

# 2022

## ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF  
**SPRINGFIELD**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE



# **ANNUAL REPORTS**

of

Town Officers and Committees

for the Town of

**SPRINGFIELD  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**including Vital Statistics  
for the year**

**2022**

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## **TOWN MEETING DATES**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

**11:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Springfield Town Hall**

**23 Four Corners Road**

Voting only by Official Ballot for the election of Town Officers, and other articles requiring vote by Official Ballot. Polls open at 11:00 am and close at 7:00 pm. Ballots will be counted at 7:00 pm after polls close.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023**

**9:30 am**

**Springfield Town Hall**

**23 Four Corners Road**

Presentation, Discussion and Voting for  
Warrant Articles.

## **SPRINGFIELD STATISTICS AND INFORMATION**

### **Origin**

Springfield was first settled by Europeans in 1769 under the name of Protectworth. The town was incorporated in 1794 and the name Springfield was adopted. Prior to county division in 1827, Springfield was in Cheshire County. In 1969 Springfield recognized its 200-year Anniversary with a Bicentennial Celebration and in 2019 Springfield recognized and celebrated 250 years.

Elevation: 1440 Feet  
Temperature (F)  
Annual Average: 44.57  
January Average: 15.3  
July Average: 65.7  
Precipitation Annual Average: 39.47 in.

Total Land Acreage: 27,914.60  
Town Owned: 530.830  
Gile State Forest: 6502 acres  
Land Area : 43.6 sq. miles  
Inland Water Area: 0.9 sq. miles  
Town Roads: 45 miles  
Land in Current Use: 14,671 acres  
Population: 1,259 (2020 US Census)  
Population Density: 28.29 people per sq mile

### **Community Contact Springfield Town Office**

2750 Main Street  
PO Box 22  
Springfield, NH 03284  
Tel. (603) 763-4805  
Website: [www.springfieldnh.org](http://www.springfieldnh.org)  
Webmaster: [townclerk@springfieldnh.org](mailto:townclerk@springfieldnh.org)

### **Municipal Services**

Town Office Hours:  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9 am to 12 Noon & 1 pm to 4 pm  
Thursday 9 am to 12 Noon & 1 pm to 8 pm  
Closed Fridays

**Libbie A. Cass Memorial Library**

2748 Main Street

PO Box 89

Springfield, NH 03284

Tel. (603) 763-4381

Website: [www.libbiecass.weebly.com](http://www.libbiecass.weebly.com)

Email: [libbiecass@gmail.com](mailto:libbiecass@gmail.com)

Call or see Website for hours.

Type of Government:	Selectmen
Zoning Ordinance:	adopted 1987
amended 1997, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2018	

Master Plan: adopted 1979, amended 2005

Subdivision Regulations: adopted 1971, amended 1991, 2010

Industrial Plans reviewed by: Planning Board

**County – Sullivan**

14 Main Street

Newport, NH 03773

Tel: (603) 863-2560

Fax: (603) 863-9314

**Emergency Services**

Police Department:	2 Full Time Officers
Fire Department:	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Services:	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating:	5/9
Nearest Hospital: New London Hospital:	9 miles

### **Educational Facilities**

Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional School District SAU 65,  
Grades K-5 attend KRES in New London  
Grades 6-8 attend KRMS in Sutton  
Grades 9-12 attend KRHS in Sutton

#### **Career Technology Centers:**

Sugar River Valley Tech Center, Newport or Claremont, Region 10  
Concord Regional Technical Center

Nearest Community Technical College:  
Claremont, Concord

Nearest Colleges or Universities  
Colby-Sawyer, Dartmouth

### **Labor Market Area**

Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion

### **Largest Employers**

Durgin & Crowell	Lumber Mill
Kennebec Lumber	Kiln Drying
Twin Lake Villa	Seasonal Resort

### **Recreation**

Hotels/Motels: 1  
Libbie A. Cass Memorial Library  
Municipal Parks: 1  
Golf Courses: 1  
Historical Museum: 1  
Nearest Ski Area: Mount Sunapee, Ragged Mountain  
Other recreation: Lake, Swimming, Hiking  
Hunting/Fishing, Cross Country Skiing, Snowmobiling



### **Transportation**

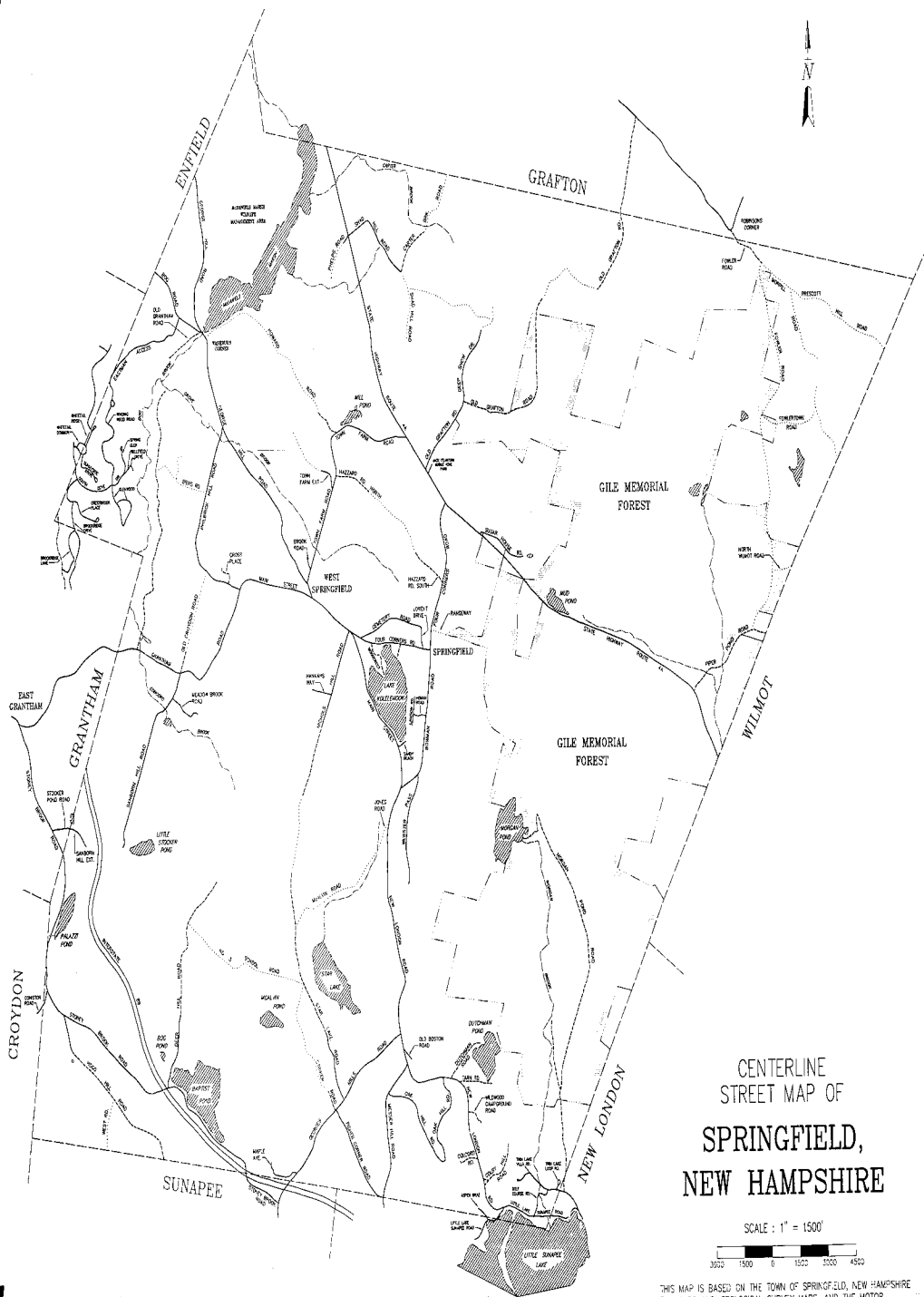
Road Access: State Routes 114, Route 4A  
Nearest Interstate: I-89 Exit 12 A, Distance: 5 miles  
Railroad: None  
Public Transportation: None  
Commercial Airport: Lebanon 16 miles; Manchester, 56 miles

### **Driving Distance To**

Manchester, NH	56 miles
Portland, ME	141 miles
Boston, MA	106 miles
New York City, NY	273 miles
Montreal Quebec	207 miles

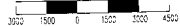
### **Utilities**

Electric Supplier: Eversource/NH Electric Coop  
Natural Gas Supplier: None  
Water Supplier: Private Wells  
Sanitation/Sewer: Private Septic  
Municipal Treatment Plant: No  
Garbage and Refuse: Sunapee Transfer Station  
Mandatory Recycling Program: Yes  
Telephone Company: Consolidated Communications  
Fiberoptic Internet: Fidium Fiber  
Cellular Phone Access



CENTERLINE  
STREET MAP OF  
**SPRINGFIELD,**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

SCALE : 1" = 1500'



THIS MAP IS BASED ON THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
TAX MAPS, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY MAPS, AND THE MOTOR  
VEHICLE ACCIDENT LOCATION REPORTING MAP.

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## Town Property 2022

<u>Description</u>	<u>Map &amp; Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Land</u>	<u>Building</u>
Hogg Hill Turnaround	4-457-491A	.2	2,300	
Oak Hill Rd	7-838-498	.46	2,700	
Messer Cemetery	7-838-498A	.26	49,300	
Messer Hill Rd	8-013-503	.24	2,300	
Stoney Brook Rd	9-541-275	.16	94,500	12,300
Stoney Brook Rd	9-680-131	5.2	35,100	
Messer-Ray Land	11-450-503	10	18,000	
Society Lot	12-396-317	48	235,100	
Royal Arch Land	12-578-278	43.5	39,800	
Kolelemook Lot	23-827-503	.32	116,200	
Woodcrest Lot				
Beach	23-828-482	.24	183,800	
Town Beach	23-830-460	.19	204,700	
Recreation Facility	24-058-518	6.4	49,500	10,500
Fire/Highway Complex	24-107-532	8.7	134,800	272,400
Dartmouth Grant	27-170-395	.25	22,300	
New Cemetery	29-100-209	2.2	62,100	
Old Cemetery	29-132-166	2.06	61,500	
Kinsley Lot	29-132-209	80	133,000	
Town Office/Library	29-275-000	2.4	70,900	387,100
Town Hall	29-304-108	.92	61,000	355,800
Historical Museum	29-304-108			82,100
Old Highway Garage	29-304-108			24,538

Collins Park	29-317-088	1	2,700	
Recreation Park	29-325-068	.4	31,600	8,400
Main Street Lot	29-553-192	.25	27,200	
20 Glenwood Rd	31-200-393	2.44	12,300	
Winding Wood Rd	31-272-512	1.31	27,700	
15 Crestbrook Pl	31-352-393	3.1	19,100	
10 Brook Ridge Dr.	31-502-343	1.48	4,100	
Fowlertown Cemetery	32-000-000	1	86,500	
40 Winding Wood Rd.	37-490-318	4.26	18,100	
Shad Hill Rd	41-652-272	51	44,600	
Off Prescott Hill	44-324-259	50	43,100	
Clay/Webster Lot	44-367-164	9	21,300	
Prescott Hill Rd	44-434-290	154	153,700	
McDonald/Knapp	45-035-425	34.9	33,600	
380 Shad Hill Rd	48-090-021	3	53,900	27,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>35 Parcels</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>2,158,400</b>	<b>1,180,538</b>

## **TOWN INFORMATION**

2750 Main Street  
PO Box 22  
Springfield, NH 03284  
763-4805

Website: [www.springfieldnh.org](http://www.springfieldnh.org)  
Webmaster: [townclerk@springfieldnh.org](mailto:townclerk@springfieldnh.org)

## **TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm  
Tuesday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 8 pm  
Closed Wednesday & Friday

## **TOWN OFFICE**

Monday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm  
Tuesday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm  
Wednesday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm  
Thursday 9 am - 12 Noon & 1 pm - 4 pm  
Closed Friday

## **TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
Police (non-emergency)	763-3100
Fire/Rescue Department (non-emergency)	763-4033
Highway Department	763-2829
Libbie A. Cass Library	763-4381
Planning, Zoning, Budget	763-4805
	Ex 101
Select Board	763-4805
	Ex 101
Town Clerk/Tax Collector	763-4805
	Ex 102
Zoning Coordinator	763-4805
	Ex 101

## **MEETING SCHEDULES**

Agriculture Commission 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, 7 pm  
Board of Adjustment (as scheduled) 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm  
Budget Committee (as scheduled)  
Conservation Commission 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 pm  
(as scheduled)  
Historical Society (as scheduled) Quarterly  
Joint Loss Committee (as scheduled) Quarterly  
Planning Board 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7 pm  
Recreation Committee (as scheduled)  
Select Board 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 4:30 pm

## **TRANSFER STATION**

**Sunapee Transfer Recycling Station**

**Sargent Road, Sunapee**

**763-4614**

**Vehicle Validation Stickers Required**

Operating Hours: (Subject to Change)

Monday-Thursday-Friday-Saturday: 8 am to 4:15 pm

Sunday: 8 am to 11:45 pm

Closed Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Recycling Facility

Take It or Leave It Shop

Charge for disposal of some items

Tickets for Open Top Container can be

Purchased at the Springfield Town Office or

from the kiosk at the Transfer Station

**APPLICATION FEES**  
*(subject to change)*

		<b>Fee</b>
Annexation*:	Filing	\$55.00
	Per Lot	\$55.00
Current Use Application:	Local Fee	\$12.50
	Plus County Fees	
Driveway Permit		\$25.00
Equitable Waiver*		\$100.00
House Number		\$25.00
Merger	Local Fee	\$50.00
	Plus County Fees	
Septic Application		\$25.00
Site Plan Review*		\$100.00
Special Exception*		\$100.00
Subdivision*	Filing	\$55.00
	Per Lot	\$55.00
Variance*		\$100.00
Wetlands Permit	Town	\$12.50
	State	\$50.00

\*Additional fees required for abutter notifications

## **FEES FOR ZONING PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

### **Zoning Permit:**

#### **Residential**

##### **New Residential Structure**

(finished living space)	> 1600 sq. ft.	\$250.00
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##### **New Residential Structure**

(finished living space)	< 1600 sq. ft.	\$125.00
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##### **Addition to Residential**

(additional living space)	> 750 sq. ft.	\$200.00
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##### **Addition to Residential**

(additional living space)	< 750 sq. ft.	\$100.00
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#### **Business/Commercial**

##### **New Structure/Addition to Structure supporting Commercial**

Activity	> 1600 sq. ft.	\$250.00
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##### **New Structure/Addition to Structure supporting Commercial**

Activity	< 1600 sq. ft.	\$125.00
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#### **All Other Structures Requiring a Zoning Permit**

>500 sq. ft.	\$ 50.00
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<500 sq. ft.	\$ 25.00
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When construction is started BEFORE obtaining a Zoning Permit (After-the-Fact) the Fee will be double those listed above.



## Springfield

The inhabitants of the Town of Springfield in the County of Sullivan in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

### First Session of Annual Meeting (Official Ballot Voting)

Date: 14 March 2023

Time: 11:00 am

Location: 2750 Main Street Springfield, NH 03284

Details: To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, for the consideration of Article 1. At 12 noon, the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

**Second Session of Annual Meeting (Transaction of All Other Business)**

Date: 18 March 2023

Time: 9:30 am

Location: 2750 Main Street Springfield, NH 03284

Details: The meeting will reconvene at the Springfield Town Hall on Saturday, March 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to act on Articles 2 through 5.

## GOVERNING BODY CERTIFICATION

We certify and attest that on or before 20 February 2023, a true and attested copy of this document was posted at the place of meeting and at 2750 Main Street and that an original was delivered to Pixie Hill.

[illegible]



**Article 1 Election of Town Officials**

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 for the consideration of Article 1. At 12 noon, the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 7:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at the Springfield Town Hall on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. to act on Articles 2 through 5.

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Article 2 Readopt Optional Veterans' Tax Credit**

Shall the town READOPT the OPTIONAL VETERANS TAX CREDIT in accordance with RSA 72:28, II, for an annual tax credit on residential property of \$500? (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Article 3 Purchase or Retrofit a Highway truck**

To see if the Town of Springfield will vote to appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to come from the Unreserved Fund Balance for the purpose of either purchasing a USED truck or retrofitting the current 2008 Sterling with a new stainless-steel body. This special warrant article will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the purchase or retrofit is complete or December 31, 2025 whichever is sooner. The Springfield Select Board and the Budget Committee recommend the appropriation. (Majority vote required).

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Article 4 General Operating Budget**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,776,441 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

☐ Yes ☐ No

**Article 5 To Hear Reports**

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Discussion may only be advisory or informational in content and nature. Any items requesting the Town to raise, and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.

☐ Yes ☐ No



Proposed Budget  
**Springfield**

For the period beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023

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

This form was posted with the warrant on: 20 Feb 2023

**BUDGET COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION**

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

Name	Position	Signature
Bernard J. Manning	Member	Bernard J. Manning
Tracy Cook	member	<del>Tracy Cook</del>
Susan Hastings	MEMBER	<del>Susan Hastings</del>
Kenneth R. Jacques	Chair	Kenneth R. Jacques
Darcia Patten	member	Darcia Patten
Julieue	Member	Julieue
Alexander Smith	Member	Alexander Smith

This form must be signed, scanned, and uploaded to the Municipal Tax Rate Setting Portal:  
<https://www.proptax.org/>

For assistance please contact:  
NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
(603) 230-5090  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>



New Hampshire  
Department of  
Revenue Administration

2023  
MS-737

Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
<b>General Government</b>								
4130-4139	Executive	4	\$155,272	\$160,102	\$163,053	\$0	\$163,053	\$0
4140-4149	Election, Registration, and Vital Statistics	4	\$29,716	\$31,300	\$29,945	\$0	\$29,945	\$0
4150-4151	Financial Administration	4	\$45,122	\$46,451	\$46,646	\$0	\$46,646	\$0
4152	Revaluation of Property	4	\$35,920	\$38,851	\$47,951	\$0	\$47,951	\$0
4153	Legal Expense	4	\$44,601	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$40,000	\$0
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	4	\$192,419	\$200,976	\$226,844	\$0	\$226,844	\$0
4191-4193	Planning and Zoning	4	\$3,727	\$7,372	\$7,872	\$0	\$7,872	\$0
4194	General Government Buildings	4	\$94,967	\$96,552	\$112,752	\$0	\$112,752	\$0
4195	Cemeteries	4	\$6,977	\$12,754	\$12,054	\$0	\$12,054	\$0
4196	Insurance	4	\$20,744	\$26,049	\$28,393	\$0	\$28,393	\$0
4197	Advertising and Regional Association	4	\$1,808	\$1,808	\$1,934	\$0	\$1,934	\$0
4199	Other General Government		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>General Government Subtotal</b>			<b>\$631,273</b>	<b>\$662,215</b>	<b>\$717,444</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$717,444</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Public Safety</b>								
4210-4214	Police	4	\$216,032	\$260,532	\$258,361	\$0	\$258,361	\$0
4215-4219	Ambulance	4	\$34,576	\$34,576	\$35,959	\$0	\$35,959	\$0
4220-4229	Fire	4	\$88,832	\$84,786	\$88,821	\$0	\$88,821	\$0
4240-4249	Building Inspection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4290-4298	Emergency Management	4	\$180	\$504	\$504	\$0	\$504	\$0
4299	Other (Including Communications)		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Public Safety Subtotal</b>			<b>\$339,620</b>	<b>\$380,398</b>	<b>\$383,645</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$383,645</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Airport/Aviation Center</b>								
4301-4309	Airport Operations		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Airport/Aviation Center Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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<b>Highways and Streets</b>								
4311	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	4	\$327,121	\$332,207	\$386,327	\$0	\$386,327	\$0
4313	Bridges		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4316	Street Lighting	4	\$4,323	\$4,800	\$4,800	\$0	\$4,800	\$0
4319	Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highways and Streets Subtotal			\$331,444	\$337,007	\$391,127	\$0	\$391,127	\$0
<b>Sanitation</b>								
4321	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4323	Solid Waste Collection		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	4	\$129,809	\$130,300	\$122,765	\$0	\$122,765	\$0
4325	Solid Waste Cleanup		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4326-4328	Sewage Collection and Disposal		\$1,967	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4329	Other Sanitation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sanitation Subtotal			\$131,776	\$132,300	\$122,765	\$0	\$122,765	\$0
<b>Water Distribution and Treatment</b>								
4331	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4332	Water Services		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conservation and Other	4	\$2,428	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
Water Distribution and Treatment Subtotal			\$2,428	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$2,500	\$0
<b>Electric</b>								
4351-4352	Administration and Generation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4353	Purchase Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4359	Other Electric Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Electric Subtotal			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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<b>Health</b>								
4411	Administration		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4414	Pest Control		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4415-4419	Health Agencies, Hospitals, and Other	4	\$11,176	\$12,031	\$12,615	\$0	\$12,615	\$0
<b>Health Subtotal</b>			<b>\$11,176</b>	<b>\$12,031</b>	<b>\$12,615</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$12,615</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Welfare</b>								
4441-4442	Administration and Direct Assistance	4	\$5,465	\$9,900	\$9,184	\$0	\$9,184	\$0
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4445-4449	Vendor Payments and Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Welfare Subtotal</b>			<b>\$5,465</b>	<b>\$9,900</b>	<b>\$9,184</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,184</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>								
4520-4529	Parks and Recreation	4	\$1,899	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	\$2,000	\$0
4550-4559	Library	4	\$55,450	\$56,468	\$60,260	\$0	\$60,260	\$0
4583	Patriotic Purposes	4	\$641	\$700	\$700	\$0	\$700	\$0
4589	Other Culture and Recreation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Culture and Recreation Subtotal</b>			<b>\$57,990</b>	<b>\$59,168</b>	<b>\$62,960</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$62,960</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Conservation and Development</b>								
4611-4612	Administration and Purchasing of Natural Resources	4	\$278	\$850	\$850	\$0	\$850	\$0
4619	Other Conservation		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4631-4632	Redevelopment and Housing		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4651-4659	Economic Development		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Conservation and Development Subtotal</b>			<b>\$278</b>	<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$850</b>	<b>\$0</b>





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Appropriations

Account	Purpose	Article	Actual Expenditures for period ending 12/31/2022	Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
<b>Debt Service</b>								
4711	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Principal	4	\$38,091	\$38,091	\$59,341	\$0	\$59,341	\$0
4721	Long Term Bonds and Notes - Interest	4	\$13,601	\$13,602	\$14,010	\$0	\$14,010	\$0
4723	Tax Anticipation Notes - Interest		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4790-4799	Other Debt Service		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Debt Service Subtotal</b>			<b>\$51,692</b>	<b>\$51,693</b>	<b>\$73,351</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$73,351</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Capital Outlay</b>								
4901	Land		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4902	Machinery, Vehicles, and Equipment		\$525,000	\$525,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4903	Buildings		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings		\$87,000	\$87,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Capital Outlay Subtotal</b>			<b>\$612,000</b>	<b>\$612,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Operating Transfers Out</b>								
4912	To Special Revenue Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4913	To Capital Projects Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914A	To Proprietary Fund - Airport		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914E	To Proprietary Fund - Electric		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914O	To Proprietary Fund - Other		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914S	To Proprietary Fund - Sewer		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4914W	To Proprietary Fund - Water		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4918	To Non-Expendable Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4919	To Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Operating Transfers Out Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget Appropriations</b>				<b>\$1,776,441</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,776,441</b>	<b>\$0</b>



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Special Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for period ending 12/31/2023 (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4916	To Expendable Trust Fund		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4917	To Health Maintenance Trust Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
4312	Highways and Streets	3	\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0
Purpose: Purchase or Retrofit a Highway truck						
Total Proposed Special Articles			\$80,000	\$0	\$80,000	\$0





Individual Warrant Articles

Account	Purpose	Article	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Selectmen's Appropriations for Appropriations period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)	Budget Committee's Appropriations for Appropriations period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended) (Not Recommended)
Total Proposed Individual Articles			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectman's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
<b>Taxes</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Tax - General Fund	4	\$960	\$900	\$900
3180	Resident Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3185	Yield Tax	4	\$13,923	\$6,000	\$6,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	4	\$7,319	\$3,660	\$3,660
3187	Excavation Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
3189	Other Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
3190	Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	4	\$22,612	\$22,500	\$22,500
9991	Inventory Penalties		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Taxes Subtotal</b>			<b>\$44,814</b>	<b>\$33,060</b>	<b>\$33,060</b>

Licenses, Permits, and Fees

3210	Business Licenses and Permits	4	\$359	\$500	\$500
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	4	\$316,406	\$320,000	\$320,000
3230	Building Permits	4	\$4,825	\$4,000	\$4,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits, and Fees	4	\$1,947	\$9,000	\$9,000
3311-3319	From Federal Government		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Licenses, Permits, and Fees Subtotal</b>			<b>\$325,537</b>	<b>\$333,500</b>	<b>\$333,500</b>

State Sources

3351	Municipal Aid/Shared Revenues		\$0	\$0	\$0
3352	Meals and Rooms Tax Distribution	4	\$111,790	\$100,000	\$100,000
3353	Highway Block Grant	4	\$59,156	\$58,000	\$58,000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		\$0	\$0	\$0
3355	Housing and Community Development		\$0	\$0	\$0
3356	State and Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		\$0	\$0	\$0
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3379	From Other Governments		\$153,217	\$0	\$0
<b>State Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$324,163</b>	<b>\$158,000</b>	<b>\$158,000</b>



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Revenues

Account	Source	Article	Actual Revenues for period ending 12/31/2022	Selectman's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023	Budget Committee's Estimated Revenues for period ending 12/31/2023
<b>Charges for Services</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments	4	\$6,699	\$1,900	\$1,900
3409	Other Charges		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Charges for Services Subtotal</b>			<b>\$6,699</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>	<b>\$1,900</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$1,025	\$0	\$0
3502	Interest on Investments	4	\$548	\$500	\$500
3503-3509	Other		\$18,930	\$0	\$0
<b>Miscellaneous Revenues Subtotal</b>			<b>\$20,503</b>	<b>\$500</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3913	From Capital Projects Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914A	From Enterprise Funds: Airport (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914E	From Enterprise Funds: Electric (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914O	From Enterprise Funds: Other (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914S	From Enterprise Funds: Sewer (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3914W	From Enterprise Funds: Water (Offset)		\$0	\$0	\$0
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3916	From Trust and Fiduciary Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
3917	From Conservation Funds		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Interfund Operating Transfers In Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources</b>					
3934	Proceeds from Long Term Bonds and Notes		\$0	\$0	\$0
9998	Amount Voted from Fund Balance	3	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000
9999	Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Other Financing Sources Subtotal</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>Total Estimated Revenues and Credits</b>			<b>\$721,716</b>	<b>\$606,960</b>	<b>\$606,960</b>



Budget Summary

Item	Selectmen's Period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)	Budget Committee's Period ending 12/31/2023 (Recommended)
Operating Budget Appropriations	\$1,776,441	\$1,776,441
Special Warrant Articles	\$80,000	\$80,000
Individual Warrant Articles	\$0	\$0
Total Appropriations	\$1,856,441	\$1,856,441
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits	\$606,960	\$606,960
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$1,249,481	\$1,249,481



Supplemental Schedule

<b>1. Total Recommended by Budget Committee</b>	<b>\$1,856,441</b>
<b>Less Exclusions:</b>	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
4. Capital outlays funded from Long-Term Bonds & Notes	\$0
5. Mandatory Assessments	\$0
6. Total Exclusions ( <i>Sum of Lines 2 through 5 above</i> )	\$0
<b>7. Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions (<i>Line 1 less Line 6</i>)</b>	<b>\$1,856,441</b>
8. 10% of Amount Recommended, Less Exclusions ( <i>Line 7 x 10%</i> )	\$185,644
<b>Collective Bargaining Cost Items:</b>	
9. Recommended Cost Items (Prior to Meeting)	\$0
10. Voted Cost Items (Voted at Meeting)	\$0
11. Amount voted over recommended amount (Difference of Lines 9 and 10)	\$0
<b>12. Bond Override (RSA 32:18-a), Amount Voted</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Maximum Allowable Appropriations Voted at Meeting:</b>	
<b>(<i>Line 1 + Line 8 + Line 11 + Line 12</i>)</b>	
	<b>\$2,042,085</b>



For reporting year Jan 1, 2022 through Dec 31, 2022.

Trustees		
Name	Position	Term Expires
Marla Binzel	Trustee	3/10/2023
Susan Chiarella	Chairperson	3/8/2022

Ledger Summary	
Number of Fund Records	1
Ledger End of Year Balance	\$16,735.53
Total Brokerage Fees	\$0.00
Total Brokerage Expenses	\$0.00

*This ledger was reviewed for accuracy and submitted electronically under penalty of perjury on January 22, 2023 by Marla Binzel on behalf of the Trustees of Trust Funds of Springfield.*



Investment Name		Type				Shares	Total EOY Balance
TTF Cemetery Perpetual Trust Fund		Bank/Credit Union Account				0.00	\$16,735.53
Principal	BOY Balance	Purchases	Cash Cap Gains	Sale Proceeds	Sale Gain/Loss		EOY Balance
	\$8,290.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$8,290.00
Income	BOY Balance			Income	Expended		EOY Balance
	\$8,403.75			\$41.78	\$0.00		\$8,445.53
Principal Only	BOY Fair Value			Unrealized Gains			EOY Fair Value
	\$8,290.00			\$0.00			\$8,290.00



## Tax Collector's Report

For the period beginning  and ending

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

### Instructions

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- Specify the period begin and period end dates above
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- Enter the year of the report
- Enter the preparer's information

#### For Assistance Please Contact:

NH DRA Municipal and Property Division  
Phone: (603) 230-5090  
Fax: (603) 230-5947  
<http://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/>

### ENTITY'S INFORMATION

Municipality:

County:

Report Year:

### PREPARER'S INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Street No.

Street Name

Phone Number

Email (optional)





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**Debits**

Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
			Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019
Property Taxes	3110		\$145,994.11		
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185		\$546.52		
Excavation Tax	3187				
Other Taxes	3189				
Property Tax Credit Balance		(\$1,955.67)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance					

Taxes Committed This Year	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies	
			2021	
Property Taxes	3110	\$4,971,823.00		
Resident Taxes	3180			
Land Use Change Taxes	3120	\$960.00		
Yield Taxes	3185	\$13,992.09		
Excavation Tax	3187			
Other Taxes	3189			

Overpayment Refunds	Account	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
			2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	3110	\$11,031.00			
Resident Taxes	3180				
Land Use Change Taxes	3120				
Yield Taxes	3185				
Excavation Tax	3187				
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	3190	\$1,332.86	\$5,661.10		
Interest and Penalties on Resident Taxes	3190				
<b>Total Debits</b>		<b>\$4,997,183.28</b>	<b>\$152,201.73</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>



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Credits

Remitted to Treasurer	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$4,818,295.23	\$82,630.96		
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes	\$960.00			
Yield Taxes	\$13,376.06			
Interest (Include Lien Conversion)	\$1,262.86	\$4,527.10		
Penalties	\$70.00	\$1,134.00		
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Conversion to Lien (Principal Only)		\$63,909.67		
Discounts Allowed				

Abatements Made	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$50.00			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes	\$616.03			
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Current Levy Deeded				



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Uncollected Taxes - End of Year # 1080	Levy for Year of this Report	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Property Taxes	\$162,573.50			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change Taxes				
Yield Taxes				
Excavation Tax				
Other Taxes				
Property Tax Credit Balance	(\$20.40)			
Other Tax or Charges Credit Balance				
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>\$4,997,183.28</b>	<b>\$152,201.73</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$162,553.10
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$73,436.45



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Lien Summary

Summary of Debits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies (Please Specify Years)		
		Year: 2021	Year: 2020	Year: 2019
Unredeemed Liens Balance - Beginning of Year			\$30,789.26	\$41,929.36
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year		\$67,922.02		
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)		\$2,800.01	\$2,692.78	\$10,030.42
<b>Total Debits</b>	\$0.00	\$70,722.03	\$33,482.04	\$51,959.78

Summary of Credits

	Last Year's Levy	Prior Levies		
		2021	2020	2019
Redemptions		\$34,340.83	\$8,754.01	\$24,109.35
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190		\$2,800.01	\$2,692.78	\$10,030.42
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance - End of Year #1110		\$33,581.19	\$22,035.25	\$17,820.01
<b>Total Credits</b>	\$0.00	\$70,722.03	\$33,482.04	\$51,959.78

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Total Uncollected Taxes (Account #1080 - All Years)	\$162,553.10
Total Unredeemed Liens (Account #1110 - All Years)	\$73,436.45



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SPRINGFIELD (419)

**1. CERTIFY THIS FORM**

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

Preparer's First Name

Preparer's Last Name

Date

PIXIE

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1/4/23

**2. SAVE AND EMAIL THIS FORM**


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

**3. PRINT, SIGN, AND UPLOAD THIS FORM**

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

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



Preparer's Signature and Title

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **Select Board**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
Richard Hendl, Chairman	2023
Amy Lewis, Vice Chair	2024
Poul Heilmann	2025

### **Town Administrator**

Tamara Butcher  
Jill Hasting, Deputy

### **Agricultural Commission**

Keith Cutting, Chairman	2023
Jim Bednar	2023
Cynthia Bruss – resigned	2023
William Ellis – resigned	2023
Donna Abair	2024
Jared LaBelle	2024
Neal Huntoon	2025

### **Budget Committee**

Kenneth Jacques, Chairman	2023
Justin Hastings	2023
Jeff Milne	2024
Darrin Patten	2024
Whit Smith	2024
Timothy Cook	2025
Bernard Manning	2025
Dick Hendl	Ex-Officio

### **Cemetery Trustees**

Richard Petrin, Chairman	2023
Annette Granger - resigned	2024
Brandt Denniston	2025
Dick Hendl – Select Board Representative	

### **Civil Defense/Emergency Management**

Ian Macmillan

### **Conservation Commission**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
Marla Binzel, Chairwoman	2023
Emily Cleaveland	2023
Timothy Fraser	2023
Ken Jacques, Treasurer	2024
Daphne Klein	2024
Brooks Weathers	2024

### **Fire Department Officers**

Peter Lacaille, Chief  
Kevin Roberts, Assistant Chief  
Katherine Hedges, Secretary

### **Fire & Rescue Department**

Edward Abair	Raymond Abair	Chris Atkins
Katherine Axelrod	Ken Butcher	Megan Butcher
Rick Corbett	Cooper Haley	John Hanson
Jack Hedges	Katherine Hedges	Vicki Hedges
Peter Lacaille	Hannah MacMillan	Ian MacMillan
Joshua MacMillan	Alex Moskalenko	Dallas Patten
Brier-Lynn Roberts	Kevin Roberts	Patrick Rogers
Erik Rollins	Lydia Sarnevit	Will Sencabaugh
Amy Lewis – Select Board Representative		

### **Forest Fire Wardens**

Dallas M. Patten  
Darrin Patten  
Laura Patten

### **Health Officer**

Ryan Peterson  
Joshua Worthen - Deputy

### **Highway Department**

Peter Abair, Road Agent  
Timothy Hayes

### **Kearsarge Regional School Board Member**

Art Bobruff

## **Kearsarge Regional School Municipal Budget Committee**

Luke Gorman

### **Librarian**

Laura Pauling

Janet Hendl – Assistant Librarian

### **Library Trustees**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
Maryanne Petrin, Chairwoman	2023
Gregory Bruss	2024
Annika Munholand	2024
Janet Roberts	2025
Dick Hendl – Select Board Representative	

### **Local Assistance Officer**

Laura Patten

### **Moderator**

Bernard Manning	2024
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### **Planning Board**

Timothy Bray, Chair	2024
Peter Keene, Vice Chair	2023
Darrin Patten	2023
Ken Jacques	2024
Michael Howard	2025
Dan Saulnier	2025
John Trachy – alternate	2025
Jennifer Roberts – alternate	2026
Amy Lewis	Ex-Officio

### **Police Department**

Michael Beaulieu, Chief (retired 5 Sept 2022)

Patrick Zullo, Chief (effective 11 Oct 2022)

Timothy Julian, Sergeant, 1 Nov 2022



### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

	<b>Term Expires</b>
Barbara Cooper, Chairwoman	2026
Judith Shank	2024
Doris Lefebvre	2028

### **Tax Collector – Appointed**

Pixie Hill  
Maryanne Petrin, Deputy (retired December 31, 2022)

### **Town Clerk**

Pixie Hill	2024
Maryanne Petrin, Deputy (retired December 31, 2022)	

### **Treasurer**

Angela MacCreighton	2024
Jessalyn Straniti - Deputy	

### **Trustees of Trust Funds**

Marla Binzel	2023
Joyce Guinther	2024
Susan Chiarella	2025

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment**

Susan Chiarella, Chairwoman	2023
Tanner Jacques, Vice Chair	2024
Bryan O’Day	2023
Cody Patten	2024
Robert Thorp	2025
Poul Heilmann – Select Board Representative	

### **Zoning Coordinator**

Roger “Whit” Smith

## **STATE GOVERNMENT**

### **Governor**

Christopher T. Sununu

### **U.S. Senators**

Margaret W. Hassan

Jeanne Shaheen

### **U.S. House of Representatives District 2**

Ann M. Kuster

### **Attorney General**

John Formella

### **Secretary of State**

David Scanlan

### **N. H. House Sullivan County District 1**

Brian M. Sullivan

Hope Damon

### **N.H. House Sullivan County District 5**

Linda L. Tanner

### **N.H. Senate Sullivan County District 8**

Jonathan F. Stone

### **Executive Council**

Cinde Warmington

### **Sullivan County Sheriff**

John P. Simonds

### **Sullivan County Attorney**

Marc Hathaway

### **Sullivan County Treasurer**

C. Michael Sanderson

### **Sullivan County Register of Deeds**

Janet Gibson

### **Sullivan County Register of Probate**

Robin Reichert

### **Commissioner District 2**

Bennie C. Nelson

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Title	Appropriation	Expended	Unexpended	Overage
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<b>General Government</b>				
Executive	160,102	155,272	4,830	
Elections	31,300	29,716	1,584	
Financial Administration	46,451	45,122	1,329	
Revaluation of Property	38,851	35,920	2,931	
Legal Expenses	40,000	44,601		(4,601)
Personnel Administration	200,976	192,419	8,557	
Planning & Zoning	7,372	3,727	3,645	
Government Buildings	96,552	94,967	1,585	
Cemeteries	12,754	6,975	5,779	
Insurance	26,049	20,744	5,305	
Regional Association	1,808	1,808	0	
<b>Public Safety</b>				
Police	260,532	216,032	44,500	
Ambulance	34,576	34,576		
Fire & Rescue	84,786	88,832		(4,046)
Emergency Preparedness	504	108	396	
<b>Highways &amp; Streets</b>				
Highways & Streets	332,207	327,121	5,086	
Street Lighting	4,800	4,323	477	
<b>Sanitation</b>				
Sunapee Transfer Station	130,000	129,809	191	
Transfer Station Tickets	300	0	300	
Septage Disposal	2,000	1,967	33	
<b>Water Testing</b>				
Water Testing	250	178	72	
Hydrants	2,250	2,250		
<b>Health &amp; Hospital</b>				
Health & Hospital	12,031	11,176	855	

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES  
FISCAL YEAR END DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Title	Appropriation	Expended	Unexpended	Overage
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<b>Welfare</b>				
Administration & General	1,200	1,200		
Assistance	7,500	3,249	4,251	
Sullivan County Nutrition	1,200	1,016	184	
<b>Culture &amp; Recreation</b>				
KLPA	0	0		
Recreation Department	2,000	1,899	101	
Library	56,458	55,450	1,008	
Patriotic Services	700	641	59	
<b>Conservation</b>				
Conservation Commission	850	278	572	
<b>Debt Service</b>				
Principal Long-Term Debt	47,369	47,369		
Interest Long-Term Debt	4,324	4,324		
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	1,648,061	1,563,143		
<b>Unexpended</b>			93,630	
<b>Less Overage</b>				(8,647)
<b>Net Unexpended</b>			84,983	

## **2022 Report of the Springfield Cemetery Trustees**

During 2022, the Cemetery Trustees met monthly between May and Oct. Richard Hendl served as the Select Board representative and Peter Abair and Tim Hayes represented the Highway Department.

We wish to thank the Highway Department, Peter, Tim, and Warren George for the excellent job they performed in the maintenance of the Town's cemeteries and for all the assistance that they provided when questions or concern arose. We also want to thank the Springfield Garden Club for the planting and maintaining of the seasonal flowers around the flagpole.

At the May meeting, a resident posed a question to the Trustees about offering the option of "Green Burials" (bodies to not be embalmed and buried without a concrete vault, etc.). Green burials are less expensive, and more environmentally friendly since no embalming fluids are used. The Trustees took the question to heart, did much research, and surveyed several New Hampshire Towns who offer this option. After reviewing all the information gathered, the Trustees approved the "Green Burial" option for Springfield. The Trustees then spent the next several months developing the regulations for Town burials. The regulations can be found on the Town's

homepage-SpringfieldNH.org, under Board and Committees, Cemetery Trustee, 2022 Cemetery Regulations.

All cemetery lots sold have a requirement that the lot be identified with four corner markers. This year, the Trustees purchased stainless steel blanks and a marking machine to stamp the lot numbers into the blanks. They also increased the selling price for lots by fifty dollars to cover the cost of the blanks and the marking machine. The Highway Department will install the markers.

In 2022, we had four interments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Annette Granger

Brandt Denniston

Richard Petrin

## **2022 Conservation Commission Report**

The Commission continued working this year on several projects to fulfill our mission to protect and promote the proper utilization of Springfield's natural resources and watersheds.

The Commission continued to work on Collins Park, although we did not do as much as we would have liked. We hope to plan for more clean-up days this year.

This year the Commission gave away 50 American Hazelnut (*Corylus American*) tree seedlings. The Commission purchases these tree seedlings from the NH State Tree Nursery in Boscawen. Plans are to continue this long-standing Commission tradition, so watch for notices this summer of when seedlings will be available.

We were successful in flagging and mapping many new trails in the town owned Kinsley lot, which is located northwest of Cemetery Road. Not only does this piece of property offer a variety of habitats and interesting features to explore, but its proximity to the cemetery means that there is ample off-road parking. We will be looking for volunteers to help clean up these flagged trails.

If you are interested in natural resources and the outdoors, the Commission meets the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 in the Protectworth room of the Town Office Building. We are always looking for new members and/or community members to be involved. Come visit and find out more about what we do!

Tim Fraser, Chair  
Springfield Conservation Commission



## **TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD GARDEN CLUB 2022**

The flower gardens and barrels you see around Town are provided and funded by the Garden Club. Additionally, the Club continues to provide plantings for the Cemetery and Flagpole in front of the Town office in time for the Memorial Day and Veterans Day celebrations.

Here's a list of some of the things the garden club has accomplished over the years: Summer and Fall barrel plantings, construction and repair of Town Marquee, purchase of picnic table at the old kindergarten play area, construction and maintenance of the Recreation Field perennial garden, purchase and install gateway signs. We are planning to meet early this Spring to discuss future projects so if you have any interest in helping, please let Pixie or me know.

Our members worked hard and devoted several weekends in November to making wreaths which are sold as a means of raising funds for the Club. This helps raise money so we can continue to purchase plants for the coming year and fund projects. This year's sale, like sales in the past, was a great success

and thanks to those who contributed their time and efforts to this chore! The Club has also worked with the Historical Society's Sip a Soup event, offering their now famous and much sought after Pies for sale!

The Garden Club is very thankful to the many towns' people who have contributed time, effort and goods. We always welcome new members, donations and look forward to continuing our efforts to beautify our very special Town. If you are interested in helping or getting involved, please contact either Susan Chiarella at 717-2222 or Pixie Hill at 727-8113

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Chiarella, President

# **SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

## **2022**

As caretakers of Springfield's history, the Historical Society launched several initiatives to ensure current and future generations know, understand and appreciate the town's history. The history is becoming better preserved and more accessible with a new museum annex (The Tool Shed) and updated online presence.

The exhibits in the Tool Shed will focus on Springfield's agricultural heritage. Its construction became a weekly gathering point on Saturday mornings as a few volunteers – true craftsmen – worked diligently as the shed took shape. Kevin Roberts, Cody Patten and Mike Tully set a solid foundation, Twin Lake Village harvested hemlock trees from their land and milled them into mammoth beams that frame the structure. Project manager Chris Gaherty guided placement of the handsome pine boards from the Cutting Farm. Completed in August, it is a beautiful addition to the historical district of Springfield especially with the holiday wreaths hanging on its doors, lit so passersby can enjoy it.

The revised website(<https://historicalspringfieldnh.org>), which went live in February, serves as an online source of information. In addition to ongoing events, it

contains an extensive archive of photos, stories, cemetery surveys, an overview of the museum's collections, and many resources about the town's history. The website has a portal for people to send inquiries, which has resulted in several findings of historical significance. For example, a family in Grantham offered new information about their relatives both named Abner Johnson, one a lieutenant in the Revolutionary War and the second married into a Springfield family and became one of the town's earliest doctors. The doctor's portrait will be coming to the museum.

The tradition of hosting community gatherings to encourage people to be involved and learn more about the Historical Society's work continued throughout 2022, offering something for all ages and interests, including the Rubber Duck race, the Ramble Round the Lake race, the Revolutionary War encampment and a farm demonstration day. Another tradition seems to be wonderful food – a wide variety of bake sale goodies, pulled pork lunch, hot dogs, waffles, root beer floats and the Sip-a-Soup celebration! Thank you for all that contributed and participated!

The eight months of activities kicked off with banjo music filling the Meeting House. Opening Day for the museum was a certainly special with scholarships awarded, waffles consumed and beautiful chamber music provided by the Munholland family enjoyed by

all. We learned that the museum has wonderful acoustics!

Two fall events highlighted two unique Springfield landmarks – a lecture on beer making in New Hampshire held at the Hoptimystic Brewery and unique lecture on the history of the Wonderwell summer estate.

At December's holiday craft fair, the Historical Society launched its "buy a brick" campaign for the pathway to the Tool Shed with funds going to scholarships. There were also hats commemorating the Tool Shed's construction and new greeting cards displaying some old photos of Springfield's special places and people. The Historical Society also began to reach out to Springfield's residents to tell the story on our town. "Voices of Springfield" is an ongoing series of videoed oral histories that will continue to grow in 2023 and be posted on Historical Society's website.

The Board of Directors sadly accepted the retirement of Trudy Heath, who was recognized at the annual meeting for all the years of dedicated service – and we hope she'll still volunteer her expertise sometimes! Thank you Trudy!

As always, the Springfield Historical Society's success comes from the number of Springfield's volunteers supporting its programs. Thank you all and see you at the Museum and Tool Shed!

Jim Bednar, President



Ramble Round the Lake 2022



2022 Springfield Historical Society Scholarship Recipients:  
From left to right: Scholarship Committee Members Gregory  
Bruss and Pixie Hill, Zachary W. Hodge, Rayna Tucker, Vera  
Rivard, Jackson Moskalenko and Kyle Frost Goodwin



“The Tool Shed”

## **2022 Libbie Cass Memorial Library Town Report**

Libbie Cass Library has had a good year. We've met lots of new residents in Springfield and have continued our goal of working with other Springfield organizations. Our number of visitations and our circulation numbers have stayed the same, which are excellent for a small town! In the past year, we have provided many new library cards to new residents in Springfield. Welcome to everyone!

The library has once again handed out scholarships, in memory of Celeste Klein, to Springfield residents, most of them high school graduates. The scholarship recipients are: Rayna Tucker, attending Endicott College; Zach Hodge, attending Plymouth State College; Vera Rivard, attending Regis College; and Kyle Goodwin, attending University of Rochester. Good luck to all of them. Scholarships for the 2023 year are due April 30th and it's open to anyone moving on to any form of higher education: online, a trade school, community college, or a four-year school.

It's been a busy year when it comes to what is available for youth at the library. Toddlers and preschoolers have storytime and our selection of board books and picture books. Many of the



younger kids attended the performers and enjoyed them. For the Kindergarten - 5th grade crew, we have the monthly Art Smart Bags, which focuses on a famous artist with a complementary art activity in the style of the artist. We continued to have Pages & Pizza, a book club for 8-12 year olds where we talk about what we've been reading and play games. Throughout the years there are special activity bags available for pick up: Bubble Science, craft bags, and Candy Cane Coding for example. Summer reading theme this year was the ocean and pirates. There was an activity bag for pick up with a weekly craft table and LEGO challenges.

The library and the Friends of the Library played a role in the Rec Department events. For the Summer Celebration, we brought in Fred the Magician, who was a hit; Reading with Donkeys, and the Friends hosted an ice cream social. At the Fall Festival, we hosted storyteller, Odds Bodkin. We hope to continue partnering with the Springfield Rec Department in the coming year.

For kids, something new the Friends of the Library brought in are STEAM To Go Bags. We have an Animal Vet Kit for preschoolers, and for K-5th, a Building & Design Kit. We plan to add more in the coming year. Each kit comes with the S.T.E.M. education toy and a book.

For adults, we try our best to bring in the hottest new releases while also sampling debut authors. For any books we missed or older titles we don't have, many residents took advantage of the Inter-Library Loan program. Last February, we hosted a virtual program: *Fierce Females in Art*; in the spring, Springfield resident, Linda Howes, presented a talk in her area of expertise, titled, *Nutrition Matters*. In October the Friends held their annual meeting and Hosted NH Humanities Program on Mary Todd Lincoln. In November, we held an author talk by Anne Winkler-Morey on her experience biking the perimeter of the United States. The adult book club met monthly throughout the year. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm. If you're looking for a way to connect with others and meet people and talk books, please join us! The M.R.E. (Military Reading Exchange) met several times. If you are interested in either of these book clubs, email the library or stop by.

Another opportunity to highlight is the Libby App. Librarians across the state volunteer their time to put together collection lists and the state purchases digital audio books, ebooks, and magazines, every week. With a library card and password, library patrons have access to hundreds of books. The

newest releases usually have a wait time, but there are always other titles available.

For museum and park passes, we continue to purchase the VINS pass, which is very popular with families. We also have a booklet of passes to the Montshire Museum. If there are other museums you want to visit, the library offers a Museum & Park Reimbursement Program. Bring your receipts to the library and we'll reimburse you five dollars per ticket up to twenty dollars.

Last spring, we said goodbye, with a big thank you, to Joyce Guinther, who has served several terms on the Trustee Board. Even now, she continues on as an alternative. Thank you, Joyce, for your years of service. We welcomed Janet Roberts to the board as the new treasurer.

Thank you to the Library Trustees for their committed work in serving the library. Thank you to the Friends of the Library, who have been bursting with great ideas for the coming years. Thank you to the town for supporting the library. Thank you to everyone who has donated their time or money to the library. And thank you to the residents of Springfield who visit the library!

We look forward to continuing serving Springfield  
in 2023.

Laura Pauling  
Library Director

# LIBRARY CASS LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

## **Town Appropriated Funds**

Balance on hand 1-1-22	6,180.30
Received from Town 3-2022	16,652.00
Interest	23.57
Deposit + Reimbursement	<u>923.72</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,779.59</b>

## **Disbursements**

Advertising	267.60
Books & Material	10,270.23
Dues /Donations	220.00
Computer Programs/Internet (Biblioni/Kanopy/Microsoft/WiValley)	1,856.55
Equipment Repair/Purchase	269.98
Memberships	318.00
Postage	122.00
Programs	1,447.58
Reimbursement	289.00
Subscriptions	819.92
Supplies	275.04
Telephone	648.42
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,804.32</b>

<b>BALANCE ON HAND 12-31-2022</b>	<b>6,975.27</b>
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**THE MASCOMA VALLEY SNOW  
TRAVELERS  
SNOWMOBILE CLUB  
2022**

The Mascoma Valley Snow Travelers maintains over 75 miles of trails which traverse an area ranging from Sunapee to Canaan. The trail system connects south to the trails of the Lake Sunapee Snowmobile Club, west to the Grantham Blue Mountain Snow Dusters' trails and north to the Mt Cardigan Snowmobile Club's trails.

The Club is responsible for the maintenance of the trail system and through the generosity of many landowners these trails provide access to the back woods and forests in Springfield. Snowmobiles are not the only things you'll notice on the trail system. Many people enjoy cross country skiing, snowshoeing and winter hiking on these trails.

With about 75 members, the MVST meets once monthly in the Springfield Fire Station on the second Thursday of each month. Anyone interested in the Club's activities is welcome to attend the meetings to learn more about what the Club does. This season the Club is sponsoring a February "ride in", at which there will be raffle prizes and lots of good food. The event is held

whether or not we have snow on the ground.  
The date for this event is February 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 !!!!!

Riding a snowmobile requires the rider to be knowledgeable on how to operate the sled safely. The rider should also be aware of the rules and regulations governing the sport. Please note that these rules and regulations are updated yearly by the State. Information on State run safety classes and the updated rules and regulations can be found on the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game website <http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/>. Know before you go!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the many private landowners for their generosity and cooperation in allowing access to the trail system over their lands. Without this support clubs in Towns and around the State would have much difficulty operating and providing the riding that so many residents and non-residents enjoy throughout the winter.

Snowmobiling is a great way to enjoy the beauty our State has to offer and familiarize yourself with areas that you would never see otherwise. If winter cooperates you can ride from Springfield all the way to the Canadian border on the trail systems. The New Hampshire Snowmobiling Association has a downloadable map for smart phones which is available from most App stores. This map is updated each year to reflect changes in trails, places to get gas and

food and places to park if you plan on trailering.

Our hardworking members take time from their lives, often at night and on the weekends, keeping the trails in great shape. Blowdowns and ice storms create obstacles which need to be cleared for safe riding, and at this writing, seems to be a never-ending chore.

New members are always welcome. Our trails are well-marked with GIS coordinates. Make sure to download the interactive map to your smart phones which contains information on trails, parking areas, warming huts and gas stations. Mascoma Valley Snow Travelers regularly posts recent grooming activity and conditions on our facebook page.

Respectfully submitted  
Susan Chiarella



## **Planning Board**

The Planning Board had a busy year in 2022, holding several public hearings, upholding Land Use regulations for the Town of Springfield. Additionally, several working sessions were conducted in an effort to develop “best practice” Site Plan Reviews for Short Term Rentals (STR), that continue to increase in number within Springfield as well as nationwide. Many hours were dedicated in collaboration with Fire and Health departments as well as Selectboard and Zoning to produce an organized and comprehensive approach to meeting the challenges of evaluating these STR and potential impacts to neighborhoods and the town as a whole. The second major initiative undertaken by the Planning Board was the development of a Commercial Noise Ordinance, for consideration by the townspeople of Springfield at Annual Town Meeting. This Ordinance was developed by the Planning Board using interdepartmental collaboration and development of a subcommittee with members from the Board and Town residents. This document is approaching its final draft for consideration by Springfield voters and is available for review on the town web page. Many thanks to uncounted hours of volunteer work on these initiatives by board members and community volunteers. Additionally, our thanks extends to our Zoning Coordinator, Whit Smith for his ability and willingness to pull this work together into equitable and consistent processes.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Bray, chairman  
Planning Board

## **Road Agent Report 2022**

Another year has come and gone. We often use the words “time flies” ever so lightly, but oh how it sure is so. Last winter was a relatively mild winter. Not a whole lot of snow and a couple of ice storms. Just enough to make the driving a bit miserable at times, and the obvious, keeping the highway department busy. The last plowable snow we had last year was in March- town meeting day. I called it the town meeting storm. It wasn’t a huge deal but again, just enough to keep us busy. With March also came the beginning of spring and above all if you live in a small town the much dreaded “mud season.” However, thankfully when spring arrived, we had lots of warm days and cool nights which in turn made it so that our typical “mud season” wasn’t all that bad either.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the Highway Department’s new truck was finally ready. Even though the truck was a year late, it sure was nice to have a new truck that doesn’t always need to be repaired and worked on. One of the items that has been on my bucket list for a while was to do something with our town beach. We reset all the curbing, added sand and crushed stone to the parking lot. I was very happy with the way it turned out. I received numerous compliments from residents that they were happy with it.

Summer came faster than we expected and we were able to get a lot of ditching and road work done. We

were able to get the worst part of Hogg Hill reclaimed and paved. Hopefully we are able to get the other end done this coming summer.

Before we knew it, August was here. This was the start of the “big” project up behind the highway department. I get questions all the time in regard to what is going on up there. It was cleared and graded for a storage area and new sand shed and eventually down the road maybe (and I use that term lightly) a new highway garage.

Before I go into fall/winter arriving- I would like to pay tribute to one of our towns greatest. Malcolm Patten. We lost Malcolm on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The second of the dynamic Patten duo. By saying that, I know most of you know exactly what I am referring to. It just doesn't seem the same driving down Main Street between the barn and his house and not see him walking and give the iconic wave and smirk. It truly didn't matter what time of day sometimes. He along with his brother Dallas will always be missed and remembered as two of the “greats” in our town. RIP Malcom- forever in our thoughts.

Winter was here before we knew it. It was November 16<sup>th</sup> when we had to fire up the plow trucks for the first time. We had some nasty weather in December. Quite a bit of snow and then storms turning to heavy rain and winds causing power outages and flooding for a lot of people. Sometimes we just have to love Mother Nature. Dealing with

these storms definitely makes it easy when having the road crew that I have. I would like to give special thanks to Tim Hayes and Eddie Abair for all they do. Also want to thank Warren George for his work in the cemeteries this year as well as the mowing.

Last but not least, I would like to end by saying all of you truly make my job better each day. The office staff and selectmen being helpful and supportive. I have been the Road Agent for almost thirteen years. As many of you know or may not know as of right now I am tentatively planning/thinking about retiring. I do love my job and the people of this town. I have lived in this town my whole life in which I do hold this job near and dear to my heart. I have had other people in my position in other towns say all the residents do is complain- I often have to just smile and laugh because for the most part that is not the case here. Most people, if there is an issue, are willing to be open-minded and understanding. If retiring ends up being my fate I will miss the people I work with including my staff, the office staff and board members that have helped me along the way. I will always be available in the event the town needs me and/or my successor.

Many Thanks to all,

Peter Abair

Road Agent

## **Select Board Report – 2022**

The year 2022 began as 2021 ended - with many of the restrictions related to COVID-19 still in place. Mask requirements and social distancing were a factor in deciding where to hold the Town Meeting in March, with the Fire Department again chosen as the appropriate venue.

With the continuation of the COVID-19 concerns came opportunities. The Federal government passed several bills that made funding available to cities and towns that could meet the grant requirements. Springfield applied for several of these American Rescue Fund grants, and among those approved allowed the purchase of a new Police Cruiser, security cameras for Town buildings, upgrades for several computer systems, and provided the Fire Department with replacements for various aging equipment. The grants were also used to acquire a new Zodiac for water rescue and a Polaris ATV for search and rescue in remote areas of Town. The latter pieces of equipment will increase the capabilities of both the Fire and Police Departments.

Besides the new Police cruiser, the Highway Department received the new truck that was delayed due to supply chain issues. The Town Meeting approved the purchase of a new fire truck funded by a loan to cover the cost. Through the efforts of Selectwoman Amy Lewis, a loan was obtained at very favorable rates and the order for the truck was placed.

Personnel changes continued throughout the year. The vacancy on the Select Board was filled in March with the election of Poul Heilmann, who was a welcome addition. Deputy Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Maryanne Petrin announced her intention to retire effective at the end of December. We thank her for her efforts to provide efficient

service to the Town's residents. Maryanne's duties will be assumed by Annika Munholand after New Year's Day.

Within the Police Department, Chief Mike Beaulieu announced his retirement in August, effective at the beginning of September 2022. Chief Beaulieu's 19 years of service on the Springfield Police Department are very much appreciated. Sgt Pat Zullo was sworn in as the new Chief of Police on October 11, 2022. To assist the new Chief, we welcomed back former Chief Tim Julian, who came out of retirement and assumed patrol duties, first on a part-time basis, then full time on November 1, 2022. Having two full-time officers on the force once again, provided the Town with increased police presence.

Several capital projects delayed for assorted reasons were finally completed during the year. The culvert at Gove Brook on George Hill Road was reconstructed and enlarged to handle the water flowing under the road. The preparation of the site to relocate the Sand Shed behind the highway/fire station was completed with valuable contributions from a small group of knowledgeable individuals collaborating with the contractor, K.A. Stevens and Son, Inc., to provide a stable, sufficiently large area to accommodate the new structure. The next phase of this project will include final design and specifications of the structure, which will then be advertised to the public to request for proposals for its construction.

The resurgence of interest in various committees continued throughout the year. The Recreation Committee sponsored a variety of very successful activities, often in conjunction with the Library, Garden Club and other groups in Town. The formation of a Committee focused on improving the Town Beach quickly provided early results with landscaping, improved handicapped parking spaces and

picnic tables.

The ongoing attempt to divest the Town of properties acquired by tax deeding in prior years continued. Four properties were offered to the public by sealed bid, and three were successfully sold. This brings the total number of properties sold by sealed bid in the recent past to seven.

Several ongoing issues have involved joint efforts with the Planning Board. The development of a Noise Ordinance has been attempted in the past with little success. Recently, the Planning Board has produced a draft of a more restrictive ordinance that is currently under review by the Town Council and will probably require some changes. This, and the attempt to develop consistent guidelines to regulate Short-Term Rentals, will provide continuing challenges for the next Select Board. An equitable balance that recognizes the rights of all involved is not always an easy goal to achieve.

Finally, we thank our Town Administrator, Tamara Butcher, and her Deputy, Jill Hastings, for their invaluable contributions, knowledge, hard work, and dedication throughout the year. Similarly, we thank our Zoning Coordinator, Whit Smith, for his unique expertise and guidance within the range of his responsibilities. No Select Board, past, present or future can succeed without their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G Hendl, Chair  
Amy Lewis, Vice Chair  
Poul Heilmann

## **Springfield Fire and Rescue Department 2022 Report and Call Summary**

With the growth in our community over the past two years, the call volume for Springfield Fire and Rescue Department has continued to increase with our response to 185 calls for service in 2022 representing a consistent 15% increase in call volume each of the past two years. Our response also includes 37 calls for Mutual Aid this past year. We thank our 26 active members for their service to our community, including the 2 new members we welcomed to our department. We thank those members who have stepped up to take positions of leadership in the department. Our current officers are as follows: Chief Peter Lacaillade, Deputy Chief Kevin Roberts, Fire Captain and Fire Warden Dallas Patten, EMS Captain Raymond Abair, Fire Lieutenant Kenny Butcher, Fire Lieutenant Megan Butcher.

Our department has an ongoing application process for volunteer firefighters and EMTs. Please join us at the station any Tuesday at 7:00PM or call us at 603-763-4033 to learn more about becoming a member or to pick up an application. No experience is necessary and, there are opportunities for further education and training which are encouraged. SFD is also the site of Explorer Post 0850 with 4 current Explorers. This program affords high school-aged community members an opportunity to gain experience in the



emergency services while giving back to the community.

We continue to have training every month for both Fire and EMS to keep up with our skills and requirements. This year marked some milestones for our department members in terms of training. We congratulate Firefighter/EMT Megan Butcher on her completion of Fire Instructor One, Firefighter William Sencabaugh on his successful completion of EMR training and, Firefighter/EMT Josh Walker on his successful completion Fire Instructor One training.

In addition to the regular services provided to the Springfield community, we provide emergency management support throughout the year. Needs are met through a plan coordinated with the State of New Hampshire's Emergency Management Center. This includes a stockpile of various supplies, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and other Emergency Medical Service supplies.

We continued coming together as a community for several traditional events and some new events. Our Pancake Breakfast fundraisers and Annual Chicken BBQ were held this year. Thank you to Friends of Springfield Fire and Rescue Department, and our department members and their families for all their hard work to continue these traditions. New this year was a successful Friends of SFD fundraiser to assist community members with compliance for reflective house numbering. We would also like to thank our

community members for their continued support and participation in both our traditional and new events.

SFD has continued year-round programs in both fire prevention and risk reduction. During Fire Prevention Week, SFD distributed fire prevention materials to numerous community members. We are thankful for being able to come together in person as a community as well as being able to collaborate with other community groups during many of these events. Also, we were the recipients of a grant from the Firefighter's Charitable Foundation as well as donations from our local Rocky's Ace Hardware allowing us to continue an established year-round program to provide smoke detectors to community members in need. With the support of a grant from the Injury Prevention Center at CHAD, SFD was able to distribute 75 bicycle helmets to children in our community as part of an ongoing initiative for injury prevention. This was the second year receiving this grant and a total of 126 helmets have been distributed.

Other grants received during 2022 included a \$2000 general support grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Trust, Barstone Foundation. With the collaborative efforts of SFD and Springfield Police Department, our community was also the recipient of a \$42,008 grant from NH Department of Justice resulting in our departments being awarded a Ranger XP 1000 NorthStar OHRV and enclosed trailer.



*Pictured above are the Ranger XP1000, enclosed trailer, and Defender boat.*

*Photo credit Whit Smith*

Due to collaborative efforts between the fire and rescue department, Select Board, police department, and town administration, we were able to effectively utilize American Rescue Act grant funds to enhance fire and safety services throughout our community. This was an example of a highly positive outcome for our community with the collaborative efforts of these multiple community departments and our Select Board. Grant money funded a needed replacement to our existing LifePack, an upgrade from our existing rowboat to a Defender boat, and a

necessary upgrade to our Cascade System to be able to safely fill SCBA packs completely for our firefighters. These grant funds also provided 5 new AEDs for our community. We also joined together as a community for a series of community emergency trainings.

We would like to thank all our collaborating agencies that provided assistance to our community during 2022. We thank Hanover Dispatch and all the dispatchers for their outstanding service. Also, thank you to the member departments of both the Kearsarge Regional Mutual Aid Pact and the Upper Valley Mutual Aid Pact who provided assistance when mutual aid was rendered necessary. Thank you to New London Ambulance for providing ambulance coverage for our community. Most of all, we would like to thank the community of Springfield for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chief Peter J. Lacaillade

## **Call Summary of Springfield Fire and Rescue Department 2022**

**81      Rescue and Emergency Medical Service**

**32      Fire/Car Fire**

**20      Wires/Trees Down**

**13      Motor Vehicle Crashes**

**17      Alarm Activation**

**9       Service Calls**

**6       Hazardous Conditions (No Fire)**

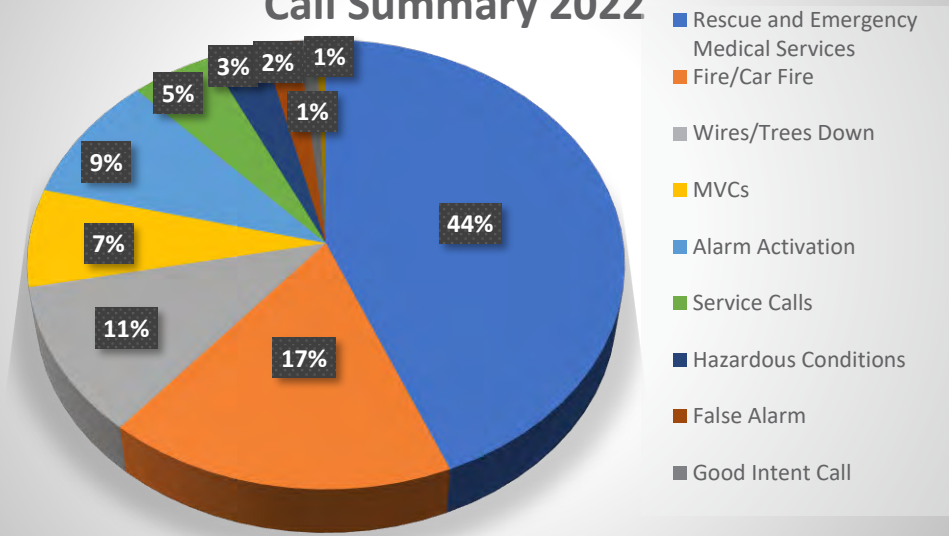
**4       False Alarms**

**2       Good Intent Call**

**1       Search and Rescue**

**Total Calls 185**

# Springfield Fire and Rescue Department Call Summary 2022



## **Supervisors of the Checklist Report**

The Supervisors of the Checklist for Springfield hold official sessions twice a month in the Protectworth Room at the town offices, and when required by the State before and after elections. Our stated sessions are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 3 to 5 PM. Our sessions are open to the public, and everyone is welcome to come.

In March we bid farewell to Martha Bobruff as she completed her 6-year term. We are thankful for her wisdom, insight, and dedication. She was a most valuable member of this team and a pleasure to work with throughout her term. After the March election we welcomed freshly elected Doris Lefebvre as our newest Supervisor. Doris has proven to be a quick learner and brings her dedication and enthusiasm to this work. Your Supervisors of the Checklist team is one for which you can be confident.

The Supervisor's dedicated Computer met the end of its life this year. Trying to fix the computer became a never-ending exercise in futility. We are thankful that the Town has been able to replace the old computer with a new one. Thank you, Springfield.

The Supervisors attended numerous meetings and training sessions given by the Secretary of State's Office. We are thankful for the support staff at the HAVA Help desk for their expertise with Election Net. They have been supportive and helpful when we encounter issues with our reports and

computers. This year saw a combination of in person and zoom meetings. When the trainings are done on ZOOM it allows for the best attendance from around the state, and they are recorded so that we can access them for refresher, or if we missed the original meeting.

In 2022 we were also present and worked at the Annual Meeting for Kearsarge Regional School District, the Annual Meeting of the Eastman Water District, as well as all the state and Springfield local elections. For the November 8 State General Election (midterm election), 759 Springfield voters took part, which was 78% of eligible voters. During 2022, the Supervisors added 105 new voters, and removed 39 voters. The reasons for removal included those who were deceased, or moved out of the Springfield jurisdiction, or because of non-response to a 30-day letter. At the end of 2022 there were 975 registered voters in Springfield.

The Supervisors are always grateful for the excellent help and support of the town administration staff – Pixie Hill, Maryanne Petrin, Tamara Butcher, and Jill Hastings.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara H. Cooper

Doris I. Lefebvre

Judith G. Shank



**Town Clerk Report**  
**January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

**Automobile Registrations:**

2095	Auto Permits	444,691.64
155	Titles	3,700.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$448,391.64</b>

**Dog Licenses:**

425	Dog Licenses	2,662.50
1	Dog License Transfer	1.50
2	Civil Forfeitures	50.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$2,714.00</b>

**Vital Statistics:**

3	Marriage Licenses	150.00
6	Marriage Licenses Copies	75.00
23	Birth Certificate Copies	335.00
8	Death Certificate Copies	105.00
1	Divorce Certificate Copies	15.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 680.00</b>

**Miscellaneous Fee:**

4	UCC's	345.00
2	Town Check Lists	50.00
1	Statewide Check List	350.00
1	Returned Check Fees	25.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$ 770.00</b>

<b>Total Receipts Collected:</b>	<b>\$452,555.64</b>
<b>Less DMV State Portion:</b>	<b>(110,765.04)</b>
<b>Less Dog License State Fees</b>	<b>(938.50)</b>
<b>Less Vital Statistics State Fees</b>	<b>(395.00)</b>
<b>Total Town Clerk Receipts:</b>	<b>\$340,457.10</b>

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pixie B Hill, Town Clerk  
Maryanne Petrin, Deputy Town Clerk (Retired Dec. 2022)  
Annika Munholand (Appointed Jan. 2, 2023)

## **TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD -ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT- REPORT 2022**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is an appeals Board for those seeking relief from the Zoning Ordinance and/or other governmental decisions. The Board hears applications for Variances, Special Exceptions, Equitable Waivers as well as other Appeals from Administrative Decisions. The Board consists of five elected members and three alternates who are appointed by the Board. Alternates are asked to serve in place of an elected Board member if that member is absent or recused themselves from a hearing.

Currently Susan Chiarella serves as Chairman and Tanner Jacques is Vice Chairman. Rob Thorp, Bryan O'Day and Cody Patten make up the remaining three seats. Steven Dzubak is the sole alternate which leaves two alternate positions vacant. This past year Tamara Butcher provided secretarial support which included processing applications, notifying abutters, advertising hearings and taking minutes at the meetings.

In 2022 the Board rendered the following decisions:

Request for a Special Exception from Bernard Cahill to construct a 10' X 12' shed at 150 Woodcrest Road, Map 23, Lot 735-520– GRANTED (5/3/22)

Request for a Special Exception from Paul Biebel, Biebel Cottage, LLC to operate a short-term rental and guest facility at 610 Stoney Brook Road, Map 9, Lot 427-192 GRANTED (5/3/22);

Request for a Variance from TAP Properties, LLC to operate a short-term rental and guest facility at 140 Woodcrest Road, Map 23, Lot 750-517. DENIED (6/7/22).

Request for a Special Exception from Karen J. Cotter to build a single-family residence and garage 50 feet from a pond which is larger than one acre at 147 Meadow Brook Road, Map 25, Lot 139-172. DENIED (07/12/22).

Request for a Special Exception from Harriett Cabin, LLC to operate a short-term rental and guest facility at 590 Stoney Brook Road, Map 9, Lot 396 156. GRANTED (8/2/22).

Request for an Appeal from Administrative Decision from TAP Properties, LLC at property located at 140 Woodcrest Road, Map 23, Lot 750-517. DENIED (8/2/22)

Request for a Special Exception from Sidun Li and Shanli Liu to operate a short-term rental and guest facility at 734 Stoney Brook Road, Map 9, Lot 503-269. GRANTED (9/6/22)

Request for a Special Exception from TAP Properties, LLC to operate a short-term rental and

guest facility at 140 Woodcrest Road, Map 23, Lot 750-517. GRANTED (9/6/22)

Request for a Special Exception from Kara M. Zaleskas to construct a 15' X 8' shed at 164 Four Corners Road, Map 29, Lot 160-095. GRANTED (9/6/22)

Request for a Special Exception from Stephen L. Handley 2003 Trust to operate a short-term rental and guest facility at 298 Twin Lake Villa Road, Map 6, Lot 670,243. GRANTED (10/4/22)

Request for a Special Exception from Edward Murphy to operate a short-term rental and guest facility at 132 Colby Hill Road, Map 7, Lot 050-207. DEEMED UNECESSARY, APPLICATION NOT HEARD (11/01/22)

The Zoning Board typically meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at the Town Office Building when there is a case before them. Copies of the minutes and decisions are on file with the Town and are available for public inspection. All Meetings are open to the Public.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Chiarella, Chairman

## **Report to the Town of Springfield, New Hampshire Zoning Coordinator Activity for 2022**

During 2022, the Zoning Coordinator was busy reviewing permit applications, addressing numerous inquiries, researching some NH state law, and addressing several general or miscellaneous matters at the request of the Board of Selectmen. The latter included:

- assisting Planning Board Chair with procedural issues or concerns,
- review and input regarding draft noise ordinance,
- short-term rentals are a business requiring Special Exception and site plan.
- research and resolution of questions regarding “second dwelling unit,”
- continued analysis regarding degradation of Sanborn Hill Road,
- inquiries regarding sub-division of real property,

Zoning Permit Applications considered - 61

The “breakdown”:

New Residential - 7

Addition to residential space – 3

Decks/porch/swim pool – 5

Sheds – 16

Garage/barn/greenhouse and a tree house – 14

Solar panels and Generators – 7

Car Port – 2

Cell Tower - 2

Miscellaneous (concrete pads/patios/hot tub/other) –  
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Inquiries and other activities:

- attend hearings/appeals leading to decisions (Planning Board; Zoning Board “ZBA”)
- Assist property owners with preparation of applications to Planning Board and ZBA
- multiple inquiries from RE agents/brokers regarding condition/status of property
- conversion of barn and garage into dwelling unit (2 cases)
- Wetlands matters; assistance to property owners dealing with DES regulations

Here is a sample of some questions that came to the Zoning Coordinator:

- “is a land parcel on Route 4A zoned as rural residential or forest conservation”?
- “do I need a permit to convert my garage into bedroom, kitchen and bathroom”?
- “Can I add 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom to dwelling with 3-bedroom septic system”?
- “can I put in a second driveway?”
- “can I extend my driveway to create additional parking space”?
- “my neighbor wants to park commercial vehicles in my yard. Is that OK”?
- “is this lot buildable”? (Multiple inquiries for different lots – all with wetlands)

And a personal favorite:

- “if I put a roof on my pig pen does that make it a structure”?

In addition to the above-mentioned activity, a considerable amount of time and effort was spent on (i) a Noise Ordinance to be proposed by the Planning Board, (ii) working with the Town Health Officer on issues related to subsurface waste disposal and water quality.

And (iii) how to deal with so-called “short-term rentals” of rooms and/or dwellings in Springfield.

The short-term rentals work included (a) six (6) cases in various stages of report and hearing (all are currently on-going); (b) working to develop a “narrative” to explain the town’s position and process; and, to assist property owners who may choose to engage in the business activity of renting lodging (guest facilities) on a short-term basis.

The short-term rental work also involved responding to “Right-to-Know” requests (RSA 91-A) and other time-consuming stuff. Finally, there was additional work with the Planning Board to develop appropriate site plan review criteria and procedures, particularly in the context of required site plans for short-term rentals.

The work is not complete, and the referenced “narrative” has yet to be finished.

Roger “Whit” Smith, Zoning Coordinator,  
Springfield, New Hampshire

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**Town of Springfield – Resident Marriage Report**

**01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022**

<u><b>Date</b></u>	<u><b>Person A's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Residence</b></u>	<u><b>Person B's Name</b></u>	<u><b>Residence</b></u>
06/04/2022	Condon, Mark R	Springfield, NH	Morse, Tiffany K	Springfield, NH
09/10/2022	Weeks, Sandra J	Springfield, NH	Bedell Jr, Wendell D	Springfield, NH

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Pixie Hill, Town Clerk

**Town of Springfield – Resident Birth Report**

**01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022**

<b><u>Birth Date</u></b>	<b><u>Child's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Place of Birth</u></b>	<b><u>Father's Name</u></b>	<b><u>Mother's Name</u></b>
03/01/2022	Dimakis, Dimitrios Konstantinos	Lebanon, NH	Dimakis, Dimitrios Konstantinos	Dimakis, Julie Dyan
05/20/2022	Seneca, Lena Ramona	Lebanon, NH	Seneca, Micah David	Seneca, Katy Jo
05/21/2022	Mcauliffe, Finley Thanh	Lebanon, NH	Mcauliffe, Kevin Carlin	Mcauliffe, Hien Thanh
06/23/2022	Scherer, Hazel June Walker	Lebanon, NH	Scherer, Cody Ryan	Walker, Lindsey Anne
07/14/2022	Bleier, Reuben Alonso	Lebanon, NH	Bleier, Michael Richard	Bleier, Mary Cunningham
08/31/2022	Dupere, Bennett Robert	Lebanon, NH	Dupere, Clint Robert	Dupere, Rachel Libby

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Pixie Hill, Town Clerk

## Town of Springfield – Resident Death Report

01/01/2022 – 12/31/2022

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>	<u>Name of Father</u> <u>Maiden Name of Mother</u>	<u>Military</u>
01/11/2022	Newton, Velma	Springfield	Walker, Herman Laforest, Emma	N
02/04/2022	McLennand, Robert S	Lebanon	McLennand, Bernard Chyzik, Helen	Y
04/22/2022	Huntoon, William T	Concord	Huntoon, Jerry Carter, Joyce	N
05/18/2022	Kidder, Janice Currier	Springfield	Currier, Harold Mead, Esther	N
07/08/2022	Goodspeed Jr, Earl H	Springfield	Goodspeed Sr, Earl Langdon, Louise	N
08/11/2022	Patten, Malcolm F	Springfield	Patten, Dallas Little, Hazel	N

10/09/2022	Cole, Harry Huntley	New London	Cole, George Huntley, Eva	Y
12/17/2022	Nulsen, Alice D	New London	Diggs, Marshall Muse, Alice	N
12/19/2022	McCarthy, Margot	Springfield	McCarthy, Richard Avotins, Renate	N

This report is based on a list provided by the State of NH and may be incomplete. Names that may be missing from the State list are added if we become aware of a death that is not included on the State's list.

Pixie Hill, Town Clerk

## STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS 2020

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

#### EXECUTIVE

SELECTMEN SALARIES	\$ 13,750.00
DEPUTY ADMIN ASSIST WAGES	\$ 21,393.00
MODERATORS SALARY	\$ 1,000.00
BALLOT CLERKS WAGES	\$ -
ADMIN SUPPLIES	\$ 6,047.00
REGISTRY DEEDS FEES	\$ 177.00
ASSOCIATION FEES	\$ 1,617.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 496.00
STATE FEES	\$ -
REMEMBRANCE	\$ 359.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 917.00
COMPUTER SUPPORT/SUPPLIES	\$ 31,749.00
REFERENCE MATERIALS	\$ 1,937.00
PRINTING CHARGES	\$ 2,454.00
PAYROLL SERVICE	\$ 2,846.00
POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 4,099.00
CONFERENCE COSTS	\$ 130.00
MEAL CHARGES	\$ 445.00
EMERGENCY MEALS	\$ 164.00
ENGINEERING/CONSULTING	\$ 1,817.00
ADMIN ASSIST SALARY	\$ 57,874.00
COPY MACHINE	\$ 1,813.00
CASUAL LABOR	\$ <u>3,917.00</u>
 TOTAL EXECUTIVE	 \$ 155,001.00

## **ELECTIONS, REGIS. & VITAL STATISTICS**

CHECKLIST SUPERVISORS SALARIES	\$ 1,800.00
TOWN CLERKS SALARY	\$ 16,278.00
DEPUTY TOWN CLERKS SALARY	\$ 10,041.00
PRINTING CHARGES	\$ 418.00
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 521.00
CONFERENCE COST	\$ 157.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 176.00
VITAL STATISTICS FEES	<u>\$ 325.00</u>

TOTAL ELECTIONS ETC:	\$ 29,716.00
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## **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

BANK CHARGE	\$ -
TAX COLLECTORS SALARY	\$ 16,278.00
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTORS SALARY	\$ 10,019.00
TREASURERS SALARY	\$ 4,000.00
DEPUTY TREASURERS SALARY	\$ 800.00
TRUSTEES TRUST FUND SALARY	\$ 300.00
TITLE SEARCH SERVICES	\$ 975.00
AUDIT CONTRACT	<u>\$ 12,750.00</u>

TOTAL FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 45,122.00
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## **REVALUATION OF PROPERTY**

UTILITY APPRAISAL	\$ -
PROPERTY APPRAISAL	\$ 24,850.00
TAX MAP COSTS	\$ 1,349.00
ZONING COORDINATOR	\$ 9,315.00
MILEAGE & EXPENSES	<u>\$ 406.00</u>

TOTAL REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	\$ 35,920.00
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## **LEGAL FEES**

LEGAL FEES	<u>\$ 44,601.00</u>
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TOTAL LEGAL FEES	\$ 44,601.00
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**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION**

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 72,691.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 864.00
WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE	\$ 5,002.00
SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE TAXES	\$ 32,646.00
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT	\$ 77,955.00
DISABILITY INSURANCE	\$ 450.00
HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVE	<u>\$ 2,811.00</u>

TOTAL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 192,419.00
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**PLANNING AND ZONING**

CIRCUIT RIDER	\$ 2,226.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 241.00
PRINTING CHARGES	\$ -
REFERENCE MATERIALS	\$ 182.00
ENGINEERING FEES	\$ -
PLANNING & ZONING ADMIN.	\$ -
TRAINING	\$ 55.00
ZBA ADVERTISING	\$ 823.00
ZBA REFERENCE MATERIALS	\$ 35.00
AGR PROGRAMS	<u>\$ 165.00</u>

TOTAL PLANNING AND ZONING	\$ 3,727.00
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**GENERAL GOV BUILDING**

CUSTODIAN	\$ 20,835.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 137.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ -
HEATING ALL BUILDINGS	\$ 33,365.00
LANDSCAPING	\$ -
BUILDING/PROP. MAINTENANCE	\$ 16,508.00
NON-RECURRING PROJECTS	\$ 5,501.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 8,041.00
ELECTRICITY ALL BUILDINGS	\$ 9,970.00
ANNUAL CONTRACTS	<u>\$ 610.00</u>

TOTAL GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS	\$ 94,967.00
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## **CEMETERIES**

CEMETERY WAGES	\$ -
FUEL AND OIL	\$ 4,514.00
GRAVEL AND LOAM	\$ 470.00
LANDSCAPING/TREE REMOVAL	\$ 140.00
STONE CLEANING/REPAIR	\$ 469.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,382.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	<u>\$ -</u>

TOTAL CEMETERIES	\$ 6,975.00
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## **INSURANCE**

TOWN LIABILITY INSURANCE	<u>\$ 20,744.00</u>
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TOTAL TOWN INSURANCE	\$ 20,744.00
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## **REGIONAL ASSOCIATION**

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DUES	<u>\$ 1,808.00</u>
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TOTAL REGIONAL ASSOCIATION	\$ 1,808.00
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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

WAGES	\$ 180,877.00
TRAINING	\$ 1,329.00
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 7,375.00
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	\$ 300.00
COMMUNICATIONS REPAIR	\$ 292.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 2,349.00
COMPUTER PROG/SUPPLIES	\$ 823.00
UNIFORMS	\$ 1,590.00
REFERENCE MATERIALS	\$ -
DISPATCH	\$ 12,406.00
RADAR REPAIR	\$ 626.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 3,976.00
POSTAL CHARGES	\$ 62.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 386.00
ADVERTISING	\$ 41.00
ASSOCIATION DUES	\$ 600.00

CRUISER REPAIRS	\$ 3,000.00
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TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$ 216,032.00
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**AMBULANCE**

AMBULANCE	\$ 34,576.00
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TOTAL AMBULANCE	\$ 34,576.00
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**FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT**

REIMBURSEMENT	.
RESPONSE/TRAINING STIPEND	\$ 18,421.00
FIRE CHIEFS SALARY	\$ 3,840.00
SECRETARY SALARY	\$ 1,200.00
FIRE VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 2,907.00
DISPATCH	\$ 13,870.00
HYDRANT/WATER DISTRIBUTION	\$ 7,356.00
NEW COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 849.00
COMMUNICATION REPAIR	\$ -
EMER. MEALS FD/RS/ED	\$ 227.00
ASSOCIATION DUES	\$ 3,581.00
NEW EQUIPMENT	\$ 9,186.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$ 5,251.00
TRAINING	\$ 233.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 1,113.00
OFFICE SUPPORT/REF. MATERIALS	\$ 4,647.00
FIRE VEHICLE REPAIRS	\$ 14,096.00
SUPPLIES	\$ -
VEHICLE INSPECTION	\$ -
RESCUE TRAINING	\$ 380.00
RESCUE EQUIPMENT	\$ 407.00
OXYGEN/SUPPLIES	\$ 360.00
MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 908.00

TOTAL FIRE AND RESUCE	\$ 88,832.00
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**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER	\$ 180.00
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TOTAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	\$ 180.00
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## HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

UNIFORMS	\$ 2,303.00
WAGES	\$ 135,843.00
SAND	\$ 10,768.00
SHIM SEAL AND BLAKTOP	\$ 116,027.00
CULVERTS	\$ -
EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$ -
SALT	\$ 8,636.00
STONE	\$ 4,258.00
SIGNING	\$ 476.00
BRUSH CUTTING	\$ -
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 1,241.00
GRADER EXPENSES	\$ 275.00
VEHICLE FUEL	\$ 17,246.00
LOADER EXPENSES	\$ 645.00
H3 TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,143.00
SANDER EXPENSES	\$ -
SHOP EXPENSES	\$ 3,536.00
GRAVEL	\$ 5,995.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,824.00
EQUIPMENT REPAIR	\$ 145.00
WELDING/OXYGEN	\$ 345.00
H1 TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	\$ 3,445.00
TELEPHONE	\$ 639.00
ASSOCIATION FEES	\$ -
BACKHOE	\$ 680.00
H2 TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	\$ 4,715.00
VEHICLE INSPECTION	\$ -
CASUAL LABOR WAGES	\$ 936.00
CALCIUM	<u>\$ -</u>
 TOTAL HIGHWAY AND STREETS	 \$ 327,121.00

**STREET LIGHTING**

STREET LIGHTING	\$ 4,323.00
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TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	\$ 4,323.00
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**SANITATION**

SUNAPEE TRANSFER STATION	\$ 129,809.00
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SEPTAGE DISPOSAL	\$ 1,967.00
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TRANSFER STATION TICKETS	\$ -
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TOTAL SANITATION	\$ 131,776.00
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**WATER DISTRUBUTION & TREATMENT**

WATER TESTING	\$ 178.00
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NLSWP HYDRANTS	\$ 2,250.00
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TOTAL WATER DISTRIB & TREATMENT	\$ 2,428.00
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**HEALTH AND HOSPITAL**

VISITING NURSE	\$ 3,665.00
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ANIMAL CONTROL	\$ -
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COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 3,200.00
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HEALTH SCREENING	\$ 250.00
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HEALTH OFFICE SALARY	\$ 500.00
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SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 606.00
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DEPUTY HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 300.00
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WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$ 1,355.00
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SEPTIC DESIGN REVIEW	\$ 300.00
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RED CROSS	\$ 500.00
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CASA	\$ 500.00
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TOTAL HEALTH AND HOSPITAL	\$ 11,176.00
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**WELFARE**

WELFARE DIRECTOR SALARY	\$ 1,200.00
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 3,249.00
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SULLIVAN COUNTY NUTRITION SVC.	\$ 1,016.00
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TOTAL WELFARE	\$ 5,465.00
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**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS	\$ 1,899.00
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TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$ 1,899.00
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**LIBRARY**

LIBRARIAN SALARY	\$ 28,089.00
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ASSIST AND SUBSTITUTE WAGES	\$ 16,787.00
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OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 10,574.00
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TOTAL LIBRARY	\$ 55,450.00
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**PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ -
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FLAGS	\$ 641.00
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TOTAL PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	\$ 641.00
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**CONSERVATION**

SUPPLIES, PRINTING & POSTAGE	\$ 28.00
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WORKSHOPS	\$ 250.00
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ASSOCIATON DUES	\$ -
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TOTAL CONSERVATION	\$ 278.00
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**DEBT SERVICE**

LOAN PRINCIPAL	\$ 47,369.00
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LOAN INTEREST	\$ 4,324.00
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TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 51,693.00
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<b>TOTAL 2022 OPERATING BUDGET PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 1,562,870.00</b>
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## **Summary of 2022 Town Meeting Minutes**

The inhabitants of the Town of Springfield in the County of Sullivan in the state of New Hampshire qualified to vote in Town affairs are hereby notified that the Annual Town Meeting will be held as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturday, March 12, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Springfield Fire Station, 2791 Main Street

**Details:** The meeting will open at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 to consider Article 1 to elect all necessary town officials. The meeting will reconvene on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to consider articles 2 through 5.

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**Article 01 Election of Town Officials**

To choose all necessary Town Officials for the year ensuing. NOTE: By law, the meeting must open before voting starts. Therefore, the meeting and polls will open at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 for the consideration of Article 1. At 12 noon, the meeting will recess, but the polls will remain open until 7:00 p.m. The meeting will reconvene at the Fire Station on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. to act on Articles 2 through 5.

☒ Yes ☐ No

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**Article 02 Fire Truck**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$525,000 (gross budget) to purchase and equip a fire truck, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$525,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; and also to raise and appropriate \$44,344 for the first year's payment. The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee Recommend this appropriation. Recommendations required (3/5 ballot vote required).

Motion: Susan Chiarella ☒ Yes ☐ No

Second: Keith Cutting      63 Yes Votes      1 No Votes

Selectwoman Amy Lewis presented the warrant. Ken Jacques from Budget Committee discussed. Questions from the voters were answered. Polls remained open for 1 hour.

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**Article 03 Sand Shed Site Prep**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,000 for the sand shed site preparation. and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$87,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal finance act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the the rate of interest thereon: and also to raise and appropriate \$7,349 for the first year's payment. The Board of Selectmen and the Budget

Committee Recommend this appropriation. (3/5 ballot vote required).

Motion to Accept: Ed Abair

☒ Yes ☐ No

Second: Richard Petrin      59 Yes Votes    5 No Votes

Selectwoman Amy Lewis presented the warrant. Ken Jacques from Budget Committee discussed. Questions from the voters were answered. Polls remained open for 1 hour.

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#### **Article 04 General Municipal Operations**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,596,369 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Motion to Accept: Leigh Callaway

☒ Yes ☐ No

Second: Jennifer Roberts

Selectman Richard Hendl discussed the warrant. Ken Jacques from Budget Committee discussed.  
Budget passed unanimously.

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#### **Article 05 To Hear Reports**

To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees heretofore chosen, to pass any vote relating thereto, and to transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting. Discussion may only be advisory or information in content and nature. Any items requesting the Town to raise, and appropriate money cannot come before the meeting under this article.

Motion to Accept: Kenneth Butcher

☐ Yes ☐ No

Second: Richard Petrin

Sarah Anderson spoke about the Rec. Comm. Pixie Hill presented retiring Supervisor of Checklist, Martha Bobruff with a Certificate of Appreciation.

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**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen  
 Town of Springfield, New Hampshire

### *Adverse and Unmodified Opinions*

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

#### Summary of Opinions:

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

#### Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matters discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the governmental activities of the Town of Springfield, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2021, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### Unmodified Opinions on Each Major Fund and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

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

### *Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions*

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

#### Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 2 to the financial statements, management has not recorded a liability, deferred outflows of resources, or deferred inflows of resources for the Town's single employer other post-employment benefits plan in

governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded an expense for the current period change in that liability. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that other post-employment benefits attributable to employee services already rendered and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee be accrued as liabilities and expenses as employees earn the rights to the benefits, which would increase the deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, reduce the net position, and change the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable. Additionally, management has not recorded capital assets in governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that those capital assets be capitalized and depreciated, which would increase the assets and net position, and change the expenses, of the governmental activities. The amount by which these departures would affect the assets, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Town of Springfield, New Hampshire's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

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

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Springfield, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 nonmajor governmental fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Vachon Clukay & Company PC*

Manchester, New Hampshire  
September 22, 2022

EXHIBIT A  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
December 31, 2021

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 856,354
Investments	4
Taxes receivable, net	110,635
Due from other governments	3,595
Prepaid items	49,083
Tax dedeed property	13,873
Total Current Assets	<u>1,033,544</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,033,544</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB liability	2,282
Deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability	90,796
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>93,078</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	32,730
Accrued liabilities	13,491
Advances from grantors	63,929
Total Current Liabilities	<u>110,150</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
OPEB liability	43,358
Net pension liability	438,517
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>481,875</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>592,025</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB liability	551
Deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability	146,182
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>146,733</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Restricted	63,680
Unrestricted	324,184
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 387,864</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT B  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Activities**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General government	\$ 562,905	\$ 3,671		\$ (559,234)
Public safety	327,596	120		(327,476)
Highways and streets	271,229		\$ 58,143	(213,086)
Sanitation	135,835	470		(135,365)
Health and welfare	13,306			(13,306)
Water distribution and treatment	2,448			(2,448)
Culture and recreation	66,415			(66,415)
Conservation	108			(108)
Interest and fiscal charges	587			(587)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,380,429</u>	<u>\$ 4,261</u>	<u>\$ 58,143</u>	<u>(1,318,025)</u>
General revenues:				
Property and other taxes				964,267
Licenses and permits				373,858
Grants and contributions:				
Rooms and meals tax distribution				99,015
State and federal forest land reimbursement				3,401
Interest and investment earnings				1,651
Miscellaneous				28,831
Total general revenues				<u>1,471,023</u>
Change in net position				152,998
Net Position at beginning of year				<u>234,866</u>
Net Position at end of year				<u>\$ 387,864</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*



EXHIBIT C  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds**  
December 31, 2021

	General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 796,066	\$ 60,288	\$ 856,354
Investments	4		4
Taxes receivable, net	110,635		110,635
Due from other governments	3,595		3,595
Due from other funds	3,095	12,175	15,270
Prepaid items	49,083		49,083
Tax deeded property	13,873		13,873
Total Assets	<u>976,351</u>	<u>72,463</u>	<u>1,048,814</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 976,351</u>	<u>\$ 72,463</u>	<u>\$ 1,048,814</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 32,730		\$ 32,730
Accrued liabilities	13,491		13,491
Advances from grantors	63,929		63,929
Due to other funds	12,175	\$ 3,095	15,270
Total Liabilities	<u>122,325</u>	<u>3,095</u>	<u>125,420</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Uncollected property tax revenue	86,443		86,443
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>86,443</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,443</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable	62,956	8,290	71,246
Restricted	46,877	8,513	55,390
Committed	235,362	52,565	287,927
Assigned	22,000		22,000
Unassigned	400,388		400,388
Total Fund Balances	<u>767,583</u>	<u>69,368</u>	<u>836,951</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 976,351</u>	<u>\$ 72,463</u>	<u>\$ 1,048,814</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT C-1  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Net Position**  
December 31, 2021

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit C)	\$ 836,951
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net position, not the modified accrual basis.	86,443
Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that do not require or provide the use of current financial resources are not reported within the funds.	
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB liability	2,282
Deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability	90,796
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB liability	(551)
Deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability	(146,182)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:	
OPEB liability	(43,358)
Net pension liability	<u>(438,517)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	<u>\$ 387,864</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT D  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	General <u>Fund</u>	Nonmajor Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 1,029,623		\$ 1,029,623
Licenses and permits	373,858		373,858
Intergovernmental	160,559		160,559
Charges for services	4,261		4,261
Interest and investment income	1,588	\$ 63	1,651
Miscellaneous	27,378	1,453	28,831
Total Revenues	<u>1,597,267</u>	<u>1,516</u>	<u>1,598,783</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government	575,112		575,112
Public safety	327,596		327,596
Highways and streets	271,229		271,229
Sanitation	135,835		135,835
Health and welfare	13,306		13,306
Water distribution and treatment	2,448		2,448
Culture and recreation	66,415		66,415
Conservation	108		108
Capital outlay	3,380		3,380
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	30,662		30,662
Interest and fiscal charges	587		587
Total Expenditures	<u>1,426,678</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,426,678</u>
Net change in fund balances	170,589	1,516	172,105
Fund Balances at beginning of year	<u>596,994</u>	<u>67,852</u>	<u>664,846</u>
Fund Balances at end of year	<u>\$ 767,583</u>	<u>\$ 69,368</u>	<u>\$ 836,951</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT D-1

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds  
to the Statement of Activities**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit D)	\$ 172,105
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	(65,356)
Repayment of note principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	30,662
Governmental funds report OPEB and pension contributions as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, OPEB and pension expense reflects the change in the OPEB liability and net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources, and does not require the use of current financial resources. This is the amount by which OPEB and pension expense differed from OPEB and pension contributions in the current period.	
Net changes in OPEB	3,555
Net changes in pension	<u>12,032</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	<u>\$ 152,998</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT E  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
December 31, 2021

	Custodial Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 919,054
Taxes receivable	<u>97,624</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,016,678</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Due to other governments	<u>1,016,678</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,016,678</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Total Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

EXHIBIT F  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Custodial <u>Funds</u>
ADDITIONS:	
Property tax collections for other governments	\$ 3,811,764
Motor vehicle fee collections for other governments	<u>114,740</u>
Total Additions	<u>3,926,504</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Payments of property tax to other governments	3,811,764
Payments of motor vehicle fees to other governments	<u>114,740</u>
Total Deductions	<u>3,926,504</u>
Change in net position	-
Net Position at beginning of year	<u>-</u>
Net Position at end of year	<u>\$ -</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

**NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of the Town of Springfield, New Hampshire conform to accounting policies generally accepted in the United States of America for local governmental units, except as indicated hereinafter. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies.

***Financial Reporting Entity***

The Town of Springfield, New Hampshire (the "Town") operates under the Town Meeting/Board of Selectmen form of government and performs local governmental functions as authorized by State law.

The financial statements include those of the various departments governed by the Board of Selectmen and other officials with financial responsibility. The Town has no other separate organizational units, which meet criteria for inclusion in the financial statements as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

***Basis of Presentation***

The Town's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Town as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the Town at year end. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the Town's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the Town. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the Town.

**2. Fund Financial Statements:**

During the year, the Town segregates transactions related to certain Town functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the Town at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. The fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

***Fund Accounting***

The Town uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The Town employs the use of two categories of funds: governmental and fiduciary.

**1. Governmental Funds:**

Governmental funds are those through which most governmental functions typically are financed. Governmental fund reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between governmental fund assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, is reported as fund balance. The following is the Town's major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the main operating fund of the Town and is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Fiduciary Funds:**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The Town maintains one category of fiduciary funds known as custodial funds. Custodial funds are used to account for amounts collected by the Town and remitted to other governments. These assets are therefore not available to support the Town's own programs.

***Measurement Focus***

**1. Government-Wide Financial Statements:**

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the Town are included on the Statement of Net Position.

**2. Fund Financial Statements:**

All governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets, deferred outflows of resources, current liabilities and deferred inflows of resources generally are included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus.



**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

***Basis of Accounting***

Basis of accounting determines when transactions are recorded in the financial records and reported on the financial statements. Government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Fiduciary funds also use the accrual basis of accounting. Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Differences in the accrual and the modified accrual basis of accounting arise in the recognition of revenue and in the presentation of expenses versus expenditures.

**1. Revenues – Exchange and Non-exchange Transactions:**

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available. Available means that the resources will be collected within the current year or are expected to be collected soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current year. For the Town, available means expected to be received within sixty days of year end.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Town receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied (see Note 10). Revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Town must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Town on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Under the modified accrual basis, the following revenue sources are considered to be both measurable and available at year-end: property taxes, charges for services, and interest on investments.

Licenses and permits and miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenues when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

Grants received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as advances from grantors. On governmental fund financial statements, taxes receivable that will not be collected within the available period have been reported as deferred inflows of resources.

**2. Expenses/Expenditures:**

On the accrual basis of accounting, expenses are recognized at the time they are incurred. The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting is on decreases in net financial resources (expenditures) rather than expenses. Expenditures are generally recognized in the accounting period in which the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Allocations of cost, such as depreciation and amortization, are not recognized in governmental funds.

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

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***Budgetary Data***

The Town's budget represents functional appropriations as authorized by annual or special Town meetings. The Selectmen may transfer funds between operating categories as they deem necessary. The Town adopts its budget under State regulations, which differ somewhat from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that the focus is on the entire governmental unit rather than on the basis of fund types.

State law requires balanced budgets but permits the use of beginning fund balance to reduce the property tax rate.

***Investments***

Investments are stated at their fair value in all funds.

***Taxes Receivable***

Taxes levied during the current year and prior and uncollected at December 31, 2021 are recorded as receivables, net of reserves for estimated uncollectibles of \$11,000.

***Accrued Liabilities and Long-Term Obligations***

Except for the obligation for certain other post-employment benefits (see Note 2), all payables, accrued liabilities, and long-term obligations are reported in the government-wide financial statements. In general, governmental fund payables and accrued liabilities that, once incurred, are paid in a timely manner and in full from current resources are reported as obligations of the funds. Long-term obligations that will be paid from governmental funds are recognized as a liability in the fund financial statements when due.

***Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)***

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) OPEB Plan and additions to/deductions from NHRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NHRS. For this purpose, NHRS recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value, except for non-registered commingled funds valued at net asset value (NAV) as a practical expedient to estimate fair value.

***Pensions***

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) and additions to/deductions from NHRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NHRS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

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***Net Position***

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. Unrestricted net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the restricted components of net position.

The Town's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

***Fund Balance Policy***

As of December 31, 2021, the Town has not adopted a formal fund balance policy. The Town segregates fund balance into five classifications: Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned, and Unassigned. These components of fund balance are defined as follows:

- *Nonspendable Fund Balance*: Amounts that are not in a spendable form or are required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted Fund Balance*: Amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers through constitutional provisions or by enabling legislation. Restrictions may be changed or lifted only upon the consent of the external resource provider or enabling legislation.
- *Committed Fund Balance*: Amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself using its highest level of decision-making authority (Annual Town Meeting). Commitments may be changed or lifted only by the governing body taking the same formal action that imposed the constraint originally. The governing body's action must either be approved or rescinded, as applicable, prior to the last day of the fiscal year for which the commitment is made. The amount subject to the constraint may be determined in the subsequent period.
- *Assigned Fund Balance*: Amounts the Town intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority.
- *Unassigned Fund Balance*: Amounts that are not obligated or specifically designated and is available for any purpose; these amounts are reported only in the General Fund, except for any deficit fund balance of another governmental fund.

In instances when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, restricted fund balance is considered to have been spent first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications may be applied, committed resources are to be applied first, followed by assigned and unassigned. The Town has not adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

***Interfund Activity***

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/ expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing

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sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/ expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented in the financial statements.

*Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates.

**NOTE 2—STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Capital Assets*

The Town has not implemented the capital asset provisions of GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements & Management’s Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. GASB Statement 34 requires governments to report all capital assets, including infrastructure assets, in the government-wide statement of net position and, generally, report depreciation expense in the statement of activities. These provisions of GASB Statement 34 were required to be implemented by the Town during the year ended December 31, 2004.

The Town has been unable to estimate the historical value of its capital assets and the related accumulated depreciation on these assets, which is not in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. GASB Statement 34 requires that all capital assets including infrastructure to be capitalized at cost (or estimated historical cost) and updated for additions and retirements during the year. The Town is not required to retroactively report its general infrastructure (e.g. roads, bridges, and sidewalks), but must maintain infrastructure records effective January 1, 2004.

*Other Postemployment Benefits*

The Town did not implement the provisions of GASB Statement 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions* as it pertains to its single employer OPEB plan. Statement 75 requires governments to account for certain other postemployment benefits (OPEB), primarily healthcare, on an accrual basis rather than on a pay-as-you-go basis. The provisions of GASB 75 were required to be implemented by the Town during the year ended December 31, 2018. The Town has only implemented the provisions of GASB Statement 75 as it pertains to its cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan (see Note 6).

**NOTE 3—DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

Deposits and investments as of December 31, 2021 are classified in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

Statement of Net Position:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 856,354
Investments	4
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position:	
Cash and cash equivalents	919,054
	<u>\$ 1,775,412</u>

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Deposits and investments at December 31, 2021 consist of the following:

Deposits with financial institutions	\$ 1,775,408
Investments	<u>4</u>
	<u>\$ 1,775,412</u>

As of December 31, 2021, the Town has not adopted an investment policy limiting the types of investments for governmental funds. Responsibility for the investments of the Trust Funds is with the Board of Trustees.

***Custodial Credit Risk***

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town’s deposits may not be returned. The custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, a government will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of another party. Currently, the Town and Trustees of Trust Funds do not have investment policies for assurance against custodial credit risk.

All of the Town’s deposits with financial institutions as of December 31, 2021 were covered by federal depository insurance.

**NOTE 4—INTERFUND BALANCES**

The Town has combined the cash resources of some of its governmental fund types. For accounting and reporting purposes, that portion of the pooled cash balance is reported in the specific fund as an interfund balance. Additionally, during the year, the General Fund collected funds on behalf of other nonmajor governmental funds for a range of activities that will be reimbursed to the applicable fund. Interfund balances at December 31, 2021 are as follows:

		Due from	
		General	Nonmajor
		Fund	Governmental
Due to	General Fund	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Totals</u>
		\$ 3,095	\$ 3,095
	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	\$ 12,175	12,175
	Total	<u>\$ 12,175</u>	<u>\$ 3,095</u> <u>\$ 15,270</u>

**NOTE 5—LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

***General Long-Term Obligations***

The changes in the Town’s long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2021 are as follows:

	Balance <u>1/1/2021</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance <u>12/31/2021</u>	Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Notes payable	\$ 30,662		\$ (30,662)	\$ -	\$ -
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 30,662</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (30,662)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Payments on the notes payable of the governmental activities are paid out of the General Fund.

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**NOTE 6—OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

***Plan Description***

The New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS) administers a cost-sharing multiple-employer other postemployment benefit plan (OPEB Plan). The OPEB Plan provides a medical insurance subsidy to qualified retired members.

The NHRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NHRS. That report may be obtained by writing to New Hampshire Retirement System at 54 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 or from their website at [www.nhrs.org](http://www.nhrs.org).

The OPEB Plan is divided into four membership types. The four membership types are Group II Police Officer and Firefighters, Group I Teachers, Group I Political Subdivision Employees, and Group I State Employees. The OPEB plan is closed to new entrants.

***Benefits Provided***

Benefit amounts and eligibility requirements for the OPEB Plan are set by state law (RSA 100-A:52, RSA 100-A:52-a and RSA 100-A:52-b), and members are designated in statute by type. The medical insurance subsidy is a payment made by NHRS to the former employer or its insurance administrator toward the cost of health insurance for a qualified retiree, his/her qualified spouse, and his/her certified dependent children with a disability who are living in the household and being cared for by the retiree. If the health insurance premium amount is less than the medical subsidy amount, then only the health insurance premium amount will be paid. If the health insurance premium amount exceeds the medical subsidy amount, then the retiree or other qualified person is responsible for paying any portion that the employer does not pay.

Group I benefits are based on creditable service, age and retirement date. Group II benefits are based on hire date, age and creditable service. Medical subsidy rates established by RSA 100-A:52 II are dependent upon whether retirees are eligible for Medicare. Retirees not eligible for Medicare may receive a maximum medical subsidy of \$375.56 for a single person plan and \$751.12 for a two-person plan. Retirees eligible for Medicare may receive a maximum medical subsidy of \$236.84 for a single person plan and \$473.68 for a two-person plan.

***Funding Policy***

Per RSA-100:16, contribution rates are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature and are determined by the NHRS Board of Trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The Town's contribution rates for the covered payroll of general employees and public safety employees were 0.29% and 3.66%, respectively, through June 30, 2021, and 0.31% and 3.21%, respectively, thereafter. Contributions to the OPEB plan for the Town were \$5,015 for the year ended December 31, 2021. Employees are not required to contribute to the OPEB plan.

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***OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB***

At December 31, 2021, the Town reported a liability of \$43,358 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by a roll forward of the actuarial valuation from June 30, 2020. The Town’s proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on actual contributions by the Town during the relevant fiscal year relative to the actual contributions of all participating plan members, excluding contributions to separately finance specific liabilities of individual employers or NHRS. At June 30, 2021, the Town’s proportion was approximately 0.0108 percent, which was the same from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Town recognized OPEB expense of \$1,459. At December 31, 2021, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience		\$ 9
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		542
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	\$ 2,282	
Totals	<u>\$ 2,282</u>	<u>\$ 551</u>

The net amount of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB is reflected as an increase to unrestricted net position in the amount of \$1,731. The Town reported \$2,282 as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date. This amount will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the measurement period ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense for the measurement periods as follows:

<u>June 30,</u>	
2022	\$ (133)
2023	(114)
2024	(128)
2025	(176)
	<u>\$ (551)</u>

***Actuarial Assumptions***

The total OPEB liability was determined by a roll forward of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

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Inflation	2.00%
Wage inflation	2.75% (2.25% for teachers)
Salary increases	5.60%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.75%, net of investment expense, including inflation for determining solvency contributions

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables with creditability adjustments for each group (Police and Fire combined) and projected fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study, which was for the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB Plan investments was selected from a best estimate range determined using the building block approach. Under this method, an expected future real return range is calculated separately for each asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return net of investment expenses by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Following is a table presenting target allocations and geometric real rates of return for each asset class:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	Weighted Average Long-Term
		<u>Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	30%	1.14-6.46%
International equity	20%	2.37-5.53%
Fixed income	25%	3.60%
Alternative investments	15%	7.25-8.85%
Real estate	10%	6.60%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

The discount rate used to measure the collective total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2020 was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made under the current statutes RSA 100-A:16 and RSA 100-A:53. Based on this assumption, the OPEB Plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the collective total OPEB liability.

***Sensitivity of the Town’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the Town’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Town’s proportionate share of the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the single discount rate:



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	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 47,134	\$ 43,358	\$ 40,073

**NOTE 7—DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*Plan Description*

The Town contributes to the New Hampshire Retirement System (NHRS), a public employee retirement system that administers a single cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The plan provides service, disability, death and vested retirement allowances to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature.

The NHRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for NHRS. That report may be obtained by writing to New Hampshire Retirement System at 54 Regional Drive, Concord, New Hampshire 03301 or from their website at [www.nhrs.org](http://www.nhrs.org).

Substantially all full-time state and local employees, public school teachers, permanent firefighters and permanent police officers within the State are eligible and required to participate in the Pension Plan.

The Pension Plan is divided into two membership groups. State and local employees and teachers belong to Group I. Police and firefighters belong to Group II.

*Benefits Provided*

Benefit formulas and eligibility requirements for the pension plan are set by State law (RSA 100-A).

Group I benefits are provided based on creditable service and average final salary for the highest of either three or five years, depending on when service commenced.

Group II benefits are provided based on age, years of creditable service and a benefit multiplier depending on vesting status as of January 1, 2012. The maximum retirement allowance for Group II members vested by January 1, 2012 (45 years of age with 20 years of service or age 60 regardless of years of creditable service) is the average final compensation multiplied by 2.5% multiplied by creditable service. For Group II members not vested by January 1, 2012 the benefit is calculated the same way but the multiplier used in the calculation will change depending on age and years of creditable service as follows:

<u>Years of Creditable Services as of January 1, 2012</u>	<u>Minimum Age</u>	<u>Minimum Service</u>	<u>Benefit Multiplier</u>
At least 8 but less than 10 years	46	21	2.4%
At least 6 but less than 8 years	47	22	2.3%
At least 4 but less than 6 years	48	23	2.2%
Less than 4 years	49	24	2.1%

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*Funding Policy*

Covered police officers are required to contribute 11.55% of their covered salary, whereas general employees are required to contribute 7.0% of their covered salary. The Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The Town’s contribution rates for the covered payroll of police officers and general employees were 24.77% and 10.88%, respectively, through June 30, 2021, and 30.67% and 13.75%, respectively, thereafter. The Town contributes 100% of the employer cost for police officers and general employees of the Town.

Per RSA-100-A:16, plan member contribution rates are established and may be amended by the New Hampshire State legislature and employer contribution rates are determined by the NHRS Board of Trustees based on an actuarial valuation. The Town's contributions to the NHRS for the year ending December 31, 2021 were \$51,604.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At December 31, 2021, the Town reported a liability of \$438,517 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by a roll forward of the actuarial valuation from June 30, 2020. The Town’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on actual contributions by the Town during the relevant fiscal year relative to the actual contributions of all participating plan members, excluding contributions to separately finance specific liabilities of individual employers or NHRS. At June 30, 2021, the Town’s proportion was approximately 0.0099 percent, which was an increase of 0.0001 percentage points from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended December 31, 2021, the Town recognized pension expense of \$39,572. At December 31, 2021, the Town reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of <u>Resources</u>	Deferred Inflows of <u>Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 12,279	\$ 4,591
Changes of assumptions	45,801	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		122,643
Changes in proportion and differences between Town contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,124	18,948
Town contributions subsequent to the measurement date	27,592	
Total	<u>\$ 90,796</u>	<u>\$ 146,182</u>

The net amount of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension is reflected as a decrease to unrestricted net position in the amount of \$55,386. The Town reported \$27,592 as deferred outflows of resources related to pension resulting from Town contributions subsequent to the

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measurement date. This amount will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the measurement period ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized as pension expense in the measurement periods as follows:

<u>June 30,</u>	
2022	\$ (16,364)
2023	(15,406)
2024	(11,857)
2025	(39,351)
	<u>\$ (82,978)</u>

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability was determined by a roll forward of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2020, using the following actuarial assumptions.

Inflation	2.00%
Wage inflation	2.75% (2.25% for teachers)
Salary increases	5.60%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality Tables with creditability adjustments for each group (Police and Fire combined) and projected fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2020 valuation were based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study, which was for the period July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was selected from a best estimate range determined using the building block approach. Under this method, an expected future real return range is calculated separately for each asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return net of investment expenses by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Following is a table presenting target allocations and geometric real rates of return for each asset class:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Weighted Average Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equity	30%	1.14-6.46%
International equity	20%	2.37-5.53%
Fixed income	25%	3.60%
Alternative investments	15%	7.25-8.85%
Real estate	<u>10%</u>	6.60%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

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***Discount Rate***

The discount rate used to measure the collective pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. For purposes of the projection, member contributions and employer contributions are projected based on the expected payroll of current members only. Employer contributions are determined based on the pension plan’s actuarial funding policy and as required by RSA 100-A:16. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the collective pension liability.

***Sensitivity of the Town’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate***

The following presents the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the single discount rate:

	1% Decrease	Current	1% Increase
	<u>(5.75%)</u>	<u>(6.75%)</u>	<u>(7.75%)</u>
Town’s proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 627,129	\$ 438,517	\$ 281,183

**NOTE 8—COMPONENTS OF FUND BALANCE**

The Town’s fund balance components for its governmental funds at December 31, 2021 are comprised as follows:

<u>Fund Balances</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>Nonspendable:</b>			
Prepaid items	\$ 49,083		\$ 49,083
Tax deeded property	13,873		13,873
Permanent funds - Principal		\$ 8,290	8,290
<b>Restricted for:</b>			
Library	46,877		46,877
Permanent funds - Income		8,513	8,513
<b>Committed for:</b>			
Expendable trusts	11,242		11,242
Police special details		12,175	12,175
Other special revenue funds		40,390	40,390
Carryforward appropriations	224,120		224,120

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<b>Assigned for:</b>			
Encumbrances	22,000		22,000
<b>Unassigned:</b>			
Unassigned - General operations	400,388		400,388
	<u>\$ 767,583</u>	<u>\$ 69,368</u>	<u>\$ 836,951</u>

**NOTE 9—RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

Net position restricted for governmental activities at December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Permanent funds - Principal	\$ 8,290
Permanent funds - Income	8,513
Library operations	<u>46,877</u>
	<u>\$ 63,680</u>

**NOTE 10—PROPERTY TAXES**

Taxes are levied on the assessed valuation of all taxable real property as of the prior April 1 (\$239,435,436 as of April 1, 2021) and are due in two installments on July 1, 2021 and December 13, 2021. Taxes which are paid after the due date accrue interest at 8% per annum. Property taxes are recognized as revenue when received in cash or if available to finance current period operations (within sixty days of year-end).

Under State law, the Tax Collector obtains tax liens on properties which have unpaid taxes in the following calendar year after taxes were due for the amount of unpaid taxes, interest and costs. Priority tax liens accrue interest at 14% per annum for liens executed after April 1, 2019. Priority tax liens accrue interest at 18% per annum for liens executed prior to April 1, 2019. If the property is not redeemed within a two year redemption period, the property may be tax deeded to the Town.

In accordance with State law, the Town collects taxes for the Kearsarge Regional School District, Sullivan County, Eastman Village District, and New London-Springfield Village District, all independent governmental units, which are remitted to them as required by law. The Town also collects education taxes for the State of New Hampshire, which are remitted directly to the school district. Taxes appropriated during the year were \$3,161,680, \$612,723, \$30,080, and \$7,281 for the Kearsarge Regional School District, Sullivan County, Eastman Village District, and New London-Springfield Village District, respectively. These taxes are recognized in these financial statements within the fiduciary fund only. The Town bears responsibility for uncollected taxes.

**NOTE 11—RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the year ended December 31, 2021, the Town was a member of and participated in a public entity risk pool (Trust) for property and liability insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Coverage has not been significantly reduced from the prior year and settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.

The Trust agreements permit the Trust to make additional assessments to members should there be a deficiency in Trust assets to meet its liabilities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require members of pools with a sharing of risk to determine whether or not such

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assessment is probable and, if so, a reasonable estimate of such assessment. At this time, the Trust foresees no likelihood of an additional assessment for any of the past years. Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. These losses include an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not reported. Based on the best available information there is no liability at December 31, 2021.

***Property and Liability Insurance***

The Trust provides certain property and liability insurance coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. As a member of the Trust, the Town shares in contributing to the cost of and receiving benefit from a self-insured pooled risk management program. The program includes a Self-Insured Retention Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered property, crime and/or liability loss that exceeds \$1,000, up to an aggregate of \$1,200,000. Each property loss is subject to a \$1,000 deductible. All losses over the aggregate are covered by insurance policies.

***Worker's Compensation***

The Trust provides statutory worker's compensation coverage to member towns, cities, and other qualified political subdivisions of New Hampshire. The Trust is self-sustaining through annual member premiums and provides coverage for the statutorily required workers' compensation benefits and employer's liability coverage up to \$2,000,000. The program includes a Loss Fund from which is paid up to \$500,000 for each and every covered claim.

**NOTE 12—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

***Litigation***

There may be various claims and suits pending against the Town, which arise in the normal course of the Town's activities. In the opinion of Town management, any potential claims against the Town which are not covered by insurance are immaterial and would not affect the financial position of the Town.

**NOTE 13—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

During June 2022, the Town entered into a note payable in the amount of \$525,000 for the purchase of a fire truck, as authorized per 2022 Annual Town Meeting warrant article #02. Annual payments on the note payable total \$40,003, including interest at 2.55%, through January 2037.

## SCHEDULE 1

## TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

## Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) - General Fund

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget - Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 957,563	\$ 957,563	\$ 964,267	\$ 6,704
Licenses and permits	355,500	355,500	373,858	18,358
Intergovernmental	160,573	160,573	160,559	(14)
Charges for services	12,000	12,000	4,261	(7,739)
Interest income	1,000	1,000	962	(38)
Miscellaneous	22,500	22,500	19,202	(3,298)
Total Revenues	<u>1,509,136</u>	<u>1,509,136</u>	<u>1,523,109</u>	<u>13,973</u>
Expenditures:				
Current operations:				
General government	646,419	646,419	593,612	52,807
Public safety	330,606	330,606	327,596	3,010
Highways and streets	281,007	281,007	271,229	9,778
Sanitation	136,168	136,168	135,835	333
Water distribution and treatment	2,500	2,500	2,448	52
Health and welfare	21,439	21,439	13,306	8,133
Culture and recreation	39,165	39,165	37,639	1,526
Conservation	850	850	108	742
Capital outlay	356,340	-	3,380	(3,380)
Debt service:				
Principal retirement	33,048	27,098	30,662	(3,564)
Interest and fiscal charges	934	934	587	347
Total Expenditures	<u>1,848,476</u>	<u>1,486,186</u>	<u>1,416,402</u>	<u>69,784</u>
Excess revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(339,340)</u>	<u>22,950</u>	<u>106,707</u>	<u>83,757</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from note issuance	95,000	-	-	-
Transfers out	(17,000)	(17,000)	(17,000)	-
Total Other financing sources (uses)	<u>78,000</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>	<u>(17,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	(261,340)	5,950	89,707	83,757
Fund Balance at beginning of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>684,200</u>	<u>684,200</u>	<u>684,200</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance at end of year				
- Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 422,860</u>	<u>\$ 690,150</u>	<u>\$ 773,907</u>	<u>\$ 83,757</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information

SCHEDULE 2

TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Schedule of Changes in the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Measurement Period Ended	Cost-Sharing Multiple Employer Plan Information Only				
	Town's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability	Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	Town's Covered Payroll	Town's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
June 30, 2021	0.01082715%	\$ 43,358	\$ 247,943	17.49%	11.06%
June 30, 2020	0.01080634%	\$ 47,300	\$ 236,987	19.96%	7.74%
June 30, 2019	0.01208258%	\$ 52,971	\$ 231,571	22.87%	7.75%
June 30, 2018	0.01211087%	\$ 55,449	\$ 256,826	21.59%	7.53%
June 30, 2017	0.00837185%	\$ 38,279	\$ 221,409	17.29%	7.91%
June 30, 2016	0.00791483%	\$ 38,316	\$ 200,562	19.10%	5.21%
June 30, 2015	*	*	*	*	*
June 30, 2014	*	*	*	*	*
June 30, 2013	*	*	*	*	*
June 30, 2012	*	*	*	*	*

\* 10 Year schedule, historical information not available

Significant Actuarial Assumptions					
Measurement Periods	Inflation	Salary Increases	Investment Rate of Return	Mortality Table	Mortality Scale
June 30, 2020 - 2021	2.00%	5.60%	6.75%	Pub-2010	MP-2019
June 30, 2016 - 2019	2.50%	5.60%	7.25%	RP-2014	MP-2015
June 30, 2013 - 2015	3.00%	3.75-5.80%	7.75%	RP-2000	Scale AA

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information



SCHEDULE 3  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Schedule of Town OPEB Contributions**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

Cost-Sharing Multiple Employer Plan Information Only					
	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution				Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Town's Covered Payroll</u>	
December 31, 2021	\$ 5,015	\$ (5,015)	\$ -	\$ 251,168	2.00%
December 31, 2020	\$ 4,950	\$ (4,950)	\$ -	\$ 236,160	2.10%
December 31, 2019	\$ 5,063	\$ (5,063)	\$ -	\$ 228,421	2.22%
December 31, 2018	\$ 5,710	\$ (5,710)	\$ -	\$ 254,901	2.24%
December 31, 2017	\$ 5,059	\$ (5,059)	\$ -	\$ 236,005	2.14%
December 31, 2016	\$ 4,931	\$ (4,931)	\$ -	\$ 212,935	2.32%
December 31, 2015	*	*	*	*	*
December 31, 2014	*	*	*	*	*
December 31, 2013	*	*	*	*	*
December 31, 2012	*	*	*	*	*

\* 10 Year schedule, historical information not available

*See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information*

SCHEDULE 4

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Schedule of Changes in the Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

<u>Measurement Period Ended</u>	<u>Town's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Town's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Town's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability</u>
June 30, 2021	0.00989451%	\$ 438,517	\$ 247,943	176.86%	72.22%
June 30, 2020	0.00983788%	\$ 629,246	\$ 236,987	265.52%	58.72%
June 30, 2019	0.01004868%	\$ 483,508	\$ 231,571	208.79%	65.59%
June 30, 2018	0.01080236%	\$ 520,155	\$ 256,826	202.53%	64.73%
June 30, 2017	0.01042547%	\$ 512,724	\$ 221,409	231.57%	62.66%
June 30, 2016	0.00897567%	\$ 477,290	\$ 200,562	237.98%	58.30%
June 30, 2015	0.00940403%	\$ 372,543	\$ 184,674	201.73%	65.47%
June 30, 2014	0.00887865%	\$ 333,268	\$ 178,959	186.23%	66.32%
June 30, 2013	0.00930392%	\$ 400,421	\$ 181,259	220.91%	59.81%
June 30, 2012	*	*	*	*	*

\* 10 Year schedule, historical information not available

<u>Significant Actuarial Assumptions</u>					
<u>Measurement Periods</u>	<u>Inflation</u>	<u>Salary Increases</u>	<u>Investment Rate of Return</u>	<u>Mortality Table</u>	<u>Mortality Scale</u>
June 30, 2020 - 2021	2.00%	5.60%	6.75%	Pub-2010	MP-2019
June 30, 2016 - 2019	2.50%	5.60%	7.25%	RP-2014	MP-2015
June 30, 2013 - 2015	3.00%	3.75-5.80%	7.75%	RP-2000	Scale AA

*See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information*

SCHEDULE 5  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Schedule of Town Pension Contributions**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

<u>Year Ended</u>	<u>Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Town's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
December 31, 2021	\$ 51,604	\$ (51,604)	\$ -	\$ 251,168	20.55%
December 31, 2020	\$ 43,272	\$ (43,272)	\$ -	\$ 236,160	18.32%
December 31, 2019	\$ 42,351	\$ (42,351)	\$ -	\$ 228,421	18.54%
December 31, 2018	\$ 46,788	\$ (46,788)	\$ -	\$ 254,901	18.36%
December 31, 2017	\$ 41,258	\$ (41,258)	\$ -	\$ 236,005	17.48%
December 31, 2016	\$ 37,156	\$ (37,156)	\$ -	\$ 212,935	17.45%
December 31, 2015	\$ 32,395	\$ (32,395)	\$ -	\$ 191,512	16.92%
December 31, 2014	\$ 29,766	\$ (29,766)	\$ -	\$ 181,651	16.39%
December 31, 2013	\$ 25,112	\$ (25,112)	\$ -	\$ 176,683	14.21%
December 31, 2012	*	*	*	*	*

\* 10 Year schedule, historical information not available

*See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information*

**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

**NOTE 1—BUDGET TO ACTUAL RECONCILIATION**

*General Fund*

Amounts recorded as budgetary amounts in the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis) – General Fund (Schedule 1) are reported on the basis budgeted by the Town. Those amounts differ from those reported in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds (Exhibit D). Property tax budgetary revenues are recognized when levied rather than when susceptible to accrual. Budgetary revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financing uses were adjusted for non-budgetary revenues and expenditures, budgetary transfers, and encumbrances as follows:

	Revenues and Other Financing Sources	Expenditures and Other Financing Uses
Per Exhibit D	\$ 1,597,267	\$ 1,426,678
Difference in property taxes meeting susceptible to accrual criteria	(65,356)	
Non-budgetary activity	(8,802)	(28,776)
Budgetary transfers		17,000
Encumbrances - December 31, 2021		22,000
Encumbrances - December 31, 2020		(3,500)
Per Schedule 1	<u>\$ 1,523,109</u>	<u>\$ 1,433,402</u>

**NOTE 2—BUDGETARY FUND BALANCE**

Components of the budgetary fund balance for the General Fund at December 31, 2021 are as follows:

<b>Nonspendable:</b>	
Prepaid items	\$ 49,083
Tax dedeed property	13,873
<b>Committed for:</b>	
Carryforward appropriations	224,120
<b>Unassigned:</b>	
Unassigned - General operations	486,831
	<u>\$ 773,907</u>

SCHEDULE A  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds**  
December 31, 2021

	Special Revenue Funds	Permanent Funds	Combining Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 43,485	\$ 16,803	\$ 60,288
Due from other funds	12,175		12,175
Total Assets	<u>55,660</u>	<u>16,803</u>	<u>72,463</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 55,660</u>	<u>\$ 16,803</u>	<u>\$ 72,463</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Due to other funds	\$ 3,095		\$ 3,095
Total Liabilities	<u>3,095</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>3,095</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Nonspendable		8,290	8,290
Restricted		8,513	8,513
Committed	52,565		52,565
Total Fund Balances	<u>52,565</u>	<u>16,803</u>	<u>69,368</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 55,660</u>	<u>\$ 16,803</u>	<u>\$ 72,463</u>

SCHEDULE A-1  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Combining Balance Sheet**  
**Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds**  
December 31, 2021

	Police Special Details <u>Fund</u>	Other Special Revenue <u>Fund</u>	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue <u>Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 43,485	\$ 43,485
Due from other funds	\$ 12,175		12,175
Total Assets	<u>12,175</u>	<u>43,485</u>	<u>55,660</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	-	-	-
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 12,175</u>	<u>\$ 43,485</u>	<u>\$ 55,660</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to other funds		\$ 3,095	\$ 3,095
Total Liabilities	\$ -	<u>3,095</u>	<u>3,095</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	-	-	-
FUND BALANCES			
Committed	12,175	40,390	52,565
Total Fund Balances	<u>12,175</u>	<u>40,390</u>	<u>52,565</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 12,175</u>	<u>\$ 43,485</u>	<u>\$ 55,660</u>

SCHEDULE B  
**TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Funds**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Special Revenue <u>Funds</u>	Permanent <u>Funds</u>	Combining <u>Totals</u>
Revenues:			
Interest and investment income	\$ 4	\$ 59	\$ 63
Miscellaneous	<u>1,453</u>	<u></u>	<u>1,453</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,457</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>1,516</u>
Expenditures:	<u></u>	<u></u>	<u></u>
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u></u>
Net change in fund balances	1,457	59	1,516
Fund Balances at beginning of year	<u>51,108</u>	<u>16,744</u>	<u>67,852</u>
Fund Balances at end of year	<u>\$ 52,565</u>	<u>\$ 16,803</u>	<u>\$ 69,368</u>

## SCHEDULE B-1

## TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

## Governmental Funds - All Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Police Special Details <u>Fund</u>	Other Special Revenue <u>Fund</u>	Total Nonmajor Special Revenue <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Interest and investment income		\$ 4	\$ 4
Miscellaneous		1,453	1,453
Total Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>1,457</u>	<u>1,457</u>
Expenditures:			
Total Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	-	1,457	1,457
Fund Balances at beginning of year	<u>12,175</u>	<u>38,933</u>	<u>51,108</u>
Fund Balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 12,175</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 40,390</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 52,565</u></u>





## Tax Rate Breakdown Springfield

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$960,456	\$239,435,436	<b>\$4.01</b>
County	\$612,723	\$239,435,436	<b>\$2.56</b>
Local Education	\$2,757,238	\$239,435,436	<b>\$11.52</b>
State Education	\$404,442	\$231,880,736	<b>\$1.74</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,734,859</b>		<b>\$19.83</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Eastman Village	\$30,080	\$15,505,100	<b>\$1.94</b>
New London-Springfield	\$7,281	\$11,202,265	<b>\$0.65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$37,361</b>		<b>\$2.59</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,734,859
War Service Credits	(\$40,000)
Village District Tax Effort	\$37,361
Total Property Tax Commitment	\$4,732,220

James P. Gerry  
Director of Municipal and Property Division  
New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration

11/2/2021



2022  
\$20.54

## Tax Rate Breakdown Springfield

Municipal Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Municipal	\$1,088,798	\$241,582,188	\$4.50
County	\$693,226	\$241,582,188	\$2.87
Local Education	\$2,886,335	\$241,582,188	\$11.95
State Education	\$285,738	\$235,023,888	\$1.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,954,097</b>		<b>\$20.54</b>

Village Tax Rate Calculation			
Jurisdiction	Tax Effort	Valuation	Tax Rate
Eastman Village	\$37,883	\$16,329,000	\$2.32
New London-Springfield	\$13,257	\$11,234,675	\$1.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,140</b>		<b>\$3.50</b>

Tax Commitment Calculation	
Total Municipal Tax Effort	\$4,954,097
War Service Credits	(\$42,700)
Village District Tax Effort	\$51,140
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$4,962,537</b>

*Sam Greene*

11/15/2022

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

## **AUSBON SARGENT LAND PRESERVATION TRUST**

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### **2022 Annual Report for the Town of Springfield**

The mission of the Ausbon Sargent Land Preservation Trust (Ausbon Sargent) is to protect the rural landscape of the twelve towns of the Mt. Kearsarge/Ragged/Lake Sunapee region. This area includes the towns of Andover, Bradford, Danbury, Goshen, Grantham, New London, Newbury, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton, Warner, and Wilmot. Since our founding in 1987, Ausbon Sargent has completed 163 projects and protected 13,345 acres – including sixteen working farms and over eight miles of lake frontage. All of these conservation lands provide for some public benefit and two-thirds of these properties offer public access.

Quality of life is very important to the residents of New Hampshire and the state consistently ranks in the top ten as one of the best places to live in the United States. Contributing to this ranking are our clean water, scenic places, and our opportunities for outdoor recreation. Open spaces also contribute significantly to the economic well-being of the State and our communities.

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

This summer, we were happy to be able to install signage at the Christopher Cummer Preserve in Springfield. This property is the second within Springfield that Cheryl Cummer has protected. The two abutting properties, totaling 50.5 acres and are located off of Nichols Hill Road. If you have not been out to explore these wonderful properties, we urge you to do so. In any time of the year, it is truly a great place to hike, watch for birds, and immerse oneself in nature.

This year, we were able to bring back a few more of the events we traditionally hold to connect with, educate, and thank our members and volunteers. Our first event of the year was a “Farm and Forest Tour” at the Messer Farm in February. Over 100 participants came on snowshoes and skis to explore the trails at the Messer Farm. We held a hike in Springfield at the Woods Without Gile property, whose owners Ann and Marc Davis achieved the “2022 NH Tree Farmers of the Year” award from the NH Tree Farm Program. We also hosted hikes in Andover, Sutton, and New London, held our traditional volunteer appreciation gathering at LSPA, and our Annual Meeting in October at the New London Historical Society. The progressive dinner was essentially a “farm to table” meal in a bag, which included ingredients from local farms and businesses along with recipes to create a delicious dinner at home. Almost 100 participants happily supported the land trust and had a night off from wondering “what’s for dinner?!” The land trust also celebrated the retirement of two staff members, and welcomed two new staff members, who fit in wonderfully. It has been a time for growth and change as we keep moving forward in our mission!

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

Our website ([www.ausbonsargent.org](http://www.ausbonsargent.org)) indicates which of the land trust’s protected properties have trails open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing, and includes trail maps, printable hiking challenges, and driving directions. Be sure to look under the heading “Connect with the Land” for these details. For information on all of Ausbon Sargent’s protected

properties, please visit our website and join our email list. Find us on Instagram and be sure to “Like” us on Facebook!

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

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Deborah L. Stanley*  
*Executive Director*

**Board of Trustees**

<i>Lisa Andrews</i>	<i>Deborah Lang</i>
<i>Aimee Ayers</i>	<i>Russ Moore</i>
<i>Chuck Bolduc</i>	<i>Mike Quinn</i>
<i>Laurie</i>	<i>Diane Robbins</i>
<i>DiClerico</i>	<i>Steve Root</i>
<i>Susan Ellison</i>	<i>Bob Zeller</i>
<i>Ginny Gwynn</i>	
<i>Jeff Hollinger</i>	

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**Executive Director**

*Deborah Stanley*

**Land Protection Specialist**

*Andy Deegan*

**Stewardship Manager**

*Anne Payeur*

**Operations Manager**

*Jen Deasy*

**Development and Communications Coordinator**

*Kristy Heath*

**Bookkeeper**

*Susie Moore*



*Ann and Marc Davis were recognized as “2022 NH Tree Farmers of the Year” from the Tree Farm Program for the excellent stewardship of their protected property “Woods Without Gile” in Springfield. Photo Courtesy: NH Tree Farm*

## **Baptist Pond Protective Association**

The BPPA is fortunate to have a good team and good neighbors to look after the health of the pond--watching for loons, looking out for invasive species, exploring ways to address the ongoing decline of water quality in our own pond and watershed, and last but not least, enjoying the beauty and everyday pleasures of living in a special place.

Ice out occurred on April 7, 2022, but ice in is trickier to determine because of fluctuating temperatures and more rain; ice in on Baptist Pond occurred somewhere around December 11. Samples were taken from several testing sites on the pond and its tributaries--in late May, mid-July, and early September. Reports show the usual slightly high phosphorus levels, and excessively high conductivity levels, due primarily to salt runoff. We're also keeping an eye on changes in water clarity and algae growth, additional indicators of how healthy the pond is for fish, fowl, animals and humans alike. A loon raft was put out in early May, but while several loons came by, none stayed to nest.

A member of the Watershed Committee joined the Association for its annual meeting in August 2022, offering a lively, informative presentation to the group about ways to protect our water bodies in the face of climate change and human development. Everyone appreciated the exchange of ideas along with the muffins served up by our hosts.

Our next annual meeting will take place the first or second Saturday of August 2023. Friends and neighbors are welcome to join us. Please contact any of us in the Association for an update.

Respectively submitted on behalf of the Association,  
Perry Hodges, President



## KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

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### 2022 Annual Town Report

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

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

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

- COA continues to be a resource to our seniors and their families as information changes and resources become available.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

*Kelley Keith*

Kelley F. Keith, BA, MS  
Executive Director



## **KEARSARGE LAKE SUNAPEE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

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

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

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

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

evenings from 4:30 to 6:30PM and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:30AM.

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

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

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

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

Through all of this our volunteers embraced change and made it possible for the food pantry to face these challenges and stay open. This never give up spirit has permeated the food pantry since way back in May of 2008, when a group of people, concerned about their

neighbors' abilities to put food on the table created the Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Community Food Pantry.

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

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

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

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

We deliver food to those at Bittersweet who do not have transportation or are ill and cannot come to the food pantry on their

own. We continue to partner with Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners to deliver food to those who cannot come to the food pantry and with students from Colby Sawyer College who help our volunteers carry bags and load cars with groceries.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Clara Sheehy & Marilyn Paradis  
Co-Chairs



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

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

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

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

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

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





January 2023

Dear Friends:

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

- ✚ Provided skilled nursing, therapy, hospice and in-home supportive care to 29 residents;
- ✚ Provided free/reduced cost in-home nursing, therapy and social work visits to residents; visits were also provided under various Medicaid programs (NH Medicaid reimburses at less than 65% of cost);



- ✦ Provided 14 months of bereavement programming to hospice families after the death of their loved ones at no cost, including virtual bereavement support groups so that families and the community could safely access this vital assistance;
- ✦ Residents continued to benefit from our growing Palliative Care program, helping to navigate serious illnesses with an emphasis on symptom management and personal goals;
- ✦ Foot Care clinics expanded in 2022 both in the number of locations (Bradford, Charlestown, Claremont, Hanover, Lebanon, New London, Newport) and the frequency of clinic hours in response to a growing need and lack of access to this service;
- ✦ Wellness Clinics were provided in four area towns (Claremont, Bradford, Lebanon, Hanover);

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

With gratitude,

*Jim Culhane*, President & CEO

## **New London Hospital 2022**

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

### **Express Care**

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

[www.newlondonhospital.org/expresscare](http://www.newlondonhospital.org/expresscare)

### **Primary Care**

An ongoing challenge is one we share with hospitals nationwide: a shortage of primary care providers

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

### **Hospital Days**

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

### **Financial Performance**

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

the resources of a major medical center within the familiarity of a community hospital.

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

Warmly,

M. Tom Manion  
President and CEO

Jeff Hollinger  
Chair, Board of Trustees

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



*Hospital Day Parade 2022*

*Photo by Charlie Bossi*



*Hospital Days Midway*

*Photo by Charlie Bossi*



*Express Care*

*NLH Photo*

## **The Sunapee-Ragged-Kearsarge Greenway Coalition**

**Guidebooks/ Maps are Available from Morgan  
Hill Bookstore in New London or from the  
website**

Founded in 1993, the SRKG is a nonprofit, all volunteer organization dedicated to promoting hiking and land conservation. The Greenway includes sections of trails in four state parks, three state forests and one wildlife management area. These sections are linked by Greenway trails on municipal and privately-owned properties and pass through ten area towns. Conservation easements on some of these private lands help to guarantee the future of trails so vital to the area's quality of life and our tourism economy.

A large section of this 75-mile loop trail runs through Springfield from the end of North Road in Sunapee, along Deer Hill Road, onto the Jones Road, then across Route 114 and through portions of the Gile State Forest towards New London. Please make sure that you park in designated parking areas and not on private land.

With about 200 members, the SRKG Coalition is a community-based organization governed by an active Board of Directors who oversee trail work, a quarterly newsletter, a web site and publish a detailed guidebook. The Board

coordinates an annual meeting typically held in March with a potluck dinner and a guest speaker giving a talk afterwards. It's open to the public and past presentations have included talks on wildlife such as bobcats, bear, coyote and other topics relevant to New England vegetation and forest lands. Please check the website for updates on how to access our annual meeting this year.

Membership is \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family. You can also purchase a hike safe card from New Hampshire Fish and Game which will defray the cost of a rescue if that ever becomes necessary. It is always your responsibility to be prepared at all times as conditions and weather in New England change frequently.

Please check out the web site at [www.srkg.org](http://www.srkg.org). It has maps of all 14 trail sections. You can also find schedules of our guided hikes, landowner information and links to other hiking/outdoor opportunities in New Hampshire as well as a blog. Before venturing out please check the website for trail re-routes.

New members are welcome. To join, please visit the website or contact your Springfield Town Directors at Chiarella Law Office at 300 Nichols Hill Road, Springfield, 763-5879.

Respectfully submitted  
Susan and Michael Chiarella  
Town of Springfield Directors

## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning**

### **Commission Highlights**

- Local to communities: UVLSRPC staff have worked with several municipalities in planning circuit rider work, GIS support, and provided technical assistance on transportation-related projects. Staff have assisted municipalities with successful grant writing and completed plans such as hazard mitigation plans, natural resource inventories, and master plans.
- Regional Housing: UVLSRPC continued to fight the housing challenges of our region by teaming up the State of New Hampshire and the other 8 Regional Planning Commissions to update the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. Our team gathered data, provided outreach, and worked with consultants to draft methodology and an analysis of the NH workforce housing statute. [www.Keystothevalley.com](http://www.Keystothevalley.com)
- Regional Transportation: UVSLRPC has the knowledge and expertise in the areas of Regional Transportation. Our team wrapped up our corridor planning effort with a guided Action Plan to further assist communities in developing transportation projects that are shovel-ready for funding. Staff have assisted on several technical requests, developed many projects to ‘application ready’ and supported engineering on 7 projects. Our overall goal is to bring more transportation funds to the Upper Valley Region through project development and technical assistance. <https://www.uvlsrpc.org/projects/transportation/regional-corridor-transportation-plan/>
- Regional Economic Development: UVLSRPC provided various regional and local technical assistance to our communities including grant administration support on economic development projects. Our team also completed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan for Sullivan County and worked with the State to convene the Southwest Comprehensive Economic Development Region to promote collaboration on funding opportunities.



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## **Annual Report to the Town of Springfield Fiscal Year 2022 (7/1/2021-6/30/22) September 29, 2022**

In fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022), West Central Behavioral Health (West Central) served 1,440 children and adults providing behavioral health services at outpatient clinics across the region, residential care for adults, community-based programs, substance use treatment, and 24-hour mobile crisis response. Over 54,000 services were delivered, 18,492 of which were to children ages 3 -17. Additionally, as of January 1, 2022 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) services were made available via the NH Regional Response Access Point (NHRRAP).

As the only provider of comprehensive, community-based mental health treatment and support services in the area, West Central was pleased to provide mental and behavioral health services for those in Springfield during the last fiscal year. With your support, a total of 123 services were provided to 10 Springfield residents, including 3 children. We were grateful to receive \$1,355 in funding from the Town of Springfield, which was crucial in providing services for adults, families, and children in need. By supporting access to mental health care, the Town of Springfield is investing in the health and safety of the town and its residents. Mental health affects every facet of a community's welfare, and is more important than ever in these difficult times. We are grateful to be able to support the residents of Springfield, and the larger community, as they educate their children

and provide for their families.

In FY2022, West Central launched the Integrated Care Program, implemented 24/7 Mobile Crisis Response via NHRRAP and continued to serve many of our clients through teletherapy. The economic and emotional stresses coming out of the pandemic are apparent and will require enhanced services for some time to come. The transition to Mobile Crisis Response made a notable impact in the community in addressing the increased need for services. From January 1, 2022 - June 30, 2022, West Central MCR conducted 113 outreaches with 85 outreaches happening in client's homes, 17 in schools, 10 in the community and 1 in jail. In addition:

- 92% of 113 mobile crisis outreaches were diverted from Emergency Rooms;
- 88% of 113 mobile crisis outreaches did not require police involvement;
- 99% of 123 crisis alerts were diverted from Emergency Rooms; and,
- 96% of 234 crisis hospital evaluations at Valley Regional Hospital were diverted from in-patient care.

West Central is one of ten community mental health centers (CMHCs) delivering behavioral health services to individuals and families throughout New Hampshire. West Central provides services for individuals of all ages including:

- Adult Outpatient Programs, which provide services to treat a full range of mental health disorders. Services include individualized therapy, case management, substance use

disorder treatment (including medication-assisted treatment, or “MAT”), psychiatric care, Integrated Care, supported employment, and wellness programs.

- Child and Family Services, to assist children and families in navigating the challenges of childhood and relationships, and help clients cope with divorce, trauma, addiction, and other problems. For children who suffer from symptoms of depression, anxiety, and ADHD, West Central provides individualized care, depending on the needs of each child and caregiver. Early childhood services are available for children ages 0-5.
- Arbor View, a licensed community residence in Newport for adults diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness. The residence provides up to 16 clients with round-the-clock supervision, therapeutic services, and case management.
- Mobile Crisis Response teams are available 24/7 through New Hampshire’s Rapid Response Access Point (NHRRAP) crisis helpline. Licensed clinicians answer calls, evaluate the need and dispatch mobile crisis teams to provide critical interventions to people in their own communities. This evidence-based program is designed to relieve the strain on emergency departments, law enforcement and first responders, and to provide immediate community-based clinical support for those in crisis. 24/7 crisis services are also available through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by dialing 988.
- Employee Assistance Programs, available to area businesses to provide confidential mental health services for employees. Through these programs, West Central provides assistance with a

wide range of mental health issues, from stress and substance abuse to depression.

- Community-based services, provided year ‘round in schools, nursing homes, workplaces, and correctional facilities. West Central helped establish the state’s first school-based mental health clinic and led the integration of mental health into local primary health care settings. In addition, West Central’s community-based services include:

- *Mental Health First Aid* training programs throughout the Lebanon/Upper Valley area, providing workshops that enable community residents to recognize and respond to those experiencing mental health crises or addiction challenges. We are currently offering Youth Mental Health First Aid through a blended model which includes a self-paced online course followed by an instructor-led video class.
- *InSHAPE*, helping individuals with chronic and severe mental health problems to improve both their life expectancy and their quality of life through this evidence-based fitness and nutrition education program.
- *Supportive Employment Program*, assisting clients living with mental health illness to identify career paths, attain training or credentials, prepare resumes, practice interview skills, job hunt and maintain employment. Participating individuals gain income and self-esteem, and are reliable, enthusiastic employees.





