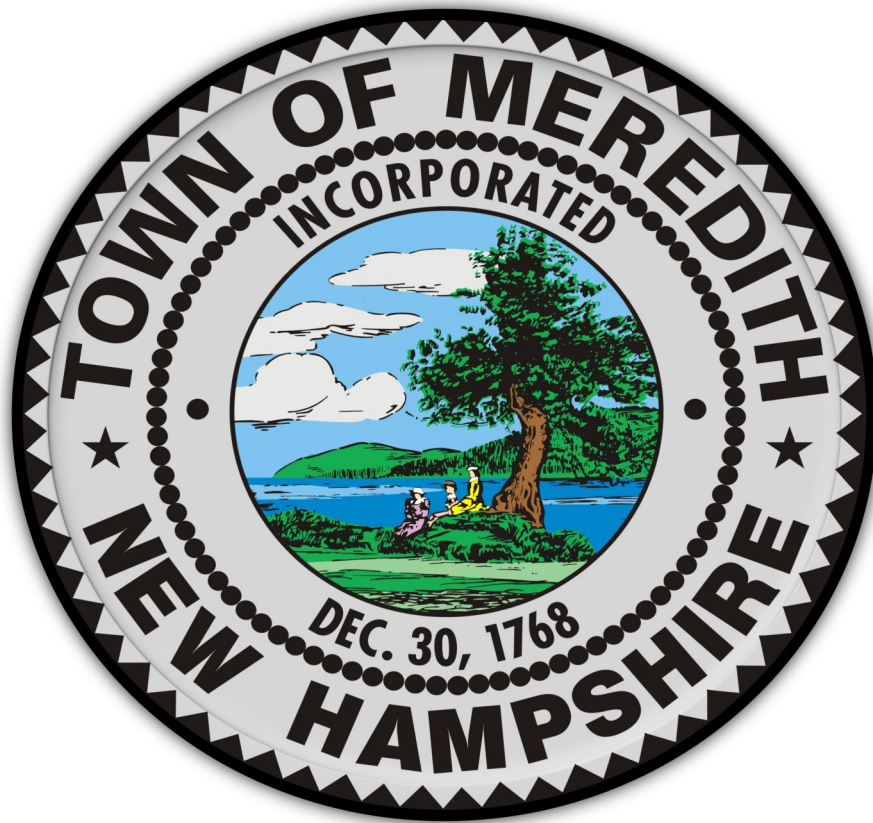


The Town of
Meredith
New Hampshire



2024
Annual Report

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

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What is this Town Report all about?

This Annual Town Report contains...

Information gathered from Town Departments, Supported Outside Agencies and gives results of the 2024 Town Meeting. You can view the Vital Statistics, Town Financial Statements, Tax Rate, Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison, and a Summary of Town Owned Property.

Following in the yellow section is our current Budget and Warrant Articles.

Town Elections (Please Vote)

Tuesday, March 11, 2024
Location: Community Center
1 Circle Drive
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 12, 2024
Location: Inter-Lakes High School
1 Laker Lane
Time: 7pm

Recognition

Written Reports are provided by:

- Town Manager
- Selectman Board
- Department Heads
- Outside Agencies

Financial Statements are prepared by:

- Robert Carpenter, Administrative Services Director
- Linda Labraney, Staff Accountant
- Linda Sherman, Deputy Tax Collector

The cover, layout, graphs and preparation of the Annual Report are completed by:

- Emily Harker, Finance Clerk

Thank you to all who contributed to this report.

Meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Select Board

Community Center Workshop / Meeting 4:30pm, 2nd and 4th Monday

Conservation Commission

Community Center, 7:00pm, 1st Thursday

Library Trustees

Meredith Public Library, 6:00pm, 2nd Tuesday

Planning Board

Community Center, 7:00pm, 4th Tuesday

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Community Center, 7:00pm, 2nd Thursday

Area Resources Contact Information

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program.....1-603-279-4096
Emergency Management Director.....1-603-279-4561
Concord Hospital-Laonia1-603-524-3211
Lakes Region VNA & Hospice.....1-603-279-6611
Poison Control Center1-800-222-1222

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds.....1-603-527-5420
Belknap County Superior Court1-855-212-1234
Laonia District Court1-855-212-1234
New Hampshire Legal Assistance.....1-800-639-5290

County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff Department.....1-603-527-5454
State Police - Tamworth.....1-603-323-3333
State Police - Concord.....1-603-223-8778

Permits to Kindle Fires

Central Fire Station1-603-279-6061
Town Hall1-603-279-4538
Y-Landing Marina1-603-279-5050

Also online at WWW.NHDFL.ORG

Town Report Dedication

**This Town Report is Dedicated to:
Linda Labraney & Paul Ristaino**



Linda Labraney

Linda Labraney served the Town of Meredith for over 28 years in various finance roles, most recently as the staff accountant. She was a very willing team member, always willing to help wherever she was needed.

While here, she was instrumental in forging relationships within the community to make sure those that needed help were able to get to the resources that they needed.

We wish her all the best in retirement.

Paul Ristaino

Paul retired after 19 years with the Town as the Public Works Operations Manager. Paul oversaw the maintenance and repairs of town buildings, waterfront parks, docks, cemeteries, and grounds. He was dedicated to his job.

Paul and his crew received the Greater Meredith Program Golden Shovel awards for their outstanding contributions to the GMP 2014 Meredith Sculpture Walk and events. They also assisted GMP with the time capsule for Meredith's 250th celebration.

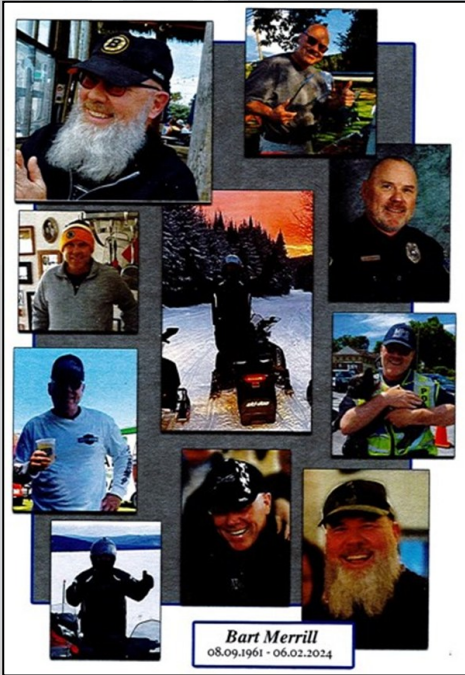
We miss his big smile and hearty laugh, and his favorite saying: "What are ya gonna do?"

We wish him and his wife, Linda, all the best in the coming years.
Thank you, Paul!



In Special Memoriam

Bart A. Merrill ~ 08/09/1961-06/02/2024



This past June, the Meredith Police Department received the devastating news that retired Officer Bart Merrill had been involved in a motorcycle accident in Laconia, that would later claim his life. Bart, or rather “Bubba”, as he was affectionately known, had retired from Meredith PD barely a year earlier after twenty-three years of service.

Prior to this agency, Bart had worked at Campton, Holderness and Plymouth PDs and was hired here at Meredith to act as the first School Resource Officer of the Inter-Lakes School District, which was back in 2000. Over the years and due to changing assignments, Bart also worked in Patrol and as a Juvenile Officer, continuing his law enforcement career until his retirement in March of 2023. Throughout his career with Meredith PD, he was actively involved in the USMC Toys for Tots during the Christmas season and his family is continuing that tradition in his honor.

Bart loved snowmobiling and coaching baseball and was friendly and kind to everyone he encountered. His family put together this collage of photos of Bart, and they best represent his never-ending moments of smiling, regardless of what he was doing. Bubba, you are missed.

Steven R. Bennett ~ 10/25/1946—02/08/2024

Steve Bennett, 77, died peacefully on February 8, 2024, at Genesis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Laconia.

Steve was born to Robert and Barbara (Lund) Bennett and lived all his life in Meredith. He graduated from Inter-Lakes High School and The University of NH with a bachelor’s degree in science.

In 1970, his Meredith police cruiser partner, Sergeant Ken Hill, introduced Steve to his daughter, Monica. Steve and Monica were married in 1971. They would have been married 54 years this March. Steve always liked to joke that it was an arranged marriage!

Over the years Steve worked for Meredith Police, State Police, Fish and Game and H. A. Wallace Energy. He worked for 36 years at Meredith Village Savings Bank, retiring in 2022.

Steve loved Meredith and was very involved in the community. He served 43 years as a volunteer for the Meredith Fire Department. He was the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Meredith for 25 years. He loved fishing and was proud to be a judge at the Meredith Rotary Ice Fishing Derby for 25 years. He was also a member/volunteer with the Meredith Altrusa Club (the Hot Dog King!), Wicwas Lake Grange and the Greater Meredith Program. He leaves his wife, Monica, and daughter Kelly Bennett.

Steve always had a smile on his face and a joke for everyone. Helping people was very important to him.



Town Officials

Select Board

Lynn Leighton, Chairperson, 2027

Jeanie Forrester, Vice Chairperson, 2027

Steven Aiken, 2025

Michael J. Pelczar, 2026

Jonathan D. James, 2025

Elected Officials

Stephen Nedeau, Moderator, 2026

Kerri A. Parker, CMC, CTC, CDTC,
Town Clerk, 2026

Martha Fairbrother, Treasurer, 2026

Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Jack Wozmak, Interim

Administrative Services Director

Robert Carpenter

Town Planner

Angela LaBrecque, AICP

Code Enforcement Officer

Jonathan Trull

Public Works Director

Michael Faller

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Jason Bordeau

Assessor

James Commerford, CNHA

Parks & Recreation Director

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Library Director

Erin Apostolos

Police Officials

Mike Harper, Chief

Phil McLaughlin, Lieutenant

Fire Officials

Jay Haines, Deputy Chief

Ken Jones, Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Andre Kloetz, Deputy Chief

Emergency Management

Mike Harper, Director

Ken Jones, Assistant Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

Mark Weston, 2024

James Gregoire, 2026

Anita Springer, 2025

Supervisors of the Checklist

Bruce Jones, 2029

Lindsey Weiner, 2028

Debra Swingle, 2024

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, Chairperson/ILSD Rep

Richard Gerken, Vice Chairperson/PB Rep

Jeanie Forrester, BOS Rep (Alternate)

Steve Aiken, BOS Rep

Ray Moritz, PB Rep

Dave Thorpe

David Douglas

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Stephanie Maltais, 2026

Daniel Whitney, 2028

Town Officials

Library Trustees

Vivien Mitchell, 2024
Margaret Croes, 2025
Irene Bonne, 2027

Sarah Johnson, Chairperson, 2025
Daniel Whitney, 2027

Lisa Garcia, 2026
Jonathan James, 2027

Planning Board

Richard Gerken, Secretary, 2027
Jonathan James, BOS Rep
Locke Hamill, Alternate, 2026

Ann Butler, Vice Chairperson, 2027
Jamie Irving, Chairperson, 2025 (Resigned)

Stephen Nedeau, 2025
Daniel Whitney, 2026
Richard Lovering, 2025

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Thomas Girard, Vice-Chair, 2027
Jack Northcott, Alternate, 2026
Craig Skinner, 2027

Robb Jutton, Chairperson, 2024 (Resigned 5/24)
Mike Pelczar, BOS Rep (Alternate)

Matthew Slomcheck, Alternate, 2026
David Thorpe, 2024

Conservation Commission

Paul Dillon, Vice-Chair, 2026
Ralph Pisapia, 2026
Mark Billings, 2026
Eytan Wolfsohn, Alternate, 2027

Scott Powell, Chairperson, 2027
James Gregoire, Treasurer, 2027
Tony Sabutis, Alternate, 2027

Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2025
Janet Sanguedolce, 2025
Don MacFarlane, Alternate, 2024
Ed Twaddell, Alternate, 2026

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Tony Sabutis
Tim Whiting
Bronwen Donnelly
Bruce Bond

Donna VanNess Murphy, Chair
Jamie Irving
Cheryl Van Veghten
Richard Kosinski
Andrew Akers

Frank Murphy, Vice Chair
Elisabeth Cody
Steve Aiken, BOS Rep
Ray Moritz

Energy Committee

Rick DeMark
Jonathan James - BOS Rep.

Bill Haley, Chairperson
Ken Jewell

Ann Butler, PB Rep.
Mark Billings, ILSD Rep.

Village Pathways Committee

Lissa Goodby, Secretary
Andrea Bourn
Abigail Mercer
Janice Roberts

Liz Lapham, Co-Chairperson
Cheryl Wilson, Co-Chairperson
Jane Bowie

Linda Smith
Sandy Sabutis
Barbara Brann
Rod Wilson

Short Term Rental Committee

Robb Jutton, Vice-Chair
Jeanie Forrester
Bronwen Donnelly

Richard Gerken, Chairperson
David Thorpe
Jamie Irving

Michael Pelczar
Ann Butler
Carly Howie

Executive Summary

Report from the Interim Town Manager



This has been a year of transition for Meredith. The town began a search for the next Town Manager in early August 2024. I am serving at the Interim Town Manager to oversee town operation, services, and administrative support for department heads. As of this writing the town is currently interviewing candidates for the Town Manager position.

I have worked on many community projects such as the road condition study to create a planning base for maintaining and budgeting for road repairs and rebuilding. This is a comprehensive study that will lay the foundation for years to come. The town is updating the Master Plan, also described as a Community Plan. As always, taxpayer input is key and necessary as the process continues to make this successful. The Fire Department continues to fill positions voted on at the last years Town Meeting. Most of the vacancies have been filled.

I have enjoyed working with the committed Department Heads who make my work as Interim Town Manager rewarding. The town should be proud of its employees, it has been impressive to see their dedication.

There will be opportunities to discuss and collaborate in keeping with town values as Meredith moves forward. It has truly been a pleasure to work in Meredith and to be part of such a beautiful community as it advances and lays the groundwork for the future.

Jack Wozmak
Interim Town Manager

Executive Summary

Report from the Select Board

2024, a year where taxpayers asked to be heard. In what could have been a record setting and unprecedented taxpayer turnout and possibly the longest meeting in recent years.

We as selectmen heard you loud and clear. We made an immediate decision that transparency was a priority, keeping our community informed. Jeanie Forrester graciously accepted the task of writing an article to be published in the Laconia Daily Sun after each regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meeting. This article simply gives our taxpayers that are unable to attend in person or by live stream the items discussed and/or voted on.

Major impacts of our town and community were the addition of a fulltime fire department, and a new and improved computer software system which will add seamlessness to each of the town departments, also revamping the towns website for easier taxpayer navigation and notifications.

We continue to gain feedback from the Short-Term Rental and Parking Committees to move forward in the best way, knowing these are "hot button" items within our community.

We find ourselves looking once again for a new Town Manager. Our board is working diligently and tirelessly to hire the best fit for our community. We have enlisted the expertise of MRI (Municipal Resources, Inc.) to aide us in filling the Town Manager vacancy. Their firm is also providing us with a part-time interim Town Manager, Jack Wozmack during the transition.

I am in hopes as this Annual Report is made public, we have a new Town Manager in place.

I am overjoyed to be living in Meredith with my husband. My sons live here with their wives, my grandchildren, and even my mother lives and thrives in this community.

How lucky are we to live in a small town of passionate volunteers, an unmatched community spirit and neighbors helping neighbors mindset.

It has been my honor to serve as Chairman of the Selectboard this past year. It would not have been possible without my mentor, Vice Chairman Jeanie Forrester, Jonathan James, Mike Pelczar, and Steve Aiken. This is an exceptional board because of our willingness to listen and learn from each other. We need to stay aware and open minded for the greater good of the community we are elected to serve.

Respectfully,
Lynn Leighton
Chair of the Board of Selectmen



Executive Summary

Town Meeting 2024 DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Board of Selectmen

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Auditorium

Jeanie Forrester, Chairperson

Town Moderator: Stephen Nedeau

Lynn Leighton, Vice Chairperson

Jonathan D. James, Selectperson

Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Town Manager: Troy Brown

Steven Aiken, Selectperson

Town meeting opened by Moderator Nedeau at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance and introductions of the panel. Due to the substantial number of attendees, the meeting was paused while the voting body was able to be checked in and seated in both the auditorium and the gymnasium.

The meeting resumed at approximately 7:30

ARTICLE 03 Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 for the purpose of completing a full update of the Lake Waukegan Watershed Restoration Plan to protect Meredith's primary drinking water source and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$100,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and rate of interests thereon; and, to further authorize the Select Board to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for the Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF) it being understood that repayment of the loan funds may include up to 100% principal forgiveness in the amount up to \$100,000.

(Requires a 3/5 ballot vote) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Steve Aiken motioned to adopt Article 3 as proposed seconded by Jonathan James

There was no discussion and after the ballot votes were counted the results were.

Yes 391 No 15

ARTICLE 04 Municipal Operations

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,695,874 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Jeanie Forrester motioned to adopt Article 4 as proposed seconded by Lynn Leighton

Town Manager, Troy Brown, spoke about this article and explained all the factors that effected how the selectboard and the department heads were able to work together to produce this budget.

Patricia McFarlin questioned the significant increase over the last 2 years, and where the increase is going to be spent on

Robert Carpenter, director of administrative services explained going from an employee IT to and contracted service along with other similar services that are increasing due to inflation.

2024 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

Anthony Carita questioned why our rate over the last 5 years is consistently 8% higher than the federal government's inflationary index. He went on to request the town to live within its means and reduce the budget by 8% rather than increase it.

Paul Ayles asked if the increase of the attorney fees were in defense of the STR's and why did the selectboard allow the town manager to let this issue get to the point of litigation.

Troy Brown clarified that the operating budget did not increase 12% but 1.2% which is in the voter's guide that was handed out. The legal line changed due to changing law firms and the increased workload that will take place during the transition. There are several issues that are being heard in court due to abatements as well as the lawsuit filed by the resident over STR's

Linda Karageorges asked why we are paying between 90 and 100% for the employees' medical and dental as most people can't afford to pay 100% of their own and it needs to be looked at and reduced.

Ray Moritz clarified that the medical and dental benefits changes were already made as of January 1st and asking for approval after the fact does not really give the voting body a choice but to approve or it would be taking something away that was already given to the employees.

Hannah Towle pointed out that the process of the budget started months ago where the public had the ability to go to the budget meetings to give input. She also noted that back during the recession the employees were not given any increases or additional benefits and that if we want people to continue to work for the town and care about the town, they work in then we need to recognize them and take care of their needs as well.

Patty Morrow asked if we did in fact spend 500,000 all on IT?

Robert Carpenter explained that it was part of the 500,000 but that the General Services is covered under many services.

Troy Brown pointed out several of the items such as the phone system and technology where the town is severely lacking and that next year they will be reduced as we complete the transition.

Donnamarie Tonelli stated that she worked many years for a very large company which did not offer an opt out, why are we paying people to not take the insurance.

Troy Brown pointed out that it is less expensive to offer an opt out and that has been an ongoing practice for businesses and municipalities to be competitive.

Francisca King stated that she did not get an increase in her budget and that the town should not either and why don't we live within our means.

Wayne Heiligman asked if an employee takes the opt out can they opt back in after a time and would they have to repay the opt out funds that they were given.

Troy Brown explained that you are only able to change during open enrollment or a life change event, which only happens 1 time per year.

With a show of voter cards Article 4 passed

Jim McFarlin motioned to move Article 18 and 19 up earlier to allow for the 1 hr opening seconded by Anthony Carita with a show of voter cards the articles are moved forward.

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 18 By Petition

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5-b, and implement a tax cap whereby the governing body (or budget committee) shall not submit a recommended budget that increases the amount to be raised by local taxes, based on the prior fiscal year's actual amount of local taxes raised, by more than 3%. This article requires a 3/5ths majority and shall be determined by a ballot vote. NOT recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Jim McFarlin motioned to adopt Article 18 seconded by Duncan McNeish

Jim McFarlin pointed out that the tax cap is not absolute, it would give the power to the voting public and not the town government.

Diana Thomas asked what services we would lose if the tax cap were passed and would we be happy with that.

Troy Brown answered that it would be exceedingly difficult to pinpoint which as the increase of costs are what take up most of the cap and then you are left with just basic services and some of the extra services get lost.

Chris Williams asked if the tax cap would eliminate any of the additional warrant articles.

Troy Brown explained that if the operating budget was under the tax cap and there was room for a warrant article within the tax cap then we could have both.

Scott Gerrie asked what makes up the 1.6 million in the budget increase and what are the Articles that add to the increase.

Troy Brown explained that we are required to show the Operations budget separate from the Articles that could increase the bottom line if they are approved. If article 10 is not approved, then the funding will not go through.

Steve Aiken asked Jim Commerford, the town Assessor to briefly explain how the assessment works and how the town produces the tax rate.

Jim Commerford explained that the state requires towns to be within 80-110 % of fair market value and Meredith was at 61% and we needed to up our values to 100 % of fair market and due to what was approved at last town meeting the tax rate was only able to be reduced by 35%. There is a section of FAQ's listed in the handout.

Speakers in favor: Duncan McNeish, Donna Holmes, Ray Moritz, Phyllis Hamblet
Anthony Carita, Sandra Colligan, Nancy O'Brien

Speakers against: Jack Carty, Rick DeMark, Richard Gerken, Diana Roth

Cookie Boulanger moved the question

Polls were open from 9:15 – 10:15

YES 224 NO 193

Article 18 did not pass by 3/5th majority required

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 19 By Petition

To see if the voters will adopt Municipal Budget Law RSA 32 and Municipal Budget Committee pursuant to RSA 32:14.I with 3 members at large to be appointed by the moderator immediately following adoption and to be elected by voters thereafter. NOT recommended by the Select Board (5-0) NOTE: This article requires majority vote and shall be determined by ballot vote.

William Gartner motioned to adopt Article 19 seconded by Ray Moritz

Speakers in favor of : William Gartner, Ray Moritz, Paul Leuchte

Speakers against : Marc Abear, Stan Wallerstein, Jack Carty

Richard Gerken asked for the article to be amended to have more people or to have the CIP committee to be merged with this to have 7 or more people and not selected by the moderator here at town meeting.

Attorney Michael Courtney explained that by RSA the At large positions are appointed by the moderator and then they will be voted in by the residents at the town election the following year.

Lynn Montana explained that the Municipal budget committee act states that 3 are elected by the people of the town. the 4th by the selectboard and the 5th by the village district. The Selectboard would still put together the budget then to the Budget Committee and they would look thru to see if what is being requested is a good fit for the year.

Jeanie Forrester asked the Town Attorney for clarification on the Roles of the Selectboard and the Town Manger. Michael Courtney explained that the Selectboard and the Town Manager have the ability and authority to enter into contracts and approve changes that the Budget committee would not have.

Cookie Boulanger moved the question seconded by Dennis Boulanger discussion ended.

Polls were open from 10:13-11:13pm
YES 169 NO 218 Article 19 was defeated

Diana Ruth motioned to move Article 20 to be heard now seconded by Richard DeMark with a show of voter cards Article 20 will be moved to before Article 5

ARTICLE 20 By Petition

Shall the following provisions pertaining to elections be adopted? All voting shall be by paper ballot and all ballots shall be hand counted only, rather than by use of optical scanning or any other types of programmable electronic counting devices. This shall constitute a return to hand counting ballots and the immediate discontinuance of all electronic voting machines and electronic devices authorized for use by trial in RSA 656:40. Shall this article be passed; it shall be enacted by the town of Meredith immediately. NOT recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Diana Roth motioned to defeat article 20 as proposed seconded by Thomas Mason.

Speakers in favor of defeating; Diana Roth, Nancy Jewell, Peter Crosby, Bruce Campbell, Richard Tracy, Cookie Boulanger

Speakers against defeating: There were none who chose to speak

With a show of Voter cards Article 20 is defeated

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 05 Collective Bargaining Unit

To see if the town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town and the State Employees Association of NH, Inc. SEIU Local 1984 which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year Estimated Increase

2024 \$82,170

2025 \$85,770

2026 \$89,562

and further to raise and appropriate \$82,170 for the current year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits required by the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels. (Majority vote required Recommended by the Select Board (5-0))

Mike Pelczar motioned to adopt Article 5 seconded by Steve Aiken

Karen Sticht asked what is the percentage of this increase and are these union people already on the new insurance which Troy Brown confirmed that the increase went from 3% to 3.5% to align with the non-union employees as indicated on the Article 4

Ballot vote results were Yes 248 No 62

ARTICLE 06 Full Time Firefighters and Part Time Admin Positions

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$580,000 to create six (6) new full-time firefighter positions and one (1) part-time administrative position and hire for these positions no sooner than April 30, 2024. This amount includes all salary and benefit costs. If approved, the appropriation for these new positions will become part of the annual operating budget in subsequent years. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 6 seconded by Lynn Leighton

Andre Kloetz spoke about the situation that we have in the Town, with aging department members, and the need for a full-time department.

Chief Jones also spoke about the increase of calls, especially when summer is here and the ability to move thru the traffic in town stating that his big fear is that someone will get hurt. The intention is to have a 4-person crew and they struggle daily to have coverage.

Speakers in favor: Ann Sprague, Fred Deveau, Jeanie Forrester, Sandra Young (Colligan), Annmarie Beauchemin, Cookie Boulanger, Linda Riley

Speakers against: Richard Gerken, David Sticht,

Frank Marino motioned to amend the amount to 290,000 instead of 580,000, seconded by Pat McFarlin,

Linda Lavalley asked what the cost for this per year in tax dollars.

Troy Brown responded with approximately 150 per year.

Linda Lavalley stated that 150 dollars per year was not a lot for the safety of the town.

With a show of Voter cards the amendment failed.

Cookie Boulanger motioned to move the Article 6, seconded by Michael Browher

With a ballot vote Yes 201 No 62
Article 6 passed

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 07 Public Works Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Mike Pelczar motioned to adopt Article 7 seconded by Jeanie Forrester

Mike Faller explained that the grader is failing and needs replacement due to its age as well as not being able to fix what gets broken.

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 7 passed

ARTICLE 08 Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$320,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Steve Aiken motioned to adopt Article 8 seconded by Jonathan James

Karen Sticht asked if we could have some of these ETF could be held off for a year as 75 here, 75 there, which add up and could be up to thousands,

Chief Jones spoke in favor of this as the boat does not meet their needs with regards to bringing patients over from the island, it is 39 years old.

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 8 passed

ARTICLE 09 Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Lynn Leighton motioned to adopt Article 9 seconded by Steve Aiken

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 9 passed

ARTICLE 10 NH 25/Laker Lane Intersection Improvements (CMAQ)

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,346,964 with \$269,393 to come from the unassigned fund balance and \$1,077,571 from the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) for engineering, potential right-of-way acquisition, construction of turn lanes, sidewalk replacement, and other related construction costs for traffic congestion and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of NH 25 and Laker Lane. This reimbursement program provides 80% federal funding with a required 20% local match. No amount to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the specified project is complete or December 31, 2026, whichever comes first. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Jeanie Forrester motioned to adopt Article 10 seconded by Mike Pelczar

Anthony Carita requested that this money be put to offset the tax burden.

Troy Brown stated that only this project can receive these funds.

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 10 passed

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 11 Establish a Lake Waukegan Water Quality Protection ETF

To see if the town will vote to establish a Lake Waukegan Water Quality Protection Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for expenses related to projects addressing lake water quality improvement, restoration and protections and to raise and appropriate \$100,000 to put in the fund with this amount to come from the unassigned fund balance; further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said fund. No amount to be raised from taxation. (Majority vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Steve Aiken motioned to adopt Article 11 seconded by Jeanie Forrester

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 11 passed

ARTICLE 12 Change Solid Waste Trailer ETF

To see if the town will vote to change the name and purpose of the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund created in 1998 to the Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of repairing, replacing and purchasing solid waste and recycling vehicles and equipment and further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from such fund. (2/3 vote required) Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 12 seconded by Lynn Leighton

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 12 passed

ARTICLE 13 Discontinue Library Maintenance ETF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Library Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund created in 1995. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately \$0.10) are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Lynn Leighton motioned to adopt Article 13 seconded by Mike Pelczar

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 13 passed

ARTICLE 14 Discontinue Library Feasibility ETF

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Library Feasibility Expendable Trust Fund created in 2017. Said funds and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal (approximately \$5,528) are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required)
Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Jonathan James motioned to adopt Article 14 seconded by Lynn Leighton.

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 14 passed

ARTICLE 15 Discontinue Wotanda Place

To see if the town will vote to completely discontinue all of Wotanda Place as a public roadway and authorize the Select Board to convey the fee to the road. If approved, this discontinuance will extinguish all public rights of access over the existing Class VI Road of 250 +/- feet. Recommended by the Select Board (4-0-1 abstained)

Steve Aiken motioned to adopt Article 15 seconded by Lynn Leighton

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 15 passed

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 16 Discontinue a Portion of Old Perkins Road

To see if the town will vote to completely discontinue a portion of Old Perkins Road as a public roadway and authorize the Select Board to convey the fee to the road. If approved, this discontinuance will extinguish all public rights of access over the existing Class VI Road from Chemung Road to the shared corner of Lot 6 and Lot 22, 722 +/- feet. Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Mike Pelczar motioned to defeat Article 16 due to last minute findings seconded by Jeanie Forrester

John Barfield, and Richard Gerken spoke in favor of defeating Article 16

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 16 was defeated.

ARTICLE 17 Meredith Neck Road Conservation Easement

To see if the town will vote to authorize the conveyance of a conservation easement on 38 acres of property on Meredith Neck Road (Tax Map S05, Lot 1C), currently owned by the Ycas Family Trust and anticipated to be acquired by the Town of Meredith in 2025, to Lakes Region Conservation Trust or another similar conservation organization. Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Lynn Leighton motioned to adopt Article 17 seconded by Jonathan James

Mike Faller wanted to be sure that the same activities that are allowed on the current Page Pond land will be allowed here as well.

Scott Powell confirmed those activities will be allowed here as well.

With a Show of Voter Cards Article 17 passed

Meeting adjourned 12:30 am

Respectfully Submitted by

Kerri A Parker
Kerri Parker Town Clerk

General Government

Administrative Services

Robert Carpenter, Director
Erika Curley, Staff Accountant
Emily Harker, Finance Clerk

Mission: The mission of Administrative Services is to provide support for all Town Departments, providing accounting, procurement, billing, contract, grant, fixed asset and cash management services for the Town. Working with our Federal and State partners, Administrative Services keeps up to date on reporting and compliance requirements and changes in rules and laws that directly impact the organization. As a resource for the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and other Town committees and groups, Administrative Services provides accurate and timely data used in making informed decisions, policy development, and planning and forecasting analysis.

Administrative Services also oversees the General Assistance program for the Town, assisting those in the community who are in temporary need of help. The General Assistance program is also networked with other community and regional support groups, ensuring that those in temporary need of assistance are helped and supported as they work toward self-sufficiency.

Having a diverse group of clientele, Administrative Services provides a professional and service-oriented approach in responding to both internal and external customer needs. Providing information, guidance and solutions, the Administrative Services team uses its diverse and extensive knowledge and experiences to support the Town.

Throughout 2024 we continued our transition to Munis with a lot of training and trial and error. Having to navigate through the new technology while maintaining the legacy system proved to be an enormous undertaking and, without the patience of the departments, it couldn't have been as successful as it was. As we continue this journey you will see the changes in billing, account access through a new payment system, and, hopefully, increased speed in providing you answers and direction. As we move forward, we will look for ways to integrate some of our new technology programs in trying to give you more access to information and data.

We also transitioned to a new employee on the team as Linda Labraney ended her career with the town and moved on to the new adventures of retirement! While Linda was a cornerstone to the department, her retirement gives us all hope that we will someday reach that pinnacle of our working days! Joining us is Erika Curley who comes to us from the private sector with a variety of accounting and financial experience. She has proven to be a great addition to the team. When you see her around, make sure to say hello.

As always, strong teamwork made this year a success for those within the office and the partnerships and support that we receive from the community to fulfill our mission.

Looking forward to continued success!

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Carpenter
Director of Administrative Services

General Government

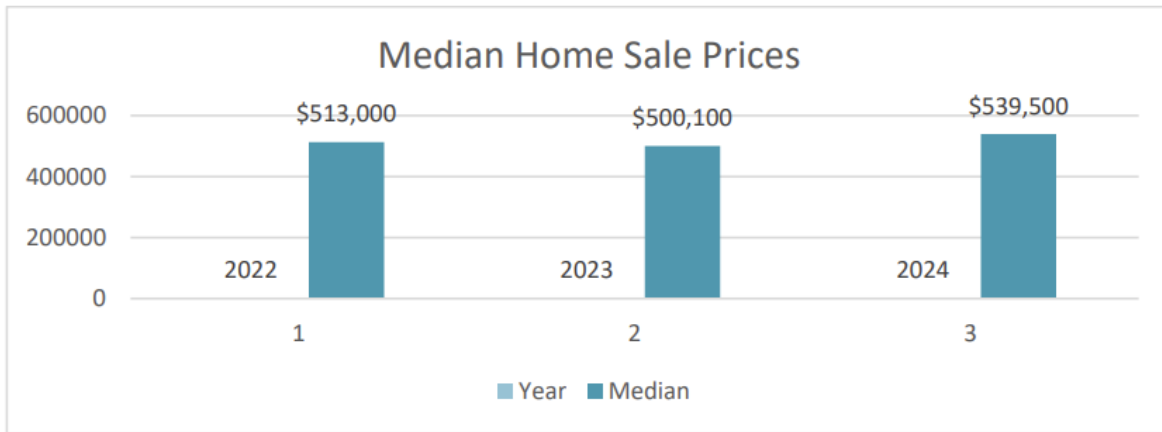
Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor
Suzanne Bryant, Assessing Office Manager
Bettina Ford, Field Data Collector

Department's Mission

The primary mission of the Assessing Department is to ensure that all property within the town is assessed fairly and in accordance with the New Hampshire laws governing taxation. Toward that end, the department conducts various practices to ensure the equitable distribution of the tax burden.

The town last updated values in 2023. As you can see by the chart below real estate market appeared to hold steady throughout 2024. Inventory is still low which is keeping the market where it is. We will continue to monitor sales and how they relate to our assessed values. We will not be updating values for 2025 and will monitor sales activity throughout the year to make a determination as to when to update next. Our next State recertification year is 2027 which means we will need to update by at least then.



I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions available for the elderly and disabled, as well as, tax credits for Veterans. Contact our office or visit the Assessing page of the town's website to see if you may qualify.

The Assessing Office is here to assist the property owners of Meredith through the assessing process. Please visit the Assessing Department link on the Town's website www.meredithnh.gov for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, request to change address form and a link to the online assessment database. If you have any questions, please call us at 603-677-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA
Tax Assessor

General Government

Community Development

Angela LaBrecque, AICP, Town Planner
Jonathan Trull, Code Enforcement Officer
Stephanie Maltais, Administrative Assistant
Genie Smith, Office Clerk
Alicia Murley, Office Clerk

2024 was a year of transition for the Community Development Department.

In March of 2024, Code Enforcement Officer Jim Findlay, left the Community Development Department. Together, John Dever and Mike Capsalis assisted the Department for 7 months to take on some of the Code Enforcement Officer duties, and we thank them for stepping up.

Jonathan Trull joined the Department in November as the new Code Enforcement Officer. He previously served as a building inspector for the City Everett, Massachusetts and brings to us his experience in the field and a positive customer service outlook toward his duties.

The Department also welcomed Alicia Murley as a full-time Office Clerk to provide assistance at the front counter and the day-to-day office duties. Alicia brings to the department strong customer service skills and a friendly smile at the counter.

In 2024, the Department continued to receive a high volume of applications. In particular, the Zoning Board of Adjustment received a total of 79 applications to consider. This is a high number of applications processed by the staff and reviewed by the Board. I'd like to thank the volunteers for their time and consideration given to each application.

The Community Development Department would like to recognize the contributions that Ray Moritz made to our local government. He served Meredith in many capacities and his participation on various boards and committees was always valued. Ray was a Selectboard member for 6 years and volunteered as a member of the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Capital Improvements Program, Energy Committee, Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee and the Short-Term Rental Committee.

The Planning Board continued to work on the Master Plan through public outreach and work sessions. You can keep up to date on the progress of the Plan by visiting the Department's webpage where there is a link to *Imagine Meredith*. There are publications, public survey results, and reports shared on this website. We are grateful to the community for their valuable participation in our public engagement efforts to shape Meredith's future.

The Community Development Department's objective continues to be excellent customer service to residents, business owners, contractors, volunteers and co-workers. If you have any land use question or are considering a development project, feel free to contact our office for assistance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela LaBrecque, AICP
Town Planner

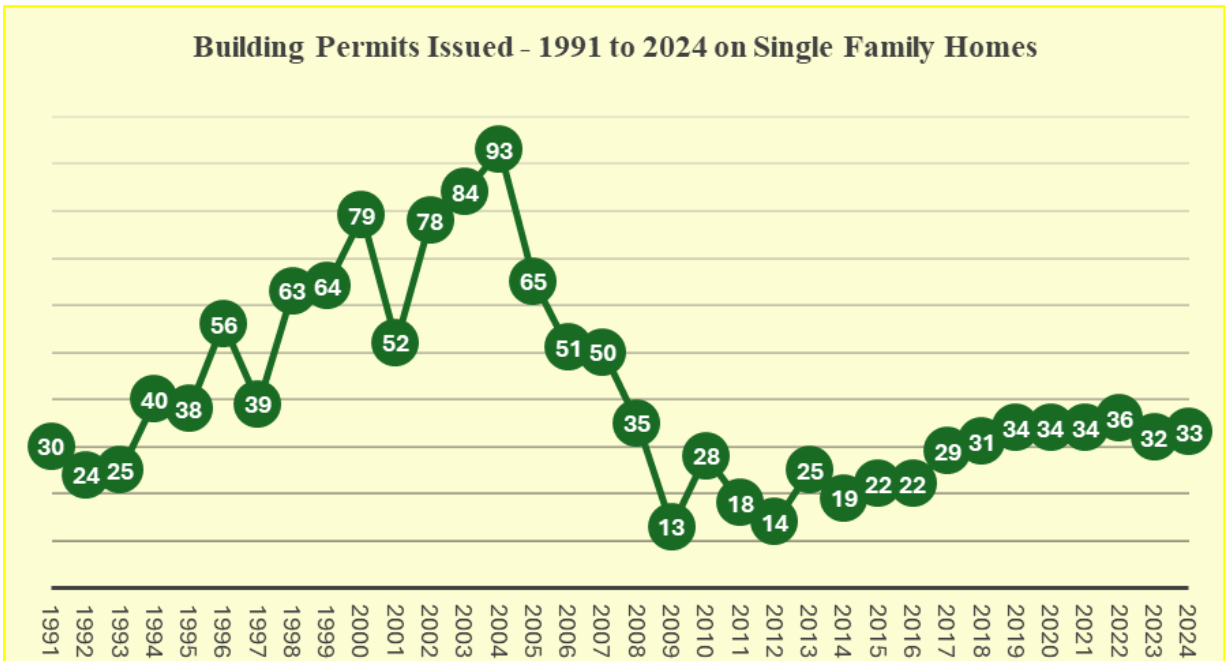
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Community Development continued...

Building Permits Summary 2024

New Single-Family Homes	33	Garages/Storage Buildings	43
New Two-Family Homes	6	Oil (burners, tanks)	25
New Multi-Family Units	0	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	355
Accessory Apartments	3	Plumbing	101
New Commercial Buildings	1	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	8
Special Use Permits	8	Residential Renovations/Repairs	109
Mobile Homes Replacements	9	Fences/Signs	23
Docks/Boathouse/Pools	7	Electrical	189
Demolition	48		

Building Permits Issued - 1991 to 2024 on Single Family Homes



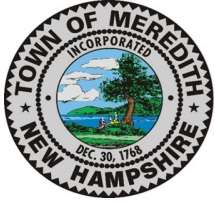
Planning Board Application Summary 2024

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	12	Pre-application Consultations	3
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	1	Architectural Design Reviews	7
Subdivision Approvals	15	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0
Applications Withdrawn	1		

Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary 2024

Variance Applications	34	Appeal of Administrative Decision	1
Variances Granted	34	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variances Denied	0	Rehearing Requests Received	1
Special Exception Applications	43	Rehearing Requests Granted	1
Special Exceptions Granted	41	Rehearing Requests Denied	0
Special Exceptions Denied	2	Administrative Decisions Denied	0

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee



**Recommended by the Capital Improvements Program (CIP)
Advisory Committee: November 26, 2024**

Public Hearing—Meredith Planning Board: December 17, 2024

SUMMARY

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews, updates and recommends a stable program of capital improvements for the community. The CIP is a non-binding planning tool intended to aid the Select Board in their consideration of their annual budget in the context of a six-year forward view of future capital needs. As a preface to the specific recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

- In 2024, Town Meeting approved recommendations of the CIP Advisory Committee including \$740,000 towards current Expendable Trust Funds (ETF). Additionally, upon recommendation from the Select Board, Town Meeting approved the creation of a new Lake Waukewan Water Quality Protection ETF to be funded through the use of unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$100,000.
- The recommended Capital Improvement Program for 2025 is \$2,197,169. This amount consists of: (A) \$1,217,169 of long-term debt; and (B) \$980,000 total allocations towards four Expendable Trust Funds. This represents an increase of \$200,244 or 10.02 % over 2024 funding levels. The recommendations that follow are also contained in a companion document; “Capital Improvement Program 2024-2032” dated November 26, 2024.
- The CIP Committee recommended continuing the increase in their program capacity from \$2.0 mil to \$2.2 mil in order to continually raise the program capacity as it continues to establish a new threshold over the next few years. This is to consider the rising costs of the equipment and special projects that are being addressed at the CIP Committee level.
- Although authorized debt service is a fixed cost included within the annual operating budget, it is included in the committee’s analysis and recommendations. In 2025 the final payment on the Community Center debt will be made (\$175,000.) Additional debt will also be retired in 2027 (\$87,000.).
- There are several on-going efforts that may generate capital projects for future Committee and Town Meeting consideration. These include: (1) further review and prioritization of waterfront infrastructure needs, (2) potential improvements to Main Street, (3) potential improvements to Prescott Park and (4) inclusion of a capital asset management program.
- There are several areas of infrastructure that are going to need to be addressed in a comprehensive, long-term asset management plan. Studies have been completed for our waterfront infrastructure, but similar studies, or at least internal plans and documentation, are needed for parks, roads, sidewalks, stream crossings, etc. that round out the other areas of our community. With proper planning and inclusion, improvement needs can be captured and planned for accordingly.
- Trend data is provided in Appendix A: Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2014-2024; Appendix B: CIP Funding as a Per Cent of Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2024; and Appendix C: Tax Rates and Net Valuation Information, 2014-2024.

Capital Improvements Program continued...

RECOMMENDATIONS

Administration

Main Street:

Recommendation: No additional allocations to the to the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: Funding for this program is sufficient at this time as Phase 1 is complete and no determinations have been made on the extent of any specific improvements. In April, 2021 the Select Board unanimously supported GMP's efforts to develop a plan for Main Street that may address public safety, lighting, utilities, handicap accessibility, streetscape, and funding sources. In 2022 the town contracted with an engineering firm to develop a detailed, existing conditions base plan (Phase 1), which is complete. In June of 2024, the Board authorized the vendor, VHB, to move forward with Phase 2 of the study/design as noted in their Selectboard meeting of 06/24/2024. Specific improvements have not yet been identified or designed at this time (Phase 2).

The estimated available to the Main Street Rehabilitation ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$9,737.

Waterfront Infrastructure:

Recommendation: No additional allocations for the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF.

Rationale: While the Town of Meredith owns and maintains a significant amount of waterfront infrastructure, Reference: Waterfront Infrastructure Analysis- Conceptual Design Options Update, September 16, 2019, there is no definitive path forward for any improvements at this time. Future improvements for any of the waterfront infrastructure have not been designated at this time.

The estimated Waterfront Infrastructure ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$886,661.

Fire Department

Fire Department EQUIPMENT Replacement

Recommendation: Allocate \$50,000 in 2025 through 2027 to the Fire Department **EQUIPMENT** Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: The NFPA turnout gear has a 12+ month lead time on ordering and will require replacement soon. This funding is in line with meeting that replacement schedule.

The estimated Fire Department **Equipment** Replacement ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$20,109.

Fire Department VEHICLE Replacement

Recommendation: Allocate \$600,000 in 2025, \$620,000 in 2026, and \$150,000 in 2027 through 2029 to the Fire Department **VEHICLE** Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: The Fire Boat purchase is on hold as new estimates put the boat purchase price upwards of \$680,000. New vendors are being explored as well as further defining the boats' capabilities and requirements.

Engine 1 (\$1.1 mil) is scheduled for ordering in 2026 with an anticipated delivery date of 2030. The proposed allocations are intended to meet the capital needs of the Fire Department while maintaining overall program stability.

The estimated Fire Department **Vehicle** Replacement ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$348,648.

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Allocate \$100,000 in 2025 through 2029.

Rationale: Parks & Recreation are in the process working with Ironwood Design Group, LLC for the redesign of Prescott Park. As this is the beginning of the bigger park project, it is anticipated that additional funding beyond the current recommendations will be needed for any construction needed to implement the final re-design of the park.

Swasey Park is going through preliminary design work for improvements to parking spaces and pathways within the “postage stamp” park.

There are several improvements being considered for Leavitt Beach to include a new bathhouse, a playground, and significant site and facility improvements. Currently, the adaptive launch project is moving forward with the Select Board approval of the use of ETF funding in the amount of \$34,500. This will be the down payment for the final design and engineering services for the dock system and that are needed to finalize the overall cost requirements for the project. Fundraising efforts will help offset the overall cost of this project.

The estimated Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvements ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$152,759.

Department of Public Works

Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle and Equipment

Recommendation: No additional allocations to the Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle and Equipment Expendable Trust Fund are recommended at this time.

Rationale: The town owns several trailers that are used to transport solid waste from our transfer station to the disposal site and multiple pieces of equipment that operate within the transfer center. A skid steer loader is scheduled for replacement in 2026 (\$90,000) and a yard tractor is scheduled for replacement in 2027 (\$100,000).

The estimated Solid Waste and Recycling Vehicle and Equipment Replacement ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$119,410.

Public Works Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$230,000 in 2025 to the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: There is a significant amount of capital equipment scheduled for replacement in the coming years as illustrated below. To offset the increasing cost of this equipment, the Committee is looking at different leasing options that would enable the DPW Department to maintain their heavy equipment fleet at a lower, or similar, cost to purchasing outright. This option will be further reviewed in the 2025 meeting sessions as a potential recommendation in 2026.

<u>Replacement Year</u>	<u>Equipment Being Replaced</u>	<u>Replacement Estimate</u>
2025	2015 F550	\$225,000
2026	2005 Volvo Excavator	\$275,000
2026	2015 F550	\$175,000
2027	2013 F550 Dump w/sander	\$200,000
2027	2004 Kenworth Dump w/sander	\$305,000
2027	2013 F550 Dump w/sander	\$275,000
		\$1,455,000

The estimated DPW Equipment Replacement ETF at 06/30/2024 is \$153,774.

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Water and Sewer Department

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: Jason Bordeaux, Water and Sewer Supt., was hired in 2023. Jason is currently working to identify and assess the capital needs of both the Water and Sewer Departments. The Water Department was awarded an Asset Management grant through the Department of Environmental Services (DES) that will help them identify the future needs of the department as well as the financial requirements for improvements, to include any updates to the rate structure.

The department was also awarded an Asset Management grant for the sewer and wastewater management programs. These programs will help the Town identify the necessary maintenance and improvement schedules for the infrastructure that comprises these systems.

The department is currently working with engineers on the Rte 3 and Rte 25 sewer and water lines for upgrades/replacements. The design/engineering information should be completed in mid-2025 with construction starting in 2026.

As of 12/31/2023 Water Reserves (Capital Recovery and Access Fees) total \$1,106,632.

As of 12/31/2023 Sewer Reserves (Capital Recovery and Access Fees) total \$1,064,726.

Conservation

Recommendation: No additional allocation to the Open Space Conservation Expendable Trust Fund is recommended at this time.

Rationale: The purchase of the Ycas property is in process and should be fully funded through available funds. The Conservation Commission may look for additional funding to the ETF in future years as they will be asking for most of the available funds to complete the purchase as they were not awarded the LCHIP grant in this round of funding.

The estimated Open Space Conservation ETF balance at 06/30/2024 is \$35,371.

Debt Service/ Debt Retirement

Long Term debt payments in 2025 total \$1,217,169 which includes the borrowing for the Library Renovation and Expansion Project and the DPW Facility Project.

Long term debt related to the following projects will be retired as summarized below:

<u>Retirement Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project</u>
2025	\$175,000	Community Center
2027	\$87,000	Bundled Project
2035	\$650,000	Library & DPW Projects

Inter-Lakes School District

Meredith is one of three communities that comprise the Inter-Lakes School District (Meredith, Center Harbor and Sandwich). Meredith taxpayers are responsible for approximately 75% of the district's costs including capital projects. Reference: Inter-Lakes School District Capital Improvement Plan and Facilities Budget Plan, January 2022. The District's participation with the Meredith CIP process is for informational purposes.

The District's School Facilities Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund balance is estimated at \$620,525.

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Summary: 2025 Municipal Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Recommendations

\$100,000	Recreation Facility Improvement ETF
\$600,000	Fire Department Vehicle Replacement ETF
\$230,000	DPW Equipment Replacement ETF
<u>\$50,000</u>	Fire Department Equipment Replacement ETF
\$980,000	Subtotal —Recommended ETF Allocations (45%)
<u>\$1,217,169</u>	Existing Debt Service—Principle & Interest (55%)
\$2,197,769	Total (100%)

Appendix A: Debt Service and ETF Funding, 2014-2024

Appendix B: CIP Funding as a Portion of Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2024

Appendix C: Tax Rate and Net Valuation, Information, 2014-2024

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, Chairman, Inter-Lakes School Board Representative

Richard Gerken, Vice Chairman, Planning Board Representative

Dave Thorpe, Zoning Board Representative

Steven Aiken, Select Board Representative

Ray Moritz, Member at Large

David Douglas, Member at Large

Planning Board

Ann Butler, Chairperson

Richard Gerken, Secretary

Jonathan James, Select Board Rep.

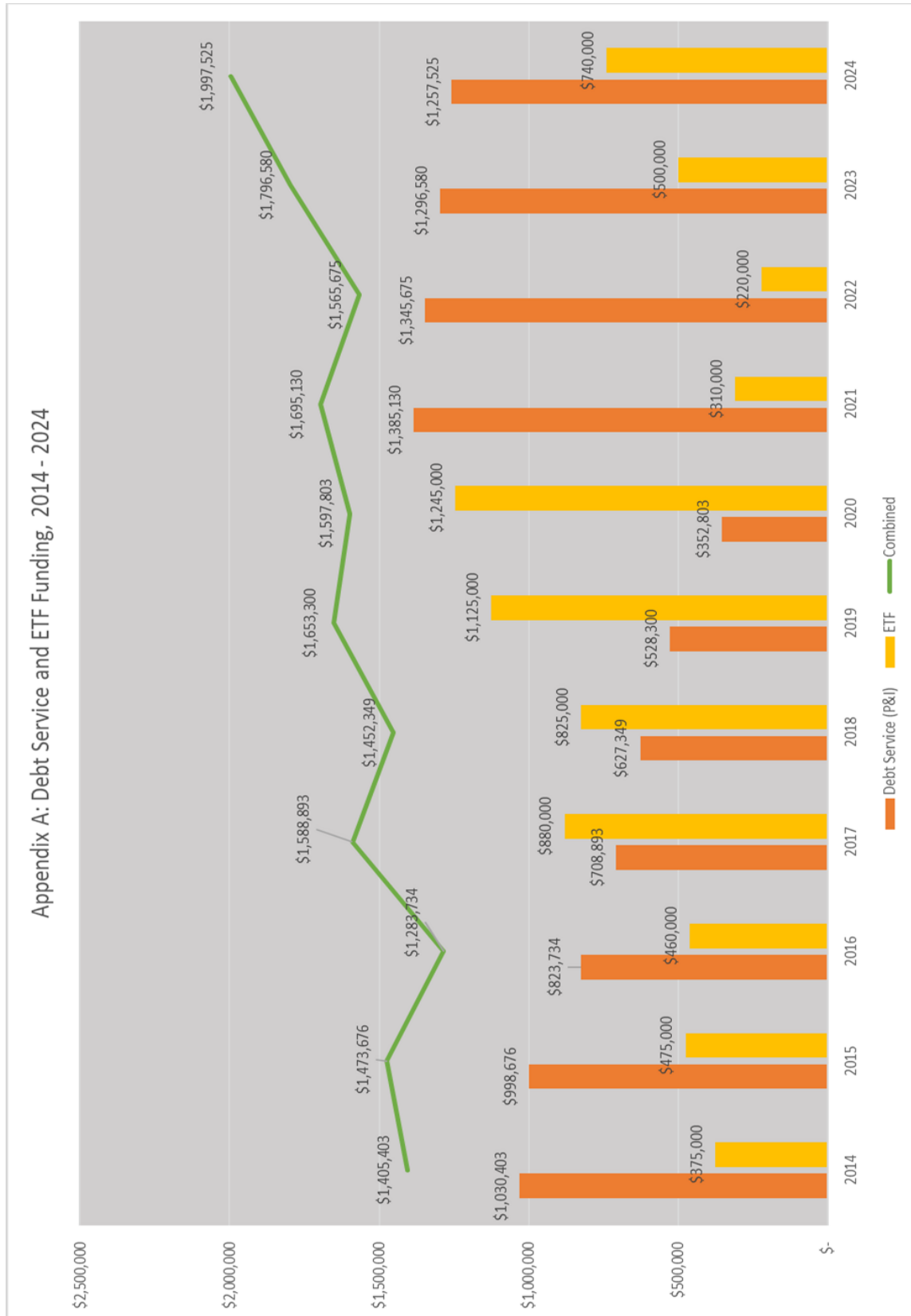
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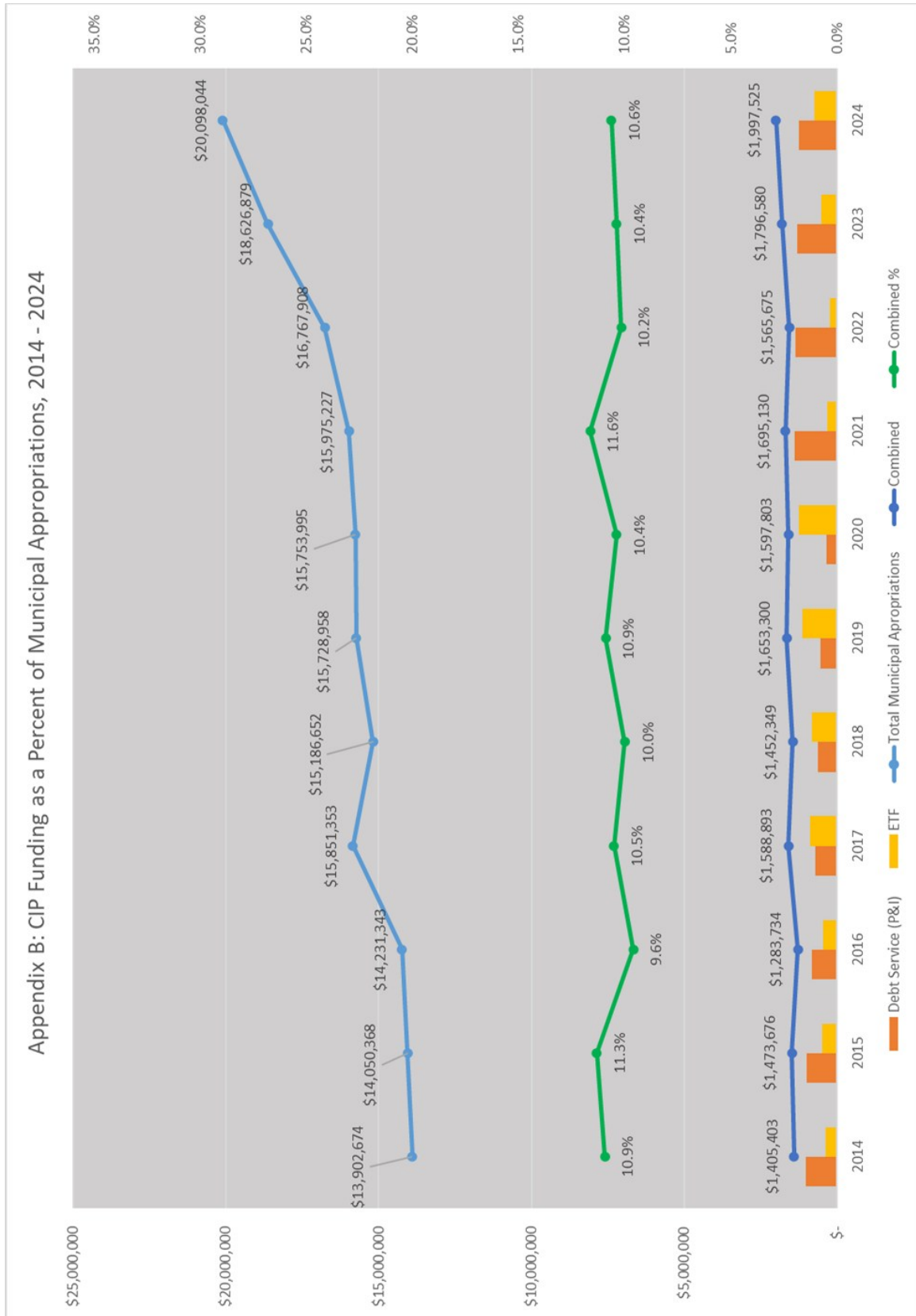
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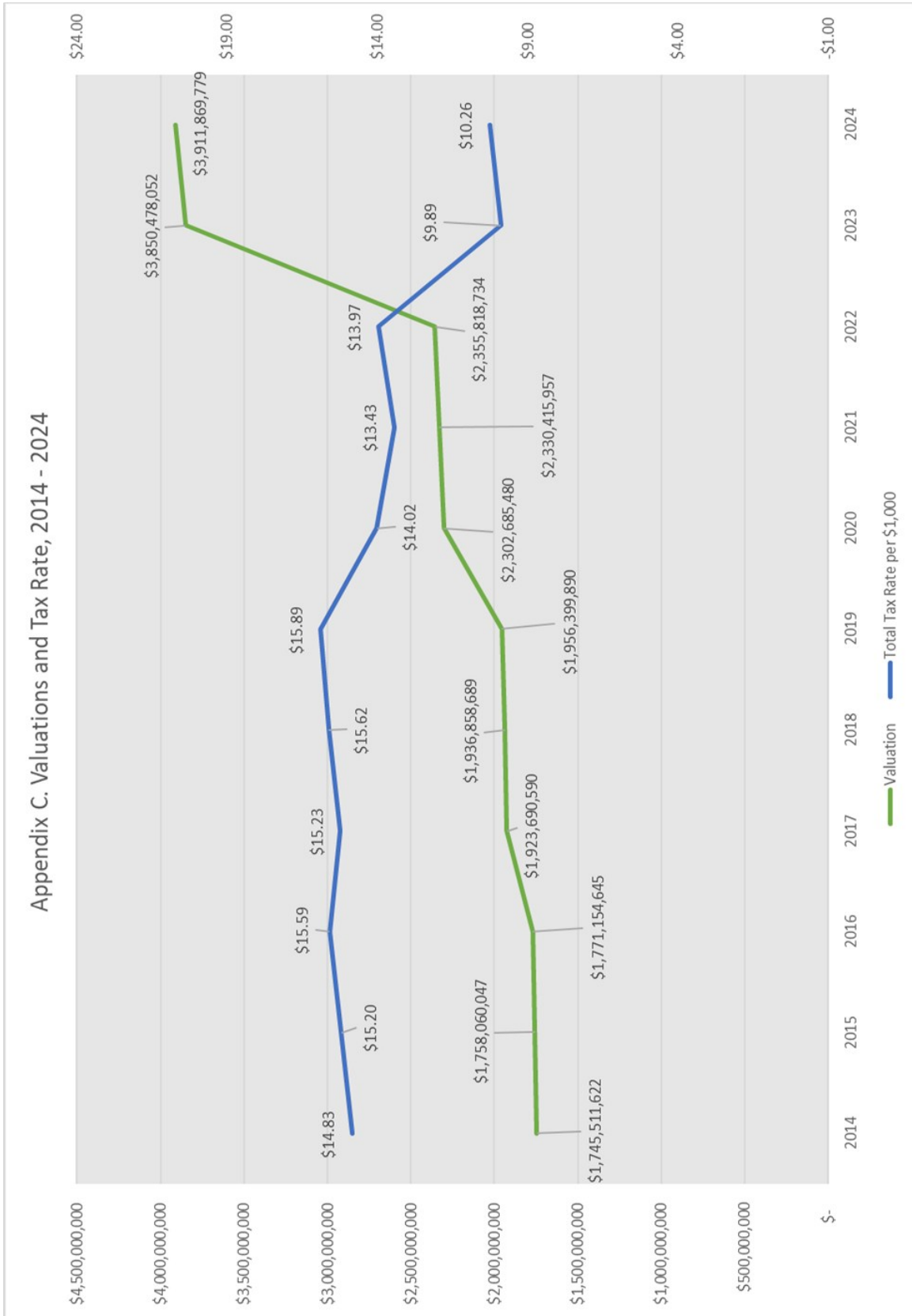
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Conservation Commission

"To conserve and protect land, forests, and farmland for wildlife, water quality, and recreation for the people of Meredith and its visitors."

Your Conservation Commission had another busy year stewarding Meredith's natural resources for environmental and recreational benefits as well as working with town and state regulatory entities to minimize wildlife habitat loss from development. A major undertaking in 2024 was replacing the longest bridge on the towns' forests. All of Meredith's recreational trails again had high levels of use for hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, observing nature, and simply relaxing.

In July we held the grand opening of the new all-person's trail and viewing platform at Quarry Pond in the Page Pond Town Forest. The event was well attended by the public and town officials. Be sure to take the easy walk from the Quarry Road Trailhead to see it if you haven't already.

The 34-foot bridge spanning a stream in the Hamlin Town Forest had reached its end of life and required replacement. The bridge, which passes just below a beaver dam, is on one of the most used trails in town. Though volunteers have constructed the other bridges on town forests, it was beyond our capabilities to build a bridge of this size, so we commissioned the Appalachian Mountain Club (AMC) Trail Crew to do the job. They built stone foundations that will withstand the increasing floods Meredith will experience in the future, and constructed a robust bridge that will endure heavy use for 30 to 50 years. The trail is now open and we hope you'll take a walk out to see it - and the beaver dam.

An ongoing project on all town properties is the management of invasive species, including Oriental Bittersweet and Japanese Knotweed. Mechanical removal of invasive species has been successful for some species, but others, particularly the extensive Oriental Bittersweet infestation in the fields at Page Pond require an intensive, long term plan. Working with experts from the UNH Extension Service, and NH DES, we have defined a multi-year plan which includes frequent mowing of the field next summer to knock back the bittersweet, as well as fertilizing the native grasses to strengthen them and help them crowd out the bittersweet.

An important responsibility of the Meredith Conservation Commission is to provide recommendations to state and local land-use regulatory entities whose actions affect the natural resources of the Town of Meredith. Proposed land-use changes requiring regulatory action were abundant in 2024. Increasing land use changes are negatively affecting water quality and wildlife habitat for resident and migratory species. Many thanks go to Commission members for reviewing 57 State and Town applications related to wetland and other habitat modifications, and for preparing recommendations to minimize impacts to natural resources including water quality, wildlife, wetlands, and wetland buffers. Ultimately, the changes to area wildlife negatively affect the quality of life we have come to expect as an important benefit of living in the town of Meredith; we need to continue our vigilance in monitoring town lands.

Yet another major project is work to protect 38 acres of highly valuable forest and wetland abutting the Page Pond Town Forest. The Commission applied for and received grants from the NH Moose Plate and the US Forest Service. These grants cover more than half of the cost to protect the land, but as of submitting this report, we still need to raise about \$70,000. Fundraising continues, and your support is greatly appreciated!

All of the Commission's work, including trail maintenance and monitoring 28 parcels with over 40 miles of boundaries is accomplished through the generous donations of our volunteers' time and energy. We regularly have five to ten dedicated men and women that come together every week to work on your town's properties. We accomplish a lot and have a lot of fun – we'd love to have you join us! Send us a note if you're interested.

Town Forests

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest is our largest Town Forest and has the most extensive network of trails. With more than 800 acres, Hamlin-Eames offers something for everyone: spectacular vistas, numerous species habitats, and trails for all levels of hikers. Your commission, along with volunteers, spent many hours brushing and re-blazing trails, removing blow-downs, brushing out the log landing areas and building water-bars to prevent erosion.

Conservation Commission continued...

Meredith Community Forest

Community Forest is conveniently located close to Meredith's Village District and a short, five minute walk from the Community Center. With roughly 200 acres, the trail network provides different choices every time you enter the forest. This year commission members and volunteers cleared trees that fell across trails, painted boundaries, repaired water bars, and brushed trails where overgrown.

Page Pond Community Forest

Page Pond Community Forest's 765 acres contain many natural and cultural features including the mill dam, the Bickford homestead, and a wide range of habitats from fields to wetlands. A well-marked trail network allows exploring all of these areas. Land management is addressing the invasive Oriental Bittersweet that kills native plants including full grown trees. We are working on adding 38 acres to this town forest.

Public Outreach and Education

The Commission invites residents and visitors to learn more about Meredith's natural resources through guided tours led by experts in forestry, wildlife, ecology, and habitats. In 2024 a guided snowshoe hike to Arbutus Hill Pond in Hamlin witnessed winter activity of beavers, bobcat, and otters. The Commission continues to promote our forests through social media and print media; you can follow our activities on our Facebook page.

Invasive Species

The Commission continues its work on public outreach and education regarding the growing problem we have with invasive species, especially Japanese Knotweed. We continue to work with the town, State officials, and private property owners to fight this long-term battle. The Commission offers assistance to residents looking to address invasive plants on their property.

2024 Highlights

Highlights in 2024 include the opening of the all-persons trail in Page Pond and the new bridge in Hamlin. Other key accomplishments include receiving \$184,000 in grants to expand Page Pond, and updating forest management plans for Carleton and Community Forests.

Meanwhile your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings, commission members and volunteers spent many hours in the field monitoring and caring for your town forests. The commission stewards parcels ranging from Bear Island in the east to Hermit Woods in the west. This year the commission gained a new commissioner, Eytan Wulfsohn – welcome aboard!

Finally, the commission thanks all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2024 the commission hosted 28 "Tuesday Trailwork" days where volunteers collectively put in over 500 hours of work. The Commission thanks you all, as well as commission members Don MacFarlane and Eytan Wulfsohn for planning and leading the work days. We are always in need of volunteers to help with Meredith's public lands – contact us via our website if you would like to get involved. It's important work, and we have a good time!

We especially want to recognize long-time commissioner John Sherman who passed away in December after more than 25 years of work, support, and dedication to the Commission and the people of Meredith.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Powell, Chair
Paul Dillon, Vice Chair
Paula Wanzer, Secretary
Jim Gregoire, Treasurer

Members: Mark Billings, Ralph Pisapia, Janet Sanguedolce
Alternates: Don MacFarlane, Tony Sabutis, Ed Twaddell, Eytan Wulfsohn

Conservation Commission Continued...



General Government

Public Works



Solid Waste Division: *Solid Waste Coordinator, Mike Tarling*

We were finally able to get the metal area paved this year, so our employees and facility users don't have to wade in water and sink in the mud anymore! It also allowed us to build retaining walls to better sort the metal materials and clean up the area.

Once again, the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day was a great success with many people bringing in items. The use of the Solid Waste & Recycling Facility remains at an all-time high. The Solid Waste decal used for accessing the facility is also issued to use the Town beach at Leavitt Park and the boat launch at Hesky Park. With the influx of people moving into town, the sale of decals and the use of our SW facility has increased dramatically.

Total Items Recycled as of end of November 2024:

SPECIAL LOAD: CAR BATTERIES/ ELECTRIC MOTORS	4.16 TONS	SCRAP ALUMI- NUM	7.67 TONS
ALUMINUM CANS	16.87 TONS	TRASH	2432.56 TONS
LIGHT METAL	262.67 TONS	MIXED METALS	5.98 TONS
DEMOLITION	626.17 TONS	MIXED PAPER	27.3 TONS
#1 STEEL	14.34 TONS	PLASTICS	17.98 TONS
CARDBOARD	127 TONS	ELECTRONICS	14.09 TONS
TIRES	19.2 TONS		



Cemetery Division: *Cemetery Sexton, Robert O'Neill*

BURIALS: Full Burials 6, Cremations 26. Total of 32 for Fees totaling \$7,900.00. Monument Installations: Bases-04; Ground Level Markers – 13 (1 Military) – installed for \$725.00 total; Grave Sales - 8 Full burial Grave Lots and 2 cremation lots for fees totaling \$4,300. Tomb Rental: One for \$400.00. Additionally, 6 sets of shrubs were removed, 6 headstones were repaired, 14 headstones were cleaned, 8 graves were resurfaced and 3 tree stumps removed. Our Cemetery crew kept busy mowing, weed whacking and picking up branches, debris and keeping our two main in-town cemeteries and the 89 outlying cemeteries clean and beautiful. The Highway Dept. performed intensive tree limbing throughout the cemetery.

Buildings and Grounds Division: *Operations Manager, Tyler Manville*



2024 was a very busy year full of lots of changes here in the Buildings and Grounds Division. Paul Ristaino retired in June after 19 years serving the town as the B&G and Cemetery Operations Manager. Paul spearheaded many B&G projects during his time with Public Works and played a huge role in helping to beautify our town. Thank you, Paul, for your many years of dedicated service to the town!

This past spring, we welcomed two new full-time B&G Laborers: Brandon Hurd and Brian Berlied. Along with two part-time summer employees, the B & G crew had a very busy summer maintaining our waterfront parks and docks for all locals and visitors to enjoy. The heat and rain this summer kept the grass and garden beds growing wonderfully!

We also maintained and repaired all the town buildings and grounds. The crew were busy with many building projects including helping to install a new front sign at the library and building new picnic tables for the parks.

General Government

Public Works continued...

Public Works Office: *Public Works Director, Michael Faller—Administrative Assistant, Monica Bennett*

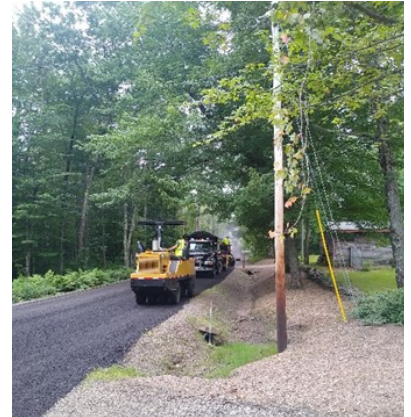
With the continued high volume of real estate sales and new construction of homes in town, we issued a very large number of driveway, trenching and logging permits. The facility use permits for events in our parks continue to remain at an all-time high, and we continued to see a large number of calls, e-mails, and visits to our office from locals and visitors to town. We have worked hard this year to learn the new town computer system and upgraded our phone system.

Highway Division: *Assistance Public Works Director, Craig Hale*

2024 was an extremely busy year with many projects completed on the Town Roads and Town properties. Some of the projects included paving at the Transfer/Recycling Station to add stability and safety to the metal processing area.

A complete road reconstruction project was done on Fortier Road, which was in serious disrepair. This road had existing open side ditching along both sides of the road. These ditches were eliminated and underground storm drains and piping were added, replacing the open ditches. The pipes were connected to an existing storm drain system on Waukewan Street.

The old pavement was ground into the existing gravel on the road and 1-1/2" gravel was added to needed areas to create a base. Then the road was final graded and paved. Along both sides paved curbing was installed to control the water created on the road and leads any water to the surface drains installed.



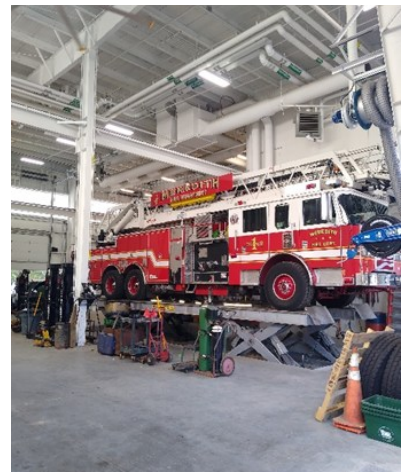
A large, deteriorating box culvert pipe was replaced on Hatch Corner Road with a much sturdier and life expectant cement box culvert.

We continue to maintain all our drainage pipes, basins and ditches as needed. Annual roadside cutting and tree pruning were done to keep line of site and safety of travel on the town roads. We have removed many trees from within the right of ways that have died.

Our crews use our new highway garage as home base and store all their equipment and gear here. It is also the maintenance department for all other town department's vehicles and equipment as well, (cruisers, fire trucks, lawn mowers, etc.) for inspections, maintenance, and repairs.

Grading was done throughout the spring, summer and fall as heavy traffic continues to put a lot of wear and tear on the gravel road surfaces.

Many sign replacements and installations of new signs were completed throughout town as needed. The signs are designed and created in our own in-house sign shop



Thank you to everyone for the positive support and feedback that we receive throughout the year!

General Government

Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP
Tom Branagan, Maintenance
Sarah Perkins, Program Director
Tammy Licki, Front Desk Associate
Andy Campney, Maintenance Crew Chief

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

I would like to thank all our dedicated staff members, both full-time and part-time, for their outstanding efforts throughout the year to bring quality service, programs, and facilities to our community and our visitors. We could not possibly provide the year-round 7-days-per-week service that we do, if it were not for their efforts. Staff shortages once again made 2024 especially challenging at times, however everyone pitched in together to maintain our full level of services. Thank you very much to all of them!

THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

The events and programs listed below would not be possible without our generous volunteers. We appreciate the valuable and critical role our volunteers play in so many of our program offerings and special events.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Santa: North Pole Calling	Matt Tremblay
Santa: Holiday Open House	Matt Tremblay
Santa: Tree Lighting	Matt Trambly
Holiday Open House	ILHA National Honor Society
Bunny: Easter Egg Hunt	Ron Serlis
Special Events Baking & Food Prep	Lisa Tremblay
Easter Egg Hunt	Holderness Private School, ILHS Varsity Baseball Team, Altrusa
Halloween Bash	ILHS National Honor Society
Youth Tennis Lessons & Yoga	Advantage Tennis & Yoga Organization
Adult Volleyball Coordinator	Maria Aboujaoude
Craft Fair Baked Goods	Altrusa & Many After School Program Families
Craft Fair	ILHS National Honor Society
Senior Adult Computer Class	Meredith Public Library
Swasey Park Volunteer Day	Swasey Park Committee
Waukegan Highlands Trail Work	Bill Gartner, Bob Manley, Wendell & Julie Rizzo
Beach Set Up	Julie Choiniere
Counselors-In-Training	Drew Madore, Summer Hamill
Community Center Gardens	Nancy Lavigne & Team of Volunteers
Summer Open-Mic Music Series	Kevin & Kitty Boyle
Tee Ball Coaches	Chris Elphick, Jennifer Koch, Rachel Currier, Meredith Moriarity, Tim Gerry, Stephanie Rolfe
Youth Soccer Coaches	Andy Cartier, Carly Howie, Chelsea Crowder, Whitney Biederman, Brian Jastrebsky, Alec Morrill, Keenan Plancon, Tim Gerry, Joel Orsi, Jim Locke, Dan Ingram, Gavin Fogg, Rachel Currier, Kirsten Williams, Chris Elphick
Mae Hart Thanksgiving Dinner	Anne Barach, Jim Williams, Barbara Schaffner, Kim Goldberg, Melisa Dever, John Dever, Tricia Dever, Lincoln Dever, Logan Dever, Barbara Goren, Sarah Perkins, Cheryl Ricca, Bill Irwin, Tom Stankosky, Monica Stankosky, Dave Detcher, Sylvia Detcher, Louisa Cartier, Dave Little, Heidi Little, Chuck Lowth, Nancy McGrail
Community Center Landscaping	Nancy Lavigne and her many volunteers
Equipment & Operators	Meredith Water, Public Works, & Fire Departments

Parks and Recreation continued...

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

The Parks & Recreation Department maintenance staff was hard at work in 2024 to make several improvements to our facilities in 2024. These included the renovation of the restrooms and replacement of a maintenance shed at Leavitt Beach, installation of an above ground irrigation system at Lower Prescott Park, installation of new flooring and wall trim in the Community Center entrance, renovation of the Community Center landscape beds and irrigations system, and painting of the Waukegan Beach bathhouse just to highlight a few of the many improvements that were made. The maintenance staff also partnered with the Inter Lakes High School baseball team to install a new net and synthetic surface in the batting cage at the baseball field in Upper Prescott Park. The synthetic surface was recycled from the original turf field at Inter Lakes High School. This was another very positive cooperative effort that provides a much-improved facility at a lower cost.

PRESCOTT PARK RENOVATION COMMITTEE

The Prescott Park Renovation Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, made great progress in 2024 toward completing its mission of developing a master plan for the renovation of Prescott Park. The Town of Meredith contracted with Ironwood Design Group to lead the effort. Ironwood will partner with Gale Associates, HEB Engineers, and SMP Architects to develop a comprehensive master plan and make recommendations for improvements at Prescott Park. The committee will work closely with the design team to seek input from all park user groups and the community at large via surveys and by conducting public listening sessions. Committee members and town officials encourage members of the public and park user groups to share their recommendations for improving the park. The final master plan for the park should be completed by the end of 2025. Thank you to all the Prescott Park Renovation Committee members for their dedicated service to this exciting and much needed project.

PRESCOTT PARK COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dan Curnyn, Chairperson, Cal Ripken Youth Baseball & Babe Ruth Baseball
Andrea Bourn, Vice-Chairperson, Member at Large
Joan Aiken, Friends of Meredith Parks and Recreation Group
Steve Aiken, Board of Selectmen
Josh Allen, Member at Large
Vint Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director
Mary Corthouts, Member at Large
Erica DiFabio, Member at Large
Sarah Dumas, Athletic Director, Inter Lakes Middle High School
Lynn Leighton, Board of Selectmen
Lisa Pendergast, Member at Large
Greg Smith, Inter Lakes Youth Soccer
Paula Wanzer, Member at Large
Mindy Zapien, Secretary, Member at Large

ADAPTIVE PADDLING LAUNCH AT LEAVITT BEACH

The Adaptive Paddling Launch Committee was hard at work in 2024 to finalize plans and fundraise for the installation of an Adaptive Paddling Launch at Leavitt Beach. The committee hopes to install the launch in the spring of 2025. The Adaptive Paddling Launch will provide safer access to the water for paddlers of all ages and abilities. The launch will be designed for paddlers with mobility challenges and those with disabling conditions who need extra support to launch and exit their paddling craft. Thank you to all the very generous members of our community for their donations to help make this project become a reality.

ADAPTIVE PADDLING LAUNCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Andrea Bourn
Sheila Burke
Sue Mangers
Jim McFarlin
Paula Wanzer, Chairperson
Vint Choiniere, Meredith Parks and Recreation Director

General Government

Parks and Recreation continued...

PROGRAM REVENUES CONTINUE TO INCREASE

Revenues within the Parks and Recreation Department continued to increase in 2024. Prior to the impact of COVID in 2020, the Parks and Recreation Department generated increased revenues for 5 consecutive years, culminating with an all-time high, at the time, in 2019. Activity levels steadily increased in 2021 and 2022 as we all tried our best to recover from COVID. I am happy to report that the total revenue generated in 2024 was \$252,593, setting a new all-time high. This is a testament to the great effort of all the staff members who work directly with the programs as well as those staff members who work in support of the programs and facilities. Thank you also to our patrons for their continued support of our programs and activities. We are very hopeful that this trend will continue in 2025.

Program	Participants	Program	Participants
After School Program	92	Adult Intermediate Pickle Ball	74
Summer Camp	193	Adult Advanced Pickle Ball	79
Youth Tennis Lessons	30	Evening Pickle Ball Program	60
Counselors In Training	2	Adult Men's Pick-Up Basketball	90
February Vacation Camp	26	Birthday Parties	84
December Vacation Camp	33	Father & Daughter Dance	53
Full Day Camp January 2	26		
Full Day Camp January 26	35	Community Center Drop-Ins Daily Avg	25
Early School Release Camp June 19	33	North Pole Calling	22
Full Day Camp November 27	21	Senior Adult Walking Daily	10
Full Day Camp December 2	41	Senior Adult Computer Class	10
Early School Release Camp Dec 20	21	Senior Morning Walking Group	10
Adult Coed Volleyball	52	Senior Knitting Group	20
Youth Soccer Program (Pre K-Gr 2)	60	Craft Fair Vendors	38
Youth Tee Ball (Ages 4 & 5-Gr K)	25	Craft Fair Visitors	300
Senior Strength & Balance Program	99	Halloween Family Bash	120
Senior Exercise	20	Holiday Open House	100
Senior Yoga	48	Holiday Tree Lighting	100
Cabin Fever Family Movie Night	25	Easter Egg Hunt	200
Climbing Wall Program	65	Mae Hart Thanksgiving Meal & Delivery	100
Adult Novice Pickle Ball	54	Barber Shop Harmony Music Jamboree	150

As always, I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us and I look forward to working together as a community to provide quality recreational opportunities for all to enjoy now and into the future. Have a safe and healthy year in 2025.

Sincerely,

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP
Meredith Parks and Recreation Director

General Government

Parks and Recreation continued...



General Government

Town Clerk

Kerri A Parker, Town Clerk CTCTC, CMC
Jennifer Hurd, Assistant Town Clerk

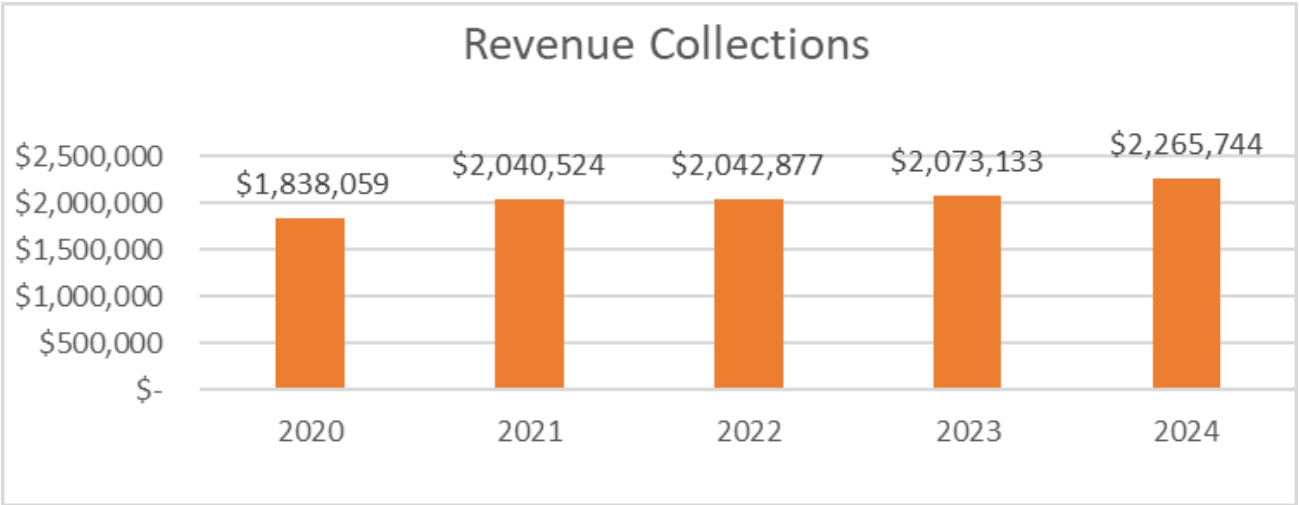
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| * Motor Vehicle | * Vital Records (Birth, Death & Marriage Certificates) | * Dog Licensing |
| * Fire Permits | * Marriage Licensing | * Refuse Permits |
| * Elections | * Voter Registration | * Wetland Applications |
| * Aquatherm Permitting | * Notary Public & Justice of the Peace Services | * |

2024 had four elections and each one went smoothly thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers that help each time. We cannot do it without all of them. Thank you also to the 85% of our registered voters for making the 2024 General Election a record breaker for Meredith!

We have a change in the process this coming year to look forward to.

Respectfully Submitted
Kerri A Parker, MMC, CTCTC
Town Clerk

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: (10,927 Auto) & (699 Boat)	10,228	\$ 2,228,944
Dogs	1,451	8,287
Vital Records	392	7,832
Marriage Licenses	67	3,150
Refuse Permits	368	8,610
Miscellaneous...		
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits(99) - Copies		8,921
Mailings - Notary and Justice Fees		



Meredith Public Library

This year the Meredith Public Library was awarded Small Library of the Year by the NH Library Trustee Association for its ability to connect with the community! Thank you to the staff, trustees, Friends of the Library, donors and patrons for being part of the library team that made this possible.

The library has completed its strategic plan for 2025-2029. Thank you to the members of the Strategic Plan Advisory Committee for helping to develop it. The committee was made up of patrons, staff, local government officials, service organizations and small business owners. We surveyed the community, held socials to gather feedback and conducted SWOT analyses with our staff and the Friends and Trustee Boards. Using that feedback we have developed ten goals for the rest of the decade. Be sure to view our plan on our Website www.meredithlibrary.org.



Our action plan for 2025 includes revamping the shelving and furniture in the Teen Zone, an area that did not get much attention during the renovation and expansion project completed in 2021. Thank you to Dr. Marc Bard and the Friends of the Library for their fundraising efforts for this project. In the Summer of 2025 we will be hosting the traveling *Americans and the Holocaust Exhibit* from the United States Holocaust Memorial and Museum in Washington, D.C. thanks to a grant from the American Library Association. There will be numerous events surrounding this, including a Community Read with other libraries in the region and the Wright Museum of *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Taylor. We are also partnering with Inter-Lakes Schools with a plan of bringing all Middle and High School aged students to see the exhibit.

In 2024, our custodian Steve Nedeau retired and Adult Services Librarian Samantha Tullis relocated to another state. Matthew Buteau was promoted to Adult Services Librarian and Kaitlyn Gable came on board as a Library Aide. Our staff was very busy throughout the year hosting events, providing technical and readers' advisory support, assisting with reference questions and circulating items. Highlights of 2024 include adding a Seed Library, a Shark Week Escape Room, Winter and Summer Reading Programs for all ages (with nifty prizes), a visit from Smokey Bear, several segments from the library by WMUR's Fritz Weatherbee and hundreds of other library events. We also added new software to our Website that allows patrons to reserve a museum pass, register for an event or book a room online.

The library completed a winterization project of the historic library and 1980's addition thanks in part to a grant from the Association for Small and Rural Libraries. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Meredith for planting all of the flowers and shrubs along the Veterans' Memorial Walk and to the Greater Meredith Program for our new tiered garden at the High Street entrance. We also installed our new front sign. Thank you to Tyler Manville and his crew at Buildings and Grounds for the work to install it and the Little Free Library along the front walk and for everything else that they did for us over the year.

We are blessed with an active Friends of the Library with over 100 members that fundraise, maintain the front garden, and sort and sell books in our bookstore, at auctions and at antique shops. None of our events, museum passes, Ancestry.com subscription and so much more would not be possible without them. Thank you to Carola Davis, a Friend who is a retired archivist who managed to turn 130 years of papers, ledgers and photos into a well-organized archive. She even found an original letter from President Coolidge down there!

General Government

Meredith Public Library *continued...*

If you haven't visited the library yet since our renovation, please come by. We have events and activities for all ages, small study rooms, and a well-developed in-house and digital collection including streaming services of TV shows, films and music. We have a Maker Space with sewing machines, 3D printer and scanner, a Glowforge, digital conversion equipment, a large-scale printer, a Cricut, a button maker and plenty of room for budding artists. Join us for our monthly Maker Saturdays where you can learn how to use each piece of equipment. Finally, be sure to download our Library Podcast from Spotify called "*Check it Out*". Matthew and Anna not only discuss library happenings, but also host special guests from around Town.

Thank you to our community for supporting your library for 143 years!

Erin M. Apostolos, Library Director

Circulation...		Statistics...	
Adult Media	4,872	Reference Questions Answered	2,155
Adult Books	15,329	Annual Visits	55,153
Youth Materials	16,030	Number of Registered Patrons	4,517
Magazines	976	Internet Usage	9,738
Interlibrary Loans	1,957	Acquisitions...	
eBooks, Mags, Video, Audio	15,979	Media	217
Museum Passes	184	Books	3,256
Telescope	2	Magazines	282
Kindle	13	Lost/Discarded	4,875
		Donated Items	321
Total Circulation	55,342	Total Inventory	37,663

Report of the Library Trustees of Trust Funds - *Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)*

Library Trust & Improvement Funds		Balance	Income	(Withdrawn)	Gain/Loss	YE-Balance
Trust Fund	Purpose					
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	\$ 897,387	\$28,233	\$ (17,688)	\$ 41,218	\$ 949,151
Improvement Fund	Library	\$ 50,706	\$ 1,685	\$ (314)	\$ 1,790	\$ 53,866
Total Trust Funds		\$ 948,092	\$29,918	\$ (18,002)	\$ 43,008	\$1,003,017

Note this info is incomplete due to printer deadlines for Town Report. YE Balance is as of Third Quarter



Police



As we welcome 2025, our department is refreshed, focused, and ready to write the next chapter in our journey of service. Reflecting on 2024, we experienced a year of significant changes, challenges, and accomplishments.

Among our milestones, we filled critical patrol positions and established key leadership roles, enabling us to harness the talents and skills of our officers more effectively. A generous local resident made it possible to acquire a drone for search and rescue operations, a valuable resource for which we are deeply grateful. Additionally, we upgraded our weapons systems for improved functionality and accuracy, modernized policies and procedures, restructured responsibilities, expanded specialized training opportunities, enhanced our community engagement through social media, introduced updated uniform options, and incorporated advanced technology into our cruisers and dispatch systems. We also added a police pickup truck to our fleet, further bolstering our capabilities.

By year's end, we welcomed Officer Blake Dunlap and Officer Jacob Boucher to our team. These exceptional individuals bring energy and expertise, and I have high expectations for their contributions. Officer Robert Nedeau, our dedicated School Resource Officer, has now been serving at Inter-Lakes Elementary School for over a year. His efforts have strengthened school safety and fostered invaluable relationships with students and faculty alike.

We remain focused on key projects for 2025, including a much-needed dispatch system upgrade and ongoing IT enhancements. The integration of Cross Agency functionality in our IMC Live system has already improved communication and information-sharing with neighboring communities, significantly enhancing officer safety. As the town continues to grow with new housing developments and an increasing population, we are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents. While staffing shortages persist, we are actively exploring solutions to address these challenges.

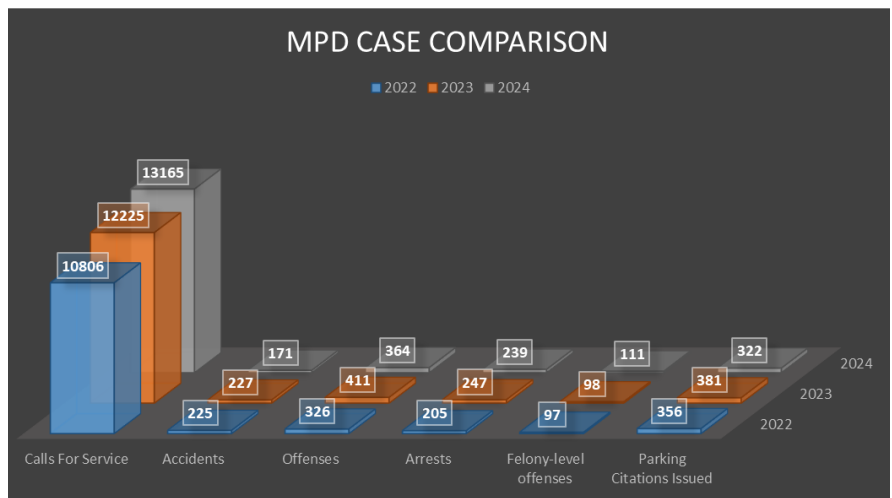
Equally important to our successes are the meaningful relationships we continue to build with the community. From our participation in local events like Cone with a Cop, our annual Cornhole Tournament, a successful shutdown of Main St. for Trick-or-Treat, and our outreach efforts through social media, we are dedicated to fostering trust, transparency, and collaboration. These community interactions strengthen the bond between the department and the residents we serve, and they remain a cornerstone of our approach to policing.

As Chief of Police, my goal is to build upon the department's strong foundation and the steady leadership developed over my 29 years of service to the Town of Meredith. I will continue to promote professionalism, humility, education, camaraderie, and growth among our team. Our community's needs and safety will always be our top priorities, and we will strive to foster healthy relationships between our officers, residents, and community leaders.

In closing, 2024 was a year of rebuilding and progress. With the dedicated personnel now in place, I am confident that we have assembled a team of the finest individuals to keep our streets safe. The residents of Meredith are in excellent hands. I also want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our select board members for their steadfast support throughout a year of challenges and staffing shortages. Their commitment ensured that the department continued to operate effectively and efficiently.

Here's to a successful and impactful 2025.

Chief Michael J. Harper
Meredith Police Department



General Government

Fire

I would like to thank My Officers, Department Members, Auxiliary, Town Staff, CIP Committee and Board of Selectman for another year and especially all who supported and assisted with allowing the department to move forward to the next level, hiring of fulltime daytime staff.

As the Town continues to grow, so does the request for emergency services. In 2024 the department smashed the previously Incident Response Department Record of 513 set in 2022. A total of 576 incidents were answered by the department. This is an 11% increase over the previous record. July alone noted 70 requests for responses, one shy of the monthly department record. In the past 12 years, the department has experienced a 41% increase in incidents.

A big thank you for the overwhelming support demonstrated at the Town Meeting with department daytime staffing issues which will drastically improve a couple of key critical stats during **daytime responses**. Both, **number of firefighter responses per incident** and **response time per incident** has shown improvement during the daytime hours over the past few months. This is tracked and scored by the **Insurance Service Office (ISO)**, which conducts an audit with fire departments every 4 years. Our last ISO Audit, we received a step down from 3Y to 4Y rating within the stations 5-mile radius affecting homeowners with insurance cost. With the continued support of addressing department issues, we hope to improve this rating with the next audit. This also allows for two to three pieces of apparatus to respond during the daytime hours, where previously we were lucky to have one engine with adequate staff.



Rt.25 Truck with Trailer Jack-knifed

Back in 2023 the Manager and Selectboard decided to initiate a complete department audit to address the request for staffing. MRI was selected to conduct a complete comprehensive department audit and submitted a report in the fall of '23. With the partially suggested staffing hired, several deficiencies have been addressed or in progress.

- ◆ Forestry 2 replacement will be in service this spring.
- ◆ Fire Boat upgrade is continuing to be pursued.
- ◆ Bay drains in Center Station replaced.
- ◆ Departments Mission Statement revised, along with vision statement created.
- ◆ Firefighters and administrative assistance hired.
- ◆ Building preplanning documented.
- ◆ Department policies and SOGs continuously updated as required.
- ◆ Department 1582 physicals initiated which will address the recent NH State's Presumption Workers Compensation Cancer law RSA 281-A:17.
- ◆ Required permits associated with the department inspections to be relocated to the Central Station in the immediate future.
- ◆ Probationary training manual developed.
- ◆ Initiate specking engine one's replacement.
- ◆ Planning of replacement of Central Station upper bay floor.

Working with the Capital Improvement Committee, a ten-year plan, (also noted in the MRI Study), was updated to meet the department's foreseeable upgrades and replacement of apparatus and equipment purchases of over \$90,000. Currently listed in the 24-2025 plan are FF's Turnout Gear, Engine 1, Utility Truck, and Engine 2 replacements. I wish to thank the Staff and CIP members for their support, without this long-term planning, purchases of this nature would surely be difficult.

As usual we have applied for FEMA's 2024 AFG Grant for equipment, attack & supply hose and nozzles totaling \$40,731. with a 5% match of \$1,939.57. Unfortunately, due to 24/7 staffing requirement of the Center Station we were declined funding with the 2023 AFG to sprinkle and replace the old Fire Alarm System.

General Government

Fire continued...

Back in February during the Pond Hockey Classic being held on Waukegan Lake, the MFD duty crew assisted Stewarts Ambulance attendants with a Cardiac Arrest on the ice. This emergency had a positive outcome, as proper initial lifesaving tactics administered proved to have a successful outcome. Both MFD and Stewarts crews were honored later with the patient and family members in attendance.

A reminder that **all outside burning** requires a burning permit if the ground is not adequately covered with snow 100 ft. around the burn pile. If the required snow cover is prevalent, then no permit is required, and you may burn during the daytime as well. All other burning requires a burn permit even during wet rainy days. There are restrictions on what exactly may be burned as well as different categories pertaining to permits and times you may burn. Any questions please call MFD at (603) 279-6061 or obtain a permit at; **Central Fire Station, Town Hall, Y-Landing** or **online** at www.NHfirepermit.com.



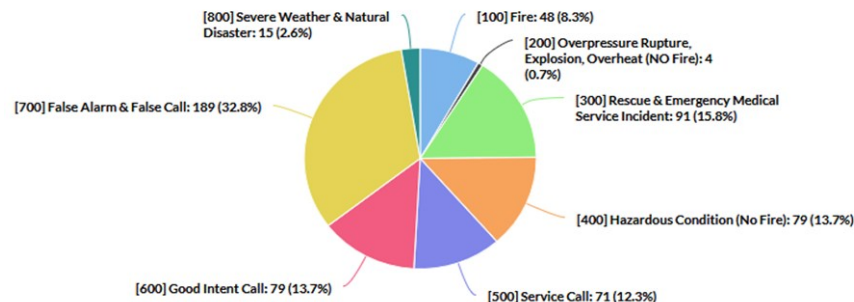
**Cardiac Arrest Patient W/ Stewarts
& MFD Personnel**

As you see below with the yearly stats, **False Alarms** routinely continue to be the highest request for call volume. To assist in reducing such calls, all fire alarm systems should be service annually and residential homes must replace batteries in the smoke/CO detectors, **“(change your clocks, change your batteries)”**. Remember smoke/CO detectors need to be replaced by manufacture recommendations, which usually is between 7 to 10 years.

In closing, as always, the Officers, Members and I look forward to the challenges in 2025, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for your continued support. Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke/CO detectors save lives, be sure to check yours! In new modern construction homes, you now have 3 to 4 minutes to escape! Ensure you have an escape plan and practice it!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

Runs by Incident Series



Incident Series	# of Incidents	% of Incidents
[100] Fire	48	8%
[200] Overpressure Rupture, Explosion, Overheat (NO Fire)	4	1%
[300] Rescue & Emergency Medical Service Incident	91	16%
[400] Hazardous Condition (No Fire)	79	14%
[500] Service Call	71	12%
[600] Good Intent Call	79	14%
[700] False Alarm & False Call	189	33%
[800] Severe Weather & Natural Disaster	15	3%
Grand Total	576	100%

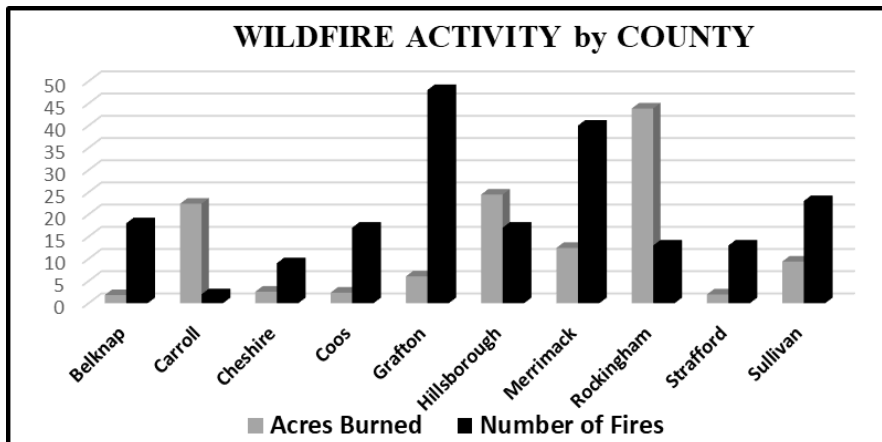
General Government

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

In 2024, New Hampshire experienced an average spring wildfire season which included a 20-acre fire in Effingham in late April. Conditions remained wet enough throughout most of the summer to keep fire occurrences low. In the fall, drought conditions in the northeast were higher than normal, keeping state and local firefighters very busy. The week before Thanksgiving found firefighters and forest rangers spending 3 days to extinguish a 21-acre fire in Exeter. State resources also responded to Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont to assist with large fires which occurred in the fall.

Many homes in Meredith are in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Every year New Hampshire sees fires which threaten or destroy structures, a constant reminder that wildfires burn more than just trees. In 2024, New Hampshire properties within the Wildland Urban Interface were impacted, with 37 structures threatened and 4 destroyed by wildfires. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildfire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, Meredith Fire Department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe! We ask everyone to remember Smokey's message about personal responsibility and follow his ABC's: **Always Be Careful with Fire**. If you start a fire, put it out when you are done. **"Remember, Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!"**

As we prepare for the 2025 fire season, please remember to contact Chief Jones Forest Fire Warden or Meredith Fire to determine if a fire permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Any questions please call MFD at (603) 279-6061 or obtain a permit at; **Central Fire Station, Town Hall, Y-Landing** or online at www.NHfirepermit.com, or using the QR code. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect Meredith's Forest Resources. For additional information, please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdfldncr.nh.gov. For up-to-date information, follow them on X and Instagram: **@NHForestRangers**



(All fires reported as of December 01, 2024)

Year	Number of Wildfires	Wildfire Acres Burned	Number of Unpermitted Fires*
2024	123	125	77
2023	99	64.5	42
2022	59	203	48
2021	66	86	96
2020	113	89	165

*Unpermitted fires which escape control are considered Wildfires.

CAUSES of FIRES REPORTED											
Fireworks	Firearm & explosives use	Undetermined	Recreation & ceremony	Debris & open burning	Natural	Other causes	Power generation, transmission, distribution	Smoking	Arson	Misuse of fire by a minor	Equipment & vehicle use
1	2	29	13	108	7	10	9	5	7	2	7

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G Jones, Fire Chief/Forest Fire Warden

Energy Committee



The Meredith Energy Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Its purpose is to encourage and promote energy efficiency and renewable energy for Meredith's municipal operations, businesses, and residents.

The Meredith solar installations were completed in 2023 with the activation of the system at the Transfer Station. There are photovoltaic panels installed on the roofs of the Transfer Station, Community Center, Skate Park and the Meredith Center Fire Station. The estimated annual electricity produced by the solar panels will be 321,000 kWh or roughly 25% of the electricity consumed by the town's municipal facilities.

The Energy Committee researched Community Power and after presentations to the Committee and the Selectboard by the Community Power Coalition Of New Hampshire the Selectboard approved a Joint Powers Agreement which is the first step on the path to adopting Community Power for the residents and businesses of Meredith. In 2025 the second of two public hearings will be held and a vote at Town Meeting is on the agenda. If approved then Selectboard will have the authority to implement Community Power for the town.

The Energy Committee will continue to serve as a resource on energy efficiency for Meredith's municipal operations, businesses, and residents. Anyone with interest in the Energy Committee or its work can direct inquiries or questions to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.

Submitted by,

Bill Haley, Chairman
Meredith Energy Committee

General Government

Village Pathways Committee

The Meredith Village Pathways Committee is an advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The broadly stated purpose of the Committee is to develop a pedestrian plan and to promote pedestrian activity in the community. Pedestrian planning takes the form of enhancing and expanding pathways, as well as linking together recreational, civic and community destinations throughout Meredith Village and the community.

2024 marked the fourth year of opening the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook. The Laverack Trail continues to be a large part of the committee's work. The Laverack Nature Trail is exceedingly popular with visitors and is used regularly by residents, visitors, teachers, and students. In order to gauge the amount of trail users in 2024, our committee has installed an Eco-Counter. From March 2024 to December there were a total of 46,543 visitors on the trail, an increase of 19.6%. Our peak day was September 1, 2024, with 443 walkers. On any given day, there is at least one person using a wheelchair, walker, or stroller on the trail. The accessibility of the trail has been one of its major benefits. An educational tree walk was held on the Laverack Nature Trail this year on June 8th with tree identification expert Tom Foster.

Committee members and Friends of the Laverack Nature Trail continue to monitor the Laverack Nature Trail several times each week. If you would like to help with monitoring, we welcome new members. Those willing to help with trail maintenance on an "as needed basis" are also welcome. Please contact the committee chairpersons on an "as needed basis" are also welcome. Please contact the committee chairpersons for more information or visit our website <https://www.laveracknt.org/> or on Facebook, at Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook.

Thank you to all who assisted with trail monitoring and maintenance this year. We also thank Meredith Town Planner Angela LaBrecque, Stephanie Maltais and Genie Smith for the time, effort, and guidance given to our committee.

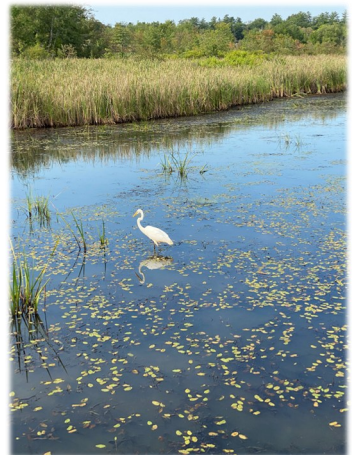
For a number of years, we have worked to eradicate knotweed at the trail entrance to the boardwalk behind Meredith Village Savings Bank. It has been a success and our major project in the spring was planning and then landscaping the trail entrance area this fall. We want to thank Nancy Lavigne for her design plan for native species of plants and wildflowers. Belknap Landscape LLC donated and installed the plants at cost. The committee would like to thank our committee member, Rod Wilson, for overseeing this project. His diligence and enthusiastic effort made it possible.

Our original Meredith Village Pathways Map was revised and expanded to include more information to connect Laverack Nature Trail to Page Pond. It will be available in the spring of 2025.

Walking is good for you! Please use the Laverack Nature Trail at Hawkins Brook if you have not discovered it. For those of you who have, thank you for being such good stewards for our wonderful trail in the heart of the village.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Wilson and Liz Lapham, Co-Chairs

Pathways Committee Members: Jane Bowie, Andrea Bourn, Barbara Brann, Lissa Goodby, Liz Lapham, Abby Mercer, Janis Roberts, Sandy Sabutis, Linda Smith, Cheryl Wilson, Rod Wilson, and Angela LaBrecque



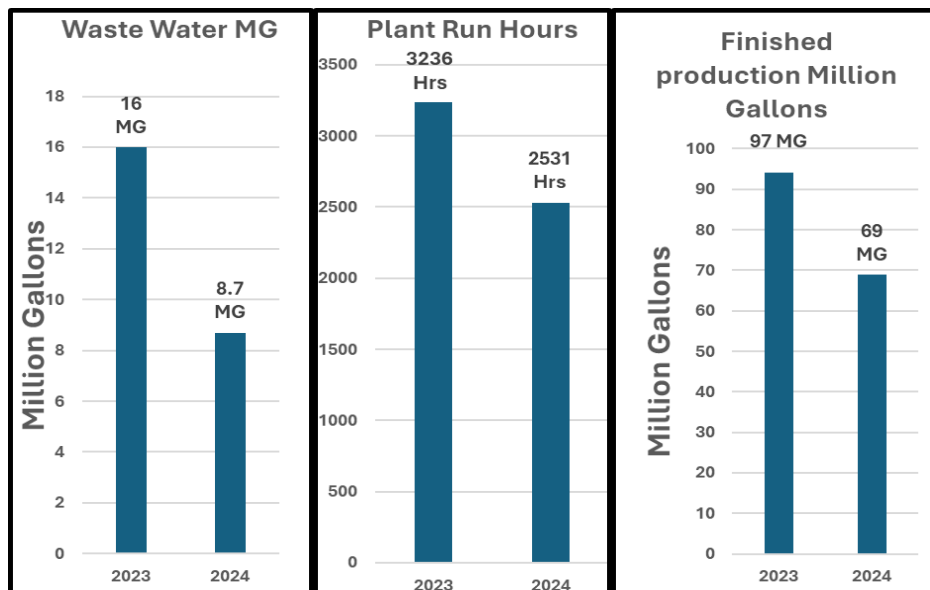
Water and Sewer



Greetings from the Meredith Water and Sewer Department, 2024 proved to be a year of learning, as well as completion of some essential upgrades. Using the data received from the water audit from the state of NH in 2023 it revealed 40 million gallons of *unaccounted* water which had been produced in 2022. Quickly, we set our sights on potential causes, such as meter calibrations, leaks in the distribution system and record inaccuracies. The three water booster stations were not equipped with flow meters resulting in no daily flow data for high volume usage in the zones they supply water to. After installing high accuracy flow meters at the booster stations, we quickly saw the daily flows to the Rte. 104/Meredith center zone were extremely high. A company was hired to perform leak detection on the entire route 104/Meredith center zone. This investigation resulted in locating three leaks that were estimated at over 75,000 gallons of water per day. These leaks were in wetland areas and therefore not visible. Results from these repairs not only reduced the daily water production, but also reduced the power usage for that booster station by over 50% annually.

Treatment Facility

2024 was also the first full year of water production at the Treatment Facility after the reprogramming of the filter process, which was completed in July of 2023. Combined with the leak repairs, the results were quite impressive as we reduced our annual production by over 30 million gallons in 2024, plant run time was reduced by over 700 hours annually and the discharge of wastewater from the treatment plant was reduced by nearly 8 million gallons (46%). (see chart below)



Water and Sewer continued...

Grant Programs:

We are making great progress with Grant Programs that were initiated in 2024, all are scheduled for completion in 2025/2026.

Asset management Grant-

- ◇ Assessing the Water Treatment Plant and infrastructure. 40% complete.

Strategic planning Grant-

- ◇ Assessing the current water/sewer rates (last increase was 2013) 25%

Leak Detection Grant-

- ◇ Scheduled for completion 2025

Sewer/Stormwater Grant-

- ◇ Scheduled for completion 2026

Cyano-bacteria Grant-

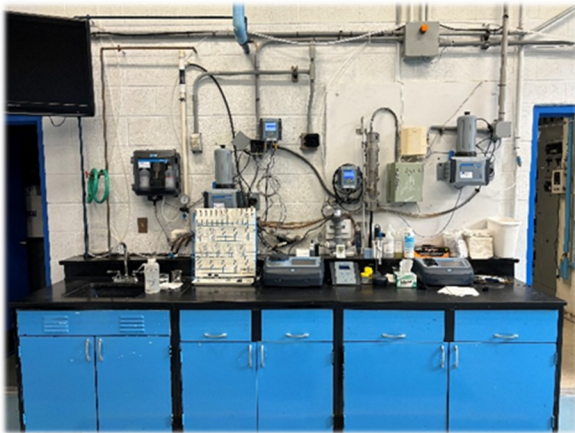
- ◇ Scheduled for completion 2025
- ◇ The Cyano- Bacteria Grant allowed the completion of a full season of specialized testing as well as the purchase and deployment of a weather station on the roof of the Water treatment plant. We were also able to purchase a water quality monitoring device (Sonde) that is deployed in a strategic location in Lake Waukegan. This device collects real time data and forwards it to the control room at the treatment facility. In addition to Forest Bell engineering, we would like to thank all the volunteers for their efforts in making this program a success.

Route 25 Water & Sewer upgrades

Dubois & King Engineering Firm has been hired to complete the preliminary design work to include surveying, test borings and design work. We expect completion of this phase in spring of 2025, with the goal of beginning construction in 2026.

Treatment Plant

We continue to make upgrades at the facility. New lab equipment was purchased and installed in-house, bringing the equipment up to the latest technology.



Original Lab Equipment



New Lab Equipment

We began upgrades to the chemical feed area, replacing the bulk storage tanks and can now be serviced in-house instead of hiring an outside vendor. The office windows were replaced, and material bins were installed to store stone, gravel and sand. The old metal fencing along the front of the treatment plant was removed and new fencing installed. We will continue to make improvements to the Treatment Plant exterior and grounds.

Supported Outside Agencies

Water and Sewer continued....



Lead Service Inventory

As of 10/16/2024 the “Get the Lead Out Program” implemented by the EPA and the state of NH began in full swing, this requires all municipalities nationwide to inspect all water service lines that are unknown to be lead or galvanized lines. The water department does not have records of the service line materials that are acceptable by the state for the unknown or galvanized services. This results in having MWD expose each curb stop (water shutoff valve) and verify if lead or galvanized materials exist at that location. We have approximately 900 unknowns that will have to be excavated and verified at the expense of the municipality. Once the service line materials have been exposed and inventoried, the water utility is responsible for the service line from the water main in the street up to the curb stop and will be replaced at the utilities expense, the portion of the service line from the curb stop into the building is the responsibility of the property owner. The EPA has set a deadline of 10 years to inventory and replace all existing galvanized and Lead service lines. Our goal here at MWD is to expose all curb stops and inspect both sides of the shut off by 2029. Then coordinating with the property owners with replacing all necessary line materials with completion by 2035. All water customers received a notification letter in November 2024 describing this program. If you are a sewer only customer, please disregard the notice as this does not pertain to your property.

Water Meter Reading

As I discussed in the 2023 annual report, we were in the process of replacing our aged meter read system. We have installed the new system which includes two collector antennas, one on the water tower and one on the high school roof. This resulted in the new system being able to communicate with approximately 950 of the 1300 meters in the system. The remainder of the meters will continue to be read by the old system until those meters can be replaced with a cellular based meter. We expect to replace 100 +/- meters per year over the next few years to complete this project. We will be leaving door hangers on properties that we need to access for meter replacement. When you see one of these notices on your door, please call the water department to schedule an appointment.

Looking to 2025, we look forward to receiving the data from the ongoing grant studies and using the results to build a solid plan for the future of MWD. Thank you to all who have contributed to helped us in making this a year of improvements and success.

Sincerely,

Jason Bordeau
Water & Sewer Superintendent

Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee

The Waukewan Water Watershed Advisory Committee (WWAC) is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the five (5) watershed communities to facilitate implementation of the Management Plan for the Waukewan Watershed.

A principle responsibility of the committee is to enhance public awareness and facilitate education regarding water quality conservation issues throughout the watershed and working collaboratively with local watershed communities, state agencies, local associations, citizens and other partners in the implementation of the Plan.

2024 was another busy and productive year for WWAC. We kicked off the year with implementation of the NHDES PWS Cyanobacteria Monitoring Grant. The grant included a weather station that was installed (and will remain) in the Water Department. A state of the art Sonde, that will transmit data in real-time, and will remain as a town asset moving forward. Water sampling was done by Forrest Bell Environmental (FBE) and WWAC Volunteers for a total of 14 times from May to December, with each trip averaging 6 hours. Water samples were taken to Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance and UNH for analysis. A final report will be issued in early Spring of 2025.

WWAC is looking forward to the implementation of another grant starting in Winter 2025. The CWSRF Storm Water Planning Project will update the current Waukewan Winona Watershed Management Plan as well as best management practices for sites needing mitigation to reduce storm water runoff.

WWAC, along with Windy Waters Conservancy, Meredith Neck and Islands Alliance and multiple other Meredith Lake Associations held a Cyanobacteria outreach attended by over 120 concerned Meredith residents. Speakers Ted Diers, Assistant Water Division Director at the NH Department of Environmental Services and Bree Rossiter, Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance's Conservation Program Manager presented what causes Cyanobacteria and what we can do about it.

Town meeting found WWAC advocating for 2 town warrant articles for Lake Waukewan's protection. Thanks to Meredith voters, a \$100,000.00 Cyanobacteria mitigation fund was approved as well as approval to accept the \$100,000.00 CWSRF Grant for Storm Water Planning.

In September WWAC partnered with Windy Waters and the Meredith Water Department for the 2nd annual Waukewan boat ramp clean up. Volunteers removed garbage along Waukewan Street and in Lake Waukewan. Our thanks to DPW for supplying a dump truck for trash and the InterLakes High School football team for their volunteerism. A cookout was hosted at the Water Department where the hardworking volunteers were treated to hotdogs, chips, cookies, drinks and tours of the Water Department.

Sadly, 2024 was not all good. Long time WWAC member Bruce Bond passed away earlier in the year. Bruce had been a member of WWAC for many years, first as the Chair and then staying on as a committee member. A lifelong resident of Lake Waukewan, he cared deeply about the watershed and conservation. He helped produce the 2005-2006 watershed plan. He also served as chair of the Center Harbor Conservation Commission. His time serving the community was greatly appreciated and with his passing we have lost a friend.

Our second loss was another long time member, Ray Moritz. A Meredith resident since the 80's, Ray passed away on December 4th. Ray was the WWAC select board representative for many years, and joined the committee as a private citizen after stepping down from the Select Board. Ray's volunteerism ranged from the Town Planning and Zoning Boards, Rotary, Lake groups to the Board of Visiting Nurses. He chaired many of those boards and committees and volunteered his time for many town projects. We will miss his leadership and limitless knowledge. Ray was a good friend and a fierce Lake advocate.

The committee looks forward to continuing its mission in 2025. Stay tuned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna VanNess Murphy, Chair



Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce



The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC) is dedicated to advancing and promoting the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of the vibrant Meredith and Inter-Lakes area. We proudly serve over 230 businesses and non-profit organizations located in and around Ashland, Bristol, Center Harbor, Holderness, Laconia, Moultonborough, New Hampton, Plymouth, Sandwich, Tamworth, and Meredith.

Our Visitor Center, located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway in Meredith, offers a variety of promotional materials, maps, guides, and other helpful resources about the Inter-Lakes and the greater Lakes Regions. We also maintain a welcome center in Moultonborough, situated at the intersection of Route 25 and Bean Road.

In 2024, the MACC continued to host various events, including our successful MACC Casino Night, the 44th Fine Arts and Crafts Festival, Chamber Connection gatherings, ribbon-cutting ceremonies for new businesses and members, and “Coffee with the Chamber” meet-ups, along with Business After Hours (BAH) events.

The MACC also maintained a close collaboration with the Career Partnership Program, a longstanding initiative between the Greater Meredith Program and the Inter-Lakes School District. Through this program, student interns from Inter-Lakes connect with MACC business members, using the Career Partnership Program to bridge the gap from school to work in the greater Meredith and Inter-Lakes region.

Looking ahead to 2025, our primary focus will be to unite the local business community in new ways to strengthen and amplify the voices of local business owners and organizations that enrich our communities. The MACC aims to enhance transparency with our members by seizing every networking opportunity, collaborating with other local Chambers and businesses, and fostering both new and existing relationships.

As a community-oriented and collaborative Chamber, the MACC seeks to extend its reach beyond the traditionally defined greater Meredith area. We will work more closely with business owners and organizations outside of Meredith, with the goal of helping members fully recognize the value of their membership.

The MACC encourages open communication, input, feedback, and authenticity from all members. Now is the time to come together and collaborate to maximize our shared strengths and leverage the best assets of our community.

Respectfully submitted by,
Corina Locke
Interim Executive Director



Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce cont...



Meredith Historical Society

Founded in 1950, the Meredith Historical Society enjoyed a very successful 75th year of existence. Governed and operated by an all-volunteer board of directors, our mission continues to be focused upon the collection, preservation, and dissemination of all things related to the history of Meredith. The most visible part of this is the curation and operation of our historical museum located at 45 Main St. The museum continues to attract increasing numbers of visitors each year, the vast majority of whom are tourists and vacationers. The theme of our 2024 lead display was “The Tourist Revolution, 1865 – 1920.” Other semi-permanent displays address a wide variety of Meredith history and include a comprehensive, wall-paper Time Line of Meredith history.

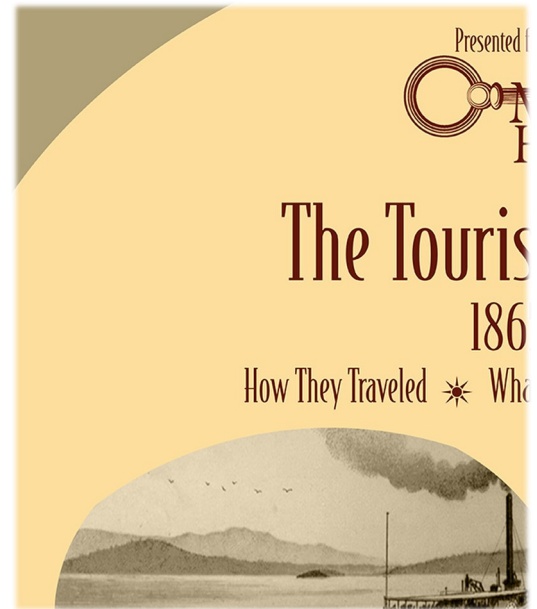
One of our most crucial roles is safeguarding valuable books, manuscripts, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The funds to maintain these artifacts, as well as our two historic buildings, are provided by donations, membership fees, and some support from the Town.

Making Meredith’s history more available to the public is a goal that the board has pursued more aggressively over the past couple of years. We continue to provide our “Annual Speakers Series” that features a variety of speakers on the first Tuesday of each month from April through November. These popular programs routinely draw audiences of from 40 to 90 people, depending upon the topic and the weather! The topics covered in 2024 ranged from the poems of Robert Frost to a two-part presentation on the life of Ebenezer Smith, Meredith’s founding father.

In addition to the Speakers’ Programs, the Society also continued to publish new historical studies about aspects of Meredith’s history. The featured publication was board member Rudy Van Veghten’s biography of *Ebenezer Smith*. Rudy was also a contributor to the Society’s second annual publication of its *Morsels of Meredith History*. This volume contained a range of short and long articles delving into aspects of Meredith history unaddressed before. These books are sold exclusively by the Society.

At the same time, long time board member Don MacFarlane continued his amazing work of developing genealogical information about Meredith citizens. His list of names now exceeds 6000. It is an invaluable tool for anyone seeking information about Meredith forebears.

Don’s efforts are a reminder that the labor behind all of the work of the Historical Society is done by volunteers, with the exception of a part-time administrative executive hired last March to help us gain better control of our internal administrative systems. Among other things, Susi Huesing and Don combined to send out our monthly newsletter keeping our members and friends informed of our doings. Ceil Andrews handled our annual membership drive, organized the annual dinner, along with a few thousand other things. Jonathan James brought his advice and help to various challenges we faced over the course of the year. And our longest serving board member, George Jewell, continued his irreplaceable work as our treasurer.



Supported Outside Agencies

Meredith Historical Society *continued...*

Other highlights of 2024 included:



The Museum team, under the leadership of Bonnie Edwards, worked very long hours over the winter revamping nearly all of the public displays on the first and second floors. The efforts included a thorough review of our extensive clothing collection that has been boxed up in storage for years.

We upgraded our Past Perfect museum software and Quickbooks system to on-line versions.

MHS received a grant from Heart and Hands to allow us to digitize the very old records of the Congregational Church. Among other things, the information provides a treasure trove about Meredith Village and its citizens for the entire 19th century.

MHS was able to have a 3D printed copy of the famous Mystery Stone made and displayed in the museum. The original Mystery Stone, found in the Village mill yard in 1872, is owned by the New Hampshire Historical Society in Concord. Board member Tom Witham initiated the project and enlisted the help of the Meredith library to undertake the scanning and then the printing on the library's new machine.

In April, the MHS took on from the town the responsibility of printing and distributing the Walking Tour Map of Meredith. The Society received a generous grant from Heart and Hands to help us keep this important tourist map in circulation.

Also in April, the Society's two historians, Rudy Van Veghten and John Hopper, gave talks to the annual conference of the New Hampshire chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma professional society for women. Rudy's presentation addressed the history of indigenous people in the state. John's presentation covered the history of Meredith.

In May MHS held its annual yard sale at the Annalee Dolls parking lot. It is an important funding source for the Society, and community donations of items make it successful.

In June, MHS received a \$9000 grant from the 1772 Foundation through the N.H. Preservation Alliance to help fund extensive repair work on the back sides of our 1801 Oak Hill Meeting House (61 Winona Rd.). The work was completed in June at a total cost of nearly \$47,000.00.



In July the Society collaborated with the Winni Players of the Winnepesaukee Playhouse for their Independence Day presentation. This was followed up late in the year for their Christmas/Hanukkah presentation. Excitingly, early Fall '25 plans are in place by the Playhouse and MHS for revival performances of "Mutiny on the Mount," a play created by renown Meredith cartoonist Bob Montana and performed by the Meredith Village Players decades ago. The revived performances are scheduled for October 1-3, 2025 on board the *MS Mount Washington*.

During last summer, we were delighted to have two interns work with us at the Main St. museum. One was a graduate student at Keene State who developed a "finding tool" for our extensive collection of old photographs. The other was a Skidmore College undergraduate who transcribed a sheaf of very old correspondence to and from the famous Dudley Leavitt among many other things.

Supported Outside Agencies

Meredith Historical Society continued...

In September MHS held its annual open house at the Main St. museum. John Edgar spearheaded the event with his hot dog wizardry, and a good time was had by all. The month was also highlighted by our third annual boat tour. Two trips were held in ideal weather, running among the various islands in Meredith and Gilford. Once again the wonderful team from Camp Lawrence and Camp Nokomis provided the boat and crew for our use.



In October board members and volunteers again hosted a visit at the museum by the third graders in town and then led them on an historical walking tour of Meredith Village.

In November the museum once again featured a display of original art produced by and in honor of residents at the Tilton Veterans Home. The display featured stories about Meredith men who served in the Civil War and World War II.

In December, our members Annual Dinner was held at Giuseppe's Restaurant in the grotto of the old 1859 mill building that is now the home of the Mill Falls Marketplace. By vote of the membership, all of the Society's officers will remain in place for 2025.

Not long thereafter, we were deeply saddened when our colleague and friend, Kim Cedarstrom, passed away from cancer. While he was not on the board for very long, his interest, his energy, and his wonderful sense of humor will be missed by us all.

In closing we would like to thank all of the volunteers whose contributions, whether great or small, made 2024 a successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Hopper,
President and Assistant Treasurer

2024 Officers:
Bonnie Edwards, VP of Preservation
Tom Witham, Corresponding Secretary
Ceil Andrews, Recording Secretary
George Jewell, Treasurer

Directors:
George Berman, Kim Cedarstrom, Susi Huesing, Jonathan James, Don MacFarlane, Jane Rice, and Rudy VanVeghten

Community Action Program



The Community Action Program Belknap-Merrimack Counties is a New Hampshire based private, nonprofit organization that has been serving Meredith residents since 1965. Our primary mission is to work with low-income families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities to assist in efforts to become or remain financially independent. The agency provides a broad array of services that are locally defined, planned, and managed.

The agency operates a resource center open to Meredith residents right in Meredith, NH, as well as a center in Laconia. The Meredith CAP Area Resource Center is funded primarily from three main sources: local tax dollars in conjunction with funding from the Electric Assistance Program (via the state utility companies) and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (a federal program also known as Fuel Assistance Program). The Center is the local service delivery network for agency programs in your community. The local support of our Center is vital for us to continue intake, referral, contact, and support with residents of your community. We thank the town of Meredith for your continued support of our work at the resource center. We will continue to work closely with your town to ensure the maximum availability of resources from our programs, as well as continue to mobilize any resources other than local tax dollars that become available to help serve residents of your community.

Below are the specific data from Meredith residents served during our last program year. In total, our agency was able to provide \$580,474.46 in services to the residents in Meredith.

Thank you so much for your support. If you'd like to learn more about our agency, please visit us at www.capbm.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Heyward

Director of Strategy and Planning

Program	Units of Service	Program	Units of Service
Fuel Assistance Program	People Served—346 Households—179 Value of Services—\$249,004.10	Women Infant Children (WIC)	People Served—67 Value of Services—\$51,190.68
Electric Assistance Program	Households—374 Value of Services—\$109,961.72	Family Planning	People Served—7 Value of Services—\$1,925
Weatherization	People Served—3 Households—2 Value of Services—\$15,826.47	Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)	People Served—21 Value of Services—\$8,469.72
Emergency Food Assistance Program	Meals Served—103 Households—5 Value of Services—\$515	Senior Companion	Hours of Service—393 Visitees—4 Value of Services—\$1,572
Head Start	Children—1 Value of Services—\$13,063.96	Meals on Wheels	People Served—49 Meals Served—6,010 Value of Meals—\$48,741.10
Early Head Start	Children—5 Value of Services—\$76,136.15	Community Dining	People Served—13 Meals Served—151 Value of Meals—\$1,224.61
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)	People Served—21 Value of Services—\$462	Service Link Resource Center	People Served—8

The Greater Meredith Program



The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a non-profit 501(c)3, community development organization dedicated to promoting community events, enhancing economic vitality, preserving historic and cultural heritage, as well as town-wide beautification. GMP pursues such goals through direct advocacy and action. GMP strives to capture and extend the vision, energy, and inter-organizational collaboration that makes Meredith an idyllic New England location to live, work, and play. GMP's vision for the town of Meredith and surrounding communities is to be a bustling year-round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, the workforce, and visitors to the Lakes Region.

Over the last twenty years, through its many initiatives, the GMP has created and enhanced many community assets with the support of countless in-kind donations and volunteer time and talents. The GMP engages a diverse group of dedicated community stakeholders. Under the leadership of GMP President, Lynn Leighton and the Board of Directors, the organization had a very successful year. The five standing GMP committees and two sub-committees successfully carried out all approved 2024 workplans and saw an increase in volunteer efforts. Additionally in 2024, the GMP benefited from cross-organizational collaboration with several Lakes Region non-profits, including the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce, and other charitable organizations around the State of New Hampshire, including ExcellenceNorth Alliance, The Sunshine Initiative, Plymouth State University, and Project Happy – an initiative to engage I-L students with local volunteer efforts.

Ongoing projects which the GMP continued to support in 2024 included the Meredith Street Dance series, the highly trafficked Meredith Sculpture Walk, an expanding Career Partnership Program, promotion of Meredith's business district, and a collaboration with students from PSU, introducing educational elements in Swasey Park. The GMP Design & Beautification Committees continue to work with the Community Garden Club of Meredith and a number of landscape professionals to enhance town-wide beautification efforts. The GMP continues to manage the online requests and maintenance of the “*Welcome To Meredith*” signboard at the intersection of Routes 104 and the DW Highway, reserved for Lakes Region non-profit groups. As previously noted, the GMP's committee chairs and volunteers carried out all 2024 workplan initiatives with great success and look forward to expanding these projects further in 2025.

GMP Board of Directors and Committees:

The Greater Meredith Program's Board of Directors is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the organization's mission. The GMP operates with the following standing committees and a variety of subgroups: Design (Beautification sub-committee and Facade Grant sub-committee), Meredith Sculpture Walk, Fundraising & Finance, Community & Economic Development (Career Partnerships sub-committee and WOW Trail sub-committee) and Business & Community Event Promotions. Each committee is comprised of board members and dedicated community volunteers. The GMP ongoingly welcomes volunteers for all committees.

GMP Officers and Board Members:

2024 GMP Officers and Board Members: Lynn Leighton; President, Katheryn Rolfe; Vice-President, Dick Pendergast; Treasurer, vacant Secretary position, and Board Members: Bill Gartner, Ron Jonash, Michelle Brown, Becky Fuller, Andrea Harper, Tracey Johnson, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Bob Manley, Rusty McLear, Wendell Rizzo, Cathy Sleeper, Chris Kelly and Lindsey Weiner. GMP Board Alternates: Janet Sanguedolce. Executive Director: Heather LaDue.

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The Greater Meredith Program *continued...*

GMP Design & Beautification Committees:

The Design & Beautification Committees educate community members, businesses owners, and visitors about good design, provide design advice, plan, organize and develop land, street, and groundscaper projects in the Meredith community. In 2024, these groups focused on the following: In cooperation with the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, they continued their work in Swasey Park. Spring and Fall clean-up days were implemented and volunteers continued to maintain the trails throughout the year. The Design Committee, in collaboration with students from Plymouth State University, introduced to the public *NEW* historical and educational elements to the park via QR codes, as well as continuing efforts to bring handicap-accessible parking to the entrance of Swasey Park. Additionally, committee members worked with outside agencies to finance and install permanent lighting at the “Welcome to Meredith” signboard near McDonald’s. The committees added two non-profit group signs to the Route 3 signboard, including *Altrusa International of Meredith* and the *Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce*. The committee will continue their efforts with the Façade & Site Improvement Grant Program for qualifying Meredith businesses in 2025.



The Beautification Committee and volunteers continued to plant and maintain flower boxes and planting beds along Route 3, including all the docks, Canal Bridge and McLear’s Fountain Planting. The committee was supported by the Community Garden Club of Meredith in planting and maintaining over 500 plantings, including “the ledge” across from Church Landing and continued maintenance of the Routes 3 & 106 rotary as well as maintaining flower boxes at the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center at 272 DW Highway.



Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee:

The MSW, is a year-round, outdoor juried exhibition, fosters awareness and enjoyment of public art. Popular tours, led by trained volunteer docents, are offered during the spring and summer months. The locations for the sculptures are made possible by the support of both public and private owners. A sculpture brochure and map continue to be produced for self-guided tours, providing sculpture and artist information. The Meredith Sculpture Walk has been featured on NH Chronicle, a highly acclaimed nightly magazine program about the people and places that make New Hampshire special.

The award-winning and highly trafficked Meredith Sculpture Walk (MSW) is entering its 12th year of operation, the passionate committee seeks to continue keeping the program fresh and interesting. A new call to artists will be out in mid-January and they anticipate jurying in approximately 16 new sculptures, refreshing the current display of 32 sculptures. New brochures will be available in late June. Our thanks to our sponsors, our site owners and the Greater Meredith Program for all the support you provide, especially your website assistance. The committee is dedicated to beautifying our village and supporting our merchants by bringing the best possible public art display to our residents and viewing public.



The installation crew and trained docent tour guides were quite busy showcasing sculptures meticulously placed in high visibility areas along Routes 3 & 25, Main Street, Hesky Park, Scenic Park, as well as throughout the Mill Falls Marketplace and the Courtyard on Main. MSW Brochures for the year-round exhibition can be found at informational kiosks on the corner of Main and Dover Streets, the Courtyard on Main, Scenic Park, and Hesky Park. In 2024, The MSW was excited to introduce a celebratory mural in the Courtyard on Main (sidewall of 44 Main Street). The mural was painted by the *Veggie Art Girl* herself, Stacey Lucas. To celebrate success, the committee will host a gala welcoming community members as well as sculptors and artists (past and present) to speak about their work.



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The Greater Meredith Program continued...

Community & Economic Development Committee:

This committee brings Main Street improvement suggestions to the town, stimulates investment in downtown property, and fosters a greater sense of community among residents. Areas of focus in 2025, is to collaborate with the Town of Meredith to present the VHB presentation, including conceptual plans and associated cost estimates, to the taxpayers of Meredith.

The WOW Trail, a sub-committee has actively begun working with the WOW Trail Committee out of Laconia on a feasibility study for this long-range project. The committee will continue efforts in developing plans for the WOW Trail extension from Weirs Beach in Laconia to the Meredith railway station, working with community members each step of the way. It has been part of a long-range plan to develop a Meredith to Weirs paved trail for biking and running.

In current process of collaborating with the Town of Meredith to get warrant article for 79E (Community Revitalization Tax Incentive) on the 2025 Town Meeting agenda. In addition, collaborate with the Town of Meredith to help implement relevant components of the 10-year Imagine Meredith plan, including expanding local affordable housing opportunities. A Volunteer Engagement sub-committee has been identified to collaborate with local schools, businesses, and Meredith residents in identifying community needs and sourcing volunteers. They are looking for volunteers to be a part of this sub-committee.

The Community & Economic Development Committee had four major areas of focus in 2024, including short, mid, and long-term goals. The focus was primarily on revitalization efforts to Main Street, from the Routes 3 & 25 intersection to the Winnepesaukee Railroad. In 2024, the committee, with the support of town officials, continued working with a designated engineering firm to develop and conceptualize engineering services for future potential utility, streetscape, and road safety improvements in historic Meredith village.

Career Partnership Program:

Is a sub-committee of Community & Economic Development. The Career Partnership Program (CPP), is a collaborative initiative co-sponsored by the GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District, provides all middle/high school students the opportunity to explore future careers through job shadows, internships, and hands-on work experience. While the CPP collaborates with businesses across the State of New Hampshire, students have exclusive access to the full membership/business directory of the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce (MACC). In 2024, five students signed on for long-term internships with MACC members, with two of those students being hired by their host-business and completing certification programs in that field. In addition to supporting students by helping them discover potential career paths for



future employment through its in-school guest speaker series, job fairs, career assessment e-Book, and encouraging volunteer opportunities, experiential field trips, introduced in 2022, continue to expand and were popular with students through 2024. In 2019, Career Partnership Program student, Ian McCabe, was awarded one of two scholarships handed out to NH high school seniors for \$10,000, good towards any college tuition and a full paid week in Washington D.C. shadowing senators, sitting in a Supreme Court session and other activities. This was a result of his internship with State Senator Guida. The CPP is very excited to be collaborating with Project Happy, a NH-based non-profit which looks to encourage and engage students with volunteer groups via a mobile social media application where students can search, find, and sign-up for volunteer activities in the Inter-Lakes region and beyond. This helps streamline and identify areas of opportunities for students and not for profits.

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The Greater Meredith Program continued...

Promotions Committee:

The GMP Promotions Committee works hard to promote the Main Street village district by creating image campaigns, retail promotions, seasonally spirited, and special community events to attract residents and visitors to the village area. In 2024, the committee continued to produce the “*Do the Loop*” and “*Beyond the Loop*” map and brochures, highlighting Meredith area businesses and services, with the expectations that the 2025 brochure will be the largest one to date! The committee was excited to add an additional “*DTL*” map/guide signboard to the parking lot behind Bootlegger’s Footwear Center near the Plymouth Street entrance. The committee, with great success, brought back the block-party style Street Dance in June and added a very successful street dance in September. In



October, the committee again ran the “*Scarecrow Stroll*” contest with an impressive 30 businesses and organizations in Meredith putting their most creative business-themed scarecrows on display for the annual business competition. In December, the committee continued to work with Main Street and area business owners to “light up” Main Street during the holiday season. The project, which in 2024 included extensive white lighting in Community Park, McLear’s Fountain, the Courtyard on Main, and trees along Main Street, was funded by GMP’s Beautification Committee. In addition, the GMP Facebook and Instagram social media pages saw continued growth 2024, and the Promotions Committee worked with the Meredith News and the Laconia Daily Sun newspapers to advertise open-to-the-public events. In 2024, the

committee was also very happy to work in conjunction with *Meredith on Canvas*, a plein air art series with artists and their easels painting scenic spaces in various locations around town. The committee will continue this collaboration in 2025. Lastly, if you are on Main Street or Route 3 – **look up!** The committee designed and funded *NEW* community banners to help promote the historic village district. The GMP thanks the Town of Meredith for their assistance in securing the brackets and placing the banners around the village. Trick or Treating in 2024 was a great success. The Promotions Committee approached the Town of Meredith for a Main Street to Waukegan Beach street closure to allow for safe Trick or Treating for all involved. In collaboration with the town of Meredith a safe and very fun Trick or Treating was had by all. It was a huge success, and the positive town wide feedback is to continue and expand the Trick or Treating street closure in 2025 and beyond.

In 2025, the Promotions Committee plans to replace and update the banner and bracket promotion on electrical poles. Also update Do the Loop sign and brochures.

Fundraising Committee:

GMP’s Fundraising Committee works throughout the year with community donors and sponsors through seasonal fundraising campaigns. Between the months of August and October, GMP’s Annual Appeal is sent to over 1,000 residents and businesses across the state while also being promoted through GMP’s social media pages. Each February/March, registrations from the “*Do the Loop*” campaign are added to GMP’s general funds. Every spring, the committee hosts a themed community event. In April 2023, guests enjoyed a dress-up trivia event “*Kentucky Derby at the Lake – Churchill Downs comes to Church Landing*” at Church Landing in Meredith. In 2024, the committee, in conjunction with The Winnepesaukee Playhouse, hosted a jukebox musical event *The Jersey Boys*. It was a big hit! In the month of June, GMP takes part in the NH Center for Non-Profits 24-hours of Giving, where online donations can be made to help the GMP advance its mission. Donations can be made any time via the GMP website or by check. For more information, visit www.greatermeredith.org.

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The Greater Meredith Program continued...

Annual Meeting:

The Greater Meredith Program hosted the 2024 Annual Meeting at Church Landing during the month of January 2025. Historically, the Annual Meeting has been a time when the GMP recognizes and highlights the hard work and dedication of GMP committee members, volunteers, and contributors. In 2024, the organization happily welcomed guest speaker Commissioner, Taylor Caswell, NH Dept. of Business & Economic Affairs (BEA). Commissioner Caswell spoke about community collaboration and the impact on New Hampshire communities. In 2025, the annual meeting held at Church Landing, is titled “Meredith Momentum: Celebrating Community and New Beginnings.” This inspiring evening will be on January 9th, honoring the dedication and passion of our amazing GMP volunteers who make Meredith shine. The evening will also feature a panel of new local business owners sharing why they chose to open their doors in Meredith. The GMP is welcoming a new executive director, Heather LaDue. The free event is a way to connect, celebrate, and see the momentum building in our community. It is a warm, welcoming atmosphere as the GMP toasts to an exciting year ahead. In 2024, the GMP Board of Directors also recognized and presented Community Awards for GMP’s 2023 Board Member of the Year, which was awarded to Bill Gartner, GMP Design Committee co-chair. The Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Carol Gerken, Fundraising Committee member. The Outstanding Business Support Award was presented this year to The Inn at Mill Falls for their continued support and generous donations to GMP’s beautification efforts. The 2023 Community Spirit Award was presented to the Meredith Veterans Memorial Committee. The GMP also gave Special Recognition Awards to three phenomenal community members and directors who stepped down from the GMP Board in 2023. Lynn Leighton presented awards to Andy Lane (10 years), Ted Fodero (15 years), and Jeanie Forrester (20 years). The GMP also wishes to extend thanks and gratitude to Kelly Chapman, who has served as a board alternate for many years and has given so generously through monetary donations and volunteer time and efforts. Thank you!

The 2024 annual meeting, held on January 9th, 2025, will also award the dedication and hard to a Board Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Business Support Award, Community Spirit Award and special recognition awards.

The GMP is happy to announce new officers for 2025. Michelle Brown; *Meredith Bay Corporation*. Vice President, Wendell Rizzio and new directors have been unanimously voted in for the start of the 2025 fiscal year (January 1, 2025). In the later part of 2024, we welcomed Andrea Harper, Jenness Hill Storage onto the board of directors and new Executive Director, Heather LaDue.

On behalf of its Board of Directors and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith, the Inter-Lakes School District, The Inn at Mill Falls, the Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce, and our many residents, sponsors, and business owners for their continued support in helping us make Meredith a great place to live, work, and play. For more information about the GMP, visit <https://greatermeredith.org/> brought to you by Stonedam Design Website Development in Meredith.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather LaDue, Executive Director | Director of Career Partnerships
Greater Meredith Program
www.greatermeredith.org

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Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and families of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith. We greatly appreciate the continued support for our families and the local community.

With over 50 years of service to the community, our non-profit is proud to continue helping families maintain employment and participate in job training programs, all the while educating our youngest citizens. More than ever, Inter-Lakes Day Care Center is providing child care for second generation families who continue the tradition of valuing early childhood education.

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center and Nursery School is a non-profit, licensed, community childcare and education agency that provides exceptional and affordable early care and education. It is the mission of ILDCC to promote child development and family support through operation of a group childcare center and nursery school, and through collaboration with other agencies, local businesses, and civic groups. ILDCC's variety of programs and services include: full and part-time child care, before and after school programs for school age children, summer day camp, healthy meals, field trips, and enrichment programs. ILDCC provides all meals and snacks at no cost to families through the USDA's Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).



ILDCC strives to provide affordable child care to the families it serves. Through the Department of Health and Human Services, child care scholarships are available to families with income up to 85% of the State Median Income. This means a family of 4 will qualify for reduced tuition with household income of up to \$106,167 per year. This ensures parents who are employed, enrolled in degree or certificate programs, or who are temporarily disabled will have consistent child care five days per week. This assistance is also available to families of school age children, which means ILDCC can provide vacation and summer camp programs that are affordable for families when schools are not in session. Supporting families on the road to economic self-sufficiency strengthens the economy and community.

Our programs offer a welcoming environment that encourages the development of the whole child while fostering independence, responsibility, and self-esteem. Classroom routine is built around a predictable schedule that provides security and consistency. ILDCC continues to collaborate with a number of other agencies and programs to enhance services, including the Altrusa Club of Meredith, Meredith Public Library, Early Learning NH, Child Care Aware of NH, and The NH Child Care Advisory Council.

Thank you again for your support of Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School.

Sincerely,

Connie Pelletier
Executive Director



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Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. Kidworks offers a before and after school program for children in the Inter-Lakes School District, as well as vacation and summer programs. The center provides weekly field trips during the summer and after school games and crafts. The center has part time and full time care options for families in the area. The center typically provides services for over seventy five families in the Lakes Region, a majority of the families living or working in Meredith. Kidworks provides the families with not only quality care and education, but with USDA approved breakfasts and snacks. In conjunction with the New Hampshire State Scholarship Program and Town of Meredith, we are able to provide reduced tuition rates for families in need of assistance.

Our philosophy is to provide a stimulating environment for children to learn and express themselves with an emphasis on self-esteem. A variety of activities are provided that gives each child an opportunity to progress at his or her own pace in the major areas of development. We try to implement community outreach programs in our curriculum to instill the importance of helping others and our community. These valuable life lessons are so important to the children's development.

We continue to partner with other organizations to provide additional services to our children and families. Miss. Karen from the Meredith Public Library, visits the center each week to read to our preschoolers. The children always love listening to Miss. Karen's stories. The children have also continued visiting the residents at the Taylor Community and we even brought some Halloween fun to Forest View Manor this year. The residents all love seeing the children and it is great experience for our children.

The center has been in business for 29 years and has provided care for thousands of children. We are now seeing second generation children enroll in the center. We are also having previous students intern with us. We are truly fortunate for these full circle moments. We are excited to be celebrating our 30th year next year!

The center would like to thank the families past and present, staff, board members, local businesses, community agencies and the Town of Meredith for all of their support.



Jennifer Weeks
Executive Director



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Lakes Region Planning Commission

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The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is a voluntary association of 30 communities that span across the counties of Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack, and is enabled under RSA 36:45. The LRPC acts as an essential conduit for federal funding for many programs including Watershed Management, Transportation, Hazard Mitigation, Brownfields, CDBG, and Housing. The LRPC employs a highly trained, professional staff to provide a wide variety of cost-saving local services as presented below, and coordinates transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental planning at the regional level. A twelve-member Executive Board, together with municipally appointed Commissioners, governs the LRPC. Operations are overseen by the Executive Director.

The LRPC recognizes that the foundation of regional decision-making lies within local communities. Membership provides access to a wide range of services and resources including:

- Environmental Planning such as Watershed Management, Household Hazardous Waste, and Brownfields
- Technical assistance with Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, Hazard Mitigation Plans, Zoning and Site Plan Regulations, Developments of Regional Impact, and Circuit Rider assistance
- Economic development assistance including CDBG and NBRC
- Transportation planning including Scenic Byways Planning and Corridor Management, TAP and CMAQ grant funding, and Ten Year Plan project inclusion

The following are highlights of our FY24 activities. For our full FY24 Annual Report, please visit the *About LRPC* page on our website at www.lakesrpc.nh.gov.

Brownfields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC provides Brownfields Assessment and Reuse Planning funding for priority redevelopment sites, as well as assistance for municipal Clean-up Grants.
Culverts & Closed Drainage Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC provides fee-based inventory and analysis of municipal culvert and closed drainage systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.
Economic Development & Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC assists communities with HOP grant activities such as Housing Master Plan Chapters, ADU Ordinances, and TIF districts • LRPC provides regional support for the Northern Border Regional Commission grants. • The 2023 Housing Needs assessment is complete with an update on the way. Visit our website to access a copy and understand your community's needs. • LRPC provides regional support for CDBG Microenterprise grants.
General & Technical Assistance including Circuit Riding, Master Plan, Ordinance and Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressed calls from residents concerning Household Hazardous Waste collections. • Provided information regarding GIS data availability to master plan consultant. • Met with sewer/water personnel and Town Planner to discuss connections between water and sewer infrastructure, zoning, and affordable housing. • Responded to resident request for improved walkability in Meredith. • Words with Town Officials to fill vacancies and/or maintain Commissioner and TAC membership. • As a member of LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding our services or any other regional planning related issues.
GIS Mapping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC is a great resource for land use planning maps. LRPC provides both digital and large scale hard copy zoning, town road, natural resource or community facility maps.
Homeland Security Emergency Management/ Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC provides consulting services for HSEM Hazard Mitigation Plan grants, including Plan audit, update, and community outreach.
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted site visit with Site Coordinator, stakeholders, and Tradebe staff. • Coordinated our 38th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collections in the Summer and Fall of 2024, and widely promoted this event to reach the maximum number of households. This event provides a safe disposal option for residents in our participating communities. • Meredith Household Participation: 130

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Lakes Region Planning Commission *continued..*

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection continued	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to the Town of Meredith and the Meredith Public Works Department for serving as one of our regional collection sites. A total of 160 vehicles from our participating communities dropped off items at this location. • Please go to our website (lakesrpc.nh.gov) if you missed this year's collection for alternative disposal options
Planning & Land Use Regulation Books	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated the purchase and delivery of 335 copies of the annual <i>NH Planning and Land Use Regulation</i> books as part of a regional bulk purchase at a savings of \$104.75 per book/e-book, and \$96.50 per book with supplemental e-book. • Meredith purchased one book. Total saved: \$104.75.
Road Surface Management System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC provides fee-based inventory and analysis of the municipal road surface systems to help with municipal asset management and capital funds planning.
Solid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performed site visit at Meredith transfer station. Prepared report on source separation recycling, cost review, and revenue production. • Conducted outreach at transfer station, touching base with 279 residents. • The LRPC provides a wide range of services to solid waste operators throughout the region including information, training, signage, roundtable events, regional purchase opportunities, and much more.
Transportation Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC is the regional contact for municipal submissions of projects to the State's Ten Year Transportation Plan (TYP), as well as host of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). As a member of the LRPC, Town Officials are encouraged to contact the LRPC regarding their TAC appointee. • LRPC is the regional contact for allocation of federal highway funding, including Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grants. • LRPC is the regional contact for other NHDOT programs such as Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP), Scenic Byways, and Complete Streets.
Watershed Management Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRPC Provides community assistance with both NHDES 604b Watershed Assistance Grants, and 319 Infrastructure Grants

The LRPC is a participation-based organization where Commissioners have the final say on the annual budget and can determine what services the organization provides. Meredith representatives to the LRPC during FY24 were:

Commissioner	Term Expiration
Stephanie Maltais	11/07/26
Daniel Whitney	05/13/28
Executive Board	Position
Stephanie Maltais	Alternate
Alternate	Term Expiration
Vacant	

TAC Member	Term Expiration
Vacant	
TAC Alternate	Term Expiration
Angela LaBrecque	resigned Apr. 2024

Respectfully submitted,
Shanna B. Saunders
 Executive Director

New Hampshire Humane Society

NEW HAMPSHIRE HUMANE SOCIETY



The partnership between your municipality and New Hampshire Humane Society is more than just a contractual agreement. It is a profound commitment to compassion and community welfare. Together, we are weaving a tapestry of care that not only uplifts the lives of animals but also reinforces the bonds that unite our community as we support one another.

On behalf of your community, every animal in need is treated with dignity and respect at New Hampshire Humane Society. Our shared compassion ensures stray animals find refuge, unwanted litters receive the care they need, and residents facing challenges in pet care feel supported and understood. This collaboration is a testament to the heart of our community, where no animal is left behind, and every resident is valued.

New Hampshire Humane Society is proud to have a dedicated team of animal care professionals, including veterinarians who provide not just medical attention but also comfort and rehabilitation to the animals in our care. In partnership with your Animal Control and Law Enforcement personnel, we are always ready to respond ensuring stray or abandoned animals receive immediate shelter and care. For residents needing to surrender their pets, we offer a safe and compassionate option reflecting our commitment to responsible pet care and compassion for others within our community.

As a registered 501(c)(3) organization, our mission depends on the generosity of the community. We are grateful for the support we receive through donations, grants, fundraising events, and service contracts. Since our founding in 1900, we have evolved into a full-service adoption agency and care facility, driven by a passion for advocating for animals. Our community programs embody this dedication and include:

- A no-cost spay/neuter program that aids households experiencing hardship
- Pet visitation to bring joy to assisted living communities, hospitals, and children's programs
- Educational initiatives that empower our community with knowledge
- Volunteer opportunities that foster a spirit of giving and involvement
- Community response initiatives that provide essential pet food and supplies to families in need
- The MY BEST FRIEND Pet Clinic, ensuring affordable care reaches the residents who need it most
- Public clinics for rabies, microchipping, and vaccinations, prioritizing accessibility for all



We are deeply thankful for your unwavering support and the compassionate spirit that permeates our partnership. Together, we are not just providing services; we are nurturing a community that values every living being. This collaboration stands as a beacon of hope and care, reminding us that when we support one another, we enrich the lives of both animals and people in our community.

Submitted with sincere thanks.
Charles Stanton, Executive Director
Charles@NHHumane.org

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New Beginnings - Without Violence and Abuse

On behalf of New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse, I would like to thank the citizens of the town of Meredith for their ongoing support. Your 2023-2024 allocation has enabled our agency to continue to provide services to those whose lives have been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking in Meredith and all of Belknap County. New Beginnings is dedicated to ending sexual, domestic, and stalking violence through the provision of safe and effective services, including emergency refuge and support, and works toward social change by promoting an effective community response to violence.

Trained advocates provide 24-hour crisis intervention, accompaniment, safe shelter for victims and their children, weekly support groups for all ages, transitional housing, financial empowerment programming, and systems advocacy. All services are confidential, non-judgmental, and free of charge. New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, providing services to 4 residents of Meredith in FY24. Advocates provided 312 services to Meredith residents, including emotional support, safety planning, relocation assistance, four Child Advocacy Center accompaniments, five court accompaniments, seven applications for pro-bono legal assistance, one matched savings enrollment, and financial assistance, including \$125 in emergency food vouchers, \$406.32 in utility payment assistance, and emergency hotel vouchers totaling \$528.87.

New Beginnings works closely with many social service agencies and multidisciplinary partners. Advocates respond 24-7 to Concord Hospital-Laconia, Laconia Family Court, Laconia District Court, and Belknap County Superior Court. Advocates partner with Meredith Police on the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), which is designed to immediately connect a survivor with an advocate on-scene after a domestic disturbance to reduce domestic violence homicides. Advocates accompany non-offending caregivers to forensic interviews at the Child Advocacy Center. The New Beginnings Family Violence Prevention Specialist has office hours at the Laconia DCYF district office and partners with Child Protective Service Workers on cases of co-occurring domestic violence and child abuse or neglect. The Program Manager is a member of the steering committee of the Adverse Childhood Experiences Response Team. The agency also facilitates the Belknap County Sexual Assault Resource Team. New Beginnings is the service provider for Sadie's Place, a five-unit transitional housing facility in Meredith serving Belknap County families impacted by domestic and sexual violence. Sadie's Place opened its doors in September 2021 and currently serves five families. Advocates work with each family to give them the tools they need to establish safe, permanent housing free from violence and abuse.

We are one of twelve member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (NHCADSV), promoting statewide networking and resource sharing among domestic violence and sexual assault programs. The Coalition is the evaluating body and administrator of state and federal grants and contracts that provide federal and state funding for member programs.

Community support has always been our greatest asset. We look forward to continuing to work with you to end domestic violence and sexual assault in our community.

With gratitude,

Shauna Foster
Executive Director



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Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association

We are pleased to report that Lakes Region Visiting Nurse and Hospice celebrated its 101th year anniversary servicing the citizens of Meredith.

During this past year, our staff provided 6,577 home health care visits to Meredith residents. We offer Skilled Nursing, Licensed Aides, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Speech Therapists, Spiritual Care, and Bereavement Counselors. In keeping with our non-profit agency's proud tradition, compassionate care is provided regardless of one's ability to pay. LRVNA's commitment to serve the clients of Meredith by providing a Strength and Balance class and Flu clinics remains part of our goal to provide services beyond just Home Health Care visits.

We are proud to be part of such an amazing community.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Boyce, Finance Director



Lakes Region Mental Health

Request for Meredith Allocation in Fiscal Year 2025: \$13,500

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

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

CMHCs are the mental health safety net system of care in our state. They serve the most vulnerable people that require the highest levels of care, are the furthest from socio-economic opportunity, and therefore are dependent on Medicaid to access needed services. LRMHC's annual budget is comprised of up to 70% Medicaid reimbursements. In Fiscal Year 2024, LRMHC and the other 9 CMHCs found themselves caring for a significant number of people with chronic mental illness, but with no payer source to fund that care due to circumstances arising from the ending of the Covid-19 public health emergency. LRMHC provided over \$906,000 in charity care, a **184%** increase from the prior fiscal year. The support of the towns we serve is more important than ever so that we can maintain services.

LRMHC has agreed to be a leader in the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) "Mission Zero" plan to eliminate hospital emergency department psychiatric boarding initiative and has designated part of the Meredith office campus as a crisis center called "**A Place to Go**". A Place to Go offers people in crisis with acute psychiatric needs access to care and supports to address their immediate psychological needs. A Place to Go will benefit the entire central region of NH, and the Town of Meredith by helping to reduce the burden on local emergency resources (police, fire, emergency department), as well as providing a vital service to residents that will increase positive mental health outcomes.

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

From July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, LRMHC served **3,280** patients, and provided over **\$906,000** in charity care. **255 residents of Meredith** accessed LRMHC services. The number of Meredith patients served represents a 16% increase from the prior year. Meredith residents represent 8% of the LRMHC catchment area. Similar to the police or fire department, Mental Health Care is a municipal service and a safety net for *all* residents of your town, not just those utilizing the service. Gilmanton's appropriation ensures the provision of this essential service for the residents of your community and reduces the burden on your town.

Supported Outside Agencies



Interlakes Community Caregivers

Center Harbor • Meredith • Moultonborough • Sandwich

Formed in 1998, Interlakes Community Caregivers, Inc. (ICCI) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit volunteer organization that provides nonmedical supportive services and community resource information to assist our Neighbors in their daily lives. Caring and trained volunteers provide assistance that allow our Neighbors to remain living at home with dignity and independence. ICCI offers transportation for medical appointments, grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions and other errands. These services are provided free of charge by volunteers and are available to residents of Meredith, Center Harbor, Moultonborough, and Sandwich.

Rides to medical appointments comprise 90% of our service requests. These rides are in volunteers' own vehicles and are primarily to doctors, specialists, physical therapists, and labs in Laconia, Meredith, Gilford, and Concord. We also provide long distance rides to medical facilities in West Lebanon, Manchester, North Conway, NH, White River Junction, VT, and Boston, MA.



In 2024, ICCI volunteers provided over 2,600 services, donated over 4,300 hours, and drove more than 44,500 miles helping those in need. Meredith residents accounted for 63% of the residents we serve, resulting in over \$90,000 of free services last year to the Meredith community. We also continued our "birthday brigade" program, where a volunteer delivers a birthday bag to each Neighbor in recognition of their birthday. We added our Holiday Program and each Neighbor received a present in December delivered by a volunteer.



Our Neighbors receive services free of charge, and we do not receive any federal or state funding. We rely solely on charitable giving through donations from individuals, businesses, civic organizations, churches, town funding, fundraisers, and grants. We receive support from each of the four towns we serve, totaling about 7% of our annual budget. The program is run by two part-time employees and governed by a Board of Directors. Currently, we have 75 volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about ICCI, please visit our website at www.interlakescares.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Holt
Executive Director

Waypoint



For 175 years, Waypoint has been a trusted resource for individuals and families across New Hampshire, dedicated to helping them navigate life's challenges and achieve their fullest potential. As a nonprofit human services agency, we provide a broad range of programs designed to strengthen families, enhance well-being, and build resilience at every stage of life. Through our core care areas, we served an average of 8,000 individuals and families last year. Our mission is rooted in addressing critical needs while fostering connections, stability, and hope for those we serve.

With gratitude to the Town of Meredith, Waypoint has been able to extend vital services to families in this community. Last year, we provided support through **Community-Based Voluntary Services (CBVS)**, which offer community-based support for families navigating challenges to create safe, stable environments for children; **Health Care Coordination (HCC)**, helping families access care and manage chronic health conditions; and **Family Support Services (FSS)**, which connect families to resources and education to strengthen parenting skills and family well-being. These programs empower families to overcome challenges, improve their well-being, and build stronger foundations for the future. Your partnership has been instrumental in ensuring that Meredith families have access to the care and support they need to thrive.

In addition to these services, we hosted community events at the Family Resource Center to bring families together and provide valuable resources. In the summer, we held a Family Fun Day featuring games, food, crafts, and information about local resources. In November, our Fall Festival offered seasonal activities and opportunities for families to connect and engage with our services and one another.

Additionally, with the Town of Meredith's support, we have been able to stock our resource cabinet with essential items, such as diapers, clothing, and school supplies, as well as provide gift cards for food and gas when needed. These supports fill gaps for families, offering quick, accessible assistance while helping them connect with additional Waypoint services and community resources.

Waypoint remains a vital part of the social service safety net in your community, offering support to families when they need it most. The Family Resource Center is open to all residents of Meredith, providing a welcoming space for connection and support. Over the past five years, we have served an average of 12 clients and family members per year through specific services such as CBVS, HCC, and FSS.

In 2024, feedback from families we worked with was overwhelmingly positive, with 93% affirming that Waypoint staff effectively listened to and understood their situations, and 97% agreeing that the services provided were beneficial.

Waypoint's Community Based Voluntary Services team (CBVS) recently began working with a grandmother with four teenage boys in her home. We were able to pay for a propane for the family who had been without and received this great note: “.. having you to talk to was a blessing. All these other blessings are nothing short of miracles and restored a positive mindset for this mama.”

Respectfully submitted by
Jennifer Gallo, Grants Administrator



Supported Outside Agencies

Winnepesaukee Wellness

We have been in our new location, 60 Whittier Hwy in Moultonborough, for over two years. Our active membership continues to increase each month with members residing in Meredith, Moultonborough, Center Harbor, Sandwich and North Sandwich.

Our mission to promote self-health while providing a safe comfortable site for exercise and the encouragement of healthy lifestyle habits for our clients continues to be our mission.

We are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7:00 until 4:00 with certified CPR supervision. During the past year we have expanded our operation to 24 hour 7 day a week operation with the installation of electronic entry (non-supervised) utilization.

We continue to solicit and receive monetary grants from the surrounding towns. These funds are utilized to assist in our overhead costs and maintain affordable client monthly dues.

Winnepesaukee Wellness Center
P.O. Box 184 Center Harbor, NH 03226



Vital Statistics

Births

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's/Partner's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Name</u>
01/03/24	Manna, Hunter	Manna, Matthew	Botelho, Rachael
01/28/24	Johansen, Beauden	Johansen, Michael	Curry, Emily
02/03/24	Belanger, Beau	Belanger, Brandon	Mellen, Shaelyn
02/04/24	Larue, River	Larve, Travis	Larue, Jennifer
02/20/24	Kline, Bianca	Kline, Derek	Arcand, Kristine
02/25/24	Willette, Dylan		Stephenson, Shilleen
04/12/24	Hannan, Ryker	Murphy, Hunter	Furbish, Sarah
04/18/24	Sullivan, Evie	Sullivan, Dylan	Ouelette, Alicia
05/02/24	Schaefer, Clara	Schaefer, Ian	Onsrud, Lauren
06/02/24	Kelley, Lilah	Kelley, Benjamin	Kelley, Mikala
06/09/24	Galietta, Waylon	Galietta, Anthony	Vallee, Alyssa
06/13/24	McWilliams, Xavier	McWilliams, Craig	Dunn, Ashley
08/12/24	Bartlett, Isla	Bartlett, Ty	Bartlett, Cora-Lynn
08/14/24	Manville, Walker	Manville, Tyler	Manville, Roseanne
08/27/24	Perry, Adeline	Perry, Michael	Perry, Victoria
08/28/24	Ilowiecki, Wren	Ilowiecki, Jacob	Ilowiecki, Elizabeth
09/12/24	Delano, Elora	Delano, Joshua	Dudley, Jennifer
09/13/24	McDermott, John	McDermott, Steven	McDermott, Morgan
09/19/24	Wilson, Rory	Wilson, Michael	Lapham, Kaitlin
09/22/24	Kloetz, Kennedy	Kloetz, Kristopher	Goodheart, Kira
09/28/24	Schuster, Exzelia	Schuster, Matthew	Schuster, Kelsey
10/15/24	Wheeler, Ember		Wheeler, Brittany
11/15/24	Torsey, Maeve	Torsey, Kenneth	Torsey, Amelia
11/18/24	McConnell, Paige	McConnell, Brian	McConnell, Elizabeth
12/08/24	Currier, Oliver	Currier, Hayden	Currier, Megan
12/31/24	Hearn, Jett	Hearn, Ian	Wanless, Hope

Vital Statistics

Marriages

<i>Date of</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
<i>Marriage</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
CORRECTION: 2/4/2023	Taggett, Tyler	Biddeford, ME	Menken, Jacqueline	Meredith
3/2/2024	LeClair, Danny	Moultonborough	Lancey, Chyril	Meredith
9/8/2024	Spicuzza, Nicholas	Meredith	Matcheski, Nicole	Sanbornton
10/5/2024	Giroux, Makenzie	Meredith	Hulse, Michael	Rumney
10/12/2024	Cornelius, Allan	Meredith	Cote, Elaine	Meredith
12/9/2024	Mangowal, Cesar	Meredith	Palmiter, Olivia	Meredith
12/12/2024	Ehmann, Tyler	Laconia	Lovell, Kaitlyn	Meredith

Vital Statistics

Deaths

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
1/3/2024	Brown Jr, Marvin	Laconia	Brown, Marvin	Moore, Laura
1/4/2024	Krohn, Nancy	Concord	Krohn, Donald	Aberhamson, Carolyn
1/5/2024	Bucklin, Judith	Portsmouth	Kenney Sr, Richard	Connor, Ruth
1/10/2024	Poitras, John	Plymouth	Poitras, Arthur	Mosher, Pauline
1/13/2024	Fraser, Elizabeth	Meredith	Sawyer, Lewis	Reed, Gladys
1/20/2024	Brunt, Wayne	Laconia	Brunt, William	Baker, Dorothy
1/21/2024	McKenna, Francis	Meredith	McKenna, George	Gilbert, Carmen
1/22/2024	McDermott, Catherine	Meredith	Iafolla, Pat	Chick, Mildred
1/22/2024	Hoyt, Mary	Meredith	Dickinson, George	Durgin, Dorothy
1/27/2024	Taylor, Ida	Laconia	Morgan Sr, John	Shaw, Carol
1/29/2024	Stacy, Carole	Meredith	Benoit, Lionel	Daly, Evelyn
2/6/2024	Gennaro, Rosemary	Manchester	Benson, Patrick	McKelvey, Bridget
2/7/2024	Robitaille, Leo	Meredith	Robitaille Sr, Leo	Provost, Florette
2/8/2024	Bennett, Steven	Laconia	Bennett, Robert	Lund, Barbara
2/10/2024	Leonard, Barbara	Meredith	Calcari, Harold	Major, Edith
2/11/2024	Pierce, Vera	Meredith	Unknown, Unknown	Unknow, Dorothy
2/15/2024	Conlon, Elizabeth	Concord	Carey, Philip	Sewall, Claire
2/15/2024	Desmond, Robert	Concord	Desmond, Patrick	Cunningham, Margaret
2/16/2024	Pike, Patricia	Meredith	Potter, Edward	Merchant, Annie
2/18/2024	Decosta, Linda	Meredith	Wade, Franklin	Deschine, Corrine
2/24/2024	Price, Janet	Concord	Lewis, Darce	Badore, Frances
2/28/2024	Giebel, Frederic	Meredith	Giebel, William	Cruff, Edith
2/29/2024	Travis, Stephen	Lebanon	Travis, Richard	Johnson, Beverly
3/10/2024	Hazelton, Stephen	Concord	Hazelton Jr, Warren	Mandy, Joanne
3/13/2024	Hyde, Jane	Meredith	Mathews, Lloyd	Reid, Rita
3/17/2024	Cail, Rodney	Meredith	Cail, Lloyd	Sundquist, Doris
3/19/2024	Nadeau, Charlotte	Meredith	Mongno, Charles	Orzechowski, Frances
3/23/2024	Patterson, Elizabeth	Meredith	Larson, Carl	Frederickson, Mildred
3/24/2024	Chaignot, Hannah	Meredith	Chaignot, Joseph	Foley, Cassie

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
3/25/2024	Clymer III, James	Meredith	Clymer Jr, James	Straub, Isabel
3/29/2024	Shastany, Georgette	Meredith	Carrier, Alphonse	Bourcier, Germaine
4/4/2024	Welch, Constance	Meredith	Connolly, William	Bisson, Blanche
4/6/2024	Seufert, Allen	Meredith	Seufert, Robert	Smith, Janice
4/7/2024	Papajohn, Catherine	Meredith	Johnson, Raymond	Armstrong, Charlotte
4/10/2024	O'Callaghan, Susan	Meredith	Heath, John	Smith, Alberta
4/11/2024	Hahn, Raymond	Meredith	Hahn, Earl	Norris, Hazel
4/15/2024	Baker, James	Concord	Baker, Kenneth	Campbell, Ruth
4/18/2024	Hoeckele, Judith	Meredith	Rudolph, Joseph	Thanner, Maria
4/23/2024	Pease, Elizabeth	Meredith	West, Frederick	Van Tassel, Gretchen
4/23/2024	Lance, Theresa	Meredith	McGuigan, Theodore	Martin, Marian
4/24/2024	Staubitz, Judith	Concord	Beaton, Edward	Heath, Mae
5/3/2024	O'Brien, Pearl	Meredith	Hollins, Clarence	Brooks, Eva
5/10/2024	Prescott, John	Meredith	Prescott, Robert	Giles, Mildred
5/14/2024	Robie, Gail	Concord	Johnson, Francis	Woods, Genevieve
5/16/2024	Hickey Jr, Edward	Laconia	Hickey Sr, Edward	Patenaude, Bertha
5/17/2024	Nickerson, Kim	Laconia	Loika, Fred	Campbell, Delphine
5/18/2024	Anair Jr, Roland	Meredith	Anair Sr, Roland	Leach, Edna
5/20/2024	O'Gara, Robert	Meredith	O'Gara, Robert	McCaffrey, Catherine
5/21/2024	Rouvalis, Aglaia	Meredith	Vontzalides, Orestes	Kalomaris, Hariclea
5/29/2024	Donahue, Heather	Meredith	Tibbs, James	Brookshire, Kathleen
5/29/2024	Smith, Robert	Concord	Smith, Lee	Mudgett, Viola
6/3/2024	Bartlett, Geneva	Meredith	Rice, Rose	Ely, Susie
6/3/2024	Roubo, Lynn	Plymouth	Downs, Clayton	Beattie, Miriam
6/5/2024	Zanelli, Rose	Meredith	Bartolucci, Agrippino	Russo, Josephine
6/11/2024	Sidney, Lois	Meredith	Bliss, Harry	Allen, Clara
6/11/2024	Newberry, Jordan	Meredith	Unknown, unknown	Elliott, Tamara
6/12/2024	Goodman, Arnold	Laconia	Goodman, Max	Lapinsky, Leah
6/23/2024	Shaw Jr, David	New Hampton	Shaw Sr, David	Wiggin, Laura

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
6/23/2024	McGrath Jr, Leo	Meredith	McGrath Sr, Leo	Clement, Stella
6/24/2024	Kucinski, John	Meredith	Kucinski, John	Estella, Evelyn
6/25/2024	Aubrey, Shari	Meredith	Lewis, LT	Evans, Helen
6/27/2024	Amabile, John	Laconia	Amabile, James	Weld, Ruth
6/27/2024	Carey, Lois	Meredith	Drady Jr, Richard	Kectum, Mrytle
6/28/2024	Gahagan Sr, Walter	Laconia	Gahagan, Carl	Ewens, Eleanor
6/29/2024	Calder, Philip	Franklin	Calderazzi, Joseph	Cistulli, Mary
7/7/2024	Brown, Linda	Meredith	Melcher, Oscar	Gardener, Myrtle
7/13/2024	Litz, Julia	Meredith	Bowers, Louis	King, Leola
7/13/2024	Aguiar, Lorraine	Meredith	Jeffrey, Joseph	Laplante, Germaine
7/15/2024	Wyman, Henry	Meredith	Wyman, Henry	Anniello, Frances
7/19/2024	Rigney, Janet	Meredith	Crooker, Wallace	Sirois, Jennie
7/20/2024	Tobias, William	Concord	Tobias, Henry	Watts, Alberta
7/24/2024	Karcher, Eva	Meredith	Michneawicz, Stanley	Kebit, Eva
7/27/2024	Moreau, Linda	Meredith	Edwards, William	Rivers, Simone
8/5/2024	Schavone, Beverly	Meredith	Russell, Frank	Kosko, Eugenia
8/13/2024	Young, Bettina	Concord	Young, Dale	Bliss, Elizabeth
8/17/2024	Martel, Bette	Laconia	Turcotte, Paul	Cole, Doris
8/22/2024	Furst, Eric	Meredith	Furst, Robert	Mooney, Jane
8/24/2024	Tredo, Madeline	Dorchester	Tredo, Jason	Willette, Amy
8/24/2024	Terrett, Rita	Meredith	Servia, Joseph	Amado, Rita
8/27/2024	Drouin, Bertha	Meredith	Drouin, Diogene	Caron, Valeda
8/28/2024	Westphal, Ruth	Sanbornton	Foservold, Ole	Unknown, Inga
8/29/2024	Weinreb, Harold	Meredith	Weinreb, Jack	Garfinkle, Tillie
9/4/2024	Ferguson, Kathleen	Meredith	McKenna, Augustus	Marsh, Nora
9/11/2024	Andreson, Bruce	Concord	Andreson, Wallace	Baldner, Mary
9/12/2024	Kimball, Dorothy	Meredith	Masters, Leonard	Ewan, Anne
9/18/2024	Rushton, Bradley	Concord	Rushton, James	Pickering, Marilyn
9/19/2024	Derrick, Raymond	Meredith	Derrick, Raymond	Turcotte, Louise

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Deaths continued...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
9/22/2024	Marriott, M Susan	Derry	Pierce, George	Kemp, Marion
9/30/2024	Huckins, Timothy	Meredith	Huckins, Leander	Ratliff, Sharon
10/12/2024	Morash, Caryl	Meredith	Martin, Peter	Wiltgen, Hedwig
10/12/2024	Christman, Matilee	Meredith	Christman, Paul	Grey, Merle
10/23/2024	Tautkus, Sarah	Meredith	Burke, William	Mitchell, Lucille
10/24/2024	Scott, Frederick	Meredith	Scott, Elliot	Marshall, Florence
10/29/2024	Kimball, Marylin	Meredith	Quint, Earl	Gilpatrick, Leona
10/29/2024	Chace III, Henry	Meredith	Chace Jr, Henry	Wood, Florence
11/4/2024	DePalma, Paul	Lebanon	Unknown, Unknown	Unknown, Unknown
11/5/2024	Losciuto, Richard	Meredith	Losciuto, Francis	Palermo, Sally
11/9/2024	Coyle, Patricia	Meredith	Randell, Ralph	Kincaid, Isabelle
11/9/2024	Glenday, William	Meredith	Glenday, Austin	Dunn, Catherine
11/14/2024	McBride, Virginia	Meredith	Little, Frank	Hutchins, Julia
11/14/2024	Warren, Patricia	Meredith	Moise, Walter	Krukonis, Margaret
11/17/2024	Moore, Gloria	Meredith	Gardner, Cleon	Soucy, Eva
11/17/2024	Greene, Susan	Meredith	Smith, Traver	Odell, Helen
11/23/2024	Cone, Elisabeth	Meredith	Schwepfinger, Josef	Leitner, Elisabeth
11/27/2024	Snow, Craig	Meredith	Snow, Roger	Yost, Gloria
12/1/2024	Sorell Jr, Ames	Meredith	Sorell Sr, Ames	Copp, Emma
12/4/2024	Moritz, Raymond	Concord	Moritz, John	McArdle, Winifred
12/8/2024	Cederstrom, Kim	Lebanon	Cederstrom, Robert	Woodman, Pauli
12/10/2024	Sutkus, Irene	Concord	Potter, Robert	Wuest, Lucille
12/12/2024	Hickey, Barbara	Meredith	Green, Robert	Ellis, Ruth
12/13/2024	Ryan, Richard	Meredith	Ryan, Timothy	Jordan, Marion
12/15/2024	Laflamme, Rita	Meredith	Dupont, Allison	Allard, Lillian
12/18/2024	Thomas, Winifred	Laconia	Marris, Fred	Kolmer, Irene
12/18/2024	Cavic, Michael	Laconia	Cavic, George	Tintor, Anna
12/27/2024	Kenney, Susan	Meredith	Reed, Fred	Settles, Charlotte
12/29/2024	Sherman, John	Meredith	Sherman Jr, Thomas	Bjork, Esther
12/30/2024	Pond, William	Meredith	Pond, Garnet	Banks, Helen

Financial Statements

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Assets & Other Debts	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 16,697,297	\$ 5,238,959	\$ 367,033	\$ 3,681,921	\$.	\$		25,985,210
Investments				1,149,905				1,149,905
Receivables (Net of Allowance for Uncollectible)	111,308	(404,958)						(293,650)
Taxes	8,712,112							8,712,112
Accounts				343,675				343,675
Special Assessments—Current								
Speal Assessments—Noncurrent								
Other								
Inter-fund Receivable	44,478	2,204,329	238,983					2,487,790
Intergovernmental Receivable								
<u>Statutory Tax Liens Receivable</u>	362,669							362,669
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	28,992							28,992
Other Debits								
Compensated Absences	722,471							722,471
Amount to be provided for Retirement								
Of General Long-Term Debt								
Total Assets & Other Debts	<u>\$ 26,679,327</u>	<u>\$ 7,038,330</u>	<u>\$ 606,016</u>	<u>\$ 5,175,501</u>		<u>7,668,000</u>		<u>7,668,000</u>
						<u>\$ 7,668,000</u>		<u>\$ 47,167,173</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

Liabilities & Equity	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special	Capital	Trust and Agency	General Long-Term Debt			
		Revenue	Projects					
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,194,189	\$ 63,824	\$ 194,610	\$	\$		\$	11,452,623
Retainage Payable								
Intergovernmental Payable			75,115					75,115
Inter-fund Payable	5,140,090	2,236,375						7,376,465
Escrow & Performance Deposits					343,675			343,675
Deferred Revenue								
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable								
General Obligation Debt Payable						7,668,000		7,668,000
Compensated Absences Payable	722,471							722,471
Total Liabilities	\$ 17,056,750	\$ 2,300,199	\$ 269,725	\$	\$ 343,675	\$ 7,668,000	\$	27,638,349
<u>Equity</u>								
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	\$ (242,599)	\$	\$			\$	(242,599)
Reserved for Special Purposes	2,258,002	1,783,927	336,291		4,831,825			9,210,045
Reserved for Capital Recovery		654,638						654,638
<u>Unreserved</u>								
Designated for Special Purposes	7,364,575	2,542,165						9,906,740
Undesignated (Deficit)	\$ 9,622,577	\$ 4,738,131	\$ 336,291	\$	4,831,825		\$	19,528,824
Total Equity	\$ 26,679,327	\$ 7,038,329	\$ 606,016	\$	5,175,501	\$ 7,668,000	\$	47,167,173
Total Liabilities & Equity								

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Special Revenue Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Public Library	Conservation Commission	Cable Franchise Revolving Fund	Boat Launch Fee	Water Fund	Sewer Fund	Total
Assets							
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 11,042	\$ 212,887	\$ 305,935	\$ 93,054	\$ 2,045,867	\$ 2,570,174	\$ 5,238,959
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)					(175,024)	(229,934)	(404,958)
Accounts					976,856	1,059,000	2,204,329
Interfund Receivable		92,335	76,138				
Total Assets	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 305,222</u>	<u>\$ 382,073</u>	<u>\$ 93,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,847,699</u>	<u>\$ 3,399,240</u>	<u>\$ 7,038,330</u>
Liabilities & Equity							
Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	7,302	\$ 56,522	\$ 112,538
Due to General Fund		46,026	52,292		1,021,697	1,116,360	2,236,375
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 46,026</u>	<u>\$ 52,292</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,999</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,882</u>	<u>\$ 2,300,199</u>
Equity							
Fund Balances							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$.	\$	\$	\$.	\$ (63,997)	\$ (276,744)	\$ (454,592)
Reserved for Special Purposes	16,326	157,827		93,054	501,994	1,014,726	1,779,587
Reserved for Capital Recovery					604,638	50,000	654,638
Unreserved							
Unreserved/Undesignated	<u>\$ (5,284)</u>	<u>\$ 101,369</u>	<u>\$ 329,781</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 776,065</u>	<u>\$ 1,340,233</u>	<u>\$ 2,542,165</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 259,196</u>	<u>\$ 329,781</u>	<u>\$ 93,054</u>	<u>\$ 1,818,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,358</u>	<u>\$ 4,738,131</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$ 11,042</u>	<u>\$ 305,222</u>	<u>\$ 382,073</u>	<u>\$ 93,054</u>	<u>\$ 2,847,699</u>	<u>\$ 3,399,240</u>	<u>\$ 7,038,329</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	Community Center	Landfill Closure	Police Detail	Public Works Building	Total
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 252,676	\$ -	\$ 39,242	\$ 75,115	\$ 367,033
Interfund Receivable		-	238,983	-	238,983
Total Assets	<u>\$ 252,676</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 278,225</u>	<u>\$ 75,115</u>	<u>\$ 606,016</u>
 <u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>					
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 194,610	\$ -	\$ 194,610
Due to General Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Retainage Payable	-	-	-	75,115	75,115
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 194,610</u>	<u>\$ 75,115</u>	<u>\$ 269,725</u>
 <u>Fund Balances</u>					
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reserve for Special Purposes	252,676	-	83,615	-	336,291
<u>Unreserved</u>					
Undesignated (Deficit)	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 242,675</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 83,615</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 336,291</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 242,675</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 278,225</u>	 <u>\$ 75,115</u>	 <u>\$ 606,016</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

	Trust Funds						Agency Funds	Totals
	Expendable			Nonexpendable				
	Capital			Town	Library			
	Library	Reserve	Others					
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 5,720	\$ 645,612	\$ 2,916,920	\$.	\$ 113,668	\$.	\$ 3,681,921	
Investments				146,888	1,003,017		1,149,905	
<u>Receivables</u>								
Interest								
Accounts								
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,720</u>	<u>\$ 645,612</u>	<u>\$ 2,916,920</u>	<u>\$ 146,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,685</u>	<u>\$ 343,675</u>	<u>\$ 5,175,501</u>	
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>								
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Inter-fund Payable								
Escrow and Performance Deposits						343,675	343,675	
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable								
Total Liabilities	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 343,675</u>	<u>\$ 343,675</u>	
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Reserved For Endowments								
Reserved For Special Purposes	5,720	645,612	2,916,920	146,888	1,116,685		4,831,825	
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,720</u>	<u>\$ 645,612</u>	<u>\$ 2,916,920</u>	<u>\$ 146,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,685</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 4,831,825</u>	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,720</u>	<u>\$ 645,612</u>	<u>\$ 2,916,920</u>	<u>\$ 146,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,116,685</u>	<u>\$ 343,675</u>	<u>\$ 5,175,501</u>	

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

	Balance 1/1/2024	Additions	Gain/Loss	Balance 12/31/2024
Developers' Performance Bond Fund				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 281,146	\$ 62,886	\$ (356)	\$ 343,675
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 198,771	\$ 144,904	\$	\$ 343,675

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds- *Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)*

Non-Expendable		Beginning Balance 1/1/2024	Total Deposits	Total (Withdrawals)	Period Interest	Ending Balance 12/31/2024
Trusts	Purpose					
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 3,150	\$.	\$ (21.21)	\$ 124	\$ 3,296
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	98,321		(661.74)	3,882	102,865
Town Cemetery	Cemetery Care	24,316		(163.66)	960	25,441
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	910		(6.12)	36	952
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	13,701		(92.22)	541	14,334
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	359		(2.42)	14	371
Edwin E. Beede	Library	103,213		(694.68)	4,076	106,594
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	5,368		(36.14)	212	5,544
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	827		(5.57)	33	854
William E. Bixby	Library	172		(1.16)	7	178
Hattie R. Erskine	Library	123		(0.83)	5	127
George S. Fogg	School District	3,786		(25.48)	150	3,910
Leavitt Fund	Leavitt	13,682		(91.96)	503	14,093
Total All Non-Expendable Trusts		<u>\$ 267,929</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ (1,803.19)</u>	<u>\$ 10,543</u>	<u>\$ 278,559</u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
		Balance				Balance
		1/1/2024	Deposits	(Withdrawn)	Interest	12/31/2024
Employee Benefits	Severance	\$ 203,227	\$	\$ (951)	\$ 8,007	\$ 210,283
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	1,058		(5)	42	1,095
Municipal Building	Additional Space	192		(1)	8	199
Fire Department	Communications	4,655		(22)	183	4,816
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	114,979		(538)	4,530	118,971
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	117,579		(550)	4,633	121,661
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	66,935		(313)	2,637	69,259
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	882,343		(4,130)	34,764	912,976
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	34,829		(163)	1,372	36,038
Water System	Improvements	(145)		1	(6)	(150)
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	164,403		(770)	6,477	170,111
Meredith Parking	Parking	181,895		(851)	7,167	188,210
Groundwater Source Study	Water Study	3,511		(16)	138	3,633
Parks & Recreation Facility	Improvements	123,352	100,000	(844)	6,350	228,857
DPW	Equipment Replacement	230,189	320,000	(1,932)	13,836	562,093
Library	Feasibility Study	5,528		(26)	218	5,720
Fire Department	Equipment Replacement	19,801	320,000	(947)	5,547	344,401
Building and Facility Maintenance	Improvements	99,462		(466)	3,919	102,915
Lake Waukegan Water Quality Protection	Conservation		100,000	(267)	1,490	101,223
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		\$ 2,253,793	\$ 840,000	\$ (12,793)	\$ 101,311	\$ 3,182,312
Student Transportation ETF	Activity	\$ 4,987	\$ -	\$ (23)	\$ 197	\$ 5,160
Multifunctional School Bus	Activity	41,487	-	(194)	1,635	42,928
School - SPED	Special Education	326,461	-	(1,528)	12,862	337,795
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	55	-	-	2	57
Total All Expendable Trusts:		\$ 2,626,784	\$ 840,000	\$ (14,539)	\$ 116,007	\$ 3,568,252
Capital Reserves		Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
		Balance				Balance
		1/1/2024	Deposits	(Withdrawn)	Interest	12/31/2024
Police		\$ 3,127	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 165	\$ 3,292
Prescott Park Expansion		5,717	-	-	301	6,018
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		604,484	-	-	31,818	636,302
Total All Capital Reserves:		\$ 613,328	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,284	\$ 645,612

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-Term Debt Payable at December 31, 2024 is comprised of the following:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/24
General Obligation Debt Payable					
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 175,000
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 243,000
2020 DPW Facility Bond	\$ 7,600,000	2020	2035	1.360%	\$ 4,720,000
2020 Library Renovation Bond	\$ 4,070,000	2020	2035	1.370%	\$ 2,530,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2024					<u>\$ 7,668,000</u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Years	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 914,000	\$ 303,769	\$ 1,217,769
2026	\$ 743,000	\$ 258,548	\$ 1,001,548
2027	\$ 747,000	\$ 225,068	\$ 972,068
2028 - 2035	\$ 5,264,000	\$ 619,350	\$ 5,883,350
Totals	<u>\$ 7,668,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,406,735</u>	<u>\$ 9,074,735</u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Benefits \$ 722,471

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash			
Fund No.	Fund Name		Balance
1	General	\$	16,697,298
2	Water	\$	2,045,867
3	Sewer	\$	2,570,174
4	Library	\$	11,042
5	Conservation Commission	\$	212,887
7	Cable Franchise	\$	305,935
10	Community Center	\$	73,257
11	Public Works	\$	-
13	Library	\$	-
15	Landfill	\$	-
16	Boat Launch	\$	93,054
17	Engineering	\$	281,146
20	Hawkins Brook	\$	36,589
	Total Cash	\$	<u>22,327,249</u>
	Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 2 –20)	\$	<u>(5,629,951)</u>
	Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$	<u><u>16,697,298</u></u>

Summary by Account

Accounts Payable	\$	(335,612)
Baby Bicentennial	\$	90
Cloud	\$	181,919
Debit Cards	\$	15,000
Engineering	\$	281,146
Hawkins Brook	\$	36,589
High Yield Savings	\$	9,969,579
Operating Account	\$	6,865,423
Payroll Account	\$	-
Petty Cash	\$	900
Total Cash	\$	<u>17,015,033</u>
Less: Other Fund Cash Accounts (Funds 17&20)	\$	<u>(317,735)</u>
Total General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	\$	<u><u>16,697,298</u></u>

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

Fiscal Year 2024

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1		\$	6,160,100
Deductions			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2024 Tax Rate		\$	(750,000)
Capital Projects from Fund Balance			<u>(369,393)</u>
Subtotal		\$	5,040,707
Additions			
Adjusting Entries (Unaudited)			
2024 Budget Summary			
Revenue Surplus (Unaudited)	\$	119,387	
Unexpended Balance of Appropriations (Unaudited)	\$	<u>1,156,142</u>	
2024 Budget Surplus		\$	<u>1,275,529</u>
Unreserved - Undesignated			
Fund Balance - December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)		\$	<u><u>6,316,236</u></u>

Fiscal Year 2024 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2024 (Unaudited)		\$	6,316,236
Deductions			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To Reduce 2024 Tax Rate		\$	<u>0</u>
Unreserved - Undesignated			
Fund Balance - December 31, 2024 (Unaudited)		\$	<u><u>6,316,236</u></u>

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

Debits	2024	2023
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-24		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 12,963,155.50
Maple Ridge Village District		1,924.35
Yield Taxes		1,871.16
Land Use Taxes		
Water Rents		29,715.55
Sewer Rents		38,675.32
Property Tax Credit Balance		
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$39,861,996.94	
Maple Ridge Village District	\$6,041.88	
Yield Taxes	\$15,548.01	
Land Use Change Taxes	\$84,200.00	
Water Rents	\$495,052.09	145,506.25
Sewer Rents	\$722,926.90	215,172.96
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	\$122,542.26	57,929.49
Water Rents	\$100.77	
Sewer Rents	\$128.17	6,252.62
Interest	\$9,385.85	41,448.95
Total Debits	\$ 41,317,922.87	\$ 13,501,652.15
Credits	2024	2023
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 31,260,356.72	\$ 12,954,970.23
Maple Ridge Village District	5,553.12	1,924.35
Yield Taxes	14,501.06	1,871.16
Land Use Change Taxes	84,052.84	
Water Rents	472,844.81	175,651.00
Sewer Rents	682,707.74	257,877.17
Interest and Costs	9,385.85	41,448.95
Deeded to Town		
Property Tax		
Abatements		
Property Taxes	3,554.73	43,506.07
Yield Taxes		
Water Rents		22.00
Sewer Rents	7,002.70	1,892.78
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-24		
Property Taxes	8,720,627.75	
Maple Ridge Village District	488.76	
Yield Taxes	1,046.95	
Land Use Change Tax	147.16	
Water Rents	22,308.05	-451.20
Sewer Rents	33,344.63	330.90
Property Tax Credit Balance		22,608.74
Other Taxes/Charges Credit Balance		
Total Credits	\$ 41,317,922.87	\$ 13,501,652.15

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2023	2022	2021	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-24	\$	\$ 143,408.17	\$ 60,490.64	\$ 39,976.41
Liens Executed During 2024	326,494.81			
Refunds for overpayment				
Interest & Costs after Lien	5,332.44	8,778.25	8,785.57	6,468.02
Total Debits	\$ 331,827.25	\$ 152,186.42	\$ 69,276.21	\$ 46,444.43
Credits	2023	2022	2021	Prior
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 99,446.29	\$ 55,599.72	\$ 30,972.96	\$ 14,858.89
Interest & Costs after Lien	5,332.44	8,778.25	8,785.57	6,468.02
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	53,891.28			
Liens Deeded to the Town...				
Unredeemed Liens 12/31/2024	173,157.24	87,808.45	29,517.68	25,117.52
Total Credits	\$ 331,827.25	\$ 152,186.42	\$ 69,276.21	\$ 46,444.43

Tax Collector's Report

Thank you very much to the Town of Meredith, for the warm welcome that I have received since joining the team at Town Hall in September! I have had an incredible experience so far meeting so many people and have enjoyed the variety of conversations. I am looking forward to learning more about my position, while expanding my knowledge to obtain my tax collecting certification.

We have started the process of utilizing a much-anticipated new software system both in the office and online. Once fully launched, the system will provide a more streamlined experience for users.

The tax office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m to 5 p.m. We accept cash, checks and now credit cards for both utility and property tax payments. Payments can also be made online using a credit card, checking or savings account at www.MeredithNH.gov , and the drop box is always available for your convenience.

If you have any tax questions, I can be reached directly at (603)677-4202 or by email at dtc@meredithnh.gov.

I look forward to meeting you!

Thank you,
Christina Brown
Deputy Tax Collector

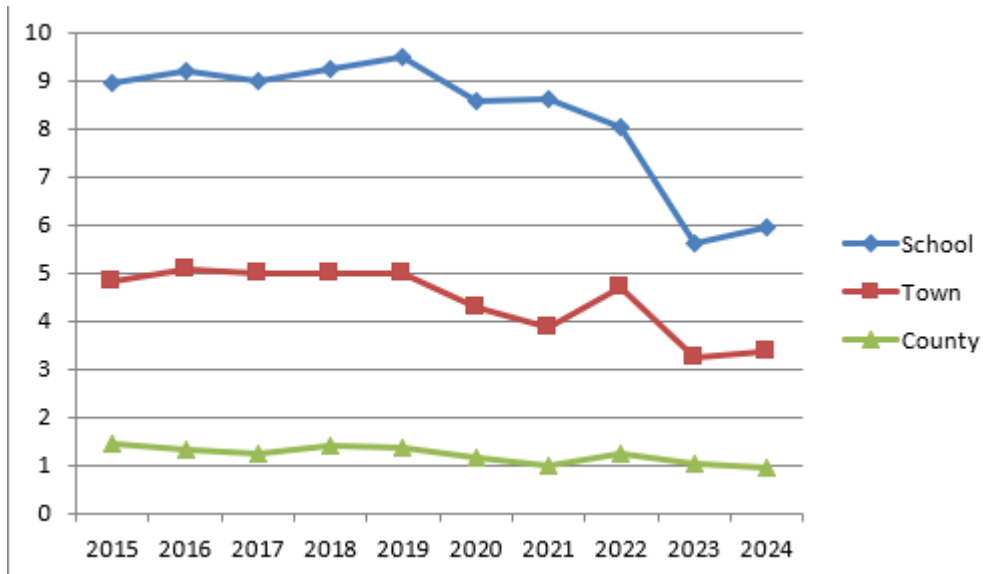
Tax Information

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2015	8.94	4.81	1.45	15.20	1,758,060,047
2016	9.20	5.06	1.33	15.59	1,771,154,645
2017	9.00	5.00	1.23	15.23	1,923,690,590
2018	9.23	5.00	1.39	15.62	1,936,858,689
2019	9.51	5.00	1.38	15.89	1,956,399,890
2020	8.58	4.29	1.15	14.02	2,302,685,480
2021	8.60	3.85	0.98	13.43	2,330,415,957
2022	8.05	4.69	1.23	13.97	2,355,818,734
2023	5.63	3.24	1.02	9.89	3,850,478,052
2024	5.95	3.35	0.96	10.26	3,911,869,779

Chart shows Ten Years of Tax Rate Comparison's

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



Tax Information

Department of Revenue Administration - 2024 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Accounting Overview		Appropriation	Revenue	Tax Rate
Total Appropriation	\$	21,645,008		
Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)			\$ (7,768,984)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus			\$ (369,393)	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes			\$ (750,000)	
War Service Credits	\$	308,625		
Actual Overlay Used	\$	<u>30,871</u>	\$	
Net Required Local Tax Effort			\$ 13,096,127	
Municipal Tax Rate				\$ <u>3.35</u>
County Apportionment				
Net County Apportionment	\$	<u>3,768,700</u>	\$	
Net required County Tax Effort			\$ 3,768,700	
County Tax Rate				\$ <u>0.96</u>
Education				
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$	23,243,096		
Net Education Grant			\$ 0	
Locally Retained State Education Tax		<u></u>	\$ <u>(5,085,243)</u>	
Net Required Local Education Tax Effort			\$ 18,157,853	\$ <u>4.64</u>
State Education Tax	\$	<u>5,085,243</u>	<u></u>	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort			\$ 5,085,243	\$ <u>1.31</u>
School Tax Rate				\$ <u>5.95</u>
Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate				\$ <u>10.26</u>
Total Municipal Tax Effort			\$ 40,107,923	
Village District Tax Effort			\$ 6,042	
Less: War Service Credits			\$ <u>(308,625)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment			\$ <u><u>39,805,340</u></u>	

Valuation

<u>Municipal (MS-1)</u>		<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$	3,911,869,779	\$ 8.95	\$ 35,022,680
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$	3,890,601,179	\$ 1.31	\$ 5,085,243
<u>Village (MS-1V)</u>				
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$	4,647,600	\$ 1.30	6,042
Less War Service Credits				\$ <u>(308,625)</u>
Proof of Rate				\$ <u><u>39,805,340</u></u>

Supplementary Information

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2024

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	914,354
Residential		2,100,144,282
Commercial / Industrial		<u>114,834,617</u>
Total Value of Land	\$	2,215,893,253

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$	1,533,929,745
Manufactured Housing		13,006,500
Commercial / Industrial		<u>132,161,055</u>
Total Value of Buildings	\$	1,679,097,300

Public Utilities

Electric	\$	<u>21,224,600</u>
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	3,916,215,153

Exemptions

Blind	\$	180,000
Elderly		1,660,000
Totally & Permanently Disabled		803,900
Solar / Wind Power		<u>1,745,474</u>
Total Exemptions	\$	4,389,374

Net Taxable Valuation	\$	<u><u>3,911,825,779</u></u>
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Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Facilities

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I02-021	0.07	1 Bear Island	Post Office, Dock
R08-047	0.29	Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
R08-048	0.92	101 Meredith Center Road	Fire Station
S15-008	28.80	11 & 17 Jenness Hill Rd	Public Works Garage/Solid Waste
S15-008		400 Daniel Webster Hwy	Police Station
S17-007A	0.00	22 Sunset Hill Road	Water Tower
S17-018R-1	0.00	132 Upper Mile Point Drive	Booster Station
S23-021	0.36	30 Reservoir Road	Pumping Station (Water Dept.)
U02-040	0.26	21 Lower Ladd Hill Rd	Pumping Station (Water Dept.)
U03-028A	0.21	72 Waukegan Street	Sewer Pump Station
U03-030	0.44	69 Waukegan Street	Waukegan Town Beach
U05-001A	0.07	Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-001B	0.51	50 Waukegan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	7 High Street	Parking Lot
U06-43	0.31	10 High St	Library expansion-2020
U06-059	0.57	91 Main Street	Library
U06-063	0.16	6 Water Street	Parking Lot
U06-112	0.51	286 Daniel Webster Hwy	Fire Station
U06-117C	0.27	Lang Street	Swasey Cemetery
U06-145	0.04	291 Daniel Webster Hwy	Town Docks
U07-043	0.14	5 Highland Street	Town Hall Annex
U07-044	0.15	41 Main Street	Town Hall
U07-086A	0.02	Daniel Webster Hwy	Utility Right of Way
U07-088	0.36	326 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U07-107	0.17	327 Daniel Webster Hwy	Sewer Pump Station
U07-108	0.92	323 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot
U10-017	0.29	17 Philbrook Avenue	Sewer Pump Station
U10-034	16.00	347 Daniel Webster Hwy	Public Works Office
U11-050	3.68	1 Circle Drive	Community Center
U11-067	0.38	Kelly Lane	Fire Pond
U11-071	19.00	379 Daniel Webster Hwy;	Meredith Village Cemetery
U12-004	0.23	Philbrook Avenue	Road Turnaround
U15-027	0.08	Morrison Avenue	Road Turnaround
U33-015A	1.55	57 Cattle Landing Road	Parking Lot/Right of Way
U33-025	0.41	58 Cattle Landing Road	Docks
U35-010	1.02	30 Lovejoy Sands Road	Boat Ramp/Docks/Parking
U07-092	0.53	320 Daniel Webster Hwy	Parking Lot—Former Laundromat Property
U36-006	0.11	Powers Rd	Strip of Land near Y Building

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
R08-014	1.60	Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R08-015	0.88	151 Meredith Center Road	Childs Park
R13-005	3.25	Mercier Drive	Lk Wicwas Peninsula
R13-006	3.20	Lake Wicwas	Dolloff Point Island
R13-007	5.50	Lake Wicwas	Big Pine Island
R14-001	305.58	Chemung Road	Hamlin Town Forest
R14-028	2.02	Chemung Road	Pickering Park
R14-029	1.00	113 Chemung Road	Wicwas Boat Launch, Pickering Park
R17-035	2.50	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R17-036	5.06	Chemung Road	Abuts Hamlin Town Forest
R18-009A	188.00	Tucker Mountain Road	Conservation/Eames Forest
R21-008	12.00	Sherene Orchard Road	Wetlands/Loon Preserve
R22-007	23.34	Tucker Mountain Road	Town Forest
R22-013	31.04	Neddeau Road	Town Forest
R23-004	93.00	Off Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
R31-020	37.80	Carleton Road	Dockham Town Forest
R32-001	49.40	Hermit Woods Road	Town Forest
R32-011	63.00	Carleton Road	Leighton Wildlife Sanctuary
S02-005	3.03	Beattie Road	Former Tree Nursery
S03-006	186.53	Quarry Road	Page Pond
S04-001	188.34	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond
S04-003	20.66	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond
S04-006	170.00	Off Blueberry Hill Road	Page Pond
S12-004	82.72	Barnard Ridge Rd	Page Pond Expansion
S12-005	116.09	Barnard Ridge Rd	Page Pond Expansion
S22-020	13.01	Parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Community Park
S22-022	178.10	75 parade Road	Waukegan Highlands Reservoir
U04-025	0.92	Waukegan Street	Monkey Pond
U05-002	0.30	49 Waukegan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.90	12 Waukegan Avenue	Swasey Park
U06-060	0.32	65 Main Street	Community Park
U07-121	0.37	1 Pleasant Street	Scenic Park
U07-123	0.13	9 NH Route 25	Scenic Park/Indian Island
U07-126	0.83	309 Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U07-127	0.92	Daniel Webster Hwy	Hesky Park
U10-031	12.87	367 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-033	0.32	Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park
U10-035	1.16	Daniel Webster Hwy	Wetlands/Hawkins Brook

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
U11-047	0.63	Greemore Road	Recreation
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands/Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U12-015	189.00	Jenness Hill Road	Community Forest
U14-001	21.74	363 Daniel Webster Hwy	Prescott Park (New Fields)
U15-019A	0.12	1 Pleasant Street	Clough Park
U19-031A	0.12	Pinnacle Park Road	Pinnacle Park Beach
U39-058	28.01	50 Leavitt Park Road	Leavitt Park Beach, Bathhouse, Bartlett Brook

Summary of Town Owned Property - Vacant/Undesignated

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
I06-013	0.73	301 Bear Island	Tax Deeded Property
R08-033	1.90	113 Meredith Center Road	Wetland
R17-016	0.69	Chemung Road	
R35-003	13.00	Edgerly School Road	Landlocked
R37-012	1.70	NH Route 132	
S15-057	2.10	Off Boynton Road	
S18-055	0.27	Tracy Way	Adjacent to Right of Way
S19-053	1.53	Needle Eye Road	Tax Deeded Property 2019
S22-027	0.53	Tracy Way	Intersection Sight Distance
U01-001-096	0.22	Westbury Road	Tax Deeded Property
U01-001A	0.27	Neal Shore Road	
U01-034	0.08	Off Neal Shore Road	Adjacent to Railroad Right of Way
U10-027A	0.28	358 Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U11-63-9	0.00	5 Frances Court	Tax Deeded Property - 2021
U12-001	0.17	30 Philbrook Avenue	Tax Deeded Property
S26-079	3.10	Winona Shores Rd	Tax Deeded Property
R08-026	6.00	Baywoods Rd	Tax Deeded Property
R11-007	0.75	Old Stage Rd	Tax Deeded Property
S25-036	0.48	150 Waukegan St	Tax Deeded Property
U39-007	0.03	Leavitt Park Rd	Tax Deeded Property

Meredith Town Warrant

Town Warrant Information

2025 Town of Meredith Warrant and Budget

The inhabitants of the Town of Meredith in the County of Belknap 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:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Meredith Community Center, 1 Circle Drive, in said Town on the second Tuesday of March next; March 11, 2025, from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM for the casting of ballots to act upon Article 1 through Article 5;
and 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 12, 2025, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Auditorium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 6 through 18:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 01 Elected Positions

To bring ballots for:

Library Trustees	Two (2)	For Three	(3) Year Term
Selectman	Two (2)	For Three	(3) Year Term
Trustee of the Trust Funds	One (1)	For Three	(3) Year Term

ARTICLE 02 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 1

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article III - General Provisions, N. Single-Family Detached Dwelling, Article V-Establishment of District and District Regulations, and Article VIII-Definitions, Dwelling Single-Family Detached to remove the requirement for a single-family dwelling to have at least a 500 square foot minimum area on the ground.

ARTICLE 03 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 2

Are you in favor of adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V-Establishment of District and District Regulations; D-6 Commercial District Route 3 South, D-7 Central Business District, and D-8 Commercial District-Meredith Center to allow multifamily use by right rather than special exception.

ARTICLE 04 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII- Board of Adjustment, B. Special Exception Specific, 1. Accessory Apartment to remove reference to Accessory Apartments in the Special Exception section of the Ordinance to allow them without a special exception; Article III- General Provisions to add Accessory Apartments and increase the minimum distance of detached accessory apartments from 100 ft. to 150 ft. and retain the same existing criteria and to be reviewed through a building permit application; Amend Article V- Establishment of District and District Regulations: D-1 Forestry and Conservation District, D-2 Forestry and Rural District, D-2(a) Meredith Neck District, D-3 Residential District, D-4 Shoreline District, D-6 Commercial District-Route 3 South, D-7 Central Business District, and D-8 Commercial District-Meredith Center to permit Accessory Apartments by right rather than by special exception in the table of uses.

Town Warrant Information

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON continued...

ARTICLE 05 Town Zoning Ordinance Amendment 4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Meredith Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article VII- Board of Adjustment, B. Special Exception Specific, Short-Term Rentals to revise the specific criteria required including, but not limited to, limitations on the number of rental days of 90 days for not owner-occupied dwellings and 120 days for owner occupied dwellings, adding maximum daytime and nighttime occupancy, requiring documentation of adequate septic system, and requiring certain life safety provisions; and Amend Article VIII-Definitions to include the following new definitions of Owner, Owner In Residence, and Owner Not In Residence.

ARTICLE 06 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$740,000 for the purpose of all work needed to vacuum excavate, identify and map up to 1,000 water system services to update initial lead service line inventory (LSLI), to improve compliance with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$740,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, further to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the conditions and rate of interests thereon; and, to further authorize the Select Board to offset a portion of said appropriation by applying for the Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF) it being understood that repayment of the loan funds may include up to 71% principal forgiveness in the amount up to \$525,400 with the remaining \$214,600 to come from the Reserve Water Capital Recovery Fund.

(Requires a 3/5 ballot vote)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 07 Municipal Operations

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,041,148 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 08 Parks and Recreation Improvement ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 to be added to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 09 Fire Department Vehicle ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 300,000 to be added to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Town Warrant Information

BALLOT ARTICLES continued...

ARTICLE 10 Fire Department ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50,000 to be added to the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 11 DPW Equipment Replacement ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$241,000 to be added to the Department of Public Works Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 12 Building & Facility Maintenance ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 60,000 to be added to the Building and Facility Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 13 Waterfront Infrastructure ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$152,500 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 14 Main Street Rehabilitation ETF

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50,000 to be added to the Main Street Rehabilitation Expendable Trust Fund previously established. This sum to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation (Majority vote required)

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 15 Establish a Community Infrastructure ETF

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Community Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a for expenses related to projects addressing infrastructure needs throughout the community, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$127,500 to be placed in said Fund with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised by taxation. Further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said Fund. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

Town Warrant Information

BALLOT ARTICLES *continued...*

ARTICLE 16 Ambulance ETF

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Ambulance Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of providing funds to ensure uninterrupted ambulance service due to unforeseen increases in costs in addition to the normal ambulance services contracted and appropriated for each year, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be placed in said Fund with this amount to come from unassigned fund balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. Further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from said Fund (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 17 Community Power Plan

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Meredith Community Power Plan, to authorize the Select Board at their discretion to implement the plan, and to take all action in furtherance thereof, pursuant to RSA 53-E. The Meredith Community Power plan is an opt-out program that offers more flexible electricity procurement. The plan will initially provide lower electricity rates for residents, or it will not launch. Initial participation in the plan can be declined, after which enrollment becomes voluntary. (Majority vote required).

Recommended by the Select Board (5-0)

ARTICLE 18 By Petition

This article submitted by petition: Funding to Support Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) to support the Lake Winnepesaukee Alliance (LWA) activities. LWA is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting the water quality and natural resources of Lake Winnepesaukee and has taken the lead in this effort since 2010. LWA has obtained federal funding to complete watershed-based plans for Meredith Bay and Center Harbor Bay, which require local matching funds. LWA has provided direct support in obtaining grants for Town projects that improve the water quality of Lake Winnepesaukee and water bodies in Meredith. The LWA are an important liaison between NH DES and the Town for water quality monitoring and local communication of cyanobacteria alerts issued by NHDES. LWA also provides on site evaluation and recommendations as requested that lead to improved stormwater management practices by town residents through the LakeSmart/Keep Winni Blue program.

Select Board - Meredith, New Hampshire

Lynn Leighton, Chairperson	Jeanie L. Forrester, Vice Chairperson
Steven Aiken, Selectperson	Jonathan James, Selectperson Michael Pelczar, Selectperson

Budget Information

2025 Meredith Budget - Revenues

<u>Taxes</u>	2024 Estimated	2024 Actual	2025 Recommended Estimated
Yield	11,000	11,181	30,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	45,000	46,115	141,043
Boat	48,000	48,322	48,500
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	94,705	78,917	87,352
Total Taxes	\$ 198,705	\$ 184,536	\$ 306,895
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	2,000,000	2,147,343	2,050,000
Building Permits	70,356	66,639	65,509
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	119,293	156,123	74,140
Total Licenses and Permits	\$ 2,189,649	\$ 2,370,104	\$ 2,189,649
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State/Federal</u>			
Highway Block Grant	215,765	219,255	215,765
Rooms & Meals Tax	630,980	568,685	630,980
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	122	113	122
Other State/Federal Revenue	2,700	134,788	34,780
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 849,567	\$ 922,841	\$ 881,647
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	\$ 800,000	\$ 803,621	\$ 800,000
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Other	138,000	137,334	150,000
Interest on Investments	175,000	51,872	163,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 313,000	\$ 189,206	\$ 313,000
General Fund Revenues	\$ 4,350,921	\$ 4,470,308	\$ 4,491,191
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Other	-	-	-
Enterprise Fund	-	-	-
Trust Funds	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	\$ -	\$ 750,000	-
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 4,350,921	\$ 5,220,308	\$ 4,491,191
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	1,274,891	943,329	1,414,208
Water	\$ 745,975	\$ 638,832	\$ 780,501
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 6,371,787	\$ 6,802,468	\$ 6,685,900

Budget Information

2025 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	<u>2024</u> <u>Appropriations</u>	<u>2024</u> <u>Expended</u>	<u>2025</u> <u>Recommended</u>
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 243,612	\$ 226,103	\$ 301,431
Executive - Municipal Administration	2,021,081	2,044,687	2,089,754
Public Health - Ambulance	366,616	360,232	393,753
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid	114,817	114,817	116,288
Personnel Administration	3,475,303	3,113,952	3,665,152
Town Clerk	164,442	155,584	164,939
Administrative Services	316,893	298,012	326,175
General Assistance	50,000	53,435	50,000
Assessor's Office	273,198	274,146	296,743
Tax Collector's Office	73,002	61,206	76,273
Community Development Department	375,601	269,711	353,128
Regional Association	249,332	249,332	238,630
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,732,165	1,676,201	2,033,498
Fire	867,252	548,787	1,209,616
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	843,668	803,353	891,437
Building & Grounds	344,299	327,480	362,226
Cemetery	70,729	61,098	74,847
Highway Department	2,867,844	2,709,644	3,142,447
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	963,446	978,376	1,148,494
Library	618,327	617,185	650,840
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	910,000	910,000	914,000
Interest - Long-Term Debt	347,525	347,525	303,769
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000	-	10,000
Total General Fund	<u>\$ 17,299,152</u>	<u>\$ 16,200,866</u>	<u>\$ 18,813,439</u>
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	33,000	33,000	33,000
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	1,277,404	1,222,600	1,414,208
<u>Water Fund</u>	748,488	745,435	780,501
Total Operating Budget	<u>\$ 19,358,044</u>	<u>\$ 18,201,901</u>	<u>\$ 21,041,148</u>
<u>Capital Projects</u>			
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	\$ 740,000	\$ 740,000	\$ -
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	<u><u>\$ 20,098,044</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,941,901</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 21,041,148</u></u>

Budget Information

2025 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2025 Operations & CIP Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 21,041,148
Less: 2025 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(6,685,900)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	
Add: Proposed Overlay	47,500
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	308,625
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 14,711,373</u>

2025 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only)	\$3.76
Compared to 2024 Tax Rate of \$ 3.24 (Municipal Portion Only)	

