman Grove (along river)		13.90 acres	\$159,300	
9-2	Bog Brook Road		8.00 acres	\$82,400	
9-54	AT & T Forest Products, Bog Brook Road,		33.41 acres	\$120,600	
12-16	Old County Road, Gallerani Conservation Area		87 acres	\$119,100	
18-5	Depot Street		0.04 acres	\$9,500	

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

MAP/LOT #/LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
11-44 Bailey Pond	0.115 acres	\$15,200
12-16 Old County Road	87 acres	119,100
12-49-8 Beausoleil-Laberge Land, Christie Road	6.90 acres	\$6,900
12-50 Leach Land to Conservation (bog land)	10.62 acres	\$10,000
14-6 Winiford Brown Land, Meadow Road (meadow land)	7.05 acres	\$29,300
14-10 Winiford Brown Land, Mt. Vernon Road (meadow land)	8.79 acres	\$15,800
18-29 Cousins Land, Molly Stark Lane	2.5 acres	\$90,400
18-39-1 Victor Daniels Land (adjacent to school)	1.05 acres	\$80,200
<b>LCIP King Land:</b>		
19-14 Mill Street	0.75 acre	\$106,700
19-15 Mill Street	15.64 acres	\$58,100
<b>LCIP Townes Land:</b>		
10-51 Lyndeborough Road	8.00 acres	\$122,600
10-53 Lyndeborough Road	5.62 acres	\$90,700
10-56 Lyndeborough Road	5.00 acres	\$17,200
10-57 Lyndeborough Road	1.00 acres	\$8,300
10-58 Lyndeborough Road	9.00 acres	\$103,200

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

Town Forest Land MAP/LOT #/LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
2-115 Siemeze Lot	85.0 acres	\$219,100
2-118 Colby Lot	8.0 acres	\$67,900
2-144 Follansbee Lot	11.0 acres	\$85,500
3-44 Johnson Lot	31.715 acres	\$76,400
7-22 Sherburne Lot	70.0 acres	\$224,700
7-70 Lydia Dodge Town Forest	244.7 acres	\$1,014,700
7-74-1 Bob Todd Town Forest	58.48 acres	\$375,800

### **Deeded Parcels**

1-14 Follansbee Land, Saunders Road, Saunders Pasture	76.50 acres	\$209,900
1-22 Middle Branch Conservation Area, Saunders Road	82.0 acres	\$196,200
2-27 Twin Bridge Road	0.230 acres	\$900
2-115 Siemeze Land, Dodge Pasture	85.00 acres	\$219,100
2-118 Colby & Chandler Heirs	10.00 acres	\$67,900
2-144 Follansbee Land, Saunders Road	11.00 acres	\$85,500
3-44 Johnson-Morse Land, Oak Hill	31.715 acres	\$76,400
3-131 Belanger Land (along river)	9.42 acres	\$16,400
3-142 Tirrell Land	3.00 acres	\$13,000

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

### Deeded Parcels

MAP/LOT #LOT NAME	ACRES	VALUE
4-47 Labine, Susan	1.200 acres	\$53,200
4-100 Kiely, Maurice & Lorraine	3.800 acres	\$10,800
5-68 J.L. & H. Wilson Heirs Land (bog land)	18.0 acres	\$16,600
11-16 Sargent Land, Route 13	0.58 acres	\$600
11-30-2 Reynells, Kerry K.	4.80 acres	\$56,800
14-30 Mason, William O.	3.450 acres	\$47,300
14-82 Mason, William O.	15.50 acres	\$93,900
14-92 Scott Land, Meadow Road	3.10 acres	\$10,100



*"Henry" soaking up the sun!*

## Schedule of Town Property

Town Hall Property (018-036)	
Land	113,000
Town Hall Building	508,000
Town Hall Contents	574,800
Old Engine House Building	
Old Engine House Contents	24,300
Gazebo	31,355
Ball Field/Grandstand Property (018-037)	
Land	122,300
Grandstand Structure	24,000
New Dugouts	15,000
Concession Stand	4,500
Library (008-111)	
Land and Building	1,391,700
Contents	1,225,300
Wason Building (019-010)	
Land and Building	340,400
Contents	12,700
Fire Station (019-026)	
Land and Building	253,900
Contents	215,800
Highway/Police Dept Property (008-117)	
Land	168,900
Highway Building	124,200
Contents	261,000

Police Station Building	368,900
Contents	262,700
Transfer Station (007-070)	
Land and Building	1,063,600
Contents	145,900
New Boston Central School (018-038)	
Land and Buildings	7,516,900
Contents	500,000
Central School Road Land (018-039)	109,300
New Boston Cemetery (008-097)	
Land and Building	184,300
New Land (008-110-2)	115,100
Ball Fields (007-074-001)	393,300

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



*Joyce with Cloud*

*Photo by: Jim Smith*

## Tax Collector Report (MS-61)

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

<b>DEBIT</b>	Levies of:	2020	2019
Uncollected Taxes			
at Beginning of Fiscal Year:			
Property Taxes		xxx	\$441,494.92
Land Use Change		xxx	\$1,270.00
Yield Taxes		xxx	\$0.00
Excavation Tax		xxx	\$0.00
Prior Years' Credit Balance		(\$9,660.19)	
This Year's New Credits			
Taxes Committed this Year:			
Property Taxes		\$16,289,417	\$0.00
Land Use Changes		\$49,960.00	\$31,750.00
Timber Yield Taxes		\$26,746.71	\$62,775.89
Excavation Tax		\$5,888.82	\$0.00
Overpayment Refunds:			
Property Taxes		\$57,244.18	
Interest and Cost Collected			
on Delinquent Tax:		\$5,042.99	\$16,334.57
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		\$16,424,639.51	\$553,625.38
<b>CREDITS</b>			
Remittance to Treasurer:			
Property Taxes		\$16,016,239.11	\$232,852.93
Land Use Changes		\$47,590.00	\$31,750.00
Timber Yield Taxes		\$26,746.71	\$8,155.13
Excavation Tax		\$5,888.82	\$0.00
Interest & Costs		\$4,880.24	\$13,369.27
Penalties		\$162.75	\$2,965.30
Conversion to Lien		\$0.00	\$209,630.99



Abatements Made

Property Taxes	\$1,133.00	\$264.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$1,300.00	\$0.00
Yield Taxes	\$0.00	\$54,620.76
Excavation Tax	\$0.00	
Uncollected Taxes		
End of Fiscal Year:		
Property Taxes	\$333,086.57	\$17.00
Land Use Change	\$1,070	\$0.00
Timber Yield Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Excavation Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$13,457.69)	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	\$16,424,639.51	\$553,625.38

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 1<sup>st</sup>.

You can view, print, and pay your property taxes 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.

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

*Ann Charbonneau, Tax Collector*

# Summary of Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2020

<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>Levies of:</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Unredeemed Lien Balance at Beginning of Fiscal Year:			\$54,381	\$63,509
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year:	\$220,731		\$0	\$0
Interest & Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$6,959		\$5,603	\$11,010
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$227,690</b>	<b>\$59,983</b>	<b>\$74,519</b>

		<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Remittance to Treasurer				
Redemptions:	\$143,064		\$11,204	\$33,741
Interest/Costs Collected: (After Lien Execution)	\$6,959		\$5,603	\$11,010
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes:	\$387		\$291	\$1,247
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$0		\$0	\$0
Unredeemed Lien Balance at End of Year:	\$77,281		\$42,886	\$28,521
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>		<b>\$227,690</b>	<b>\$59,983</b>	<b>\$74,519</b>

*Ann M. Charbonneau,*  
**Tax Collector**

## **2021 Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee**

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Committee wrapped up its work on October 28th, 2020 with a total project cost for 2021 of \$555,000. This represents a \$13,000 decrease from the 2020 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. Through the use of 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 2021 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 vehicles previously included two front-line pumpers and a preowned pumper at the Hilltop Station, a tank truck, a hose reel truck, a forestry truck and a light rescue vehicle. Two years ago the Fire Wards made two changes to the vehicle roster. The hose reel truck, scheduled to be replaced in 2024 with an estimated cost of \$540,000, was removed from the list. This piece of equipment is infrequently used and with some moderate upgrades the pumpers can be retrofitted to accommodate additional hose. Once the pumpers have been retrofitted the Fire Dept. intends to sell the hose reel truck. The Fire Wards also added a Command Vehicle to the list and intend to seek a warrant article to purchase this vehicle in 2024.

All of these vehicles are extremely expensive, with pumpers costing over \$600,000. 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 \$150,000.

### **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 a four-bay building is expected to be approximately \$3.3 million and the CIP Committee has reflected the initial bond payments for the project beginning in 2022.

### **Highway Dump Truck CRF**

This CRF now covers three full-sized 6-wheel dump trucks (\$260,000 new replacement cost), one smaller 6 wheel truck with plows (\$125,000 new replacement cost), four 10-wheel trucks (\$295,000 new replacement cost). Through 2026 most of this fleet will need to be replaced.

There are also two 4x4 pickup trucks (one with plows and one without plows) at the Highway Department. At least one of these was purchased in the past with Highway Block Grant funds. These vehicles (\$65,000 new replacement cost) are not currently part of the CRF but is anticipated that the Selectmen will propose a warrant article when it is time to replace them.

The Road Agent believes that he will continue to replace vehicles with a mixed of new and used trucks which saves the Town a considerable amount of money.

Consistent with past CIP schedules, the CIP Committee recommends a \$110,000 CRF deposit in 2021 (an increase of \$10,000 over 2020) increasing to \$120,000 per year in future years in order to maintain balances in the fund needed to purchase these vehicles.

### **Highway Heavy Equipment CRF**

The CRF covers the replacement cost of the grader, loader and backhoe. After reviewing the replacement schedule provided by the Road Agent the CIP Committee recommends a \$45,000 deposit into the fund each year for the next six years. This is an increase of \$5000 per year from previous years due to the necessity of replacing both the grader and front end loader in 2030.

### **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 Meetinghouse Hill Road in 2021, Christie Road in 2022, and Beard Road in 2023. 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 are repairs to Howe Bridge (2022) and Tucker Mill Road Bridge (2023).

### **Highway Dept. Garage Addition**

Five years ago, the Road Agent introduced a project to construct an addition to the Highway Dept. building of approximately 1,200 square feet with an estimated cost of \$70,000. This addition would enable the department to keep more equipment indoors thereby extending the life of our expensive trucks. The CIP Committee determined that funding for this project should be raised over two years with \$35,000 to be collected in 2021 and 2022.

### **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 lowering the deposit to

\$25,000 (a savings of \$5,000 over the prior year) for the next five years.

### **GIS Mapping System**

Four years ago, Peter Flynn, Town Administrator, presented this item on behalf of the Selectmen. This project entails the implementation of a computerized Geographic Information System (GIS) to track all of the Town's tax maps to replace the existing paper maps which contain errors and inaccuracies. The project includes a complete review of existing parcels down to the deed descriptions in order to ensure the accuracy of the new maps generated. The CIP Committee placed this project on the schedule with a funding request of \$60,000 per year for 2022 through 2024. Since this work is expected to extend over three years the funding request should match the billing schedule of the vendor that will be chosen.

### **NBCS Addition Bond**

New Boston Central School Principal Tori Underwood re-presented the 4-classroom addition project with an updated cost of \$2.3 million. They requested the bond amount for the project be pushed back again on the schedule until 2022 since the number of students at NBCS did not increase dramatically and the school, utilizing two portable classrooms, currently has room for all of its students. It is expected, given the amount of available housing lots in town, that this addition will be needed in the near future.

### **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 \$150,000 citing the Town's finances, as well as ongoing developments with these systems, as his reasons. The CIP Committee felt that the project should remain on the schedule as a placeholder and pushed back the collection of the first half of the funding until 2026.

### **Future Items**

Two items were added this year to the CIP Project list but funding will not be required until 2027. The Transfer Station waste hauling trailer is expected to cost \$115,000 and was included under the Transfer Station Department. A new department, Emergency Management, was also created on the schedule this year (based on the passage of a 2020 Warrant Article) and the project placed on the schedule was the

maintenance of the radio tower and communications system at an expected cost of \$120,000. It is anticipated that some of this cost will be funded with grant money.

**CIP Committee**

Fred Hayes, Chairman, At-Large

Ken Lombard, Finance Committee Representative

Ed Carroll Planning Board Representative

David Litwinovich, Selectman Ex-Officio

Matt Beaulieu, At-Large

Jennifer Allocca, At-Large



*Maggie cuddling with her boy - Eric*

*Photo by: Brian Dubrieul*

See narrative for further details **TOWN OF NEW BOSTON 2021-2026 (CIP Schedule & Budget)**

Department	C	Yr	Project	Accrued	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Bridge Repair	C		<b>Town Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF</b>							
			Howe Bridge Repair \$106K (2022)	\$222,438	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
			Tucker Mill Road Bridge \$236K (2023)							
Fire Department	B		<b>Fire Dept Vehicles &amp; Equipment Annual CRF</b>	\$147,810	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
		07	2007 Forestry Truck (F) (15yr cycle) \$36K (2022)							
		05	Utility Light Rescue (R) (15yr cycle) \$258K (2023)							
		N	New 76 Car 1 Command Vehicle (8yr cycle) \$58K (2024)					\$58,000		
		N	New Rescue Pumper (25yr cycle) \$400K (2027)							
		20	2020 Pumper (F) (10yr cycle) \$42K (2030)							
		07	2007 Forestry Truck (R) (30yr cycle) \$390K (2037)							
		20	2020 Pumper - (R) (20yr cycle) \$825K (2040)							
		19	2019 Tank Truck (R) (30yr cycle) \$650K (2048)							
				<b>Hwy Truck Annual CRF</b>	\$481,913	\$110,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$120,000
Highway Department	C	09	T #5 F-250-4x4/w/low (10yr cycle) \$65K (2021)		\$65,000					
		07	T #6 Intl 7400 - 6 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$260K (2022)							
		07	T #10 Mack C1P 10 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$295K (2022)							
		08	T #4 Mack 7400 - 6 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$260K (2023)							
		08	T #3 Intl 7400 - 6 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$260K (2024)							
		08	T #8 Intl 7400 - 10 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$260K (2025)							
		15	T #7 Chevy Silverado 2500 (10yr cycle) \$65K (2025)						\$65,000	
		10	T #11 Intl TK - 10 WHL Dump/Plow (15yr cycle) \$295K (2026)							
		20	T #2 F-550 w/low (12yr cycle) \$70K (2032)							
		21	T #1 CAT - 10 WHL Dump (15yr cycle) \$260K (2036)							
				<b>Hwy Heavy Equipment Annual CRF</b>	\$74,830	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$45,000
		10 Grader (20yr cycle) \$325K (2030)								
		18 Loader (12yr cycle) \$220K (2030)								
		20 Backhoe (20yr cycle) \$132K (2040)								
		Garage Addition (2022) \$70K		\$35,000	\$35,000					



**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON 2021-2026 (CIP Schedule & Budget)**

See narrative for further details		TOWN OF NEW BOSTON 2021-2026 (CIP Schedule & Budget)								
Department	C	Yr	Project	Accrued	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
			Meetinghouse Hill Improvements 2021		\$85,000					
<b>Road Improvements</b>	<b>C</b>		Christie Road Improvements 2022			\$85,000				
			Beard Road Improvements 2023				\$85,000			
			Road Projects (TBD)					\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000
<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>C</b>		Town Property Reval CRF 2026 \$80K, 2031 \$160K	\$2,970	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
			GIS Mapping System (2022) \$172K			\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000		
<b>Transfer Station</b>	<b>C</b>		In-Vessel Composting System (2026) \$150K							\$75,000
			Transfer Trailer (2027) \$115K							
<b>ER Management</b>	<b>B</b>		ER Systems Maintenance (Fire/EMS, PD, HWY) (2027) \$120K							
			<b>Yearly CIP Sub-totals</b>		<b>\$557,021</b>	<b>\$562,022</b>	<b>\$527,023</b>	<b>\$585,024</b>	<b>\$532,025</b>	<b>\$547,026</b>
			<b>Bond Issues</b>							
<b>Central School</b>	<b>A</b>		New School Addition 2022 (10 Yr Bond) \$2.3M			\$58,300	\$286,804	\$279,494	\$274,206	\$268,919
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>B</b>		Replace Fire Station 2021 (20 Yr Bond) \$3.3M			\$257,000	\$220,250	\$221,500	\$222,600	\$223,550
			<b>Bond Issues Sub-totals</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$315,300</b>	<b>\$507,054</b>	<b>\$500,994</b>	<b>\$496,806</b>	<b>\$492,469</b>
R = Replacement NR = Not Recommended R&A = Raise & Appropriate CRF = Capital Reserve F = Refurbishment N = New Purchase			<b>Yearly Totals</b>		<b>\$557,021</b>	<b>\$877,322</b>	<b>\$1,034,077</b>	<b>\$1,086,018</b>	<b>\$1,028,831</b>	<b>\$1,039,495</b>
			<b>A = Committed Funds B= Life Safety C= Infrastructure D = Community Services and Facilities</b>							

<b>2020 TREASURER'S REPORT</b>	
<b><u>Town of New Boston General Fund:</u></b>	
Balance - January 1, 2020	\$ 4,147,902.72
Receipts to December 31, 2020	\$ 25,758,182.37
Interest Received in 2020	\$ 9,831.66
Subtotal	\$ 29,915,916.75
<b>Less:</b>	
Payments by Order of the Selectboard	\$ 20,827,441.37
Fees, Taxes, and Benefits	\$ 613,201.12
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,416,194.18
Payroll	\$ 1,798,046.07
Buy CD's	\$ -
Buy NHPDIP	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ (20,827,441.37)
Balance - December 31, 2020	\$ 9,088,475.38
<b><u>Town of New Boston Town Clerk's Account:</u></b>	
Balance - January 1, 2020	\$ 127,203.37
Receipts to December 31, 2020	\$ 2,053,354.85
Subtotal	\$ 2,181,606.62
<b>Less:</b>	
Transfers to New Boston General Fund:	\$ (2,117,914.87)
Subtotal	\$ (2,117,914.87)
Balance - December 31, 2020	\$ 63,691.75
<b><u>NH Public Deposit Investment Pool:</u></b>	
Balance - January 1, 2020	\$503,616.70
Transfers from New Boston General Fund:	-
Interest	3,156.48
Subtotal	\$506,773.18
<b>Less:</b>	
Transfers to New Boston General Fund:	-
Balance - December 31, 2020	\$506,773.18
<b><u>TD Bank CD's:</u></b>	
Balance - January 1, 2020	\$5,006,840.14
Transfers from New Boston General Fund:	-
Interest	14,768.87
Subtotal	\$5,021,609.01
<b>Less:</b>	
Transfers to New Boston General Fund:	(5,021,609.01)

Balance - December 31, 2020	\$0.00
<b><u>Town of New Boston Tax Collector's On-Line Account:</u></b>	
Balance - January 1, 2020	\$ 109,967.99
Receipts to December 31, 2020	\$ 1,167,743.26
Subtotal	\$ 1,277,711.25
<b>Less:</b>	
Withdrawals to New Boston Checking Account	\$ (1,234,939.82)
Subtotal	\$ (1,234,939.82)
Balance - December 31, 2020	\$ 42,771.43



7 month-old Golden "Cash"

Photo by: Allyssa Lentile

## **2020 Finance Committee Report**

The New Boston Finance Committee was established in 1953 to review, in detail, the budgets and separate money warrant articles for both the Town and School. Their recommendations appear in this report and on the official voting ballot.

The Finance Committee as well as Town and School officials and their own departments have prided themselves in bringing tight budgets to the voters in March. Rarely do these departments try to include “wants” instead of actual “needs.” In terms of operating budgets, the Committee literally goes line-by-line with department heads and school officials in order to understand the need for any increases proposed. The Committee’s goal is to develop a budget that the Committee and Selectmen/School Board feel is reasonable to request from taxpayers.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP) reviews warrant article items that cost more than \$20,000. This Committee thoroughly scrutinizes each proposed item over a number of years, looking at both the best costs and timing in order to develop a schedule of needed projects that won’t cause the tax rate to spike. Through the use of Capital Reverse Funds (CRFs) for expensive trucks and equipment on rotation schedules, a smaller amount can be collected yearly so that funds are available when these items are needed.

The Finance Committee began meeting with individual departments in late October. In January, they met for a final review and to vote their recommendations for the Town and School Operating Budgets and individual warrant articles

### **TOWN WARRANT**

#### **Town Operating Budget**

The town’s proposed operating budget for 2020 is **\$5,523,380**, and the Committee felt that this budget was appropriate, as it reflects the day-to-day costs for the town to operate.

Most of the increase involves salaries. These in accordance with the Town’s Step and Grade system.

Finance Committee members have appreciated the fact that town department heads work hard to bring in reasonable budgets, with solid numbers and rationale for any decreases or increases.

The default budget, used if the proposed operating budget fails, is **\$5,442,942**. This is **\$80,438** less than the operating proposed budget.

**Finance Committee voted 6-1 to recommend.**

### **Fire Department Vehicles CRF, \$150,000**

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 vehicles previously included two front-line pumpers and a preowned pumper at the Hilltop Station, a tank truck, a hose reel truck, a forestry truck and a light rescue vehicle. Two years ago, the Fire Wards made two changes to the vehicle roster. The hose reel truck, scheduled to be replaced in 2024 with an estimated cost of \$540,000, was removed from the list. This piece of equipment is infrequently used and with some moderate upgrades the pumpers can be retrofit to accommodate additional hose. Once the pumpers have been retrofit the Fire Dept. intends to sell the hose reel truck. The Fire Wards also added a Command Vehicle to the list and intend to seek a warrant article to purchase this vehicle in 2024.

All of these vehicles are extremely expensive, with pumpers costing over \$600,000. 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 \$150,000.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

### **Highway Dump Truck CRF, \$110,000**

This CRF now covers three full-sized 6-wheel dump trucks (\$260,000 new replacement cost), one smaller 6-wheel truck with plows (\$125,000 new replacement cost), four 10-wheel trucks (\$295,000 new replacement cost). Through 2026 most of this fleet will need to be replaced.

There are also two 4x4 pickup trucks (one with plows and one without plows) at the Highway Department. At least one of these was purchased in the past with Highway Block Grant funds. These vehicles (\$65,000 new replacement cost) are not currently part of the CRF but is anticipated that the Selectmen will propose a warrant article when it is time to replace them.

The Road Agent believes that he will continue to replace vehicles with a mixed of new and used trucks which saves the Town a considerable amount of money. Consistent with past CIP schedules, the CIP Committee recommends a \$110,000 CRF deposit in 2021 (an increase of \$10,000 over 2020) increasing to \$120,000 per year in future years in order to maintain balances in the fund needed to purchase these vehicles.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

### **Highway Heavy Equipment CRF, \$45,000**

The CRF covers the replacement cost of the grader, loader and backhoe. After reviewing the replacement schedule provided by the Road Agent the CIP Committee recommends a \$45,000 deposit into the fund each year for the next six years. This is an increase of \$5000 per year from previous years due to the necessity of replacing both the grader and front-end loader in 2030.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

### **Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF, \$40,000**

This yearly CRF will remain at its current funding of \$40,000. Upcoming projects to be funded by this CRF are repairs to Howe Bridge (2022) and Tucker Mill Road Bridge (2023).

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

**Highway Dept. Garage Addition \$35,000**

Five years ago, the Road Agent introduced a project to construct an addition to the Highway Dept. building of approximately 1,200 square feet with an estimated cost of \$70,000. This addition would enable the department to keep more equipment indoors thereby extending the life of our expensive trucks. The CIP Committee determined that funding for this project should be raised over two years with \$35,000 to be collected in 2021 and 2022.

**Finance Committee voted 5-2 to recommend.**

**Lyndeborough Rd Bridge Repair, \$120,000**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) for its share of costs for the reconstruction of the Lyndeborough Road Bridge. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2024.

This project has been planned for two years and funding previously approved was used for preliminary engineering. The Town was awarded a grant in the amount of \$250,000 of which the Town must appropriate a matching fifty percent (50%) either in cash or in-kind services. This project will entail replacing a failing culvert with a pre-formed concrete bridge.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

**Property Update/Revaluation Funding \$25,000**

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 lowering the deposit to \$25,000 (a savings of \$5,000 over the prior year) for the next five years.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

**Police Station Addition \$605,000**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of six hundred five thousand dollars (\$605,000) for the purpose of constructing and furnishing an attached addition located at the Police Station on Old Coach Road and furthermore, to withdraw three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) from fund balance and the remaining three hundred five thousand dollars (\$305,000) coming from taxation.

The Police Station is following a report from the Town’s 2018 Master Plan as well as one item from the 2005 Master Plan (a Building Sprinkler system). 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 roof work, siding, and septic.

**Finance Committee voted 5-2 to recommend.**

**Streetlight upgrade to LEDs \$9,200**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand two hundred dollars (\$9,200) for the purpose of converting all 42 existing streetlights to LED.

The LED lighting monthly rates will be reduced by approximately 50% - 62%. Currently the Town budgets \$7,000 per year and this conversion would reduce the annual budget by between \$3,000 and \$3,500. A rebate for installation will be awarded by Eversource in the amount of \$4,150. (Original Cost -\$13,318)

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

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

To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing Record Retention Expendable Trust and raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)



for digitizing the Town of New Boston's records that require long term/permanent storage and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to expend.

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 valuable space, especially at Town Hall, and make this information more readily accessible to employees and where appropriate, the public.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

### **Solar Power for Town Buildings**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute easements and power purchase agreements that they deem to be in the best interest of the Town to establish a solar energy installation on Town property at the Transfer Station with the intent of offsetting power for that and other Town facilities in a cost-effective and sustainable manner.

This article is placed on the Warrant to allow time for the exploration and refinement of options and solicit proposals from multiple vendors. The terms and financials of a potential Power Purchase Agreement may not hold for an extended period waiting for another Town Meeting. Flexibility is needed to potentially enter into a favorable agreement in a timely fashion. If the Selectmen don't see a favorable agreement, then it will not be acted upon. This warrant does not affect the Town's budget for the installation or the purchase of its power and the town will realize cost savings over time.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend**

### **Police Body Cameras \$11,700**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$11,700) for the first of a five-year appropriation request for providing body cameras for the Police Department.

This article reflects a five-year commitment for a total cost of approximately \$58,500. The purpose is self-explanatory as this is a national topic throughout our law enforcement community.

**Finance voted 6-1 to recommend.**

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

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.

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

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

**2021 SCHOOL WARRANT**

**Article 2 – Budget**

**School Operating Budget \$17,314,712**

In mid-December, New Boston Central School Principal Tori Underwood gave the Finance Committee an excellent Zoom presentation on the proposed 2021-2022 school operating budget. Similar to previous years, the presentation was so thorough that there were few questions. We continue to have one of the lowest cost per pupil school systems in the State.

The School Operating Budget is comprised of the following three funds:

General Fund Budget	\$17,038,689
Food Service	\$166,023 (not raised by taxation)
Special Revenue Fund (Grants)	\$110,000 (not raised by taxation)

## Background

Regarding our Central School, the NH State elementary average for per pupil expenses in 2019-2020 was **\$17,188.49**. Our per pupil expense for 2019-2020 was **\$12,791.44** per pupil, the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in the state out of 156 elementary schools. Despite the low spending, we are above the state average in all areas of NECAP/SBAC testing.

NH State middle school average for per pupil expenses in 2019-2020 was **\$15,938.20** Mountain View Middle School per pupil expense for 2019-2020 was **\$13,104.24** per pupil, the 4<sup>th</sup> lowest in the state out of 62 middle schools.

NH State high school average for per pupil expenses in 2019-2020 was **\$16,776.10**. Goffstown High School per pupil expense for 2019-2020 was **\$14,969.55** per pupil, the 8<sup>th</sup> lowest in the state out of 74 high schools.

## Budget

The increase over last year's budget is **\$568,852** or **3.4%**. Additionally, the default budget (used if the proposed does not pass) is **\$5,587** more than the proposed budget. The reason why the proposed budget is lower than default is because the school removed proposed cost items from the proposed budget that we recently purchased through a federal grant.

In the proposed 2021-2022 school budget, administration is projecting slight decreases in enrollments at MVMS and GHS. However, tuition rates are also expected to increase at MVMS and GHS.

At Goffstown High School the estimated tuition is expected to **increase by \$843 per student** making the 2021-2022 cost per student **\$15,703**. This, amount and the projected enrollment of **340** students will yield a GHS tuition expense of **\$5,339,020** or a **\$256,900 increase** from the 2020-2021 budget. The tuition increase is based on a lower number of total enrollments at GHS (both Goffstown and New Boston students).

At Mountain View Middle School, the tuition is projected to **increase by \$401** per pupil making the 2021-2022 cost per student **\$14,155** and our number of students decreasing by **15**. This result is a total MVMS tuition decrease of **\$136,787** from the prior year. The projected decrease is caused primarily by a

decrease in the number of NBCS students moving up to the Middle School next year.

The costs directly attributed to our Central School will increase by **\$316,487** or **3.9 %**.

The following factors are driving the majority of the NBCS budget increases:

- Increased salary costs \$144,076 (previously approved contracts)
- NH Retirement employer contribution increase of \$151,452
- Regular and Special Education Transportation costs \$53,528 (mandatory kindergarten transportation)
- Supplies/Equipment/IT \$6,743

The Central School utilized generous donations from the NBCS PTA for curriculum enrichment, Sargent Camp and the Artist in Residence Program. In addition, the PTA has funded \$30,000 for an outdoor classroom currently being built on the playground. Grant funding is expected to exceed \$110,000 in the form of Title I, IIA, IVA, IDEA and REAP.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

### **Article 3– NBCS Support Staff Contract**

SAU 19 HR Director, Kate Magrath provided the Finance Committee with an overview of the proposed three-year collective bargaining agreement with the NBCS Support Staff. In terms of financial implications, the contract proposes the following:

1. A pay differential of \$2.00 per hour for those one-on-one paraprofessionals who work with students with intensive needs.
2. The extended school year (summer school) rate of pay for paraprofessionals was increased from \$12 to \$15 per hour. (Please note that this rate has not been adjusted in 10 years)
3. Cost of the contract is: \$46,014 in year one, \$25,839 in year two, and \$28,310 in year three.

**Finance Committee voted 7-0 to recommend.**

*CRF – Please note that unlike in prior years, the School Board is not requesting that funds be placed into the existing Capital Reserve Fund for NBCS. The School District was very fortunate to receive an \$80,000 grant from*

*the State of NH, coupled with nearly \$80,000 in energy incentives through Eversource to complete an extensive lighting replacement project. This \$160,000 project had a net cost of less than \$3,000 to taxpayers.*

**Finance Committee:**

Bill Gould, Chairman

Matt Beaulieu

Roch Larochelle

Ken Lombard

Mary Constance

Bill Schmidt, representing the School Board

Karen Scott, representing the Select Board



*Harry Moody at Frog Rock*

*Photo by: Betsy Moody*

## Finance Committee 2021 Estimated Tax Rate

<u>Year</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	
2016	\$629,707,167	\$23.35	
2017	\$645,163,418	\$24.35	
2018	\$659,751,647	\$23.87	
2019	\$657,465,182	\$25.05	
2020	\$683,500,314	\$24.09	
2021	\$686,917,816	\$24.75	<b>Est'd</b>

### TOWN WARRANT

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expense/Revenue</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
2021 Town Operating Budget	\$5,523,380	\$8.04
Fire Dept. Vehicle CRF	\$150,000	\$0.22
Highway Truck CRF	\$110,000	\$0.16
Highway Dump truck CRF	\$181,826	\$0.00
Highway Purchase 4x4 Truck/Plow CRF	\$65,000	\$0.00
Highway Heavy Equip. CRF	\$45,000	\$0.07
Bridge Repair/Replacement CRF	\$40,000	\$0.06
Lyndeborough Rd.Bridge	\$120,000	\$0.17
Town Road Upgrades/Improvements	\$201,789	\$0.00
Police Station Addition	\$605,000	\$0.88
Highway Garage	\$35,000	\$0.05
Town Revaluation CRF	\$25,000	\$0.04
Streetlight upgrade to LEDs	\$9,200	\$0.01
Record Retention Expendable Trust	\$20,000	\$0.03
Police Body Cameras	\$11,700	\$0.02
Fourth of July Fireworks/Police Details	\$11,850	\$0.02
Study for new Fire, Emerg Medical Svc & EM facility	\$38,000	\$0.06
Veteran Credits	\$151,000	\$0.22
Expenses Proposed for 2021	<b>\$7,343,745</b>	<b>\$10.69</b>
Less Estimated Revenues	<b>(\$3,074,613)</b>	<b>(\$4.48)</b>
<b>NET TOWN APPROPRIATION:</b>	<b>\$4,269,132</b>	<b>\$6.21 Est'd</b>

\* Estimated based on a 0.5% increase in Assessed Evaluation



*Bea with Norman*

**SCHOOL WARRANT**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expense/Revenue</u>	<u>Tax Rate Impact</u>
2021-2022 School Operating Budget	\$17,314,712	\$25.21
3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement (Yr 1 only)	\$46,014	\$0.07
Less Estimated Revenue (Local, State and Federal)	(\$352,523)	-\$0.51
Estimated Unspent Funds from 2020-2021 Operating Budget	(\$850,000)	-\$1.24
Less Est. State Adequacy Grant	(\$2,836,498)	-\$4.13 **
Less State Ed Tax ( SWEPT)	(\$1,350,394)	-\$1.97 **
<b>NET SCHOOL APPROPRIATION: (Estimated)</b>	<b><u>\$11,971,311</u></b>	<b><u>\$17.43</u></b>
<b><u>COUNTY TAX</u> (Estimated)</b>	<b>\$762,120</b>	<b>\$1.11</b>
<b>2021 TOTAL TOWN &amp; SCHOOL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b><u>\$17,002,563</u></b>	<b><u>\$24.75 Est'd</u></b>

\* Estimate of unassigned fund balance

\*\* State estimate

\*\* State estimate



*Harry Moody "At the Wheel"*

*Photo by: Betsy Moody*



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

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

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, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the



risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Opinions***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of New Boston, as of December 31, 2019, 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.

### ***Change in Accounting Principle***

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

## *Other Matters*

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

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

Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of 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.

**Other 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.

*Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association*

July 1, 2020

*EXHIBIT C-1*  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Governmental Funds*  
*Balance Sheet*  
*December 31, 2019*

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,948,315	\$ 1,277,666	\$ 3,225,981
Investments	503,617	875,995	1,379,612
Taxes receivable	552,217	-	552,217
Accounts receivable, net allowance for uncollectibles	339	51,187	51,526
Interfund receivable	8,249	2,862	11,111
Inventory	8,221	-	8,221
Prepaid items	23,355	-	23,355
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	175,812	-	175,812
Investments	1,758,664	-	1,758,664
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,978,789</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,207,710</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,186,499</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 234,701	\$ -	\$ 234,701
Accrued salaries and benefits	3,652	-	3,652
Intergovernmental payable	29,953	-	29,953
Interfund payable	738	10,373	11,111
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>269,044</u></b>	<b><u>10,373</u></b>	<b><u>279,417</u></b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Unavailable revenue - Property taxes	91,272	-	91,272
Unavailable revenue - Prepaid property taxes	9,660	-	9,660
Unavailable revenue - Highway Block Grant	86,389	-	86,389
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b><u>187,321</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>187,321</u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	31,576	589,440	621,016
Restricted	118,956	66,597	185,553
Committed	2,268,627	1,541,300	3,809,927
Assigned	854,023	-	854,023
Unassigned	1,249,242	-	1,249,242
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b><u>4,522,424</u></b>	<b><u>2,197,337</u></b>	<b><u>6,719,761</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,978,789</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,207,710</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 7,186,499</u></b>

**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, 2019*

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>			
Taxes	\$ 3,655,857	\$ 99,324	\$ 3,755,181
Licenses and permits	1,481,267	-	1,481,267
Intergovernmental receivable	579,666	-	579,666
Charges for services	73,224	384,545	457,769
Miscellaneous	192,831	160,219	353,050
Total revenues	<u>5,982,845</u>	<u>644,088</u>	<u>6,626,933</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Current:			
General government	1,034,809	3,900	1,038,709
Public safety	1,624,449	107,918	1,732,367
Highways and streets	1,677,229	-	1,677,229
Sanitation	431,202	-	431,202
Health	12,590	-	12,590
Welfare	24,383	-	24,383
Culture and recreation	455,965	171,724	627,689
Conservation	53	48,999	49,052
Capital outlay	543,069	-	543,069
Total expenditures	<u>5,803,749</u>	<u>332,541</u>	<u>6,136,290</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>179,096</u>	<u>311,547</u>	<u>490,643</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>			
Transfers in	6,718	-	6,718
Transfers out	-	(6,718)	(6,718)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>6,718</u>	<u>(6,718)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	185,814	304,829	490,643
Fund balances, beginning	4,336,610	1,892,508	6,229,118
Fund balances, ending	<u>\$ 4,522,424</u>	<u>\$ 2,197,337</u>	<u>\$ 6,719,761</u>

*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, 2019*

	Estimated	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)
Taxes:			
Property	\$ 3,645,519	\$ 3,493,584	\$(151,935)
Land use change	70,000	66,216	(3,784)
Yield	37,000	24,556	(12,444)
Excavation	5,000	5,211	211
Interest and penalties on taxes	75,000	58,765	(16,235)
Total from taxes	<u>3,832,519</u>	<u>3,648,332</u>	<u>(184,187)</u>
Licenses, permits, and fees:			
Business licenses, permits, and fees	2,100	1,890	(210)
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,250,000	1,358,865	108,865
Building permits	31,500	43,737	12,237
Other	70,566	76,775	6,209
Total from licenses, permits, and fees	<u>1,354,166</u>	<u>1,481,267</u>	<u>127,101</u>
Intergovernmental:			
State:			
Shared revenues	56,627	56,627	-
Meals and rooms distribution	293,642	293,642	-
Highway block grant	210,711	210,396	(315)
State and federal forest land reimbursement	142	142	-
Other	9,912	-	(9,912)
Federal:			
FEMA	6,840	6,840	-
Other	6,589	12,019	5,430
Total from intergovernmental	<u>584,463</u>	<u>579,666</u>	<u>(4,797)</u>
Charges for services:			
Income from departments	65,400	73,224	7,824
Miscellaneous:			
Sale of municipal property	1,550	2,018	468
Interest on investments	65,000	77,086	12,086
Other	33,600	70,729	37,129
Total from miscellaneous	<u>100,150</u>	<u>149,833</u>	<u>49,683</u>
Other financing sources:			
Transfers in	673,300	428,600	(244,700)
Total revenues and other financing sources	6,609,998	<u>\$ 6,360,922</u>	<u>\$(249,076)</u>
Amounts voted from fund balance	139,912		
Total revenues, other financing sources, and use of fund balance	<u>\$ 6,749,910</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, 2019*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
<b>Current:</b>					
<b>General government:</b>					
Executive	\$ 35,000	\$ 270,081	\$ 307,695	\$ -	\$ (2,614)
Election and registration	5,000	83,417	95,437	-	(7,020)
Financial administration	-	227,133	223,019	9,280	(5,166)
Legal	-	30,700	78,458	-	(47,758)
Personnel administration	-	41,552	21,354	-	20,198
Planning and zoning	-	153,514	146,630	-	6,884
General government buildings	1,050	78,367	61,699	-	17,718
Cemeteries	-	32,670	31,030	-	1,640
Insurance, not otherwise allocated	-	83,600	68,261	-	15,339
Other	-	1,270	1,226	-	44
Total general government	41,050	1,002,304	1,034,809	9,280	(735)
<b>Public safety:</b>					
Police	21,000	1,257,778	1,257,627	-	21,151
Fire	-	278,974	279,025	-	(51)
Building inspection	-	80,703	70,857	-	9,846
Emergency management	-	15,913	14,967	-	946
Other	-	2,100	1,973	-	127
Total public safety	21,000	1,635,468	1,624,449	-	32,019
<b>Highways and streets:</b>					
Administration	-	760,930	733,001	-	27,929
Highways and streets	174,515	927,938	937,342	107,515	57,596
Street lighting	-	6,984	6,886	-	98
Total highways and streets	174,515	1,695,852	1,677,229	107,515	85,623
<b>Sanitation:</b>					
Administration	-	246,135	256,369	2,277	(12,511)
Solid waste collection	-	1,200	40	-	1,160
Solid waste disposal	-	203,098	168,139	-	34,959
Solid waste clean-up	2,277	5,500	6,654	-	1,123
Total sanitation	2,277	455,933	431,202	2,277	24,731
<b>Health:</b>					
Administration	-	4,096	3,995	-	101
Health agencies	-	8,550	8,595	-	(45)
Total health	-	12,646	12,590	-	56
<b>Welfare:</b>					
Administration and direct assistance	-	19,824	1,755	18,069	-
Vendor payments and other	-	29,500	22,628	-	6,872
Total welfare	-	49,324	24,383	18,069	6,872
<b>Culture and recreation:</b>					
Parks and recreation	-	161,331	160,168	-	1,163
Library	-	248,958	231,498	-	17,460
Patriotic purposes	-	7,500	7,350	-	150
Total culture and recreation	-	417,789	399,016	-	18,773

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*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, 2019*

	Encumbered from Prior Year	Appropriations	Expenditures	Encumbered to Subsequent Year	Variance Positive (Negative)
Conservation	-	735	53	-	682
Capital outlay	424,811	1,064,000	543,069	716,882	228,860
Other financing uses:					
Transfers out	-	415,859	415,859	-	-
Total appropriations, expenditures, other financing uses, and encumbrances	<u>\$ 663,653</u>	<u>\$ 6,749,910</u>	<u>\$ 6,162,659</u>	<u>\$ 854,023</u>	<u>\$ 396,881</u>

*SCHEDULE 3*  
**TOWN OF NEW BOSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
*Major General Fund*  
*Schedule of Changes in Unassigned Fund Balance*  
*For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2019*

Unassigned fund balance, beginning, as restated (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	\$ 1,555,729
Changes:	
Amounts voted from fund balance	(139,912)
2019 Budget summary:	
Revenue shortfall (Schedule 1)	\$ (249,076)
Unexpended balance of appropriations (Schedule 2)	<u>396,881</u>
2019 Budget surplus	147,805
Decrease in nonspendable fund balance	2,803
Increase in restricted fund balance	(50)
Increase in committed fund balance	<u>(295,861)</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending (Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis)	1,270,514
<i>Reconciliation on Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis to GAAP Basis</i>	
To record deferred property taxes not collected within 60 days of the fiscal year-end, not recognized on a budgetary basis	(91,272)
Elimination of the allowance for uncollectible taxes	<u>70,000</u>
Unassigned fund balance, ending, GAAP basis (Exhibit C-1)	<u><u>\$ 1,249,242</u></u>



# DEPARTMENT REPORTS



*Tigris hanging out with "The Boss"*

*Photo by: Sheri Moloney*

## **New Boston Building Department**

It goes without saying this has been a very different kind of year. Here in the Building Department we have experienced the effects of Covid-19 in many ways. While we only issued one more permit for new houses, the houses seem to have been larger. We have issued permits for 8 new pools, 7 more than last year and half of which have been inground pools. The most significant jump has been in the total number of permits issued, an 88% increase. This would indicate that the time spent at home also reflects many home improvements. Another jump this past year has been in accessory dwelling units. The State has relaxed the rules somewhat. The main condition is that the owner of the property must live in one of the units. If the unit is attached, it can be up to 50% of the size of main dwelling unit. If it is detached, it can be up to 1,000 square feet of conditioned space. The accessory dwelling unit used to be called an in-law apartment, now there is no need for a relationship between the owner and the tenant. There are some other conditions, but I think these cover the main ones.

One of the things that, as a building inspector, I find frustrating is the lack of address numbers on the houses or mailboxes. This makes it difficult to locate the houses and it is especially important in the case of emergencies. I have attached the regulations put out by the fire department for identifying your house.

### **911 Address Standards**

Please help first responders find you. In an emergency, we need to be able to quickly find your home and below are the ways you can identify your driveway and save precious time when seconds count!

**Mailbox Address Number Placement:**

Place mailbox post three feet from the edge of driveway and 2 feet from the edge of the roadway (same as mailbox).

Post your 911 Mailbox Address Numbers on both

sides of the box, facing traffic from either direction with **REFLECTIVE NUMBERS AND/OR**

**CONTRASTING NUMBERS** –

**SIZES ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE NO LESS THAN 3” HIGH (4” NUMBERS ARE PREFERRED)**



**Address Post Placement:**



If your mailbox is on the **OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ROAD** from your property, or you don't have a mailbox at your property, you **NEED TO INSTALL A RIGID POST** by the corner of your driveway. This needs to **REFLECTIVE AND/OR CONTRASTING ADDRESS NUMBERS**, on both sides, to face traffic from either direction. (3 sides if more than two access directions exist or on a shared driveway). Post should be at least 48"

in height to reduce and/or avoid obstruction by grass and weeds. Post should be placed for best visibility from ANY approaching (driving) direction.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Kramer, Building  
Inspector/ Code Enforcement Officer

# 2020 New Boston Building Department Report

2020 showed an increase in single-family permits and an increase in overall permits.

The overall activity was as follows:

	2019	2020
<u>TOTAL PERMITS</u>	<u>380</u>	<u>682</u>
Single Family Homes	21	22
Duplex / Condex	1	0
Manufactured Homes	0	1
Accessory Dwelling Units	1	5
Commercial Buildings	0	0
Demolition	1	2
Pools	1	8
Remodel/Alterations	20	27
Solar Installations (Rooftop & Ground-Mounted)	9	4
<u>Misc. Permits</u>	326	613

(Renovations, additions, plumbing, electrical, mechanical, etc.)

The total income generated from permit fees and additional inspection fees was \$60,324.00. This represents a \$16,587.00 increase from the total collected in 2019 which was \$43,737.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. Fournier, Building Department

# Report of the Planning Board

In 2020, the Planning Board continued their second and fourth Tuesday meeting schedule for the months of January and February and then went to once monthly virtual meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the remainder of the year. 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.

Noteworthy highlights for 2020 included:

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Planning Board met on a limited basis and only via virtual meetings for the majority of the year.
- Please see the accompanying list of subdivisions, site plans and conditional use permits that were reviewed and approved by the Planning Board during 2020.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

The Planning Board ended 2020 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 2020 budget closed with a total income generated from permit and application fees in the amount of \$4,933.60 and expenses in the amount of \$105,366.48, for a balance or actual expense to the Town of \$100,433.88.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shannon Silver  
Planning Coordinator

## **New Boston Planning Board**

Peter Hogan, Chairman	Amy Sanders
Selectman, Ex-Officio	David Litwinovich, Secretary
Mark Suennen, Vice Chairman	
Ed Carroll	

## New Boston Planning Department Statement of Condition 2020 Income & Expense

### INCOME:

Receipts from Registry Fees	\$93.00
Receipts from Subdivision Fees:	
Certified Letter Fee	\$180.00
Secretarial Fee	\$175.00
Application Fee	\$150.00
Total from Subdivision Fees:	\$505.00
Receipts from NRSPP Fees:	
Certified Letter Fee	\$220.00
Secretarial Fee	\$500.00
Application Fee	\$949.60
Total from NRSPP Fees:	\$1,769.60
Sale of Regulations, Master Plans, etc.	\$12.00
Driveway Permit Fees	\$750.00
ZBA Application Fees	\$1,804.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$4,933.60</b>

### EXPENSES:

Registry Fees	\$172.95
Certified Letters and Mail	\$1,065.38
Planning Coordinator & Planner Salary	\$64,316.98
Planning & ZBA Boards Clerical	\$33,604.18
Planning & ZBA Boards Minutes	\$96.69
Planning Board Chairman Salary	\$1,748.75
Planning Board Members Stipends	\$1,421.25
Overtime	\$559.91
Advertising Expense	\$906.10
Office Supplies and Equipment	\$904.58
Lectures, Seminars, Books, etc.	\$389.83
Miscellaneous	\$179.88
Deed Preparation & Other Professional Svcs	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>\$105,366.48</b>
<b>BALANCE (Actual Expense to the Town)</b>	<b>\$100,432.88</b>

## Subdivisions Approved

<u>Name and # of Lots</u>	<u>Map/Lot #</u>	<u>Location</u>
Jessica L. & Joshua W. Edwards Subdivision/2 Lots	#2/151	Tucker Mill Road & Dougherty Lane
Walter Houghton Subdivision/3 Lots	#5/32	Weare Road (NH Route 77)
Kevin Oliver & Lois D. St. John Subdivision/2 Lots	#10/4	Butterfield Mill Road

## Conditional Use Permits Approved

<u>Name, Location</u> <u>Tax Map/Lot #, District</u>	<u>Conditional Use Permit</u>
Frank Whipple & Bruce J. Williams #5/32-1, 'R-A'	To upgrade an existing wetland crossing, as part of driveway construction to access a house site

## Site Plans Approved

<u>Name, Location</u> <u>Tax Map/Lot #, District</u>	<u>Non-Residential Use</u>
Bradford Tree & Lawncare, LLC dba Chestnut Hill Nursery Chestnut Hill Road #15/32-4, 'COM'	to operate multi-use site associated with the sale landscape materials & supplies, including greenhouse operations**
Sizemore Truck & Auto Paul D. Sizemore 150 Weare Road #5/29-1, 'COM'	for expansion of the vehicle/equipment sales & service business, to include a new building**

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

<b>New Boston 2020 Fire Department Company Assignments and Committees</b>	
<p><b>Fire Chief:</b> Dan MacDonald (C1)</p> <p><b>Assistant Fire Chief:</b> Cliff Plourde (C2)</p> <p><b>Cadet Program Advisor:</b> Derek Danis (O6)</p> <p><b>Recruit Program Advisor:</b> Eric Dubowik (K1)</p> <p><b>Fire Prevention and Inspection:</b> Eric Dubowick(K1) and Mike Boyle (O3)</p>	
<b><u>FIRE COMPANY (Bunting Station)</u></b>	
<b>Captain:</b> Rich Little (O2)	
<b>Lieutenants:</b> Derek Danis (O6) & Emmett Plourde (O7)	
<b><u>Engine 1</u></b>	<b><u>Engine 2</u></b>
Brian Alloca (R34) Connor Fitzpatrick Justin Pinard	Ethan Judd Greg St. Amand Liam Cashin (R33)
Parker Bell Andrew Wawrzyniak Erin DePew (R17)	Jimmy Waller (R25) Bryan Wells (R21)
Ken Ballou	Bob Winslow (R14)
<b><u>UTILITY 2</u></b>	
<b><u>WATER SUPPLY COMPANY (Bunting Station)</u></b>	
<b>Captain:</b> Joe Segien (O4)	
<b>Lieutenant:</b> Rick Riendeau (O9)	
<b><u>Tanker 1, &amp; RTV-1</u></b>	
Ben St. Amand Brooklyn Merron Dan Chamberlain John Jones (R20) Chris Kelleher (12)	Jeremy Chartier (R26) Kyle Merron Rick Belanger (R22) Steve Judd (R16)
<b><u>HILLTOP COMPANY (Hilltop Station)</u></b>	
<b>Captain:</b> Mike Boyle (O3)	
<b>Lieutenant:</b> Rick Todd (O8)	
<b><u>Engine 5 &amp; Forestry 1</u></b>	
Bruce Bowler Brad Bingham	Dick Moody (R5) Mike Nesmith (R23) Steve Wiggim (R28)



<b>RESCUE SQUAD PERSONNEL</b>			
<b>Ambulance 1</b> (Bunting Station) & <b>Ambulance 2</b> ( Hilltop Station) <b>Captain: Gina Catalano (O1), Lieutenant: OPEN</b>		<b>PARAMEDIC</b>	
<b>EMT</b>	<b>AEMT</b>		
Rick Belanger (R22) Parker Bell Mike Boyle (O3) Liam Cashin (R33) Jeremy Chartier (R26) Derek Danis (O6)	Brian Dubreuil (O5) Rich Little (O2) Dan MacDonald (C1) Brandon Merron (R1) Brooklyn Merron Justin Pinard	Ricky Riendeau (O10) Alex Stout Rick Todd (O8) Jimmy Waller (R25) Bryan Wells (R21) Meg Hoppert	Janet Chamberlain (R19) Chris Kelleher (R12) Steve Judd (R16) Marika Chartier (R15) Ryan Charette (R18) Erin DePew (R17) Mike Nesmith (R23) Eric Dubowik (K1) Cassie Mullen (R32) Emmett Plourde (O7) Connor O'Brien (R13)
<b>FOREST FIRE WARDEN</b> Cliff Plourde	<b>DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS</b> Wayne Blassberg Mike Boyle (O3) Brian Dubreuil (O5) Dan MacDonald (C1) Brandon Merron (R1) Dick Moody (R5) Emmett Plourde (O7) George St. John (R4) Steve Wiggins (R28)	<b>CADETS (14-22 y/o)</b> <b>Cadet Captain: OPEN</b> <b>Cadet Lt: OPEN</b> Charlie Krar Brady Danis Liliana Fales Sean Hunter	<b>HONOR GUARD</b> Brandon Merron - CMR Gina Catalano - Deputy CMR Janet Chamberlain John Jones Rod Towne Bryan Wells
<b>RECRUITS</b> John Belhumeur-EMT Andrew Carrier - AEMT/FF2 Josh Coleman - EMT Greg Mann-EMT Chris Martin-EMT			
<b>BREAKFAST COMMITTEE</b> Gina Catalano - Chairperson Ricky Riendeau - Asst Chairperson	<b>RECREATION COMMITTEE</b> Brandon Merron - Chairperson Dan Chamberlain Derek Danis Brooklyn Merron	<b>NEW BOSTON FIRE ASSOCIATION</b> <b>Clerk: Laurel Flax</b> <b>Treasurer: Derek Danis</b>	
<b>TECHNOLOGY TEAM</b> Janet Chamberlain & Dan Chamberlain			

# **New Boston Fire Department 2020**

2020 saw one of our members, Firefighter Dick Moody, reach the status of 50 years of continuous service to our community. Dick was a founding member of our Rescue Squad and has held a variety of positions within the Department that have contributed to the successful organization it is today.

Also, at the end of 2020, our Hilltop Company Captain Mike Boyle retired from his position.

## **Operational Information**

Another year has passed, and for the New Boston Fire Department, it has been one of the most challenging for us I can recall. COVID 19 arrived in our town as it did across the Nation and the world. It impacted most everyone's lives, especially the people that had to care for the afflicted. Our emergency call volume reached an all-time peak in 2020, 670 calls. To put this in perspective, the highest number of calls responded to in one year was 585 back in 2017. Five years ago the total number of calls for service was 418, and ten years ago it was 396. As the town has continued to grow in population, the demand for services has grown as well. To put 2020 in another perspective, the total number of hours expended by members responding to calls totaled 5,036 hours. In addition, members spent 4,057 volunteer hours, in preparation and training to ensure the emergency responses were as successful as possible. As a fulltime Department these costs (\$41,858) would have been well in excess of \$1,300,000. There is significant value in supporting your fire department.

More detailed information about this busy year can be found on the Fire Department website and in the town report.

## **Financial Information**

For 2020, the Department met its service level goals while working within the default budget allocated. There were however impacts to many areas of our financial plan for 2020, including protective equipment and clothing upgrades, communications, and dispatching. We hope to be able to begin recovery of the past year's setbacks and move forward to regain financial stability in our business in 2021. We will require the voters support to accomplish this. Just as internally we

invest much time in training and readying our personnel for the next emergency, the financial support of our Department and its goals by the voters is equally critical to a successful Fire Department.

## **Staffing**

Our members rose to many challenges this year. Several of our members became certified at various firefighting and EMS levels. This level of commitment by our members ensures that Nbfd will continue to provide high quality services to our residents. Our roster stands at 49 call members, and 4 recruit members.

The Town of New Boston is very fortunate to have such dedicated people willing to give up their personal time to be part of this organization, and provide such an extremely cost effective, high quality level of service to the residents. Neighbors helping neighbors!

## **Recruit Program**

The Recruit Program has continued to be a valuable addition to our Department. The primary goal of this program is to ensure quality emergency medical coverage for New Boston during weekdays when many of our members are out of town. To date the program continues to reduce daytime response times while increasing the medical staffing during the daytime. This program has also reduced stress on our regular members who might otherwise have to take on many of the maintenance tasks the Recruits perform, and eliminating potential costs incurred to have the work done using external resources. The recruit program members are all volunteers from out of town that have agreed to work (1) 8 hour daytime shift a week to gain experience and promote their career goals. They are a major asset to the Department. The Recruits are not paid for their on-duty time adding to the savings to taxpayers by avoiding per diem personnel or worse full-time personnel.

## **2020 Cadet Program**

This program introduces the Fire and EMS services to the youth of New Boston and surrounding towns. These young adults make a major difference in the overall performance of the Department. Each cadet is a fine example of what one would hope for in the future members of our Department. This was a difficult year with COVID and the required restrictions in regard to training, but our cadets were still able to log

important training hours both hands on and through online trainings. We ended 2020 with 5 cadets which was an increase from 2019. As the director of the program, it is a pleasure to see these young adults grow in the program and reach their goals.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lt Derek Danis

Director – Cadet Program

## **Honor Guard**

New Boston Fire Department Honor Guard was organized in 2006 and continues strong today. We currently have 6 members. 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. Due to the current pandemic, many ceremonies were kept small and private. We are still available to offer any assistance as needed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandon Merron

Honor Guard Commander

## **Training Officer Report**

2020 was a year like no other. Group training was a challenge and new ways of training were introduced. From online “ZOOM” training, social distancing and mask wearing we were still able to provide necessary and key training to our members. It all has become the “new normal” for us. These new methods of training presented some great challenges for the ones who get more out of hands-on participation. This profession requires us to work together closely and often in small spaces. We will continue to train our members to the highest level and quality as possible.

We were still able to log more than 4000 hours of training. Here are some individual accomplishments from some of our members. All these certifications are State Level.

EMT / Firefighter II - Justin Pinard  
Advanced EMT – Cassie Mullen  
Firefighter Level II – Connor Fitzpatrick

We also had the opportunity to have some valuable training on an old house in town that was going to be demolished. Some of the things we did was roof ventilation, overhaul, building construction and hose line advancements. Mont Vernon Fire Department invited us to a building for training as well. Some of the members spent many hours there. After the building was used up, it was eventually burnt down. Goffstown Fire Department also invited us to some of there in house training.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Brandon Merron  
NBFD, Captain of Training



*Captain Dubowik w his dalmatian Ash in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade!*

## Fire Prevention Report

The Fire Prevention Division still had an active year in 2020.  
Gas / Wood stove / Pellet stove / Oil burner inspections = 189  
2020 New Address Assignments = 22  
2020 New Homes added with sprinklers = 14  
Investigations (1 Structure fire/ 1 Carbon monoxide) = 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 2021 and continue to make the town a safer place for all that reside or visit.



*Super Heroes Avery, Ash & Daisy*

*Photo by: Eric Dubowik*

**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.**

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, New Boston Fire Prevention Officer

## **Cost Reduction/Avoidance Program**

Looking at the years 2007 to 2020 related to the financial activity of the Fire Department, the Department has been awarded or implemented cost reduction programs totaling \$2,725,500 that have directly reduced the tax burden to residents. During the same time period 2007 to 2020, the total of all the budget funds allocated to the Fire Department amounted to \$3,116,541. A major portion of every dollar approved for budget was returned to tax payers in the form of cost avoidance grants or programs. Another important point to pass along is according to a recent study of similar fire departments around the state, New Boston's cost to the taxpayers is one of the lowest in New Hampshire. In addition to the Fire Department Cost avoidance programs, The Chief worked on several optimization programs that reduced the cost of dumpster service for Town Departments by 50%, and town fire extinguisher maintenance by 65%. Additional opportunities will be explored in 2021.

### **Some of the accomplishments associated with our Department this year are:**

We have met the challenge, and continue to, related to the COVID pandemic, hopefully a once in a lifetime event. This alone challenged our members in a way no one has ever encountered. It puts new meaning to the phrase, "challenging times," both as members of the Department and our personal lives.

We maintained a solid roster by the addition of 5 new members to our Department, (regular & recruits), of which 2 Cadet program members transitioned to regular members of the Department.

Positive growth and improvements in our Fire Prevention Department lead by Fire Inspector Captain Eric Dubowik, along with the addition of Fire Inspector Captain Mike Boyle

Our EMS program continues to be one of the best to be found anywhere thanks to Captain Gina Catalano

We managed to minimize the need for mutual aid backup, day or night as the primary response, as a result of our member's commitment to our community



We continued to meet our daytime call requirements as a result of organizational planning, members were available during the daytime

Development of our member's skills to bring our certification level to 98%

Capt. Merron, Training Officer, provided members with new and innovative fire training programs to ensure their success as well as a CDL training program.

Our Auxiliary, led by Captain Alicia Dubowik has taken on a number of challenges and ensured our members were well taken care of.

The DES required holding tank for the capture of our floor drain wastewater was installed.

Once again, our volunteers help implement the town skating rink by providing the water and filling the rink.

Fire and Rescue received numerous acknowledgments for their efforts.

In summary, I would like to thank the Town of New Boston for their ongoing support of the Department, as well as all our members who continue to give of their personal time to ensure New Boston residents receive the highest quality, cost effective emergency services available.

Chief Dan MacDonald

# 2020 New Boston Fire Dept. Town Report

## Fire / EMS Incident Summary January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 through December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020

<b>Incident Type</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b><u>Fire</u></b>	
Fire, Other	1
Building fire	9
Cooking fire, confined to container	2
Chimney or flue fire, confined to chimney or flue	3
Fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined	1
Passenger vehicle fire	2
Road freight or transport vehicle fire	1
Forest, woods or wildland fire	1
Brush or brush-and-grass mixture fire	10
Dumpster or other outside trash receptacle fire	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>31</u></b>
<b><u>Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (no fire)</u></b>	
Excessive heat, scorch burns with no ignition	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>1</u></b>
<b><u>Rescue &amp; Emergency Medical Service Incident</u></b>	
Emergency medical service, other	1
EMS call, excluding vehicle accident with injury	308
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	15
Motor Vehicle Accident with no injuries	22
Extrication, rescue, Other	1
Water & ice-related rescue, other	1
Rescue or EMS standby	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>349</u></b>
<b><u>Hazardous Condition (No Fire)</u></b>	
Hazardous condition, Other	3
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	4
Oil or other combustible liquid spill	1
Chemical spill or leak	1
Carbon monoxide incident	4
Electrical wiring/equipment problem, Other	1

Heat from short circuit (wiring), defective/worn	1
Overheated motor	1
Power line down	55
Accident, potential accident, Other	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>73</u></b>

### **Service Call**

Service Call, other	5
Lock-out	2
Smoke or odor removal	1
Animal problem, Other	1
Animal rescue	1
Public service assistance, Other	4
Assist police or another governmental agency	5
Public service	40
Assist invalid	5
Unauthorized burning	15
Cover assignment, standby, move-up	7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>86</u></b>

### **Good Intent Call**

Good intent call, Other	2
Dispatched & cancelled in route	20
Authorized controlled burning	2
Smoke scare, odor of smoke	11
Steam, vapor, fog or dust thought to be smoke	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>36</u></b>

### **False Alarm & False Call**

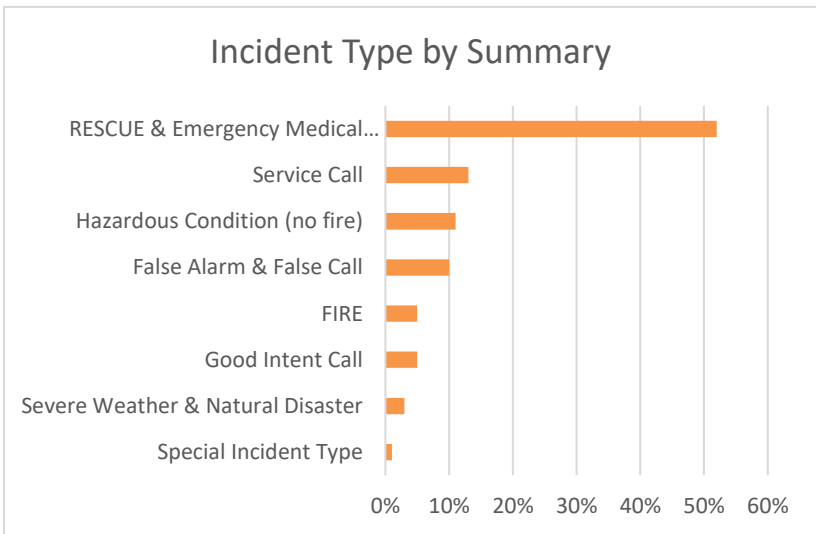
Smoke detector activation due to malfunction	5
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	6
CO detector activation due to malfunction	1
Unintentional transmission of alarm, Other	7
Sprinkler activation, no fire - unintentional	1
Smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional	21
Detector activation, no fire - unintentional	2
Alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional	20
Carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>67</u></b>

**Severe Weather & Natural Disaster**

Flood assessment	2
Windstorm, tornado/hurricane assessment	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>22</u></b>

**Special Incident Type**

Special type of incident, Other	3
Training or Drill	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>5</u></b>



**Total Incident Count:** **670**

2020 saw a 16% increase in call volume with an additional 105 responses over last year.

Below is our mutual aid breakdown by type and agency, both received and provided.

	Mutual Aid Rec'd	Mutual Aid Given	Auto Aid Rec'd	Auto Aid Given	Paramedic Intercept Rec'd	Paramedic Intercept Given	Total Received	Total Given
<b>Agency</b>								
<b>Amherst</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Bedford</b>	4	2	0	0	6	0	10	2
<b>Brookline</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Dunbarton</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>Francestown</b>	3	2	0	0	0	0	3	2
<b>Goffstown</b>	11	18	3	1	10	0	24	19
<b>Lyndborough</b>	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>Mt Vernon</b>	3	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
<b>Weare</b>	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	5
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>



*Harry Moody In the Drivers Seat!*

*Photo by: Betsy Moody*

## **New Boston Police Department**

2020 will be long remembered as a year like no other. We started the year by welcoming River A. Marmorstein as a Part Time Officer and welcomed back Officer Ben Tokarz who returned to the Part-Time position he vacated in February 2019. In late February, we welcomed Timothy P. Loveless who joined the Department as a Sergeant with nearly 17 years of experience. Tim came to New Boston from Chester PD where he held the same rank. We then hired Ricardo A. Pereira as our final Full Time Officer; which returned the department to full staffing, when March hit us hard.

We began March with another default budget that left the Department \$200,000 short of our budget request. This caused us to delay the start of Officer Pereira who ultimately resigned to pursue other employment. Facing a significant deficit due to the default, I made the decision to leave his position vacant for the entirety of the year. The shutdowns from the pandemic hit and the struggle to find Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies began. Through our prior relationship with Trauma Services, we found ourselves well prepared at the inception. The generosity and support from our community through donations over the following months was nothing short of exceptional. It was the epitome of teamwork and collaboration as we fought this pandemic.

Officer Nathan Knezevic was assigned to the position of Evidence Officer and through April, we completed an audit of the property room with 100% accounting. Officer Knezevic followed up by completing several Court motions to destroy over 700 pieces of drug evidence and dispose of aging property through a partnership with Property Room, an online auction company. As a result of his hard work, the department received over \$500 following the first auction. The funds were then allocated by the Selectmen to off-set costs of new Officer handguns which were over 16 years old.

In May, we condemned the actions of those Officers involved in the death of George Floyd. As a Department, we reviewed the failures which lead to this tragedy while reviewing our own policies. In compliance with President Trump's executive order 13929 related to safe policing and the use of force, we have received our certification from Police Standards and Training confirming our compliance with the order.

In June, Officer Marmorstein completed his Academy and Field Training and began solo patrol.

In July, we completed a transition of our IT services to Twin Bridge Services. We are excited to partner with TBS given their superior knowledge of our systems and the cost savings they offered. We also completed the installation of the mini-split Heating and Air Conditioning units approved in March. They have substantially improved the work environment in both comfort and the reduction of noise for our employees. We sincerely appreciate the support we received for this expenditure.

Over the Labor Day Holiday, Officer Marmorstein was struck by a Drunk Driver while stopped on Route 114. Fortunately, no one was injured but the cruiser was totaled. Our replacement cruiser was back on line by early 2021. The involved Driver has plead guilty to DWI and other charges filed at the time of the collision. His plea included restitution to the town for costs not covered by insurance.

In September, we also welcomed a new part-time Records Clerk, Michelle O'Sullivan. Michelle replaced Allison Vermette who resigned in early July.

In October, I sought permission from the Board of Selectmen to undertake a study to add an addition to our existing building. The request is to add, at least, another 25 years of use to our building and is two-fold. First, to address existing (aging) issues within the building. Second, to add space in line with areas of concern related to our 2018

10-year master plan. My request to obtain a study was approved and we partnered with Stantec Consulting who prepared a professional quote for the project.

One major cost of this plan is to add sprinkler systems to the building which were part of the 2005 master plan. Other major expenses are a new roof, siding and septic which are nearly 30 years old. By combining the renovations with the addition, the disruption to the Department would be limited. The addition would address the remaining eight areas of the 2018 Master plan not already addressed. Three significant highlights of the addition involve the creation of a new locker room for our female employees, a new secure booking room with two holding rooms for offenders, and the utilization of existing space for evidence storage.

In November, this quote was presented as a Warrant Article and approved by both the Selectmen and Finance Committee to be placed on the ballot. As presented, we are asking that 50% of the cost be from new taxation and 50% come from the town's Unreserved Fund Balance.

The Board of Selectmen also approved my request to move Officer Marmorstein from Part-Time to Full-Time status effective March 2021. This transition would have filled our remaining Full-Time position leaving only one part time position vacant come March.

Unfortunately, in early December, Officer's Jesse Byam and James Moran both resigned for positions in larger agencies.

I am pleased to report in the weeks that followed, we found two candidates who are currently working their way through the hiring process in anticipation of February and March appointments.

Statistically during the calendar year, with recognition to the impact the shutdown and pandemic had, we noted some increases and some decreases from 2019 but overall statistics were relatively consistent.



Finally, I would like to thank our citizens for their continued support of Officers over the last year. It has been challenging, but your support drives our force in continuing to provide the highest quality service.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in 2021.

Respectfully,

James R. Brace, Chief of Police



*Lily's a 6 year old Shepherd/Chow mix*

*Photo by: Diane Brace*

	2018	2019	2020
<b><i>Calls For Service (ALL)</i></b>	19723	19786	21087
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP	5183	5234	5386
MOTORIST ASSIST/LOCKOUTS	44	53	40
OHRV COMPLAINT	1	6	14
DISABLED/ABANDONED MV	2	51	49
MOTOR VEHICLE COMPLAINT	127	122	102
PARKING COMPLAINT	10	11	16
PLOWING COMPLAINT	24	1	0
ROAD HAZARD (ALL)	100	70	126
SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	154	71	100
SUSPICIOUS PERSON	35	14	24
SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	35	76	57
UNWANTED SUBJECT	0	4	3
PAPERWORK SERVICE	178	140	69
SERVE RESTRAINING ORDER	21	8	7
CIVIL STANDBY	33	30	13
CIVIL ISSUES	16	39	24
DOMESTIC ORDER VIOLATION	3	5	7
DIRECTED PATROL	4761	4993	5323
BUSINESS/PROPERTY CHECK	6083	6018	6712
HOUSE CHECKS/REQUEST	612	877	1096
FINGERPRINTS	17	15	14
PISTOL PERMITS	7	54	58
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	28	29	27
VIN VERIFICATION	51	51	46
WELFARE CHECK	71	86	73
OPEN DOOR	24	3	1
CITIZEN ASSIST/GIVE ADVICE	133	132	101
ASSIST FIRE & RESCUE	461	304	283
ASSIST LAW ENFORCEMENT/OTHERS	121	139	117

<b><i>Calls For Service -continued</i></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
CRIME PREVENTION/COMMUNITY POLICING	3	20	56
911 HANG-UP/ABANDONED CALL	14	14	13
ALARMS	151	123	105
ANIMAL COMPLAINT (ALL)	156	166	146
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE	28	39	29
GUNSHOTS (REPORTED)	19	20	26
NOISE COMPLAINT	17	19	20
NEIGHBORHOOD DISPUTE	3	1	0
LITTERING/ILLEGAL DUMPING	6	10	10
FOUND/LOST PROPERTY	27	23	35
POLICE INFORMATION	151	104	114
MISSING PERSON/RUNAWAY	4	10	16
ALL OTHERS	812	599	629
<b><i>Calls by Month</i></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
JANUARY	1404	1529	1763
FEBRUARY	1249	1425	1793
MARCH	1591	1689	1516
APRIL	1582	1671	1391
MAY	1913	1785	1837
JUNE	1742	1518	2055
JULY	1920	2069	2031
AUGUST	1817	1709	2015
SEPTEMBER	1734	1386	1701
OCTOBER	1581	1637	1726
NOVEMBER	1581	1890	1704
DECEMBER	1609	1478	1555

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>ARRESTS</b>	203	200	169	227	192
<b>TOTAL MV COLLISIONS</b>	99	101	113	98	75
<b>INJURIES</b>	23	19	28	20	19
<b>FATALITIES</b>	0	0	0	1	0

<i>Motor Vehicle Offenses</i>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Operating Without License	17	42	31	52	60
Habitual Offender	1	1	1	2	3
Suspended License	36	36	39	70	65
Suspended Registration	11	11	18	30	15
Unregistered MV	71	89	69	90	193
Uninspected MV	525	598	190	332	497
Speeding	3259	4030	3464	3310	3500
Stop Sign/Fail to Yield	164	136	101	69	73
Highway Markings	91	185	100	113	104
Following Too Closely	29	40	30	29	27
Traffic Control Devices	32	98	30	2	2
Misuse / Failure to Display	414	536	383	389	419
Equipment Violations	801	807	840	903	720
Use of Mobile Devices	NA	61	47	85	29
Negligent Driving (Jessica's Law)	NR	NR	NR	23	15
Other Offenses	324	268	272	271	434
<b>TOTAL WARNINGS</b>	5293	6224	5013	4910	5302
<b>TOTAL CITATIONS</b>	431	681	575	788	759
<b>TOWN ORDINANCE (CANINE)</b>	104	47	69	74	17
<b>TOTAL CRIMES</b>	455	410	372	480	487
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	157	148	149	141	152

<b><i>Crimes</i></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0
Assaults	29	19	17	29	19
Domestic Violence Offenses	NR	17	13	25	17
Sexual Assault/Offenses	5	1	14	8	4
Burglary / Attempted	2	3	3	1	1
Thefts (All)	29	22	22	27	12
Fraud/Forgery	21	12	20	24	24
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	11	18	23	20	27
Child Abuse/Neglect/Endanger	3	4	4	2	3
Child Porn/Obscene Material	2	2	0	1	5
Criminal Threatening	2	5	8	4	8
Criminal Trespass	1	7	4	4	3
Disorderly Conduct	4	1	3	0	4
Reckless Conduct	1	2	2	0	1
Protective Order Violation	1	1	3	3	8
Harassment	5	0	7	3	7
Stalking/Prowling	1	0	0	1	1
Drug Violations	164	95	56	58	61
DWI	19	18	18	21	20
Liquor Law Violations	38	44	27	28	21
Traffic Offenses	63	29	74	41	149
Stolen Motor Vehicle	0	2	0	1	0
Resisting/Hindering Arrest	2	3	1	0	5
Warrant (Arrests)	16	16	8	19	21
Protective Custody/IEA	4	6	12	3	5
Animal Offense	8	10	13	12	12
Missing Person/Runaway	1	1	0	1	0
All Other Offenses	22	23	20	27	49

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

The Transfer Station continues to provide the residents of New Boston with a clean, organized and cost-effective facility. 2020 started off normally with the anticipation of the March 10th Town-wide vote. The Operating budget was voted down and adjustments needed to be made for default budget operations. Services were suspended to respect to Default Budget guidelines. The facility curtailed operations even further when Covid-19 entered the picture. All normal operations ceased under guidance from the Governor and Department of Environmental Services. The essential service of providing a means to dispose of trash was instituted. All other services were suspended, and adjustments made to preserve budget, not knowing how long the pandemic would last. Staffing was reduced and recycling suspended. Getting back to normal operations would take 3 phases over a 5-month period. During this time world markets changed, and New Boston residents have done a great job adjusting to the changes needed to make marketable recycled products.

During the essential service period, 467 tons of solid waste and recycling was shipped for disposal, compared to 240 tons during the same period the previous year. With relaxed mandates we saw an increase of residents that normally do not use the facility. This was expected with many people losing employment and canceling pickup service. During this time, we lost all revenues related to recycling. By curtailing non-mandated services and reducing staff early on, we were able to stay well within budget guidelines. Some of our additional costs (\$5,700.00) were covered through New Hampshire and Federal grant programs. New Boston shipped a total 1082 tons (2.2 million pounds) of solid waste for disposal in 2020, representing 247 more tons than for 2019 which generated 835 tons.

Normal operations resumed with increased traffic volume, as more residents worked from home. The result was an increased volume of home projects and cleanouts coming to the facility after a 5-month

reduction in service. A total of 1,750 scale tickets equaling 154 tons of cleanouts, furniture and demolition material was collected and sent to Zero Waste. This increased activity generated \$30,000.00 in revenues that were returned to the general fund. Large volumes of recyclables were brought in that residents held on to for 5 months. The items we recycle still reduced Solid Waste costs and generated respectable revenues. Just recycling the items saved \$100.00 per ton valuing \$15,746.00 and generated \$28,117.00 in revenues. The recycling effort, in an exceedingly difficult year, provided an overall value to the taxpayer of \$44,020.00

Operating under a default budget, we realized that competing with local service providers was costing New Boston additional unnecessary expenses and collection tires and brush were discontinued. This change in procedure allowed the facility to stay within the budget. An updated fee structure was implemented and the fee collection for non-tax-based items to cover the true costs of operation was implemented. This adjustment is the first step for instituting a revolving fund in 2021 if the Revolving Fund Warrant is voter approved. This operational change will remove non-mandated services from the Transfer Station budget, reducing the following years budget by approximately \$40,000.00. This revolving fund will cover operational costs for all user fee-based items, saving tax dollars.

In 2020 during the reduced service period, many projects and general maintenance routines were completed at the facility and a new solar powered fuel depot was placed into service. A new foreman was hired, and part-time hours adjusted creating a third full time position providing consistent service as New Boston continues to grow. While still under Covid-19 restrictions and Default Budget, limited operations have continued to provide needed services for the residents of New Boston. Overall, it has been a relatively smooth year.

2021 will be a year of subtle changes to policy and procedures as we learn and adapt to the needs of the community and the demands of local vendors and world markets. The new roof over the loading dock will be

completed and the next project scheduled to keep up with the growth of New Boston.

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



*McKinley watching the Pats Game*

*Photo by: Gerry Cornett*



## New Boston Recreation Dept 2020 Revolving Account Overview

R/A Income			52,217
R/A Expenses			
	Utilities		4,012
	After School wages		27,866
	Summer camp wages		468
	Medicare/Social Security		2,426
	Program Instructors		3,199
	Credit Card Fees		1,942
	Sanitation		1,103
	Transportation		0
	Sport Uniform/Equipment		134
	Program Supplies		2,911
	Concession Expense		175
	Community Outreach		4,347
	League Fees		-660
	Band/DJ Expense		350
	Building Maintenance		4,302
	Building Repair		2,668
	Groundskeeping		4,708
	Facility/Equipment rental		0
	Vehicle		1,384
	Equipment		0
<b>2019 Expenditure</b>			61,335
	Net Income/Loss		-9,118

## **Recreation Department Report**

The year 2020 was certainly challenging for many of us in various ways. It was no different for town departments and employees. Our main goal was to keep the town safe and informed to the best of our ability. We appreciate everyone's patience, flexibility and community support through all of this.

At the beginning of 2020, things were running fairly normal. We were finishing up our basketball season and starting to plan for summer camps and programs. That all came to a halt on March 16, when schools switched to remote learning and many businesses started to close. As the year progressed, we realized that many of our programs and events were not going to happen. We started to look for different ways to reach and support the community, while still having some level of engagement with people.

I started doing weekly email broadcasts on March 20 and continued them through June. My primary mission was to keep residents informed of any COVID-related issues that might be important, but also let people know we were still here for you. We were not going anywhere and with our fellow town employees, assistance was only an email or phone call away. With assistance from Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, signs were placed around town to keep spirits inflated and let residents know we were all in this together, as a community.

In the spring, Sheri and I started doing weekly grocery runs for seniors or anyone who was uncomfortable going to a grocery store. We continue that service into 2021. We jumped on the Recreation bus with Sarah Cotugno (After School Asst. Director) and visited all our After School kids, since our program ended so abruptly. We also joined the Birthday Parades that were organized by Katie Hawkes. The department was still able to award two scholarships to graduating seniors Isaac Borges and Julia Gentili. We also started doing virtual Yoga and Zengevity classes with Christel Caron and Lauren Burnham instructing.

The summer brought a Drive-thru Book Drive, in collaboration with the Whipple Free Library and Little People's Depot. The Recreation Department partnered with the New Boston Beacon to do a Pizza Garden Project kit that was well received. Our Camp Coolio Director, Jill Garrity, offered virtual camp theme ideas on a weekly basis. We also

did a “Pics in the Park” contest in August, encouraging people to get outside and enjoy nature.



*Tigris at work with “Mom” Sheri Moloney*

*Phono by: Laura Bernard*

In the fall, a hybrid form of in-school learning started so we decided to offer a scaled down version of our After School program. The program is at 50% capacity for the 2020-2021 school year and many COVID guidelines and rules are in place. We sponsored two flu shot clinics in

the fall with almost 150 people attending. Our Yoga and Zengevity programs did some outdoor classes until it got too cold. The department was glad to offer an outdoor movie, Toy Story 4, on September 18.

In December, the outdoor skate rink opened for its second year of use. The rink has a great group of volunteers who maintain the ice and we thank Ed Hunter, who built an entry ramp for the rink. On December 19, the department sponsored two events: “Drive-thru Visit with Santa” and “Light Up New Boston”. We were joined by New Boston Central School staff for the Santa event and appreciate their involvement. Sheri and I also hosted two seniors for lunch each week, which we continued into 2021.

On a personnel note, the Recreation Commission said goodbye to Kim Borges in March. Kim served 12 years on the Commission and we sincerely appreciate her support and dedication to this department and the Town of New Boston. Kim’s departure created an open seat that was filled by Dan O’Brien. Dan and his family have participated in Recreation Department programs and his wife Jen is on the staff of the New Boston Beacon. We are glad to welcome this community involved family to our team.

As always, I thank and appreciate the members of our Recreation Department- Sheri Moloney (Recreation Assistant) and our Commission members: Helen Fanning, Christopher Hall, Ken Hamel, Dan O’Brien and Lynn Wawrzyniak. On behalf of our group, I want to thank New Boston residents for their support of the department in 2020. We look forward to a better and brighter 2021!

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Sindoni  
Recreation Director

*“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.”*

# Town Clerk Report 2020

Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 1,453,927.00
Boat Registrations	1612.08
Municipal Agent Fees	46,624.00
Mail-In Registrations	7,298.00
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	<u>3,008.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 1,512,469.08

Dog Licenses	\$ 7,295.00
Fines	<u>231.50</u>

TOTAL \$ 7,526.50

Vital Statistics:

Marriage Licenses	\$ 182.00
Birth, Marriage, Death Certificates	<u>1,730.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 1,912.00

Miscellaneous:

Emergency Response Fee	0.00
Filing Fees	0.00
Miscellaneous Account	373.75
Ordinance Violations	425.00
Pole Petitions	0.00
Return Check Fees	\$ 31.56
UCC Filing Fees	2,295.00
Voters Checklist	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL \$ 3,125.31

**GRAND TOTAL \$1,525,032.89**

Respectfully submitted:

Kim Colbert  
Town Clerk

## **Librarian's Report For the Year Ending 12/31/20**

Little did anyone know when we started 2020 how it would end up! We were looking forward to a big celebration for our ten year anniversary of being in the “new” library. The Friends and Trustees were starting to plan for this event. The summer reading theme had been announced, programs were planned and January and February were very similar to previous years. But we were starting to hear about the new corona virus and by the middle of March the Governor had ordered closures of non-essential businesses. We started right away with offering curbside pick-up for items requested through email, phone calls or our online catalog. Two weeks later the Governor issued the “stay at home” order and we closed completely and stopped doing curbside delivery. We extended due dates to July and asked people to hold on to the materials they had until we asked for their return. We thought that would give us plenty of time to decide our next moves.

Who had ever heard of Zoom or other online meeting platforms? Within a week of closing though we were figuring out how to provide some library services. Our children's librarian quickly learned to do story-times using Facebook live and then set up book groups and teen events using Zoom. The Trustees met only virtually. Our adult book groups and programming moved to Zoom too. Our adult services librarian researched the many online offerings that might be of interest to those at home and posted them to our newsletter and Facebook page.

During the early months of the pandemic the staff “attended” many online meetings and webinars as librarians in NH and around the country shared their ideas for new ways to offer library services safely. Trying to work thru the new changes coming all the time and sort out what they meant for a small town library was stressful and challenging. For example, there were experts studying whether or not the virus lives on various library materials and for how long. This led to the common practice of quarantining returns and interlibrary loans for at least 3 days. For a few months the town department managers and the school principal met weekly to share how each department was handling the pandemic.

While the library was closed to the public, we began a long delayed look at the collection and weeded heavily in the children's room where

shelves were jam packed and there was no room for new materials. We also weeded less heavily in the adult and young adult collections. Because we couldn't have the book sale, the shed became full to overflowing with donations and discards. In early June when Little People's Depot closed, they offered their books to the rec department and the library who joined forces for a safe, drive through book giveaway that was much appreciated. We were able to add some of our stored donations to the giveaway.

With the interlibrary loan service also shut down in March, we began to look at ways to offer additional materials for patrons and especially for book groups. We chose Hoopla, a company that offers e-books, audio books, movies, music, and TV shows. These items can be accessed at the same time by more than one borrower. Many people might not have chosen to read a book on their phone, computer or other digital device but some learned to appreciate them. Hoopla charges the library a small amount for each item borrowed. In the fall the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at NBCS used Hoopla for a reading assignment so that many students could read the same title. By the end of the year our card holders had borrowed 575 items.

The Downloadable book service from the State Library also grew more popular during this time. We received many requests for new library cards so residents could access these digital services. Between March and the end of the year we signed up 88 new borrowers. The circulation numbers for these services was significant. For the Downloadable book service our circulation numbers increased from 6583 in 2019 to 8474 in 2020 including 87 who were new users.

By the middle of June we were asking people to return their books and materials to bins outside the community room door so that we could begin the process of returning to curbside delivery. We knew we couldn't handle all the returns at once! Returned materials were quarantined before handling them. By early July we began to offer curbside service again. We had been purchasing new books all along and it was wonderful to now be able to circulate them. Hours were limited and curbside service proved to be much more work for the staff. Fortunately, the weather cooperated for the most part until late fall when we had to move the pick-ups into the entryway. Thank goodness the building design made that possible.

During the summer and early fall we were planning how we could reopen safely in some manner. We collected hand sanitizer, face shields and masks. We installed plexiglass shields for the circulation desk and the children's librarian's desk area. We deep cleaned the building, put away toys and stuffed animals, and set up computer stations at least six feet apart. We expanded our hours, adding 9 more a week. Toward the end of October, we were ready to offer in-person browsing by appointment. A limited number of people would be allowed in the building at any one time. Masks and use of hand sanitizer was required. For those not comfortable coming inside, we still offered curbside pick-up and book bundles.

Imagine Your Story! was the theme for the summer adventures program which looked very different this year. However thanks to the Readsquared online program, 240 kids, teens and adults were able to enjoy reading, playing games and exploring missions. The statewide Readsquared subscription for all NH libraries was funded by the FY 20 IMLS CARES act grant through the New Hampshire State Library. Imagine Your Story! summer adventures 2020 was full of reading, games, STEM kits, missions, Zoom meetings and scavenger hunts (you might have noticed Bigfoot and Dragons throughout town.)

This summer we tried a new incentive program for children ages 3 to 5 and entering grades one to six. READ and BEAD offered readers the chance to earn special beads for the books they read and activities they participated in. Some of the kids went through the program so quickly that we added 3 bonus brag tags for them to earn!

The 2020 summer adventures program for teens included virtual teen nights through Zoom and Kahoot! Weekly Thursday night meetings included games, trivia, and a virtual escape room. This fall the New Boston teens joined with those from 3 other libraries for special "Teen Nights In" to enjoy two hours of games, challenges and other activities. We are proud to say New Boston had the most participants of any library for these events! This is just another great example of how libraries and librarians have learned to reinvent themselves and offer new experiences during this challenging time.

The interlibrary loan service started up in mid-September with 2 weeks just for returns so that borrowed materials could get back to their home libraries. For the book groups this was especially good news as we could finally borrow physical copies of books. The service is a bit



slower than it used to be because materials are quarantined before they're shipped to us and before they are checked out to those who requested them.

We had three staff changes this year. In August, Stephen Wicks resigned to become the assistant director in Raymond, NH. Fortunately for us, Ken Ballou was able to step right in take over for Stephen. In October, Linda Consolini resigned and in November Rennie Timm decided to move on to other career challenges. We thank them all for their years of providing great service to our library.

The Friends of the Library missed their two big fundraisers this year, the auction and the book sale. Fortunately, they were able to continue funding the museum pass program, purchase new movies and provide funding for the gardens which were so beautiful this year thanks to the many volunteers who help keep them watered and weeded! It was indeed a strange holiday season without the annual Wassail open house.

As we move into 2021, we hope everyone remains safe and healthy and want to assure you we will strive to continue to offer the best services to the community that we can. If you haven't already, please sign up for our weekly newsletter. Updates are also posted to our Facebook page and web page.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Chapman, Library Director



*Henry at one of his favorite places*

*Photo by: Gail Parker*

# Library Report

## For the Year Ending December 31, 2020

LIBRARY TRUSTEES	TERM EXPIRES
Craig Anderson/resigned Lorraine McKim appointed	2021
Dick Backus	2021
Jennifer Allocca	2022
Kate Fitzpatrick	2022
Bill Gould	2022
Dick Jardine	2023
Betsy Whitman	2023

### LIBRARY STAFF:

Library Director: Sarah Chapman
Adult Services Librarian: Rennie Timm (resigned 11/20)
Children's Librarian- Barbara Ballou
Circulation and Interlibrary Loan: Stephen Wicks (resigned 8/20) Ken Ballou hired
Technical Services: Ronna LaPenn
Assistants: Ken Ballou, Linda Consolini, (resigned 10/20) ) Mary Kennedy. Cathy Daniels

### LIBRARY HOURS: Adjusted for Pandemic

Monday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	10:00-a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thursday	2:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Closed

### PERIODICALS

Purchased	49
Gifts	6
Total	55

### INTERLIBRARY LOAN STATISTICS

Items borrowed from other libraries	429
Items loaned to other libraries	338

<b>LIBRARY HOLDINGS ON 1/1/20</b>	31,946
Acquisitions by purchase and gift:	
Children's	408
Adult Fiction	342
Adult Non-Fiction	115
Young Adult	111
Audio Books	5
Videos	43
Withdrawn from Circulation	-3401
<b>LIBRARY HOLDINGS ON 12/31/19</b>	29,569

### **CIRCULATION STATISTICS**

Children's	7,130
Adult Fiction	3,895
Adult Non-Fiction	1,092
Young Adult	962
Periodicals	567
Audio Books	174
Videos	1,368
Other	24
Interlibrary Loan	251
Downloaded Audio/e-books & Nook Periodicals & Hoopla	9,049
	24,512

**Sarah Chapman, Library Director**



*Joyce reading w/ Uno & Scarlett*

*Photo by: Jim Smith*



## WHIPPLE FREE LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT 2020

<b>Town Appropriation</b>	
<b>Total Town Appropriation</b>	<b>\$ 295,144.00</b>
<b>Paid from Appropriation</b>	
Payroll	183,964.49
Benefits	42,797.19
Heat	2,824.53
Telephone	3,182.48
Deposited to Library Checking Acct	46,946.00
Trustees Fund Spent	1,539.76

<b>Library Checking Account</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 28,084.15</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Town Appropriation	\$ 47,160.00
Interest	27.75
Donation/Grants/Guilt Box	500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 47,687.75</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Books/Materials	\$ 14,735.01
IT/Infrastructure	9,308.37
Electricity	4,159.69
Office/Postage	3,330.37
Building Maintenance	11,329.43
Staff Development	495.00
Programs	2,464.45
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 45,822.32</b>
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 29,949.58</b>

**WHIPPLE FREE LIBRARY TREASURER'S  
REPORT 2020 cont'd**

<b>Operating Account</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 33,934.34</b>
Income:	
Trust Fund Income	4,124.02
Interest	135.44
Expenditures	(150.00)
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 38,043.80</b>

<b>Library Improvement Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 9,198.75</b>
Income:	
Trust Fund Income	582.15
Donations	-
Out of Town Borrowers	125.00
Interest	36.23
Expenditures	(1,389.76)
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 8,552.37</b>

<b>Hayes Toy Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 859.20</b>
Income:	
Interest	3.44
Expenditures	-
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 862.64</b>

<b>Mary Statt Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,775.40</b>
Income:	
Interest	6.75
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,782.15</b>

**WHIPPLE FREE LIBRARY TREASURER'S  
REPORT 2020 cont'd**

<b>Janice Hawkins Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,245.47</b>
Income:	
Interest	4.74
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.21</b>

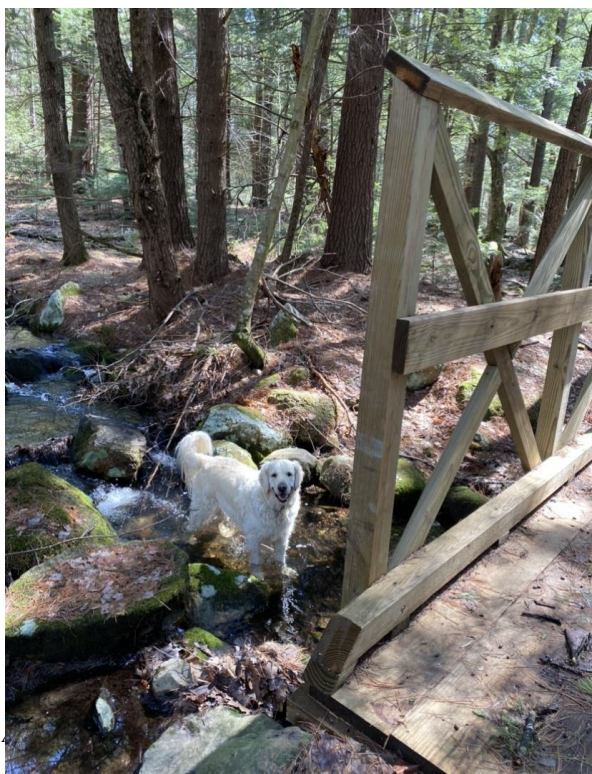
<b>Nola Page Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 2,587.06</b>
Income:	
Donations	250.00
Interest	10.05
Expenditures	
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 2,847.11</b>

<b>Rhoda Shaw Clark Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 206.45</b>
Income:	
Interest	0.79
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 207.24</b>

<b>Irving and Elinor McDowell Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,343.57</b>
Income:	
Interest	5.11
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,348.68</b>

<b>Jack Ballard Memorial Fund</b>	
<b>Balance as of 01/01/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,002.36</b>
Income:	
Donations	\$ -
Interest	3.81
<b>Balance as of 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$ 1,006.17</b>

# BOARDS & COMMISSIONS REPORTS



*Tucker cooling off on the hike*

*Photo by: Melanie Pinard*

## **New Boston Conservation Commission 2020**

The COVID-19 pandemic that arrived in this country early in March and changed all our lives, had impacts on the Conservation Commission as well. Despite the virus, we accomplished many of our goals including annual monitoring of conservation lands which is required on many of our properties.

The Forestry Committee, Piscataquog Land Conservancy (PLC) and the New Boston Conservation Commission (NBCC) came together early in the year to follow through on protecting five Town Forests. At the 2019 March Town meeting, the voters approved putting the Town Forests under Conservation Easements, and we expect this project to be completed in 2021.

We were also able to complete a project that began in 2019, to protect a parcel of land which has significant frontage on the Middle Branch along with lots of wetlands. This project was begun in person, but went forward via Zoom meetings, and ultimately resulted in a Conservation Easement. If you are interested in learning more about Conservation Easements, please feel free to contact [l.bernard@newbostonnh.gov](mailto:l.bernard@newbostonnh.gov).

Rail Trail Improvement Project: Low Impact Logging finished tree removal on Phases 2 and 3 in preparation for the final work of repairing culverts, bringing up the trail grade, and topping the trail with gravel which will provide a smooth yet permeable surface – the same process that took place on Phase 1 between the Fairgrounds and Lang Station. Louise Robie worked tirelessly with fundraising for the final phase of the Rail Trail Project. The NBCC had been approved for a \$100,000 grant, but it requires a 50% match – fundraising is still ongoing. If you are interested in supporting our Rail Trail Project, please consider sending a check made out to: Town of New Boston, PO Box 250, New Boston, NH 03070 with Rail Trail in the memo line.

Randy Parker, who co-founded the Piscataquog Watershed Association to purchase abandoned Boston and Maine Railroad land — now known as the Rail Trail Conservation Area — was determined to get this project completed. He worked closely with Louise on the fundraising efforts but sadly passed away in December less than a year before the project's completion. Even after his passing, Randy is still helping by asking





*Rail Trail*

*Photo by Laura Bernard*

friends and family to donate to the Rail Trail in his memory. H. Randall Parker: we thank you so much.

A big thank-you to local resident Gerry Perron who built new bird nesting boxes for the Saunders Pasture Conservation Area, as well as Barbara Thomson & Ken and Lyn Lombard who handled the installation this past August.



*Ken Lombard &  
Barbara Thomson,  
installing Nesting  
Boxes*

*Photo by Lyn  
Lombard*

Changes because of the pandemic included learning how to meet remotely. On our very first Zoom Meeting, I kicked out a suspected interloper on the call (the name that popped up was Dr. Evil), and it turned out it was one of our members with a wicked sense of humor! Subsequent Zoom meetings were much more successful.

Annually we sponsor two New Boston students at Barry Conservation Camps, but sadly in 2020 the camp was canceled. To make up for the loss of opportunity, we will be sponsoring four students in 2021!

We can't talk about 2020 without acknowledging a silver lining resulting from the pandemic. We have seen more people than ever taking advantage of the many Conservation Areas in town to hike, bike or walk. We are hopeful that even after the risk of COVID-19 is no longer keeping us apart from each other, people will continue to appreciate the open spaces here in our community. Check all our Conservation Areas at: <https://www.newbostonnh.gov/conservation-commission>. There's also information about volunteer opportunities right on our website.

Be safe, stay healthy and enjoy the outdoors!

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

Ed Boyle, Member  
Marty Kelley, Member  
Betsy Whitman, Member  
Barbara Thomson, Alternate

# New Boston Conservation Commission

## Checking Account

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2020 \$163,687.20

### INCOME

Interest	\$912.91
Open Space Reimbursement	\$0.00
Donations & Miscellaneous	\$0.00
10% Land Use Change Tax <sup>1</sup>	\$48,018.00
Rail Trail Fundraisers/Donations	\$49,653.25
Brochure Sales	\$597.00
Transfer Funds from Certificate of Deposit	<u>\$260,301.02</u>
	\$359,482.18

### EXPENDITURES

Conferences/Training	-\$35.00
Dues - NH Assoc. of Conservation Commissions	-\$350.00
Trail Maintenance Equipment	\$0.00
Supplies - Paper, Books, Postage	\$0.00
Trail/Property Improvements & Maintenance	-\$7,119.38
Open Space (titles, appraisals, easements, legal)	-\$59,458.36
Surveying/Legal	
Donations - Camp Sargent and Barry Conservation C	\$0.00
Administrative	-\$437.09
Rail Trail Project	<u>-\$30,471.00</u>
Website/Brochure	<u>\$0.00</u>
	-\$97,870.83

Ending Balance - December 31, 2020 \$425,298.55

## Certificate of Deposit

Beginning Balance \$259,112.79

### INCOME

Interest	<u>\$1,188.23</u>
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	\$260,301.02
EXPENDITURES - Transfer to Checking	-\$260,301.02
Ending Balance - December 31, 2020	\$0.00
<b>NH Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHDPIP)</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$282,806.62
<b>INCOME</b>	
Earnings	<u>\$1,767.57</u>
	\$284,574.19
EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
Ending Balance - December 31, 2020	\$284,574.19
<b>Total Conservation Commission Balance</b>	<b>\$709,872.74</b>
Amount Dedicated to Land Purchase	\$539,841.00

<sup>1</sup>By town vote, the Conservation Commission annually receives a 60% share of the Land Use Change Tax assessed by the Town on properties that are taken out of the Current Use program.



*Tucker Pinard*

*Photo by: Melanie Pinard*

## 2020 Open Space Committee Report

The year 2020 provided the Committee with two new conservation easement acquisition opportunities that will continue to be coordinated and worked on behalf of the Town of New Boston into 2021. The year 2020 also marked the 18<sup>th</sup> straight year of continued faithful and dedicated service of Ken Lombard as the Committee Chair.

Committee coordination and work in support of the possible purchase of a conservation easement continued with the owners of a 96 +/- acre parcel located off of Route 136 that includes wetlands, ponds, and fields which have been maintained for hay production. The Committee currently assesses completion of this acquisition could take place in late Spring or Summer of 2021.

A Committee member initiated work on and continues coordination with the owner of a 16 acre parcel consisting mostly of forested lands and some wetlands vicinity of Tucker Mill Road for the possible donation of a conservation easement.

The Committee assisted the Conservation Commission by authorizing time sensitive funding over the Christmas holiday period that ensured the completion of a Commission purchase and sales agreement of a conservation easement acquisition.

Committee members supported the two PLC purchases of conservation easements, to include purchase of the Forestry Committee's town forest conservation easement.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koon  
Ken Lombard, Chair  
Peter Moloney

David Grosso, Chair, effective Sep 2020  
David Woodbury

## New Boston Forestry Committee 2020

Despite the pandemic, the New Boston Forestry Committee had a very busy and productive year. Work continued on the Christmas Tree farm on Old Coach Road, with a newer and stronger strain of trees being planted on an expanded field that was tilled, fertilized and watered on a regular basis during our very dry summer. We also opened the Dwight Lovejoy Memorial Trail which is an educational tour through a portion of the Bob Todd Forest off Old Coach Rd. The trail is marked with informative plaques telling hikers what species they are encountering as they walk. At some point in 2021, the Committee will have a formal dedication ceremony with members of the Lovejoy family present.

The Committee also worked with the Piscataquog Land Conservancy to establish Conservation Easements on most of our Town Forests. This effort also involved the cooperation of the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee whose efforts were vital to its success. These easements are expected to be legally complete during 2021. During the summer, the Committee was fortunate to have the services of Norman Gagnon, an intern from the University of New Hampshire Forestry School. Norm was extremely helpful in completing work on management plans for each town forest. He also helped with timber stand improvements and, along with several members of his family, helped plant new Christmas trees. In addition, Norm also maintained the Christmas tree farm during the summer, including doing the mowing, watering and fertilizing.



*Bea & Sam*

*Photo by: Shannon Silver*



*Constance Dogs Klaus & Otto Photo by: Mary Constance*

Monitoring our forests for disease was also an important task that had to be done regularly as there are several diseases now affecting Ash, Hemlock, and Red Pines that can have a devastating effect if left unattended. Tom Miller attended several educational seminars pertaining to Forestry management this past year and is earning several certifications which will be of great benefit to the Town in future years. He also purchased many new trees for the farm and spent countless hours in the woods doing timber stand improvements. Special thanks also to Willard Dodge who donated time and pieces of equipment at key points necessary for Christmas tree and forest management. Graham Pendlebury, Jeff Briggs, and Kim DiPietro also contributed heavily to these efforts, all of which were most appreciated.

Respectfully submitted by

Joe Constance  
Member, Forestry Committee



## 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 David Craig; full members are Ken Clinton, Michael Dahlberg, Anthony Olivier and Wayne Charest.

01/21/20 Application for a '**VARIANCE**' to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4 & 208.2, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by Kohler Environmental, LLC, for the property located on Greenfield Road, Tax Map/Lot #7/75, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District, owned by Peter Morgan, Trustee, of The Peter A. Morgan Rev Trust 12/22/87. The applicant is requesting permission to construct an accessory dwelling, at the 20' side setback, along the frontage of the Class VI portion of Greenfield Road.  
**GRANTED**

05/19/20 Application for a '**SPECIAL EXCEPTION**' to the terms of Article V, Section 503, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by Lee Brown, for the property located on Valley View Road, Tax Map/Lot #16/19, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District, owned by David M. & Caroline P. Hulick. The applicant is requesting to expand the footprint of the existing garage on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot of record.  
**GRANTED**

09/15/20 Application for a '**VARIANCE**' to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by Kelly M. Socia, for the property located on South Hill Road, Tax Map/Lot #11/39, in the Residential-Agricultural "R-A" District, owned by Kelly M. Socia. The applicant is requesting to permit the construction of an expansion within the 20' side setback, on a pre-existing, non-conforming lot of record.  
**GRANTED**



10/20/20 Application for a ‘**VARIANCE**’ to the terms of Article II, Section 204.4, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by James W. Dodge, Trustee, for the property located on Tucker Mill Road, Tax Map/Lot #5/20, in the Residential-Agricultural “R-A” District, owned by James W. Dodge Revocable Trust of 2020. The applicant is requesting to allow an expansion of the pre-existing grandfathered use, to permit an existing barn to be converted to a Workforce Housing unit.  
**GRANTED**

12/15/20 Application for a ‘**VARIANCE**’ to the terms of Article II, Section 204.2, of the New Boston Zoning Ordinance, made by Donald L. & Patricia K. Grosso, Trustees, for the property located on Mont Vernon Road, Tax Map/Lot #8/110, in the Small Scale Planned Commercial “COM” District, owned by Grosso Family Trust of 2014. The applicant is requesting to allow a mixed use, in the commercial district for one new residential apartment, leaving the remaining portion of the property commercial.  
**GRANTED**

Respectfully submitted,  
Nadine Scholes, Planning Assistant & Zoning Board Clerk



Dighton

Photo by: Lynn Zandri-Bowie

# **New Boston Energy Commission Town Report 2020**

Over the last year the New Boston Energy Commission has continued to investigate ways the town can improve energy efficiency and cost expenditures.

Our initiatives for 2020 were focused on the Central School:

- Installation of split cooling system in classrooms of the 1956, 1964, and 1987 portions of the building. This will have an increased electric impact but is expected to reduce consumption of oil and propane to result in net savings.
- Replacement of existing aluminum windows with new high performance fiberglass units for the 1956, 1964, and 1987 sections of the school.
- Air sealing to reduce leakage at the roof and wall junction of the 1956 and 1964 areas.
- A separate initiative for replacement and conversion of all school lighting with LED plus occupancy sensors. The total cost of this project was \$148,000. Half of the cost was covered by utility rebates. The SAU had applied and received a grant from the NH Department of Education which covered the balance of the cost. As a result, the lighting has an immediate payback in electric savings conservatively estimated at \$15,000 per year.
- These energy saving projects have the added benefit of improving the comfort of the school's working and teaching environment. The improvement was immediately noticeable.
- More efficient motors and controls were installed for the cafeteria's walk-in cooler and freezer. Half of the cost was covered by utility incentives and the balance will be paid from savings on the utility billing. This will save about \$1,200 per year in electricity after its 2 ½ year payback

- Continued work with the Whipple Free Library on planning of a solar PV array.
- Started work with the New Boston Community School Board to provide assistance and insight while they plan the upcoming building management system and window upgrade projects.
- Started work with the New Boston Historical Society on producing an energy audit report to outline potential energy savings projects.

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

#### New Boston Energy Commission Mission

- 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 carbon harmful emissions.
- To support, encourage and acknowledge actions that will lead to carbon emission reductions, while protecting the economy and natural resources.



*Bella sleeping in pugs bed!*

*Photo by: Laura Bernard*

### Goals

- To align with the State renewable energy initiative of 25 x 25 (25% renewable energy by 2025)
- To advise and implement actions in accordance with the mission
- To increase community awareness and participation in energy and environmental issues
- To increase renewable energy sources
- To decrease energy expenditures, fossil fuel consumption and associated pollution
- To help New Boston move forward with sustainable practices

Respectfully submitted,  
New Boston Energy Commission

Ryan Nealley, PE, CEM, Chair  
Daryl Luter, Member

Susan Carr, Member  
Bill McFadden, Member

Roger Dignard, RA, NCARB, Member

# VITAL STATISTICS



*Pearl's Litter*

*Photo by Jim Smith*

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN NEW BOSTON – 2020

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PERSON A'S NAME/RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PERSON B'S NAME/RESIDENCE</u>	<u>PLACE OF MARRIAGE</u>
03/28	Searle, Richard P, New Boston NH	Johnson, Tracy L, Manchester NH	New Boston
04/04	Beachy, Joseph N, Mont Vernon NH	Dukelow, Melissa J, New Boston NH	New Boston
04/28	Hyde, Jonathan P, New Boston NH	O'Meara, Kerrie E, New Boston NH	New Boston
05/02	Phillips, Robert R, New Boston NH	Lewis, Amanda C, New Boston NH	Manchester
06/20	Low, Kevin T, New Boston NH	Foden, Kirsten E, New Boston NH	Seabrook
07/14	Lanzillotti II, Louis B, New Boston NH	Hedderly, Samantha M, Francestown NH	New Boston
10/03	Pierce, Michael C, New Boston NH	Carrier, Gabrielle E, New Boston NH	New Boston
10/10	Febomto, David S, New Boston NH	Goudreau, Jennifer G, New Boston NH	New Boston
10/10	Essman, Michael B, New Boston NH	ODonnell, Jennifer M, New Boston NH	Rindge
10/10	Chapman, Haleigh R, New Boston NH	Tighe, Shane T, New Boston NH	Lancaster
10/17	Barss, Katelynn E, New Boston NH	Worthington, Erik T, New Boston NH	Gilford
12/05	McEwen III, James D, New Boston NH	Bent, Meghan E, New Boston NH	New Boston
12/31	Bowers, Mitchell W, New Boston NH	Beetham, JasilynM, New Boston NH	New Boston

# RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT FOR NEW BOSTON – 2020

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHILD'S NAME</u>	<u>FATHER'S NAME</u>	<u>MOTHER'S NAME</u>	<u>PLACE OF BIRTH</u>
01/15	BALCH, ALEXIS SANDRA	BALCH, JUSTIN	BALCH, DESIREE	NASHUA
01/19	FRENCH, BRIELLE FAITH	FRENCH, ADAM	FRENCH, JESSICA	MANCHESTER
02/03	CROWLEY, HARPER ANNE	CROWLEY 11, CHARLES	BORDEN, ASHLEY	MANCHESTER
02/09	BEAUDOIN, KRISTA RAYE	BEAUDOIN 111, RAYMOND	BEAUDOIN, STEPHANIE	MANCHESTER
04/06	JORDAN, LUCA CAMERON	JORDAN, CAMERON	MORRISSEY, KRISTIN	NASHUA
04/18	SLEEPER, RHYS GIBSON	SLEEPER JR, DAVID	SLEEPER, AMANDA	MANCHESTER
05/19	KEHEW, NOAH CHARLES	KEHEW, DANIEL	KEHER, KELSEY	MANCHESTER
05/20	HYDE, WILLA BLUEBIRD	HYDE, JONATHAN	HYDE, KERRIE	NASHUA
05/22	BROWN, TELULAH SOL		MERRILL, LINDSAY	MANCHESTER
06/28	BRINGARDNER, HENRY CHRISTIAN	BRINGARDNER, ERIC	BRINGARDNER, CHELSEA	MANCHESTER
10/06	KNIGHT, ELI RICHARDSON	KNIGHT, KEITH	KNIGHT, JAMIE	NEW BOSTON
10/15	MALLINGER, CHARLEE REED	MALLINGER, KYLE	MALLINGER, COURTNEY	MANCHESTER
11/07	ZYLA, JOHN WILLIAM	ZYLA, RYAN	ZYLA, KELLI	MANCHESTER
11/19	VARELA, ARDEN JUNE	VARELA, DANIEL	VARELA, ALLISON	NASHUA
11/22	GANZEL, ATRÉUS LUCIAN	GANZEL, RICHARD	GOTHAM, AMANDA	MANCHESTER
12/01	ELA, SAMUEL AARON	ELA, STEPHEN	ELA, LESLIE	NASHUA
12/25	WITRI, GENEVA WEAVER	WITRI, MICAH	WITRI, LAUREL	MANCHESTER

# RESIDENT DEATH REPORT FOR NEW BOSTON – 2020

DATE	NAME OF DECEASED	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME
01/19	SANOSSIAN, GARY SCOTT	MANCHESTER	SANOSSIAN, GARY	RIVERS, JOAN
01/26	GODRON, DONNA I	MANCHESTER	PEGLOW, CHARLES	WENZLAFF, HELEN
01/30	PIPER, HARRY	NEW BOSTON	PIPER, FRED	GALLIEN, AGNES
02/05	BOUCHARD, CHRISTINE T	NEW BOSTON	BERGERON, ROLAND	FORCIER, DENISE
02/05	NOSEK, PAUL THOMAS	NEW BOSTON	NOSEK, WALTER	MCLAUGHLIN, MARY
04/19	GALLAP, EDWIN D	MANCHESTER	GALLAP, FRANCIS	BURLESON, JUANITA
04/21	TURCOTTE, MICHELE	NEW BOSTON	WALSH, MARK	MOHAN, LYN
05/01	FRENCH, STEPHANIE T	NEW BOSTON	FRENCH, MICHAEL	DREW, BONNIE
05/01	KELLER, ROBERT JOSEF	NEW BOSTON	KELLER, WILLIAM	FAZIO, BARBARA
05/23	STRONG, CAROLYN JOY	NEW BOSTON	LAWRENCE, HERBERT	TRANK, ALMYRA
05/25	DANE, JAMES	GOFFESTOWN	DANE, JAMES	FELCH, FLOSSIE
06/12	TAMS, RONALD	MANCHESTER	TAMS, TED	UNKNOWN, FLORENCE
06/13	TOWNE, HOWARD M	GOFFESTOWN	TOWNE, FREDERICK	MITCHELL, RUTH
06/22	PARNELL, KENNETH PAUL	MANCHESTER	PARNELL, NAPOLEON	MCDONOUGH, CHRISTINE
06/23	VANGILDER, ANGELA M	MANCHESTER	MESSIER, ROBERT	CHAPEL, MARIE
07/14	GOLDING, PATRICIA ANN	MANCHESTER	LACEY, ETTRICK	O'TOOLE, ELIZABETH
07/29	DYKE, JOSHUA	MANCHESTER	DYKE SR, NEIL	DROUIN, DIANE
08/07	SILVA, RONALD DAVID	MANCHESTER	SILVA, GEORGE	BALL, ANNA
08/19	MITROFF, JOHN P	MANCHESTER	MITROFF, ALBERT	HEMPHILL, GERTRUDE
09/07	LEMIRE, SUSAN JANE	MANCHESTER	MURRAY, EDWARD	CAMERON, ESTELLE
09/29	ELLIOT, KIMBERLY ANN	MANCHESTER	ELLIOT, UNKNOWN	LECURSI, KATHY
10/04	SMITH, JEAN RITA	GOFFESTOWN	MONAHAN, RAYMOND	MORIARTY, BRIDGET
10/11	MCKEE, MARK S	NEW BOSTON	MCKEE, ALTON	BEASLEY, ALICE
11/11	WILSON, MARK RAYMOND	MERRIMACK	WILSON, MARK	WOODWARD, VIRGINIA
11/17	FORTIN SR, RICHARD T	MANCHESTER	FORTIN, HAROLD	HOLDEN, JANET
12/03	QUIRK, THOMAS PETER	NEW BOSTON	QUIRK, JOHN	MASIE, JULIA
12/04	PARKER, HENRY RANDALL	MANCHESTER	PARKER, JOHN	PRESCHER, ELIZABETH
12/10	RICHARD, MICHAEL S	MANCHESTER	RICHARD, PAUL	SEAMAN, AGNES



## **In Memoriam**

**Dorothy Fillmore**  
*6/14/1941-3/15/20*

**Michelle Turcotte**  
*7/7/1965-4/21/20*

**James H. Dane**  
*5/19/1927-5/25/20*

**Howard Towne**  
*6/2/1919-6/14/20*

**Kenneth Parnell**  
*4/4/1933-6/22/20*

**Donald E. Purington**  
*3/30/1933-8/18/20*

**John “Jack” Mitroff**  
*2/19/1946-8/19/20*

**Thomas P. Quirk**  
*10/7/1931-12/3/20*

**Henry Randall Parker**  
*9/13/1936-12/4/20*

## NEW BOSTON CEMETERY BURIALS 2020

- 5-25-2020 Buried body of Harvey Surette. Age: 81 yrs. Brought by French & Rising, Goffstown Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH
- 6-19-2020 Buried body of Mark Kennedy. Age: 58 yrs. Brought by French & Rising, Goffstown Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH
- 6-22-2020 Buried body of Howard M. Towne. Age: 101 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH
- 7-6-2020 Buried body of Ruth E. Perron. Age: 92 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH
- 7-18-2020 Buried ashes of James Dane. Age: 93 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH
- 8-17-2020 Buried ashes of Joyce Kristen Orcutt. Age: 50 yrs. Brought by Family
- 9-4-2020 Buried body of Irene Lannan. Age: 85 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH
- 9-18-2020 Buried ashes of Linda McNally. Age: 52 yrs. Brought by Family
- 9-18-2020 Buried ashes of James F. McNally. Age: 62 yrs. Brought by Family.
- 10-13-2020 Buried ashes of Walter Herbert Houghton. Age: 74 yrs. Brought by French & Rising Funeral Home, Goffstown, NH.

# MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS



*Rocket J. Reilly*

*Photo by: Marlene Reilly*

# Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) has a wide range of services and resources available to help member communities with a variety of land use planning and transportation challenges and concerns. 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, as well as local projects which pertain more exclusively to a specific community.

Often, Community Planning Boards, Conservation Commissions, and Governing Boards 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; keeps officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulations; and in conjunction with the New Hampshire Municipal Association, offers annual training workshops for Planning Board and Zoning Board members.

In 2020, some of the highlighted projects the Commission assisted the Town of New Boston with included:

- Conducting traffic counts and providing pedestrian counts
- Completing a roadway “bike level of stress” analysis and mapping
- Surveying residents regarding transportation options and coordinating transit outreach options, assisting staff in developing improved transit options
- Providing outreach and education on Census programs, including the New Construction program
- Decennial Self Response Rate in 2020: 80.6% compared to 2010: 67.8%
- Updating statistical geographies, including block groups and census designated places as part of the Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP)
- Providing staff support for the General John Stark Scenic Byway and hosting an educational forum for Byway volunteers

- Providing culvert field assessments and analysis for the regional Vulnerability Assessment.

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 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 of the communities. Examples of a regional project are the development of the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT) Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan and a regional Congestion Management Plan update.

Hours	Description
143	Collaborative effort with community representatives to provide a focused study of Community awareness of existing transportation options and looking forward, preferred options. Information utilized to improve existing services and outreach of same.
89.9	Analyzed transportation needs of each municipality for inclusion in the SNHPC Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Added significant projects beyond the current Ten-Year Plan period with projected available funding to 2045.
40	Conducted 9 culvert field assessments in the Town of New Boston for ongoing development of the Regional Vulnerability Assessment; this work identifies climate related risk to culverts and small bridges.
27.8	Conducted 2 bicycle/pedestrian counts in the New Boston Village and in the New Boston Conservation Area.
27	Continued updating the regional travel demand model, which is used to forecast traffic volumes on roads in throughout the region.
24.1	Coordinated with regional municipalities and the NHDOT to develop the 2023-2032 Ten-Year Transportation Improvement Plan.
22.3	Completed the congestion management process, which included working with municipal and state transportation officials in conducting assessments and identifying strategies for congestion management on federal and

	state route segments and intersections throughout the region.
15.8	Implemented the Becoming Age-Friendly Pilot Program Phase IV: Continued outreach efforts with community representatives and staff, created outreach materials from phases I-III including PowerPoint presentations and a new webpage.
15	Provided monthly information to the Planning Board regarding upcoming SNHPC meetings, project and grant updates, webinars and other training opportunities through the SNHPC's quarterly Newsletters, monthly Media Blasts and periodic E-Bulletins.
14.1	Completed a major update to the SNHPC regional Public Participation Plan including expanded regional planning outreach efforts to engage people and increase participation within underserved populations.
12.6	Represented the interests of the town on the Region 8 Regional Coordinating Council, coordinating community transportation, maintaining a directory of regional providers, and soliciting projects for Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) 5310 program.
11.2	Conducted a statewide volunteer driver program (VDP) survey to understand the impacts of COVID-19, created a forum for VDPs to review survey results and discuss needs and resources and continued outreach efforts to share VDP mapping tool with service agencies across the state.
7.8	Completed amendments and minor revisions to the FY 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.
7.3	Participated in the NHDOT Complete Streets Advisory Committee. Provided feedback especially on mapping resources to be utilized in the NHDOT State Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan.
6.8	Assisted the Statewide Coordinating Council for Community Transportation in developing state-level coordination systems, working toward improved transportation options for communities statewide, and working with regional groups to establish regional councils.

6.3	Continued work with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Region-wide Assessment Grant for environmental studies and investigations to help move contaminated sites to clean up, redevelopment and reuse.
4.8	Updated and maintained the Commission's GIS transportation database for project evaluation. Updates included FEMA flood zones, NHDES dams, culverts, land use changes, and political boundaries among many others. The database was also successfully migrated to a new server.
3.4	Conducted outreach to towns for the development of Road Safety Audit (RSA) and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) funding applications to the NHDOT.
3.2	Assisted the town in preparing for the 2020 Census by partaking in the Participant Statistical Area program, New Construction program, and statewide Complete Count Committee. Assisted in outreach, encouraging residents to participate in the Census to ensure a successful self-response rate.
2.9	Implemented a Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress (LTS) analysis in which a rating was given to a road segment indicating the traffic stress it imposes on bicyclists. Staff completed LTS analysis on public roads within the SNHPC region through coordination with other regional planning commissions and Plymouth State University.
2.5	Developed regional transportation and safety benchmarks and performance targets in performance measurement categories such as Safety, Bridge and Roadway Condition, and overall System Performance (for transportation) to measure improvement over time.
2.2	Collaborated with Executive Director of the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) to provide a virtual workshop about LCHIP-supported projects and funding in the SNHPC region.

Town of New Boston Representatives to the Commission

David Litwinovich  
Mark Suennen

**Executive Committee Member:** Mark Suennen (Secretary)



*Scout out for a hike*

*Photo by: Laurie Mathoes*



## Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This year we experienced challenging wildfire conditions which led to deep burning fires in remote locations that were difficult to extinguish. Your local fire departments and the Division of Forests & Lands worked throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The towers' fire detection efforts are supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger is especially high.

Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](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!

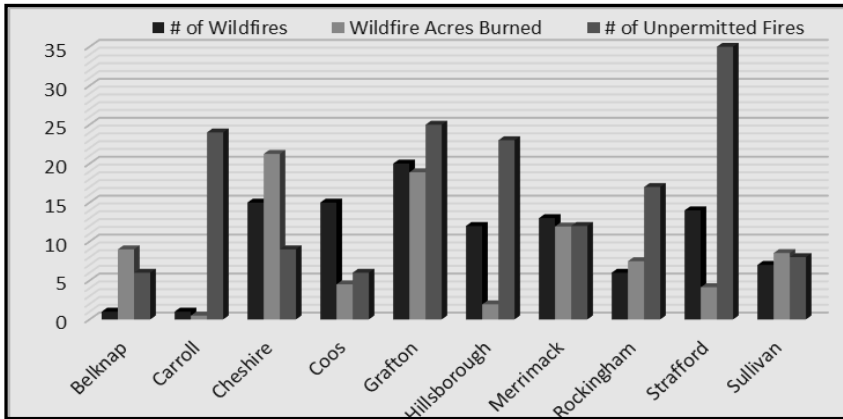
Between COVID-19 and the drought conditions, 2020 was a unique year. The drought conditions led to the need to have a Proclamation from the Governor, which banned much of the outdoor burning statewide. This, along with the vigilance of the public, helped to reduce the number of serious fires across New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

As we prepare for the 2021 fire season, please remember to contact 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 (DES). You are encouraged to contact the local fire department for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nh.gov/nhdf/](http://www.nh.gov/nhdf/). For up to date information, follow us on Twitter: @NHForestRangers



## 2020 WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 01, 2020)



\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

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

\*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED								
(These numbers do not include the WMNF)								
Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.
4	22	21	4	3	1	4	10	44

\*Miscellaneous includes power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc



*Molly decked out for the holidays*  
 Photo by:  
 Marie MacDonald



## **Home Healthcare, Hospice & Community Services Report to the Town of NEW BOSTON 2020 Annual Report**

In 2020, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) provided home care and community services to the residents of New Boston. HCS clinical staff continued to make home visits throughout the pandemic in appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to ensure the safety of patients while assisting their recovery at home. The following information represents HCS’s activities in New Boston during the past twelve months.

### **Service Report**

<b>Services Offered</b>	<b>Services Provided</b>
Nursing	224 Visits
Physical Therapy	28 Visits
Occupational Therapy	4 Visits
Medical Social Work	4 Visits
Foot Care Visits	45 Visits

Hospice care is also available to residents. We are also offering the Kinship Navigator program this year to support grandparents who are parenting grandchildren.

### **Financial Report**

The actual cost of all services provided in 2020 with all funding sources is \$55,955.00.

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 2021, we request and 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).

Thank you for your support of home care services.



*Polly looking very relaxed!*

*Photo by: Sharon Alder*

## Minutes of the New Boston Deliberative Session February 2, 2020

Moderator Nyquist called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Moderator Nyquist recognized Rev. Woody Woodland to give the invocation. Moderator Nyquist recognized Cathy Strausbaugh, Deputy Clerk, Peter Flynn, Town Administrator, Karen Scott, Selectperson, Christine Quirk, Selectperson and Joseph Constance, Selectman and Chair. Moderator Nyquist noted that New Boston has followed the town deliberative process since 1999. The voters present have a lot of power in the way that an article is presented on the ballot. Then the voters will have the final say at the March 10<sup>th</sup> election.

Moderator Nyquist explained the different ways that the voters could vote at this meeting. 1) a voice vote, 2) a division vote, 3) a secret ballot. He explained each procedure. Moderator Nyquist explained that he would read each article in its entirety and ask for a motion to place the article on the warrant, he would ask for someone to second the motion and then allow for any discussion. Anyone wishing to discuss the article would step to the microphone, state their name and address and speak to the article. If anyone wishes to amend an article they would present the amendment in writing to the moderator. The amendment would be discussed and then a vote taken on the amendment. Should the amendment fail they would then go back to the original article for a vote to place on the warrant. All remarks will be directed to the moderator. Moderator Nyquist noted that he would be following Roberts Rules of Order. He explained that at anytime during these proceedings a voter may make a motion to restrict reconsideration of a warrant article (s). The voters will vote on that motion and if the motion carries there will no further discussion of that article (s). Moderator Nyquist recognized Joseph Constance. Selectman Constance recognized Christine Quirk for her 18 years of continuous service to the Town of New Boston as a selectperson. He recognized her many hours of work and dedication, her service as a Selectperson representative to numerous Town Committees. He presented a framed proclamation. There was a standing ovation from the voters.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,939,000), for the design and construction of a new fire and EMS facility in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the repurposing/demolition of the

present Fire Station. Said sum to be raised by issuance of a serial bond(s) or note(s) not to exceed two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,939,000) under and in compliance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bond(s) or note(s) as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. (3/5ths ballot vote required) (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 4-3)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 5 be placed on the ballot as written. Christine Quirk Seconded the motion.

Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road – Mr. MacDonald made an amendment to the article to reduce the amount of the new station listed as (\$2,939,000) and insert the new amount of the station to be (\$2,750,000). Mr. MacDonald explained that this reduction is due to removing some of the things that were in the original plan. The training room and the chief's office would be reconfigured. They would do without some of the furniture and they would raise money for the items that would go into the kitchen and they would change the outside of the building to have vinyl siding.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion on the amendment. Seeing none he called for a vote.

All those in favor of the amendment please signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and the amendment carries.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion on Article 5 as amended. 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 5 will be placed on the official ballot as amended.

**Article 6:** 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 eight hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred four dollars (\$5,832,204) . Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be five million

three hundred twelve thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$5,312,639) 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. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 5-2)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 6 be placed on the ballot as presented. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Discussion: Selectman Constance explained that the budget process is lengthy. It begins in November and ends in January. It involves all department heads who try to keep their budgets as low as possible. The budget is presented to the selectmen and then to the finance committee who scrutinize every detail. It then goes to a public hearing and finally to this deliberative session. The budget includes updated salaries, new employees, health and retirement insurance. There are a few articles not included in the budget that will be voted on individually. He explained that department heads look for grant money whenever possible. This past year the highway department received \$250,000 in grant money. The fire department received \$240,000 and the police will be looking for grant money to help subsidize the cost of body cameras for each of the officers, bullet proof vests and laptops. Selectman Constance indicated that 23 new homes were constructed this past year. There were 183 new homes over the last 6 years. This has placed more demands on our fire, highway and police departments as well as the school at a time when towns are receiving less money from the state government.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote to place Article 5 on the official ballot. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 6 will be placed on the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynn Wawrzyniak, 9 Davis Lane who made a motion to restrict reconsideration of Article 5 – 6. Seconded by Laura Bernard. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and reconsideration of Articles 5 and 6 are restricted.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Fred Hayes. I am unclear. You discussed the GIS and paper reduction. Are those items in the budget?



Selectman Constance. No, they are in separate articles.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to be placed in the existing Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 7 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Scott seconded the motion.

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 placed on the official ballot.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) for refurbishing the pumper fire truck located at the Hilltop Station, and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000) from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund already established for this purpose. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved that Article 8 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Discussion:

Don Chapman, 136 Francestown Road. The article says that we must raise and appropriate a sum to be taken out of capital reserve which does not make sense to me.

Peter Flynn, Town Administrator, we must appropriate first then we can spend. The Selectmen are not agents to spend the funds.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road. What does no funding to be raised by taxation mean?

Selectman Quirk. No new taxes to be raised this year. The money is already there. We are asking permission from the voters to withdraw the money.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 8 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$35,300)** to purchase and install a holding tank system at the Bunting Fire Station and associated work to eliminate the current discharging of floor drain liquids into the Piscataquog River. The facility is currently in violation of State and Federal Clean Water Act per RSA 484-A:6 which prohibits such discharge of any waste water into wetlands, surface water or storm water drainage systems. If Article Five 5 passes this article will be null and void. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 9 be placed on the official ballot as written. Selectperson Scott seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Fred Hayes, 519 Bedford Road, I presume this is a tank that will need to be pumped. What will that cost be? This would be money to come from the unreserved fund balance as it is an emergency situation.

Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road, this is a 3,000 gallon tank and we could probably get 1 ½ years before pumping at \$500 each time. I am just guessing because we have not been in this situation before. There is always the possibility that money could come from the unreserved fund balance.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 placed on the official ballot.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for funding additional cost of Fire Department dispatch services contracted with the Town of Goffstown. If Article 6 passes this article will be null and void. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Scott who moved that Article 10 be placed on the official ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Quirk.

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 placed on the official ballot.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) Account for the Emergency Management Department for planning and funding anticipated future upgrades to the Town's Emergency Services communications and related systems now existing at the Emergency Communications location and related sites, and furthermore, to incorporate the radio and digital communications systems for the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to expend. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 11 on the official ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

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 placed on the official ballot.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-four thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$44,639) to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund for the purchasing of a new Fire Department Command Vehicle, including necessary equipment such as lights and inside emergency and communications related equipment. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved that Article 12 be placed on the official ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Constance.

Discussion:

Mark Suennen, 325 Twin Bridge Road. The CIP is a six year program. This was on a six year cycle and someone made a decision to move this to a 2 year cycle. What is the emergency that someone took this out of sequence.

Selectman Constance, This is not considered an emergency but a critical need. At some point in time Chief MacDonald will not be using his personal vehicle.

Mark Suennen, So someone made a decision to move this in front of all other requests.

Dan MacDonald, 101 Tucker Mill Road, This is \$64,000 for a command vehicle. It is a top priority. In the last 12 years we have not lost a grant. It is hard to go from emergency to emergency without appropriate communication when it is a life and death situation. This is not a luxury vehicle. When there is a critical situation, control and communication is absolutely necessary. I am working from the back of an old jeep with 2 portable radios, a scratch pad and a white board. We are without appropriate radio communication to get the right people to the scene.

Thomas Sullivan, 78 Briar Hill Road, How long has Dan been using his personal vehicle to benefit the town?

Dan MacDonald, 21 years.

Don Chapman, 136 Frankestown Road. When did this grant become available? Is this something that we can take advantage of now rather than later?

Dan MacDonald, Grants become available each year but they are not for the same things. Sometimes they are for trucks and other kinds of equipment. The list comes out late December or January.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road, I need to know how much the grant is and when we can get it.

Dan MacDonald, It is \$15,000. We would use it for 2 radios one primary and one that is remote, both at different frequencies that will go to different places.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor please signify by saying aye. All those opposed, nay. The ayes have it and Article 12 will be placed on the official ballot.

At this time Moderator Nyquist recognized State Representative David Woodbury. Mr. Woodbury made a motion to ask the voters to consider Article 33 at this time. He explained that Kat McGhee, one of our state representatives who represented New Boston wanted to speak to this body regarding Article 33. Even though Representative McGhee does not live in New Boston, Moderator Nyquist granted the request. Representative McGhee explained that 75 towns are taking up this article on their warrants. It is based on a 2007 Federal Bill and there is

no obligation to spend any money. This issue will be address in January where economist will address climate change and what are the most cost effective solutions. Climate change should be addressed at the federal level and should engage everyone who produces or imports fossil fuels to the state. Any fees that were charged would come back and it is a way to change the way people behave. It is called a carbon cashback. There is no rebate but your voice will add to others around the state.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Caleb Jacob of Fraser Drive. Mr. Jacob proposed an amendment to the article that would read: “New Boston recognizes that climate change is real” Moderator Nyquist asked if his motion was to delete Article 33 to read that one sentence. Mr. Jacob responded with a yes.

Fred Hayes 519 Bedford Road. Can a petitioned article be amended?

Moderator Nyquist, Yes.

David Woodbury, 37 McCurdy Road, I oppose the amendment.

Partially for the hard work that many people have put into this and it is a serious matter.

Mr. Jacob, I don’t feel that the town is in this business. We should not be asking the selectmen to do this on our behalf.

Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road, I support the amendment because we should not be taxed on supporting people’s behavior.

Representative McGhee, Similar concerns come up with this kind of policy. It is a market-based solution not a tax collecting article. Money will go back to the consumer. The money collected will diminish pollution.

David Woodbury. The voters of New Boston will make up their mind at the ballot box. To remove it would not reflect the voters of the town.

Mr. Jacob, We are here because the town is taxing our money. You do not get something for nothing. Factories will be charged more for their pollution and they will pass that onto the consumer.

Thomas Vaillancourt, 52 Fieldstone Drive, This is the opposite of the amendment. The petition reflects the people who want to put it on.

Mr. Jacob, I agree. I had a petitioned warrant article and it was erased right here.

Cynthia Wilson, 58 Mason Drive. Can we change the amendment?

Moderator Nyquist. This body has the power to change or amend the article.

Dick Moody, 19 Baker Lane. I move the question. Seconded by Gail Cousins, 58 Ridgeview Lane

Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote to move the question. There were 77 to limit debate and 8 to continue debate.

Moderator Nyquist asked for a vote on the amendment. All those in favor signify by saying aye all those opposed nay. They ayes have it and the amendment fails.

Back to the main motion to move Article 33 to the official ballot. All those in favor signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 33 will appear on the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynne Wawrzyniak who moved to restrict reconsideration of Articles 7 – 12 including Article 33.

Seconded by Tom Miller. All those in favor of restricting reconsideration signify by saying aye. All those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Articles 7 -12 and Article 33 are restricted for reconsideration.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 13 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Constance.

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 appear on the official ballot.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for purpose of purchasing a new small six-wheel dump truck for the New Boston Highway Department to be withdrawn from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 14 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

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 placed on the official ballot.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) to be placed in the existing

Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.  
(Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 15 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectman Constance. Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any discussion. Seeing none he called for a vote. All those in favor of Article 15 signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 15 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$132,000) to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new backhoe for the New Boston Highway Department. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 16 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson 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 16 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) for road improvements on Hooper Hill Road. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2023.  
(Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 17 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Quirk seconded the motion. 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 17 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 18:** 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. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 18 on the ballot as written. Selectman Constance seconded the motion. 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for reconstructing the Bedford Road culvert, and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund already established for this purpose. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 19 on the ballot as written. Selectman Constance seconded the motion. 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 19 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to be used to complete the 2021 town-wide revaluation as required by law. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 20 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Quirk seconded the motion.

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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to be withdrawn from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the total property revaluation of the properties. This article is dependent on passage of the previous article. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)



Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 21 on the ballot as written. Selectperson Quirk seconded the motion.

Discussion: Keith Ammon, 174 Byam Road, I am confused between Articles 20 and 21. The explanation for Article 20 is now in the Article 21. If 20 fails then where does the money come from? And how much will be raised by taxation? My point is that it is taxpayer money. Not that there is no new taxpayer money.

Fred Hayes, 519 Bedford Road. It looks like what is in the warrant article should be in the explanation. We should strike the term “no funds to be raised by taxation”, Seconded by Rodney Towne 169 McCullum Road.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further discussion on the amendment, All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and the amendment passes.

Back to the main article. All those in favor of Article 21 as amended signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Article 21 will be placed on the official ballot as amended,

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500) to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the upgrade of the water tank in the cellar of the Town Hall to include all electrical, plumbing and replacing the water lines. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 22 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson 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 22 will be placed on the official ballot as written.

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of necessary drainage construction on the west side of Town Hall to alleviate the flooding in the basement of the Town Hall with said funds to include engineering and necessary construction costs to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 23 on the ballot as written, seconded by Selectman Constance. 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the first of a three-year appropriation request for implementing a Geographic Information System (GIS), Mapping System for use by all Town departments and to be placed on the Town's web page for public use. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2023. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 24 on the ballot as written, seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Discussion: Mark Suennen, 325 Twin Bridge Road. This item was on the CIP which is a 6 year project list. How many years has it been on now?

Selectman Constance, it has been on 2 years.

Mark Suennen, I thought that the criteria for CIP projects to be moved to a shorter period of time was only in case of an emergency. What is the emergency for this. What will we be saving by spending the money now?

Selectman Constance, our town maps are not accurate. It is difficult for our Planning and Building Departments to decipher boundaries for new houses. Our town boundaries are not correct. We could be avoiding law suits, we need to know what the town's boundaries are.

Mark Suennen, The schedule that the CIP decides is critical and moving it out of sequence confuses the planning.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing Record Retention Expendable Trust and raise and appropriate twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for digitizing the Town of New Boston's records that require long term/permanent storage and to authorize the

Selectmen as Agents to Expend. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved to place Article 25 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

Moderator Nyquist recognized Lynne Wawrzyniak who moved to restrict reconsideration for Articles 13 -25. Seconded by Laura Bernard. All those in favor signify by saying aye, all those opposed nay. The ayes have it and Articles 13 – 25 are restricted.

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of the Mill Pond Foot Bridge Project and to appropriate six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in said fund, to come from unassigned fund balance (these funds represent donations previously collected); furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved to place Article 26 on the ballot. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk.

Discussion: Fred Hayes 519 Bedford Road, This is to clarify that there is \$6,000 left in this fund and the Selectmen cannot spend it with voter approval. There is just asking the voter to give the Selectmen permission to spend that money. The \$6,000 is already there. This article is not asking for any money.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500) for purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air conditioning and heating units at the New Boston Police Station. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 27 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Scott.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) for purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air conditioning and heating units in the Recreation Department Offices (Old Engine House). (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved to place Article 28 on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson 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 28 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) to paint the Recreation Department Building (Old Engine House) with a primer and one coat and perform the necessary carpentry prep work required. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectman Constance who moved that Article 29 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk. 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) for providing body cameras for the Police Department. This will be the first of a five-year appropriation request. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Quirk who moved that Article 30 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson 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 30 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt pursuant to RSA 72:81, a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and County taxes are excluded from the exemption. The Exemption shall be granted for a maximum of 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of 5 years. If adopted the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted on a per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years

Moderator Nyquist recognized Selectperson Scott who moved that Article 31 be placed on the ballot as written. Seconded by Selectperson Quirk. 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 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to convey a conservation easement to the Piscataquog Land Conservancy on five existing Town

Forests in order to provide permanent protection from uses of these parcels that could damage or destroy their scenic, recreational, ecological and natural resource value. These parcels are as follows: Lydia Dodge Forest (Map 7 Lot 70, 244.7 acres); Sherburne Forest (Map 7 Lot 22, 70.0 acres); Bob Todd Forest (Map 7 Lot 74-1, 58.48 acres); Siemeze Forest (Map 2 Lot 115, 85.0 acres); Colby Forest (Map 2 Lot 118, 8.0 acres). The Forestry Committee will continue to manage these forests per RSA 31:110, as voted by the Town in 1996, Article 15. (Majority vote required)

Moderator Nyquist noted that this article was placed on the warrant by a member of the Forestry Committee. He asked that someone from that committee speak to the article.

Discussion: Tom Miller, 77 Bedford Road. The article is self-explanatory. This would just be adding a higher layer of protection to our forests.

Moderator Nyquist asked if there was any further 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 32 will be placed on the official ballot.

**Article 34:** Moderator Nyquist recognized Laura Bernard who moved that the Deliberative session be adjourned. Seconded by Rodney Towne.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cathy Strausbaugh  
Deputy Clerk

## 2020 Town Election Results

### **Article 01:**

Selectman for 3 years, vote for 1:

Joyce Arivella 506

David Litwinovich **875**

Town Moderator for 2 years, vote for 1:

Lee C. Nyquist **1298**

Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years, vote for 1:

Dorothy (Dot) Marden **1280**

Town Treasurer for 3 years, vote for 1:

William (Bill) Gould **1261**

Cemetery Trustee for 3 years, vote for 1:

Gregg (Clete) Peirce **1334**

Library Trustees for 3 years, vote for 2:

Richard Jardine **1085**

Elizabeth (Betsy) Whitman **1196**

Fire Wards for 3 years, vote for 2:

Wayne Blassberg **931**

William Goren 499

Joseph Segien **879**

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

Jennifer M. Allocca **1245**

**Article 02:** 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 204.2 Small Scale Planned Commercial District “COM”, as follows:

By removing Contractor's Yard and Day Care Center as uses allowed by Special Exception and adding Contractor's Yard and Day Care Center as Permitted Uses.

YES [ 1098 ]      NO [ 352 ]

**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 II, Establishments of Districts and District Regulations, Section 204.1 "IND" Industrial District, as follows:

By removing Contractor's Yard as a use allowed by Special Exception and adding Contractor's Yard as a Permitted Use.

YES [ 1056 ]      NO [ 387 ]

**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?

Amend Article II, Establishment of Districts, Section 202 Zoning Maps, by amending the Zoning Map by rezoning a portion of Tax Map/Lot #5/29-1, said portion contains 2.28 acres from Residential/Agricultural to Small Scale Planned Commercial.

YES [1029 ]      NO [395]

**Article 05:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000)**, for the design and construction of a new fire and EMS facility in the Town of New Boston and to include funds for the repurposing/demolition of the present Fire Station. Said sum to be raised by issuance of a serial bond(s) or note(s) not to exceed **two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000)** under and in compliance with the provisions of Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33:1 et seq., as amended) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bond(s) and note(s), to determine the rate(s) of interest thereon and to take such other actions as may be necessary to effect the issuance,



negotiation, sale and delivery of such bond(s) or note(s) as shall be in the best interest of the Town of New Boston. (3/5ths ballot vote required) (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 4-3)

YES [ 679 ]      NO [ 826 ]

**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 eight hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred four dollars (\$5,832,204)** . Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **five million three hundred twelve thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$5,312,639)** 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. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 5-2)

YES [ 667 ]      NO [ 831 ]

**Article 07:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000)** to be placed in the existing Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [882]      NO [ 598 ]

**Article 08:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000)** for refurbishing the pumper fire truck located at the Hilltop Station, and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw **fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000)** from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund already established for this purpose. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1126]      NO [368]

**Article 09:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty-five thousand three hundred dollars (\$35,300)** to purchase and install a holding tank system at the Bunting Fire Station and associated work to eliminate the current discharging of floor drain liquids into the Piscataquog River. The facility is currently in violation of State and Federal Clean Water Act per RSA 484-A:6 which prohibits such discharge of any waste water into wetlands, surface water or storm water drainage systems. If Article Five (05) passes this article will be null and void. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [ 1146 ]      NO [ 346 ]

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **five thousand dollars (\$5,000)** for funding additional cost of Fire Department dispatch services contracted with the Town of Goffstown. If Article 6 passes this article will be null and void. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1165 ]      NO [ 320 ]

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) Account for the Emergency Management Department for planning and funding anticipated future upgrades to the Town's Emergency Services communications and related systems now existing at the Emergency Communications location and related sites, and furthermore, to incorporate the radio and digital communications systems for the Fire Department, Police Department and Highway Department, and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to expend. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [ 781 ]      NO [ 694 ]

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty-four thousand six hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$44,639)** to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund for the purchasing of a new Fire Department Command Vehicle, including necessary equipment such as lights and inside emergency and communications related equipment. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [ 725 ]      NO [ 766 ]

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000)** to be placed in the existing Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [839]      NO [635]

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000)** for purpose of purchasing a new small six-wheel dump truck for the New Boston Highway Department to be withdrawn from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [ 1017 ]      NO [464]

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be placed in the existing Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [858 ]      NO [613]

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred thirty-two thousand dollars (\$132,000)** to be withdrawn from the Highway Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of purchasing a new backhoe for the New Boston Highway Department. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [977]      NO [502]

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for road improvements on Hooper Hill Road. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2023. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [950]      NO [525]

**Article 18:** 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. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [944]      NO [530]

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)** for reconstructing the Bedford Road culvert, and furthermore, to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of **seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000)** from the Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund already established for this purpose. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1085]      NO [398]

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be added to the existing Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund to be used to complete the 2021 town-wide revaluation as required by law. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [807]      NO [659]

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000)** to be withdrawn from the Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the total property revaluation of the properties. This article is dependent on passage of the previous article. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [901]      NO [574]

**Article 22:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **thirteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$13,500)** to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of completing the upgrade of the water tank in the cellar of the Town Hall to include all electrical, plumbing and replacing the water lines. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1144]      NO [340]

**Article 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000)** for the purpose of necessary drainage construction on the west side of Town Hall to alleviate the flooding in the basement of the Town Hall with said funds to include engineering and necessary construction costs to be withdrawn from the Town Hall Capital Reserve Fund. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [1139]      NO [344 ]

**Article 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000)** for the first of a three-year appropriation request for implementing a Geographic Information System (GIS), Mapping System for use by all Town departments and to be placed on the Town’s web page for public use. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2023. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [563]      NO [ 909]

**Article 25:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a non-lapsing Record Retention Expendable Trust and raise and appropriate **twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)** for digitizing the Town of New Boston’s records that require long term/permanent storage and to authorize the Selectmen as Agents to Expend. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [728 ]      NO [747]

**Article 26:** To see if the Town will vote to create an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of the Mill Pond Foot Bridge Project and to appropriate **six thousand dollars (\$6,000)** to be placed in said fund, to come from unassigned fund balance (these funds represent donations previously collected); furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [ 1004 ]      NO [ 470 ]

**Article 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **fifteen thousand five hundred dollars (\$15,500)** for

purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air conditioning and heating units at the New Boston Police Station. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [840]            NO [604]

**Article 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)** for purchasing and installing new wall mount heat pump air conditioning and heating units in the Recreation Department Offices (Old Engine House). (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [972]            NO [648]

**Article 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eight thousand dollars (\$8,000)** to paint the Recreation Department Building (Old Engine House) with a primer and one coat and perform the necessary carpentry prep work required. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [ 905 ]            NO [534]

**Article 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000)** for providing body cameras for the Police Department. This will be the first of a five-year appropriation request. (Selectmen recommend and Finance Committee recommend 7-0)

YES [662]            NO [ 814]

**Article 31:** To see if the Town will vote to adopt pursuant to RSA 72:81, a new construction property tax exemption for commercial and industrial uses (as defined in RSA 72:80). The intent of the exemption is to provide incentives to businesses to build, modernize, or enlarge within the Town. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property taxes assessed by the Town. State education and County taxes are excluded from the exemption. The Exemption shall be granted for a maximum of 50% of the increase in assessed value attributable to the improvements and shall remain in effect for a maximum period of 5 years. If adopted the exemption shall apply to all properties within the municipality for which a proper application is filed. The percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be

granted on a per case basis based on the amount and value of public benefit provided, as determined by the Board of Selectmen. For the purpose of this exemption, in order to satisfy the public benefit requirement a minimum of one of the following must be provided: enhance economic growth and increase the Town's tax base; creation of needed services or facilities not currently available in the Town; redevelop and revitalize commercial or industrial area; prevent or eliminate blight; or, retain local jobs, increase local job base, and/or provide diversity in the job base. If approved this exemption shall take effect in the tax year beginning April 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect for a maximum of 5 tax years.

YES [ 905 ]      NO [529 ]

**Article 32:** To see if the Town will vote to convey a conservation easement to the Piscataquog Land Conservancy on five existing Town Forests in order to provide permanent protection from uses of these parcels that could damage or destroy their scenic, recreational, ecological and natural resource value. These parcels are as follows: Lydia Dodge Forest (Map 7 Lot 70, 244.7 acres); Sherburne Forest (Map 7 Lot 22, 70.0 acres); Bob Todd Forest (Map 7 Lot 74-1, 58.48 acres); Siemeze Forest (Map 2 Lot 115, 85.0 acres); Colby Forest (Map 2 Lot 118, 8.0 acres). The Forestry Committee will continue to manage these forests per RSA 31:110, as voted by the Town in 1996, Article 15. (Majority vote required)

YES [1110]      NO [332]

**Article 33: By Petition** – Shall the Town vote to support the New Hampshire Resolution to take action on carbon pollution.

We the Town of New Boston hereby call upon our State and Federal elected representatives to enact carbon-pricing legislation to protect New Hampshire from both the costs and environmental impacts of contained climate inaction. To protect households, we support a Cash-Back approach, that places a fair price on the cost of pollution and uses the money raised to give equal cash-back rebates to residents. Enacting a cash-back program decreases long-term fossil-fuel dependence, aids in the economic transition of energy consumers and keeps local energy dollars in New Hampshire economy. Carbon cash-back has been championed by U.S. economists (Jan 17, 2019 WSJ) as the most

effective way to deliver rapid reductions in harmful carbon emissions at the scale needed to address rapidly accelerating climate pollution.

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

The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice to New Boston's state legislators and New Boston's congressional delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents, by the New Boston's Select Board, within 30 days of this vote.

YES [ 645 ]      NO [787]



*A group of caring volunteers rescue Denali*

*Photo by: John Jones*



# SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS



*Sarah with her boy Isaac Segien*

*Photo by: Maralyn Segien*

## **New Boston School Board**

	TERM EXPIRES
Kary Jencks, Chair	2023
Wendy Lambert, Vice Chair	2022
William Schmidt	2021
Robert Witt	2022
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
MaryClaire Barry	Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Dolloff	SAU#19 Special Education Administrator
Kate Magrath	Human Resources Director
Scott Gross	Business Administrator

## **New Boston Central School Staff**

Ms. Tori Underwood	Principal
Mr. John Bridle	Assistant Principal
Mrs. Jennifer Gilliland	Special Education Facilitator
Mrs. Jennifer Bechtold	School Psychologist
Mrs. Shayna Bernard	Paraeducator
Mr. Christopher Blair	Custodian
Ms. Melanie Bono	Paraeducator
Mr. Gary Bouchard	Technical Support Specialist
Mrs. Nicole Bradley	Media Paraeducator
Ms. Kathy Brown	Guidance
Ms. Melissa Buckley	Paraeducator
Ms. Colleen Carbonneau	Speech Pathologist
Mrs. Heather Chalson	Art Teacher
Mrs. Melinda Charles	Media Generalist
Ms. Jennifer Crowley	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Lesley Delisle	Reading Specialist Assistant

Mrs. Laurie Dodge	Paraeducator
Mrs. Theresa Elliott	Math Interventionist
Mrs. Megan Erving	Paraeducator
Mrs. Robin Fillion	Preschool Teacher
Mrs. Valerie Flanagan	Grade 5 Teacher
Mrs. Deb Frarie	Grade 3 Teacher
Ms. Jennifer Frost	Paraeducator
Ms. Jodie Gallione	Paraeducator
Mrs. Heather Gaudet	Special Education Teacher
Mrs. Carrie Gentili	Grade 5 Teacher
Ms. Alexia Gorton	Grade 2 Teacher
Ms. Samantha Gorton	Readiness Teacher
Mrs. Linda Grenier	Grade 3 Teacher
Mrs. Kelly Howe	Grade 4 Teacher
Mrs. Karen Jones	Special Education Teacher
Ms. Eileen Kane	Occupational Therapist
Mrs. Julie Karagianis	Special Education Secretary
Ms. Heather Kilar	Custodian
Ms. Lori Kjellander	Music Teacher
Mrs. Sarah Labedzki	Paraeducator
Ms. Jaclyn Lafond	Grade 4 Teacher
Ms. Sarah Lamb	Special Education Teacher
Ms. Julie Lamontagne	Grade 1 Teacher
Mrs. Jillian LeBourveau	Grade 2 Teacher
Mrs. Deborah Lynch	Grade 5 Teacher
Mrs. Megan MacDonald	Paraeducator
Mrs. Kathy Marchesseault	Kindergarten Teacher
Mrs. Antoinette McCoy	Reading Specialist
Mr. Gary McKee	Custodian
Mrs. Julie McNish	Grade 4 Teacher
Mrs. Kim Mendelsohn	Paraeducator
Mrs. Jo-Ann Miller	Principal's Secretary
Mrs. Kristen Mitchell	Grade 2 Teacher
Mrs. Heidi Morgan	Special Education Teacher
Ms. Jennifer Moulton	Grade 4 Teacher
Mr. David Mudrick	Grade 3 Teacher
Mrs. Emily Murphy	Paraeducator
Ms. Alyssa Nault	Paraeducator
Mrs. Kimberly Newcomb	Grade 6 Teacher
Mr. Patrick O'Brien	Paraeducator
Mrs. Sarah Pearl	Paraeducator
Mrs. Sara Penerian	Grade 6 Teacher

Mrs. Jennifer Prive  
Mrs. Jessica Proulx  
Mrs. Dawn Ryan  
Mrs. Sherisse Salter  
Ms. Dawn Shannon  
Mrs. Lisa Siemiesz  
Mrs. Deb Smith  
Mrs. Jillian Smith  
Ms. Rachael Spray  
Mrs. Connie St. Clair  
Mr. Ryan Theman  
Mrs. Amy Unger  
Mrs. Amy Veilleux  
Mrs. Lynn Wawrzyniak  
Mrs. Danielle Wayland  
Ms. Maggie Welch  
Ms. Laura Wiggin  
Mrs. Jessica Willard  
Ms. Jill Wilmoth  
Mrs. Morgan Winchell  
Ms. Jeanne Wolhandler  
Mrs. Monika Wright

Grade 2 Teacher  
Paraeducator  
Paraeducator  
School Nurse  
Kitchen Assistant  
Paraeducator  
Kitchen Manager  
Paraeducator  
Office Assistant  
Custodian  
Grade 6 Teacher  
Paraeducator  
Grade 1 Teacher  
Special Education Teacher  
Reading Specialist  
Grade 1 Teacher  
Paraeducator  
Grade 1 Teacher  
Grade 6 Teacher  
Physical Education Teacher  
Certified Occupational Therapist Ass't  
Paraeducator



*Annora and her cat Elway*

*Photo by: Amy Unger*

## October Student Enrollment 2016 – 2020

<b>Grade</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Preschool</b>	25	24	19	17	25
Kindergarten	56	39	43	45	21
Readiness	16	12	14	15	13
1	61	88	65	86	75
2	75	63	91	69	81
3	86	80	67	95	65
4	81	88	82	71	91
5	79	85	92	76	63
6	87	76	84	96	74
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>508</b>
Home Study	24	22	22	20	46

## Students Tuitioned to Mountain View Middle School and Goffstown High School

<b>Grade</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
7	77	87	73	89	95
8	101	81	85	71	87
9	99	108	97	91	86
10	90	93	93	85	83
11	68	87	91	88	83
12	75	65	83	87	80
<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>514</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>1,081</b>	<b>1,022</b>

## **Superintendent of Schools Report**

### **Brian Balke, Superintendent**

I am honored to present this 2019-2020 Superintendent of Schools report on behalf of School Administrative Unit #19 (SAU19).

The 2019-2020 school year was fairly typical and straight-forward until March of 2020. We had our typical struggles with staffing shortages, our elementary schools being overcrowded, and continued to focus on teaching and learning. Our schools, along with the world, did not anticipate nor were we prepared for the global pandemic that was to follow. On Monday, March 16, 2020, all schools in SAU19 were closed by Governor Sununu by executive order. Effective that day, our students were learning remotely from their homes. Teachers, administrators, and support staff did a great job pivoting to remote learning. This change to remote learning brought a series of challenges and obstacles, but our educators were focused on supporting students and continuing to Advance Student Learning through remote learning.

Space needs was an area of significant challenge during the 2019-2020 school year, particularly at our elementary schools in SAU19. Prior to the Pandemic, our elementary school classrooms were over-crowded and space limitations continue to be an obstacle for our students and educators. School enrollment has continued to tick upwards in our elementary schools in addition to challenges of space for students who need small group supplemental instruction. As educators, we remain flexible and do the best we can with our facilities but there is an impact on what we are able to do educationally which is unfortunate. The State of New Hampshire continues to no longer provide School Building Aid to local school districts. This lack of State funding along with insufficient adequacy funding continues to hurt us at the local level as education funding primarily comes from local property taxes. Despite the State no longer offering School Building Aid, we did receive additional funding from the state. The State provided Goffstown with over a million dollars of unanticipated revenue. The School Board asked the voters of Goffstown to approve the use of one-time, fiscal-capacity disparity aid to add a 4-classroom modular addition to Glen Lake School. This project was fully funded using this one-time state aid. This project added 4 classrooms, as well as several smaller instructional spaces to our campus. Similarly, the New Boston

School District brought a project to the voters in March of 2020 to replace windows, tighten up the building envelope, and provide new supplemental heat and cooling through a VRF system allowing for control in each individual classroom. Again, this project was done using one-time, fiscal-capacity disparity aid and was supported by the voters of New Boston. These capital projects improved the quality of the learning environment for students and staff.

During the 2019-2020 school year, the voters of Goffstown and New Boston approved a new three-year support staff contract. Our staff is, and remains, our greatest asset and most important resource. The contract had some minor language changes and provided for modest hourly increases for all of our support staff. Our support staff are mission-critical to running our schools and we remain grateful to all of them for the important work they do to support our schools and our students every day.

The 2020 School District Warrant Article included a deposit into the Capital Reserve Fund for facilities in the amount of \$200,000. These funds are used to replace and maintain existing capital assets of the school district. These funds were used for several projects at Goffstown High School including exterior stair replacement and bleacher repairs. At Mountain View Middle School projects included replacement of partition walls as well as locker replacements. Maintaining our school facilities is a significant area of focus for the school district; our schools are the most valuable town resources and we have a profound responsibility to properly maintain them adequately.

All SAU19 schools continued to score well on the 2019 state-required assessments and other assessment metrics. The typical state-required assessments did not occur during the 2019/2020 school year due to the Pandemic. Administrators continued to review assessment and other forms of student data to evaluate our schools and to continuously strive to improve. In fact, a review of student assessment data shows that Goffstown and New Boston students continued to demonstrate strong performance, scoring above or at the state averages in both English Language Arts and math for almost all grade levels. The focus of all schools in SAU19 is to provide high quality instruction to all of our students. We also value student engagement in our classrooms. These constructs ensure that teaching and learning is occurring in all our

schools as we continue to evaluate the need to change and evolve. In SAU19, we continue to value many traditional elements of education: reading, writing, mathematics, content area classes as well as the integration of the arts.

All SAU19 schools continue 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 of our communities. I believe that great schools support and increase property values of homes. Both Goffstown and New Boston have very active, competitive real-estate markets; great schools contribute to this immensely.

The global Pandemic created a myriad of challenges to all of us in our daily lives. Public education has been no exception. The immediate pivot to remote learning brought a host of technological and instructional challenges requiring extensive professional development for staff and all learning new platforms, technology tools, and very different teaching and learning. I offer my sincere appreciation to our staff that made it work, focused on students, and supported their educational and social-emotional growth and development during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. It will take years to fully appreciate the impact of the Pandemic but it takes no time to recognize the sacrifice and dedication from our faculty to our students and families. Our food service program under the leadership of Megan Bizzarro quickly shifted to providing free meals to the community to all under age 18 through funds received from the federal government. Indeed, as an organization, we did our very best to try to maintain stability, focus of purpose, connections with students and families, and to maintain health and safety.

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 board 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



# **New Boston Central School Principal's Report 2019-20**

The 2019-2020 school year seemed to happen in two very distinctive parts: September to mid-March, mid-March to June. We started off our year, as we do every year by saying good-bye to staff, who moved on to a new chapter in their lives. We had one retiree, Cindy Blythe, First Grade Teacher. Christine Stearns, Second Grade Teacher, Jacqui Cotnoir, Special Education Teacher, Shannon Hurley, Speech Pathologist, Suzanne Hazen, Paraeducator, Cathy Leonard, Paraeducator, Kelly Hartford, Paraeducator, Jay Federer, Custodian, and Elaine Simons, Kitchen Assistant resigned in order to pursue other endeavors. We want to thank them for their service to the students, staff and community.

We welcomed Alexia Gorton, Second Grade Teacher, Jaelyn Lafond, Fourth Grade Teacher, Colleen Carbonneau, Speech Pathologist, Jennifer Frost, Paraeducator, Alyssa Nault, Paraeducator, Connie St. Clair, Custodian, and Gary McKee, Custodian.

## **Schoolwide Theme**

Our schoolwide theme was “Bobcats have PAWS! - Positively Amazing Ways to Show Kindness.” We incorporated the theme throughout the school year for students and staff. We implemented some new initiatives around Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) and created a successful environment of learning for all members of our community.

## **NBCS Spelling Bee and Geography Bee**

The top two spellers were: Evelyn Eaton and Cheyenne Frost. Evelyn represented New Boston in the regional meet. The top finishers of the geography bee were Keira Schaeffer, Marley Godbois and Hailey Hansen. Keira completed a test and qualified for the state competition. However, due to the pandemic the state competition was cancelled.

## **Connected Learning**

On March 15, 2020, Governor Sununu closed all New Hampshire Schools due to the COVID-19 Global pandemic. We recognized that this was uncharted territory for all our families/staff and everyone was trying to balance home, work and school life. We wanted to provide the

students with meaningful educational experiences and knew we had much work ahead of us to make that happen.

As teachers explored new avenues for instruction, they connected with colleagues to learn new skills and resources; especially Google Classroom, Seesaw and Zoom. Videos were prepared for instruction and entertainment. Students shared work and pictures of themselves working from home. Teachers and students connected through phone calls and emails. Staff video-conferenced with each other and administration. We were very grateful for the collaboration between school staff and families.

One of the many activities we were unable to participate in this year was the sixth-grade promotional exercise. We were able to create an opportunity that honored each student and gave them a chance to see their NBCS teachers and staff prior to the end of the school year. Each sixth grade teacher team was at the school for each student to individually receive their promotional certificate, yearbook and have their picture taken. Parents/guardians with their student drove behind the school to see other faculty members. The faculty members created a parade atmosphere with music, signs, musical instruments and cheering for each student. With ninety-nine members of the sixth grade class, the process took eight hours. It was worth every minute!

### **Volunteers**

New Boston Central School is very grateful to the many community members, who offer their services to the staff and students. Each contribution provides opportunities for new learning and supports. We thank everyone for their knowledge, expertise and sharing with the New Boston Central School community.

### **Best Bobcat Award**

The Best Bobcat Award was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Towne. Howard and Frances Towne believed in educating both the school and town communities on the historical significance of Memorial Day and the various traditions. Howard reminded us every year “Memorial Day was a day of honor and remembrance.” The Towne’s reached out to other veterans to participate in the program. They provided us with the meaning of Taps, the significance of poppies, and the poem “In Flanders Field”. Howard gave a speech every year with the 2019 audience being close to 700 students and adults.

Mr. and Mrs. Towne created and provided the wreaths to recognize all branches of the military for the town common (which were placed by the Readiness students), cemetery and the natural wreath for the river. It was only in the last few years that the Garden Club at NBCS with Jess Willard created three of the wreaths, while the Towne's continued to create the natural wreath.

We were all deeply saddened by Mr. Towne's passing on June 13, 2020 but our traditions will continue due to his generosity and service to our school, town and nation.

**Fire Prevention** was coordinated by John Jones to bring numerous members of the New Boston Fire Department and Fire Department Cadets to the school and meet with every classroom in grades Preschool-Grade 5; a total of 478 students. The students and staff were instructed on fire safety and on E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home). Each student received a fire helmet compliments of the New Boston Fire Department.

**Internet Safety Presentation** was offered for students in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. In addition, a presentation was held for staff and parents. Our presenter was Lt. Gail Beaudoin, a police officer for over thirty-two years. Lt. Beaudoin's presentation included strategies for students on how to keep themselves safe while using the internet. She also talked to them about how to be responsible users of websites and gaming sites. Staff and parents learned how to talk to students about online safety, parental controls for technology and rules around safety and potential legal ramifications associated with online behavior. Gail was a new resident of New Boston and volunteered her time to provide the three presentations. **Town and Country Animal Hospital** provided certificates of health for classroom pets: a few turtles, a snake and a hermit crab. Dr. Burris and Veterinary Technician, Melissa Philippy volunteered their time to evaluate the classroom pets. **The Lions Club** volunteers; David Pierce, David Corbit, Rebecca Dargie and Judith Limondin, School Nurse, conducted Vision Screenings with parent permission for 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders. **New Boston Grange: "Words for Thirds"** represented by Mrs. Jennings and Mrs. Dodge provided dictionaries to ninety-three third graders.

The 2019-2020 school year presented itself with new challenges. I am not sure words will be enough to express how thankful I am for the

staff and their dedication, creativity and sensitivity to the students and families of New Boston and each other. I want to thank all our families for their support and understanding. Working together continues to make New Boston Central School, “A Special Place to Learn and Grow.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Principal Tori Underwood



*Will with Lucy - 4 ½ yr. old English Bulldog*

*Photo by: Tori Johnson*

# **MOUNTAIN VIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL**

***ACCREDITED MEMBER OF THE NEW ENGLAND***

***ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES***

**Wendy Kohler, Principal**

The 2019-2020 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, 2019, none of us could have imagined the remarkable events that would unfold in our community and around the world. These circumstances presented tremendous challenges, but the MVMS community rose to the occasion with courage, creativity, and resilience pivoting to a full remote learning environment in March 2020.

When the COVID-19 global pandemic forced the closure of in-person instruction at MVMS, our students, families, and educators adjusted to the unfamiliar experience of utilizing a connected learning platform. It wasn't always easy, but together, as an MVMS Community, we kept students safe, engaged, and learning, even while separated from their teachers and classmates. The hard-working MVMS staff, family members of our students, and steadfast community partners, like the YMCA, helped our students continue to thrive in the face of adversity.

The resilience and dedication of the MVMS Community was highlighted in the summer of 2020 when MVMS was once again recognized as a Spotlight School by the New England League of Middle Schools. MVMS is one of only seven middle schools in the State of New Hampshire to presently hold this honor. Beyond this recognition, MVMS still holds also holds its accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Prior to the global pandemic, fifth-grade students again participated in the Artist in Residence program at MVMS. Woodworking and sculpting artist Mark Ragonese, brought his energy and enthusiasm for this art form to help create a beautiful display for the community to see outside the Information Center at MVMS. Students collaborated with the artist to design and create the beautiful works of art that brought information learned in fifth grade science on the Solar System to life.

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.

Throughout the 2019-2020 School Year, talented MVMS students demonstrated individual, ensemble, and team accomplishments. Though many of our co-curricular programs were unable to finish their winter season, or participate in any in-person activities in the spring, some of our accomplishments included:

- Geography Bee Winner: Tyler Sanders
- Spelling Bee Winner: Katherine Jones
- Various Community fundraisers including the canned food drive (7200 cans) and Goffstown Food Network fundraiser.
- 12 MVMS musicians were selected to participate in the NHMEA Middle School District Festival (includes band, chorus and strings)
- 100 eighth grade students celebrated in a virtual presentation for having earned all A’s and B’s during both their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade years.
- 6<sup>th</sup>-Grader Kaylee Wiggin won the Pinardville Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest
- The Mountain View Partnership (MVP) sponsored a pumpkin in the Goffstown Pumpkin Regatta and staff member Mike Leonard captained the vessel and placed second in the race for MVMS. Additionally, Student Government worked hard to gut and decorate the giant pumpkin.
- The MVMS Drama Program produced the first-ever, virtual performance for Goffstown/New Boston residents to enjoy in June 2020.

The accomplishments outlined above reflect the hard-work and dedication of our remarkable staff working with our students to help nurture them and challenge them to reach a multitude of academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular goals.

As a greater community, we've leaned on each other for support, quickly transitioned to a Connected Learning Platform learning new technologies and we adapted to our less than ideal circumstances. No doubt, whatever the future holds, together, as an MVMS Community, we'll be ready!



*Petunia is one of 3 pet rabbits in the VanScoyoc home  
Photo by Sandi VanScoyoc*



## **Goffstown High School**

### **Francis J. McBride, Principal**

Goffstown High School continues to be a top performing school in the State of New Hampshire.

Successful schools are filled with successful students and staff. I will share a few highlights:

Congratulations to Juniors Fahim Ahmed (finalist) and Cassidy Exner who qualified for the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Congratulations to our music students who hold All-State Honors:

Peter Carle - Trombone All-State Band

Murray McKay – Trombone, Jazz & All-State Bands, Chamber

Abigail Sudak - Alto Sax, Jazz & All-State Bands, Chamber

Alaina Winrow - Baritone Sax Top Score, Jazz & All-State Bands, Chamber

Fahim Ahmed - Tenor Voice Top Score, All-State Mixed, Chamber

Samuel Conley - Bass Voice All-State Mixed Chorus

Emily Hohenadel - Alto Voice All-State Mixed Chorus

Emily Hughes - Alto Voice All-State Mixed Chorus, Chamber

Veronica Iredale - Alto Voice Top Score, All-State Mixed Chorus, Chamber

Caleb Hagner - Bass Viola All-State Orchestra

Gavin Palmer – Cello All-State Orchestra, Chamber

Kaitlyn Beauchemin - Soprano All-State Treble Chorus

Leah Berdeen - Alto Voice All-State Treble Chorus

Phoebe Castellano - Alto Voice All-State Treble Chorus

Mya Whitten - Alto Voice Top Score, Jazz Honors Choir, All-State Treble

Sixteen GHS students attended the annual Yale Model Congress. Brandon Korn and Max Fragos were awarded two gavels for the best delegates in their committees and Davis Balke was awarded runner up for best delegate in their committee.

Congratulations to Mr. Andy Pyszka for being awarded the Daughters of the American Revolution Outstanding Teacher of American History

for the State of New Hampshire. In the classroom, Mr. Pyszka's passion and enthusiasm are contagious, his content knowledge is extensive, and students are always attuned to the learning activity at hand. Additionally, Mr. Pyszka models all that he seeks to impact on his students. He can always be found on the sidelines of an athletic contest, in the audience of a school theater production, helping serve dinner at the annual Hall of Fame dinner, working as a class advisor, or sitting in the cafeteria at lunch talking with students. His civic engagement begins in the halls of GHS but extends, as well, into his work within the community. Mr. Pyszka has been an active member of the Goffstown Historical Society and a member of the Board of Directors since 2010 holding the office of Vice President since 2017.

The Goffstown School District seeks to recognize individuals whose service has been truly outstanding to the overall educational climate of the school district and who exhibits commitment, good human relations skills, loyalty, dedication and good organization and work habits. Congratulations to Melissa Mannon, GHS Library Media Specialist who was the 2020 Cornerstone Award recipient.

Georgia Schill was recognized at the 2020 Scholastic Art Awards of New Hampshire. Georgia was awarded two of five Best of Show awards and two Gold Key awards for her portfolios. Additionally, Georgia earned two of the five American Vision awards.

Fahim Ahmed represented Goffstown High School in the regional Poetry Out Loud Competition at the Currier Museum of Art.

State Championships in Athletics:  
Wrestling: Jarrett Henault 195 lb Div 2.

Bowling: Jacob Howell, Individual State Champion, with teammate Madison Gentes as the runner-up making it an all-Goffstown final.

Girls Basketball, Div 1 – Co-champions with Bishop Guertin.  
Connor Husjak was named Gatorade Player of the Year for baseball.

Congratulations to Kelly Walsh on becoming the all-time Goffstown High School basketball scoring leader for both boys and girls. Kelly finished her high school basketball career with 1,780 points.

Congratulations to Athletic Director and Football Coach, Justin Hufft for being named NH High School Sports Coach of the Year.

GHS Student Council had another successful Canned Food Drive donating more than 2100 nonperishable food items cans and over \$4600 to the Goffstown Network Food Pantry.

In March 2020, all schools across the state of NH closed as the COVID-19 pandemic became a global event. GHS swiftly moved to an online instructional model where students and staff met “face-to-face” via Zoom, lessons, learning activities, and assignments took place within Google Classrooms, and spring activities and celebrations were delivered in a virtual format with the support and expertise of Gtv. September 2020 saw the high school re-open in a hybrid learning format with small group classes and a return to limited co-curricular activities. With the start of the 20/21 school year, GHS also launched the Online Academy at GHS as a fully remote instructional program for students.

We remain committed to providing a top-notch academic experience for all students who enter our door. And, as I say annually, we appreciate your continued support.



*Bailey in the Snow*

*Photo by: Eileen Belanger*

# **New Boston Central School Health Report 2019-2020 School Year**

*The school nurse supports student success by providing health care through assessment, intervention, and follow-up for all children within the school setting.*

Number of students enrolled: 570

Average number of student health visits per day: 29

Average number of staff health visits per day: 4

Percentage of visits by children with chronic conditions: estimate 10%

Number of hearing screens by Lions club: 104

Number of Staff flu shots: 33

Number of classroom presentations by nurse: 30

Number of PCP referrals: 4

Number of dental referrals: 1

Number of reportable illnesses: 0

911 calls: 1

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherisse Salter BSN, RN



*Surry, yellow lab*

*Photo by: Cathy Daniels*

## **New Boston School District Deliberative Session February 4, 2020**

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 10, 2020 and consider School District Warrant Articles two, three and four. He led the people in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Keith Diaz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Keith Diaz introduced NBCS Principal Tori Underwood, Assistant Principal John Bridle, Special Education Facilitator Jenn Gilliland, School District Clerk Maralyn Segien, School District Treasurer Barbara Hayes, School Board Chairman Kary Jencks, School Board members Wendy Lambert, Fred Hayes, Bill Schmidt and Rob Witt, Finance Committee Chairman Bill Gould, Finance Committee members Ken Lombard, Roch Laroche, Mary Constance and Nick Sanders, Supervisors of the Checklist David Mudrick, Sarah Chapman and Dot Marden, Town Administrator Peter Flynn, Selectmen Christine Quirk, Joe Constance and Karen Scott, Superintendent Brian Balke, Assistant Superintendent MaryClaire Barry, SAU Human Resources Director Kate Magrath, Special Education Director Jennifer Dolloff, Facilities Director Randy Loring, Technology Director Stephen Bourget and Business Administrator Scott Gross.

Approximately 31 people were present at the Deliberative Session.

Wendy announced the District wanted to recognize two very special and dedicated people who are moving on from the District, Barbara and Fred Hayes. Their two daughters were educated in SAU19, and they know the importance of education and the foundation New Boston Central School and the Goffstown schools provide. They have great commitment to our community.

Barbara Hayes is our School District Treasurer who has tirelessly dedicated her time, taking on this role for 10 years. The Board has just learned of all the responsibilities Barbara has been doing. She will tell you it's not a big deal and it has become part of her routine but we are incredibly grateful for the time and efforts she has put into this role. From authorizing accounts payable checks electronically into the

District's finance system, approving and signing off on any proposed changes the District makes, to bank account set up, program or choice of banking, reconciling the cash account and tying it out to the District's reconciliation, to being the authorized signer on the District's bank account. She has been an incredible asset to our District and to the SAU. On behalf of the New Boston School community and town, we thank and honor Barbara Hayes for her ten years of dedication to our school district.

School board member Fred Hayes has decided he wants his weeknights back and to spend more time with his family. We have been so lucky to have him on the Board for as long as we have. Fred was on the Board from 2002 to 2005 and then Fred was appointed by the Board for a two year term in 2015. He couldn't believe what he had been missing since his last term so he decided to run again, serving the community for another 5 years. Fred has brought a wealth of knowledge to the Board. He is great with numbers and has analyzed our budget in many different ways. He helps to explain calculations in a different light and has been so beneficial in helping to understand audit reports and financials. He has been able to provide a great deal of insight to the many facility issues here at the Central School and has given advice to the Goffstown School District as well. Fred has served countless hours on the New Boston School District Policy Committee as Chairman, Goffstown School District Policy Committee and the SAU19 Policy Committee, ensuring that policies are reviewed and revised in response to ever changing state and federal laws and regulations as well as changes in the community. He was the Vice Chair of the Board in 2005, has served on the SAU Executive Committee, CIP Committee, Finance Committee and is Trustee of the Trust Funds for our town. He is honest, thoughtful and always has the children, teachers and community in mind, ensuring tax payer dollars are spent wisely. Fred is a great person of character and leadership. On behalf of the board and community, Fred was thanked for his years of dedication and service. It has been a pleasure working with Fred for these past years.

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 members of the School Board for the ensuing three years

Kary Jencks, Sam Perron and Keith Prive filed for the School Board member positions.

To choose one School District Moderator for the ensuing three years

Keith Diaz filed for the Moderator position.

To choose one School District Treasurer for the ensuing three years

No one filed for the Treasurer position.

To choose one School District Clerk for the ensuing three years

Maralyn Segien filed for the Moderator position.

## ARTICLE 2

Shall the New Boston 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 SIXTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY DOLLARS (\$16,745,860)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be SIXTEEN MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$16,703,137), 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 6-0-0 to recommend*

Kary Jencks **MOVED** to pass the warrant article as written. Rob Witt seconded the motion.

Tori Underwood explained the budget preparation process and timeline in detail and presented a 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 raise and appropriate the sum of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$600,000) for the purpose of funding the New Boston Central School Building Envelope Project, to include, but not limited to, window replacement, heating controls and heating units. Funding for this article to come from additional, one-time New Hampshire Fiscal Capacity Disparity Aid with no direct tax impact. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the New Boston Central School Building Envelope Project is completed or by June 30, 2022, whichever is sooner. 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*

Bill Schmidt **MOVED** to pass Article 3 as written. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion.

Bill Schmidt presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the New Boston Central School Building Envelope Project.

Candy Woodbury of McCurdy Road noted she worked at NBCS as a teacher from 1990-2006, some of the best years of her life, and worked with many still involved with NBCS. She described her first grade classroom that had the sun shining in the room most of the time. Temperatures affected/pressured the children's learning. She is thankful for the parents who helped keep the children cool during these times. She supports this project and thanked the Board and Administrators for considering this project she has hoped for.



With no further questions or discussion from the audience, Keith Diaz restated the motion to pass the warrant article as written. It **PASSED** unanimously.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

**To see if the New Boston School District will vote to raise and appropriate 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, 2020 Unassigned Fund balance (surplus) available for transfer on July 1, 2020. This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2, the Operating Budget Article. (Majority vote required.)**

*The School Board voted 3-2-0 to recommend  
The Finance Committee voted 3-3-0 to recommend*

Fred Hayes **MOVED** to pass Article 4 as written. Wendy Lambert seconded the motion.

Fred Hayes spoke to the article saying this article is asking the voters for authorization to deposit up to \$50,000.00 into the Renovations and Repair Capital Reserve Fund, should there be adequate funds to do so at the end of the fiscal year. The purpose of this fund is to cover planned renovation and repair costs of the school (e.g., partial roof replacement completed in 2017, future parking lot repairs, septic system replacement, etc.) as well as emergency repairs (failed septic system, failed fire cistern, discovery of leaking oil tanks adjacent to the White Buildings), that arise during the budget cycle. The fund currently contains approximately \$280,000. \$50,000 is being requested to continue to address the lengthy list of repairs and renovations developed over the past few years with input from local contractors, engineers and tradesmen. The entire list encompasses projects from landscape and grounds maintenance, interior and exterior building repairs, septic system, and school roadway and parking lot reclamation projects. The Board recognizes that while we have neither the time nor the funding to accomplish all of the items in a single year, a \$50,000 deposit would allow us to work on the top priority items. The School facility is the largest asset in Town and we have a duty to maintain it. This article would be funded from unencumbered monies from this year. The money in this account would be spent only after School

Board authorization. In order to deposit money into this fund, it requires a vote by the voters on a Warrant Article each year.

Janet Cristini of Valley View Road clarified the \$600,000 mentioned in Article 3 is coming from the state government and has no direct tax impact. The money requested in Article 4 is coming from 2018/2019 school year surplus, not from additional taxation. Janet noted she is in favor of contributing to this CRF.

With no further 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 10, 2020 between 7:00AM and 7:00PM. With no further business, Mindi Charles moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Carol Hulick. This motion passed.

At 7:49 PM Keith Diaz declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maralyn Segien  
School District Clerk



*Hermit Crab*

*Photo by: Maralyn Segien*

**Official Ballot For  
The School  
District of New Boston,  
New Hampshire**

**March 10, 2020**

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Maralyn Segien  
School District Clerk

**ARTICLE 1**

MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

THREE YEARS  
(Vote for Two)

Kary Jencks 705

Sam Perron 776

Keith M. Prive 620

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Write In

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Write In

DISTRICT MODERATOR

THREE YEARS  
(Vote for One)

Keith F. Diaz 1186

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Write In

DISTRICT TREASURER

THREE YEARS

(Vote for One)

William "Bill" Gould 90

Write In

DISTRICT CLERK

THREE YEARS

(Vote for One)

Maralyn Segien 1210

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Write In

**ARTICLE 2**

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*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend  
The Finance Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend*

**YES 1002 NO 494**

### ARTICLE 3

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*The School Board voted 5-0-0 to recommend*  
*The Finance Committee voted 6-0-0 to recommend*

**YES 873**      **NO 617**

### ARTICLE 4

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*The School Board voted 3-2-0 to recommend*  
*The Finance Committee voted 3-3-0 to recommend*

**YES 894**      **NO 588**

## 2020-2021 SAU #19 Administrator's Salaries

Town	Superintendent	Assistant Superintendent	Business Administrator
Goffstown	\$ 121,769	\$ 88,309	\$ 88,483
New Boston	\$ 36,024	\$ 26,126	\$ 26,177
	\$ 157,793	\$ 114,435	\$ 114,660



*Shyame Enjoying the Holiday Season*

*Photo by: Sonya Fournier*



**2021**  
**WARRANT**

**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2021 WARRANT**  
**School Deliberative Ballot Determination Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

**The State of New Hampshire**

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

You are hereby notified to meet on Tuesday, the Second day of February 2021, in the Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School at 7:00 P.M. for the first session of the School District Annual Meeting, also known as the first Deliberative Session, to act on the following subjects and determine matters which will then be voted upon by the official ballot on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

You are further notified to meet on Tuesday, the Ninth day of March 2021, also known as the second session, to vote on all matters by official ballot. The polls are open on March 9, 2021, at seven o'clock in the forenoon until seven o'clock in the evening in the Tom Mansfield Gym at New Boston Central School.

**GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION**

We certify and attest that on or before January 25, 2021 a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at New Boston Central School, New Boston Town Hall, Whipple Free Library and that an original was delivered to Denise Morin, Executive Assistant

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Kary Jencks	Chair	<i>Kary Jencks</i>
Wendy Lambert	Vice Chair	<i>Wendy Lambert</i>
Samuel Perron	Board Member	<i>Sam Perron</i>
William Schmidt	Board Member	<i>William Schmidt</i>
Robert Witt	Board Member	<i>Robert B. Witt</i>



**Article 01 Election of Officers**

Election of Officers

To choose one (1) member of the School Board for the ensuing three years

**Article 02 Operating Budget**

Shall the New Boston 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 THREE HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$17,314,712)? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be SEVENTEEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED NINETY NINE DOLLARS (\$17,320,299) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the New Boston 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 recommends this article 5-0

The Finance Committee recommends this article 7-0

**Article 03 Collective Bargaining Agreement**

To see if the school district will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the New Boston School District and the New Boston Support Staff which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Estimated Increase
2021-2022	\$46,014
2022-2023	\$25,839
2023-2024	\$28,310

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of FORTY-SIX THOUSAND and FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$46,014) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. This amount to be offset by ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$1,512) from the Food Service Revenues and ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE DOLLARS (\$1,273) from the Special Federal Revenue Fund with the remaining amount of FORTY THREE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$43,229) to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

This appropriation is in addition to Warrant Article #2 the Operating Budget.

The School Board recommends this article 5-0

The Finance Committee recommends this article 7-0



**NEW BOSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

<b>Revenue</b>			
Sales		\$ 72,485	
Transfer from General Fund		\$ 24,827	
Reimbursements		\$ 48,847	
Total Receipts			\$ 146,158

<b>Expenses</b>			
Food & Milk		\$ 47,528	
Wages and Benefits		\$ 64,247	
Other		\$ 34,383	
Total Expenses			\$ 146,158

<b>Profit/Loss</b>	\$	-
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*Laying Hens Cuddles & Snuggles*

*Photo by: Maralyn Segien*

## New Boston School District

### 2021-2022 Expenditure Budget

Function	2019-20 Actual & Encumbered	2019-2020 Budget	2020-21 Appropriation	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	Change from 2020-21 Appropriation	% Change from 2020-21 Appropriation
1100-1199 Regular Education	\$ 9,837,980	\$ 10,718,686	\$ 10,848,005	\$ 11,176,804	\$ 328,799	3.03%
1200-1299 Special Education	\$ 2,193,014	\$ 2,193,856	\$ 2,167,502	\$ 2,261,811	\$ 94,309	4.35%
1300-1399 Vocational Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1410 Co-Curricular	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1420 Athletics	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1430 Summer School Programs	\$ 66,701	\$ 58,378	\$ 60,537	\$ 61,993	\$ 1,456	2.41%
1400-1499	\$ 66,701	\$ 58,378	\$ 60,537	\$ 61,993	\$ 1,456	2.41%
1600 Adult Education Programs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1810 Field Rental	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
1600-1899	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2120 Guidance	\$ 96,661	\$ 99,943	\$ 101,594	\$ 105,812	\$ 4,218	4.15%
2125 Guidance Records	\$ 3,738	\$ 3,861	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2130 Health Services	\$ 128,852	\$ 101,207	\$ 108,894	\$ 108,136	\$ (758)	-0.70%
2140 Psychology Services	\$ 206,403	\$ 79,057	\$ 112,642	\$ 131,700	\$ 19,058	16.92%
2150 Speech Pathology and Audio	\$ 117,091	\$ 213,691	\$ 199,315	\$ 186,842	\$ (12,473)	-6.26%
2163 Occupational Therapy	\$ 121,996	\$ 122,011	\$ 125,386	\$ 131,020	\$ 5,634	4.49%

Function	2019-20 Actual & Encumbered	2019-2020 Budget	2020-21 Appropriation	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	Change from 2020-21 Appropriation	% Change from 2020-21 Appropriation
2180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2190	\$ 54,560	\$ 63,785	\$ 128,900	\$ 128,900	\$ -	0.00%
2000-2199	\$ 729,301	\$ 683,555	\$ 776,731	\$ 792,410	\$ 15,679	2.02%
2210	\$ 4,023	\$ 9,562	\$ 9,562	\$ 7,748	\$ (1,814)	-18.97%
2212	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
2213	\$ 6,017	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ 11,500	\$ -	0.00%
2222	\$ 119,396	\$ 118,912	\$ 130,471	\$ 138,617	\$ 8,146	6.24%
2290	\$ 78,727	\$ 80,760	\$ 83,138	\$ 88,177	\$ 5,039	6.06%
2200-2299	\$ 208,163	\$ 221,234	\$ 235,171	\$ 246,542	\$ 11,371	4.84%
2311	\$ 11,969	\$ 13,395	\$ 13,020	\$ 14,270	\$ 1,250	9.60%
2313	\$ 809	\$ 812	\$ 812	\$ 810	\$ (2)	-0.25%
2314	\$ 1,291	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,543	\$ 2,542	\$ (1)	-0.04%
2317	\$ 9,240	\$ 9,240	\$ 9,240	\$ 9,240	\$ -	0.00%
2318	\$ 7,004	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	0.00%
2310-2319	\$ 30,313	\$ 35,990	\$ 35,615	\$ 36,862	\$ 1,247	3.50%
2321	\$ 501,191	\$ 503,717	\$ 511,261	\$ 516,836	\$ 5,575	1.09%
2410	\$ 474,105	\$ 485,646	\$ 490,732	\$ 518,160	\$ 27,428	5.59%
2490	\$ 1,333	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	0.00%
2400-2499	\$ 475,438	\$ 488,146	\$ 493,232	\$ 520,660	\$ 27,428	5.56%
2519	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%

Function	2019-20 Actual & Encumbered	2019-2020 Budget	2020-21 Appropriation	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	Change from 2020-21 Appropriation	% Change from 2020-21 Appropriation
2620	\$ 365,265	\$ 460,748	\$ 462,197	\$ 473,256	\$ 11,059	2.39%
2630	\$ 2,238	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700	\$ 8,700	\$ -	0.00%
2640	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ -	0.00%
2660	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
2600-2699	\$ 367,503	\$ 469,948	\$ 471,397	\$ 482,456	\$ 11,059	2.35%
2721	\$ 487,814	\$ 557,351	\$ 624,233	\$ 680,113	\$ 55,880	8.95%
2722	\$ 242,396	\$ 243,000	\$ 255,150	\$ 252,516	\$ (2,634)	-1.03%
2725	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,695	\$ 195	3.00%
2790	\$ -	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,987	\$ 87	3.00%
2700-2799	\$ 730,210	\$ 809,751	\$ 888,783	\$ 942,311	\$ 53,528	6.02%
2800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
2800-2999	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
4100-4300	\$ -	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ 3	\$ -	0.00%
4500	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ 1	\$ -	0.00%
4600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
5110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
5120	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
5210	\$ 35,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
5251	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
5222	\$ -	\$ 2,505	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%

Function	2019-20 Actual & Encumbered	2019-2020 Budget	2020-21 Appropriation	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	Change from 2020-21 Appropriation	% Change from 2020-21 Appropriation
Fund 10	\$ 15,274,814	\$ 16,185,770	\$ 16,488,238	\$ 17,038,689	\$ 550,451	3.34%
Fund 21	\$ 146,380	\$ 154,055	\$ 159,517	\$ 166,023	\$ 6,506	4.08%
Fund 22	\$ 82,743	\$ 98,105	\$ 98,105	\$ 110,000	\$ 11,895	12.12%
Total New Boston School District	\$ 15,503,937	\$ 16,437,930	\$ 16,745,860	\$ 17,314,712	\$ 568,852	3.40%

Note: The proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 column equals the MS-27 operating budget posted with the warrant.

\*\* 2019-2020 Actuals include encumbered funds.

**New Boston School District  
FY 2021-2022 Revenues (Estimate)**

		2020-21 Actuals	2021-22 Proposed
<b>LOCAL REVENUE FROM OTHER THAN TAXES</b>			
1300-1349	Regular Education Tuition	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000
1400-1449	Transportation Fees		
1500-1599	Earnings on Investments	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
1600-1699	School Lunch Sales	\$ 98,517	\$ 100,023
1700-1799	Student Activities		
1800-1899	Community Service Activities		
1900-1999	Other Local Revenue	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	<b>Local Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 110,017</b>	<b>\$ 111,523</b>
<b>REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</b>			
3210	School Building Aid		
3215	Kindergarten Building Aid		
3220	Kindergarten Aid		
3230	Special Education Aid	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000

3240-3249	Vocational Aid (AREA Vocational Trans)		
3250	Adult Education		
3260	Child Nutrition	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
3270	Driver Education		
3290-3299	Other State Sources		
	<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 57,000</b>	<b>\$ 57,000</b>
	<b>REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</b>		
4100-4539	Federal Programs / Grants	\$ 98,105	\$ 110,000
4540	Vocational Education		
4550	Adult Education		
4560	Child Nutrition Programs	\$ 49,000	\$ 54,000
4570	Disabilities Programs		
4580	Medicaid Distribution	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,000
4590-4999	USDA Commodities	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
4810	Federal Forest Reserve		
	<b>Federal Sources Subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 159,105</b>	<b>\$ 184,000</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	\$	-	\$	-
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>SUBTOTAL SCHOOL REVENUES AND CREDITS</b>	\$	<b>326,122</b>	\$	<b>352,523</b>
	Unassigned Fund Balance (MS-25)	\$	1,457,514	\$	1,157,000
	Less Voted from Fund Balance	\$	50,000	\$	-
	Less Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$	1,100,514	\$	850,000
	Fund Balance Retained (2.5%)	\$	307,000	\$	307,000
	Total Revenues and Credits	\$	1,476,636	\$	1,202,523
	Assessment Overview				
	General Fund Appropriation	\$	16,488,238	\$	17,038,689



	Food Service Appropriation	\$	159,517	\$	166,023
	Special Revenue Appropriation	\$	98,105	\$	110,000
	Warrant Article CRF (UFB)	\$	50,000	\$	-
	Warrant Article - Building Improvement	\$	600,000		
	Warrant Article- Support Staff CBA			\$	46,214
	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,395,860</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,360,926</b>
	LESS TOTAL REVENUES/CREDITS	\$	1,476,636	\$	1,202,523
	NET LOCAL SCHOOL APPROPRIATION	\$	15,919,224	\$	16,158,403
	Net Education Grant (Adequacy)	\$	3,052,649	\$	2,836,498
	Locally Retained State Ed Tax (SWEPT)	\$	1,351,706	\$	1,350,394
	One Time Parity Aid (ESTIMATE)	\$	893,400	\$	-
	<b>Net Required Local Education Tax Estimate</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>10,621,469</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,971,511</b>



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

To the Members of the School Board  
New Boston School District  
New Boston, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the New Boston School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, 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.

#### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of

the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit unmodified and adverse opinions.

**Summary of Opinions**

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

***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 related to the School District’s single employer plan in the governmental activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those costs be recorded, which would increase the liabilities, decrease the net position, and increase the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses on the governmental activities has not been determined.

***Adverse Opinion***

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, 2020, 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 each major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the New Boston School District as of June 30, 2020, 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.

### ***Change in Accounting Principle***

As discussed in Note 2-D to the financial statements, in fiscal year 2020 the School District adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

### ***Other Matters***

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

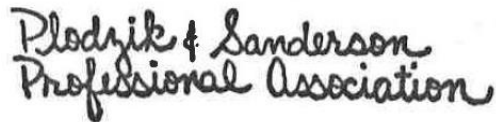
- Management’s Discussion and Analysis,
- Schedule of the School District’s Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability,
- Schedule of School District Contributions – Pensions,
- Schedule of the School District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Other Postemployment Benefits Liability,
- Schedule of School 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 management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial

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

**Other Information** – Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

January 5, 2021

## 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, 2020. 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 \$(2,959,435) (*net position*). Of this amount, (\$3,711,355) (*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 \$38,087.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$1,891,630, a change of \$103,070 in comparison with the prior year.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was \$1,407,154, of which \$1,100,154 is *available for spending* at the District Town Meeting's discretion or for tax relief, and \$307,000 has been 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 \$5,884,774.

### 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 five 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. The capital projects fund is also a major fund but since its budget is for the life of the project, there is no budget to actual comparison reported. Data from the other two 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 \$2,959,435 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The largest portion of the District's net position \$751,812 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			
	2020	2019 (as restated)	% Change 2019-2020
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2,230,333	\$ 2,026,503	10.06%
Capital Assets	782,312	662,398	18.10%
Total Assets	<u>3,012,645</u>	<u>2,688,901</u>	<u>12.04%</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,056,171	1,357,185	-22.18%
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	6,489,133	6,553,462	-0.98%
Other Liabilities	325,794	264,351	23.24%
Total Liabilities	<u>6,814,927</u>	<u>6,817,813</u>	<u>-0.04%</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	213,324	262,495	-18.73%
Net Investment in Capital Assets	751,812	617,623	21.73%
Restricted Net Position	108	-	100.00%
Unrestricted Net Position	(3,711,355)	(3,877,640)	-4.29%
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (2,959,435)</u>	<u>\$ (3,260,017)</u>	<u>-9.22%</u>



Summary of Changes in Net Position  
Governmental Activities

	2020 Amount	2019 Amount	\$ Difference	% Difference
<b>Revenues:</b>				
<b>Program Revenue:</b>				
Charges for Services	\$ 94,987	\$ 132,420	\$ (37,433)	-39.41%
Operating Grants and Contributions	289,069	396,822	(107,753)	-37.28%
<b>General Revenue:</b>				
School District Assessment	10,912,518	10,140,330	772,188	7.08%
Unrestricted Grants	4,355,660	4,238,210	117,450	2.70%
Miscellaneous & Interest	49,012	45,264	3,748	7.65%
Total Revenues	<u>15,701,246</u>	<u>14,953,046</u>	<u>748,200</u>	<u>4.77%</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Instruction	\$ 12,295,563	\$ 11,994,668	\$ 300,895	2.45%
Support Services:				
Student	696,735	679,857	16,878	2.42%
Instructional Staff	266,893	249,174	17,719	6.64%
General Administration	29,535	38,417	(8,882)	-30.07%
Executive Administration	523,851	481,908	41,943	8.01%
School Administration	482,807	459,686	23,121	4.79%
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	477,730	501,268	(23,538)	-4.93%
Student Transportation	743,886	761,734	(17,848)	-2.40%
Noninstructional Services	146,159	146,381	(222)	-0.15%
Total Expenses	<u>15,663,159</u>	<u>15,313,093</u>	<u>350,066</u>	<u>2.23%</u>
Change in Net Position	38,087	(360,047)	398,134	1045.33%
Less: Restatement related to GASB No. 84	-	36,700	(36,700)	100.00%
Net Position, beginning, as restated	(2,997,522)	(2,674,175)	(323,347)	10.79%
Net Position, ending	<u>\$ (2,959,435)</u>	<u>\$ (2,997,522)</u>	<u>\$ 38,087</u>	<u>-1.29%</u>

**Governmental Activities.** As noted above, governmental activities net position changed by \$38,087. Key elements of this change are as follows:

Governmental Activities:	
Total net change in governmental funds fund balance:	
General Fund	\$ 236,078
Capital Project Fund	(137,454)
Other Governmental Funds	4,746
	<u>103,370</u>
Depreciation expense, net of capital asset additions	119,914
Change in capital lease obligations	14,275
Change in accrued interest payable	530
Change in compensated absences	6,000
Change in net pension liability, net of deferred resources	(259,181)
Change in net OPEB liability, net of deferred resources	<u>53,179</u>
Total net change	<u><u>\$ 38,087</u></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 \$1,891,630, which is a change of \$103,370 in comparison with the prior year. Key elements of this change are as follows:

Governmental Funds:	
General Fund	\$ 1,987,530
Capital Project Fund	(137,454)
Other Governmental Funds:	
Grants Fund	-
Food Service Fund	108
Student Activity Funds	<u>41,446</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 1,891,630</u></u>

The capital project fund of \$(137,454) represents funds used for the NBCS Building Envelope Project approved by voters in March 2020, to begin construction prior to July 1, 2020 (next fiscal year).

## 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 \$1,407,154 of which \$1,100,154 will be returned to the taxpayers in 2020-2021 and \$307,000 will be retained in accordance with RSA 198:4-bII.

### COMMENTS ON GENERAL FUND BUDGET COMPARISONS

- General fund actual revenues totaling \$15,411,534 exceeded budgeted revenues by \$43,856 (.2%)
  - **Local sources** totaling \$47,758 exceeded budget by \$33,258 due to a combination of over collection of tuition revenue and under estimation of local revenue sources.
  - **State sources** totaling \$4,449,237 exceeded budget by \$38,577, this amount is attributed to state adequacy aid revenues being slightly higher than expected.
  - **Federal sources** totaling \$2,021 was well below budget by \$(27,979) due to much lower than expected Medicaid reimbursements. Changes in Medicaid reimbursement at the federal level required school districts to change the manner in which these expenses can be recouped. New processes have been put into place, and we expect more normalized Medicaid reimbursements in future years.
- General fund expenditures totaling \$14,946,469 were less than appropriation totaling \$16,185,770, by \$1,239,301.
  - **Instruction** totaling \$11,930,991 was below budget by \$980,777 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 \$731,386 was lower than the budget of \$815,221 by \$83,835. This was a result of savings from the shift to remote instruction due to COVID-19 and negotiations with the transportation providers at that time.
  - **Operation and Maintenance of Plant** totaling \$366,889 was lower than the budget amount of \$491,952 with a variance of \$125,063. With NBCS closed after mid-March 2020, operational and maintenance costs were lower than budgeted.

## 6. Capital Asset and Debt Administration

**Capital Assets.** The District’s investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2020, amounted to \$782,312 (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 \$119,914 as evidenced below:

Capital Assets at Year End Governmental Activities			
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	% Change 2019-2020
Land	\$ 6,770	\$ 6,770	0.00%
Construction in Progress	137,454	-	100.00%
Buildings & Building Improvements	3,603,045	3,603,045	0.00%
Machinery, Equipment & Furnishings	107,478	50,702	111.98%
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,072,435)</u>	<u>(2,998,119)</u>	<u>2.48%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 782,312</u>	<u>\$ 662,398</u>	<u>18.10%</u>
Capital Asset Additions:			
CIP Additions:			
Central School Energy Upgrades		<u>\$ 137,454</u>	
Equipment Additions:			
Servers		<u>56,776</u>	
Depreciation Expense		<u>(74,316)</u>	
Total change in capital assets		<u>\$ 119,914</u>	

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, 2020. 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 2019 is noted, Note 11.

Long-Term Debt Outstanding at Year End Governmental Activities			
	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2019	% Change 2018-2019
Compensated Absences	\$ 98,000	\$ 104,000	6.12%
Capital Lease	30,500	44,775	46.80%
Pension Related Liability	5,884,774	5,906,670	0.37%
Net Other postemployment benefits liability	475,859	498,017	4.66%
Total	<u>\$ 6,489,133</u>	<u>\$ 6,553,462</u>	<u>0.99%</u>

### **Future Budgetary Implications**

Significant activities or events, which will have an impact on future district finances, include:

- The financial impact of COVID -19 remains a challenge in terms of expenses and revenues. The budget for fiscal year 2020-21 does not include expenses for PPE or other 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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