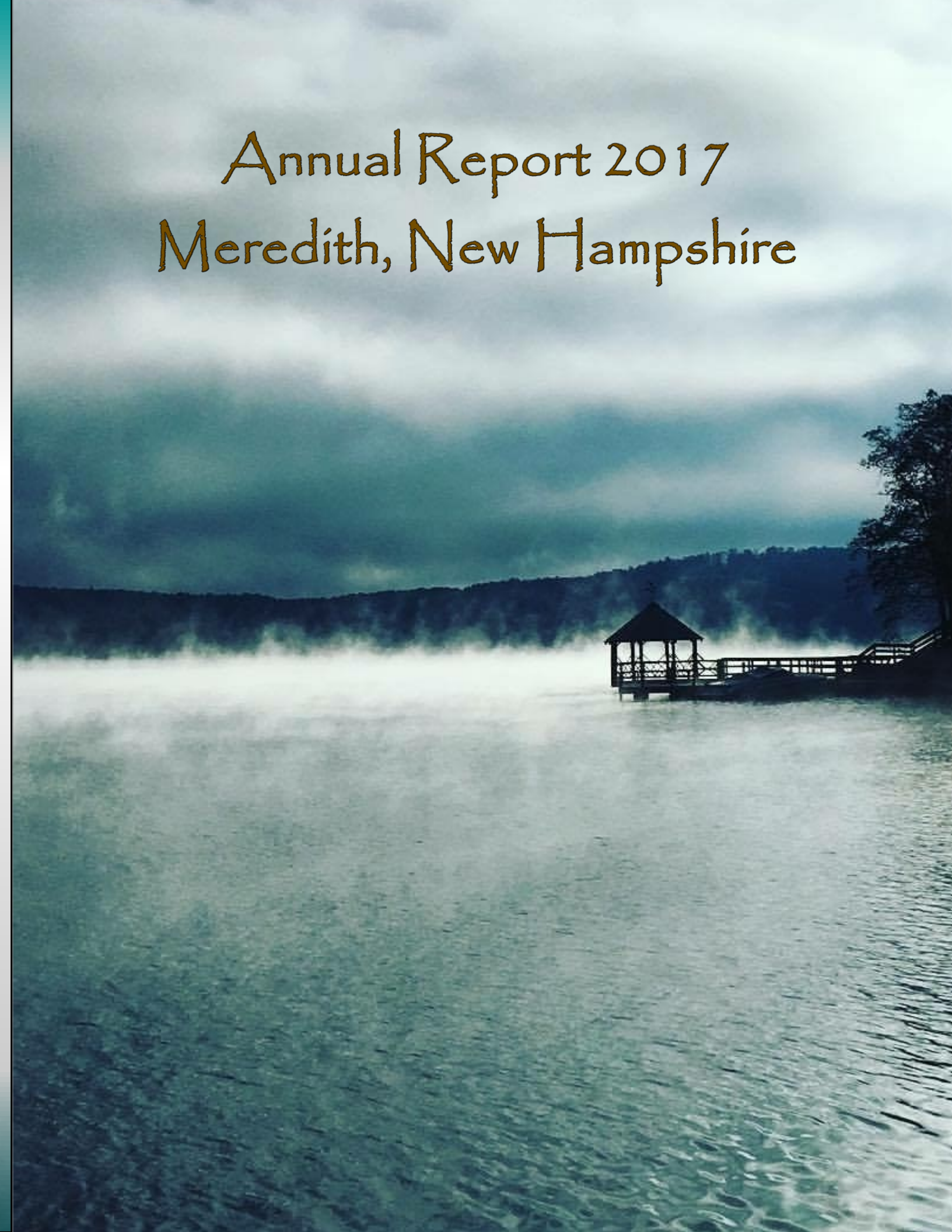


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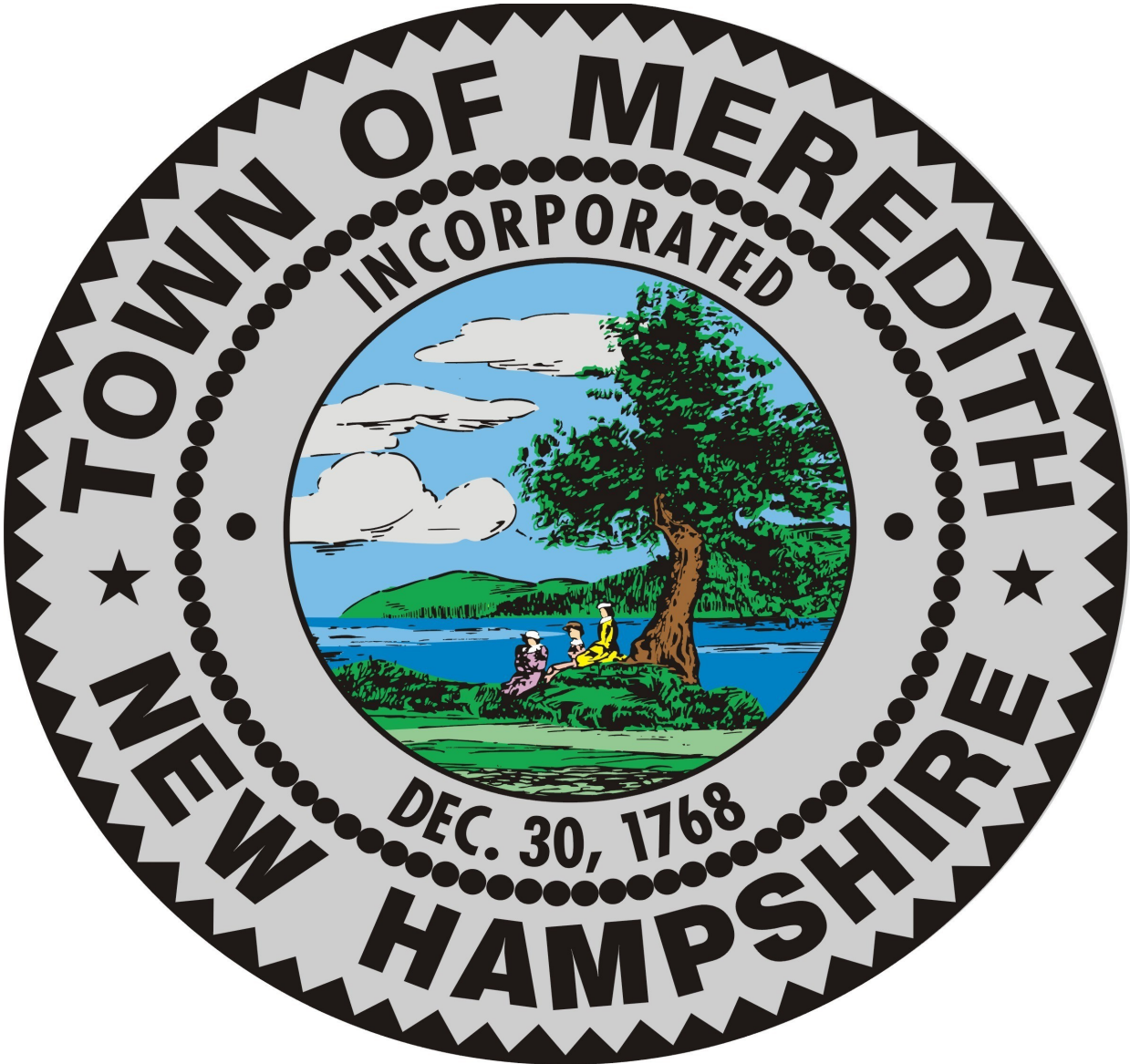
1768—SESTERCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION—2018

Town of Meredith's 250th Anniversary

Tentative Program Schedule

December	30	New Year Kickoff Dinner Dance @ Harts Turkey Farm
	31	New Year's Eve Fireworks over the Bay
January	2018	Ice Racing on Meredith Bay exact date depends on ice
February	2, 3, 4	Pond Hockey on Meredith Bay
	3	Community Center - Family Movie Night 7pm
	9, 10, 11	Rotary Ice Fishing Derby Hesky Park
March	24	Annalee Dolls - Build a Bunny
	31	Community Center Easter Egg Hunt 10am-12pm
May	12	Humane Society - Margate "Wags, Wine and Whiskers"
	19	Chamber of Commerce - Townwide Yard Sales
	26, 27, 28	Mill Falls Craft Fair
	26, 27, 28	Altrusa Hot Dog Sale - Mill Falls
	28	American Legion Memorial Day Parade - Main St 10am
June	8-17	Motorcycle Week
July	4	Independence Day
	4	Opening of 1968 Time Capsule on Library Lawn
	4	Lions Club Rubber Duckie Race - Waterfall Hesky Park 4pm
	4	Fireworks - Hesky park at Dusk
August	4	Annalee Dolls - Mouse Makeover Summer Fun
	9	GMP Dedication of the Archie statue in honor of Bob Montana - Comm. Park
	11	250th Anniversary Celebration Parade - Main St.
	25, 26	Chamber of Commerce Juried Craft Fair - Main St
September	22, 23	250th Anniversary Special Theatre Productions ILHS Auditorium
	29, 30	Mill Falls Craft Fair
October	2	Mount Washington 250th Cruise on Winnepesaukee
	27	Community Center Halloween Party
November	30	Altrusa Festival of Trees - Waukewan Golf Club
December	1	Altrusa Festival of Trees - Waukewan Golf Club
	1	Annalee Dolls - Build an Elf Open House
	2	Community Center Holiday Open House 2-4pm
	2	Altrusa Festival of Trees - Waukewan Golf Club
	2	Rotary Senior Dinner - ILHS
	2	Holiday Tree Lighting Hesky Park at dusk
	29	250th Anniversary Celebration New Year Ball - Church Landing
	31	Fireworks over the Bay

2017 Annual Report



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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 2017 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 13, 2018
Location: Community Center
1 Circle Drive
Time: 7am to 7pm

Please bring this book to Town Meeting on...

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
Location: Inter-Lakes High School
1 Laker Lane
Time: 7pm

Recognition

The Town Manager, Selectman Board, Department Heads and Outside Agencies are responsible for the written reports.

The Financial Statements are prepared by:

Brenda L. Vittner, Administrative Services Director
Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector

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

Linda Labraney, Finance Officer

Thank you to all who contributed to this report.

Monthly Meetings of Town Boards, Committees and Commissions

Select Board

Community Center Workshop / Meeting 4:30pm, 1st and 3rd Monday

Conservation Commission

Community Center, 7:00pm, 1st (public) and 3rd (workshop) 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

Contact Information on the Area Resources

Emergency and Health Information

Community Action Program.....279-4096
Emergency Management Director.....279-4561
Lakes Region General Hospital524-3211
Meredith Public Health Nursing.....279-6611
Hanover Poison Information Center1-800-562-8236

Legal Services

Belknap County Registry of Deeds.....527-5420
Belknap County Superior Court524-3570
Laconia District Court524-4128
New Hampshire Legal Assistance.....1-800-639-5290

County and State Police

Belknap County Sheriff Department.....527-5454
State Police - Tamworth.....323-3333
State Police - Concord.....1-800-525-5555

Permits to Kindle Fires

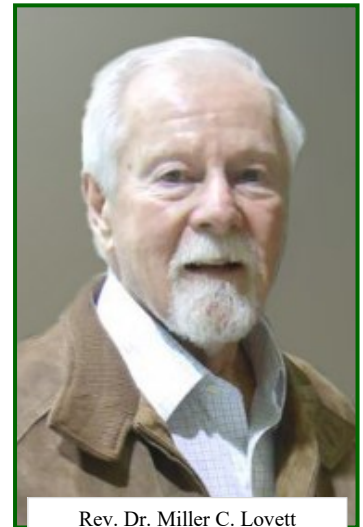
Central Fire Station279-6061
Town Hall279-4538
Y-Landing Marina279-5050
Also online at WWW.NHDFL.ORG

Dedication

This year's Town Report is Dedicated to:
Rev. Dr. Miller C. Lovett

One morning in 1981, Miller Lovett awoke from a strangely vivid dream. He had seen himself purposefully walking the streets of Meredith with a brief case under his arm. Years later, when Miller first moved to Meredith, he made that dream his life. From 1986 to 2017, Miller walked these streets, living his dream, giving his time and energy to serve the town.

Miller was a renaissance man; an accountant, a minister, professor of management, competency-based educator and capable home restorer, he had skills and knowledge to offer. His fascination with future possibilities made Miller natural for the Space Needs Committee, a group responsible for long term town planning, and the Capitol Improvement Committee. He joined the Community Center Building Committee, the Police Station Building Committee, and the Fire Station Building Committee. He was so pleased when these projects came in on time and under budget. He was always thinking and writing about the Town and future needs.



Rev. Dr. Miller C. Lovett
3/18/23 - 10/13/17

When Miller was elected to be Trustee of the Trust Funds, he drew on his financial background to evaluate best positioning for the funds. Miller also served on the Meredith Select Board Committee for 7 years. Making good use of his special skills, he refined the Town's evaluation processes, making sure they were reliable and valid. He carefully examined every aspect of the town's budget and fiscal plan. Miller actively encouraged the Select Board to save money in the Rainy Day fund during good times, so the tax Rate would not be increased in lean years.

A visionary, Miller often had ideas that were initially dismissed, but later adopted and proved successful. During his tenure on the Select Board, the Town of Meredith had a severe water shortage crisis. The Board was considering taking land by eminent domain. Independently, and with tenacity, Miller researched firms that could help with redundant sources of water. He actively advocated for a water committee and would come home after those meetings amazed at the talent of our town volunteers. That committee solved the water problem, saving the Town millions of dollars.

Miller, an optimist, would look for and see the best in people. As a founding member of the Greater Meredith Program, Miller was active on several sub committees including Beautification and Design; but his belief in education made the High School Job Shadow program his favorite. From his research, Miller discovered one of the signers of the Russo-Japanese War Treaty of 1905, had been a summer resident of Meredith. Miller's initiative resulted in the donation of a Washington cherry tree by the Japanese American Society - to the Town. In 2016 this tree was planted by the Greater Meredith Program in Hesky Park.

As Miller entered his nineties, he continued volunteering and working for the Town he loved. He was active in both phases of the Page Pond development, contributing financial and emotional support for the conservation of land in Meredith. He was a library trustee and worked in committee to promote the library's expansion. When Miller drove down the hill towards Meredith Village, he would comment on the beauty of the view with some pride. He enjoyed walking the docks and sitting overlooking the water with his summer ice-cream.

Miller did more in his retirement to benefit Meredith than most have accomplished in a lifetime. May his spirit and example be an inspiration to others.

Dedication



In Special Memoriam

The Meredith Conservation Commission would like to pay our respects to the family and acknowledge the good work of Philip Mercer.

During his tenure as a member and as Chairman of the Meredith Conservation Commission, one of the outstanding projects was the acquisition of the Leighton Wildlife Reserve, a 160-acre parcel gifted to the Town 17 years ago. As a designated Town Forest, the land abuts the Dockham Town Forest and is open to hunting and permitted recreational activities.



Philip W. Mercer
12/11/37 - 10/24/17



James L. Ruel
7/30/33 - 4/1/17

Jim's family moved to Meredith in 1938 when his father opened a barber shop in Town. Jim graduated from Meredith High School and then joined the Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Perry DD844, during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the Griggs-Wyatt American Legion Post #33, and he took great pride in marching in the Meredith Memorial Day Parade.

Jim started his career with his dad on Water Street, then moved his shop to the Horne Block building where his daughter Jane eventually joined him and then ending his 40 year career working with Jane at the present location of Ruel's Barber Shop on Main Street.

Jim was passionate about sport and music. He was a great skier, managing to take all of his kids to a ski area on a Monday when he was on a day off. After retirement and giving up skiing, his greatest enjoyment was wintering in New Smyrna Beach, FL.

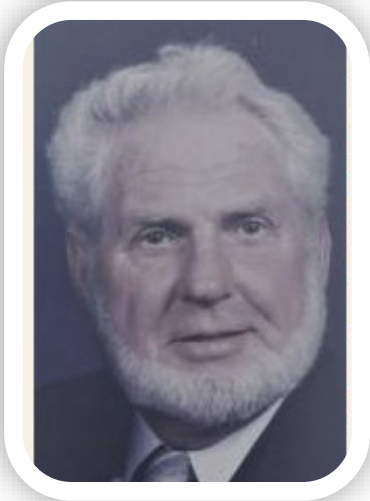
John was the owner of Millwork's and Mame's Restaurants in Meredith, NH, but his true passion in life was flying. He acquired his pilot's license and would fly anything and everything he could get his hands on. Besides flying his family to vacations in North Carolina and breakfasts in Maine in his Cessna. John also captained a Piper Navajo and Beech 99 for Skymaster Airlines. After the airline closed in 1993, John became a charter pilot for Emerson Aviation in Laconia, flying to various locations throughout the northeast and Canada.

John loved Meredith and served the Town as a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Meredith Program. He had a knack for connecting with everyone he met. Whether they were patrons of his restaurant or the lift operator at Loon, all felt special in John's presence. He lived his life with a "pay it forward" philosophy, and believed in the power of random acts of kindness.



John Francis Cook
12/16/49 - 4/5/17

In Special Memoriam and Dedicated Service



Robert Henry Fournier
1/31/33 - 9/28/17

Bob served on the Meredith
Volunteer Fire Department
from 1976 to 1985

9 Years of Dedicated Service



Thomas Range
7/15/69 - 2/27/17

Tom served on the Meredith Volunteer
Fire Department from 2002 to 2017

15 Years of Dedicated Service



James A. Rushton
1/17/34 - 12/31/17

Jim served on the Meredith
Volunteer Fire Department
From 1976 to 2017

41 Years of Dedicated Service

**Bob Fournier, Tom Range and Jim Rushton together have a total of
65 Years of Dedicated Service as Volunteer Fire Fighters.**



Town Officials

Select Board

Raymond Moritz, Chairperson, 2018

Jonathan D. James, Vice Chair, 2019

Nathan J. Torr, 2019

Beverley H. Lapham, Jr., 2018

Michael J. Pelczar, 2020

Elected Officials

Stephen Nedeau, Moderator, 2018

Kerri A. Parker, CMC, CTC, CDTC,
Town Clerk, 2020

Mark Billings, Treasurer, 2020

Town Department Officials

Town Manager & Tax Collector

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

Administrative Services Director

Brenda L. Vittner, MBA

Community Development Director

John C. Edgar, AICP

Town Planner

Angela LaBrecque, AICP

Code Enforcement Officer

Scott LaCroix

Public Works Director

Michael Faller

Water & Sewer Superintendent

Courtney Mitchell

Assessor

James Commerford, CNHA

Parks & Recreation Director

Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP

Library Director

Erin Apostolos

Police Officials

Kevin Morrow, Chief

Mike Harper, Lieutenant

Fire Officials

Jay Haines, Deputy Chief

Ken Jones, Chief & Forest Fire Warden

Andre Kloetz, Deputy Chief

Emergency Management

Kevin Morrow, Director

Ken Jones, Assistant Director

Trustee of Trust Funds

Robert Davis, 2018

James Gregoire, 2020

Mary Kahn, 2020

Supervisors of the Checklist

Martha Billings, 2020

Deb McNeish, Chair, 2022

Brenda L. Vittner, 2018

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Mark Billings, ILSB Rep/Vice Chair

Edward Touhey, Chair/Planning Board Rep.

Dave Thorpe

Jack Carty

Richard Gerken, Planning Board Rep.

Jeannie Forrester

Bev Lapham, Selectmen's Rep.

Mike Pelczar, Selectmen's Rep. (Alternate)

Robert Davis, Trustee of Trust Funds

Town Officials

Library Trustees

Duncan McNeish, Treasurer, 2018
Betty Strader, 2018
Paul Eldridge, 2018

Ann Butler, Chair, 2018

Pamela Coburn, 2018
Bonnie Ireland, 2018

Resigned: James McFarlan, Beverly Heyduk, Jane Ramsey & Miller Lovett

Planning Board

Richard Gerken, Secretary, 2018
Ann Butler, 2018
John Kreitler, 2018
Robert Flanders, 2018

Bill Bayard, Chairman, 2019

Peter Brothers, 2018
Edward Touhey, Vice-Chair, 2019
Jonathan James, BOS Rep.
Thomas Hughes, 2018

Alternates:

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Robb Jutton, 2018
Warren Clark, 2019

John "Jack" Dever Jr., Chairman, 2018

Bruce Reichlen, 2019
David Thorpe, 2018
Alternate: Thomas Girard, 2020

Alternate: Frank Marino, 2018

Conservation Commission

Bob Davis, Vice-Chair, 2018
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer, 2018
Scott Powell, 2019

Mark Billings, Chairman, 2018

Paula Wanzer, Secretary, 2019
Mary Kahn, 2018
Paul Dillon, 2018

Alternates:

Don MacFarland

Jim Gregoire & John Sherman

Tony Sabutis

Waukegan Watershed Advisory Committee

Bob Vogler
Frank Murphy
Tim Whiting

Donna Van Ness, Chairman
Art Von Der Linden

Michael A. Copeland
John Hodsdon
Nate Torr, Selectmen's Rep.

Lakes Region Planning Commission

Bill Bayard, 2018

Herbert R. Vadney, 2018

Energy Committee

Malik, Haig
Chris Wald, ILSD Rep. (Alt)

Bill Bayard, Chairman
Bill Haley

Ann Butler
Mark Billings, ILSD Rep.

Michael Pelczar - Selectmen's Rep.

Village Pathways Committee

Sandy Sabutis
Liz Lapham
Lissa Goodby

Andrea Bourn, Chairman
Cheryl Wilson Rod Wilson
Margie Kreitler

Carol Gerken
Janice Roberts
Chris Schwidder

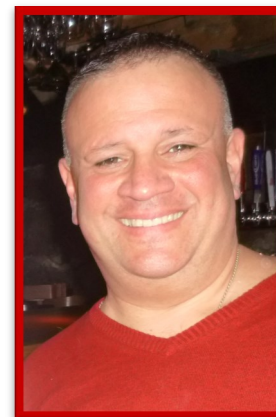
Executive Summary

Report from the Town Manager

2017 began with the budget process which entailed working with Department Heads and the Select Board to develop a budget that attempted to retain current service levels.

As in prior years, the budget adopted by Town Meeting was proposed to increase the total amount raised by taxation by a conservative amount, and apply a reasonable amount of available fund balance. Included in the budget were revenues and expenditures consistent with the Capital Improvement Program.

As in past years, consistent with the goal set by the Select Board, when the final tax rate was set it did include a conservative increase in the amount raised by taxation in the prior year, allowing for an adequate fund balance to be retained and maintaining services. This goal was possible through the cooperation and assistance of both department heads and employees.



Work continues on major upcoming projects which include:

- DPW Building Feasibility Study and Proposal
- Waterfront Infrastructure Improvements
- 3 and 25 Improvements

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.
Town Manager

Report from the Select Board

In formulating the budget for 2017 we worked hard to balance the need for services, the operating costs to provide them, and the need to restore and grow our fund balance which had been shrinking. Also, foreseeing several potential major project expenses should they be voter approved, we increased our set-asides to expendable trusts, in effect our savings account. An example would be the \$200,000 added to the Waterfront Infrastructure E.T.F., knowing it will need refurbishment in the near future.

Fortunately we can report that our results for the year were very good. Our expenses were about \$120,000 below the budget and our revenues were about \$110,000 better than forecasted. These outcomes, coupled with a significant increase in Meredith's property valuations allowed us to maintain a substantial fund balance going forward, which will protect our strong credit rating should we need to finance major projects.

Executive Summary

Report from the Select Board Continued...

As mentioned, there are several major projects in the preparation stages. The long awaited Route 3/25 Improvements Project was approved by the State Department of Transportation and a contract signed in November. We expect work to begin in the Spring, and be completed in the Fall, with a Summer hiatus during our peak tourist season. When complete it will provide a better, safer pedestrian crosswalk and intelligent synchronized traffic lights to improve traffic flow, bringing some relief to our tourist season congestion.

The DPW Facility Project, which we had hoped to bring forth in 2018 has been delayed due to our inability to find a suitable location at an acceptable price. We are now reassessing the project scope, phasing, and location with a goal of bringing the project forward in 2019.

The much needed Library Expansion Project, while not finished with the planning stage, has made progress and determined that the Town is best served by remaining at the current location.

Congratulations are in order for our Conservation Commission for having successfully completed the Page Pond II addition to our in-town forest. Through their hard work in obtaining grants and donations, the \$1,127,000 addition of this ecologically important acreage was made without requiring any additional funding from the Town.

We have many similar commissions and committees, staffed almost entirely by unpaid volunteers, working tirelessly to serve and improve Meredith. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. Perhaps you should consider how your talents could benefit the Town while giving you the satisfaction of knowing you are doing your part.

In closing, we can say that it was a busy, productive, and successful year. Your Select Board wishes to thank our employees for their hard work and determination in providing so many services to our Town. And of course, a very large thank you to the many volunteer organizations and individuals that contribute so much towards making Meredith the great Town that it is.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Moritz, Chairman
Meredith Select Board

Pictured from left to right...

Nate Torr, Ray Moritz - Chair, Bev Lapham Jr., Jonathan James, Vice-Chair, and Mike Pelczar



Executive Summary

Town Meeting 2017

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

Inter-lakes Junior/High School Gymnasium

2017 Meredith Town Warrant

Town Moderator: Stephen Nedeau

Board of Selectmen

Nathan J. Torr, Chairperson
Raymond A. Moritz, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan D. James, Selectperson
Beverly H. Lapham, Jr., Selectperson
Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Town Manager

Phillip L. Warren, Jr.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Moderator Stephen Nedeau with the Pledge of Allegiance. Moderator Nedeau requested the Town Attorney Walter Mitchell be allowed to speak if necessary and with a show of voter cards it was voted in the affirmative.

Moderator Nedeau then proceeded to announce the results from Tuesday's Election.

TOWN OFFICES

For Selectman THREE YEAR TERM Michael J Pelczar	203
For Town Clerk THREE YEAR TERM Kerri A Parker	206
For Town Treasurer THREE YEAR TERM Mark Billings	197
For Library Trustee THREE YEAR TERM James W. McFarlin	196
For Trustee of Trust Funds TWO YEAR TERM James A Gregoire	197
THREE YEAR TERM Mary M Kahn	193

INTERLAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT

For Moderator ONE YEAR TERM Christopher Boothby	25
For Member of School Board Resident of Center Harbor THREE YEAR TERM Richard Hanson	191
Resident of Sandwich THREE YEAR TERM Howard Cunningham	183

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VIII- Definitions to revise the definitions of Designated Wetlands, Designated Prime Wetlands and Designated Brook or Streams to be consistent with the previous zoning amendment to the Water Resources Conservation Overlay District, aka the wetland ordinance. Yes 181 No 32

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VIII- Definitions and ARTICLE XVI- Manufactured Housing Park to revise the definitions of Mobile Home, Modular Home and Manufactured Housing to be consistent with the state and industry definitions. Yes 189 No 25

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE V- Establishment of Districts and District Regulations to add a special provision allowing one story, unoccupied storage sheds having 120 square feet or less with a maximum of 10 feet in height to have half the side and rear setbacks permitted by the district on lots of 3 acres or less. Yes 154 No 56

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE V- Establishment of District and District Regulations to allow Building Trades, Cultural Uses and Recreation Facilities as of right in the Business and Industry District rather than requiring them to obtain a special exception, as they are now. Yes 179 No 37

ARTICLE 6

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VII-Board of Adjustment to revise the special exception criteria to require all special exception requests for projects which also require site plan approval to obtain a conditional approval from the planning board before the zoning board will consider the special exception application. Currently, conditional approval from the planning board is required before the zoning board will consider special exceptions for a use. This amendment will also require conditional approval of the planning board before special exceptions for wetland buffer impacts and parking in the setback are considered by the zoning board. Yes 158 No 52

Executive Summary

2017 Town Meeting Deliberative Session

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,844,353 (Thirteen Million, Eight Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Three Hundred Fifty-Three Dollars) for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve seconded by Ray Moritz

With no discussion and a show of voter cards Article 7 passes

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to establish the Fire Department Equipment Replacement Expendable Trust Fund for the Fire Department per RSA 31:19-a, to raise and appropriate \$75,000.00 to be placed in the fund; further to name the Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Ray Moritz motioned to approve seconded by Johnathan James

With no discussion and a show of voter cards Article 8 passes

ARTICLE 9 - Secret ballot was requested by 5 voters in attendance

To see if the town will vote to establish a Library Feasibility Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19-a, for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of expanding and renovating the Benjamin Smith Building (the existing library) and to raise and appropriate \$ 50,000 to be placed in the fund, further to name the Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Jonathan James motioned to approve seconded by Beverly Lapham

Ann Sprague clarified that this is not a vote of yes or no to but rather a study to be done to determine if it is feasible to renovate or move the current Library. Jonathan stated that it would be a neutral group to look at the issue and utilizing the existing studies so as not to waste time doing it over again. And begin the discussion by reviewing the pile of studies already completed and available to the committee.

Robert Manly asked about the steps that are going to take to make sure that the members chosen for this committee will be open to look at this with fresh eyes. He further explained that people have done extensive studies and put in a lot of time to look at the possibilities of keeping the library where it is. He asked how the board intends to accomplish this.

Town Manager Phil Warren addressed it by explaining that this Article is to look at only renovating and expanding the existing building and that when the applicants are identified that is where the process will flush out any that are not looking at it from this perspective.

Tom Crane asked if the committee will be looking at other options for the building itself and not just the renovating of the Library. Could the committee also look at moving the library as well if that is the outcome so that we are not back here at town meeting in two years asking for monies to do another study to move the Library.

Phil Warren stated that this is not the focus of this committee but that it is not out of the scope that could happen in this process. But as this Article states the committee is to determine if it is feasible for the Library to remain in the existing building. But the possibly is there as the process evolves.

Executive Summary

Bev Lapham stated that there are many issues the building has that are just not specific to the Library needs itself. And that if the building became vacant decisions would still need to be made with respect to bringing the building up to codes.

Jack Carty asked if this is going to be discussed at the workshop on the 20th. Phil Warren explained that is correct the workshop will be going over the specifics of the committee and the solicitation for the committee. Pam Coburn spoke to the limitations of what can be done with the building and that we are not looking to have the building go vacant. Karen Sticht stated that she has attended several meetings and wanted to know how much has already been spent, and how did we come up with the amount of 50,000. Why not address the handicapped access. Pam Coburn explained that there have been studies done on all aspects of the building just not any overall aspects. There seemed to have been the intention of the original builders for expansion. All aspects will need to be looked at as to whether an expansion would be possible. The handicapped access around the back would not allow for access to the entire building. Ultimately the town will have the decision to make with what to do with the building the Library are just the steward's for the building. Ray Moritz explained to Karen Sticht that the 50,000 amount was decided on by allowing for any further monies besides just the feasibility study it would allow for more options which is why the amount was chosen. Rusty Mclear supports this study and reiterates what Pam stated as to looking at this building for the community as a whole. Moderator Steve Nedeau announced that if you wished to cast a secret ballot to use Vote#1 and opened the balloting.

After allowing for time that everyone has had a chance to vote the ballots were counted and the results were announced as follows 107 yes 22 No

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to approve the purchase of approximately 200 acres of land for conservation purposes, located off Barnard Ridge Road and Meredith Neck Road adjacent to the Town's Page Pond Community Forest, which land is owned by Winn Mountain Corporation (Tax Map S-12, Lots 4 and 5); and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,127,000 Million dollars for that purchase and associated costs, which appropriation shall be funded as follows:

- a. A. \$40,000 by transfer from the Open Space/Conservation Fund Expendable Trust established by the Town Meeting in 2001;
- b. \$119,000 by transfer from the Conservation Fund with the approval of the Conservation Commission;
- c. \$500,000 from grants; and
- d. The balance to come from private donations.

No new tax dollars will be utilized for this purpose. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Bev Lapham motioned to approve, seconded by Mike Pelczar

Jack Carty asked if there was an expiration on the purchase and sale? Phil Warren explained that they would need to request a extension if that was necessary.

Dave Sticht asked if this went thru what percentage would be held in Conservation. Phil Warren explained that per John Edgar the Community Development director 16%.

Mike Faller asked what restrictions would be added to the broad recreational definition as was with the Page Pond recreation area. John Sherman explained that they would not restrict anything keeping with the same guidelines already established.

Collette Worsman spoke out against by stating that even though she was in favor of the Page Pond purchase, she cautions that purchasing more land for conservation does cause taxable consequences.

With a show of voter cards Article 10 passes

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 325,000 to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve, seconded by Nate Torr
With a show of voter cards Article 11 passes

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 200,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve, seconded by Ray Moritz
With a show of voter cards Article 12 passes

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 105,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Ray Moritz motioned to approve seconded by Jonathan James
With a show of voter cards, Article 13 passes

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 75,000 to be added to the Fire Vehicle Replacement ETF. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Jonathan James motioned to approve seconded by Bev Lapham
With a show of voter cards, Article 14 passes

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 50,000 to be added to the Recreation Facility Improvement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.
(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Bev Lapham motioned to approve seconded by Mike Pelczar
With a show of voter cards, Article 15 passes

Executive Summary

ARTICLE 16

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

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Mike Pelczar motioned to approve seconded by Nate Torr

Pat Weston asked if this would be a yearly credit, which was answered in the affirmative.

Charles Flanagan as that this article be passed. He spoke about the many service men and women that served here and overseas that dealt with many things that were very similar to being in actual combat and they deserve to have this benefit as well.

Glenn Worsman asked if the existing veterans would need to refile. It was explained that no once the benefit it established it is there until you no long own property.

With a show of voter cards, Article 16 passes

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to completely discontinue Leavitt Mountain Road (a Class VI road) as a public roadway, from its start at Chemung Road to its termination within property owned by Linda R. Lee Revocable Trust 2003, identified in the Town's records as Tax Map R-24, Lot 12. If approved, this discontinuance will extinguish all public rights of access over that road. This action, however, shall be subject to the reservation of an easement to the Town to be used solely for access to the historic Leavitt cemetery, located on Tax Map R-24, Lot 12, for maintenance purposes.

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5 - 0)

Nate Torr motioned to approve seconded by Ray Moritz

Karen Sticht asked why was the vote from the selectmen split.

Nathan Torr voted for. Jonathan James voted against due to things he was unaware of and if revisited he would change to for. Mike Pelczar voted for. Bev Lapham voted against due to the negotiations with the Robinsons had not been completed. Ray Moritz voted in favor.

Linda and Bill Lee spoke about the many reasons why they are asking for this and requested the residents in attendance for the support. They are anticipating retirement and will only be residing at the property intermittently and they are concerned for their own safety and property maintenance. They have had some incidents of vandalism and random vehicles ending up at their home at 3 o'clock in the am. They are anticipating placing a gate at the beginning of the ½ mile stretch of road but expect to allow the town access to the Cemetery that is town owned.

With a show of voter cards, Article 17 passes

Nate Torr thanked the residents for coming out and attending and supporting the Town Meeting process. He also commended the many individuals who volunteer their time for all the various committees that make this Town what it is. Liz Lapham would like the select board to address the sidewalks on Main Street as being one of the tour guides for the sculpture walk and they are in disrepair.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kerri A. Parker
Town Clerk

General Government

Administrative Services

Brenda L. Vittner, MBA, Director

Administrative Services provides the following services:

Administrative:

- Reception
- General Assistance
- Purchasing Functions; RFP's, Bids, Purchase Orders
- Capital Asset Inventory and Maintenance
- General Inventory Maintenance
- Annual Budget Preparation; Town Warrant and Documents

Finance:

- Tax Collection and Billing
- Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
- Utility Billing and Account Maintenance
- General Ledger Maintenance
- Compilation of Town Report Financials
- Production of Annual Town Report

Technical Functions:

- Network Administration/Help Desk
- Communication Systems Maintenance
- Website Management

Finance

Vikki Fogg, Deputy Tax Collector
Linda Labraney, ABA, Finance Officer
Carrie Sawyer, CPP, Disbursement Accountant

Administrative Services is the support department for Town departments. The Administrative Services Department staff provides the accounting, purchasing, payroll, accounts receivable invoicing, fixed asset management and cash management services for the Town. In addition, the General Assistance is also a function of Administrative Services.

The goal of Administrative Services is to provide timely and reliable information by which department heads, the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen can make informed decisions in the best interest of the Town.

The Administrative Services team provides a skilled and cohesive team dedicated to providing quality customer service and a work product to meet statutory deadlines. Public service has many challenges, employees consistently taking on additional work and projects to maintain the level of service taxpayers have expected. Each staff member has done so without hesitation. This group considers quality customer service as one of the most important aspects of the daily work environment.

The Administrative Services department is responsible for the sound financial management and integrity of the finance system in administration, budget development and monitoring of the operating budget and revenues. The department's core strengths are respect, consideration and understanding for all taxpayers, employees and visitors to the Town of Meredith.

For the past several years, this department has had to manage increased responsibilities while managing with limited resources. The Administrative Services staff consistently performs at a high level and manages all expectations professionally and with compassion. There is an open door policy for the department; which allows all stakeholders access to information and services. As the director, I appreciate all of the hard work of this department and the professionalism that each person brings to work every day.

General Government

Assessing

James Commerford, CNHA, Assessor
Kim Brown, 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 completed a valuation update for 2017. The total taxable valuation increased 8.62% from \$1,773,868,002 to \$1,926,741,024. The last assessment update was completed in 2013. Information regarding the update is available on the town's website and all property owners are encouraged to access the on-line database to review their property card.

We have completed another year in our re-inspection cycle. I would like to thank all taxpayers for their cooperation in this endeavor.

For 2018, we will be measuring and listing properties in the Route 3 South and Waukevan Lake corridors. The objective of the program is to ensure data accuracy in our assessments and eliminating the need for a costly revaluation every five years. It also meets the requirements from the NH Department of Revenue Administration. If anyone has any questions regarding the cyclical program, please call our office at 677-4213.

I want to remind all resident taxpayers that there are tax exemptions and credits available. Exemptions include elderly, disabled and blind. There are requirements that must be met to qualify. Tax credits are available for certain veterans.

In 2017, the veteran's tax credit was expanded to include all veterans who served 90 days of active duty and received an honorable discharge. Please check with our office to see if you may qualify for any exemption or credit.

The Assessing Office is here to assist the property owners of Meredith. We welcome your questions and are here to help citizens through the assessing process. Please visit the Assessing Department Link on the Town's website www.meredithnh.org for information regarding tax abatements, credits and exemptions, access to tax maps, tax rate history, and a link to the online assessment database.

Respectfully submitted,

James Commerford, CNHA
Tax Assessor

Community Development

John Edgar, AICP, Community Development Director
Angela LaBrecque, AICP, Town Planner
Scott LaCroix, Code Enforcement Officer
Chris Tivnan, Administrative Assistant
Stephanie Maltais, Office Clerk

Page Pond Community Forest

Why conserve land? Land conservation is a tool that can provide multiple benefits to the community (economic, environmental, cultural, health, educational and recreational). In doing so, land conservation enhances our quality of life contributing to what makes Meredith the special place that it is. Land conservation takes time, strategic thinking, patience, collaboration, public support, financial resources, volunteerism and leadership. **Page Pond Community Forest** is a great example of a project that embodies each of these key “ingredients”.

In March of 2017 town meeting authorized the acquisition of 198 acres of conservation land at the junction of Pleasant Street and Barnard Ridge and Meredith Neck Roads. In October the transaction was completed. This acquisition abuts 565 acres of conservation land acquired by the town in 2009. This earlier phase included a \$400,000 bond issue (now paid off) which received widespread public support. These acquisitions, together with 53-acre conservation easement donated by the John P. Sherman Trust comprise the 817-acre **Page Pond Community Forest**. The forest is uniquely positioned just east of the town’s village center and the Inter-Lakes School campus near the shores of Meredith Bay.

The Meredith Conservation Commission has spearheaded the effort to conserve these properties and is the designated conservation steward. The Conservation Commission is a group of dedicated volunteers (appointed by the Select Board) led by Chairman Mark Billings. Crucial to the success of the project has been a partnership forged with the Trust for Public Land (TPL), a non-profit organization dedicated to the protection of land for people. TPL has provided invaluable services to the Commission including real estate negotiations, grant writing and the coordination of private and public capital fundraising campaigns.

Conserving Page Pond and its forested surroundings is not an altogether new idea. The 1969 Meredith Comprehensive Plan notes, “The preservation of open space and natural areas is an especially critical problem at this stage in Meredith’s development.” Looking to the future town planners identified a large portion of the interior of Meredith Neck as future “Conservation” specifically recommending the use of conservation easements. The 2002 Community Plan in describing the future vision for the community states, “The longstanding environmental preservation and conservation ethic within the community will progress to an unparalleled level. Critical natural resources such as significant wetlands, undeveloped shoreline areas, scenic vistas, wildlife corridors, groundwater supplies, large forested areas and agricultural soils will be conserved through a comprehensive open space strategy. Natural resource protection efforts will complement economic development and be considered by the public as critical to a balanced growth strategy.” The 2002 plan recommended the development of a Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) to further guide and refine local decision making including future investments in land conservation. The NRI was completed in 2009. A concentration or “co-occurrence” of high quality natural resources in and around Page Pond was confirmed reinforcing and expanding upon what planners first noted some 40 years earlier.

The **Page Pond Community Forest** project resulted from widely held shared values and support from many local governmental entities. The Conservation Commission, Select Board, Town Manager, Capital Improvements Program Advisory Committee, Planning Board and the Community Development Department all played various supporting roles. Additionally Town Meeting voted to create and fund the Open Space Expendable Trust Fund, authorize borrowing, authorize Land Use Change Taxes for conservation purposes, authorize “Town Forest” designation and authorize land acquisition. Equally impressive as been the effort to secure “outside funding” thereby reducing the amount of property taxes necessary to acquire the properties.

Community Development continued...

Two successive grants were secured from the NH Land Conservation and Heritage Investment Program together with grants from the US Forest Service Community Forest Program (No. 1 ranked project in the United States!), NH DES Aquatic Resources Mitigation Program, NH State Conservation Committee Moose Plate Program and the Open Space Institute. Successful fundraising campaigns were led by the Trust for Public Land in 2008 and 2017. These campaigns included donations from both private citizens and the business community which were essential to meeting our financial goals.

The Commission has established a network of over ten miles of marked trails accessed via a primary trailhead and kiosk located at the end of Quarry Road. The Commission is actively planning for the use of the adjoining 198-acre parcel which may include: the development of a multi-use forest management plan, the location of a trailhead on Barnard Ridge Road, connectivity to existing trails, trail design to accommodate cross-country skiing, field restoration, development of environmental and historical educational information and scenic view restoration.

Page Pond Community Forest will be conserved in perpetuity. Forever is a long time. The Commission with assistance from the Trust for Public Land is setting up an endowment under the auspices of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The fund will provide income in perpetuity consistent with the land being in conservation. The funds will assist with future stewardship of the **Page Pond Community Forest**.

For more information about the **Page Pond Community Forest** project please feel free to contact me at ...

jedgar@meredithnh.org
or visit the commission's web page at ...

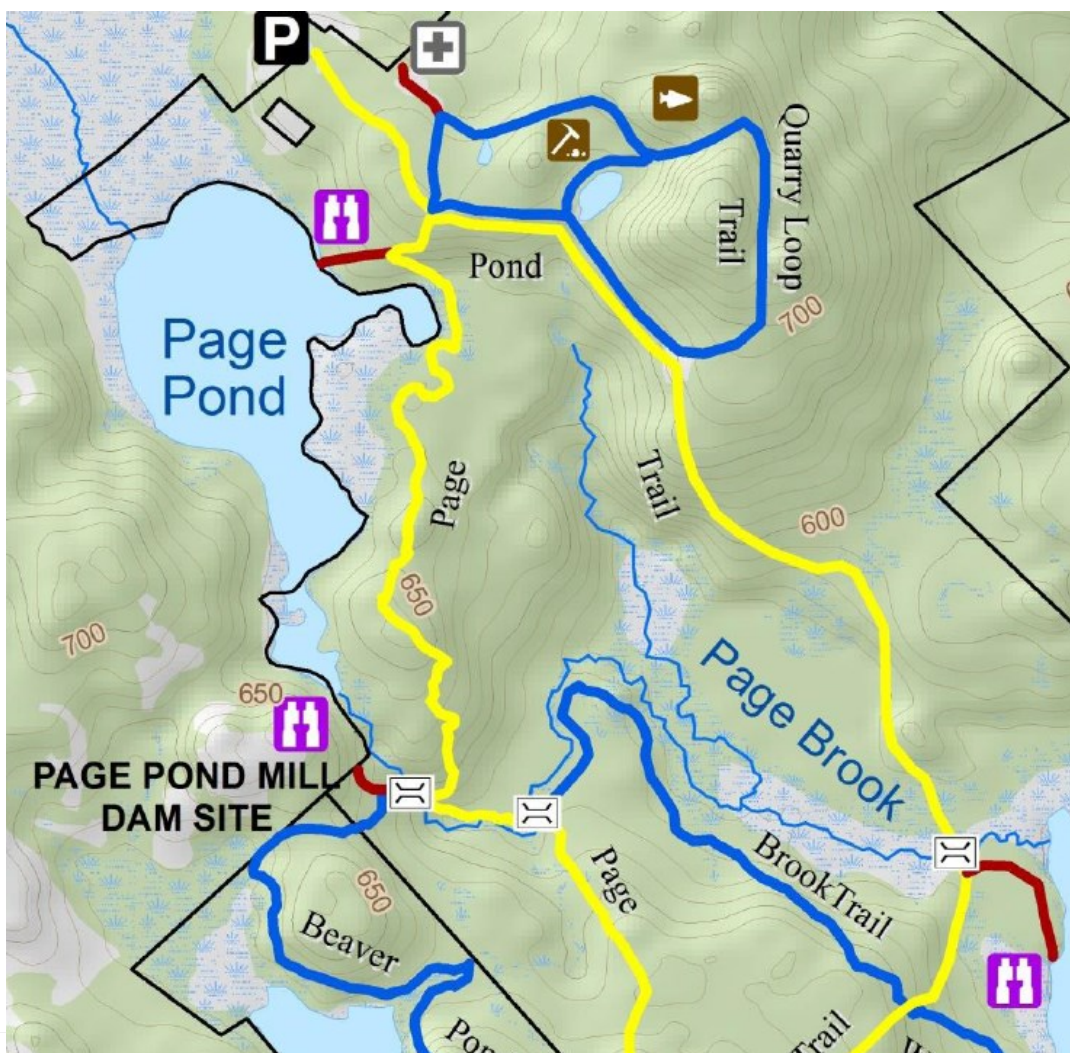
www.meredithnh.org/conservation-commission.

Finally, please note that in 2018 the Conservation Commission and the Trust for Public Land plan to hold a public event celebrating these outstanding achievements. All are welcome!

In the meantime, get out and enjoy Page Pond Community Forest!

Respectfully Submitted,

John C. Edgar, AICP
Community Development Director



General Government

Page Pond Community Forest 817 Acres



Enjoying the moment...(photo credit—Jerry Monkman)



General Government



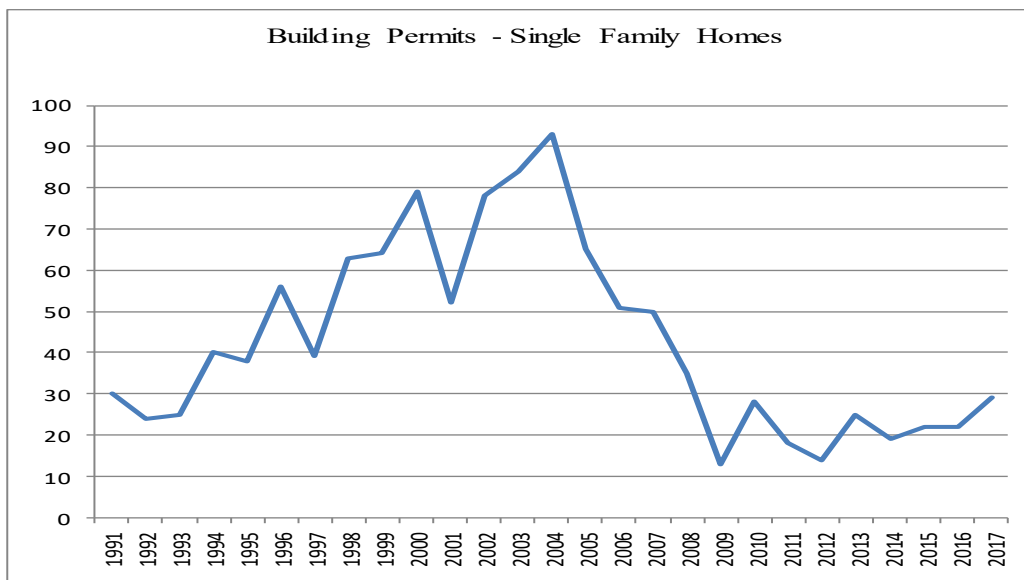
Using the Red Trail...(photo credit—Jerry Monkman)

General Government

Community Development continued...

Building Permit Summary 2017

New Single-Family Homes	29	Garages/Storage Buildings	40
New Two-Family Homes	1	Oil (burners, tanks)	12
New Multi-Family Units	0	Gas (burners, piping, tanks)	170
New Commercial Buildings	2	Commercial Renovations/Repairs	14
Special Use Permits	12	Residential Renovations/Repairs	89
Mobile Homes Replacements	2	Fences/Signs	21
Docks/Boathouse/ Pools	7	Electrical/Plumbing	136
Demolition	39	Plumbing	60



Planning Board Application Summary 2017

Comm./Indus. Site Plan Approvals	7	Pre-application Consultations	5
Home Occ. Site Plan Approvals	1	Scenic Rd Tree Cutting Approvals	0
Subdivision Approvals	5	Architectural Design Reviews	6
Boundary Line Adj. Approvals	3	Revocation and/or Disapprovals	0

Zoning Board of Adjustment Application Summary 2017

Variance Applications	17	Total Applications Withdrawn	1
Variations Granted	15	Equitable Waivers Granted	0
Variations Denied	2	Rehearing Requests Received	3
Special Exception Applications	17	Rehearing Requests Granted	0
Special Exceptions Granted	17	Rehearing Requests Denied	3
Special Exceptions Denied	0	Administrative Decisions Denied	1

General Government

Meredith Village Pathways Committee

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



On-going activities in 2017 included the third printing of our popular Meredith Village Historic Walking Map. We thank our sponsors: Mill Falls at the Lake, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Meredith Rotary Club, Meredith Historical Society, and Annalee plus Fran Orenstein of Unfed Design for her donated skills in graphic design. Members of the committee led the Inter-Lakes third grade classes on the historic walk of Main Street as part of their study of Meredith history in preparation for the 250th Anniversary Celebration. These maps along with our Village Pathways maps are available at kiosks throughout the village.

The construction of the Hawkins Brook Nature Trail is being planned for the fall of 2018. This trail will connect the heart of Meredith Village to its natural environment in the Hawkins Brook watershed. The universally accessible pedestrian trail will begin to the left of Meredith Village Savings Bank and will follow Hawkins Brook to a viewing platform overlooking the wetlands behind Crosspoint Shopping Center. A boardwalk will be constructed through the wetlands, with viewing platforms, and will join a wooded trail that will end at Prescott Park. This unique recreational trail will have educational components as well as being a connector to Prescott Park, the Inter-Lakes School campus and the Community Center.

In the fall of 2016, we received a grant from The New Hampshire Charitable Trust which was used in 2017 for a fund consultant to help us in the planning for and creation of materials for our fund drive. We were thrilled in November to be awarded a grant from The New Hampshire Bureau of Trails to help in trail construction. Fund raising has recently begun. Sam Laverack of NH Mutual Bancorp is our Honorary Chairman and we have welcomed new members Bill Gartner, Alison Whynot, Margie Kreitler, Cheryl Wilson and Rod Wilson.

The committee welcomes other community members with an interest in the Hawkins Brook Nature Trail or pathway opportunities within the village.

We would like to thank the Town Planner, Angela LaBrecque, and Community Development Director John Edgar, along with staff members Chris Tivnan and Stephanie Maltais for their time, effort and guidance given to our committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Andrea Bourn
Chairman Meredith
Village Pathways
Committee

Committee Members:
Carol Gerken
Lissa Goodby
Margie Kreitler
Liz Lapham
Janis Roberts
Sandy Sabutis
Cheryl Wilson
Rod Wilson



General Government

Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Advisory Committee

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Touhey, Chairman

Preface

Annually, the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Advisory Committee reviews, updates and recommends a program of capital improvements for the following budget year. The primary purpose of the CIP is to aid the Select Board in consideration of their annual budget (RSA 674:5). In addition the CIP identifies future capital needs that may come before the voters in subsequent years. The recommended CIP is a non-binding planning tool. As a preface to the specific recommendations that follow, it is important to note:

- ◆ The 2018 Capital Improvement Program recommendation amounts to \$1,634,988, an increase of \$56,095 (or 3.6%) over the 2017 municipal CIP-related appropriations. This sum includes annual debt service payments of \$609,988 or 37% of the total and \$1,025,000 or 63% in allocations to six Expendable Trust Funds (ETF's) in anticipation of future capital needs.
- ◆ As of 2018 there are four bond issues that the town continues to pay off. The outstanding principle balance is \$2,214,440. All existing debt will be retired by 2027. As debt is retired, program capacity associated with the retired debt will be available to support future capital needs or offset the effect of future borrowing.
- ◆ There are two major project requests that have been presented to the CIP Advisory Committee. Each demonstrates need. Both would involve a significant amount of additional long term indebtedness. They are: \$11.3 mil. project for the replacement of the highway garage and DPW offices; and \$4.5 mil project for the renovation and expansion of the existing library on Main Street.
- ◆ Projected debt service for both major projects would peak in 2021. In that year, proposed debt coupled with existing debt would result in a projected debt payment of \$1,519,652. This would represent 73% of the recommended municipal Capital Improvement Program for that year.

Recommendations - General Government

Waterfront Infrastructure

Recommendation: Allocate \$275,000 for 2018 to the Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: In 2016 the Town Manager estimated the cost to address the capital needs of waterfront infrastructure at approximately \$1.6 mil. This estimate includes improvements at three project areas: the town docks, boardwalk and waterfront parks on Meredith Bay; docks and launch ramp at Shep Brown's; and the town-owned dock and post office on Bear Island. In 2018 the town will initiate a Request for Qualifications process to include an assessment of existing infrastructure conditions, a visionary session and the identification of projects and associated cost estimates for future consideration. The Waterfront Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$295,702.

Municipal Parking.

Recommendation: Utilize \$162,500 of existing funds in the Municipal Parking Expendable Trust Fund towards the purchase of land for municipal parking.

Rationale: The Select Board anticipates a warrant article in 2018 seeking authorization to purchase land on High Street adjacent to the Library currently owned by Hayward and Sandra Price (Tax Map U-6, Lot 43). Additional public parking in the village in close proximity to Main Street is a good investment based on its own merits. However should the Library project proceed as proposed, then this public parking lot would also be available to serve the needs of the Library.

The acquisition cost is estimated at \$325,000. The other half of funds needed to complete the purchase would come from the Town's Undesignated Fund Balance as recommended by the Town Manager. The Municipal Parking Expendable Trust fund has a balance as of December 31, 2017 of \$223,360.

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations - Fire Department

Fire Department

Recommendation: Allocate \$100,000 in 2018 and 2019 to the Fire Department Communications Equipment Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: The Fire Department anticipates spending approximately \$200,000 over two years to replace 45 Kenwood Portable Radios and 12 Motorola Mobile Radios acquired in 2006. The estimated balance of the Fire Department Communications Expendable Replacement Fund as of December 31, 2017 is \$1,118.

Recommendation: Allocate \$100,000 to the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Expendable Trust Fund in 2020.

Rationale: The 1994 Pierce Dash (Engine 3) is scheduled for replacement in 2022 (\$600,000). The estimated balance of the Fire Department Vehicle Replacement Fund as of December 31, 2017 is \$175,352.

Recommendations - Public Works

Solid Waste Equipment

Recommendation: Allocate \$100,000 in 2018 through 2020 to the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: The town owns six trailers that are used to transport solid waste from our transfer station to the disposal site. Trailers are scheduled for replacement in 2018, 2019, and 2020 and cost approximately \$90,000 each. The estimated balance of the Solid Waste Trailer Expendable Trust Fund as of December 31, 2017 is \$144,468. Also scheduled for replacement is the 1999 Down stroke Baler in 2023 (\$110,000).

Highway Equipment:

Recommendation: Allocate \$275,000 in 2018 through 2020 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.

2018	2003 Kenworth dump/sander	(\$210,000)
2019	2006 Ford F550 dump/sander	(\$110,000)
2019	1978 International Loader	(\$140,000)
2019	2004 Volvo Roller	(\$120,000)
2020	Dresser Loader	(\$160,000)
2020	2004 Kenworth Dump/sander	(\$210,000)
2020	2008 Ford F350 Bucket Truck	(\$150,000)
2021	2005 Volvo Excavator	(\$250,000)
2021	2007 Kenworth dump/sander	(\$250,000)
2021	2013 Ford F550 dump/sander	(\$110,000)
2023	2004 Volvo Grader	(\$350,000)

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

Recommendations - Public Works continued...

The estimated balance of the DPW Equipment Replacement Expendable Replacement Trust Fund as of December 31, 2017 is \$452,611.

DPW Facility

Recommendation: Recommend Town Meeting consider an \$11.3 mil bond issue in 2018 as presented to the Select Board by the DPW Facility Committee.

Rationale: In 2004, the Meredith Space Needs Study Committee recognized the need to replace the existing DPW garage constructed in 1965. In 2014 Town Meeting appropriated \$100,000 to conduct a conceptual – level, feasibility study for a new DPW facility at the current location on Jenness Hill Road. The DPW Facility Committee and its consultant HKT Architects, Inc. studied the feasibility of re-developing the existing site. They concluded redeveloping the existing site would require significant site work to accommodate the building program; and would not allow for future expansion; and may be cost prohibitive.

In 2016, Town Meeting approved an article funding a feasibility study (using the balance of the 2014 appropriation) to examine sites other than the existing Jenness Hill Road site. In addition, working with HKT, the building program was reduced from 60,724 total sq. ft. (including 33,798 sq. ft. vehicle staging and prep) to the current proposal of 33,039 total sq. ft. (including 12,000 vehicle staging and prep). The new site is located on Jenness Hill Road directly opposite the existing facility. This property is large enough to support a new facility consisting of administration, workshops, vehicle maintenance, vehicle storage and a wash bay totaling 33,039 sq. ft. The bond issue figure (\$11.3 mil) includes land acquisition, final building design, bidding, soft costs, site costs and construction costs.

The CIP Deliberation worksheet dated 11-13-17 illustrates debt service associated with an \$11.3 mil bond issue, for a 20-year term at 3.25% interest rate. Full principal and interest annual payments would commence in 2020 (\$940,411) and would decline through the remainder of the 20 year term.

Parks and Recreation Department

Recommendation: Allocate \$75,000 in 2018 through 2020 to the Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund.

Rationale: In July, 2017, the Parks and Recreation Department completed a comprehensive 15-year master plan. The plan evaluates Parks and Recreation Facilities, programs, operations and resources available to deliver services. Included in the plan are numerous potential projects some of which may be included in future Capital Improvement Programs. The estimated balance of the Parks and Recreation facilities Improvements Expendable Replacement Fund as of December 31, 2017 is \$50,008.

Water and Sewer Department

Recommendation: No additional funding is recommended at this time.

Rationale: Phil Warren, Town Manager has advised that most projects anticipated by the Water and Sewer Department will be handled through the operating budget or through existing utility reserves. Available reserved funds are noted at the end of the CIP Deliberation Worksheet dated 11-13-17.

Capital Improvements Program *continued...*

Public Library

Recommendation:

- (1) Support the utilization of \$162,500 of existing funds in the Municipal Parking Expendable Trust Fund towards the purchase of land for additional public parking adjacent to the library; and
- (2) Establish a Main Street Library Building Project Expendable Trust Fund and allocate \$200,000 to this fund in 2018 and 2019 to cover anticipated architectural and engineering fees. would commence after design costs are fully funded in 2019; and
- (3) Endorse a significant fundraising campaign to be conducted by the Library Board of Trustees to reduce the overall amount to be borrowed; and
- (4) Consider a \$2.75 mil bond issue in 2020 for purposes of renovating and expanding the existing library.

Rationale: In 2017, Town Meeting created an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of evaluating the feasibility of expanding and renovating the existing library located on Main Street together with a \$50,000 appropriation. In April the Select Board formed the Joint Library-Select Board Feasibility Advisory Committee. In October 2017 the Joint Committee, working with its consulting architect, Samyn D'Elia, presented their findings to the Select Board and the Library Trustees. The renovation/expansion project would total 14,697 interior square footage. Of that, 10,908 sq. ft. would be available to various library functions and the remaining 3,789 sq. ft. would be devoted to mechanical rooms, stairs, bathrooms and circulation. Estimated total, preliminary project costs are summarized as follows:

- oArchitectural and engineering Fees: \$359,149
- oLand acquisition : \$325,000 (See also "Municipal Parking" under General Government)
- oConstruction: \$4,225,293
- oAdditional expenses including contingency : \$359,500
- oEstimated Project Total: \$5,268,942

Extending construction funding to 2020 (as noted in recommendation No. 4 above) would:

- oProvide a degree of separation between the DPW and Library projects thereby improving the town's departmental capacity to manage two major construction projects.
- oAllow additional time for the Library Trustees to develop and execute their fundraising campaign.
- oSlightly lessen the impact of significant additional debt service attributable to both projects.

The CIP Deliberation worksheet dated 11-13-17 illustrates debt service impacts associated with a \$2.75 mil bond issue, for a 20 year term at 4.00% interest rate. Full principal and interest annual payments would commence in 2021 (\$259,472) and would decline through the remainder of the 20 year term.

General Government

Capital Improvements Program continued...

OpenSpace/Conservation

Recommendation No additional funding recommended at this time.

Rationale: The 2017 Town Meeting authorized the purchase of approximately 200 acres adjacent to Page Pond and Forest (Article 10). The real estate closing occurred in October, 2017. Total acquisition cost was approximately \$1.27 mil. Town funding included approximately \$40,000 from the Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund and \$119,000 from the Conservation Commission's Fund. Town funds represent approximately 14 % of the acquisition cost. The balance of the funding (grants and fundraising) was secured through the assistance of the Trust for Public Land. The Open Space/Conservation Expendable Trust Fund estimated balance as of December 31, 2017 is \$0.

Debt Service

Final annual payments related to the following projects will be retired as indicated below:

2019	\$168,224	Fire Station
2022	\$45,783	Plymouth Street/Route 3 North
2025	\$182,350	Community Center
2028	<u>\$28,695</u>	Bundled Project
Total	\$425,052	

Debt service associated with the DPW and Library projects, should they be approved, are noted above in their respective sections. Individual and combined effects are illustrated in the CIP Deliberation worksheet dated 11-13-17.

Inter-Lakes School District

Meredith is one of three communities that comprise the Inter-Lakes School District. Meredith taxpayers are responsible for approximately 75% of the district's costs including capital projects. The District participates in the Meredith CIP process for informational purposes.

The Inter-Lakes School District Capital Improvement Plan and Facilities Budget Plan dated May 2017 identifies anticipated capital projects including:

2022/23	SCS boiler replacement/LED lights	\$130,000
2018/2019 thru 2023/2024	ILES roof	\$761,000
2020/2021	Track & field night lighting	\$200,000
2020/2021	Synthetic field replacement	\$500,000
2020/2021	Track surface respray	\$110,000

General Government

Waukewan Watershed Committee

Mission Statement – The Waukewan Watershed Advisory Committee is a volunteer advisory committee appointed by the Meredith Board of Selectmen. The Committee provides an organizational structure for citizens and local officials from the 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.

While maintaining a diverse geographical and stakeholder structure, the Committee works collaboratively with local watershed communities, state agencies, local associations, citizens and other partners in the implementation of the Plan.

As a focused committee of concerned individuals from the Waukewan Watershed area, our present and on-going initiatives are...

To continue to advocate continued consistency of Lake Waukewan VLAP data acquisition and analysis methodology. The predictability, reproducibility and quality of data collection affords all interested parties better analytical tools.

To continue to monitor and advocate for identified and recommended environmental improvements to sites identified in the Waukewan Winona Watershed Restoration Plan.

To coordinate and support efforts of watershed towns and interested community groups involved in both land and water conservation activities throughout the Waukewan Winona Watershed.

To continue as the voice and face of the Committee before State, regional and local advocacy groups, state environmental and regulatory agencies, and universities.

To involve local individuals and community organizations in Committee priorities through personal interventions and educational presentations.

To communicate and coordinate mutually shared priorities with senior Meredith Town management.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Van Ness
Chairperson

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 Energy Committee welcomed Ann Butler in 2017 as a new member. A long time Meredith resident, Ann volunteers on the Planning Board and as a Library Trustee, she is actively involved with the future library project. She has been a welcome addition to the Committee.

In 2017 representatives from the Energy Committee continued to participate in a Regional Energy Hub that includes the towns of Meredith, Center Harbor, Holderness, Bristol and Plymouth. The purpose of this group is to share ideas and work together to support energy education and initiatives in the region.

The Energy Committee hosted a free weatherization workshop, Button Up NH, presented by Andy Duncan, a Professor and Department Chair of the Energy Services and Technology program at the Lakes Region Community College in Laconia. This informational workshop was funded and sponsored by NH Saves, a collaboration of New Hampshire's electric and natural gas utilities working with the PUC and other interested parties to provide customers with information, incentives, and support designed to save energy, reduce costs, and protect our environment statewide.

The Energy Committee will continue to serve as a resource on energy efficiency to the building committees on future municipal projects. Anyone with interest in the Energy Committee or its work can direct inquiries or questions to Angela LaBrecque at 677-4228.

Submitted by,

Bill Bayard, Chair
Meredith Energy Committee

General Government

Fire

I would like to start by thanking; Manager Warren, Select Board Members, Department Supervisors, MFD Officers, Members and Auxiliary for the continued support to allow Meredith Fire Too Always Be Ready; rendering the required emergency services deemed necessary to serve the citizens of Meredith.

The Calendar year 2017 ultimately proved to be the busiest year to date as the Department responded to a total of 474 Calls. Since 2009 this is a 45% increase in calls, gradually increasing yearly. Comparing with the previous year's data, the majority of runs continue to be Public Assist; false alarms, service calls, good intent and rescue; motor vehicle accidents and medical assists.

I must once again encourage all businesses and residents to have proper routine maintenance scheduled and performed on an annual basis. This includes heating appliances, exhaust sources, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, sprinkler systems, etc. We continue to respond to numerous calls associated with these sources, which in many cases could have been prevented with annual maintenance, thus taxing the overall municipal budget.

In late August we were extremely fortunate to receive word that the Meredith Fire Department had once again been chosen for an Apparatus Award through the 2016 FEMA Fire Act Grant. This is the second award in three years pertaining to an apparatus award through this program. The 2016 award is to update/replace the current 1993 F-350 Forestry, which was built by the department and not engineered/designed through a manufacture. It will be equipped with modern features for brush & grass fires meeting current NFPA 1901 Standards for enhanced firefighter safety.

This past year the Department also encountered losses of 2 members. Firefighter Range became ill in late 2016 and finally succumbed to pancreatic cancer back on February 27th. Firefighter Range's absence will never be replaced, his expertise, knowledge and loyalty to Meredith Fire was second to none. On December 31st FF Rushton passed on at the age of 83. Firefighter Rushton was currently on the Department Roster at the time of his death, not so much active as a Firefighter, but conducting weekly janitorial services along with retrieving the Department's mail. Firefighter Rushton dedicated 41 plus years to the Town of Meredith.

For the sixth consecutive year, the Department participated in the local Senior Citizen Day Smoke Detector Check supported by LRGH. All Batteries and out of date or malfunctioning Smoke Detectors were replaced for any senior citizen requesting such. This program insures that all smoke detectors are in working order with a new battery replacement on an annual basis. If you wish to receive such services, watch for the ad in the upcoming fall and make the call to request the service, the department will be happy to assist any senior citizen.

Recruitment and Retention continue to be an issue across the entire Country in the Volunteer/Call Departments. If you or someone you know have possibly considered becoming a member, please take time and stop by the station, let's sit down and discuss.

Listed below are the calls associated for the year 2012 through 2017.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Fire Related (structure, vehicle and brush)	7.6%	11.1%	9.7%	7.7%	9.0%	9.6%
Mutual Aid (assisting neighboring towns)	12	16.7	14.7	14.2	15.3	12.9
Rescue (motor vehicle accidents, medical)	22.2	19.7	19.8	19.1	21.6	24.1
Public Assist (alarm activations, etc.)	58.2	52.5	55.8	59.0	54.2	53.4
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Number of Calls	474	467	414	388	445	395

In closing, as always, the Officers and I look forward to the challenges in 2018, working with the citizens of Meredith and thank all for the continued support.

Finally, remember **early detection in the form of smoke detectors save lives, be sure to check yours!**

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones, Fire Chief

General Government

Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

This past year we were fortunate enough to have favorable weather conditions in the spring and summer which limited the amount of wildland fire activity both here and throughout the state. September and October saw fire conditions change and the state was faced with some difficult fires. Here in Meredith we issued a total of 803 permits for the year with limited responses associated to outside permitted burning. Meredith Fire and the Division of Forests & Lands continue to work throughout the year to protect homes and the forests. The statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers continues to operate on high fire danger days. The lookouts are credited with keeping many fires small due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Local Area Departments continue to support Red Hill Tower on Class 3 high fire danger days as well. The towers fire detection efforts were supplemented by the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high.

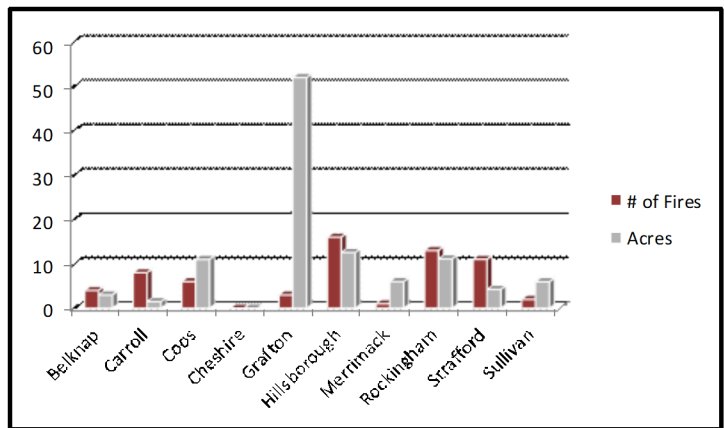
Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the in State fires during the 2017 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire 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!

As we prepare for the 2018 fire season, please remember to contact your local Forest Fire Warden – Chief Ken Jones or Meredith Fire Department to determine if a fire permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. Fire permits are also available online and may be obtained by visiting www.NHfirepermit.com. The burning of household waste is prohibited by the Air Resources Division of the Department of Environmental Services (DES). You are encouraged to contact Meredith Fire 279-6061 or DES at 603-271-3503 or www.des.nh.gov for more information. Safe open burning requires your diligence and responsibility. Thank you for helping us to protect Meredith and New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

2017 STATE WILDLAND FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 2017)

HISTORICAL DATA		
YEAR	NUMBER of FIRES	ACRES BURNED
2017	64	107
2016	351	1090
2015	124	635
2014	112	72
2013	182	144
2012	318	206



Arson	Debris Burning	Campfire	Children	Smoking	Railroad	Equipment	Lightning	Misc.*
0	7	11	1	4	0	4	0	37

REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth G. Jones Forest Warden

General Government

Parks and Recreation

Vint M. Choiniere, Parks and Recreation Director, CPRP
Tom Branagan, Maintenance
Sarah Perkins, Program Director
Terri Thompson, Front Desk Associate
Russ Weeks, Maintenance Crew Chief

Thank You!

We would like to thank the many volunteers and sponsors who contributed so much to the success of our programs and activities in 2017. Community members have shared their time and talents as youth sports coaches, field trip chaperones, special event helpers, and many other roles helping us to offer many quality programs and activities. Among our many dedicated volunteers is Nancy Lavigne, who has nearly single handedly cared for and nurtured the Community Center garden over the last 9 years. Nancy has given her heart and soul to the garden and the community has benefited greatly from her efforts, as we have enjoyed its growth and development. Thank you Nancy!

Thank you to the Meredith Rotary Club, led by Tom Fairbrother, who volunteered to replace all the plumbing fixtures in the Prescott Park restrooms.

Thanks to the efforts of our staff members, and through generous contributions from local merchants, civic groups, and private citizens; the following events were successfully held: 4th of July Concert, Easter Egg Hunt, What's Cooking Program, Free Adult Computer Classes, and the annual Tree Lighting/Holiday Open House. We are very appreciative of the generous sponsorships that we received making it all possible.

I would like to acknowledge the following sponsors & volunteers for their support:

Community Center

ACTIVITY

FRIENDS of Parks and Recreation
Easter Egg Hunt
4th of July Concert
Holiday Open House
Summer Camp Scholarship
Santa Calling
Senior Adult Computer Class
Tennis Lessons
Use of Maintenance Equipment
Swasey Park Volunteer Day

SPONSOR

Joia Hughes, Jamie Good, Bobbie & Don Trudeau, Jen Stevens
Altrusa, Astra, FRIENDS of Parks & Rec., & Matt Trembley
Inns & Spa at Mill Falls
FRIENDS of Parks & Rec, Matt Tremblay
Altrusa, Jim Durkee Memorial Fund, Heart & Hands, Detscher Family
Matt Tremblay
Meredith Public Library, Chris Leland
Lakes Region Tennis Association
Meredith Water & Public Works Departments
Greater Meredith Program & Trailwrights

Demand for the Community Center continued to be strong in 2017. Along with many activities being offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department, the Community Center hosted several public service organizations on a regular and frequent basis for meetings, training sessions, public hearings, and presentations. These groups included municipal, school district, county, state, and federal agencies. The Community Center serves as a valuable location for numerous Non-Profit organizations as well as private bookings such as birthday parties, reunions, weddings and so on. The Community Center has provided a wonderful gathering place for our community and for people of all ages to play, socialize, learn, make decisions, and plan for the needs of our community in the future.

We look forward to working together with the community to help meet the demand and make the Community Center available to as many different user groups as reasonably possible.

General Government

Parks and Recreation continued...

Program Growth

The Parks and Recreation Department experienced strong attendance in many of our core programs in 2017. New programs offered in 2017 included Archery, Tot Yoga, Zumba, Father/Daughter Dance, and Differently Abled Yoga which was offered in conjunction with Inter Lakes High School and instructor Nancy Stetson.

A list of 2017 program participation numbers for activities offered by the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department is provided to the right.

Senior Adult Activities

The Meredith Parks and Recreation Dept. offers or supports the following programs for Senior Adults:

Walk Fit / Free Monday Morning Movies
 Free Hearing Clinics / Hooks & Needles Crochet & Knitting
 Free Blood Pressure / Foot Clinics / Senior Exercise Class
 Free Computer Classes / Strength & Balance Program

In addition senior adults are welcome to visit the Community Center from 8:00AM-2:30PM for free coffee, socializing, and taking part in the programs offered.

In 2017 the Parks and Recreation Department established a new partnership with Mary Ellen McCormack of the Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association to offer new senior program opportunities. Mary Ellen offered informational presentations to senior adults, and will continue to offer them in 2018 on a monthly basis at the Community Center. Mary Ellen's enthusiastic support was much appreciated and we look forward to working together with her to offer new senior adult opportunities in 2018.

15 Year Master Plan

In November 2017, I completed a two year process of writing a 15 Year Master Plan for the Parks and Recreation Department. The plan was developed with in house resources. Input was gathered from the staff, general public, stake holders, user groups, youth group administrators, school district administrators, and students. The entire service delivery system was evaluated, to include programs, activities, and facilities. Existing facility conditions were documented, and prioritized improvement recommendations were made to reflect the needs of the community over the next 15 years. It will serve as a valuable planning tool to guide the department in the long term. I want to thank all those who participated and assisted in the process. The master plan is scheduled for final approval by the Board of Selectmen in the spring of 2018.

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 2017.

Sincerely,
 Vint M. Choiniere, CPRP, Meredith Parks and Recreation Director

2017 PROGRAMS and PARTICIPANTS	
After School Program	62
Summer Camp	120/Week
Cowabungas Field Trip	49
Hilltop Field Trip	60
Whales Tale Field Trip	111
Chris Poulos Bike Show	84
Blitz Trampoline Field Trip	110
Tot Yoga	13
Insanity Adult Exercise Class	21
Swim Lessons	152
School Full Week Vacation Camps	182
Full Day & Half Day No School Camps	197
Senior Strength & Balance Program	149
Family Cabin Fever Movie Night	100
Coed Youth Soccer	65
Coed T-Ball	41
Craft Fair Vendors	32
Craft Fair Attendees	425
Red Sox Trip	38
Preschool Playgroup	62
Evening Adult Pickle Ball Program	89
Senior Exercise	52
Holiday Movie Night	100
Adult Day Pickle Ball	133
Men's Pick Up Basketball	90
Birthday Party Groups	39
Adult Coed Volleyball	27
Climbing Wall Drop Ins	83
Skate Park Drop-ins	300
Annual Christmas Tree Lighting	150
Granite State Track & Field Program	28
North Pole Calling	40
Hart's/Parks & Rec Thanksgiving Community Dinner	60
Zumba	19
4th of July Concert	400
Easter Egg Hunt	320
Holiday Open House	250
Tree Lighting	120
Halloween Bash	200
Senior Adult Drop-Ins	8/Day
Senior Adult Computer Class	8
Senior Adult Movies	8
Senior Adult Blood Pressure/Foot	25
Senior Adult Walking Program	9
Senior Knitting Group	8
Adult Tennis Lessons	5
Youth Tennis Lessons	15

General Government

Parks and Recreation continued...



General Government

Public Works

Public Works has four divisions:
Highway, Solid Waste, Cemetery and Buildings & Grounds.

2017 came and went fast and furious! A lot was completed by our Public Works Department.

The Highway division ditched roads and replaced drainage on many town roads, paved and gravel. Most all of our Main Street downtown sidewalks were repaved and a small road rehabilitation project was completed on South Main Street near Middleton Lumber. New drainage, sidewalk curb, road and sidewalk pavement were installed for a much needed improvement and enhancement of the area. The final overlay for this area will be completed this spring of 2018. We had a couple people leave the highway division this last year but were able to fill the two vacant positions. We were pleased to welcome Craig Hale as our new Operations Manager for Highway and Solid Waste and C. J. Phinney as our new Highway Maintenance/Plow Truck Driver.

Our Solid Waste Division has been much busier than it has been in years past. We have seen a noticeable rise in trash and demolition/debris being brought in. There is much more traffic in and out of the facility with people often waiting in line to get in to use the facility. We were able to negotiate an additional three years on our disposal contract with Androscoggin Valley Regional Refuse Disposal. The prices will remain the same until December 31, 2021. That is great news for us to keep our budgets in line for the next few years!
John Calvin, our Cemetery Sexton, retired after more than 15 years of service.

Robert O'Neill, an employee from our Buildings and Grounds crew was promoted to the Sexton position. We are confident that Bob will continue to deliver the same great level of service that John provided.

Our Buildings and Grounds crews continue to work hard to keep our many waterfront structures and parks and town buildings in great shape. Even though many of the buildings are aging they are able to continue to be heavily utilized due to the diligence and care of our crews. We welcome Tyler Manville, who joined our Buildings and Grounds crew, filling the position vacated by Bob O'Neill.

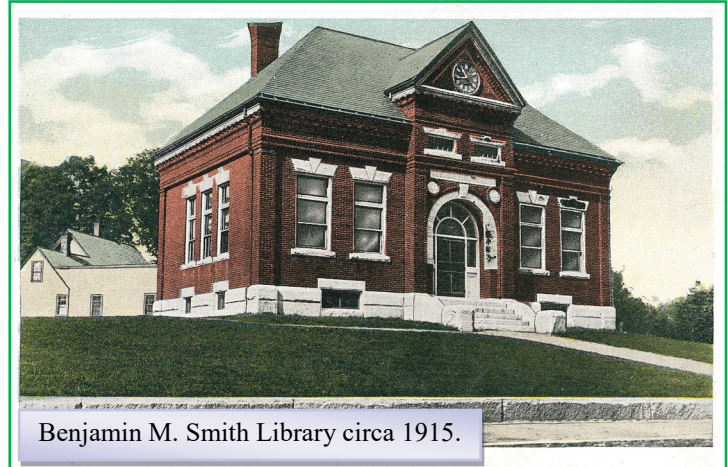
I would like to thank everyone for their continued support of Public Works throughout the years. We all strive hard to provide the best service possible to our residents and town visitors. I am hopeful that this support will continue and allow us to start designing and building a new Public Works Building in the Fall of 2018/Spring of 2019. Our old building, built in 1965, is in much need of replacement.
Thanks for a great year in 2017.

Best Regards,
Michael Faller
Public Works Director

Meredith Public Library

Upon the recommendation of the Library Trustee Select Board Joint Feasibility Study Advisory Committee, the Library Trustees voted to keep the library at its current location, provided municipal parking can be provided via a property that is adjacent to the library. The purchase of this property will be on the 2018 Town Warrant and the trustees ask that all those interested in the future of the library please attend Town meeting to vote on this important issue.

The Trustees wish to thank the members of the committee who met almost weekly over several months to work on a feasibility study for the library at its current location and included Select Board Members Ray Moritz and Jonathan James, Library Trustees Pamela Coburn and James McFarlin, community members Andy Lane, who acted as committee chair, Jack Carty, Jeanie Forrester, Rusty McLearn, Ed Touhey and alternate Paula Wanzer. The library trustees plan on presenting a conceptual design to the community by late winter/early spring of this year.



Benjamin M. Smith Library circa 1915.

Their goal is to find a building design that meets the vision of the community, which includes: meeting current safety codes, being handicap accessible, expanding parking, putting the library on as few floors as possible, adding a room for teens, providing access to small study rooms, assisting small business, among other considerations. Also of major concern is finding the best building design for the lowest cost to the community. The trustees have already begun to plan their fundraising strategy, are in the process of researching grants and investigating what other communities have done to raise money by donation. Their fundraising website will be available by early spring.

As building planning continues, the library staff continue to work hard leading workshops, classes and events with total attendance at 5,166. The library's number of registered borrowers is up by 5%. Adult fiction is the most highly circulated type of item followed by, DVDs, picture books, adult non-fiction, and books on CD. In looking at how we compare to other libraries of similar size, we provide more activities for teens and also have the most teen attendance at our events. Our children's activities continue to grow with our largest event welcoming nearly 300 guests and many of our special events averaging 50-60 people.



Just over one hundred years ago, librarian Lillian Wadleigh, who ran the library from 1908-1946, introduced a new system of cataloging to Meredith, the Dewey Decimal System. A numeric system of ordering books on the shelves, most people are taught this in their early days of elementary school. A new trend in libraries lately has been to use the bookstore model, also called BISAC, that uses words instead of numbers to organize books.

A photograph showing a large group of children sitting on the floor in a library, participating in an activity. They are looking towards the camera, and some are holding up small objects or cards.



General Government

Meredith Public Library continued...

We have been experimenting with this in adult non-fiction and have reorganized the travel, history, and cooking sections. So if you were looking for a travel book on Ireland using Dewey, it would read 941.7. With BISAC it will read *Travel Europe Ireland*. We are trying this an attempt to make the non-fiction section more of a browsing section and make it easier for our patrons to find things. Please let us know what you think. If opinions are largely favorable, we would like to eventually switch the entire section over to BISAC so your feedback, as always, is very important to us.

The Friends of the Library continue to flourish. They are managing their own bookstore, *Once Read Books*, which is now located to the right of *Hannaford*, next to *Patricia's* and *Subway*, where the drycleaner used to be. They also continue to run their book sales at the library three times per year. Please stop by and purchase gently used books at the store or one of their book sales. On Saturday, September 1 they will be holding their annual Book It! 5K Race. The Friends support many library activities including most of our workshops and events, museum passes, Ancestry.com membership, staff memberships in the NH Library Association, and so much more. They have pledged a matching grant of \$10,000 to the library building project. Check their webpage at <http://www.meredithlibrary.org/friends.html> for more information on times and dates of events or for book store hours. We also wish to thank them for their many hours of hard work maintaining the All-America Selections award winning garden out front of the library and the small memorial garden at the rear entrance. We receive glowing comments all summer long on the gardens. The trustees, staff and I cannot thank the Friends enough for all that they do for us.



We also wish to thank Paul Ristaino and the Buildings and Grounds crew for taking care of us including mowing the lawn in the summer heat, shoveling and sanding during the -15 chill, and doing odd jobs around the building.

Erin M. Apostolos, Library Director

Circulation...		Statistics...	
Adult Media	14,917	Reference Questions Answered	1,483
Adult Books	19,906	Annual Visits	51,800
Youth Materials	24,380	Number of Registered Patrons	5,948
Magazines	1,443	Internet Usage	5,297
Interlibrary Loans	1,283	Acquisitions...	
eBooks, eAudios, eMags	9,008	Media	765
Museum Passes	214	Books	1,134
Telescope	7	Gifts	538
Kindle	21	Magazines	484
		Lost/Discarded	2,190
<i>Total Circulation</i>	<i>71,179</i>	<i>Total Inventory</i>	<i>38,180</i>

Report of the Library Trustees of Trust Funds - Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

		Beginning			Ending	
		Balance	Total	Total	Balance	
Non-Expendable Trusts				Period		
Library Trusts	Purpose	1/1/2017	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	12/31/2017
Nichiporuk Fund	Library	\$ 737,249	\$ 4,259	\$	\$ 19,306	\$ 760,813
Improvement Fund	Library	\$ 104,347	\$ 603	\$	\$ 2,732	\$ 107,683
Total Library Non-Expendable Trusts		<u>\$ 841,596</u>	<u>\$ 4,862</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 24,823</u>	<u>\$ 868,496</u>

General Government

Police

Chief of Police, Kevin A. Morrow

“The mission of the Meredith Police Department is to prevent crime, preserve order and to protect the rights, lives and property of all people. We will work in partnership with our community to identify and effectively respond to the diverse, ever-changing social neighborhood problems and needs. We will do this with respect, fairness and compassion.”

It never ceases to amaze that as we get older, the years seem to fly by faster. 2017 has come and gone so quickly that it makes one think about how many changes, both successful and not, that have unfolded throughout the year.

As to successful accomplishments, I can safely say that the Meredith Police Department as a whole has not only succeeded in our endeavors to protect and serve our community, but that we can rank several continued and new accomplishments to our roster.

We continue to take part in State and Federal Grants that put officers on the road at designated times, which are outside of their normal duties. These grants take aim to enforce and make the public more aware of the following:

- Speed and Radar Sign restrictions
- Safe Commute
- Click-It (seatbelt use)
- Distracted Driving (cell phone use restriction while behind the wheel)
- Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)

Not only do these targeted issues have the potential for serious personal injury, but will also take a large dent out of your bank account. Let's take DWI as an example. In the State of New Hampshire, the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) limit is set at 0.08% for drivers over the age of 21, at 0.02% for drivers under the age of 21 and if you are a commercial driver, the limit is set at 0.04%. If stopped under the suspicion of drunk driving, the law of “implied consent” can be used by the officer to test your BAC. Testing is either done through a Breathalyzer machine or by an actual blood draw. Actions, other than the obvious one of losing your operating privileges, that can/will be taken against you should you be arrested for DWI, can/will include the following:

- ⇒ having your vehicle towed
- ⇒ Bail Commissioner fee
- ⇒ attorney's fees
- ⇒ license and registration reinstatement fees
- ⇒ Court fees (1st offense is a minimum \$500; 2nd offense is \$750)
- ⇒ possible jail/prison time
- ⇒ court ordered intervention programs or additional treatment
- ⇒ the possibility of medical fees for yourself or another party you injured
- ⇒ insurance rate increases
- ⇒ loss of work; etc...

All in all, not only are there the mental and emotional after effects of getting arrested for DWI, the anguish of possibly injuring yourself or another innocent party, but the average cost of a DWI can run you anywhere from **\$9,000.00 to \$20,000.00**. Not to mention, if convicted, you now have a criminal record which may/may not affect current or future employment or continued education opportunities.

Bottom line...



General Government

Police continued...

Continued training is not only a requirement but a necessity for our staff in order to keep abreast of our ever changing world of types of crimes and laws and the procedural accuracy surrounding them, symptoms and signs of drug activity and its paraphernalia, interview tactics, stress management on the job and technology, just to name a few. Training for the staff of the MPD for 2017 included, but was not limited to the above as well as:

- Firearms/Civil Liability
- Intoxilyzer 5000 Recertification
- Forensic Psychology
- Ethics in Law Enforcement
- Criminal Investigation with Cellular Technology
- DWI Prosecution.

What did happen in only a year's time was significant. Officer James Brunt retired from the Meredith Police Department after 16 years of service and is now at Plymouth State University Campus Police. Officer Keith True, who retired from full time service last December, has taken on the role of the School Resource Officer at the Inter Lakes School District. Officer Kevin Raymond is now with the NH State Police Troop-G. And, Officer William Goulet has come back to us full time, along with all of the other additions to our Law Enforcement family.

In light of the national and world wide tragedies that we all experienced last year, I would like to close by reminding all residents and visitors to be patient and kind with hopes for a better new year.

Meredith Police Department 2017 Statistics:

Calls For Service:	12,908
Arrests:	267
Offenses:	343
Accidents:	242

Emergency Management

Kevin A Morrow, Meredith Emergency Management Director
Chief Ken Jones, Assistant Emergency Management Director

2017 was not a very active year for members of the Emergency Management team, which I'm very thankful for. We did have a major freeze in December. This did present some headaches for the Town mostly power lines down, but once again no major damage to the Town.

Meredith Emergency Committee serves for the preparation and emergency response required by the Town to react to any type of emergency situation. With the assistance of Lakes Region Partnership for Public Health, Town Manager, Public Works, Water Department, Parks and Recreation, Fire Department, Community Development, Superintendent SAU, Stewarts Ambulance, and our Heath officer.

The CERT- Community Emergence Response Team helped the Town of Meredith with a few non emergence functions this year. CERT main voluntary function is to respond to emergence needs when requested, but also they are called out to help with non-emergence functions also. They helped with traffic duties for the Library's Road Race and the Trick or Eat Event. So a BIG Thank you goes to the Meredith CERT.

Please do not forget about the Flu seasons: The Flu has caused a number of deaths this year, so here are some helpful hints;

- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home if you are sick.

On behalf of Chief Jones and myself, I would like to thank the community for all their help and patience, assisting the Town and our neighbors to get through the many incidents that burdened us over the past years.

General Government

Conservation Commission

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

EXCITING NEWS

Your commission is pleased and excited to report that on October 23, 2017, the Town of Meredith became the owners, with the Meredith Conservation Commission as stewards, of the 200-acre parcel known to residents as the Page Pond Community Forest Expansion Project. This amazing piece of land abuts Page Pond, Page Brook and the upland forest to the east, Barnard Ridge Road, Pleasant Street and Meredith Neck Road to the west. The now 800-acre Page Pond Community Forest is sidewalk accessible from Meredith Village and is a short ½ mile from the Inter-Lakes School Campus.

- See Community Development submission on pages 25-27 for further information.

Town Forests

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest

Hamlin-Eames Town Forest is our largest Town Forest and has the most extensive network of trails. 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. With more than 800 acres, Hamlin-Eames offers something for everyone, spectacular vistas, numerous specie habitations and trails for all levels of hikers.

Meredith Community Forest

Community Forest is conveniently located very close to Meredith's Village District and a short, 5-minute walk from the Community Center. With roughly 200 acres, the extensive trail network provides for different choices every time you enter the forest. Commission members and volunteers added more water-bars on some of the steeper trails, cleared out a number of blow-downs and brushed trails where overgrown.

Page Pond Community Forest

With all the efforts towards the acquisition and protection of the expansion parcel, the Page Pond Community Forest played a key role in demonstrating to potential grantors and donors the compelling reasons why acquiring and protecting the abutting 200 acres is worthy of their support. Your commission, with great support from volunteers spent many hours improving trails and bridges, redoing the trail color schemes and marking the trails accordingly. Trail work included mounting more than 30 new trail signs, with more to come this year. The work on phase one of restoring the Mill Dam continued in 2017 and we hope to take on a more ambitious component of the process in 2018. Looking forward, your commission will be spending a lot of time determining the best ways to integrate the two parcels and we welcome public input.

Public Outreach and Education

Your commission continues to work promoting Meredith's Town Forests to both residents and visitors. Your commission hosts guided events in the forests; bring in experts in forestry, biology, ecology and habitat study. We continue to promote our forests through social media, print media and in cooperation with local businesses. Our "TAKE A HIKE...IN MEREDITH" promotion continues to raise the awareness of the public to our magnificent forests.

Invasive Species

The commission continues its work on public outreach and education regarding the growing problem we have with invasive species, specifically Japanese Knotweed. We continue to work with State officials, the town and private property owners to fight this long-term battle. We also continue to work with Plymouth State University's Center for the Environment analyzing the roadside inventory mapping completed over the last twelve months. This will allow us to identify priority areas where we should focus our attention.

Easement Monitoring Volunteers

Each year, your commission, with help from volunteers, monitors close to 30 parcels totaling more than 2,400 acres and with more than 40 miles of boundaries. We are actively seeking volunteers that would consider helping in our annual monitoring. This is a great way to view our beautiful open spaces from a different perspective than you get walking the trails. If you are interested, contact the Meredith Conservation Commission.

Conservation Commission continued...

2017 Highlights

- One of our responsibilities as stewards of Meredith's Town Forests is forest management including timber harvesting when and where they are consistent with the approved Forest Management Plans. In September we contracted for a limited harvest in the Leighton Town Forest and a smaller harvest will take place in the Eames Town Forest this winter. The town receives revenue from these timber harvests.
- The Conservation Commission reviewed and monitored 44 Dredge & Fill Applications for projects such as docks, beaches, shore land clearing, culverts and subdivisions. We provide comments related to the protection of natural resources: including wetlands, water, fish and wildlife and encroachment on the wetlands buffer zone.
- Commission member Ralph Pisapia built a beautiful bench in memory of long-time commission member Robert LeCount. That bench overlooks the southern end of the beaver bog in the Page Pond Community Forest.
- Significant improvement in the Town's website has allowed the commission to provide residents more thorough and timely information about the activities of your Conservation Commission.
- Your commission has begun placing interactive trail signs in areas of interest in our town forests. Using your smart phone with the appropriate application will allow hikers to tap into that information while in the woods.
- Meanwhile your Conservation Commission continued to fulfill its other obligations. In addition to our scheduled meetings, commission members, alternates and other volunteers spend many hours in the field, monitoring and caring for your town forests. The Commission is the steward for more than 26 parcels. The properties range from as far east as Bear Island, to as far west as Hermit Woods.

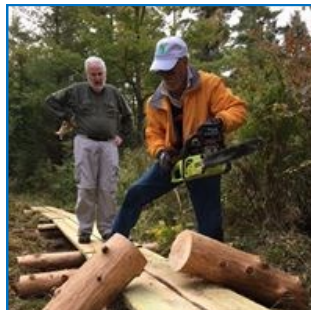


Your commission would like to thank all the volunteers who show up whenever we send out the word. In 2017 your commission hosted 20 trail workdays where we typically had 5 to 8 volunteers put in hundreds of hours of work, Thank you all.



Respectfully Submitted,

Mark Billings, Chairman
Bob Davis, Vice Chairman
Ralph Pisapia, Treasurer
Paula Wanzer, Secretary
Mary Kahn, Member
Scott Powell, Member
Paul Dillon, Member
John Sherman, Alternate
Don MacFarlane, Alternate
Tony Sabutis, Alternate
Jim Gregoire, Alternate



General Government

Conservation Commission continued...

Photo's from the Meredith Conservation Commission Facebook Page.



General Government

Town Clerk

Kerri A Parker, CTCTC, CMC , Town Clerk

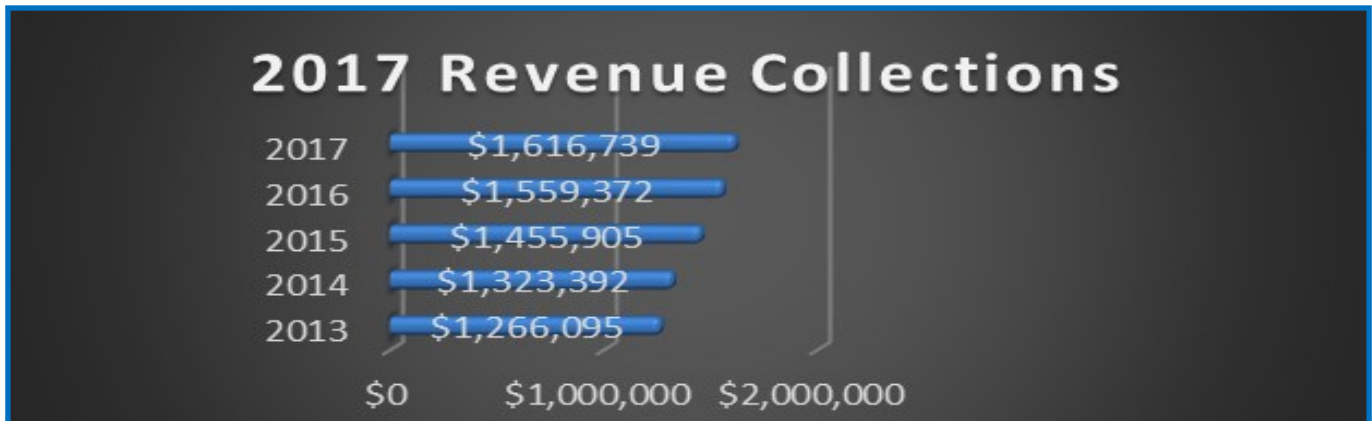
The Town Clerk’s office has been through yet another change with the appointing of Stacy Bivolcic as Deputy in January 2017. She has been at my side learning the many facets that is the challenge in the Clerk’s office. She is proving to be a great asset to the position. The State of NH rolled out a Vision update over the Columbus day weekend. The transition was fairly seamless and we are excited that there are less issues going forward. We have 3 elections taking place this coming year with the Town Elections in March, as well as, the State Primary in Sept and the General Election in November. Voting is an important part of our democracy, get out and vote. The Deputy and myself are always willing to assist our residents from renewing a registration, registering your dog, issuing vital record certificates, helping out the Tax Office with payments, and everything in between, we are the go to for the Town of Meredith and we are proud to serve you.

The # 1 Question asked in the Clerk’s office for 2017? “Uh uh Do you know your fish is dead?” Our Pet Fish “Norman” was named by the Deputy’s daughter and Mrs. Stuart’s first grade class at Inter-Lakes Elementary School. We had some really good choices but settled with Norman. He likes to sleep upside down but we assure you he is alive and well!

Stacy Bivolcic Deputy Town Clerk- After completing my first year as the Deputy Town Clerk I am very pleased with my decision to move over to the Clerk’s office, and look forward to many more years! The move has allowed me to learn various duties working under Kerri as her Deputy. I have been able to get to know a lot of our residents better this year and I feel they are an amazing group of people. It truly has been my pleasure serving all of you this year. In August I finished my Tax certification through the **NH Tax Collectors’ Association/ NH City & Town Clerks’ Association Joint Certification Program**. This summer I will graduate from the program as a Certified Deputy Town Clerk, **from the four-year program**.

The 2017 Town Clerk Department Collections were as follows:

Town Clerk Services	Total Distributed	Revenue Collected
MV Registrations: (10,165 Auto) & (451 Boat)	10,616	\$ 1,573,046
Dogs	1,061	6,271
Vital Records	1,230	16,111
Marriage Licenses	109	3,450
Refuse Permits	1,188	12,860
Miscellaneous...		5,001
UCC filings - Aquatherm permits - Copies		
Dredge & Fill Permits - Mailings - Notary/Justice Fees		
Total Revenue Collected		\$ 1,616,739



Water and Sewer

The Town of Meredith Water Department is dedicated to providing the community it serves. We know how important it is to provide our customers with high-quality drinking water and reliable service while providing enough supply to meet demand for both consumption and fire protection.

Water touches everything we care about. It's essential to sustain life, our economy and our communities. Our families require clean, safe drinking water for their health. Our community needs it for public safety, fire protection, recreation and economic development.

Meredith Water is committed to providing high quality water and world-class service to families living and visiting our community while being good stewards of the environment.

The Water Department adheres to regulations set forth by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

Lake Waukewan - Meredith Water Supply



The Water Department Staff continues routine maintenance, preventative maintenance and round the clock emergency service to the water treatment plant, two booster stations, and 18 miles of water main, over 100 hydrants and the Town's 1.5 million gallon water tower.



The Meredith Sewer Department maintains the collection system which consists of over 20 miles of sewer mains, 5 lift stations, and over 300 manholes. The staff regularly performs regular maintenance and/or repairs on the pump stations and sewer main cleaning activities to ensure maintain proper flow.



All wastewater is sent to through an inter-municipal transmission line to the Winnepesaukee River Basin Treatment Facility in Franklin New Hampshire. This facility is owned and operated by the State of New Hampshire. Its associated expenses accounts for more than 50% on the Town's sewer budget.

The Water and Sewer Department have a combined staff of five employees faithfully devoted to safely and effectively providing quality customer service to our 1,200 water customers and 1,400 sewer customers. Every staff member is licensed to operate both our water and sewer systems. As part of our commitment to the community we are available 7 days a week and are on call 24/7 for emergencies.

Courtney Mitchell
Water and Sewer Superintendent

Supported Outside Agencies

American Legion Griggs/Wyatt Post 33

Legion Officers

Sam Blake, Commander Rudy Tibbetts Sr., Sgt-at-Arms Ryan Linke, Second Vice Commander
Elliot Finn, Judge Advocate Rudy Tibbetts Jr., First Vice Commander Henry Hall, Chaplin
Mark Sullivan, Adjutant Robert V. Kennelly, Service Officer Bill North, Historian
Casey Smith, Finance Officer

Ladies Auxiliary Officers

Billie Jo Howe, President Robin Linke, Treasurer Mary Ballou, 1st Vice President
Brenda Wyatt, 2nd Vice President Ingrid Baker, Sgt-at-Arms
Robin Linke, Secretary Alisha Garrel, Chaplin

Sons of the American Legion (S.A.L.) Officers

Jim Hurd, Commander Gary Weeks, Chaplin Tim Perkins, Sr. Vice Commander
Ernie Brown, Historian Carl Ballou, Junior Vice Commander Joe Hurd, Sgt-At-Arms
Barry Weeks, Treasurer and Adjutant

The Post has been at 6 Plymouth Street for over 96 years and is one of the most consistent parts of Meredith history and as such we are committed to putting Veterans and the community of Meredith first. We have about 250 Legion members, about 120 Ladies Auxiliary members and about 55 S.A.L. members. All three organizations work together to try to make our Post a well run one. We have a canteen that is open to members and their guests 7 days a week with different operating hours every day. Our meetings are held at 7PM the first Tuesday of every month except July and August.

We work with the youth of the Meredith area through the schools, the Meredith Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Fund.

We hope to get area residents interested in our activities which are as follows:

- ◆ The Fishing Derby in February
- ◆ Memorial Day
- ◆ The Fourth of July
- ◆ Meredith Home Day
- ◆ Fine Arts & Crafts Festival in August
- ◆ The Annual 9/11 Ceremony and Tribute
- ◆ Halloween
- ◆ Veterans Day
- ◆ Thanksgiving
- ◆ Christmas
- ◆ New Years Eve
- ◆ New Years Day

Please check the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun, or at the Post for dates and times.

Post phone number is 279-8503.



Supported Outside Agencies

Chamber of Commerce

The Meredith Area Chamber of Commerce consists of over 250 businesses that are organized to advance and promote the commercial, industrial, service, professional, tourism, and retail interests of Meredith and its trade area.

While many of the activities of the Chamber are tourist related, all segments of the business community make up the membership. The Chamber office is located at 272 Daniel Webster Highway and is open year round. Visitors to the Center find a wide array of promotional literature about the Lakes Region. Staffing the Center in 2017 were Jean Greenlaw, Stephanie Whiting, Kathy Holly and Adrienne Stevens.

The Chamber maintains a website which lists all Chamber members, is registered with the major search engines, and provides members with advertising opportunities. Community organizations are also listed on the site, as well as, a comprehensive calendar of events. Again this year, the Chamber conducted an advertising campaign designed to attract people to visit the area and we produced and distributed a four color, 24 page, high quality brochure which was distributed at high traffic tourist attractions in Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, as well as, at the state rest areas and the Manchester Airport Visitor Center. The brochure is also mailed out in response to inquiries received at the Chamber.

Photo from:
The Meredith Area
Chamber of Commerce Website.



Chamber sponsored events included the Lakes Region Fine Arts and Crafts Festival and several Business After Hours and Ribbon Cutting Events.

Taylor Caswell, Commissioner of the NH Department of Business and Economic Affairs was the speaker at our Annual Meeting held in October.

The Marine Services Guide, the Around the Town Map, the Wedding Guide, the Professional Guide, and the Service Guide were all updated. In addition, the Chamber assists many community organizations in the promotion of their events.

The Chamber is looking forward to the Meredith 250th Celebration and 250th memorabilia is available at the Chamber office.

The Chamber greatly appreciates the support of the community for its many activities and is especially appreciative of the cooperation and assistance received from the various departments of the town in carrying out its many projects.

Susan Cerutti
Executive Director

Supported Outside Agencies

Child and Family Services

For over 167 years Child and Family Services of New Hampshire (CFS) has worked to preserve, empower and strengthen families throughout New Hampshire, and in the Town of Meredith, thanks to your support with an annual allocation voted at Town meeting.

Our Mission: CFS is dedicated to advancing the well-being of children and families by providing an array of social services to strengthen family life and promoting community commitment to the needs of children.

Our Vision: Every child and youth is entitled to nurturance, protection, and a chance to develop their full human potential and opportunities to contribute to the common good.

Our Promise: CFS is committed to enabling every child to flourish in a healthy, nurturing, self-sufficient family, supported by an involved community.

CFS is statewide: We operate through 15 offices and dozens of program sites, traveling over 910,000 miles a year to offer programs and services where clients need them most, many times in the convenience of their own homes and communities.

Funding from the Town of Meredith ensures that Meredith residents have access to the programs they need, at a cost they are able to afford. Last year, Meredith residents accessed four Family Support and Services Programs: Camp Spaulding, Integrated Home Based Services and ISO, Family Counseling, and Parent Aide.

Camp Spaulding: Is an overnight, co-ed adventure program for low-income youth aged 7-15. Camp Spaulding provides all the traditional activities of camp while also focusing on the unique needs of our youth and working with them to empower, grow, and expand their experiences and opportunities.

Integrated Home Based Services (IHB) and Individual Service Options (ISO): IHB is a short-term service designed to restore positive functioning in families that need multiple interventions. Services include family therapy, youth tracking, family skill building, resource development, and parent education and support. ISO is a high intensity, multi-faceted program designed to facilitate permanence for at-risk youth.

Behavioral Health, Family Counseling: For children, youth, adults, couples, and families. Our professional team of licensed therapists work with individuals and families to help with child behavior challenges, problems in school, divorce, step-family adjustment, family violence, relationship conflicts, emotional complaints, stress, self-defeating behaviors, addictive behaviors, loss, trauma, anxiety, phobias, and compulsions.

Parent Aide: Is an on and off-site supervised visit program that helps maintain parent-child bonds, provides emotional support, community resources, parenting education, and strategies for families who are involved in child protective services.

For more information about the services CFS offers, please visit www.cfsnh.org.



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Community Action Program

The mission of Community Action is to work with low-income families, the elderly and those with handicapping conditions to assist them in their efforts to become or remain financially and socially independent. The Agency accomplishes this task by providing a broad array of programs that are locally defined, planned and managed.

During the past year, we have provided \$800,364 in services through the area center. In Meredith, we help with fuel and electric assistance, security deposits, emergency assistance and food from the Meredith Emergency Food Pantry. We also work hand-in-hand with other organizations to meet the needs of our residents. For those who are unable to come to the CAP office, we visit their homes and assess how we can help them. A portion of our funding that allows us to offer these services comes from the towns we serve. Meredith has been very supportive of our efforts over the years, and we are thankful for the Town's continued commitment to our programs.

For more information, please contact us at 279-4096 or stop by our office at 147 Main Street.

Bob Adams, Meredith Area Center Director

Meredith Historical Society

Submitted by: Karen Thorndike

The Society's purpose is the collection and preservation of the history of Meredith. This includes preserving valuable books, manuscripts, photographs, prints, textiles, relics and other articles related to the history of Meredith. The purpose also includes maintaining the Pottle Meeting House, operating as the Farm Museum, and the Main Street Museum to house our collection.

The funds for maintaining the artifacts and the two museum buildings are provided by donations from members and other interested parties. Sums designated as trust funds and bequests are encouraged, as they enable the Society to hold such amounts in trust and use only the interest as needed.

The Town generously provides funds to assist in the payment of a stipend for the greeter for our Main Street Museum during the summer.

The Main Street Museum is open from Memorial Day to Columbus Day four days a week, Wednesday through Saturday from 11am to 4pm. Many visitors use our files to gather information about previous generations or early local life. This year the Farm Museum was open on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 12pm to 4pm, and staffed by volunteers. Arrangements can be made to visit either museum at other times by calling 279-1190.

On the first Tuesday of each month from May through November, the Historical Society presents programs that increase awareness of area history. These programs are offered at no charge and are open to all. This year's presentations included "John Winant, Man of the World", "Laconia Car Company", "Climate Changes Impact on New England", "Landscape Painters of the White Mountain School", "Saving the Mountains", "Tom Plant's Bald Peak: Golf and Country Club", and "Lakes Region Stories".

We have strived to extend our presence beyond our historical buildings. During Inter-Lakes 4th graders' study of NH history they learn of local farm life with our "Traveling Trunk", full of implements necessary to life in the early 1900's. During our August Bake Sale we helped promote local authors with a book signing. Many of our antique farm tools were displayed at Moulton Farm's "Old Farm Days". We also opened the Main Street building to participate in the Main St. merchants "Sunday on Main" offering Halloween treats for young children and again in November and December with Christmas ornament decorating.

Members of the Historical Society have been actively involved with planning for the 250th celebration of Meredith's incorporation. Our archives have been a valuable resource for photographs and written history of Meredith's colorful past. Our monthly programs for next year will focus on specifics of the Town's history with a dynamic lineup of presenters and topics and will be held at the Community Center. There is much to be learned from our past and we welcome participation by anyone interested in helping to maintain our town's heritage.



The Greater Meredith Program

The Greater Meredith Program (GMP) is a nonprofit community development organization dedicated to promoting economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and town-wide beautification. GMP pursues these goals through direct advocacy and action and strives to capture and extend the vision, energy and inter-organizational cooperation that make Meredith such a special place to live, work, and play. Our vision for the Town is to be a year-round business, service, and recreational hub for residents, workforce, and visitors.



In the past fourteen years, through its many projects, the GMP has created and enhanced many community assets. This does not include the countless in-kind donations of our volunteers' time and talents. The GMP continues to engage a diverse group of community stakeholders dedicated to bringing positive changes to our community. Under the leadership of GMP President, Bob Manley and the GMP Board of Directors, the Greater Meredith Program supported ongoing programs and completed a number of new projects in 2017.

Ongoing projects that the GMP supported in 2017 include the display garden in front of the Meredith Public Library and 4th of July Fireworks. With plants funded by GMP, the Friends of the Library plant and maintain the MPL garden near the sidewalk on Main Street. The GMP, in coordination with the Town of Meredith, facilitates and promotes the annual July 4th Fireworks Display for the community.

In addition, GMP processes and manages online requests to post to its sign board at Route 104 and Daniel Webster Highway.

In coordination with a separate entity, the Meredith Merchants Group (MMG), GMP facilitated the annual "Spooktacular Scarecrow Contest," promoted Halloween Trick-or-Treating on Main and "Christmas in the Village" as part of the MMG's recurring Sundays on Main Street promotion. Other GMP initiatives were carried out by GMP Committees and Subcommittees.

GMP Committees and Board of Directors

The Greater Meredith Program's board is comprised of community leaders and town officials who volunteer their time and expertise to advance the mission of the organization. The GMP operates with the following standing committees and a variety of subcommittees: **Design, Meredith Sculpture Walk, Fundraising/Finance, Economic Development, and Promotion**. Each committee is comprised of board members and dedicated community volunteers.

Design Committee

The Design Committee provides design advice and it plans, organizes, and develops projects. The Committee and its subcommittees focused on the following in 2017: ongoing restoration and enhancement of **Swasey Park**, making progress on the **Ledge Beautification** project along a portion of Daniel Webster Highway, planting the 93rd of 100 trees planned for the village from 2009 -2019, removing and replacing diseased trees in **Scenic Park**, refurbishing the **GMP sign board** and planning landscape for its location at Routes 104 and Daniel Webster Highway, planning and fundraising for a bronze **Archie statue** to commemorate Meredith resident and artist the late Bob Montana, and planning for **landscape enhancements** on Daniel Webster Highway between Dover Street and Main Street. Design Committee Chair: Chris Williams and Members: Pam Coburn, John Edgar, Paul Eldridge, Bill Gartner, Casey Gerken, Bev Lapham, Andy and Diane Lane, Nancy Lavigne, Ginny Lovett, Jim McFarlin, Bob Manley, Wendell and Julie Rizzo, Katheryn Rolfe, Sandy Sullivan, Bob and Cindy Troop.

GMP sponsored and coordinated a 2016 Design Charrette, exploring ways to make **Swasey Park** more usable for the community. This beautiful, centrally located park is accessed off Main Street at the end of High Street and borders the Waukewan Canal. In 2017, dead and diseased trees were removed and trail restoration begun. Committee volunteers and Eric Buck of Terrain Planning & Design, Donovan Tree Experts, and the nonprofit Trail Wrights organization, in cooperation with Meredith Department of Parks and Recreation took more "steps to fulfilling the goals set out by the Greater Meredith Program's Design Charrette in June of 2016" says GMP Design Committee Chair, Chris Williams. Swasey Park Subcommittee CoChairs: Bill Gartner and Paul Eldridge.

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Another multi-year project exposing ledge and adding landscape plantings was completed in 2017. The **Ledge** across from the League of NH Craftsmen shop was cleared and landscaped to highlight the granite and brighten the west side of Daniel Webster Highway (Route 3). This coordinated volunteer effort included initial clearing and cutback by Scott Burns Landscaping and Tree Solutions/Mark Liebert. Belknap Landscape Company then air-spaded and created planting beds. Belknap Landscape Company also provided leaf pick-up in Spring and Fall. Final design and plant selection were prepared by Nancy Lavigne Landscape and Garden Design. Over 225 perennials from Stephens Landscaping were installed, a combined effort of Meredith Garden Club and GMP Design Committee members. Planting, ongoing maintenance, and watering volunteers: Sylvia Detscher, Bill Gartner, Casey Gerken, Jim and Paula Karlis, Andy and Diane Lane, Paul and Nancy Lavigne, Jim McFarlin, and Wendell and Julie Rizzo.

Scenic Park and the Inn at Bay Point were enhanced by following a Beautification Subcommittee plan developed by Eric Buck of Terrain Planning & Design. Ten trees were planted along Route 25 where dying trees were removed, and those remaining were pruned by Chippers, Inc./Tim Bergquist. Soil preparation, planting, and watering were provided by Scott Burns Landscaping. Beautification Subcommittee Chair: Chris Williams and Members: Diane Lane, Nancy Lavigne, Rusty McLearn.

Another subcommittee of Design coordinated the refurbishing by Omni Signs of the **GMP sign** at the intersection of Route 104 and Daniel Webster Highway. Bob Manley cleared/weed-whacked the area surrounding the sign. New landscaping is planned for 2018 with Breakthrough Property Management. Subcommittee Co-Chairs: Bob Manley and Jim McFarlin and Members: Pam Coburn, Nancy Lavigne, Cyndi Troop.

The **Archie Statue** subcommittee with Jim McFarlin as Chair organized and raised funds for a tribute to Bob Montana, to be presented to the Town of Meredith on August 9, 2018, in celebration of its 250th anniversary. Sculptor, Valery Mahuchy, of Bethlehem, NH, was selected and commissioned to create a life-sized statue of Archie sitting on a bench created by local artist-blacksmith David Little (Winnepesaukee Forge) and local multi-media artist, Steven Hayden (Steven Hayden Arts). Delivery of the life-sized clay model to the Green Foundry in Eliot, ME for production in bronze occurs January 8, 2018. \$55,000 has been raised to create and maintain the statue and its surrounds in Community Park on Main Street. Additional subcommittee members are Paul Eldridge, Bill Gartner, Bev Lapham, Nancy Lavigne, Bob Manley, Kathryn Rolfe, Chris Williams. Advisor: Lynn Montana

Meredith Sculpture Walk Committee

Celebrated its fourth year in 2017 with 33 sculptures by 25 artists positioned in high-visibility locations along Main St., throughout the Mill Falls Marketplace, and lakeside in Hesky and Scenic Parks. This is a year-round outdoor juried exhibition that fosters awareness and enjoyment of public art. It is also a part of enriching the region and the town. It enhances the quality public space that Meredith residents cherish and it draws visitors who become customers, diners, patrons, perhaps even neighbors or future employers. Its positive economic impact reflects that experienced by creative place-making initiatives elsewhere in New England and beyond. Popular tours, led by trained volunteer docents, were scheduled throughout the summer and fall and are available off-season, by appointment. In August, the Committee coordinated an outdoor public arts event with the New Hampshire Music Festival. Docents gave Sculpture Walk tours while NHMF musicians performed and fine artists painted and sketched beside Lake Winnepesaukee. The award-winning Meredith Sculpture Walk was nominated for the NH State Council for the Arts 2017 Governor's Arts Award. Committee Chair: Bev Lapham and Members: Heidi Barrett-Kitchen, Lissa Goodby, Steve Hayden, Jodie Herbert, Fred Huntress, Liz Lapham, Monica Philbin, Kathryn Rolfe, Nancy Rowley, Janet Sanguedolce, Sandy Sullivan. Installation Team Captain: Fred Huntress and Team: Dan Feddersen, Bill Gartner, Steve Hayden, Chuck Krueger, Andy Lane, Bev Lapham. Docent Coordinator: Lissa Goodby and Docents: Janet Gulezian, Tuffy Hamblet, Diane Lane, Liz Lapham, Monica Philbin, Sandy Sabutis, Lyn Seley, and Sue Witham.

Economic Development Committee

The **Career Partnership Program** (CPP) is an initiative co-sponsored by GMP and the Inter-Lakes School District. It provides our high school students the opportunity to explore future careers in hands-on working experiences. The CPP is unique in New Hampshire, taking its place among other school to work and work-force development initiatives that mutually benefit students and area businesses. It gives students an opportunity to make connections with local businesses while giving participating businesses the opportunity to introduce future entry level or career track opportunities to students. This happens through direct exposure via job shadows and internships, as well as, through a variety of other educational and experiential learning opportunities. This award-winning program

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continues to attract attention from and to serve as a model of success for various private and public entities including, most recently, the Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire. Newly hired in August 2017 CPP Executive Director, Michelle Martin, has already coordinated many internships and job shadows. She coordinated guest speakers representing different and distinct professions as well as the annual Politician/Public Servant forum. This forum for ninth graders featured four local politicians who discussed and addressed questions about what inspired them to run for office and what their positions as Representatives entail. Martin and IL-HS librarian Sarah Harbrook developed a thirty-minute program of routinely scheduled “Office Hours” when students may get help from teachers, work on assignments, or sign up for other enrichment opportunities. CPP Committee Chair: Chris Kelly and Members: Grace Ainsworth, Ted Fodero, Jeanie Forrester, Robert Kennelly, Holly Vieten

Promotion Committee

This GMP Committee promotes the district, and creates image campaigns, retail promotions, and special events to attract residents and visitors to the village. For two years (2017 and 2018), the committee’s focus is concentrated in two areas: implementing the “**Do the Loop**” and “**Beyond the Map**” initiative and supporting the **Meredith 250th**. The “**Do the Loop**” and “**Beyond the Map**” initiative promotes participating dining, shopping, other retail establishments, and services in Meredith. It includes two signs located at the waterfront depicting a walking map of the village center that features participants. The signs and an online version of the map, found at: greatermeredithprogram.com/do-the-loop guide residents and visitors to the shopping, dining, and other retail or service destinations depicted, within walking distance from the town docks. In addition, printed brochures include a “Beyond the Map” section to entice people to patronize other participating Meredith establishments located a short drive beyond the “Do the Loop” map. Committee Chair: Bob Manley

A year-long series of activities and events celebrating Meredith’s 250th Anniversary in 2018 is the culmination of more than four years of fundraising and planning by community volunteers and the **Meredith 250th** Committee! A wide variety of participating Meredith organizations, businesses, groups, and individuals have scheduled celebrations, commemorations, and tributes throughout Meredith’s sescentennial year. A kick-off celebration dinner and dance held December 30, 2017 at Hart’s Turkey Farm Restaurant, was a sold-out success. Updated information and a calendar of events is available online: greatermeredithprogram.com/250th-anniversary. Committee Cochairs: Steve Durand and Jeanie Forrester and Members: Kelly and Monica Bennett, Ann Butler, Jack and Vickie Carty, Joe and Judy Dever, Carol Gerken, Jim Hughes, Jonathan James, George Jewell, Chris Kelly, Bob Kennelly, Lynn Krautz, Ginny Lovett, Lorraine Miller, Steve Nedeau, Chuck Norwood, Bill Nunamacher, Janic Roberts, Ann Sprague, Carrie Sweetman, Jacki Taylor, Karen Thorndike, Nate Torr, Marie Valliere. 250th Kick-off Dinner Subcommittee: Kelly and Monica Bennett, Dennis and Cookie Boulanger, Lester Boynton; Kim, Dawn, and Steve Durand, Jeanie Forrester, Jonathan James, Diane Lafavre, Claire Lebel, Jeanne Lowery, Helga Paquin.

Annual Meeting At the **Annual Meeting** held in February, GMP recognized and highlighted the hard work and dedication of GMP volunteers 2016 Board Member of the Year award was presented to Bob Manley, 2016 Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Fred Huntress, 2016 Outstanding Business Supporter Award went to Chris Kelly and RE/MAX Associates. A special Recognition Award, was given to Liz Lapham upon retiring from four outstanding years as Executive Director.

2017 GMP Officers and Board Members Bob Manley, *President*; Bev Lapham, *Vice-President*; Dick Pendergast, *Treasurer*; Katheryn Rolfe, *Secretary*; Monica Philbin, *Executive Director*; and Board Members Steve Durand, Ted Fodero, Jeanie Forrester, Chris Kelly, Sam Laverack, Nancy Lavigne, Brad Leighton, Lynn Leighton, Rusty McLearn, Rob Stephens, Justin Van Etten, and Chris Williams and *Ex-officio members*: John Edgar, Mary Moriarty, and Phil Warren. GMP Board Member, Jack Carty, retired in 2017 after many years of dedicated service.

In Memoriam

The GMP dedicates this 2017 Annual Report to the memories of GMP Board Members: John Cook (1949 – 2017), Miller Lovett (1923 – 2017) whose years of generous service will continue to serve as an inspiration and a model for their grateful community.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and volunteers, the Greater Meredith Program thanks the Town of Meredith and its residents for their continued support of GMP’s work to enhance the economic vitality, historical and cultural heritage, and beauty of Meredith.

Respectfully submitted, Monica Philbin GMP Executive Director, greatermeredithprogram.com

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Mental Health Center

Effective January 1, 2018, Genesis Behavioral Health will assume its corporate non-profit name of Lakes Region Mental Health Center. A healthy, vibrant, and productive community requires the resources and capacity to provide high quality, accessible mental health care. Affecting 1 in 4 adults and 1 in 5 children, mental illness is a serious public health issue that impacts an entire community. The Lakes Region Mental Health Center dba Genesis Behavioral Health invites you to be a part of the solution by appropriating funds for Emergency Psychiatric Services. Every dollar of your contribution is invested in direct care for uninsured people in crisis, and is leveraged with funds from the other municipalities served by Genesis Behavioral Health.

In Fiscal Year 2017, **279** residents of Meredith received services from Genesis Behavioral Health, and **35** of these individuals utilized Emergency Services. Genesis provided **\$62,871.22** in charitable care to Meredith residents. The age breakdown is as follows:

Meredith Residents Served	Patients Served-Agency	Charitable Care in \$	Patients Served-ES
Children (0 to 17 years)	89	\$2,778	8
Adults (18 to 61 years)	158	\$49,633	25
Elder (62 + years)	32	\$10,461	2

Your continued support will help us ensure the provision of 24/7 Emergency Services to people in crisis, as oftentimes emergencies are attributable to lack of health insurance and/or the financial resources necessary to seek preventative care. For many, Emergency Services at Genesis Behavioral Health are the gateway into treatment. Access to timely and effective treatment supports recovery, and minimizes further harm to the patient, the community, and other systems of care.

Genesis Behavioral Health is requesting level funding of **\$13,500** this year. It is our hope that initiatives at the State level will lead to improvements in our mental health system, and that additional resources for communities will result in better outcomes for Granite Staters living with and recovering from mental illness. Genesis Behavioral Health is an active participant in these initiatives, including the Community Health Services Network, an integrated delivery network serving the Central NH and Winnepesaukee Public Health Regions. This group was recently approved for funding through the NH Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Waiver Program to better meet the needs of individuals with mental health and substance use disorders through an integrated approach.

What is a Mental Health Emergency? A mental health emergency is a sudden change in the mental status of an individual due to a one-time event or as the result of a pre-existing mental illness. Events causing a mental health emergency can include loss of job, divorce, natural disaster or the sudden loss of a loved one. A mental health emergency can occur at any time to anyone, regardless of age, gender or class. Symptoms of a mental health emergency can include, but are not limited to: Suicidal or homicidal thoughts, Feelings of desperation or anxiety, Delusional thoughts, Risk of harm to self or others

What are Emergency Services? Emergency Services are provided by Genesis Behavioral Health in accordance with regulations governing community mental health centers in the State of New Hampshire. Services include access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to Master's level clinicians and psychiatrists by individuals of all ages, hospitals, schools, police and others experiencing or dealing with a mental health emergency. The goal of Emergency Services is to reduce the individual's acute psychiatric symptoms, decrease risk of harm to self and others and assist in returning the individual to pre-crisis level functioning. Emergency Services are provided through a 24-hour emergency hotline, mobile crisis response, crisis stabilization, assessments and evaluation and voluntary/involuntary hospitalization. Services are provided in person, over the telephone and via telehealth to ensure rapid access to care.

How does the town benefit? Why should you invest in Emergency Services? Sadly, today we have a greater understanding of the devastating effects of a mental health crisis. We may get a glimpse of it in when a tragic event affects our own community: a horrific crime, a suicide, the aftermath of an accident.

The role of the Genesis Behavioral Health Emergency Services team is not simply to work with the individual in crisis, but to work with the community in its wake. This may include meeting with emergency responders as they cope with a difficult case or with school children and teachers as they mourn the loss of a classmate and student.

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Visiting Nurses Association

Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Service has had a busy year caring for you, your family, friend or a neighbor; patients are discharged to home from facilities with greater medical and social needs more than ever before. We are happy that they are going home and we are happy to care for them. Elderly couples struggle to care for one another or themselves; their families are challenged to assist their loved ones while maintaining jobs, live distance away and often times coping with their own health care issues. LRVNA's clinicians are prepared and have the skills to help patients and their families at home with the focus on quality care. LRVNA offers a comprehensive scope of services including skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, social work and personal care assistance. LRVNA is a Medicare/Medicaid certified and state licensed agency. Medicare recently awarded us with a 4 star rating for quality care and patient satisfaction as well as named LRVNA to the Home Care Elite list.

LRVNA is excited to report that we obtained our Hospice License in June of 2017 and we are now working on the Medicare Certification process. LRVNA is required to provide care to at least five patients before having a comprehensive survey by Medicare. We welcome Mary Ellen McCormack, BS, RN, CDP to our LRVNA team as our Hospice Director who brings with her a passion for end of life care. Mary Ellen has provided extensive training to our staff as well as volunteer education. Volunteers are a significant component to the hospice program to offer comfort and support to patients and their families; they also provide administrative assistance and support.

In this fast paced industry we must continue to address ways to improve efficiency and productivity; clinical staff utilize tablets to complete documentation on the Electronic Medical Record which is a web based program allowing staff access to updated patient information instantly; LRVNA is fortunate to have Mary Elliard who has a vision about technology and how to use technology to improve efficiency. Mary participated with the New Hampshire Health Information Organization on a State wide program to streamline the ability to share information between facilities called Direct Messaging.

LRVNA prides in being your local home health and hospice provider. We have made over 8,000 visits to patients in the communities we serve. In 2017 LRVNA provided 4773 patient visits to Meredith residents in their homes. We continue to offer blood pressure clinics twice a month at the Lions Club during congregated meals on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. We also offer blood pressure checks at the LRVNA office week days 9:00 – 10:00 am and 1:00- 2:00 pm. We obtained our Laboratory License in order to offer PT/INR testing with a physician order during our office hours. Please contact our office at 279-6611 for further information or visit our website at www.lrvna.org. We provided flu vaccine clinics at a variety of public locations in the communities we serve. We offer community education at the Moultonborough Library and Meredith Community Center partnering with both Parks and Recreation Departments for community events. We accept Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. LRVNA serves the communities of Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Melvin Village, Meredith, Moultonborough, Ossipee, Sandwich, Tuftonboro, and Wolfeboro.

I know I speak for everyone at Lakes Region Visiting Nurse Association in expressing our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the communities we serve for your ongoing support. LRVNA is here for you; please call us at 279-6611 for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Peaslee, RN
Executive Director



Supported Outside Agencies

Inter-Lakes Day Care Center & Nursery School

As Inter-Lakes Day Care Center approaches its 50th anniversary we reflect back on the impact of its services on local children and families, and the programs, activities, and achievements that bring us where we are today.



Over the years, I-LDCC has provided early care and education for thousands of local children. We are given the opportunity to see many grow from infancy to their elementary years. Teachers strive to foster a connection with each family to enhance the child's quality of care, to promote learning, and to share in milestones and achievements. I-LDCC also celebrates its wonderful staff. Current full time staff have been employed an average of 18 years and are able to draw upon their varied teaching and parenting experiences to meet the needs of all children. Additionally, all staff complete many hours of professional development annually to stay abreast of the changes inherent in the field of child development.

I-LDCC is open 6:30am to 5:30pm Monday through Friday to make it possible for parents to maintain full-time employment. I-LDCC's variety of programs and services include:

- ◆ morning preschool
- ◆ full and part-time care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers
- ◆ before and after school programs for school age children
- ◆ summer day camp
- ◆ healthy meals throughout the day
- ◆ field trips
- ◆ collaboration with other local agencies to provide enriching programs.
- ◆ I-LDCC offers an environment that encourages the development of the whole child while fostering a sense of independence, responsibility, and self-control.
- ◆ I-LDCC provides breakfast, lunch and snacks daily through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).
- ◆ Additionally, as a sponsoring agency, we facilitate meal reimbursements to licensed family day care homes who follow USDA guidelines to provide healthy meals and snacks to the children in their care.



I-LDCC strives to provide affordable child care to the families it serves. Through the State of NH's Child Care Scholarship tuition assistance is available to families with income up to 250% of the poverty guidelines. This helps parents who are employed, enrolled in degree or certificate programs, or who are temporarily disabled. Supporting families on the road to economic self-sufficiency helps ensure stability and routine for their children.

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 center and our families.

Sincerely,
Connie Pelletier
Executive Director

Supported Outside Agencies

Kidworks Learning Center

Kidworks Learning Center is a non-profit childcare center for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years. We offer a before and after school program, as well as, vacation and summer programs. The center 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. The center held their 14th Annual Food Drive. This was the Fifth Year we teamed up with Mill Falls at the Lake to make a donation to the Meredith Food Pantry. Our Pre-Kindergarten Class also continued their tradition of collecting items for the NH Humane Society during their animal unit. The children were very excited to deliver the food, toys and paper goods to the Humane Society.

2017 was a busy year and 2018 looks to be even busier. The center is fortunate to be selected to participate in a new pilot program, Licensed Plus 2.0, with the State of New Hampshire. This Quality Investment Initiative is a unique opportunity for Early Childhood Programs to participate in a structured and supportive setting that utilizes training, technical assistance and a cohort-model approach to promote professionalism and program quality. The center has become part of this unique opportunity as we strive together to increase access to high quality early childhood environments and experiences for children and families. This program allows centers to achieve a higher level of program quality by becoming a pilot program that will complete Licensed Plus 2.0, the preparatory level of New Hampshire's revised and enhanced Quality Rating Improvement System. This programs also supports low income families in obtaining quality Early Childhood Experiences for their children. The center is very excited for this opportunity.



On behalf of the families, staff, and Board of Directors of Kidworks Learning Center, I would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Town of Meredith for its continued support of the center.

Jennifer Weeks
Executive Director

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Planning Commission

The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization created by Lakes Region communities as enabled by NHRSA 36 for the broad purpose of responding to and shaping the pressures of change in a meaningful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton, and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. As our economy and world change, so does the work we engage in. The Commission offers direct and support services to help our communities meet tomorrow's challenges. Our services include group and cooperative purchasing, technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazards planning, and economic development. LRPC is primarily funded through local, state, and federal resources. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and guidance to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region. Some of the services provided on behalf of the Town of Meredith and the region in the past fiscal year are noted below:

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OUTREACH

- ◆ Worked on Electricity Aggregation that would ultimately save the town approximately \$15,000 in electricity costs over the next year;
- ◆ The regional HHW collection saves the town several thousand dollars per year based on what it would cost if it was bid out separately (not to mention the regional collection protects the town from residents from another town illegally dumping);
- ◆ Worked on formatting and text of Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) in Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP);
- ◆ Corresponded with EMD and followed up with several committee members to get feedback/edits to draft LEOP;
- ◆ Reviewed proposal from potential sub-contractor for Pardoe Water Quality project;
- ◆ Reviewed materials associated with the Meredith Hazardous Materials mapping program and examples of Geographic Response Plans;
- ◆ Developed a plan for creating as detailed a map as possible of water pathways, improving upon the state-wide hydro layer;
- ◆ Discussion with Meredith DPW Head about the HHW budget, appropriations, grant funds, donations, transparency, and the costs of disposal;
- ◆ Discussed Meredith project with NH DOT Preliminary Design staff to clarify available funds/need for 2017 TYP application and with Meredith Community Development Director – shared electronic copy of 2015 application;
- ◆ Followed up with NH DOT staff regarding availability of Safety Analyst to evaluate safety criteria for TYP applications; discussed potential project approaches with Meredith Town Planner and provided supporting documents; and
- ◆ Discussed, corresponded regarding TIP scoring process and draft outcome with municipal officials in Meredith.

REGIONAL SERVICES

- ◆ Hosted the June 26, 2017 Annual Meeting held at the Wolfeboro Inn in Wolfeboro NH, with featured speaker NH Senator Jeb Bradley. Approximately 100 attendees socialized, enjoyed the awards presentations and the Senator's speech;
- ◆ Began work on Electricity Aggregation that would ultimately save participating communities and school districts approximately \$110,000
- ◆ Completed environmental assessments on contaminated properties throughout region to control liability and encourage redevelopment through Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Program;
- ◆ Provided solid waste technical assistance to Lakes Region Communities through a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Solid Waste & Water grant award;
- ◆ Provided Geographic Information System and map making, printing, and scanning services to communities throughout the region;
- ◆ Assisted planning boards, ZBA's, and conservation commissions with Technical Land Use Assistance;
- ◆ Convened and staffed Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) meetings;
- ◆ Updated the PRLAC website; addressed questions about availability of information relative to Northern Pass testimony - minutes, agenda (10 years) and Management Plan; and sent follow-up information to PRLAC representatives, including legislative tracking links;
- ◆ Addressed Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) award ceremony in Ashland with NHDRED Commissioner Rose, NBRC Co-Chair and representatives from US Senator Ayotte and US Representative Kuster's offices;
- ◆ Continued interim Town Planner/Circuit Rider assistance to enrolled communities;
- ◆ Led Lakes Region community involvement in Regional Public Health Roundtable and webinar on Financing Climate Change Actions;
- ◆ Responded to numerous requests for reviews on Developments of Regional Impact, prepared draft comments, discussed with staff and municipal planners, corresponded with state and local officials, reviewed relevant state statutes, and explored methods of improving LRPC process;

Supported Outside Agencies

Lakes Region Planning Commission

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

- ◆ Handled over 43 tons of Hazardous Substances from 25 Communities and safeguarded the region's overall water quality and environment through coordination of the 28th Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days;
- ◆ Had the assistance of over 80 volunteers;
- ◆ Had record number of cars in attendance, 1,839;
- ◆ Business cards with supplementary information about the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility (LRHHPF) and disposal of unused medications were printed and distributed. New this year were colorful refrigerator magnets with contact information, collection reminders, and a recipe for a non-toxic cleaner;
- ◆ This was the first year of a contract with a new vendor, Clean Venture/ACV. This arrangement is an important step in controlling costs to the communities and LRPC; and
- ◆ Our survey asked about willingness to pay a disposal fee on both latex and oil-based paints to allow for recycling of unused paint. 74% of those responding approved of the concept.

EDUCATION

- ◆ Convened five Area and Full Commission meetings and facilitated discussion on: Solar power, Accessory Dwelling Units, Regional Electricity Demand Aggregation, legislation in the Lakes Region (including legislation on setback on seasonal docks, NH Energy Policy, and Complete Streets among other topics), a view from the NH Senate, and the Winnepesaukee River Basin Program;
- ◆ Provided valuable environmental consulting assistance through Phase I and Phase II Brownfield Assessments and redevelopment activity on nearly a dozen Lakes Region sites;
- ◆ Maintained a digital and traditional library of significant planning documents from air quality to zoning;
- ◆ Prepared strategic planning reports such as demographic studies, build-out analyses, and attitude surveys, etc.;
- ◆ Upgraded our website, www.lakesrpc.org to include an improved home page with a rotating display and links to our most visited pages, improved HHW page, a new Solid Waste page, improved community pages, link to our new Facebook page and much more;
- ◆ Developed and awarded Lake Winnisquam Watershed Management Assistance Program;
- ◆ Collaborated with other regional planning commissions through NH Association of Regional Planning Commissions and Executive Directors' meetings in Concord;
- ◆ Coordinated with Belknap county conservation district on regional aquifer protection ordinances and supported BCCD's efforts on bank stabilization project;
- ◆ Corresponded with staff and others regarding the Lake Winnisquam Watershed Homeowners' Association watershed protection efforts and coordinated Local Source Water Protection Grant outreach meeting with NH DES;
- ◆ Coordinated Source water protection workshop and review of groundwater protection model ordinance requirements with planning board representatives from 6 communities;
- ◆ Trained by NH DHHS in Climate Adaptation Strategies;
- ◆ Researched, developed with health partners and circulated Lyme disease resources and materials;
- ◆ Coordinated and hosted several Solid Waste Roundtable meetings. Topics included: Universal Waste, Electronic Waste, Composting, Recycling, and Plastic Bags; and
- ◆ Began development of a resource guide for municipal outdoors workers and landscapers.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Served as NH Business Finance Authority (NHBFA) Board member and voted on major credit and bond issues including loan guarantees for area businesses;
- ◆ Coordinated with area economic development groups including Belknap Economic Development Council (BEDC), Capital Region Development Corporation (CRDC), Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation (FBDIC), Grafton County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) and Mount Washington Valley Economic Council in pursuit of workforce development and growth opportunities for the region;
- ◆ Continued to work with area economic development organizations, and pursue relevant opportunities with the Economic Development Administration;
- ◆ Worked with NHBFA and City of Franklin officials to develop a loan application to perpetuate downtown development. Assisted city on whitewater park EDA application;
- ◆ Participated in search committee and interviews for NHBFA Executive Director; and
- ◆ Worked with Northfield EDC on wastewater system expansion.

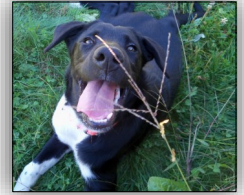
TRANSPORTATION

- ◆ Continued working with the Lakes Region Tour Scenic Byway Advisory Committee to spur economic development and preserve regional scenic quality and visitor experiences;
- ◆ Provided Geographic Information System services and technical land use assistance to our communities;
- ◆ Conducted over 200 annual traffic counts around the region;

Supported Outside Agencies

New Hampshire Humane Society

Animals finding themselves within the Town limits of Meredith can be assured a positive outcome thanks to the ongoing collaboration with the Town and the New Hampshire Humane Society. For any issue relative to animal welfare, whether it be a stray dog running loose, or a litter of abandoned kittens, a resident needing help with low cost spay neuter options, children enjoying our pet enrichment programs, or the elderly receiving pet therapy visits, we are the resource called upon and are honored to be an important part of the lives of Meredith constituents.



In 2017, we unveiled the CATIO, a three season space for shelter cats which was funded entirely by donations from our supporters. New Hampshire Humane Society has a staff of 21 dedicated animal professionals. Sixteen part-time and five full-time staff provide all the care necessary for every animal who arrives at our door. Care and comfort, medical, emotional and behavioral rehabilitation happens 365 days of the year. Animal Control Officers and Law Enforcement have access to our facility 24 hours a day, every day, for strays or abandoned animals from the Town.

All animals are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. We offer many programs to the residents of Meredith. Notably two spay/neuter options: 1) SNAP Spay Neuter Assistance Program for surgical sterilization of privately owned pets, and 2) our PAW Fund for those truly in financial straits. Application to both funds is easy and streamlined via our online portal www.nhhumane.org.

We operate a pet food pantry for those who need help feeding their pets. We recognize offering a helping hand keeps families together and avoids the wrenching decision to surrender a pet. We also provide cat litter if it is on hand. We offer education/outreach to students within the Meredith School System. We provide Volunteer opportunities for all over the age of 16 including programs designed especially for younger animal advocates. Cat Tails allows children not old enough to volunteer to spend time with our cats in the dedicated reading nook – and Puppy Love, families can visit and spend time with puppies, when we have them, thus providing socialization of this rambunctious outgoing pets and teaching children empathy and respect at the same time.

New Hampshire Humane Society has been an advocate for animals since 1900. We have blossomed from a shelter that was a holding facility for animals to a full service adoption agency. 1,263 creatures passed over the NHHS threshold in 2017.

As a registered 501 (c) 3 charity, we are pledged to advocate for the animals we serve, speaking for those that cannot speak for themselves. NHHS is funded, and the mission only sustainable with public support. Funded 100% by donation, like minded animal stewards, local businesses, community allow us to continue these important services which of course, extend to the Town of Meredith.



Animal activity - 2017 - from the Town of Meredith is as follows:

- 12 Meredith families accessed our low cost Spay/Neuter programs
- 15 Pets were surrendered by 15 Meredith residents
- 32 Stray animals were received from the Town of Meredith
- 7 feral cats were surrendered to NHHS
- 17 naughty dogs running loose were claimed by their Meredith owners
- 1 cat was claimed by their owner
- 48 Meredith families adopted from NHHS
- 1 dog was held in Rabies Quarantine
- 1 Cruelty case
- 3 resident/elder care facilities received
- 36 visits by NHHS certified Therapy dogs

Respectfully submitted



Marylee Gorham, NHHS Executive Director
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NH Humane Society
Over a century of love for those without a voice.

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Supported Outside Agencies

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 on-going support. Your 2017 allocation of **\$1,836.00** has enabled our agency to continue to provide trauma informed direct services including 24-hour crisis intervention, long term support and assistance, and outreach and education to people whose lives have been affected by domestic and sexual violence and stalking in all of Belknap County.

Our organization operates a full-time shelter with a food pantry and material goods; staffs a 24-hour crisis line; provides 24-hour advocacy at hospitals and police stations; provides court and social service advocacy; and offers non-judgmental support and advocacy on a one-to-one basis as well as in peer support groups. New Beginnings has programming for children and teens that have witnessed and experienced violence, including resiliency-based programs. Though we serve a small county, the need for services is great. We were able to do a Primary Prevention Programming in Meredith school system. We had advocates in Belknap County courts each working day of this budget year. New Beginnings is the only domestic and sexual violence crisis center serving Belknap County, offering support and advocacy to **914** individuals in FY17, including **66** residents of the town of Meredith and resulting in **12,897** individual services. Some of these services were provided by our volunteers, who donated over **23,000** service hours.



New Beginnings plays a significant role in the greater community. We facilitate outreach activities and offer education programs to businesses, clubs and groups. We also facilitate age-appropriate prevention programs for students in kindergarten through college, including topics such as conflict resolution, bullying, healthy relationships, and dating and sexual violence.

We participate in many committees and commissions, including the Belknap County Family Violence Prevention Council, a task force made up of community members and professionals initiated by the Governor’s Commission to take a stand against domestic and sexual violence in our county. New Beginnings partners with law enforcement through the Lethality Assessment Program (LAP), to reduce the rate of domestic violence homicides in Belknap County and ensure service provision to victims receiving police response. Advocates participate in the local Sexual Assault Resource Team (SART), a comprehensive collaboration of Belknap County Professionals dedicated to promoting efficient and victim-centered services in sexual assault cases; improving conviction rates and engaging victims’ services focused on their health and healing.

We are 1 of 13 member programs of the NH 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.

Sincerely,

Kathy Keller
Executive Director
New Beginnings – Without Violence and Abuse

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Vital Statistics

Births

<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Child's Name</i>	<i>Father's/Partner's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
01/03/17	Wright, Liam Patrick	Wright, Nicholas	Price, Megan
01/19/17	Rosario, Mattingly Michael	Rosario, David	Rosario, Tricia
03/19/17	Maguire, Aviana Susan		Cummings, Brianna
03/20/17	Crowder, Winsley Lynn	Crowder, Scott	Crowder, Chelsea
03/31/17	Lane, Violet Denise	Lane, Scott	Lane, Chelsea
04/06/17	Johnson, Maddison Taylor	Johnson, Joseph	Johnson, Mariah
04/14/17	Boulanger, Claire Mary	Boulanger, Kenny	Boulanger, Jennifer
05/03/17	Jencks, Greyson Michael	Jencks, Gregory	Potter, Amber
05/09/17	Horne, Charlotte Raelynn	Horne, Scott	Horne, Jennifer
05/11/17	Frassica, Kai Matthew	Frassica, Ryan	Orlando, Sara
06/07/17	Philpot, Kennedy Mae	Philpot, William	Philpot, Barbara
06/19/17	Burrows, Samuel Gordon	Burrows, Nathaniel	Burrows, Elizabeth
06/29/17	Champlain, Chase Robert	Champlain, Brad	Champlain, Carolyn
07/03/17	Turner Jr, Laban John	Turner, Laban	Fry, Brittney
07/10/17	Pillsbury, Freya Rose	Pillsbury, Matthew	Cole, Jocelyn
07/14/17	Taggett, Emily Rose	Taggett, Joshua	Taggett, Brandi
07/17/17	Snow, Wyatt Thomas	Snow, Zachary	Lemelin, Marissa
07/18/17	Sullivan, Claire Frances	Sullivan, Sean	Sullivan, Whitney
08/01/17	Wonson, Allison Lee	Wonson, Andrew	Wonson, Victoria
08/01/17	Allen, Olivia Lane	Allen, Arthur	Allen, Heather
09/05/17	Barber, Maverick Earl	Barber, Douglas	Lemire, Courtney
09/09/17	Phillips, Bryson Ember	Phillips, Thomas	McKenna, Madison
09/25/17	Dunn, James Michael	Dunn, Steven	Dunn, Christina
11/15/17	Davis, Peyden Storm		Davis, Meranda
11/21/17	Gerry, Dawson Scott	Gerry, Timothy	Gerry, Tabitha
12/01/17	Lamontagne, Jameson Robert	Lamontagne, Brian	Guerin, Stephanie
12/05/17	Thompson, Luke Francis	Thompson, James	Thompson, Sarah
12/09/17	Bickford, Jobias James		Bickford, Jenna
12/17/17	Tocci, Stella Rose	Tocci, Alex	Tocci, Kayla

Vital Statistics

Marriages

<i>Marriage</i>	<i>Person A's</i>		<i>Person B's</i>	
	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
05/13/17	Peterson, Eric A	Meredith, NH	Boling, Deborah S	Peabody, MA
06/03/17	Popek, James B	Meredith, NH	Hachez, Laura A	Meredith, NH
06/08/17	Stokes Sr, Rodney E	Meredith, NH	Contestable, Marlyn A	Philippines
06/22/17	Tocci, Alex C	Meredith, NH	Leslie, Kayla B	Meredith, NH
07/08/17	Gonyea, Stephen J	Meredith, NH	Leonard, Vanessa M	Meredith, NH
07/15/17	Dever III, John W	Meredith, NH	Ballentine, Melissa J	Meredith, NH
07/24/17	Horman, Joseph T	Meredith, NH	Anderson, Kimberly L	Meredith, NH
07/29/17	Roy, Dean A	Meredith, NH	Garden, Katharine S	Meredith, NH
07/29/17	Richards, Peter J	Meredith, NH	Fernandes, Tara M	Meredith, NH
08/19/17	Donnelly, James M	Meredith, NH	Sullivan, Shannon	Meredith, NH
08/19/17	Davis, Jesse A	Meredith, NH	Allen, Kay-Lee M	Meredith, NH
08/21/17	Harper Sr, Jerry W	Meredith, NH	Harper, Alisha N	Meredith, NH
09/15/17	Galvin, Scott J	Meredith, NH	Easton, Tara L	Meredith, NH
09/16/17	Lavallee, Garrett	Meredith, NH	Mignanelli, Jaclyn F	Meredith, NH
09/16/17	Swan, Brian M	Meredith, NH	Quinn, Erinn I	Meredith, NH
10/20/17	Schilling, Austin C	Meredith, NH	Bosse, Janelle R	Meredith, NH
10/21/17	Lank Jr, Howard R	Meredith, NH	DeFosses, Ashley E	Meredith, NH
10/30/17	Franklin, Bradford	Meredith, NH	Lawton, Sandra R	Meredith, NH
11/04/17	Billings, Grant C	Meredith, NH	Nason, Rebekah L	Meredith, NH

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>
01/04/17	Baker, Ruth	Meredith	Campbell, James	Richardson, Hazel
01/06/17	Finn, Joyce	Meredith	Scotten, Lloyd	Tovim, Eva
01/09/17	Butt, Jennie	Meredith	Castrucci, Anthony	Decaro, Santa-Maria
01/14/17	Corriveau, Helen	Meredith	Bennett, Elwood	Crossley, Arlene
01/18/17	Robinson, Bree	Laconia	Braxton, Charles	Binnington, Marjorie
01/20/17	Cahoe, Donna	Meredith	Cahoe, Andrew	Unknown, Ann
01/27/17	Rice Jr, Thomas	Meredith	Rice Sr, Thomas	Lyman, Elizabeth
01/28/17	Hibbard, Jean	Laconia	Dole, Roland	Lovett, Lavinia
01/30/17	Contons, Helen	Meredith	Gastar, Julius	Klimovich, Anna
02/08/17	Gilman, Majorie	Meredith	Cate, Theodore	Merrill, Mable
02/08/17	Cohen, Irma	Meredith	Freedman, Archie	Hurvitz, Sarah
02/14/17	Pocock, Anne	Meredith	Nadeau, Andrew	Holden, Patricia
02/14/17	Glanzman, Blanche	Meredith	Brown, Charles	Brice, Gladys
02/15/17	Decker, Jean	Laconia	Greenlaw, Arthur	Boyd, Marion
02/16/17	Sydorwicz, Katherine	Meredith	Boehlefeld, Christian	Matheisen, Frances
02/18/17	Vazifdar, Meher	Laconia	Patel, Rustom	Mistry, Puttlie
02/19/17	Taggett, Suzanne	Meredith	Sidney Jr, Ilwin	Bailey, Florence
02/23/17	Walsh, Grace	Meredith	Lanzetta, Antonio	Unknown, Maria
02/23/17	Kosits, Roger	Meredith	Kosits, Rudolph	Commeret, Eleanor
02/25/17	Rideout, John	Meredith	Rideout, John	Kempton, Barbara
02/27/17	Noreen Jr, Harold	Meredith	Noreen, Arthur	Power, Frances
02/27/17	Range II, Thomas	Laconia	Range, Thomas	Johnston, Karen
03/04/17	Williams, Lolita	Meredith	Machon, Norman	Knowles, Eley
03/13/17	Normandin, Richard	Meredith	Normandin, Paul	Neil, Jeanette
03/14/17	Moynihan, Virginia	Meredith	Kolesar, John	Pinka, Anna
03/14/17	Smith, Rose	Meredith	Martirani, Pasquel	Guliucci, Rose
03/14/17	Damareli, Shirley	Meredith	Richardson, Harry	McLelland, Mary
03/23/17	Reinhardt, Doris	Gilmanton	Hauck, Albert	Lunt, Jane

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<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
04/01/17	Ruel, James	Meredith	Ruel, Patrick	Lessard, Elsie
04/01/17	Welch, Helen	Meredith	Pierce, John	Wall, Helen
04/02/17	Larocca, Alice	Meredith	Kargozian, Charles	Gulezian, Mary
04/09/17	Mucci III, John	Meredith	Mucci, John	Nelson, Jane
04/09/17	Newell, Betty	Meredith	Hickey, Charles	Beyers, Gertrude
04/09/17	Charland, Jean	Meredith	Whiting, Frederick	Hanson, Orie
04/15/17	Watson, Allison	Meredith	Winsor, David	Gibson, Kathleen
04/20/17	Weeks, Carol	Meredith	Armstrong, Jack	MacDonald, Lucielle
04/22/17	Gorman, Raymond	Lebanon	Gorman, James	Oliver, Florence
04/25/17	Kean, Peter	Meredith	Kean, Joseph	Kearney, Elizabeth
04/26/17	Keaton, Wilfrid	Laconia	Keaton, Wilfrid	Brett, Regina
04/28/17	Dworkin, Olivia	Meredith	Collidge, J	Hill, Mary
05/03/17	Farrell, Flora	Meredith	Scott, Henry	Cooper, Nellie
05/04/17	Holbrook, Barbara	Meredith	Brennan, John	Guilmette, Eva
05/10/17	Laskey, Richard	Meredith	Laskey, Harold	Allen, Marjorie
05/10/17	Willmott, Marissa	Lebanon	Germain Sr, Frederick	Chase, Judith
05/16/17	Gahagan Jr, Carl	Laconia	Gahagan Sr, Carl	Fontaine, Barbara
05/16/17	Truell, Tony	Meredith	Truell, Paul	Cutting, Maude
05/20/17	Lapoint, Carl	Laconia	Lapoint, Raymond	Hayden, Doris
05/21/17	Schroeder, Annelise	Meredith	Waldman, Ernest	Weege, Louise
06/22/17	Tunnicliffe III, Edmund	Meredith	Tunnicliffe Jr, Edmund	Frost, Elizabeth
06/23/17	Hodecker-George, Christine	Laconia	Hodecker, Richard	McGinn, Barbara
06/26/17	Brunt, Patricia	Laconia	MacDonald, Ernest	Diack, Ethel
06/30/17	James, Marjorie	Meredith	Wood, Leland	Leonard, Irene
07/02/17	Hall, David	Meredith	Hall, Leland	White, Alene

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
07/03/17	White, Erminie	Meredith	Crandall, James	Blakeney, Leah
07/04/17	Haskins, Lillian	Meredith	Letourneau, John	Richards, Marie
07/08/17	Stephens, Virginia	Meredith	Holmes, William	Schweikert, Caroline
07/10/17	Lapoint, Jaclyn	Meredith	Lapoint, Glenroy	Fernicola, Kathryn
07/18/17	Smith, Gerard	Meredith	Smith, Gerard	Mrozinski, Jean
07/20/17	Gulezian, Barkev	Meredith	Gulezian ,Peter	Terzian, Pauline
07/24/17	Doucette, Teresa	Laconia	Di Donato, Michael	Mazzucchi, Julia
07/26/17	McKinzie, Yvonne	Laconia	Zabeau, Edore	Brandt, Anna
07/31/17	Childs, William	Meredith	Childs, Charles	Stienwey, Margaret
08/03/17	Walenda, Richard	Laconia	Walenda, Jan	Sznurkowska, Jozefa
08/03/17	Desousa, Marcia	Laconia	Mollica, Robert	Cassilly, Mary
08/06/17	Borchert, Gloria	Meredith	Jordan, John	Glueck, Edna
08/06/17	Folsom, John	Meredith	Folsom, Gregory	Hatcher, Sara
08/08/17	Steele, Sandra	Meredith	Gardner, Louis	Emmons, Evelyn
08/09/17	Barton, Ida	Laconia	Copadis, Constentine	Blogouras, Elizabeth
08/19/17	Mountfort, Esther	Meredith	Robie, Bernard	Sawyer, Emma
08/20/17	Paquette, Roger	Meredith	Paquette, Lucien	Fortin, Albertine
08/21/17	Schaffner, Martha	Meredith	Gourley, Herbert	Loewenthal, Helen
08/23/17	Burbank, Marion	Laconia	Smith, Edward	Caldon, Ida
08/26/17	Merritt, Gary	Portsmouth	Merritt, Donald	Anderson, Pauline
08/29/17	Raycroft, Catherine	Meredith	Hermann, Archie	Prell, Mayme
08/29/17	McNeil Sr, Richard	Meredith	McNeil, Douglas	Naser, Rose
09/01/17	Prescott, Donald	Laconia	Prescott, Cleveland	Hartshorn, Dorothy
09/02/17	Pond, Patricia	Meredith	Comstock, Elliot	Althleen-Alexander, Gertrude
09/12/17	Lee, Mary	Meredith	Dustin, Donald	McDonald, Jessica
09/23/17	Hubert, Simone	Meredith	Krisekos, Christos	Lemay, Lucienna
09/28/17	Fournier, Robert	Concord	Fournier, Henry	McInnis, Florence
10/13/17	Lovett, Miller	Meredith	Lovett, Charles	Miller, Phoebe

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Decedent's Name</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Maiden Name</i>
10/14/17	Hines, Patricia M	Laconia	King, John	Mahoney, Margaret
10/14/17	Simmons, Mary	Meredith	Bachhuber, Francis	Foley, Mable
11/06/17	Garland, Sandra	Ossipee	Cousins, Alton	Unknown, Dorothy
11/10/17	Cochran, Richard	Meredith	Cochran, Richard	Moulton, Marjorie
11/10/17	Royce, Lucienne	Meredith	Bisson, Joseph	Grenier, Jeanne
11/12/17	Burrows, Donald	Laconia	Burrows, Nathaniel	Gordon, Edrie
11/20/17	Riley, Lucille	Laconia	Worster, Ardie	Unknown, Mae
11/28/17	Walsh, Jean	Meredith	Sheehan, Eugene	Owens, Amelda
11/29/17	Preston, Robert	Meredith	Preston, Richard	Brush, Marjorie
12/02/17	Bohl, Marion	Laconia	Porter, Albert	Douglas, Lilla
12/10/17	Seyfried, Anna	Meredith	Seyfried, Harry	Weinberger, Karoline
12/11/17	Yaeger, Mary	Meredith	Hickey, Richard	Elovecky, Anne
12/12/17	Hamilton, Evelyn	Meredith	Gumkowski, Julius	Arkasky, Helen
12/16/17	Perkins, Tina	Laconia	Perkins, Rudolph	Welch, Marilyn
12/16/17	Berry, Barbara	Epsom	Willoughby, Edward	Murdock, Dorothy
12/16/17	Roessler, Robert	Laconia	Roessler, Charles	Ross, Georgianna
12/16/17	Walker, Robert	Meredith	Walker, Charles	Perry, Irene
12/18/17	Pelon, Paul	Meredith	Pelon, Charles	Kennedy, Emily
12/19/17	Adams, Robert	Meredith	Adams, James	Walsh, Patricia
12/20/17	Wittig, Simone	Meredith	Boyer, Wilfrid	Barriere, Emma
12/20/17	Dow, Julie	Meredith	Way, Bert	Widuck, Nellie
12/21/17	Scheffer, Rodman	Meredith	Scheffer, Alfred	Lang, Lillian
12/24/17	Copsey, Lenora	Meredith	Herr, George	Krein, Maggie
12/29/17	Shaw, Mildred	Meredith	Blaisdell, Ellis	Merrill, Eva
12/31/17	Rushton, James	Laconia	Rushton, Asa	Main, Martha

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Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Group

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types		Account Group		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency		General Long-Term Debt		
Assets & Other Debts								
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Equivalents	\$17,233,744	\$ 2,857,637	\$ 32,540	\$ 2,414,981	\$.		\$	22,538,902
Investments			151,529	964,319				1,115,848
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectibles)								
Taxes	(693,852)							(693,852)
Accounts		113,958		333,264				447,222
Special Assessments-Current	6,275							6,275
Special Assessments-Noncurrent								
Other	41,145							41,145
Interfund Receivable	(443,988)							(443,988)
Intergovernmental Receivable								
Statutory Tax Liens Receivable	55,530							55,530
Statutory Tax Liens Reserved Until Collected	(55,530)							(55,530)
<u>Other Debts</u>								
Compensated Absences							405,956	405,956
Amount to be provided for Retirement of General Long-Term Debt							3,282,907	3,282,907
Total Assets & Other Debts	\$16,143,324	\$ 2,971,595	\$ 184,069	\$ 3,712,564	\$ 3,688,863	\$	\$	26,700,415

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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	Total		
		Revenue	Projects			General Long-Term Debt	Term Debt	
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Accounts Payable	\$ 33,717	\$ 159	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,876
Retainage Payable								8,114,077
Intergovernmental Payable	8,114,077							3,023,781
Interfund Payable	3,023,781			144,514				144,514
Escrow & Performance Deposits								849,924
Deferred Revenue		849,924						316,422
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable				316,422				3,282,907
General Obligation Debt Payable					3,282,907			405,956
Compensated Absences Payable					405,956			3,688,863
Total Liabilities	\$ 11,171,575	\$ 850,083	\$ -	\$ 460,936	\$ 3,688,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,171,457
<u>Equity</u>								
<u>Fund Balances</u>								
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ 512,117	\$ 82,843	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 594,960
Reserved for Special Purposes	810,518	310,142	184,069	3,251,628				4,556,356
Reserved for Capital Recovery		560,000						560,000
<u>Unreserved</u>								
Designated for Special Purposes	3,649,113	1,168,527						4,817,640
Undesignated (Deficit)	4,971,748	2,121,512	184,069	3,251,628				10,528,956
Total Equity	\$ 16,143,324	\$ 2,971,595	\$ 184,069	\$ 3,712,564	\$ 3,688,863	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,700,414
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	\$ 10,924	\$ 90,611	\$ 152,331	\$ 68,000	\$ 1,437,512	\$ 1,098,259	\$ 2,857,637
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectables)							
Accounts					51,080	62,878	113,958
Interfund Receivable							
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 10,924</u>	<u>\$ 90,611</u>	<u>\$ 152,331</u>	<u>\$ 68,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,591</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,137</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,595</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & EQUITY</u>							
<u>Liabilities</u>							
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 150	\$ 8	\$ 159
Deferred Rev.- Access Fees					314,454	535,470	849,924
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 314,604	\$ 535,478	\$ 850,083
<u>Equity</u>							
<u>Fund Balances</u>							
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 5,538	\$ 77,305	\$ 82,843
Reserved for Special Purposes	10,924	78,887	152,331	68,000			310,142
Reserved for Capital Recovery					560,000		560,000
<u>Unreserved</u>							
Unreserved/Undesignated		11,724			608,449	548,353	1,168,527
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>\$ 10,924</u>	<u>\$ 90,611</u>	<u>\$ 152,331</u>	<u>\$ 68,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,173,987</u>	<u>\$ 625,659</u>	<u>\$ 2,121,512</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>\$ 10,924</u>	<u>\$ 90,611</u>	<u>\$ 152,331</u>	<u>\$ 68,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,488,591</u>	<u>\$ 1,161,137</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,595</u>

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Capital Project Funds - Combining Balance Sheet

	<u>Community Center</u>	<u>Landfill Closure</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 7,230	\$ 25,310	\$ 32,540
Investments	151,929		151,929
Interfund Receivable			
Total Assets	<u>\$ 159,159</u>	<u>\$ 25,310</u>	<u>\$ 184,469</u>
 Liabilities & Fund Balances			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$	\$	\$
Due to General Fund			
Retainage Payable			
Total Liabilities	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
 Fund Balances			
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$	\$	\$
Reserve for Special Purposes	159,159	25,310	184,469
 Unreserved			
Undesignated (Deficit)			
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 159,159</u>	<u>\$ 25,310</u>	<u>\$ 184,469</u>
 Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	 <u>\$ 159,159</u>	 <u>\$ 25,310</u>	 <u>\$ 184,469</u>

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Trust and Agency Funds - Combining Balance Sheets

ASSETS	Trust Funds					
	Expendable			Nonexpendable		
	Library	Others	Town	Library	Agency Funds	Totals
Cash & Equivalents	\$ 7,976	\$ 2,256,428	\$ 6,048	\$.	\$ 144,529	\$ 2,414,981
Investments			107,683	760,813		964,319
<u>Receivables</u>						
Interest						
Accounts					333,264	333,264
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 95,823</u>	<u>\$ 2,256,428</u>	<u>\$ 113,731</u>	<u>\$ 760,813</u>	<u>\$ 477,793</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,564</u>
<u>LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES</u>						
<u>Liabilities</u>						
Interfund Payable						
Escrow and Performance Deposits					144,529	144,529
Deferred Comp. Benefits Payable					333,264	333,264
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$.</u>	<u>\$ 477,793</u>	<u>\$ 477,793</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>						
Reserved For Endowments						
Reserved For Special Purposes	95,823	7,976	2,256,428	113,731	760,813	3,234,771
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	<u>95,823</u>	<u>7,976</u>	<u>2,256,428</u>	<u>113,731</u>	<u>760,813</u>	<u>3,234,771</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 95,823</u>	<u>\$ 7,976</u>	<u>\$ 2,256,428</u>	<u>\$ 113,731</u>	<u>\$ 477,793</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,564</u>

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Agency Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Assets and Liabilities

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2017</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2017</u>
<u>Developers' Performance Bond Fund</u>				
Assets				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 144,515	\$ 14	\$	\$ 144,529
Liabilities				
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 144,515	\$ 14	\$	\$ 144,529
<u>ICMA Deferred Compensation Plan</u>				
Assets				
Due from Others	\$ 316,422	\$ 45,634	\$ 28,792	\$ 333,264
Liabilities				
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	\$ 316,422	\$ 45,634	\$ 28,792	\$ 333,264
<u>Total - All Agency Funds</u>				
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 144,515	\$ 14	\$	\$ 144,529
Due from Others	316,422	45,634	28,792	333,264
Total Assets	\$ 460,936	\$ 45,648	\$ 28,792	\$ 477,793
Escrow and Performance Deposits	\$ 144,515	\$ 14	\$	\$ 144,529
Deferred Compensation Benefits Payable	316,422	45,634	28,792	333,264
Total Liabilities	\$ 460,937	\$ 45,648	\$ 28,792	\$ 477,793

Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds- *Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)*

		Beginning Balance	Total	Total	Period	Ending Balance
Non-Expendable	Trusts	Purpose	1/1/2017	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest
			1/1/2017	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest
WWII Memorial	Upkeep	\$ 2,652	\$	\$	\$ 37	\$ 2,689
Outlying Cemeteries	Cemetery Care	75,296			1,042	76,338
Caroline M. Swift	Cemetery Wreath	766			11	776
J. Beede Cemetery	Perpetual Care	11,536			160	11,695
William E. Bixby	Library	151			2	153
Edwin E. Beede	Library	94,515			1,308	95,823
Hattie R. Erskine	Library	299			1	300
Samuel W. Rollins	Library	4,520			63	4,583
J. Bennett/E. Swain	Library	696			10	706
Ebon S. Roberts	Library	302			4	306
Town Cemetery	General	7,490			104	7,594
George S. Fogg	School District	3,188			44	3,232
Total All Non-Expendable Trusts		\$ 201,412	\$	\$	\$ 2,785	\$ 204,197

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Report of the Trustees of Trust Funds

Expendable Trusts	Purpose	Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
		Balance 1/1/2017	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	Balance 12/31/2017
Cemetery Maintenance	Maintenance	\$ 20,475	\$	\$	\$ 283	\$ 20,758
Carleton Fund	Conservation	11,167			143	11,310
Employee Benefits	Severance	187,641			1,764	189,404
Landfill Closure	Landfill Closure	51,136			481	51,617
Library Feasibility	Feasibility Study		50,000	45,000	15	5,015
Municipal Building	Additional Space	177			2	179
Solid Waste	Replace Trailer	110,927	105,000		1,654	217,580
Fire Department	Communications	1,119			11	1,129
Fire Department	Equipment		75,000	37,573		37,427
Fire Department	Replace Vehicle	90,900	75,000		1,292	167,192
Municipal Technology	Software Upgrade	61,802			581	62,383
Open Space/Conservation	Conservation	39,404			370	39,774
Waterfront Infrastructure Improve	Waterfront Improve	95,702	200,000		2,063	297,765
Meredith Parking	Parking	223,361			2,100	225,460
Ground Water Source Study	Water Study	3,242			30	3,272
Main Street Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Improve	50,724			477	51,201
Parks & Recreation Facility Im-	Infrastructure Improve	8	50,000	10,000	291	40,299
Water Systems Improvement Trust	Infrastructure Improve	234,224			2,202	236,426
DPW Equipment Replacement	Replace DPW Equip.	116,685	325,000	194,190	3,558	251,052
Total Town Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 1,298,693</u>	<u>\$ 880,000</u>	<u>\$ 286,763</u>	<u>\$ 17,316</u>	<u>\$ 1,909,246</u>
School - SPED	Special Education	151,123			2,486	153,610
ILES Playground	Playground Equipment	52				52
Total All Expendable Trusts:		<u>\$ 1,449,868</u>	<u>\$ 880,000</u>	<u>\$ 286,763</u>	<u>\$ 19,803</u>	<u>\$ 2,062,908</u>
		Beginning	Total	Total	Period	Ending
		Balance	Deposits	(Withdrawals)	Interest	Balance
		1/1/2017				12/31/2017
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Capital Reserves						
Police		\$ 2,800	\$	\$	\$ 20	\$ 2,820
Prescott Park Expansion		5,119			37	5,156
School Facilities Maintenance Fund		511,548	100,000	250,000	3,242	364,790
Total All Capital Reserves:		<u>\$ 519,467</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,300</u>	<u>\$ 372,766</u>

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Long-Term Indebtedness

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2017 is comprised of the following individual issues:

Description of Issue	Original Amount	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest Rate %	Outstanding at 12/31/17
2002 Plymouth St/Rte 3 North Bond	\$ 637,467	2002	2022	3.728%	\$ 205,385
2005 Community Center Bond	\$ 3,500,000	2005	2025	4.000%	\$ 1,400,000
2010 Fire Station Bond	\$ 2,292,882	2010	2019	3.800%	\$ 393,472
2012 Bundled Water/Sewer/Roads	\$ 1,007,150	2012	2027	2.485%	\$ 719,000
Total General Obligation Debt Payable - December 31, 2017					<u><u>\$ 2,717,857</u></u>

Annual Requirements To Amortize General Obligation Debt:

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2017	Governmental Fund Debt		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 501,416	\$ 115,933	\$ 617,349
2019	\$ 439,729	\$ 96,438	\$ 536,168
2020	\$ 279,022	\$ 82,091	\$ 361,113
2021	\$ 281,551	\$ 72,302	\$ 353,853
2022-2028	\$ 1,216,138	\$ 198,286	\$ 1,414,424
Totals	<u><u>\$ 2,717,857</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 565,050</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,282,907</u></u>

Compensated Absences Payable

Vacation and Sick Leave Including Benefits	<u><u>\$ 405,956</u></u>
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Comparative Statement of Revenues - General Fund

	<u>Estimated</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Over/(Under) Budget</u>
<u>Taxes</u>			
Property	\$ 29,058,886	\$ 29,058,886	\$ -
Village District	4,372	4,372	
Yield	11,000	12,016	1,016
Boat	27,500	27,801	301
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	131,608	131,608	
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	197,625	194,546	(3,079)
Total Taxes	<u>\$ 29,430,991</u>	<u>\$ 29,429,229</u>	<u>\$ (1,762)</u>
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,500,000	1,573,047	73,047
Building Permits	38,000	51,605	13,605
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	62,000	69,254	7,254
Total Licenses and Permits	<u>\$ 1,600,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,693,906</u>	<u>\$ 93,906</u>
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
<u>State/Federal</u>			
Highway Block Grant	218,850	395,003	176,153
Rooms & Meals Tax	326,861	326,861	
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	144	144	
Other State/Federal Revenue	540,517	561,610	21,093
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	<u>\$ 1,086,372</u>	<u>\$ 1,283,618</u>	<u>\$ 197,246</u>
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	<u>\$ 822,489</u>	<u>\$ 916,372</u>	<u>\$ 93,883</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Sale of Town Property	28,214	28,214	
Other Grant/Miscellaneous Revenue	500,900	737,013	236,113
Interest on Investments	30,000	31,274	1,274
Betterment Assessments & Other	2,907	2,907	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$ 562,022</u>	<u>\$ 799,409</u>	<u>\$ 237,387</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
<u>Interfund Transfers</u>			
Other	127,500	127,500	
Trust Funds	40,000	40,000	
Enterprise Funds	122,135	122,135	
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 289,635</u>	<u>\$ 289,635</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u>Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance</u>			
<u>Unreserved Fund Balance Used To</u>			
Reduce Tax Rate	<u>\$ 750,000</u>	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	<u>\$ (500,000)</u>
Total Revenues, Other Financing Sources and Use of Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 34,541,509</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,662,169</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 120,660</u></u>

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Comparative Statement of Appropriations & Expenditures - General Fund

	2016 Encumbered	2017 Appropriation	2017 Expended	2018 Encumbered	Balance (Overdrafts)
<u>General Government</u>					
Executive Office	\$	\$ 203,506	\$ 197,174	\$ -	\$ 6,332
Executive - Municipal Administration	28167	1,212,353	1,192,263	28,925	19,332
Personnel Administration		2,327,932	2,292,717		35,215
Town Clerk	2,166	123,929	121,508		4,587
Administrative Services	6,675	332,820	328,573	5,725	5,197
Assessor		192,355	188,318		4,037
Tax Collector		54,577	37,087		17,490
Community Development		332,708	322,676		10,032
Regional Associations		238,558	237,306		1,252
<u>Public Safety</u>					
Police	12,922	1,366,664	1,361,106	18,529	(49)
Ambulance		298,157	277,930	20,214	13
Fire	2,378	305,621	302,215		5,784
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid		82,664	84,173		(1,509)
<u>Public Works</u>					
Solid Waste Disposal		711,177	683,281	1,300	26,596
Building & Grounds	519	289,857	295,278	1,800	(6,702)
Cemetery		62,193	51,752		10,441
Highway Department	167,708	2,130,150	2,092,341	202,066	3,452
<u>Water Distribution</u>					
Hydrant Rental		69,000	69,000		
<u>Welfare</u>					
General Assistance		100,000	89,489		10,511
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>					
Parks and Recreation	2,881	701,142	651,992	62,155	(10,124)
Library	16,500	431,472	428,972	19,000	
<u>Debt Service</u>					
Principal - Long-Term Debt		569,857	574,026		(4,169)
Interest - Long-Term Debt		129,035	123,057		5,978
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes		10,000			10,000
<u>Other Financing Uses - Interfund Transfers</u>					
Conservation Commission		15,000	15,000		
Capital Projects	77,285	1,127,000	1,183,480	20,805	
Expendable Trust Funds		460,000	460,000		
<u>Total Appropriations-General Fund</u>	\$ 317,202	\$ 13,877,727	\$ 13,660,714	\$ 380,518	\$ 153,696
<u>Intergovernmental</u>					
Water/ Sewer Appropriation	\$ 331,480	\$ 1,622,626	\$ 1,789,000	\$ 81,050	\$ 84,055
School Appropriation		17,294,077	17,294,077		
County Appropriation		2,369,539	2,369,539		
Village District Appropriation		4,372	4,372		
<u>Total Appropriations and Expenditures</u>	\$ 648,681	\$ 35,168,341	\$ 35,117,702	\$ 461,569	\$ 237,751

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Treasurer's Account Summary

Reconciliation of Pooled Cash		
Fund No.	Fund Name	Balance
1	General	\$ 14,354,491.11
2	Water	\$ 1,437,511.55
3	Sewer	\$ 1,098,258.96
5	Conservation Commission	\$ 90,611.26
7	Cable Franchise	\$ 152,330.64
10	Community Center	\$ 7,230.29
15	Landfill	\$ 25,309.96
16	Boat Launch	\$ 68,000.00
17	Engineering	\$ 144,528.66
	Total	<u>\$ 17,378,272.32</u>
	Subtotal of Other Fund Cash Accounts	<u>\$ (3,023,781.32)</u>
	Total Cash	<u><u>\$ 14,354,491.11</u></u>

Summary by Account

Payroll Account	\$
Accounts Payable	\$
Operating Account	\$ 17,206,422.40
Debit Cards	\$ 15,000.00
Baby Bicentennial	\$ 89.31
Engineering	\$ 144,528.66
Cloud Account	\$ 11,332.06
Petty Cash	\$ 900.00
Total	<u>\$ 17,378,272.43</u>
Pooled Cash Adjustments	<u>\$ (3,023,781.32)</u>
General Fund Cash Excluding Restricted	<u><u>\$ 14,354,491.11</u></u>

Financial Statements

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

Statement of Changes in Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance General Fund

Fiscal Year 2017

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1 \$ 3,624,758

Deductions

Amount used to reduce 2017 Taxes (250,000)

Additions:

Revenue Surplus 120,659

Unexpended Appropriations \$ 153,696 \$ 274,355

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31 (Unaudited) \$ 3,649,113

Fiscal Year 2018 - Worksheet

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - January 1, 2018 (Unaudited) \$ 3,649,113

Deductions - Proposed)

Purchase of Price Property (162,500)

Amount to be used to reduce 2018 taxes (525,000)

Unreserved - Undesignated

Fund Balance - December 31, 2018 (Unaudited) \$ 2,961,613

Independent Auditor's Report



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager
Town of Meredith
Meredith, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

Independent Auditor's Report

Town of Meredith Independent Auditor's Report

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Meredith as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and the budgetary comparison information for the general fund for the year ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information - Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis (pages 3-8), Schedule of Funding Progress for Other Postemployment Benefit Plan (page 39) Schedule of the Town's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability (page 39) and Schedule of Town Contributions (page 40) be presented to supplement the basic finance statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

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

December 19, 2017

*Plodzik & Sanderson
Professional Association*

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Warrants

<u>Debits</u>	<u>2017 Levy</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>
Uncollected Taxes 1-1-17		
Property Taxes	\$	\$ 913,791.97
Maple Ridge Village District		294.33
Yield Taxes		4,384.11
Betterment Assessments		2,319.50
Water Rents		31,162.25
Sewer Rents		45,236.18
Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	29,058,886.00	
Maple Ridge Village District	4,376.43	
Yield Taxes	867.60	11,148.81
Betterment Assessments	2,907.14	
Land Use Change Taxes	5,300.00	
Water Rents	513,731.78	158,678.77
Sewer Rents	744,465.30	238,439.30
Refunds for Overpayments		
Property Taxes	28,250.67	1616.72
Water Rents		
Sewer Rents	53.25	
Interest	<u>20,339.36</u>	<u>168,289.28</u>
Total Debits	<u>\$ 30,379,177.53</u>	<u>\$ 1,575,361.22</u>
<u>Credits</u>		
Remitted to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$ 29,785,301.39	\$ 914,734.44
Maple Ridge Village District	4,376.43	294.33
Yield Taxes		15,532.92
Betterment Assessments	869.36	2,319.50
Land Use Change Taxes	2,500.00	
Water Rents	462,531.81	189,841.02
Sewer Rents	681,165.55	283,675.48
Interest	20,339.36	168,289.28
Deeded to Town		
Property Tax	1,006.33	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	382.96	674.25
Water Rents	120.06	
Sewer Rents	474.66	
Uncollected Taxes 12-31-17		
Property Taxes	951,954.61	
Property Tax Credit Balance	(1,651,508.62)	
Betterment Assessments	2,037.78	
Land Use Change Tax	2,800.00	
Yield Taxes	867.60	
Water Rents	51,079.91	
Sewer Rents	62,878.34	
Total Credits	<u>\$ 30,379,177.53</u>	<u>\$ 1,575,361.22</u>

Tax Information

Tax Collector's Summary of Tax Liens

Debits	2016	2015	2014	Prior
Unredeemed Liens 1-1-17	\$	\$ 291,887.85	\$ 170,540.74	\$ 34,524.304
Liens Executed During 2017	393,811.28			
Interest & Costs after Lien	7,771.42	28,283.31	62,547.82	18,444.10
Total Debits	<u>\$ 401,582.70</u>	<u>\$ 320,171.16</u>	<u>\$ 233,088.56</u>	<u>\$ 52,968.14</u>
Credits				
Remitted to Treasurer				
Redemptions	\$ 148,347.44	\$ 136,448.56	\$ 155,105.02	\$ 30,163.85
Interest & Costs after Lien	7,771.42	28,283.31	62,547.82	18,444.10
Abatements of...				
Unredeemed Taxes	973.60	309.91	166.56	1,744.83
Liens Deeded to the Town...	2,849.26	2,783.87	2,721.91	
Unredeemed Liens	241,640.98	152,345.51	12,547.25	2,615.36
Total Credits	<u>\$ 401,582.70</u>	<u>\$ 320,171.16</u>	<u>\$ 233,088.56</u>	<u>\$ 52,968.14</u>

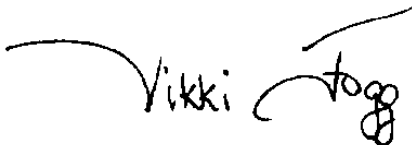
Tax Collector's Report

2017 has been another great year in the tax office and I have enjoyed the time spent with the taxpayers and residents of Meredith. I continue to work part-time in the tax office. My scheduled hours are Monday from 8:30am to 5:00 pm and Thursday and Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00. The Town Clerks office will accept payments for the tax office when I am not available.

The Town of Meredith accepts on-line payments for property taxes, utility bills, and automobile renewal registrations. Visit our website www.meredithnh.org and click on the "Pay Bills" link on the Home Page. Debit and credit cards cannot be accepted at the municipal offices.

The tax collector's office does accept partial payments and we can help you establish a payment plan for payment of your property taxes within the boundaries of NH State Tax law. You may also schedule on-line payments through your bank for monthly or weekly payments.

If you need assistance or answers to tax questions, please contact me at (603) 677-4202 during my scheduled hours or e-mail me at vfogg@meredithnh.org.



Vikki Fogg
Deputy Tax Collector

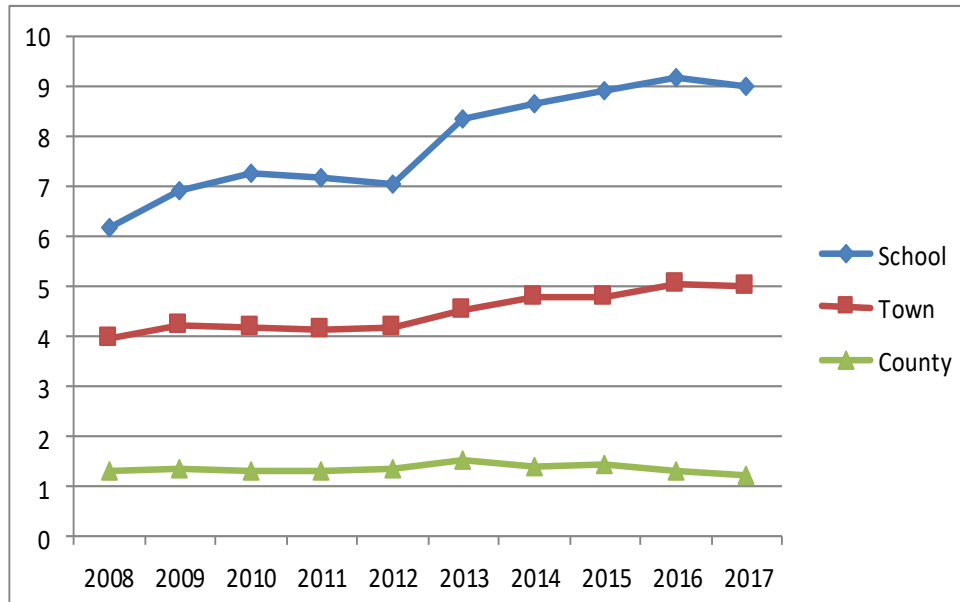
Tax Information

Ten Year Tax Rate Comparison

Year	School	Town	County	Combined Tax Rate	Net Valuation
2008	6.19	3.97	1.30	11.46	1,940,881,763
2009	6.94	4.23	1.37	12.54	1,820,649,639
2010	7.27	4.20	1.33	12.80	1,834,675,812
2011	7.17	4.13	1.32	12.62	1,845,422,650
2012	7.05	4.20	1.37	12.62	1,856,317,320
2013	8.35	4.55	1.51	14.41	1,741,033,913
2014	8.65	4.77	1.41	14.83	1,745,511,622
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

Chart shows Ten Year's of Tax Rate Comparison's

Tax Rate per \$1,000 Valuation



Tax Information

Department of Revenue Administration - 2017 Tax Rate Calculation

Municipal Accounting Overview	Appropriation	Revenue	Tax Rate
Total Appropriation	\$ 15,851,353.00		
Less: Net Revenues (not including Fund Balance)		\$ (6,281,255.00)	
Less: Fund Balance Voted Surplus		\$	
Less: Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes		\$ (250,000.00)	
War Service Credits	\$ 225,000.00		
Actual Overlay Used	<u>\$ 67,168.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	
Net Required Local Tax Effort		\$ 9,612,266.00	
Municipal Tax Rate			<u>\$ 5.00</u>
County Apportionment			
Net County Apportionment	\$ 2,369,539.00	<u>\$</u>	
Net required County Tax Effort		\$ 2,369,539.00	
County Tax Rate			<u>\$ 1.23</u>
Education			
Net Cooperative School Appropriations	\$ 17,294,077.00		
Net Education Grant		\$	
Locally Retained State Education Tax	<u></u>	<u>\$ (4,237,641.00)</u>	
Not Required Local Education Tax Effort		\$ 13,056,436.00	\$ 6.79
State Education Tax	<u>\$ 4,237,641.00</u>	<u></u>	
Net Required State Education Tax Effort		\$ 4,237,641.00	<u>\$ 2.21</u>
School Tax Rate			<u>\$ 9.00</u>
Combined Municipal, School and County Tax Rate			<u>\$ 15.23</u>
Total Municipal Tax Effort		\$ 29,275,882.00	
Village District Tax Effort		\$ 4,376.00	
Less: War Service Credits		<u>\$ (225,000.00)</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		<u>\$ 29,055,258.00</u>	
Valuation			
<u>Municipal (MS-1)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Net Assessed Valuation with Utilities	\$ 1,923,690,590.00	\$ 13.02	\$ 25,046,451.00
Net Assessed Valuation without Utilities	\$ 1,913,769,890.00	\$ 2.21	\$ 4,229,431.00
<u>Village (MS-1V)</u>	<u>Current Year</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Assessment</u>
Maple Ridge Road Village	\$ 2,279,400.00	1.92	\$ 4,376.00
Less War Service Credits			<u>\$ (225,000.00)</u>
Proof of Rate			<u>\$ 29,055,258.00</u>

Supplementary Information

Summary Inventory of Valuation - All Properties

For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017

Value of Land Only

Current Use	\$	683,156
Residential		904,214,062
Commercial / Industrial		<u>52,195,538</u>
Total Value of Land	\$	957,092,756

Value of Buildings Only

Residential	\$	851,633,816
Manufactured Housing		6,844,500
Commercial / Industrial		<u>101,249,252</u>
Total Value of Buildings	\$	959,727,568

Public Utilities

Electric	\$	9,920,700
Total Valuation Before Exemptions	\$	<u>1,926,741,024</u>

Exemptions

Blind	\$	134,800
Elderly		1,267,500
Totally & Permanently Disabled		973,800
Solar / Wind Power		<u>674,334</u>
Total Exemptions	\$	<u>3,050,434</u>
Net Taxable Valuation	\$	<u><u>1,923,690,590</u></u>

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 Waukewan Street	Sewer Pump Station
U03-030	0.44	69 Waukewan Street	Waukewan Town Beach
U05-001A	0.07	Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U05-001B	0.51	50 Waukewan Street	Water Treatment Plant
U06-037	0.17	High Street	Parking Lot
U06-038	0.26	7 High Street	Parking Lot
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

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	Nedeau 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	Waukewan Highlands Community Park
S22-022	178.10	75 parade Road	Waukewan Highlands Reservoir
U04-025	0.92	Waukewan Street	Monkey Pond
U05-002	0.30	49 Waukewan Street	Boat Launch, Picnic Area
U06-031	7.90	12 Waukewan 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 Rout 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
U11-047	0.63	Greemore Road	Recreation

Supplementary Information

Summary of Town-Owned Property - Conservation Recreation

<u>Map/Lot</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Use</u>
U11-050A	1.95	Greemore Road	Wetlands/Hawkins Brook
U11-050B	1.00	Circle Drive	Community Center Park
U12-015	189.00	Jeness 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>
I07-006	0.43	Bear Island	
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
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
U04-007H	0.56	17 Fortier Road	Tax Deeded Property
U10-027A	0.28	358 Daniel Webster Hwy	Water Line Loop
U12-001	0.17	30 Philbrook Avenue	Tax Deeded Property
U36-006	0.11	Powers Road	Tax Deeded Property

2017
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Warrant and Budget

Town Warrant Information

2018 Town of Meredith Warrant and Budget

TO THE INHABITANTS OF TOWN OF MEREDITH IN THE COUNTY OF BELKNAP IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

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 13, 2018, 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 14, 2018, at the Inter-Lakes Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium, 1 Laker Lane, in said Town to act on Articles 6 through 17:

BALLOT ARTICLES TO BE ACTED UPON:

ARTICLE 1

To bring ballots for:

Board of Selectman	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Trustee of Trust Funds	One (1)	For Three	(3) Years
Town Moderator	One (1)	For Two	(2) Years
Supervisor of Checklist	One (1)	For Six	(6) Years
Library Trustee	Four (4)	For Three	(3) Years
Library Trustee	One (1)	For Two	(2) Years
Library Trustee	Two (2)	For One	(1) Year

ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VIII- Definitions to revise the following:

1. Delete clinic definition due to it being duplicative. It's definition can be found under "clinics and medical or dental offices."
2. Revise the maximum lot coverage definition to include all surfaces pervious and impervious that do not support the growth of vegetation, whether paved or gravel.
3. Delete coverage definition due to there being a definition of "maximum lot coverage," the term referred to throughout the ordinance.
4. Delete single-family detached dwelling definition as it is duplicative and can already be found under the definition of "dwelling, single family detached."

ARTICLE 3

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE V - Establishment of Districts and District regulations to clarify only one single-family detached dwelling or one two-family detached dwelling is allowed per lot. Also, add the words "net density" to the minimum lot size description and correctly name the tables referenced.

Town Warrant Information

ARTICLE 4

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE III– General Provisions, Q. Special Permits to distinguish between special events and seasonal uses for temporary, unapproved uses allowed by special permit. Special events not lasting longer than two weeks will be treated the same as they are currently and seasonal uses by special permit will be permitted once, for a maximum duration of 6 months and shall only be a use permitted by right or special exception in the applicable Zoning District.

ARTICLE 5

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the town zoning ordinance as follows:

Amend ARTICLE VI - Adoption of Building Codes and Enforcement to eliminate reference to the 2006 Building Code and refer to the current Building Code as adopted by the State of NH. Amendments to this article also include the following: reference to NH RSA 674:51 and 155-A; removal of language no longer applicable or relevant; the addition of elements that reflect the building department's current practice; and the minimum elements required by statute.

DELIBERATIVE SESSION

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,036,652 for general municipal operations. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectman to purchase from Hayward and Sandra Price, property (land and buildings) located at 10 High Street in Meredith (Tax Map U06, Lot 43) for the sum of \$325,000 and to raise and appropriate that amount for that purpose; and to fund that appropriation by transfer of \$162,500 from the Downtown Parking Expendable Trust fund and \$162,500 from the undesignated fund balance. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0)

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to be added to the DPW Equipment Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$275,000 to be added to the Waterfront Infrastructure ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be added to the Solid Waste Trailer Replacement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 100,000 to be added to the Fire Department Communications ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend. Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

Town Warrant Information

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 75,000 to be added to the Recreation Facility Improvement ETF previously established. The Meredith Board of Selectmen are agents to expend.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in collective bargaining agreement (CBA) reached between the Town and the State Employees Association of NH, Inc., SEIU Local 1984 and further to raise and appropriate the sum \$35,445 for the current year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those that would be paid at current staffing levels in accordance with the most recent Town compensation plan.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to completely discontinue a portion of Black Brook Road, (a Class VI road) as a public roadway, from its beginning at the very end of the Class V paved line portion of Black Brook Road, proceeding across the Cotton property (Tax Map W04-5) and ending at the property owned by KBA Revocable Real Estate Trust, David and Lynn Singleton, (Tax Map W04-4) joining the existing road currently designated private. If approved, this discontinuance will extinguish all public rights of access over the existing Class VI portion (+/- 600').
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to complete an exchange of properties in which the Town will convey to VLIEG of Meredith, LLC the town parking area at 323 Daniel Webster Highway (Tax Map U07, Lot 108) located next to the former Aubuchon hardware store, and in return there will be conveyed to the Town the former Laundromat property located across the street at 320 Daniel Webster Highway (Tax Map U07, Lot 92). This shall be an even exchange without any additional monetary consideration to either party.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to designate a certain parcel of land as Town Forest pursuant to RSA 31:110 as follows: Parcels formerly owned by Winn Mountain Corporation, identified in Town's records as Tax Map S12 -4 and S12-5, located off Barnard Ridge Road comprising 198.81 +/- acres, known as Page Pond II.
Approved by the Conservation Commission.
Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5 - 0).

ARTICLE 17

Shall we allow the operation of Keno games within the town?
Petitioned Warrant Article Pursuant to RSA 39:3 - 25 or more registered voters or 2 percent of the registered voters in town, whichever is less.

Board of Selectmen
Meredith, New Hampshire

Raymond A. Moritz, Chairperson
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Nathan J. Torr, Selectperson
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Michael J. Pelczar, Selectperson

Budget Information

2018 Meredith Budget - Revenues

	2017 Estimated	2017 Actual	2018 Recommended Estimated
<u>Taxes</u>			
Yield	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,016	\$ -
Payment in Lieu of Taxes - Local	131,608	131,608	131,608
Boat	27,500	27,801	27,500
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	197,625	194,546	196,125
Total Taxes	\$ 367,733	\$ 365,972	\$ 355,233
<u>Licenses and Permits</u>			
Motor Vehicle Permits	1,500,000	1,573,047	1,500,000
Building Permits	38,000	51,605	38,000
Other Licenses, Permits, Fees	62,000	69,254	62,000
Total Licenses and Permits	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,693,905	\$ 1,600,000
<u>Intergovernmental Revenues</u>			
State			
Rooms & Meals Tax	326,861	326,861	326,861
Highway Block Grant	218,850	395,003	172,245
State & Forest Land Reimbursement	144	144	144
Other State/Federal Revenue	540,517	561,610	12,373
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 1,086,372	\$ 1,283,618	\$ 511,622
<u>Charges for Services</u>			
Income from Departments	\$ 822,489	\$ 916,372	\$ 761,927
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>			
Other	500,900	682,013	
Interest on Investments	30,000	31,274	30,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 530,900	\$ 713,287	\$ 30,000
<u>Other Financing Sources</u>			
Interfund Transfers			
Other	127,500	127,500	8,500
Enterprise Fund	113,635	113,635	113,635
Trust Funds	40,000	40,000	
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ 281,135	\$ 281,135	\$ 122,135
Total Revenues & Other Financing Sources	4,688,629	5,254,288	3,380,916
Voted from Unreserved Fund Balance			
Unreserved Fund Balance Used To			
Reduce Tax Rate	\$ 750,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 525,000
Total Revenues, Other Financial Sources			
and Use of Fund Balance	\$ 5,438,629	\$ 5,504,291	\$ 3,905,916
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>			
Sewer	1,005,619	989,943	932,206
Water	617,007	693,526	679,506
Grand Total All Funds	\$ 7,061,255	\$ 7,187,760	\$ 5,517,629

Budget Information

2018 Meredith Budget - Appropriations

	2017 Appropriations	2017 Expended	2018 Recommended
<u>General Government</u>			
Executive Office	\$ 203,506	\$ 197,174	\$ 206,261
Executive - Municipal Administration	1,212,353	1,192,263	1,178,031
Public Health - Ambulance	298,157	299,794	298,427
Public Health - Lakes Region Mutual Aid	82,664	84,173	87,539
Personnel Administration	2,327,932	2,292,717	2,448,052
Town Clerk	123,929	119,342	135,812
Administrative Services	332,820	328,573	338,354
General Assistance	100,000	89,489	100,000
Assessor's Office	192,355	188,318	198,587
Tax Collector's Office	54,577	37,087	64,006
Community Development Department	332,708	322,676	337,494
CIP - Expendable Trust Funds	880,000	880,000	825,000
CIP & Non-CIP - Capital Projects	1,127,000	1,127,000	
Regional Association	238,558	237,306	242,496
<u>Public Safety</u>			
Police	1,366,664	1,366,106	1,331,957
Fire	305,621	299,837	359,406
<u>Public Works</u>			
Solid Waste Facility	711,177	683,281	698,610
Building & Grounds	289,857	294,759	250,597
Cemetery	62,193	51,752	52,729
Highway Department	2,130,150	2,127,837	2,278,164
<u>Culture and Recreation</u>			
Parks and Recreation	701,142	711,992	722,889
Library	431,472	431,472	443,181
<u>Debt Service</u>			
Principal - Long-Term Debt	569,857	574,026	501,416
Interest - Long-Term Debt	129,035	123,057	115,933
Interest - Tax Anticipation Notes	10,000		10,000
Total General Fund	\$ 14,213,726	\$ 14,060,030	\$ 13,224,940
<u>Conservation Commission</u>	15,000	15,000	25,000
<u>Water Fund</u>	617,007	591,622	679,506
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	1,005,619	946,948	932,206
Total Operating Budget All Funds	\$ 15,851,353	\$ 15,613,601	\$ 14,861,653
<u>Revolving Revenue Fund</u>			
Cable Franchise Fee	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Total - Municipal Budget	\$ 15,851,353	\$ 15,613,601	\$ 14,861,653

Budget Information

2018 Municipal Tax Rate Projection

2018 Appropriations - Approved by Board of Selectmen	\$ 14,861,652
Less: 2018 Estimated Revenues - Other than Property Taxes	(4,992,629)
Less: Use of Fund Balance	(525,000)
Add: Proposed Overlay	50,000
Add: War Service Credits (Deducted from Property Tax Warrant)	225,000
Total Net Town Appropriation to be Raised by Taxation	<u>\$ 9,619,023</u>

2018 Estimated Tax Rate (Municipal Portion Only) \$5.00

Compared to 2017 Tax Rate of \$ 5.00 (Municipal Portion Only)

Summary of Dollars to be Raised by Taxation:

2018 Estimated Amount to be Raised by Taxation	\$ 9,619,023
2017 Actual Amount Raised by Taxation	<u>(9,619,266)</u>
Variance 2018 to 2017:	<u>\$ (243)</u>



Municipal Directory

Fire - Business

Located at: 286 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address: PO Box 494
Meredith, NH 03253
Ken Jones, Fire Chief...
kjones@meredithnh.org
Phone #279-6061
Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F

Meredith Public Library

Located at: 91 Main Street
Mailing Address: PO Box 808
Meredith, NH 03253
Erin Apostolos, Director...
erin@meredithlibrary.org
Phone #279-4303
Hours 9:00 am - 8:00 pm Tu, W & Th
9:00 am - 5:00 pm F, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Sat
Closed Monday & Sunday

Parks & Recreation

Located at: Community Center
One Circle Drive
Mailing Address: One Circle Drive
Meredith, NH 03253
Vint Choiniere, Director...
vchoiniere@meredithnh.org
Phone #279-8197
Hours 8:00 am - 8:00 pm M - F
9:00 am - 1:00 pm Sat, Closed Sunday

Police - Business

Located at: 400 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address: PO Box 1366
Meredith, NH 03253
Kevin Morrow, Police Chief...
kmorrow@meredithnh.org
Phone #279-4561
Hours 8:00 am - 12:00 am daily

Public Works - Business

Located at: 347 Daniel Webster Highway
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Mike Faller, Public Works Director...
mfaller@meredithnh.org
Phone #279-6352
Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F
Includes...
~Buildings & Grounds ~Cemetery
~Highway ~Solid Waste

Solid Waste Facility

Located at: 17 Jenness Hill Road
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #279-8480
Hours 8:00 am - 3:00 pm daily
Closed Wednesdays and Holidays

Town Hall

Located at: 41 Main Street
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #279-4538
Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F
Includes...
~Administrative Services
Brenda Vittner, Director...
blvittner@meredithnh.org
Phone #677-4208
~Assessing
Jim Commerford, Assessor...
jcommerford@meredithnh.org
Phone #677-4226
~Town Clerk
Kerri Parker, Town Clerk...
kparker@meredithnh.org
Phone #677-4203
~Town Manager
Phil Warren, Town Manager...
pwarren@meredithnh.org
Phone #677-4205

Town Hall Annex

Located at: 5 Highland Street
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Phone #677-4215 Fax #556-8823
Hours 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M - F
Includes...
~Community Development
John Edgar, Director...
jedgar@meredithnh.org
~Conservation Commission
conservation@meredithnh.org

Water & Sewer

Located at: 50 Waukewan Street
Mailing Address: 41 Main Street
Meredith, NH 03253
Courtney Mitchell, Superintendent
cmitchell@meredithnh.org
Phone #279-3046
Hours 7:00 am - 3:30 pm M-F

