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**2019 Town
Report**



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325th Fireworks Display:

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Bonfire is Lit....:

By Heather Salisbury

Buttercup:

Coombs Farm

Selfie by Buttercup

DEDICATION

In this 325th birthday year, it is fitting to recognize the many people who make Kingston the interesting and welcoming place that it is, and that perform the tasks, big and small, that keep the Town running smoothly. Many appear in this report as department heads, board and committee chairs and employees. Others belong to the army of volunteers that work in the background and often go unrecognized. We will not attempt to name all of these vital people and their accomplishments, but here are a few:

Mark Heitz: For 23 years Mr. Heitz has served as Selectman, much of that time as Chairman. He oversaw the closure of the landfill and the creation of the Infrastructure Fund, which continues to be a source of interest revenue and funding for large projects, such as the Highway garage, the new library, and now possibly a new Fire Station. Mark has lent his business sense to continually protect the interests of the town and the taxpayer, and borne with grace the frequent slings and arrows that come with the job.

Rich St. Hilaire: As a fire fighter and long time (33 years) Road Agent, Rich is a familiar figure and he knows the town like the back of his hand. He is not only King of the Roads and manager of the Highway Department, his job has expanded over the years to include buildings and grounds, environmental testing, and whatever anyone needs done. He has served on the Planning Board, Highway Safety Board and Fire Station Building Committee. His knowledge and experience are relied on by all departments of the town, and his true affection for Kingston is obvious in all that he does.

Don Briggs, Jr.: After 43 years of service in the Police Department, 25 as Chief, and now the additional role of Selectman, Don Briggs knows Kingston, and Kingston knows and trusts Don Briggs. Beyond his normal police duties, residents rely on the Chief for everything from personal guidance or plowing a driveway, to swift and caring response in a life-or-death event. He is a people person and a problem solver, a dedicated professional and friend to all.

Electra Alessio: Ellie has served as Moderator in Kingston for 30 years, and as such is a familiar presence at Town elections and all election-related events. She is also the long-time Chair of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and has made her mark on the community in a number of ways as a business owner and editor of the Carriage Towne News. Her thorough knowledge, no-nonsense approach to running a meeting, and outgoing personality are invaluable.

Ellen Faulconer: Ellen is the Town Hall expert resource on (at least) two fronts: As Administrator for the Planning Board she brings a wealth of knowledge and attention to detail to this demanding board. As Human Services Director, she works tirelessly with residents who need assistance, runs our food pantry, and organizes a massive effort each year to provide holiday meals and gifts to needy families. In her “spare time”, she has also served as a Selectman and Budget Committee member over the years.

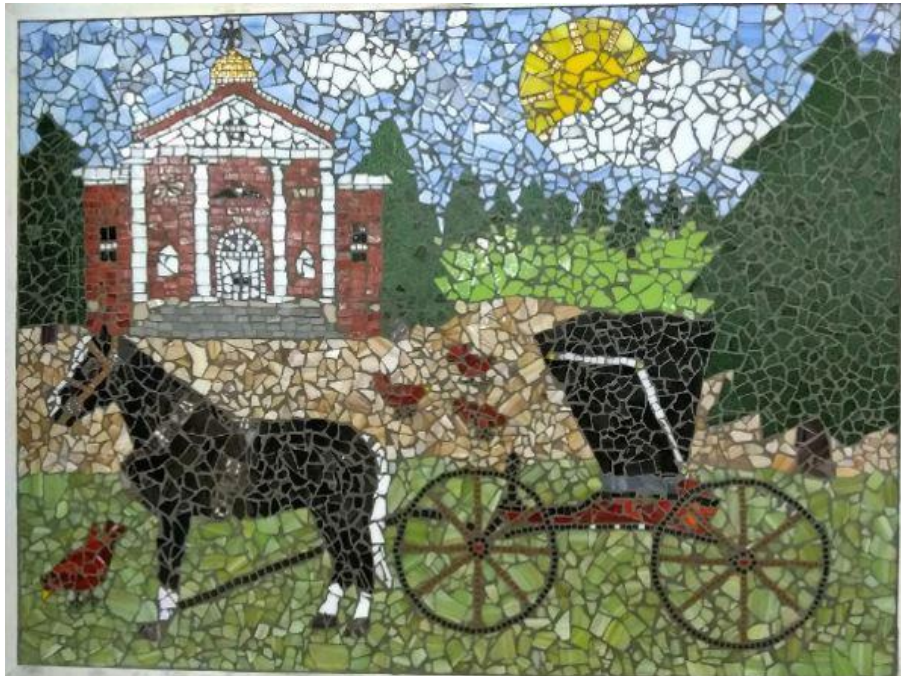
Cindy Kenerson: She may not be as visible as other officials, but without our Finance and Human Resource Director, the Town would be in dire straits. Far from just doing payroll and paying the bills, Cindy is the go-to resource for any and all financial,

personnel or budget questions. The Selectmen rely on her expertise, often commenting that they “better ask Cindy”. For 18 years she has been known for the diligence, professionalism and sense of responsibility she brings to everything she does.

Bill Seaman: Bill was Kingston’s Fire Chief for 14 years, capping off a 21- year career with the Town, which ended in his retirement in August of 2019. Bill and his wife Sandy were fixtures in the Fire Department and the town, and served many years as on-call Emergency Medical Technicians. Bill’s capable and calm presence, friendly manner and sense of humor, will be missed; however, we wish him and Sandy many happy years in retirement.

Lynn Gainty: We can’t forget to mention Lynn, who has been an instrumental member of the Kingston Days Committee since 2011 and Chair for several years, ending in overseeing the monumental job of organizing and running the successful, many-faceted 325th birthday celebration. She also served capably on the Budget Committee since 2001, many years serving as Chair. Lynn left big shoes to fill when she and her family moved out of Town; Kingston will miss her!

Kingston is full of wonderfully dedicated and talented people. Everyone who reads this will be able to name a number of people that deserve recognition. It is truly what makes the town a great place to live, play, and work. We can only hope that Kingston continues to attract residents able and willing to give as generously of themselves as those on this small list, for the next 325 years!



A mosaic created by Bakie School students celebrating Kingston's 325th anniversary during their artist-in-residence program.

Memorials

Ed Callouette



Ed Callouette, a Kingston resident since 1966, was the Building Inspector for Kingston from 1989 until 2002. He was then elected to be a Trustee of the Trust Funds in 2003, and served in that capacity until 2011. Mr. Callouette was a friendly and capable presence in the Town Hall, and respected for work well done. He will be missed.

Arlene Sargent



Arlene Sargent, trained as a registered nurse, spent many years volunteering with the Kingston Ambulance crew. Her family and friends remember her fondly as someone who loved to learn new things, and lived life on her own terms.

As a long-time resident who gave generously of her time and talent, Arlene made many friends and earned the appreciation of the town she served so well.

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ELECTED OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

Phillip A. Coombs	Term Expires 2021
Kevin P. St. James	Term Expires 2021
Mark A. Heitz	Term Expires 2020
Richard G. Wilson	Term Expires 2022
Donald W. Briggs, Jr	Term Expires 2022

Moderator

Electra Alessio	Term Expires 2020
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Town Clerk - Tax Collector

Tammy L. Bakie	Term Expires 2021
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Treasurer

Jayne E. Ramey	Term Expires 2022
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Road Agent

Richard D. St. Hilaire	Term Expires 2021
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Supervisors of the Checklist

Kenneth Isaacs	Term Expires 2024
Traci Conlon	Term Expires 2022
Charlotte Boutin	Term Expires 2020

Trustees of the Trust Funds

R. Bradley Maxwell	Term Expires 2021
Kirsten Arnold	Term Expires 2021
Stephen Farrington	Term Expires 2020
Karen Coombs	Term Expires 2022
William McColgan	Term Expires 2022

Library Trustees

Electra Alessio	Term Expires 2020
Laura Thibault	Term Expires 2021
Stephanie Hasselbeck	Term Expires 2021
Jef Flanders-McDougall	Term Expires 2020
Ellen Faulconer	Term Expires 2020
Kim Boyd	Term Expires 2022
Sharon Curtis Phelan	Term Expires 2022

Budget Committee

Robert Axl Querengasser	Term Expires 2021
Gary Finerty	Term Expires 2021
Rick Russman	Term Expires 2020
Kim Donahue	Term Expires 2020
Sean Murray.....	Term Expires 2020
Mary Fidler	Term Expires 2020
Stanley Shalett	Term Expires 2020
Charles Hart	Term Expires 2020
Vacant.....	Term Expires 2019
Annemarie Roth	Term Expires 2020
Vacant.....	Term Expires 2019
Ray Donald	Term Expires 2022
Kevin P. St. James	Selectmen's Representative

Planning Board

Peter Coffin	Term Expires 2021
Robin Duguay	Term Expires 2021
Glenn G. Coppelman.....	Term Expires 2020
Lynne B. Merrill	Term Expires 2020
Peter Bakie.....	Term Expires 2022
Christopher Bashaw	Term Expires 2022
Phillip A. Coombs.....	Selectmen's Representative

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Peter Coffin	Term Expires 2021
Lawrence Greenbaum.....	Term Expires 2021
Electra Alessio	Term Expires 2020
Charles Hart.....	Term Expires 2022
Richard A. Johnson	Term Expires 2022

APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

325th Kingston Days Celebration Committee

Amy Werninger.....	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Dave Grenon	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Lesley Hume	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Carol Carbonneau	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Kevin St James	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Mark Pearson	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Lynne Merrill.....	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Lynn Gainty	Term Expires 12/31/2019
Angeljeane Chiamamida	Term Expires 12/31/2019

Conservation Commission

Evelyn Nathan	Term Expires 2022
Linda Foss	Term Expires 2021
Gregory Senko	Term Expires 2021
Robert Smith	Term Expires 2021
John Ricker	Term Expires 2021
Margaret Bean.....	Term Expires 2022
Richard Wilson	Selectmen's Representative

Fire Station Building Committee

Mark Furlong	Term Expires 2020
Bill Seaman	Term Expires 2020
Graham Pellerin	Term Expires 2020
Andrew Berridge.....	Term Expires 2020
Bill Bixby.....	Term Expires 2020
Charles A. Hart.....	Term Expires 2020
Kent Walker.....	Term Expires 2020
Brian Gallant	Term Expires 2020
Thomas Roughan.....	Term Expires 2020
Richard St. Hilaire	Term Expires 2020
William Sullivan	Term Expires 2020
Kevin St. James	Selectmen's Representative

Heritage Commission

Robert Bean	Term Expires 2021
Holly Ouellette	Term Expires 2021
Gail Ramsey.....	Term Expires 2020
Ernest P. Landry.....	Term Expires 2022
Debra Powers.....	Term Expires 2022
Susan Prescott.....	HDC Representative
Richard Wilson	Selectmen's Representative

Historic District Commission

Madelynn Ouellette	Term Expires 2021
Susan Prescott.....	Term Expires 2021
Stacy Smoyer	Term Expires 2021
Stanley Shalett	Term Expires 2020
Virginia Morse	Term Expires 2022
Ralph Murphy	Term Expires 2022
Richard Wilson	Selectmen's Representative

Historical Museum Committee

Ruth B. Albert.....	Term Expires 2021
Joyce King.....	Term Expires 2021
Cindi Lewandowski	Term Expires 2020
Katherine Chase.....	Term Expires 2022
Walt Roy.....	Term Expires 2022

Kingston Days Committee

Lynn Gainty	Term Expires 2021
Holly Ouellette	Term Expires 2020
Carol Carbonneau	Term Expires 2020
Kathi Kelly	Term Expires 2020
Victoria Hayes	Term Expires 2019
Charlotte Boutin	Term Expires 2019
Nick Kotis	Term Expires 2019
Alyssa Premo	Term Expires 2019

Recreation Commission

Monique Sands	Term Expires 2021
Trish Derickson	Term Expires 2021
Bonnie Biladeau	Term Expires 2021
Scott Harlow	Term Expires 2021
Christina Messina.....	Term Expires 2020
Beth Ann Scanlon.....	Term Expires 2020
Phillip Coombs	Alternate

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Fire Chief.....	N. William Seaman, ret.
Fire Chief.....	Graham Pellerin
Police Chief	Donald W. Briggs, Jr.
Animal Control Officer	William Harvey, Sr.
Human Services Director	Ellen Faulconer
Building Inspector.....	Robert Steward
Recreation Director	Paul Butler
Electrical Inspector	Tom Soterakopoulos
Plumbing Inspector.....	Dave Field
Health Officer	Peter Broderick

2019 ELECTIONS

**MINUTES OF THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FEBRUARY 02, 2019**

The Deliberative Session of the Annual Town Meeting, Saturday, February 02, 2019 was called to order at 9:00 AM by the Moderator Electra Alessio, who introduced the Budget Committee Members as present Chairperson, Lynn Gainty, Vice Chair, Edward Conant, Sandy Seaman, Sandra Rogers-Osterloh, Larry Heath, Mary Fidler, Stanley Shalett, Axl Prophet, Gary Finerty, Rick Russman and Sean Murray. The Selectmen as present: Mark A. Heitz-Chairman, Donald W. Briggs, Jr., Kevin St. James, Phil Coombs and Tammy L. Bakie Town Clerk-Tax Collector.

Copies of the proposed Budget, default budget and Warrant Articles were available at the door for people attending the meeting.

Moderator Alessio welcomed the crowd and asked them to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Moderator Alessio explained that because of an emergency Chief Bill Seaman had asked that Article 13 be taken out of order and asked for a motion. Chief Seaman made the motion, Mr. Conant seconded, all in favor.

Mark Furlong, Chairman of the Fire Station Building Committee stated the committee was formed last year after the warrant article for a new fire department failed. The committee has 11 members, sub-committees, the major focus is finding a location that is at least 2 acres and in the center of town, to meet insurance requirements. Mr. Furlong stated they had considered 30 parcels and based on a scoring system narrowed it down to the current location, while acquiring the adjacent property and a land swap with an abutting property. The committee has been working with an architect, and if article passes will continue and put together a budget and fully developed plan for next year.

Chief Seaman presented a slide show and short video.

Moderator Alessio asked for further questions or comments.

Glenn Coppelman stated he had been authorized by the Planning Board to support the article. Mr. Coppelman stated it had been well demonstrated that the current station is in-adequate. The Fire Department has participated in the Capital Improvement process. Mr. Coppelman stated by state law municipalities do not have to follow town regulations, but he believes this plan will meet all regulations and the lots will be more conforming than they currently are.

Kevin St. James stated Selectman George Korn sat on the committee and in Mr. Korn's absence he subbed. Mr. St. James stated the committee had worked diligently; this plan meets all the needs and addresses the concern regarding the abandonment of the town center. Mr. St. James stated he strongly supports the article and hoped the town will also support.

Chief Seaman stated the Kingston Volunteer Fire Association will be hosting an informational breakfast on February 9th from 9-11.

Moderator Alessio declared with no more discussion on article 13 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 5,824,307.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,703,680.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Lynn Gainty seconded by Ed Conant.

Lynn Gainty Budget Committee Chairperson read the 2019 proposed budget totals for each category; with explanations for changes.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 11 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers: two Selectmen for a term of three years; one Treasurer for a term of three years; two Trustees of Trust Funds for a term of three years; two Library Trustees for a term of three years; one Library Trustee for a term of two years; four Budget Committee members for a term of three years; two Planning Board members for a term of three years; one Planning Board member for a term of two years; and two Zoning Board of Adjustment members for a term of three years.

Motion made to accept the article by Lynn Gainty seconded by Rich St. Hilaire.

Moderator Alessio stated there have already been hearings on zoning articles 2-10 therefore she would not be reading them.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1½% deduction from Property Tax when payment is made prior to the due date. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to take the deduction; deductions not taken by the taxpayer on or before the due date will not be refunded. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Lynn Gainty seconded by Axl Prophet.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 12 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Rich St. Hilaire seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Rich St. Hilaire stated the capital reserve fund was set up 30 years ago to replace fire trucks, this is the method to fund and replace trucks and prevent big spikes in taxes.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 14 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to create a full- time Assessing-Permitting Clerk position and eliminate the current part-time position. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,909 for salary and benefits, to be added to the \$30,056 currently in the proposed Executive budget. This appropriation will be for salary and benefits for nine months; if approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 10-1**

Motion made to accept the article by Rich St. Hilaire seconded by Kevin St. James.

Mr. St. James stated the town is growing and the staff level has stayed the same. Mr. St. James stated the administrative staff of two were straight out and asked the town for support.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 15 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 16: On petition of 54 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve fund for the future purchase of development rights, conservation easements and other land acquisition to conserve the Town's rural character, provide open space for outdoor recreation by the public, and help stabilize the tax base.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 6-5**

Motion made to accept the article by Ernie Landry seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Ernie Landry stated he is a member of FOKOS and for over 20 years FOKOS has been sponsoring articles for land acquisition, help acquire easements and land for open spaces. The town with the support of the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee has voted favorably on these articles. Mr. Landry stated the article would add to the fund, the goal being town owned property at 25%, the town currently owns 21%. Mr. Landry stated once the goal is reached the articles will cease. Mr. Landry stated the group tries to avoid industrial or commercial zones to create a balance in the land. Mr. Landry stated they work to acquire easements through various methods so the town doesn't have the full cost burden.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 16 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Town Buildings Maintenance and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Rich St. Hilaire seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Rich St. Hilaire stated this fund was created to fix buildings, currently at \$260,000 would like to keep at \$300,000 and asked for the town support.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 17 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Rich St. Hilaire seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Rich St. Hilaire stated the normal amount for this fund is \$85,000 if something happens he can buy a truck, every year but one the town has supported this request. Mr. St. Hilaire stated the article was for \$20,000 and after the next article would clarify the difference.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 18 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the purchase of a wood chipper for the Highway Department. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

Motion made to accept the article by Rich St. Hilaire seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Mr. St. Hilaire stated this request was for a wood chipper, this is a new item not replacing an old chipper. Mr. St. Hilaire explained the \$85,000 was broken up between Article 18 and Article 19. Mr. St. Hilaire stated a chipper was needed to handle brush and renting is not always an option. This addition to his fleet would take up to an 18" tree and should last about 15 years.

Mrs. Janet Hart stated she hoped this article would pass but asked if there was an opportunity to gain revenue by renting to neighboring towns.

Mr. St. Hilaire stated the town had a mutual aid agreement with Newton but he would not be renting the machine.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 19 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 20: On petition of the Kingston Heritage Commission and 41 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Heritage Fund for future enhancements to support preservation and utilization of the Town's historic properties.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0 NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 6-5

Motion made to accept the article by Debra Powers seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Deb Powers, Chairman of the Heritage Committee stated these funds would be added to the previously established Heritage fund. Ms. Powers spoke about Envision II, Charrette Program, and matching grants. Ms. Powers stated the Heritage Commission operates with under 8 grand, they don't ask for money they do not need. Ms. Powers spoke about DOT grants and road signs. Ms. Powers stated the committee was looking at signs for buildings as a project this year. Ms. Powers asked that the budget committee reconsider and recommend the article.

Tammy Mahoney asked for an explanation from the budget committee on their deliberation. Axl Prophett stated when speaking to Ms. Powers at the budget hearings he did not have clear vision of how money was being spent, after the presentation he has a better understanding of what the money is used for.

Lynn Gainty stated the Budget Committee would re-vote after the session.

Ellen Faulconer encouraged the budget committee to change their vote.

Kevin St. James stated the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to support the article. The Heritage Commission works tirelessly, and does a very good job preserving history.

Sean Murray stated he was absent when the vote was taken but would vote yes when they voted again.

Stanley Shalett asked if they can take a new vote.

Lynn Gainty reiterated the vote would be taken after the deliberative session.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 20 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING THE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHANGED THEIR VOTE TO 7-4 – NOT RECOMMENDED

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current property tax credit amount of \$300 per year to an amount not to exceed \$500 per year? (Majority vote required.)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Phil Coombs seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Phil Coombs stated there are only three towns in Rockingham County at the \$300.00 amount this change would have Kingston keep pace with other towns in the County.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 21 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town modify Article 601: Solar Energy Property Tax Exemption, by making the following changes: Remove "solar energy heating or cooling system" and replace it with "solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61"? (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

Motion made to accept the article by Phil Coombs seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Phil Coombs stated this article would bring Kingston Ordinances in compliance with RSA.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 22 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 1984. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

Motion made to accept the article by Lynn Gainty seconded by Kevin St. James.

Mark Heitz stated the fund was established in 84, the old YWCA building and land was purchased at 24 Main Street and developed into the Recreation building. This article is for housekeeping, the board is not anticipating buying a building, the money will be returned to the general fund.

Lynn Gainty asked how much money.

Phil Coombs answered \$9,613.00.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 23 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be a part of the general fund unassigned fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen designated by the local legislative body (no further legislative body approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0**

Motion made to accept the article by Kevin St. James seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Mark Heitz stated this article would stream line the bookkeeping process, similar to the police and fire details. The fee for recreation bus trips would be included in camp cost and vendor would be paid directly from fund.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 24 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 25: On a petition of the Powwow Pond Council, Inc. and 43 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to treat milfoil and other invasive aquatic plant species targeted for treatment by NH Department of Environmental Services at Powwow Pond. This amount will be offset by a grant from NH Department of Environmental Services equal to 25% of the anticipated treatment costs for Kingston in the amount of \$3,500 with the remaining amount of \$10,500 to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation and will continue until treatment is complete or until December 31, 2024.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 10-1**

Motion made to accept the article by Russell Chute seconded by Phil Coombs.

Russell Chute stated a 25% matching grant had been approved, and thanked the town for past support. Mr. Chute stated the Milfoil is under control but they haven't been able to rid Pow Wow Pond of it completely. Mr. Chute stated if the fight were to stop Milfoil will take over the pond.

Axl Prophett stated he recommended the article the cost associated if the pond were taken over by Milfoil would be substantial.

Margaret Bean stated Milfoil is scary and spreads quickly.

David Buehler asked what method was used to control.

Russell Chute stated there are 2 methods, herbicides and divers with special equipment, they were guided by state recommendations.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 25 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 26: On a petition of 55 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive outlined in NH RSA 79-E of state law and to designate Historic District I (HDI) as meeting the standards for an eligible district as set forth in NH RSA 79-E:2. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen shall have the option of granting temporary property assessment relief to encourage substantial reinvestment in qualifying structures. The goal is to promote rehabilitation of underutilized buildings in the Town's village center, thereby contributing to a strong local economy and smart, sustainable growth.

**NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 8-2-1**

Motion made to accept the article by Debra Powers seconded by Electra Alessio.

Debra Powers stated the article was supported by the Heritage Commission and the Envision II Sub-Committee. Ms. Powers presented a slide show. Ms. Powers stated 31 communities in New Hampshire had adopted RSA 79-E and the applicant handles most of the cost. Ms. Powers spoke about the benefits and it being a tool for the Board of Selectmen to use. Ms. Powers identified two properties that would be perfect examples of how this article could benefit both the town and the property owners. Ms. Powers asked the Board of Selectmen to reconsider their vote.

Kevin St. James stated he was speaking for himself and he would not support the article. Mr. St. James stated the article is not ready, there are more questions than answers. The town has been sued twice under the barn easement.

Deb Powers stated the RSA had been around for over 15 years and only been involved in litigation 3 times, all resolved favorably for the town.

Lynn Gainty stated the Budget Committee will look at the article again after the session.

Rick Russman speaking as an individual stated he was in support of the article. Mr. Russman stated it was an opportunity for the future, he trusted the Select board to decide whether to grant to the few properties that would benefit.

Ellen Faulcounner stated this article is intended to revitalize the historic center, she was not naïve enough to think 12 people would change their mind today but hoped the article would not die. Ms. Faulcounner stated this article was a good thing and should continue to be discuss, policies and procedures decided so it can come back next year.

Deb Powers stated she had no intention of letting the article die, it would be a lot of work but the Select board would have legal and historic support.

Mark Heitz stated the Board of Selectmen look at potential ramifications, and he was confused by big business in the Historic District asking if that is what the residents would want. Mr. Heitz stated discretion is a double edge sword, the town had been sued twice over the barn easement. Mr. Heitz spoke about the assisted living currently being built in the Historic District, if this article was adopted they could come in and ask for this to apply. Mr. Heitz stated the developer came in without this article, a tax break was not necessary. Mr. Heitz stated rules and regulations should be set prior to adopting this RSA as opposed to adopting and then coming up with the rules. Mr. Heitz stated he was more than willing to sit down with the boards, but still unclear as to what they are trying to accomplish in the Historic District.

Glenn Coppelman conceded maybe not enough work had been done ahead of time, but as he read the RSA this is not an opportunity to take an empty lot build something then ask for tax relief, but a way to preserve historic buildings.

Mark Heitz stated the program had been used to raise old buildings and put up new buildings and asked if that was what they were trying to accomplish.

Glenn Coppelman stated yes that could happen only if the Board of Selectmen allowed, as it would be at their discretion; it would have to be in the rules that the Board of Selectmen would have the flexibility to set up.

Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 26 it will appear as printed on the ballot.

ARTICLE 27: On petition of 29 verified voters, to see if the Town will allow the operation of keno games within the town.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

Motion made to accept the article by Lynn Gainty seconded by Sandy Seaman.

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NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2-1-1

Motion made to accept the article by Evelyn Nathan seconded by Lynn Gainty.

Evelyn Nathan, Chairman of the Conservation Commission displayed a map of the town forest. Ms. Nathan stated FOKOS had acquired several parcels. In the 1990's Dave Ingalls worked to establish 5 town forest and placed in conservation easement; income from timber harvest go into a fund that can only be used with Board of Selectmen's approval and town vote. Ms. Nathan stated the Conservation Commission manages the forest and encourages passive recreation.

Kevin St. James stated the majority of the board voted against the article, residents believe the town forest are to restricted and challenged the commission to find a place where ATV and Snowmobilers can ride.

Ms. Nathan stated snowmobilers can use the forest but ATV's can't because of conservation easement signed by the Board of Selectmen in 2013.

Margie Bean stated the commission has tried reaching out to ATV owners without success and the easement does not allow for ATV's on the trail.

Rich St. Hilaire stated he would not vote for the article. He doesn't see management of the timer lots, the existing forest have infestation damage to hemlocks and a forester should be brought in. Mr. St. Hilaire stated a forest is like a garden which need to be pruned and replaced. Mr. St. Hilaire offered to help with the management of the forest.

Mr. Russman spoke about harvesting of trees on the lots to deal with infestation. Mr. Russman asked if the Board of Selectmen would take the time to work with a forester.

Phil Coombs stated his issue was that Conservation Commission members were not elected and not reportable to the residents. Mr. Coombs added that there were hostile attitudes

toward trappers. Mr. Coombs stated there is not a question of dedication but the article would give authority to people who were not elected.

Mark Heitz stated he was not interested in granting volunteer board authority where Selectmen don't have authority over the land, and would like to keep checks and balances in place.

Evy Nathan agreed they had lost a major figure in Dave Ingalls. Ms. Nathan spoke about timber management. Ms. Nathan stated she would like to add one sentence to the article.

Moderator Alessio stated you weren't supposed to speak on an article and then change; but she would allow.

Evy Nathan stated she would like to add "subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen" Ellen Faulcouner seconded.

Moderator Alessio asked for a verbal vote and declared "Ayes have it"

Kevin St. James asked if that sentence changed the intent of the article. Mr. St. James asked since the Board already has authority over the property what would the purpose of the article be.

Gary Finerty asked for clarification from the Board of Selectmen.

Mark Heitz stated his interpretation of the article was to take the authority from the Board of Selectmen and places it in the purview of the Conservation Commission, with the amendment the authority would be given back to the select board.

Moderator Alessio stated when change was added the intent has changed.

Sean Murray agreed stating the amendment negates exactly what article is asking.

Ellen Faulcouner stated the article is asking that the land be designated as town forest the rest is whose jurisdiction the land is under.

Donald Briggs stated he believed the amendment was reviewed to make sure it didn't change the intent.

Evy Nathan stated she believed the members of the Conservation Commission were under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen because they are appointed.

Moderator Alessio stated the amendment could be removed or it could be left as is.

Rick Russman stated the Board of Selectmen have the power of appointment, the amendment will not make a big difference.

Margie Bean stated they were not powerful people, but part of the town government with the Board of Selectmen on top.

Kevin St. James stated 32 people signed the warrant with the intent to take away the power from the Board of Selectmen.

Mark Heitz asked if designated as a town forest what is the benefit, what is the difference between a town forest and just town owned land.

Margie Bean stated the advantage is a label, trails can be marked and people know where to go.

Mary Cyr stated she doesn't ride an ATV or snowmobile, asked if the Conservation Commission had worked with the Board of Selectmen to establish trails.

Moderator Alessio stated there were at least 6.

Ernie Landry stated the only difference under RSA if it is a town forest money from timber harvest goes into forest fund if town owned property money goes into general fund.

*Moderator Alessio declared with no further questions or comments on article 27 it will appear as printed with the amendment "**jurisdiction of, and managed by, the Town Conservation Commission, subject to approval of the Board of Selectmen, as provided**" on the ballot.*

To meet requirements Moderator Alessio asked if anyone would like to discuss the default budget.

Lynn Gainty made a motion to accept the default budget Rich St. Hilaire seconded, all in favor.

Meeting Adjourn at 11:14AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Bakie
Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE TOWN MEETING

March 12, 2019

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM at the Swasey Gymnasium at 178 Main Street, Kingston, by Moderator, Electra Alessio for the election of Town Officers, 18 regular Town Articles, and 9 Zoning Articles, as well as the voting for the election of Officers for Sanborn Regional School District, with regular Articles for the School District.

Electra Alessio, Moderator swore in Election Officials Tammy Bakie, Mark Heitz, Kevin St.James, Phillip Coombs, Holly Ouellette, Gail Ramsey, Larry Smith, Janet Hart, Ellen Faulconer, Barry Sargent, Peter Sullivan, Deb Powers, Lillian Lehman, and Bart Noyes. The Supervisors of the Checklist, Chairman Charlotte Boutin, Traci Conlon, and Ken Isaacs, were also sworn in by the Moderator for duty.

Total count of cast ballot including absentee ballot was 1405 total registered voters on checklist are 4570, which indicates 31% participation.

The following results were obtained:

Selectman for Three Years

William Sable.....	218
Richard Wilson.....	428*
Donald W. Briggs, Jr.....	1190*
Charles Hart.....	420

Treasurer for Three Years

Jayne Ramey	1141*
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Trustee of the Trust Fund for Three Years

Karen Coombs.....	1118*
William McColgan.....	22*

Library Trustees for Three Years

Kim Boyd.....	1005*
Sharon Curtis Phelan.....	870*

Library Trustee for Two Years

Stephanie Hasselbeck.....	874*
Stanley Shalett.....	214

Budget Committee Member

Mary Cyr.....	9*
Ray Donald.....	7*

Planning Board for Three Years

Peter Bakie	980*
Christopher Bashaw	955*

Planning Board for Two Years

Robin Duguay.....	635*
Robert Pellegrino	437

Zoning Board of Adjustment for Three Years

Richard Johnson873*
Jacquelynn Leone.....836*

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the following amendment, as proposed by the Planning Board, to Article 201, the Aquifer Protection Ordinance, Section 201.4 Use Regulations, Section "C. Maximum Lot Coverage" to read as follows:

"Within the Aquifer Protection District, no more than 15% of a single lot may be rendered impervious to groundwater infiltration in Zone A. In Zone B, no more than 25% of a single lot may be rendered impervious to groundwater infiltration. However, in Zone A lot coverage may be increased up to 35% and in Zone B lot coverage may be increased up to 60% if the applicant can show to the satisfaction of the Planning Board storm water management techniques that would allow for recharge on the property to be developed."

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 871*

NO 387

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the following amendment, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article 109, Commercial Zone C-II, Section 109.9, Lot Coverage to read as follows: "Lot coverage shall be no more than 35%. However, lot coverage may be increased up to 60% if the applicant can show to the satisfaction of the Planning Board storm water management techniques that would allow for recharge on the property to be developed."

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 869*

NO 385

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Definition Section of the Town Zoning Ordinance: Article Preamble II, Definitions, B by adding the following:

1. Agriculture: For the Town of Kingston agriculture, farm and farming are defined as found in RSA 21:34-a Farm, Agriculture, Farming, and as amended. This definition is as follows:
I. The word "farm" means any land, buildings, or structures on or in which agriculture and farming activities are carried out or conducted and shall include the residence or residences of owners, occupants, or employees located on such land. Structures shall include all farm outbuildings used in the care of livestock, and in the production and storage of fruit, vegetables, or nursery stock; in the production of maple syrup; greenhouses for the production of annual or perennial plants; and any other structures used in operations named in paragraph II of this section.

II. The words "agriculture" and "farming" mean all operations of a farm, including:

(a)(1) The cultivation, conservation, and tillage of the soil.

(2) The storage, use of, and spreading of commercial fertilizer, lime, wood ash, sawdust, compost, animal manure, septage, and, where permitted by municipal and state rules and regulations, other lawful soil amendments.

(3) The use of and application of agricultural chemicals.

(4) The raising and sale of livestock which shall include but not be limited to all beef and dairy cattle, steer, oxen, goats, sheep, swine, horses, mules or other equidae, as well as domesticated strains of buffalo, bison, llamas, alpacas, emus, ostriches, poultry, rabbits, yaks, elk (*Cervus canadensis*), fallow deer (*Dama dama*), red deer (*Cervus elephus*), and reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*).

(5) The breeding, boarding, raising, training, riding instruction, and selling of equines.

- (6) The commercial raising, harvesting, and sale of fresh water fish or other aquaculture products.
 - (7) The raising, breeding, or sale of poultry or game birds.
 - (8) The raising of bees.
 - (9) The raising, breeding, or sale of domesticated strains of fur-bearing animals.
 - (10) The production of greenhouse crops.
 - (11) The production, cultivation, growing, harvesting, and sale of any agricultural, floricultural, viticultural, forestry, or horticultural crops including, but not limited to, berries, herbs, honey, maple syrup, fruit, vegetables, tree fruit, grapes, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock, sod, trees and tree products, Christmas trees grown as part of a commercial Christmas tree operation, trees grown for short rotation tree fiber, compost, or any other plant that can be legally grown and harvested extensively for profit or subsistence.
 - (b) Any practice on the farm incident to, or in conjunction with such farming operations, including, but not necessarily restricted to:
 - (1) Preparation for market, delivery to storage or to market, or to carriers for transportation to market of any products or materials from the farm.
 - (2) The transportation to the farm of supplies and materials.
 - (3) The transportation of farm workers.
 - (4) Forestry or lumbering operations.
 - (5) The marketing or selling at wholesale or retail, of any products from the farm, on-site and off-site, where not prohibited by local regulations. Marketing includes agritourism, which means attracting visitors to a farm to attend events and activities that are accessory uses to the primary farm operation, including, but not limited to, eating a meal, making overnight stays, enjoyment of the farm environment, education about farm operations, or active involvement in the activity of the farm.
 - (6) Irrigation of growing crops from private water supplies or public water supplies where not prohibited by state or local rule or regulation.
 - (7) The use of dogs for herding, working, or guarding livestock, as defined in RSA 21:34-a, II(a)(4).
 - (8) The production and storage of compost and the materials necessary to produce compost, whether such materials originate, in whole or in part, from operations of the farm.
- III. A farm roadside stand shall remain an agricultural operation and not be considered commercial, provided that at least 35 percent of the product sales in dollar volume is attributable to products produced on the farm or farms of the stand owner.
- IV. Practices on the farm shall include technologies recommended from time to time by the university of New Hampshire cooperative extension, the New Hampshire department of agriculture, markets, and food, and appropriate agencies of the United States Department of Agriculture.
- V. The term "farmers' market" means an event or series of events at which 2 or more vendors of agricultural commodities gather for purposes of offering for sale such commodities to the public. Commodities offered for sale must include, but are not limited to, products of agriculture, as defined in paragraphs I-IV. "Farmers' market" shall not include any event held upon any premises owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by any individual vendor selling therein.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 957*

NO 294

ARTICLE 5: Are you in favor of the following amendment, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Permitted Uses of the Historic District I, Section 102.5 (A) 1, by adding the following?

1.I. Agriculture, farms and farming

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 986*

NO 281

ARTICLE 6: Are you in favor of the following amendment, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Permitted Uses of the Rural Residential District, Section 104.4, by adding the following?

K. Agriculture, farms and farming

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 1021*

NO 244

ARTICLE 7: Are you in favor of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Permitted Uses of the Commercial Zone, C-I, Section 108.5, by adding the following and renumbering as needed?

M. Agriculture, farms and farming

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 1000*

NO 250

ARTICLE 8: Are you in favor of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Permitted Uses of the Commercial Zone, C-II, Section 109.5, by adding the following?

L. Agriculture, farms and farming

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 992*

NO 253

ARTICLE 9: Are you in favor of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Permitted Uses of the Commercial Zone, C-III, Section 110.3, by adding the following?

U. Agriculture, farms and farming

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 980*

NO 254

ARTICLE 10: Are you in favor of the following amendment as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article 103, the Single Family Residential District, Section 103.2, by adding the following to become the final sentence in the section:

"The raising of chickens and the sale of eggs in association with a conforming single family residence are permitted activities but no roosters are allowed in this district."

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

YES 775*

NO 506

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 5,824,307.00. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,703,680.00, which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget warrant article does not include appropriations contained in any other warrant article.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 892*

NO 433

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1½% deduction from Property Tax when payment is made prior to the due date. It is the responsibility

of the taxpayer to take the deduction; deductions not taken by the taxpayer on or before the due date will not be refunded. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 1293*

NO 76

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to \$375,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing land and improvements thereon located adjacent to 148 Main Street at 4 Rockrimmon Road, Kingston, NH (Tax Map U-11, Lot 14), to create a larger parcel for building a new fire station and to authorize the withdrawal of \$375,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund established for the Future Replacement, Refurbishment or Upgrade of Fire Department Buildings in 2004. Further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for a land swap and lot line adjustment with the owner of the property located at 146 Main Street, Kingston, NH (Tax Map U11-Lot 13). No amount to be raised by taxation. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 1062*

NO 314

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 975*

NO 380

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to create a full-time Assessing-Permitting Clerk position and eliminate the current part-time position. Further, to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,909 for salary and benefits, to be added to the \$30,056 currently in the proposed Executive budget. This appropriation will be for salary and benefits for nine months; if approved, this position will become part of the operating budget in ensuing years. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 10-1

YES 684*

NO 647

ARTICLE 16: On petition of 54 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve fund for the future purchase of development rights, conservation easements and other land acquisition to conserve the Town's rural character, provide open space for outdoor recreation by the public, and help stabilize the tax base.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 6-5

YES 833*

NO 510

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Town Buildings Maintenance and Repairs Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 949*

NO 393

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 977*

NO 365

ARTICLE 19: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the purchase of a wood chipper for the Highway Department. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 677*

NO 581

ARTICLE 20: On petition of the Kingston Heritage Commission and 41 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Heritage Fund for future enhancements to support preservation and utilization of the Town's historic properties.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 7-4

YES 638*

NO 613

ARTICLE 21: Shall the Town modify the Veteran's Tax Credit in accordance with RSA 72:28, II from its current property tax credit amount of \$300 per year to an amount not to exceed \$500 per year? (Majority vote required.)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 1065*

NO 184

ARTICLE 22: Shall the Town modify Article 601: Solar Energy Property Tax Exemption, by making the following changes: Remove "solar energy heating or cooling system" and replace it with "solar energy system as defined in RSA 72:61"? (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

YES 961*

NO 270

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Recreation Building Capital Reserve Fund created in 1984. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

YES 889*

NO 321

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Recreation Revolving Fund pursuant to RSA 35-B:2 II. The money received from fees and charges for recreation park services and facilities shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered to be a part of the general fund unassigned fund balance. The treasurer shall have custody of all monies in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the Board of Selectmen designated by the local legislative body (no further legislative body approval required). These funds may be expended only for recreation purposes as stated in RSA 35-B, and no expenditure of other funds that have not been appropriated for that purpose. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 11-0

YES 951* NO 272

ARTICLE 25: On a petition of the Powwow Pond Council, Inc. and 43 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to treat milfoil and other invasive aquatic plant species targeted for treatment by NH Department of Environmental Services at Powwow Pond. This amount will be offset by a grant from NH Department of Environmental Services equal to 25% of the anticipated treatment costs for Kingston in the amount of \$3,500 with the remaining amount of \$10,500 to be raised by taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation and will continue until treatment is complete or until December 31, 2024.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 10-1

YES 920* NO 337

ARTICLE 26: On a petition of 55 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to adopt the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive outlined in NH RSA 79-E of state law and to designate Historic District I (HDI) as meeting the standards for an eligible district as set forth in NH RSA 79-E:2. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen shall have the option of granting temporary property assessment relief to encourage substantial reinvestment in qualifying structures. The goal is to promote rehabilitation of underutilized buildings in the Town's village center, thereby contributing to a strong local economy and smart, sustainable growth.

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 8-2-1

YES 560 NO 660*

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YES 727* NO 490

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NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2-1-1

YES 674* NO 541

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Clerk-Tax Collector

2020 VOTING INFORMATION

On March 11, 1996, the town of Kingston adopted the provisions of RSA 40:13, often referred to as Senate Bill 2 (SB-2). Voting on Town Warrants since has involved two “sessions” of voting. Following are the dates on which 2020 voting for officials and Warrant Articles will be held:

Saturday, February 8, 2020 9:00 am, in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall

This “First Session” of the Town Meeting, also known as the Deliberative Session, is for public debate, deliberation and possible amendment of the proposed ballot questions. Full text of the proposed Warrant Articles will be available in advance. Included in the Warrant is the proposed 2019 Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee. The meeting is somewhat informal and is facilitated by the Town Moderator. Voters are encouraged to attend and to express their opinions, offer amendments for consideration and take part in the process of local government.

Note that the School District holds its own, separate Deliberative Session.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020 8:00 am - 8:00 pm at Swasey Gymnasium

The “Second Session” of the Town Meeting is the ballot election at which Town and School officials are chosen and the Warrant Articles, including the budget and any amendments that were adopted at the First Session, are voted on. Amendments to the Town’s Land Use Regulations and Ordinances are also voted on at this meeting.

Please be sure to check with the Town Clerk to make sure you are registered to participate in the Town Meetings and in all voting opportunities.



FINANCIAL REPORTS

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

<u>Value of Land Only</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>2018 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Current Use Land	4,123.93	\$336,029.00	
Discretionary Easement	1.39	200.00	
Residential Land	4,343.10	208,234,300.00	
Commercial/Industrial	<u>1,493.65</u>	<u>25,704,500.00</u>	
	9,962.07		\$234,275,029.00

Value of Buildings Only

Residential Buildings	499,441,777.00	
Manufactured Housing	4,963,400.00	
Commercial/Industrial Buildings Preservation	66,093,900.00	
Easements (16)	84,723.00	
		570,583,800.00
<u>Utilities</u> (Land and Building Values)		44,610,400.00

Less Credits to Assessments

Exemptions of Certain Improvements	10,000.00	
Special Disabled Veterans Total Credit	<u>373,900.00</u>	
		- 383,900.00

TOTAL VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS \$849,085,329.00

Exemptions:

Blind (0)	00.00	
Elderly (27)	2,202,500.00	
Disability (22)	1,540,000.00	
Solar Energy (19)	<u>95,000.00</u>	
		<u>3,837,500.00</u>

NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX RATE IS COMPUTED \$845,247,829.00

Veterans' Credits (14 for Total Disability; 306 Standard) 172,600.00

* The net valuation on which the Town, County and School rates are computed includes the value of utilities; the value of utilities is deducted in order to compute the rate for the State Education Tax.

Valuation on which State Education Tax is computed:

$\$845,247,829.00 - \$44,610,400.00 = \$800,637,429.00$

2019 TAX RATE COMPUTATION

TOWN PORTION

Appropriations	6,479,216.00
Less Revenues	2,770,714.00
Less Fund Balance	800,000.00
Plus Overlay	191,726.00
Plus War Service Credits	<u>\$ 172,600.00</u>

Amount to be Raised for Town \$3,272,828.00

Rate Based on \$845,247,829.00 Valuation 3.88

SCHOOL PORTION

Regional School Appropriation	\$16,107,409.00
Less Adequate Education Funds	1,643,287.00
Less State Education Taxes	<u>1,603,957.00</u>

Amount to be Raised for School 12,860,165.00

Rate Based on \$845,247,829.00 Valuation 15.21

STATE EDUCATION TAXES

Amount to be Raised for State Education Tax 1,603,957.00

Rate Based on \$800,637,429.00 Valuation (w/o Utilities) 2.00

COUNTY PORTION

Amount due to County 769,282.00

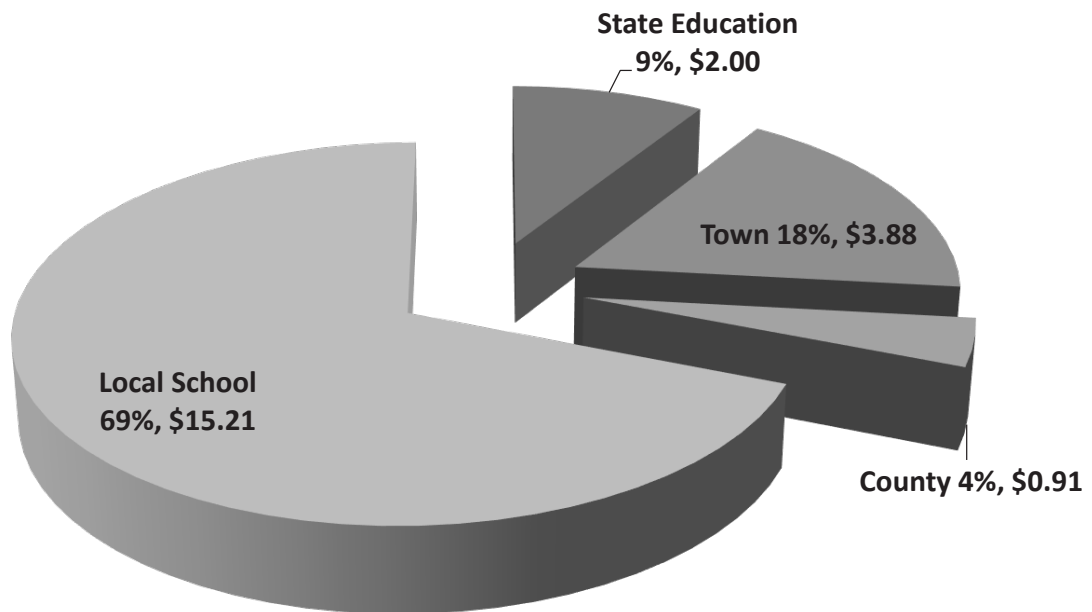
Rate Based on \$845,247,829.00 Valuation 0.91

Total 2019 Tax Rate **22.00**

Property Tax Assessed	18,506,232.00
Less War Service Credits	<u>172,600.00</u>

Total Property Tax Commitment 18,333,632.00

2019 Kingston Tax Rate



Total 2019 Tax Rate: \$22.00 per \$1,000 of Taxable Valuation

BALANCE SHEET
December 31, 2018 *

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Nonmajor Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2,596,014.00	547,150.00	3,143,164.00
Investments	11,911,018.00	366,449.00	12,277,467.00
Taxes receivable	729,690.00	0.00	729,690.00
Accounts receivable	69,154.00	17,973.00	87,127.00
Due from other governments	39,276.00	12,970.00	52,246.00
Due from other funds	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>3,522.00</u>	<u>7,022.00</u>
Total assets	15,348,652.00	984,064.00	16,296,716.00
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	97,757.00	0.00	97,757.00
Accrued expenses	56,791.00	0.00	56,791.00
Advances from grantors	4,887.00	0.00	4,887.00
Deposits	14,008.00	0.00	14,008.00
Due to other governments	5,140,709.00	0.00	5,140,709.00
Due to other funds	<u>3,522.00</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>	<u>7,022.00</u>
Total liabilities	5,317,521.00	3,500.00	5,321,021.00
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS</u>			
Uncollected property tax	<u>490,346.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>	<u>490,346.00</u>
Total deferred inflows	490,346.00	00.00	490,346.00
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Non-spendable	00.00	277,371.00	277,371.00
Restricted	124,085.00	241,222.00	365,307.00
Committed	8,080,696.00	425,971.00	8,506,667.00
Assigned	64,100	00.00	64,100.00
Unassigned	<u>1,271,904.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>	<u>1,271,904.00</u>
Total fund balances	9,540,785.00	944,564.00	10,485,349.00
Total liabilities, deferred inflows & fund balances	15,348,652.00	948,064.00	16,296,716.00

- A complete copy of the 2018 audit report is available through the Finance Office, located at the Town Hall, 163 Main Street.
- 2018 is the most recent year for which audited financial records are available.

10-YEAR CHART OF KINGSTON NH TAX RATES

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Municipal Tax Rate	3.50	3.73	4.13	4.50	4.48	4.47	4.99	4.75	3.75	3.88
Local School Tax Rate	13.78	13.93	14.36	16.11	17.19	17.96	16.97	17.54	14.38	15.21
State Ed Tax Rate	2.18	2.13	2.19	2.57	2.49	2.39	2.50	2.38	1.99	2.00
County Tax Rate	0.92	0.93	0.96	1.10	1.06	1.12	1.04	1.11	0.92	0.91
<u>TOTAL</u> <u>per</u> <u>\$1,000 of</u> <u>valuation:</u>	20.38	20.72	21.64	24.28	25.22	25.94	25.50	25.78	21.04	22.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT YEAR ENDING 12/31/2019

DEBITS:

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT BEGINNING OF THE YEAR

	LEVY FOR 2019	PRIOR YEAR LEVIES 2018	2017	2016 +
Property Taxes	0.00	547,753.30	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Property Tax Credit Balance	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>

TAXES COMMITTED IN 2019

Property Taxes	18,342,987.35
Land Use Change Taxes	61,000.00
Yield Taxes	597.69
Excavation Tax	2,010.16

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	19,975.39	
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	<u>4,422.51</u>	<u>30,935.97</u>

TOTAL DEBITS	18,430,993.10	578,689.27	0.00	0.00
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CREDITS:

REMITTED TO TREASURER

Property Taxes	17,527,860.56	371,382.67
Land Use Change Taxes	9,000.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	597.69	0.00
Excavation Tax	2,010.16	0.00
Interest	4,422.51	28,655.97
Penalties	0.00	2,280.00
Conversion to Lien (Principal)	0.00	0.00
Discounts Allowed	232,359.79	0.00

ABATEMENTS

Property Taxes	5,367.14	0.00
Current Levy Deeded		

UNCOLLECTED YEAR END

Property Taxes	593,497.93	578,689.27
Land Use Change Taxes	<u>52,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Property Tax Credit Balances		

TOTAL CREDITS	18,430,993.10	578,689.27	0.00	2.00
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TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Ambulance Replacement Fund	\$ 189,371.00
Forest Fund	6,464.00
Conservation Fund	9,371.00
General Fund Checking	1,026,172.00
General Fund Certificates of Deposit	5,201,698.00
Heritage Fund	18,595.00
Impact Fees- Fire	96,177.00
Impact Fees- Library	39,839.00
Impact Fees- School	00.00
Kingston Days Fund	108,639.00
Planning Board Escrow	359,606.00
Police Asset Forfeiture	39,206.00
Public Safety Special Details.....	285,363.00

All Accounts are held at TD Bank
Balances shown are as of 12/31/19

Respectfully submitted,

Jayne E. Ramey

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Town Treasurer

TRUST FUNDS REPORT

Account Title	Balance at 12/31/2019	Account Title	Balance at 12/31/2019
<u>Capital Reserve Funds</u>		<u>Private Trusts</u>	
325 th Anniversary	15.10	Food Pantry Checking	8,243.60
Annual Celebration	126.75	Food Pantry Savings	35,156.63
Building Maintenance	296,215.45	Daniel Bakie	7,311.63
Cable TV Equipment	5,193.07	Elizabeth Carlton	1,376.52
Capital Imprvment & Maint.	147,039.18	Grace Daley	1,207.54
Fire Apparatus	350,851.02	Lt. Thomas Elkins	1,611.47
Fire Buildings	230,026.34	Daniel Kimball	1,359.82
Highway Equipment	30,389.47	Magnusson-Daly	6,336.86
Landfill Monitoring-1	10,762.30	Magnusson- Park	18,003.70
Landfill Monitoring-2	1,808,742.39	Magnusson- Plains	13,473.28
Land Purchase	459,177.69	Maj. Edward Sanborn	2,623.76
Legal Fund	129,650.12	Oliver Nichols	2,675.59
PowWow Preservation	1,635.80	Plains Beautification	<u>2,350.12</u>
Recreation Department	9,821.46	Total Private Trusts	101,730.52
Special Education	239,666.67		
Transportation Improvement	<u>22,200.82</u>	<u>Scholarship Funds</u>	
Total Capital Reserves	3,741,513.63	Joseph Ferraro	13,570.10
		Leslie T Hill	9,391.09
<u>Expendable Trust</u>		IG & WM Magnusson	64,657.39
Infrastructure Fund	<u>5,430,435.48</u>	Tammy Matuzos	5,205.83
Total Expendable Trusts	5,430,435.48	Alice M. Burnham	<u>8,764.52</u>
		Total Scholarships	101,588.92
<u>Cemetery Trusts</u>			
Greenwood Cemetery	34,979.10	<u>Cash Accounts</u>	
Pine Grove Cemetery	33,870.12	Municipal Checking	641.26
Plains Cemetery	34,043.87	Municipal Savings	<u>46.88</u>
Mill Stream Cemetery	7,607.63	Total Cash Accts.	688.14
New Cemetery Funds	107,601.63		
Lot Sales Trust	107,373.13		
Cemetery Holding Acct.	<u>0.00</u>	GRAND TOTAL	9,747,546.94
Total Cemetery Trusts	325,475.47		
<u>Conservation Funds</u>			
Conservation	<u>46,114.77</u>		
Total Conservation Funds	46,114.77		

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Tax Map & Lot	Location	Acres	Land	Buildings	Total
R1 - 5	OFF HUNT RD	104.880	380,700	0	380,700
R1 - 9	OFF HUNT RD	4.000	14,300	0	14,300
R1 - 10	OFF HUNT RD	1.400	3,900	0	3,900
R2 - 1	37 RT 125	0.300	103,100	0	103,100
R2 - 3 - A	12 DORRE RD	21.700	171,200	0	171,200
R2 - 5	OFF DORRE RD	0.070	400	0	400
R2 - 12	5 DORRE RD	7.790	113,700	0	113,700
R4 - 10	PILLSBURY PASTURE RD	1.000	5,500	0	5,500
R5 - 6	23 DORRE RD	15.250	78,000	0	78,000
R7 - 1	OFF HUNT RD	93.390	349,300	0	349,300
R8 - 34	3 HUNT RD	0.200	111,900	138,600	250,500
R9 - 26	14 REINFUSS LN	0.200	26,900	0	26,900
U1 - 35	9 HOOKE AVE	0.060	9,400	0	9,400
U3 - 52	17 CIRCUIT DR	0.100	91,900	0	91,900
U4 - 14	1 EIGHTH ST	0.070	17,200	0	17,200
U4 - 27	7 SEVENTH ST	0.300	27,500	0	27,500
U4 - 30	12 SIXTH ST	0.100	11,700	0	11,700
U4 - 35	19 SIXTH ST	0.600	64,900	0	64,900
U4 - 44	25 TENTH ST	0.100	11,700	0	11,700
U4 - 51	27A FOURTH ST	0.040	5,500	0	5,500
U4 - 83	34 SECOND ST	0.100	11,700	0	11,700
U4 - 87	31 SECOND ST	1.300	13,700	0	13,700
U4 - 88	25 SECOND ST	0.700	59,400	0	59,400
U4 - 92	28 FIRST ST	0.400	12,500	0	12,500
U4 - 96	27 FIRST ST	0.200	53,700	0	53,700
U4 - 98	23 FIRST ST	0.300	55,000	0	55,000
U4 - 161	6 FOURTH ST	0.070	8,600	0	8,600
U4 - 175	5 SIXTH ST	0.110	52,600	0	52,600
U4 - 179	4 SIXTH ST	0.070	8,600	0	8,600
U4 - 186	OFF SEVENTH ST	0.100	15,200	0	15,200
	Location	Acres	Land	Buildings	Total

Tax Map & Lot

U4 - 208	3 TENTH ST	0.100	11,700	0	11,700
U4 - 216	5 TWELFTH ST	0.070	8,600	0	8,600
U4 - 217	1 TWELFTH ST	0.080	9,600	0	9,600
U4 - 228	1 SIXTEENTH ST	0.200	11,900	0	11,900
U5 - 50	14 WADLEIGH PT RD	0.200	16,400	0	16,400
U5 - 62	24 MAIN ST	3.676	168,500	141,800	310,300
U6 - 1	28 MAIN ST	2.000	137,600	0	137,600
U6 - 2	MAIN ST	0.200	1,500	0	1,500
U8 - 21	MAIN ST	1.000	83,900	0	83,900
U9 - 28	13 DEPOT RD	0.200	14,900	0	14,900
U9 - 35	19 BARTLETT ST	0.600	73,000	0	73,000
U9 - 69	MAIN ST	1.700	76,900	0	76,900
U9 - 70	MAIN ST	1.500	85,500	0	85,500
U9 - 71	MAIN ST	2.700	94,400	0	94,400
R11 - 14	OFF MILL RD	1.800	9,900	0	9,900
R12 - 14	OFF MILL RD	8.000	8,400	0	8,400
R12 - 22	44 MILL RD	0.400	78,100	0	78,100
R12 - 31	OFF TOWLE RD	0.300	1,700	0	1,700
R13 - 2	22 SUNSHINE DR	13.990	113,900	0	113,900
R14 - 1	1 WEBSTER GR RD	67.990	303,300	0	303,300
R15 - 1	115 NEW BOSTON RD	3.000	42,300	0	42,300
R15 - 15	WILY FOX RD	25.000	116,300	0	116,300
R16 - 5	98 NEW BOSTON RD	94.880	0	0	0
R16 - 8	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	29.000	138,800	0	138,800
R16 - 13	20 ROWELL RD	15.000	62,100	0	62,100
R16 - 15	OFF COOPERS GR RD	2.000	8,300	0	8,300
R17 - 17	OFF KENLIN LN	3.000	12,400	0	12,400
R18 - 9	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	0.200	1,100	0	1,100
R18 - 10	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	0.190	800	0	800
R18 - 11	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	0.190	1,000	0	1,000

Tax Map & Lot	Location	Acres	Land	Buildings	Total
R18 - 12	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	0.190	1,000	0	1,000
R18 - 18	6 SARGENT RD	128.750	373,600	0	373,600
R18 - 33	OFF NEW BOSTON RD	43.000	97,000	0	97,000
R18 - 37	29 NEW BOSTON RD	0.600	32,400	0	32,400
R20 - 10	OFF CEDAR SWAMP PDRD	5.000	27,500	0	27,500
R20 - 12	OFF CEDAR SWAMP PDRD	8.940	47,200	0	47,200
R20 - 13	OFF CEDAR SWAMP PDRD	17.730	89,700	0	89,700
R20 - 14	OFF CEDAR SWAMP PDRD	5.500	29,300	0	29,300
R20 - 16	FOLLY BROOK TERR	58.810	267,400	4,600	272,000
R20 - 17	7 FOLLY BROOK TERR	0.700	81,600	0	81,600
R20 - 9B - 16	26 FOLLY BROOK TERR	26.690	188,600	0	188,600
R21 - 26 - 13	1 CARDINAL RD	4.110	109,300	0	109,300
R21 - 33	12+16 MAIN ST	4.800	117,600	527,500	645,100
R21 - 34	14 DANVILLE RD	0.100	7,300	0	7,300
R21 - 26B	20 WINDSONG DR	1.070	84,200	0	84,200
R23 - 35	22 BALL RD	0.100	14,600	0	14,600
R23 - 46	OFF BALL RD	0.100	14,600	0	14,600
R24 - 1	50 BALL RD	67.000	276,400	0	276,400
R24 - 2	OFF BALL RD	4.000	22,000	0	22,000
R24 - 4	OFF BALL RD	29.000	138,800	0	138,800
R24 - 14C	98 ROCKRIMMON RD	5.000	19,300	0	19,300
R24 - 14G	106 ROCKRIMMON RD	5.000	13,800	0	13,800
R26 - 4	190 RT 125	2.500	89,900	0	89,900
R26 - 5	192 RT 125	6.800	114,300	0	114,300
R26 - 6	194 RT 125	2.600	88,700	0	88,700
R26 - 7	196 RT 125	3.000	94,000	0	94,000
R26 - 12	OFF RT 125	4.000	16,500	0	16,500
R26 - 23	203 RT 125	10.000	92,400	0	92,400
R26 - 27	OFF RT 125	0.500	3,400	0	3,400
R26 - 28	OFF RT 125	0.100	700	0	700

Tax Map & Lot	Location	Acres	Land	Buildings	Total
R26 - 35	193 RT 125	4.000	99,500	0	99,500
R26 - 36	191 RT 125	2.000	85,800	0	85,800
R26 - 37	189 RT 125	0.100	700	0	700
R26 - 45	10 SPOFFORD PT RD	3.000	23,100	0	23,100
R28 - 2	51 DEPOT RD	12.310	112,200	0	112,200
R28 - 15	215 RT 125	1.2000	115,500	0	115,500
R29 - 5	227 RT 125	0.800	25,000	0	25,000
R30 - 4	OFF CHURCH ST	0.100	600	0	600
R31 - 5	60 NORTH RD	0.900	67,200	0	67,200
R31 - 13	OFF NORTH RD	4.600	6,300	0	6,300
R31 - 15	91 ROCKRIMMON RD	56.000	120,100	0	120,100
R33 - 21 - 2	2 LIBRARY LN	3.530	97,300	1,000,000	1,097,300
R33 - 34A	1 SEAN DR	4.310	85,500	0	85,500
R34 - 5	35 CHURCH ST	0.700	66,000	0	66,000
R34 - 25 - 2	RT 125	4.400	105,600	0	105,600
R34 - 40	241 RT 125	2.500	112,400	0	112,400
R34 - 66	7 EXETER RD	5.600	107,900	0	107,900
R34 - 68	236 RT 125	7.300	116,700	0	116,700
R35 - 45 - 41	10 MADISON AVE	4.880	94,000	0	94,000
R37 - 10	15 A SOUTH RD	0.150	14,800	0	14,800
R39 - 38	55 LITTLE RIVER RD	0.200	67,200	0	67,200
R40 - 4	269 RT 125	63.340	369,700	0	369,700
R40 - 10	OFF FARM RD	12.000	55,800	0	55,800
R40 - 23	OFF LITTLE RIVER RD	1.700	8,400	0	8,400
R40 - 38	23 FARM RD	0.400	2,200	0	2,200
R40 - 39	25 FARM RD	0.400	2,200	0	2,200
R40 - 40	OFF FARM RD	0.400	2,200	0	2,200
R40 - 41	OFF FARM RD	0.400	2,200	0	2,200
R40 - 42	27 FARM RD	0.400	15,600	0	15,600
R40 - 46	29 FARM RD	0.400	15,600	0	15,600

Tax Map & Lot	Location	Acres	Land	Buildings	Total
R42 - 6	OFF BACK RD	25.000	122,400	0	122,400
U10 - 14	10 CHURCH ST	0.280	79,000	0	79,000
U10 - 22	1 CHURCH ST	0.020	4,700	0	4,700
U10 - 23	166 MAIN ST	0.200	16,400	0	16,400
U10 - 31	169 MAIN ST	0.400	78,100	223,700	301,800
U10 - 38	165 MAIN ST	0.300	76,400	112,000	188,400
U10 - 39	163 MAIN ST	1.200	85,600	519,500	605,100
U10 - 43	MAIN ST	2.600	75,600	3,200	78,800
U11 - 13	148 MAIN ST	0.600	89,200	360,200	449,400
U11 - 14	4 ROCKRIMMON RD	1.200	85,600	172,400	258,000
U12 - 7	35 BEACH DR	0.650	19,800	0	19,800
U12 - 26	10 BEACH DR	0.740	80,300	0	80,300
U12 - 27	12 BEACH DR	0.760	73,200	0	73,200
U12 - 39	3 BASSETT RD	0.600	71,400	0	71,400
134 Parcels:		1,212.326	9,090,600	3,203,500	12,294,100

2020 BALLOT QUESTIONS AND BUDGET

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWN OF KINGSTON WARRANT ARTICLES 2020

ARTICLE 1: To elect the following Town Officers: One Selectman for a term of three years; one Moderator for a term of two years; one Trustee of Trust Funds for a term of three years; one Trustee of the Trust Funds for a term of two years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of two years; one Supervisor of the Checklist for a term of six years; two Library Trustees for a term of three years; one Library Trustee for a term of one year; one Budget Committee Member for a term of one year; four Budget Committee Members for a term of two years; four Budget Committee Members for a term of three years; two Planning Board members for a term of three years; one Zoning Board of Adjustment member for a term of three years.

ARTICLE 2: Are you in favor of the following amendment, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend the Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the Town of Kingston, Article Preamble II: Definitions, to include the following:

Dwelling Unit, Single Family: A detached building designed for or occupied exclusively by one family; sole ownership of the land and building by the property owner in "fee simple" ownership.

Dwelling Unit, Duplex: A building designed and/or used exclusively for residential purposes and containing two principal dwelling units separated by a common party wall or otherwise structurally attached.

Multi-Family; Multi-Family dwellings: Any building or structure containing more than two (2) dwelling units.

Condominium: Means real property and any interests therein. Lawfully submitted to RSA 356-B, by the recordation of condominium instruments pursuant to the provisions of RSA 356-B. No project shall be deemed a condominium within the meaning of RSA 356-B unless the undivided interests in the common area are vested in the unit owners. A condominium is the absolute ownership of a unit in a multiunit building or development, based on a legal description of the space the unit actually occupies, plus an undivided interest in the ownership of the common elements, which are owned jointly with the other condominium unit owners. Condominiums are not considered a single family dwelling.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 3: Are you in favor of the following amendment, as proposed by the Planning Board, to amend Article 104, Rural Residential District, Section 104.5 Structure/Dwelling Regulations, E. Setback and Buffering, 2. Side and Rear, to read as follows:

2. Side and Rear: New buildings shall be set back 20 feet from the side and rear lot lines. **When Commercial use is taking place on property in the Rural Residential District that abuts residential use,** a 50-foot vegetated buffer shall be suitably planted

and permanently maintained: plantings will be no less than 50% evergreen for year-round screening. Additional setbacks may be required for compliance with other applicable regulations and ordinances, including but not limited to, Wetlands, Shoreland, and Aquifer Protection.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 4: Are you in favor of replacing the existing Article 206 with the following:

206.1 AUTHORITY

This section is enacted in accordance with the provisions of RSA 674:71.

206.2 PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the accessory dwelling unit provision is to provide increased flexibility with respect to housing alternatives for families in Kingston while maintaining health, safety, aesthetics and quality of the Town's neighborhoods.

The objectives of this Section are to:

- A. Provide for the construction of accessory dwelling units in single-family dwelling units, thereby lessening fluctuations in the demand for Town services, e.g.: education and elderly care;
- B. Add more units to the housing stock to meet the needs of smaller households, both young and old;
- C. Protect stability and property values in Single Family Residential, Single Family Residential-Agricultural, Rural Residential and Historic I and II Zoning Districts by ensuring that accessory dwelling units are installed only in owner-occupied single-family houses and under such additional conditions as to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public;
- D. To retain the appearance of a single-family property, whether the Accessory Dwelling Unit is contained within, connected to, or detached from the primary residential structure;
- E. To affirm that an accessory dwelling unit may be deemed a unit of workforce housing for the purposes of satisfying the municipality's obligation under RSA 674:59 if the unit meets the criteria in RSA 674:58 IV for rental units.

206.3 DEFINITIONS

- A. **Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU):** One apartment, provided it is located within a single-family dwelling, or detached structure on a single-family dwelling site, and is clearly a subordinate part thereof, and has safe and proper means of entrance and exit, and meets the requirements set forth in Section 206.4.
- B. **Multi-Family Structure:** A structure (new or existing) with two or more dwelling units.

206.4 ADU REQUIREMENTS

- A. The proposed use must conform to the dimensional requirements of a single-family lot and meet all existing building requirements.
- B. Accessory dwelling units in a multi-family structure are prohibited.
- C. The single-family dwelling shall not be located within an innovative zoning development.

- D. The ADU shall be designed so that the appearance of the property remains that of a single-family use. When the dwelling unit is not in a detached structure, there shall be one door located along/through an adjoining wall to the primary living area and one egress shall be located on the side or in the rear of the building. *(Amended 3/10/15)*
- E. The size of the ADU shall not be smaller than 600 square feet. The maximum size of the ADU shall Not Exceed 1/3 of the size of the primary single family dwelling. In the case where a home is smaller than 1800 square feet the ADU may be no larger than 600 square feet.

Single family dwelling units that are smaller than 1,200 square feet are not permitted to create an accessory dwelling unit. The reason for this is that an accessory dwelling unit in a structure smaller than 1,200 square feet would be more than 50% of the size of the existing structure and no longer deemed to be accessory to the primary unit.

Accessory dwelling units located in a detached structure shall comply with these same size requirements.

- F. Either the principal residence to which an ADU is to be added, or the ADU, shall be, and continue to be, owner occupied.
- G. Up to two bedrooms are permitted in the accessory dwelling unit.
- H. Off-street paved or gravel parking shall be provided for at least four (4) vehicles.
- I. The structure and lot shall not be converted to a condominium or any other form of legal ownership distinct from the ownership of the existing single-family dwelling.
- J. The applicant for a conditional use permit to construct an accessory dwelling unit shall make adequate provisions for water supply and sewage disposal for the accessory dwelling unit in accordance with RSA 485-A:38, but separate systems shall not be required for the principal and accessory dwelling units. In order to comply with this paragraph and prior to constructing an accessory dwelling unit, an application for approval for a sewage disposal system shall be submitted in accordance with RSA 485-A as applicable. The approved sewage disposal system shall be installed if the existing system has not received construction approval and approval to operate under current rules or predecessor rules, or the system fails or otherwise needs to be repaired or replaced. If deemed necessary by the Health Officer, evidence shall be provided in the form of certification by a State of NH licensed septic system designer.
- K. The owner shall provide a floor plan of one-quarter inch (1/4") to the foot scale of the dwelling and proposed ADU.
- L. The owner shall provide a sketch plan (drawn to scale) of the lot, with existing and proposed structures, setbacks and parking shown.
- M. Evidence must be submitted to the Building Inspector that all building requirements can be met.
- N. A proposed ADU which will alter the exterior of any building or will be a detached ADU, will require application for a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board.
- O. An ADU proposed in one of Kingston's Historic Districts which will alter the exterior of any building or will be a detached ADU, will require approval from the Historic District Commission prior to application for a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Board.

206.5 CONVERSION OF EXISTING ACCESSORY FAMILY APARTMENT TO ADU

If a property owner has an approved accessory family apartment, or an ADU approved under an earlier version of this ordinance, it is deemed to meet the standards of this ordinance. The property owner is responsible for documentation that their existing accessory family apartment was approved by the Town.

206.6 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

A Conditional Use Permit is required for any proposed ADU that either expands the footprint of the primary single-family dwelling, or is contained in a detached structure.

A. Procedure on application:

1. A Conditional Use Permit application shall be filed with the Planning Board.
2. The Planning Board shall act upon the Conditional Use Permit application in accordance with the requirements of RSA 676:3.

B. A Conditional Use Permit may be granted by the Planning Board for construction of an ADU provided that the Board determines all of the ADU requirements outlined in 206.4 herein have been met.

206.7 DENIAL AND APPEAL

In such cases as the Planning Board may deny a Conditional Use Permit under this section, it shall supply the applicant with a letter citing the reasons for such denial. An appeal of a Planning Board Conditional Use Permit is made to Superior Court.

RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING BOARD

ARTICLE 5: To see whether the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 5,825,628 for the purpose of building a new fire station on Town owned land at 148 Main St (behind current fire station) and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$ 5,595,602 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon. Further to authorize the withdrawal of \$ 230,026 (remaining balance) from the Capital Reserve Fund established for the Future Replacement, Refurbishment or Upgrade of Fire Department Buildings in 2004. This project shall include architectural and engineering design work, building construction, site work, permit fees and interior equipage. This will be a non-lapsing warrant article pursuant to RSA 32:7, III and the appropriation will not lapse, unless rescinded, until the completion of the project. This project is in the Capital Improvements Program as approved by the Planning Board. Passage of this article requires a 3/5 ballot votes.

There is no tax impact for 2020 (first bond payment will occur in 2021.) estimated tax impact for 2021 is \$ 0.49 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (\$ 127 per average house assessed for \$260,000).

If Articles 7,8 and 9 all pass the amount to be bonded will be reduced to \$3,000,000. For this amount bonded the estimated tax impact for 2021 is \$.26 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation (\$68. Per average house assessed for \$260,000).

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0 RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 7-2

ARTICLE 6: Shall the Town of Kingston raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$ 6,152,870? Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$5,927,089, which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Kingston or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to revoke the "2011 Town of Kingston Infrastructure Fund", for the purpose of withdrawing \$2,595,602.00 from the principal balance of \$5,430,435.00 of the Infrastructure Fund to apply towards the construction of a new fire station in accordance with Article 8 (to reduce the amount to be raised through the sale of bonds) and reestablishing a fund with the remaining balance of \$ 2,834,833.00 in accordance with Article 9. This Warrant Article is contingent on the passage of Article 5, Article 8 and Article 9. If Article 5 (construction and bonding of new fire station), Article 8 (allocation of proceeds from the revoked fund to reduce amount bonded) and Article 9 (establishment of the 2020 Infrastructure Fund) all do not pass, this Warrant Article becomes moot and has no effect. This Article shall have no tax impact.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-1
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,595,602.00 for the purpose of constructing a new fire station in accordance with Article 5, such sum to come from the remaining balance of the Infrastructure Fund which was revoked in Article 7 to reduce the amount to be raised through the sale of bonds to \$ 3,000,000.00. This Warrant Article is contingent on the passage of Article 5, Article 7 and Article 9. If any of Article 5, Article 7 and Article 9 do not pass (Construction and bonding of new fire station, Revocation of the current Infrastructure Fund or establishment of the 2020 Town of Kingston Infrastructure Fund) this Warrant Article becomes moot and has no effect. In order for the town to take advantage of the current Infrastructure Fund, Articles 7,8 and 9 all must pass. This Article shall have no tax impact.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-1
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to create a general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a II to be known as the "2020 Town of Kingston Infrastructure Fund" for the purpose of building, expanding, improving, and maintaining Town owned structures and improvements and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,834,833.00

such sum to come from the remaining balance of the Infrastructure Fund which was revoked in Article 7 and no amount to be raised by taxation. The sum of \$ 2,834,833.00 shall remain in Trust and will not be invaded. Only monies earned through investment, including but not limited to interest and dividends and the interest and dividend money earned on the "Town of Kingston Infrastructure, Development, Improvement and Maintenance Fund" as of December 31, 2019, including any interest accumulated through March 2, 2020 will be available to support the purpose of the Trust Fund. The Selectmen are appointed agents to expend earnings of the Trust Fund for the purpose of the Trust, after a posted public hearing. The intent of this Article is to create a Revocable Trust, generating annual earnings for the benefit of the Town in perpetuity. This Warrant Article is contingent on the passage of Article 5, Article 7 and Article 8. If any of Article 5, Article 7 and Article 9 do not pass (Construction and bonding of new fire station, Revocation of the current Infrastructure Fund or allocation of proceeds from the revoked fund to reduce amount bonded) this Warrant Article becomes moot and has no effect.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-1
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to allow a 1½% deduction from Property Tax when payment is made prior to the due date. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to take the deduction; deductions not taken by the taxpayer on or before the due date will not be refunded. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Buildings Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Highway Department Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 13: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$137,800 for masonry work at the Nichols Memorial Building and authorize the withdrawal of \$137,800 from the Building Maintenance capital reserve fund created for that purpose. Recommendations Required. (Majority vote required) (If this Article passes there will be no tax impact.)

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Fire Apparatus Replacement Capital Reserve Fund. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 4-5**

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 29,106 for the purpose of purchasing acoustical panels for the Town Hall meeting room. (Majority vote required)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve fund, 325th Anniversary. Said fund and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 17: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the following Capital Reserve fund, Annual Celebration. Said fund and accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. (Majority vote required.)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 18: To see if the town will vote to establish a 350th Anniversary Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the town's future 350th celebration and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,000 to be placed in this fund, with this amount to come from the Kingston Days Special Revenue Fund. Further, to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund. (Majority vote required.) (If Articles 16,17 and 18 pass, there will be no tax impact.)

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Community Revitalization Tax Relief Incentive outlined in NH RSA 79-E of state law and to designate Historic District I (HDI) as meeting the standards for an eligible district as set forth in NH RSA 79-E:2. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen shall have the option of granting temporary property assessment relief to encourage substantial reinvestment in qualifying structures. The goal is to promote rehabilitation of underutilized buildings in the Town's village center, thereby contributing to a strong local economy and smart, sustainable growth.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to require that the annual budget and all special warrant articles having a tax impact, as determined by the governing body, shall contain a notation stating the estimated tax impact of the article.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to change the Highway Agent position from an elected to an appointed, by Selectmen, position (RSA 231:62) for a three - year term (RSA 231:62-b) with authority to perform "Additional Duties" under the direction of the Selectmen (RSA 231:63). A "yes" vote will go into effect at the next town meeting.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 700, Article 701 of the Town Ordinances, Rules and Regulations to read as follows:

- 701.1** The Select Board has the authority to appoint inspectors to check each building/structure and waste disposal system being constructed or moved into the Town of Kingston to determine that all existing ordinances and regulations are being followed. Inspectors shall include, but not be limited to, building, health, plumbing, electrical and fire.
- 701.2** All construction shall conform to the regulations and restrictions as adopted under Article 301 of the Town of Kingston Zoning and Building Codes, the current codes as adopted by the State of New Hampshire, and all other applicable Town ordinances and regulations.
- 701.3** The Select Board shall set fee schedules for such inspections with said fee(s) being due and payable prior to the issuance of permits. The fee schedule shall be available at the Select Board's office.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

ARTICLE 23: If Article 22 passes, to see if the Town will vote to revoke Article 1002 of the Town Rules and Regulations, as it would no longer be necessary.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 404 of the Town Ordinances to read as follows:
No hawker or peddler who has been licensed by the State of N. H. pursuant to provisions of N.H. RSA 320:8, shall be allowed to do business in the Town of Kingston without duly registering the State license with the Kingston Police Department, and paying an annual license fee to the Town of Kingston in the sum of \$100.00. In

addition, no hawker or peddler shall be allowed to conduct business in the Town of Kingston other than between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. Monday through Friday, inclusive, unless Selectmen deem hours unreasonable. Any hawker or peddler who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined a sum not to exceed \$10.00 per day for each day of such violation. Any portion of the annual license fee may be waived in the sole discretion of the Selectmen for hawkers and peddlers who are domiciled in the Town of Kingston.

RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 3-0-1

ARTICLE 25: On petition of 71 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Land Acquisition Capital Reserve fund for the future purchase of development rights, conservation easements and other land acquisition to conserve the Town's rural character, provide open space for outdoor recreation by the public, and help stabilize the tax base.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 4-0
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 2-7**

ARTICLE 26: On petition of the Kingston Heritage Commission and 44 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the previously established Heritage Fund to support preservation and utilization of historic and cultural resources in the town of Kingston.

**NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 1-3
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 5-4**

ARTICLE 27: On petition of 31 registered voters, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$3,100 to support One Sky Community Services in their efforts to provide vital support and services to 31 individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities who reside in the Town of Kingston, in the Town's 2020 budget.

**NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 0-4
NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 4-5**

ARTICLE 28: On petition of 25 registered voters, shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to support the substance misuse prevention, suicide prevention and community wellness services of the SoRock Coalition for Healthy Youth. SoRock's work promotes wellness and nurtures resiliency for the children, youth and families of Kingston as well as surrounding communities. SoRock works through coordinating community education, programming & resources and collaborating with federal and state agencies to help direct additional resources to the towns they serve.

**NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2-2
RECOMMENDED BY THE BUDGET COMMITTEE 9-0**

Department	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Proposal
EXECUTIVE									
Salaries-Selectmen	13,260	13,311	13,260	13,260	20,627	20,315	22,100	22,039	22,100
Salaries-Full Time	171,500	161,861	163,200	162,273	206,012	155,704	137,169	137,125	159,440
Salaries-Overtime	1,000	213	500	0	500	644	0	0	500
Salaries-Part Time	24,480	12,583	48,340	30,692	19,600	34,280	5,887	6,465	
Ads Classified	500	195	500	1,808	500	1,092	1,000	1,302	1,000
Boat Launch Keys	230	300	300	270	300	235	0		
Books	1,500	2,376	1,500	1,331	1,500	2,084	1,500	1,836	1,700
Computer Maintenance	13,000	11,004	12,000	10,834	11,100	12,241	8,106	6,537	10,000
Computer Supplies	1,600	318	1,300	1,293	1,300	1,409	1,000	25	1,000
Computer Training	50	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Computer Upgrade	5,000	3,185	5,000	5,051	5,000	5,000	4,850	1,846	4,850
Consulting & Outside Services	3,500	2,620	1,000	0	1,000	2,000	1,000	784	5,000
Contracted Services	3,000	33,700	53,000	4,700	53,000	55,499	62,100	23,072	100,000
Dog Tags	400	516	400	410	400	440	0		
Dues	5,500	5,490	5,500	5,924	6,000	5,997	6,140	6,111	6,200
Equipment Maintenance									
Contracts	1,000	566	1,000	565	750	1,159	500	787	750
Equipment Repairs	350	76	350	0	350	211	350	174	350
Equipment Supplies	600	229	500	142	500	444	500	53	500
Forms & Envelopes	2,000	2,780	3,000	2,914	3,000	2,647	1,500	1,430	1,500
Info Printing & Mailing	1,000	0	800	0	800	0	800	0	800
Legal Ads	1,000	312	800	224	800	523	800	984	1,000
Mileage & Meals	1,000	409	1,000	396	1,000	463	450	311	450
Office Equipment	1,500	0	1,000	198	500	516	400	344	400
Penalties	100	0	100	0	100	102	100		100
Postage	11,000	11,596	12,000	12,006	12,000	10,835	12,000	11,095	13,000
Recording Fees	1,000	1,576	1,500	1,820	1,800	954	500	90	150
Seminars & Training	500	450	500	941	1,000	915	200	603	500
Solid Waste Task Force Op.	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Supplies	3,500	3,106	3,500	3,231	3,400	3,806	3,000	3,260	3,200
Tax Map Updates	4,000	0	4,000	2,751	3,000	2,598	3,000	0	3,000
Tax Maps For Sale	350	0	150	186	150	150	150	0	150
Telephone/Internet	5,400	5,396	5,400	5,679	6,500	6,337	6,500	6,772	6,800
Town Cable TV Operations	60,500	21,210	500	495	500	1,411	16,500	13,567	16,500
Town Reports	2,000	1,695	2,000	1,695	1,800	1,695	1,800	1,749	1,800
TOTALS	341,321	297,073	343,902	271,089	364,791	331,706	299,904	248,361	362,742

Department	2016 Budget	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2019 Budget	2019 Actual	2020 Proposal
<u>ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION</u>									
Supv of Chklist Clerical	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Supv of Chklist Supplies	200	0	100	0	100	0	100	28	200
Salaries-Supv of Chklist	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Election Salaries-Part Time	4,000	2,177	1,000	370	2,500	1,233	1,000	740	4,000
Election Food	600	733	400	0	850	679	400	300	1,600
Election Printing	6,000	2,219	3,500	2,683	2,700	4,173	4,500	3,239	4,500
Election Programming	5,000	4,327	3,501	1,628	4,000	4,249	2,500	1,844	5,000
Election Supplies	200	602	200	65	200	136	200	14	800
TOTALS	17,700	11,758	10,401	6,446	12,050	12,170	10,400	7,865	17,800
<u>FINANCE ADMINISTRATION</u>									
Assessing	34,000	32,400	34,000	32,400	34,000	32,400	21,750	21,750	21,750
Audit	20,000	12,311	20,000	13,000	20,000	14,656	20,000	13,183	20,000
Budget Committee Salaries	1,500	0	1,500	783	1,300	0	750	439	750
Budget Committee Books	650	0	650	0	100	0	30	30	30
Budget Committee Supplies	500	0	500	81	250	74	100	100	100
Budget Committee Legal Ads	50	701	700	806	800	417	250	250	250
Budget Committee Meals & Miles	150	0	150	0	150	50	800	568	800
Budget Committee Seminars	30	0	30	0	30	0	150	180	150
TC-TC Salary	54,000	56,458	57,000	55,635	52,000	52,783	57,000	57,000	58,710
TC-TC Salary Full Time							45,760	44,689	47,650
TC-TC Salary Overtime							24,128	22,753	24,850
TC-TC Salary Part Time							250	220	250
TC-TC Boat Launch Keys							500	299	500
TC-TC Computer Maintenance							3,894	3,903	3,972
TC-TC Computer Supplies							400	334	400
TC-TC Computer Upgrades							1,000	1,004	2,000
TC-TC Consulting Services-									
Deeds									
TC-TC Dog Tags							2,500	1,907	2,500
TC-TC Dues							400	416	400
TC-TC Equipment Contracts							60	20	60
TC-TC Forms & Envelopes							400	461	400
TC-TC Mileage & Meals							1,500	1,370	1,500
TC-TC Office Equipment							500	155	500
TC-TC Recording Fees							100	90	100
							500	350	500

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
TC-TC Seminars & Training	7,800	7,830	7,800	7,800	7,800	7,830	800	912	1,000
TC-TC Supplies	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	1,875	500	511	500
Treasurer Salary	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,600	1,600	7,800	7,830	7,800
Trustees Trust Funds Salaries							1,875	1,875	1,875
Trustees Trust Funds Bkpg							1,600	1,600	1,800
TOTALS	121,755	112,775	125,405	113,580	119,905	111,685	195,297	183,819	201,097
LEGAL EXPENSE									
Legal Expense	35,000	29,141	35,000	17,495	35,000	23,246	35,000	19,885	35,000
TOTALS	35,000	29,141	35,000	17,495	35,000	23,246	35,000	19,885	35,000
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION									
53rd Pay Week	36,920	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Record Check	600	477	600	611	620	611	620	676	700
Dental Ins	24,581	21,737	24,581	22,484	25,653	25,345	26,000	24,374	30,000
Disability Insurance	11,750	8,647	11,750	11,073	12,073	11,622	13,280	13,128	13,280
Health & Life Ins	75,900	65,677	77,000	67,241	390,000	343,898	390,000	380,597	470,000
Medicare	390,529	341,357	396,000	345,204	30,000	26,785	31,000	27,637	31,300
Pay For Performance	27,168	25,800	29,000	25,999	43,900	47,409	44,000	39,484	44,000
Retirement	29,500	46,349	31,000	32,135	325,000	293,069	310,000	288,778	307,100
Social Security	278,427	259,854	280,000	266,208	85,542	68,211	86,500	70,052	89,500
Unemployment Ins	4,052	3,389	4,417	3,426	3,873	3,361	3,873	(637)	2,982
Wage/Salary Adjustment									50,000
Worker's Compensation Ins	44,467	41,970	49,000	47,683	56,710	54,280	64,309	57,109	69,196
TOTALS	923,894	815,257	903,348	822,064	973,371	874,591	969,582	901,198	1,108,058
PLANNING BOARD									
PB-Salaries-Part Time	21,268	14,227	17,500	14,401	19,383	16,371	19,383	15,134	20,158
PB-Books	200	0	200	141	200	166	200	101	200
PB-Contracted Services	2,500	0	2,500	0	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
PB-Copier Maintenance	400	103	200	115	400	297	400	333	500
PB-Engineering Consultant	3,000	2,508	4,000	358	3,000	1,225	3,000	1,770	3,000
PB-Forms & Envelopes	150	0	150	0	150	338	150	0	150
PB-Legal Ads	1,800	2,191	1,800	1,561	1,500	2,029	1,800	2,291	1,500
PB-Matching Grants	2,500	0	3,500	0	2,500	0	2,500	0	2,500
PB-Mileage	300	0	150	55	150	115	250	81	250
PB-Office Equipment	400	363	400	176	400	400	2,070	1,578	1,020
PB-Planner	28,446	27,528	28,446	28,712	29,304	26,768	35,276	35,276	44,924

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
PB-Postage	0	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
PB-Recording Fees	1,100	194	900	398	900	952	900	441	700
PB-Seminars & Training	250	140	250	245	250	250	400	181	600
PB-Supplies	325	400	350	456	350	168	350	433	350
Telephone	450	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PB-Test Pit/Soil Scientist	500	0	500	0	500	0	500	380	500
PB-Computer Upgrade/Maint	400	0	400	0	400	0	400	0	400
TOTALS	63,989	47,654	61,346	46,618	60,487	49,079	68,679	57,999	77,852

ZBA									
ZBA-Salaries	500	148	500	0	500	39	500	111	500
ZBA-Books	55	0	55	32	55	40	55	40	55
ZBA-Legal Ads	1,000	859	1,000	921	1,000	1,532	1,000	2,281	1,000
Postage	450	0	0	0	0		0	0	0
ZBA-Seminars & Training	75	0	75	55	75		75	15	75
ZBA-Supplies	50	0	50	1,257	50		50	24	50
TOTALS	2,130	1,007	1,680	2,265	1,680	1,611	1,680	2,471	1,680

HIST DIST COMM									
HDC-Salaries	500	227	500	555	500	488	550	398	550
HDC-Abutter Notices	150	0	150	0	0	0	150	0	150
HDC-Books	75	0	75	40	75	48	75	16	75
HDC-Dues	75	50	75	60	75	0	75	60	75
HDC-Grant Match	100	0	100	0	300	0	100	0	100
HDC-Legal Ads	125	193	125	168	200	74	125	0	125
Postage	25	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
HDC-Supplies	300	65	300	13	100	0	100	170	100
HDC-Technical Consulting	100	0	100	0	75	0	100	0	100
HDC-Training	75	0	75	0	0	6	75	76	75
TOTALS	1,525	535	1,500	836	1,425	616	1,350	720	1,350

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY									
Salaries-Full Time	85,000	79,384	87,550	77,352	84,760	85,081	88,400	88,704	91,520
Salaries-Overtime	6,000	2,864	5,000	3,951	3,000	2,223	3,000	1,181	3,000
Air Quality Testing	1,000	1,400	1,400	0	1	4,500	3,400	0	3,400
Capital Equipment	10,000	17,713	10,000	458	10,000	12,094	6,000	0	6,000
Capital Improvements	21,000	35,163	21,000	16,256	25,000	24,789	47,000	48,676	47,000
Equipment Maintenance	5,000	4,735	5,000	5,237	5,000	6,412	6,000	10,003	6,000
Equipment Rental	2,000	1,967	2,000	669	1,000	720	2,000	77	1,000

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Fertilizer	2,500	1,002	2,500	2,528	2,500	4,732	2,500	7,784	6,000
Fire Equipment	1,500	45	1,500	725	1,500	1,606	1,500	700	1,500
Fixture Repair	4,000	6,434	5,000	6,052	5,000	4,305	5,000	3,661	5,000
Flags	500	144	1,000	905	1,000	498	1,000	544	500
Fuel Tank Maintenance	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Hardware & Tools	2,500	3,568	6,000	6,445	6,000	5,266	6,000	1,292	6,000
Heat & Service	22,580	9,149	13,000	11,125	13,000	16,338	19,700	13,070	19,700
Landscaping	1,500	2,178	1,500	445	1,500	2,048	1,500	1,487	1,500
Lift Maintenance	500	1,575	500	750	500	1,150	750	937	750
Lumber & Supplies	1,000	2,984	1,000	0	1,000	1,174	1,000	439	1,000
Membership Fees	200	170	200	170	200	(75)	1	0	1
Monitoring	4,900	4,116	4,900	6,231	5,200	3,814	6,200	4,489	6,200
Organic Landcare	5,000	95	5,000	4,061	1,400	996	5,000	1,701	2,500
Painting	2,000	943	2,000	1,389	2,000	1,019	2,000	1,297	2,000
Paper & Cleaning Supplies	5,000	4,837	5,000	5,144	6,000	6,312	6,000	5,864	6,000
Park Maintenance	4,000	4,612	4,000	2,858	4,000	3,548	4,000	485	4,000
Portapotty	1,000	1,418	2,000	1,500	2,000	2,015	2,000	2,745	2,000
Safety Equipment & Uniforms	1,000	735	1,000	475	1,000	2,003	1,000	670	1,000
Septic	1,000	700	1,500	0	1,500	1,805	2,000	3,222	2,000
Telephone/Internet	2,700	1,716	2,700	1,581	2,700	1,447	1,500	1,334	1,500
Tree Maintenance	2,000	0	2,000	0	1,000	0	1	0	2,000
Utilities - Electric	20,400	13,687	15,000	13,857	15,000	16,705	18,000	16,197	18,000
Water Cooler Rentals	600	945	900	1,062	900	1,326	1,200	1,987	1,800
Water Testing	300	587	300	382	300	567	500	552	500
TOTALS	216,681	204,866	210,451	171,608	203,961	214,418	244,153	219,098	249,372
CEMETERIES									
Salaries-Part Time	5,987	5,364	6,167	5,058	6,167	5,301	6,167	7,380	6,000
Millstream Salaries-Part Time	700	1,404	720	1,341	1,400	1,150	1,400	1,183	1,400
Contracted Services	3,900	1,695	3,900	1,828	21,900	13,015	21,900	12,278	16,000
Equipment Maintenance	100	163	100	0	475	118	475	223	475
Flowers	500	321	500	575	50	48	50	48	50
Improvement	750	0	750	0	750	0	750	435	750
Mileage & Meals	50	17	50	36	200	210	200	373	200
Stone Repairs	100	0	100	0	620	1,100	620	0	1,000
Supplies	200	0	200	0	200	144	200	189	200
Millstream Contracted Services	100	0	100	13	3,900	2,269	3,900	1,764	3,900
Millstream Equipment Maint.	475	224	475		100	0	100	44	100

Millstream Flowers	50	0	50	13	100	100	100	100	100
Millstream Improvements	200	0	200	118	500	0	500	0	500
Millstream Mileage & Meals	1,000	0	1,000	0	50	39	50	61	50
Millstream Stone Repairs	1,000	0	800	0	200	200	200	0	200
Millstream Supplies	200	166	200	165	100	65	100	44	100
TOTALS	37,212	22,494	37,212	22,036	37,212	24,259	37,212	24,750	31,525
<u>INSURANCE</u>									
Liability	61,500	61,448	66,490	65,032	55,472	55,472	54,689	54,689	58,518
Deductible	4,000	1,709	4,000	6,756	4,000	4,793	4,000	3,568	4,000
TOTALS	65,500	63,157	70,490	71,788	59,472	60,265	58,689	58,257	62,518
<u>REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS</u>									
Regional Association Dues	5,835	5,835	5,900	5,989	6,069	6,069	6,136	6,136	6,244
TOTALS	5,835	5,835	5,900	5,989	6,069	6,069	6,136	6,136	6,244
<u>OTHER GENERAL GOV</u>									
Cable Channel Salary	1,500	60	1,500	608	5,000	3,294	5,000	3,379	4,000
Other General Government	70,000	7,333	70,000	0	70,000	801	70,000	0	70,000
Gasoline	70,000	66,315	70,000	61,975	67,000	57,247	67,000	52,558	60,000
Physicals	5,000	3,843	5,000	6,323	6,000	1,717	2,000	1,891	2,000
TOTALS	146,500	77,551	146,500	68,906	148,000	63,059	144,000	57,828	136,000
<u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>									
Salaries-Full Time	481,782	470,839	400,282	393,290	408,585	397,330	402,844	390,370	347,734
Salaries-Overtime	15,000	15,121	15,000	14,120	15,000	15,562	15,000	11,033	15,000
Salaries-Overtime Court	10,000	9,250	10,000	9,255	10,000	4,763	10,000	2,369	10,000
Salaries-Seminars & Training	9,000	8,176	9,000	6,891	9,000	7,993	9,000	9,471	9,000
Salaries-Part Time Officers	31,518	27,830	133,018	118,856	133,000	115,936	133,000	108,055	199,044
Salaries-Secretary	44,033	43,868	44,033	45,236	44,720	44,696	45,760	45,918	47,320
Salaries-Secretary-Part Time	1,292	1,727	1,292	672	1,292	694	1,292	1,040	1,292
Ammunition	6,000	5,949	6,000	6,047	6,000	5,979	6,000	5,972	6,000
Books	1,300	1,049	1,300	1,205	1,300	558	1,000	900	1,000
Capital Equipment	5,180	4,071	5,180	5,224	5,180	4,477	5,180	3,725	5,180
Computer	5,739	5,739	6,755	6,753	6,755	6,704	7,184	7,184	7,520
Cruiser Maintenance	17,000	15,578	17,000	15,637	17,000	15,489	17,000	15,382	17,000
Cruiser Replacement	36,585	33,809	36,585	36,478	36,585	36,613	36,585	36,585	38,800
Dues	400	425	400	325	400	475	400	490	475
Electric	7,400	6,636	8,000	6,447	7,000	7,934	8,000	7,592	8,000

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Equipment Maintenance	540	135	540	320	540	342	540	788	540
Forms & Envelopes	1,200	975	1,200	1,210	1,200	1,037	1,200	1,238	1,200
Heat	5,000	2,237	4,000	3,708	4,000	5,087	4,000	3,153	4,000
Intoximeter Supplies	400	433	300	323	400	205	400	0	400
Mileage & Meals	2,500	1,975	2,500	2,717	2,500	2,223	2,500	161	2,500
Photo	1,200	760	1,200	1,117	1,200	1,028	1,200	1,186	1,200
Prosecutor	21,550	21,550	17,274	17,274	17,880	17,881	19,206	15,378	19,000
Radio Maintenance	4,000	3,387	4,000	3,823	4,000	3,907	4,000	3,693	4,000
Seminars & Training	1,000	1,172	1,000	1,000	1,000	924	1,000	495	1,000
Supplies	1,500	1,545	1,500	1,670	1,500	1,389	1,500	1,479	1,500
Surplus Equipment	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
Telephone/Internet	5,640	5,150	5,700	4,178	5,300	3,608	4,000	5,410	4,000
Uniforms	9,025	11,523	9,025	6,731	9,025	10,252	9,025	10,331	9,025
TOTALS	727,384	702,906	744,209	712,026	751,987	714,472	748,441	690,882	763,355
<u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u>									
Salaries-Fulltime Firefighter	199,000	199,384	205,500	223,976	253,600	255,213	263,278	248,173	270,250
Salaries-Overtime	23,000	29,065	25,000	30,398	25,000	36,236	30,000	41,180	30,000
Salaries-Secretary/EMT	37,440	39,269	39,520	40,680	41,600	41,766	43,160	43,296	45,760
Salaries-Fire Personnel	136,625	130,657	132,000	104,625	132,000	92,510	126,000	89,538	50,000
Salaries-Per Diem									135,000
Ambulance Supplies	6,500	7,029	6,500	5,063	6,500	6,372	6,500	5,990	6,500
Capital Equipment	1,000	0	1,000	895	1,000	1,443	5,000	4,440	1,000
Computer Upgrade	3,550	3,708	3,550	3,828	5,100	5,012	5,100	4,233	5,100
Comstar Fees	9,000	6,018	8,000	6,228	8,000	5,854	8,000	6,142	8,000
Consortium Dues	2,200	2,117	2,200	2,117	2,200	2,117	2,200	2,117	2,200
Dry Hydrant	1,000	0	5,000	0	1,000	921	1,000	0	1,000
Dues	1,000	1,295	1,000	1,005	1,100	985	1,100	960	1,100
Electric	10,500	8,475	10,500	8,851	9,500	9,708	10,000	10,517	10,000
Equipment Repairs	6,800	6,811	7,000	6,551	7,000	6,224	5,500	4,620	6,100
Equipment Upgrade	5,500	5,772	5,500	5,838	5,500	5,739	6,500	4,691	5,500
Fire Prevention	500	501	500	364	500	515	500	248	500
Grant	2,000	0	2,000	1,114	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Hazardous Material	500	427	500	0	500	267	500	0	500
Heat	10,000	7,546	8,000	5,363	7,800	7,147	9,725	11,262	9,725
Hose Replacement	1,000	798	1,000	1,052	1,000	735	2,000	0	1,000
Mileage & Meals	500	490	500	533	500	674	500	602	500
Oxygen	300	182	300	174	300	252	300	543	500

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Protective Clothing	16,500	13,947	16,500	15,373	16,000	11,130	15,000	8,577	15,000
Radio Maintenance	2,800	2,810	2,800	1,770	2,800	1,778	2,000	1,402	2,000
Radio Replacement	9,000	8,852	9,000	8,868	9,000	8,739	9,000	9,437	9,000
Rolling Equipment	23,500	21,883	23,500	25,566	23,500	30,414	23,500	23,852	23,500
SCBA	2,600	2,744	2,600	3,266	2,600	3,863	3,000	3,330	4,825
Seminars & Training	10,000	8,414	10,000	7,097	8,750	7,921	5,000	5,009	7,000
Supplies	2,200	2,199	2,200	1,668	2,200	2,004	2,200	1,328	2,200
Telephone/Internet	5,500	5,601	5,500	4,849	5,500	5,292	5,500	6,031	5,500
Uniforms	3,800	4,172	3,800	3,714	4,200	4,436	4,200	3,326	4,200
TOTALS	533,815	520,166	540,970	520,826	586,250	555,267	598,263	540,844	665,460
FOREST FIRES									
Salaries	1,000	632	1,000	0	1,000	272	0	0	0
Supplies / Equipment	2,120	1,741	2,000	558	2,000	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	3,120	2,373	3,000	558	3,000	272	0	0	0
TOWN INSPECTORS									
Salaries-Part Time	28,000	27,668	28,000	30,440	28,000	30,694	34,025	29,738	34,800
Books	1,300	1,305	1,350	1,572	1,600	1,506	1,600	2,029	2,000
Dues	200	260	200	210	200	210	210	210	200
Environmental Inspector	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Forms & Envelopes	150	27	150	100	150	0	150	339	150
Mileage & Meals	1,000	1,479	1,500	1,524	1,500	1,951	2,000	1,497	2,000
Seminars & Training	175	230	200	0	200	185	200	0	200
Supplies	0	110	1	0	150	22	150	257	300
Telephone	1,000	745	1,000	745	1,000	642	1,000	1,604	1,900
TOTALS	31,826	31,824	32,402	34,591	32,801	35,210	39,336	35,674	41,551
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT									
Salaries	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Field Equipment	500	0	500	0	500	0	500	0	500
Grants	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Homeland Security Drill	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
RERP Allocations	47,300	11,329	17,200	9,959	24,012	13,997	10,300	2,406	25,000
Seminars & Training	1,000	0	1,000	0	750	0	750	0	750
Supplies	500	139	500	148	500	18	500	0	500
Telephone	700	694	700	293	700	125	700	444	700
TOTALS	53,002	15,162	22,902	13,400	29,464	17,140	15,752	5,850	30,452

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
HIGHWAY DEPT.									
Salary-Road Agent	289,000	293,787	297,670	296,838	305,360	306,579	79,000	79,000	85,000
Salaries-Full Time	35,000	33,756	35,000	61,233	55,000	46,471	239,720	238,754	249,750
Salaries-Overtime	15,600	1,613	15,600	16,869	16,000	15,688	55,000	59,781	55,000
Salaries-Part Time	1,500	104	1,000	1,804	1,000	2,290	17,160	16,774	17,774
Barricades & Guard Rails	1,200	693	1,000	1,220	1,200	878	1,000	1,885	3,000
Clothing Rental	4,000	5,010	5,000	6,184	6,000	4,600	1,200	757	1,200
Cold Patch	3,000	7,685	7,000	9,166	6,000	4,585	6,000	0	6,000
Culvert/Catch Basin	100	25	100	25	75	25	25	6,220	6,000
Dues	3,300	3,647	3,300	2,600	3,300	3,233	3,000	3,250	3,000
Dumpster Rental	8,500	5,386	7,000	5,958	6,250	6,391	8,500	6,229	8,500
Electricity	4,500	10,167	5,000	6,672	5,000	7,862	8,000	4,805	8,000
Equipment Rental or Lease	35,000	37,679	35,000	29,156	35,000	47,525	35,000	43,735	35,000
Equipment Repairs	9,000	9,371	9,000	4,476	4,500	4,537	10,000	8,772	10,000
Gravel & Stone	3,000	4,766	4,500	2,434	6,000	2,565	4,500	3,906	4,500
Hardware	8,000	4,735	7,000	3,566	192,000	5,502	7,500	4,549	7,500
Heat	92,000	92,521	92,000	93,120	750	128,203	192,000	192,000	192,000
Hot Mix	1,000	457	1,000	0	1	124	1,000	306	1,000
Lumber	0	0	3,500	1,026	10,000	0	1	0	1
Matching Grant	500	0	500	1,136	500	218	500	135	500
Mileage & Meals	500	100	500	357	500	11	500	24	500
Office Equipment	500	521	500	936	500	279	500	206	500
Office Supplies	2,000	1,370	2,000	14,217	3,000	2,053	3,000	2,268	3,000
Oil & Grease	14,000	1,051	14,000	5,722	14,000	13,639	15,000	16,470	15,000
Pavement Marking	5,000	6,575	5,000	1,479	5,000	4,550	5,000	1,723	5,000
Plow Blades	600	613	600	12,982	600	0	600	0	600
Radio Maintenance	0	0	8,500	60,027	8,500	0	8,500	4,196	8,500
Radio Replacement	60,000	65,283	60,000	802	60,000	60,000	60,000	19,461	60,000
Road Rebuilding	2,500	2,081	3,000	91,628	2,500	3,588	2,500	2,627	2,500
Safety Equipment	65,000	77,548	65,000	8,795	80,000	77,244	80,000	86,637	80,000
Salt	8,000	0	8,000	865	8,000	12,304	8,000	5,189	8,000
Sand	250	580	300	690	300	190	300	1,990	300
Seminars & Training	2,500	2,921	2,500	112,743	2,500	250	2,500	2,043	2,500
Signs & Barricades	70,000	52,879	70,000	0	110,000	94,433	110,000	99,628	110,000
Snowplowing	6,000	2,815	6,000	2,348	8,000	9,192	10,000	7,072	14,000
Storm Water Maintenance	2,500	4,020	4,000	3,961	3,500	2,926	3,500	3,093	3,500
Telephone	4,000	3,365	4,000	0	4,000	2,727	4,000	1,789	4,000
Tools									

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Tree Removal	2,000	450	1,500	600	1,000	1,399	1,000	0	1,000
TOTALS	759,550	733,574	785,570	861,635	965,836	872,061	990,006	925,299	1,012,650
<u>STREET LIGHTS</u>									
Street Lighting	30,000	26,733	30,000	28,821	30,000	32,574	33,000	32,900	33,000
TOTALS	30,000	26,733	30,000	28,821	30,000	32,574	33,000	32,900	33,000
<u>OTHER HIGHWAY</u>									
Class VI Road Maintenance	6,000	5,467	6,000		6,000	3,157	6,000	0	6,000
Highway Block Grant	164,853	166,064	164,853	164,853	173,179	173,179	175,996	175,996	177,440
TOTALS	170,853	171,531	170,853	164,853	179,179	176,336	181,996	175,996	183,440
<u>SANITATION</u>									
Bulky Goods Pick-Up	100	0	100	0	100	0	100	0	100
Hazardous Waste Collection	4,500	5,877	24,501	29,658	6,000	4,570	6,000	9,237	6,000
Hazardous Waste Removal	100	0		0	1	0	1	0	1
Residential Pick-Up	300,000	300,758	308,904	308,277	342,028	339,337	352,300	351,433	362,857
Solid Waste Disposal	165,000	154,273	169,125	153,849	155,000	148,042	159,660	147,683	159,660
TOTALS	469,700	460,908	502,630	491,784	503,129	491,949	518,061	508,353	528,618
<u>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</u>									
Salaries-Part Time	14,000	12,048	12,500	13,226	14,000	14,694	15,600	15,660	15,600
Books	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25
Dues	100	85	100	55	100	90	100	35	100
Mileage & Meals	600	647	600	632	600	361	600	362	600
Seminars & Training	250	105	150	105	150	125	90	100	200
Supplies	200	227	200	68	200	22	100	0	100
Water Analysis	50	0	1	0	5,400	5,255	5,400	10,975	12,000
Water Cooler Rentals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,393	8,000
TOTALS	15,225	13,112	13,576	14,086	20,475	20,547	21,915	28,525	36,625
<u>PEST & ANIMAL CONTROL</u>									
Salaries-Part Time	17,375	17,724	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,069	18,000	18,069	18,000
Field Equipment	350	285	350	350	350	0	350	0	350
Heat	250	189	250	50	250	0	250	0	250
Mileage & Meals	1,000	402	1,000	395	500	691	700	470	700
Mosquito Control	34,000	31,600	34,000	31,600	34,000	32,100	34,000	33,200	34,000
Pet Food	100	0	100	66	100	0	100	0	100

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Shelter License	200	200	200		1	0	1	0	1
Supplies	100	98	100		100	108	100	100	100
Telephone	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	350
Uniforms	100	82	100	95	100	100	100	0	100
Veterinarian	300	0	300		300	0	300	0	300
TOTALS	54,125	50,930	54,750	50,906	54,051	51,418	54,251	52,189	54,251
<u>HUMAN SERVICES</u>									
Salaries-Part Time	13,780	11,913	13,909	11,419	13,909	12,563	14,059	13,483	14,621
Temporary Salaries-Part Time	32	0	32	0	32	0			
Books	115	161	200	174	200	183	32	0	32
Boxes	30	30	30	30	30	30	200	220	200
Dues	100	0	100	56	100	59	30	30	30
Mileage & Meals	75	80	100	90	100	0	100	19	100
Seminars & Training	400	0	0	0	0	90	150	90	150
TOTALS	14,532	12,184	14,371	11,769	14,371	12,925	14,571	13,842	15,133
<u>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</u>									
Electric	3,500	968	3,000	1,759	3,000	1,361	2,500	1,175	2,500
Gasoline	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Heat	3,500	400	3,000	585	3,000	1,227	3,000	763	3,000
Medical	1,000	358	1,000	0	4,000	1,050	2,500	750	2,500
Mortgage	9,500	0	9,000	0	9,000	1,647	9,000	1,783	9,000
Rent	10,500	3,964	10,000	3,416	10,000	4,700	10,000	2,300	10,000
Telephone	200	0	200	0	200	0	200		200
TOTALS	28,700	6,190	26,700	6,260	29,700	10,485	27,700	7,271	27,700
<u>SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES</u>									
American Red Cross	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
CASA	0	0	500	500	500	500	800	800	
Child & Family Services	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Drugs are Dangerous	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Family Mediation	7,930	7,930	7,930	7,930	0	0	0		
Haven	833	833	833	833	833	833	833	833	833
Kingston Community House Inc.	0	0	1	0	1	0	1		
Lamprey Health Care	3,235	3,235	3,235	3,235	3,235	3,235	3,235	3,235	
NHSPCA	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Retired Senior Volunteers	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225	225

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Richie McFarland	3,000	3,000	4,800	4,800	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	3,000
Rockingham Community Action	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
Rockingham Nutrition Meals	3,000	3,000	3,200	3,200	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,400
Seacoast Mental Health	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Vic Geary Center	0	0	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,850	4,850
TOTALS	36,323	36,323	43,674	43,673	33,744	33,743	34,044	34,043	30,408
<u>RECREATION</u>									
Salaries-Coordinator-Part Time	6,650	6,675	6,650	6,761	6,850	6,877	6,850	7,016	8,000
Salaries-Part Time	35,000	37,098	41,000	36,223	43,240	38,782	47,080	41,793	
Christmas	400	135	400	148	400	482	400	284	500
Computer		0	1,200	1,165	0	0	1	0	
Dues	1	0	100	40	75	0	40	40	40
Easter	500	511	500	634	500	577	600	494	600
Equipment Supplies	4,500	4,429	5,800	5,882	5,800	5,372	5,500	5,876	
Fireworks	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	5,000	5,000
Halloween	300	271	300	336	400	168	400	467	500
Kingston Days Entertainment		0	900	890	900	885	900	885	900
Mileage & Meals	50	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50
Movie Night		0	100	0	100	78	100	0	100
Seminars & Training	5,000	5,800	500	284	2,350	567	2,000	596	
Senior Events	5,000	1,983	4,601	2,574	3,200	1,763	3,200	2,395	
Senior Events Bus		0	2,000	1,653	2,000	1,999	3,000	2,827	3,000
Senior Lunch Program	4,500	4,046	0	0	2,000	1,995	2,500	1,293	2,500
Summer Field Trips	5,000	6,352	6,400	7,443	6,400	7,741	8,700	6,790	
Summer Field Trips Bus	6,500	6,295	6,500	6,021	7,000	6,400	7,000	6,310	
Telephone	1,300	1,308	1,300	1,303	1,300	1,587	1,600	1,952	1,600
Vacation Activities	1,500	1,641	800	743	800	700	800	639	800
TOTALS	81,201	81,544	84,101	77,100	88,365	75,973	95,721	84,657	23,590
<u>LIBRARY</u>									
Salaries-Full Time	55,000	55,000	99,408	81,721	99,408	77,974	145,040	133,282	150,821
Salaries-Part Time	91,047	91,047	71,574	73,133	87,546	65,442	63,971	51,249	63,960
Pay for Performance	4,381	4,381	3,662	2,990	5,609	4,032	10,451	10,053	16,726
Disability Insurance	515	515	730	594	918	751	1,012	1,072	1,012
FICA	11,173	11,173	13,361	12,075	14,731	12,967	16,789	14,471	17,088
Health & Dental Insurance	8,583	8,583	30,917	13,445	33,055	10,846	34,064	18,198	34,064
Retirement	5,470	5,470	11,439	9,201	11,313	11,977	17,331	14,981	17,521

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Transfer Account	40,000	40,000	50,595	88,527	74,715	143,306	68,874	114,226	78,486
TOTALS	216,169	216,169	281,686	281,686	327,295	327,295	357,532	357,532	379,678
<u>PATRIOTIC PURPOSES</u>									
Patriotic Purposes	500	546	500	653	700	569	500	488	500
TOTALS	500	546	500	653	700	569	500	488	500
<u>MUSEUM</u>									
Archival/Office Supplies	800	780	600	600	1,000	993	1,800	1,385	1,800
Archivist Consultant	1,440	1,440	1,940	1,940	1,940	1,940	1,940	1,920	1,940
Computer & Equipment									
Supplies	80	107	300	394	655	615	750	800	750
Computer Support	432	432	482	472	657	597	657	270	660
Dues/Fees/Programs	250	175	475	350	375	242	375	98	375
Mileage & Meals	100	0	1	0	1		100		100
Office Supplies	600	586	500	508	600	612	0		
Seminars & Training	250	230	200	208	140	49	140	15	140
TOTALS	3,952	3,750	4,498	4,472	5,368	5,048	5,762	4,488	5,765
<u>HERITAGE</u>									
Charrette Program Fees	400	555	0	0	0	0	0		
Dues	0	0	50	0	50	50	50	0	50
Forms & Envelopes	10	0	30	0	30	0	30	0	30
Heritage Website	90	0	120	0	120	0	0	0	
Matching Grants	1,000	0	1,000	692	1,000	0	5,500	0	5,500
Postage	20	0	50	0	50	0	50	0	50
Publications	750	561	750	88	750	0	316	0	316
Seminars & Training	150	0	140	0	140	0	510	228	510
Signs Project	0	0		0	960	960	0		
Supplies	20	20	510	1,373	510	133	1,000	573	1,000
Town Brochure	550	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	500
TOTALS	2,990	1,136	2,650	2,153	3,610	1,143	7,956	801	7,956
<u>CONSERVATION</u>									
Boat Launch Attendant	2,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Dues	520	783	600	563	600	575	600	375	600
Lake Water Testing	2,000	560	1,000	1,140	1,000	840	2,018	1,360	2,000
Mileage & Meals	200	289	200	271	200	130	300	174	300

Department	2016	2016 Actual	2017	2017 Actual	2018	2018 Actual	2019	2019 Actual	2020
Milfoil Testing & Treatment	400	0	400	0	400	400	600		14,000
Professional Services	400	127	400	587	400	370	400	309	600
Public Education	400	295	400	390	400	440	500	751	400
Seminars & Training	500	576	500	489	500	726	500	539	600
Supplies	0	2,290	0	60	0	19		1,410	500
Transfer									
TOTALS	6,920	6,920	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,418	7,418	21,500
GRAND TOTAL	5,218,929	4,783,084	5,318,177	4,947,972	5,688,748	5,213,201	5,824,307	5,295,439	6,152,870

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BUILDING INSPECTOR

The permitting office is open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 9:00 am to noon on Fridays. The office processes applications for all permit types: Building, Electrical, Mechanical, Plumbing, Fire, miscellaneous. Application forms are readily available in the office or on line at www.kingstonnh.org. Inspections are conducted by appointment, arranged directly with the inspector responsible. The Building Inspector typically holds office hours weekdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am for plan review and questions.

Please be aware that most repairs/alterations and all new construction require a permit to ensure that work is done to code and that zoning requirements are met. For building permits, a plan of the work being proposed must be provided, and applicants should allow at least a one-week review period. Separate permit applications are required for any and all other work done in conjunction with a building project. A building permit alone does not cover the additional trades - electrical, plumbing, mechanical, etc.

The 562 permit applications submitted to the office in 2019 were categorized as follows:

Building	187
Mechanical	142
Electrical.....	125
Plumbing	30
Oil Burner	27
Driveway	22
Sign	13
Demolition	10
Business Occupancy.....	6

Mid-2019, David Field was hired as the new Plumbing Inspector to oversee all plumbing and mechanical/gas permits. Dave joined the seasoned group of inspectors already in place as an integral member. All Kingston inspectors are licensed professionals in their respective fields and up to date on current code requirements.

In late 2019 an initiative was undertaken to improve the efficiency and transparency of the office's permitting process. To that aim, a Thursday early- morning Inspectors meeting was begun on a bi-weekly basis. Active participants include Phil Coombs as the Selectmen's representative and members of all interested departments. It's one of many efforts the office staff is driving, to better serve the Town in its fullest capacity in 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Steward

Robert Steward,
Building Inspector

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To The Voters of Kingston:

First, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Graham H. Pellerin and I have recently been appointed Fire Chief for The Town of Kingston. I am a lifelong resident of Kingston, I was raised in Kingston and I am excited to now be raising my own family in this wonderful town.

I would like to recognize Former Fire Chief Bill Seaman who retired in August of 2019. Bill and his wife Sandy served the fire department for many, many years. Their dedication to serving the Town of Kingston as well as The Kingston Fire Department will always be appreciated. I wish them both well in their retirement.

Positive changes have been taking place in the fire department over the past couple of months. Central Station is now staffed 24 hours a day to meet the needs of our town. Over the past several years we have experienced a loss in call members due to moves, retirements, etc. There is an extreme amount of dedication that is needed from our call department. The education needed to keep current on certification is very time consuming and they must have the ability to make calls on a regular basis. Kingston is not the only town feeling the depletion of call members; numerous departments around the state as well as the country are currently dealing with a decline in call members. In order to deal with the staffing issues, staffing the station 24 hours a day was the best and most efficient way to provide the level of service needed. Emergencies in the Town of Kingston require a full and timely response, staffing the station is ensuring the residents have the best response possible.

In 2019 voters showed overwhelming support for the need for a new fire station and voted to purchase additional land located at 4 Rockrimmon Road and for that I thank you. It was very clear the voters wish to keep Kingston Fire Department at its current location on Main Street. Purchasing the land and making the land swap was just part one of this process. On the ballot for 2020 you will see the proposal for the new station on this property. The proposal to build the new station will be on Article 5 this year on the ballot. Again, we would appreciate your support for the new fire station.

The Selectmen have also voted in favor of three additional articles and as a result you will also see Articles 7, 8 and 9 on the ballot this year. Articles 7, 8 and 9 are requesting to use a portion of the infrastructure fund towards the new station. By using these monies previously set aside in the infrastructure fund, it will bring the amount needed to be bonded down in price significantly.

I must take a moment to thank all the Members of the Kingston Fire Department Building Committee, without whose dedication and hard work this proposal would not be possible. I would greatly appreciate your support on all four articles presented. The Kingston Fire Department is a tight knit group of people dedicated to serving the Town of Kingston. If you would like to get involved with our department, please reach out so that we may go over ways to become a member.

In closing, I would like to thank The Kingston Board of Selectmen, The Kingston Police Department and The Kingston Highway Department for their continuing support of our department. I also must thank the members of the Kingston Fire Department, thank you for all that you do. I am always proud of the hard work, effort and service we provide to the Town of Kingston.

Finally, I would like to thank you, the residents of Kingston. Your continued support is appreciated more than words can express. Thank you for allowing us to always have the resources and equipment needed to serve our town and to keep all of our residents safe.

Respectfully submitted,
Graham Pellerin
Fire Chief



2019 Calls for Service

Inspection/Permits	892
Medical Aid	622
Fire	45
Hazardous Condition	60
Service Call	58
Good Intent	64
Fire Alarms	56
Severe Weather	3
<u>Public Assist</u>	<u>532</u>
TOTAL:	2,332

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT



The winter season was fairly unremarkable with an average amount of storms and snowfall accumulations. That being said, I want to thank the Highway and Building Maintenance crews for their dedication to the town and always being available 24/7, 365. Most of the residents don't know or have any clue what it takes to go from being sound asleep at home to operating a 50,000-pound plow truck, 30 minutes later, in a blizzard, and to be able to operate said truck for the next 36-54 hours with very few breaks and no sleep. The next time you see one of the crew out plowing, you might want to wave at them with all five fingers.

Spring, summer, and fall were average years with a lot of brush and tree cutting. Thanks for the new brush chipper! Paving was finished early this year and we were able to do many improvements to both the roads and building and grounds. The grounds crew was able to rebuild one of the ball fields at the Magnusson Field Complex. Great job, guys!

The day after town meeting I was dealt a personal blow as I was diagnosed with pancreatic carcinoma (Pancreatic Cancer). I appreciate all the help and support I have received from the Board of Selectmen, my crew, and town employees. Dealing with reality, the outcome probably will not be what I hope for.

The Board of Selectmen and I have discussed my position and job description versus all the jobs I really do and have come to the conclusion it's time to change the Road Agent's Position from Elected to Appointed. I support this move and believe it is in the town's best interest to make this change. If passed, I will be working with the Board of Selectmen to work out a fair contract between the Town of Kingston and myself. This will be a very similar process as was taken when the police chief's position went from Elected to Appointed.

Please understand I truly support and appreciate working with the Board of Selectmen and all town departments. I have always appreciated the support of the voters of Kingston. My plan is to continue to work hard the next four years until my retirement at 65 years old, God willing!

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard D. St. Hilaire

Richard D. St. Hilaire, Road Agent

HUMAN SERVICES

The basic premise of “General Assistance” (aka “Welfare”) is that the municipality must provide for those who are unable to provide for themselves. It is the responsibility of this department to work with applicants in a respectful manner while at the same time determining eligibility and the amount of assistance. Other financial resources are utilized whenever possible however, as the Federal and State Welfare budgets are reduced for these programs, the expenses will fall to each municipality’s budget to make up the difference for applicable assistance. In 2019, the Town spent \$7,800 for General Assistance.

This department also is responsible for the Kingston Food Pantry that provides food for those needing assistance. This also includes Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets and the Holiday Wishes program. These programs are all made possible through donations; none of these programs are funded by your tax dollars. Kingston’s residents are very generous in providing food, clothing and gifts to our neighbors who are struggling financially. The Boy Scouts’ food drive and food drives with the schools have a very large impact on the Pantry’s ability to provide canned goods throughout the year. As in previous years, Shaw’s provides day-old bakery items on a weekly basis; New Creations Healing Center provides fresh vegetables during the growing season; the SRSD High School brings Food Baskets for the holidays. Helping families with food allows them to use their financial resources to pay other bills; this office distributed over \$12,000 worth of food in 2019. For those interested in donating to the Food Pantry, the monthly needs are listed on the Town’s web site at www.kingstonnh.org.

Once again, the Holiday Wishes program was tremendously successful. Much deserved thanks go to everyone who pulled a “wishes” tag and brought gifts to provide a happy memory for a child. I continue to be overwhelmed by the Town’s generosity. We get a great deal of help from the Kingston Fire Department during the holidays and would like to thank Kelly O’Brien, retired Chief Bill Seaman, and all of the KFD “elves” (department members) for their help and gifts provided during the holidays. Special thanks go to Sue Osgood, who we truly depend on, and the generosity of the members of the First Congregational Church.

While it is said every year, it is a fact that invaluable assistance from other Town employees is graciously given during the year and I thank them for that help: Adam (Human Services) and Tom, John and Rich (Buildings/Grounds) for all of their help and heavy lifting; Tammy, Gail and Holly (Town Clerk’s office) and Cindy, Susan and Tori (Selectmen’s office) for their good-natured support and to Chief Briggs for directing many donations and resources to this department.

The following list thanks specific individuals and groups, but for everyone else who donated food, gifts or clothing, on behalf of our community, please accept my thanks for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Faulconer

Ellen Faulconer, Director
Human Services Department

HUMAN SERVICES/FOOD PANTRY COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

The Town Report provides an opportunity to not only thank the community for its support of the Kingston Food Pantry but to also publicly thank those individuals, businesses and organizations that went “above and beyond” in their support of this service in 2019. To anyone inadvertently omitted, please accept my apologies and my assurance that your generosity is appreciated and directly helps others in our community.

Individuals:

Jack Pope	Ernie and Liz Landry	Glenn Coppelman
Ginnie Mansfield	Charles and Rita Malmsten	Holly Ouellette
Susan Osgood	Janet and Ed Jaworski	Steve Nouri
Hope Jahn	Ray and Gail Donald	Carrie Thompson
Paul Cote	Ralph and Stephanie Dutton	Evy Nathan
Kathy Jakubasz	Gregory and Megan Cloutier	Denise and John Torti
Deb and Dave Powers	Kenneth and Donna Burleigh	

Businesses:

Select Demo Services, LLC, Salem	Caron and Bletzer
McDevitt Contractors, Inc.	Kingston Insurance Agency
Concord Self-Defense, Brentwood	Comac Pump and Well
Landscaper's Depot	Bump and Grind Auto Body
Exeter Decorating Center	Kingston 1686 House
Northland Forest Products	New Creations Healing Center
Shaw's Supermarket	Elation Salon
Hannaford	All American Assisted Living

Community and School Organizations:

Kingston Volunteer Fire Association	Kingston Police Association
First Congregational Church of Kingston	Kingston Community Library
Trinity Church	South Shore Outboard Assoc.
Kingston Community House Thrift Store	Kingston Veterans Club
SRSD High School Key Club	Kingston Veterans Club Auxiliary
SRSD High School Student Council	Girl Scout Troop 12782
SRSD Middle School	Boy Scout Troop 90 Pack 93
DJ Bakie School	

Kingston Community Library

The Kingston Community Library was proud to participate in Kingston's 325th Anniversary by providing several programs to the community. Included among the varied activities were a May visit by Kingston's own Dana Jennings (a New York Times editor), author of numerous books including Me, Dad and Number 6, which is featured in our children's area. Dana spent time during the day with young children at the library and at Bakie school, and in the evening read the featured book and talked about his years growing up in Kingston at a program for adults. In November, as part of our "One Community, One Read" program featuring Erik Larson's book Devil in the White City, we hosted three presentations; all supported through a NH Humanities grant.

Other highlights during the year included: local artist, Marilyn Coon coordinated an art exhibit and a very well attended reception for retired beloved Sanborn Seminary art teacher Allen Taylor. Mr. Taylor was deeply touched by the outpouring of former students and faculty attending the reception. Additionally, technology classes for adults were presented through a "Grow with Google" grant. Also our NASA@My Library grant STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) programming continued for the second year.

The most popular books this year were *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens, *A Delicate Touch* by Stuart Woods, *Connections in Death* by J.D. Robb and the children's book *Frozen: A Tale of Two Sisters* by Melissa Lagonegro. The top circulating movies were *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Can You Ever Forgive Me?* and *Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald*. Computers continue to be the top circulating item. We invite you to use our copier to scan, fax, print and make copies.

The children's room activities have continued to progress with 4,747 patrons attending children's programming. Regular monthly programs included pre-school story time, Tween Team, After School Club, family movie night and Lego club. We introduced the weekly Baby Messy Play program in February, holding 51 programs throughout the year, attended by 1533 patrons. We registered 67 children in the "1000 Books Before Kindergarten" program and the children have read a total of 9,800 books. Our therapy dog program, *Reading with Kide*, continues to inspire young and reluctant readers and has provided a wealth of experience and benefits to 150 children. Come read with Kide and meet his owner Kim.

Our Tween Team is continually growing with 170 teens attending 19 programs this year. Each program is designed to engage, challenge and inspire its participants. As always, new/returning tweens are welcome as well as new ideas.

We held a successful summer reading program, registering 188 children. We offered 58 programs attended by 1,216 patrons. The children logged 2,484 reading hours during the six-weeks of summer reading.

The computers and the network were upgraded. New solid state hard drives and software were installed in the computers to triple their speed. We saved approximately \$9,500

exchanging the hard drives instead of purchasing new computers. We have Chromebooks to lend for your use in the library in addition to our desktop computers and we offer Internet service speed to 50Mbps.

We designed and printed new library cards this year that have a 14-digit barcode. We printed the cards to preserve old card numbers for long-time library members. The new library cards offer patrons access to the databases we added this year, including Hoopla to give you access to audiobooks, movies and music and Overdrive Advantage which gives Kingston library patrons access to online materials through the New Hampshire Downloadable books faster.

The LED lighting project that was completed in December 2018, has saved about \$1400 in electricity costs in 2019.

Our library meeting rooms are available for your use. The walls of the Morse room were filled this year by artists and photographers including Bruce Goodwin, Bob Eastman, Allen Taylor, and the Kingston watercolorists of the Wolf Spirit Art Studio.

The Friends of the Kingston Community Library continued their tremendous work to support the library. Their book sale, plant sale, bake sales, and raffles funded programming for the children's room, the summer reading program and the children's garden. The raised garden beds continue to bloom in the children's garden. You can join the Friends of the Kingston Community Library to help organize the book sale, garden once a week to help keep the gardens as beautiful as they are, and organize fundraisers. You can also contribute items to the winter and spring raffles.

During the year, new staff included: Sarah Robertson, Adult Services Librarian and Maureen Kiesel and Kathryn Cowdrey to assist in the children's room. We saw the departure of staff: Allison Blaisdell, Gerry Tilley, and Mary Hall. We also want to thank the town maintenance department. They have started to paint the interior walls. Thank you for making our library look great every day!

The library trustees, the director and the staff worked together to improve library services and technology support. Thank you to our volunteers for supporting new programming to the community this year. We look forward to another successful year in 2020.

LIBRARY STAFF

Rebekka Mateyk, Director
Hayley Van-Gils, Youth Librarian
Sarah Robertson, Adult Services
Circulation Assistants:
Celeste Leslie
Camire Coughlin
Kathryn Maureen
Cowdrey Kiesel
Christina Alice
Kelsey Litwinovich
Russell Moore Amy Morgan

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Laura Thibault

Statistical Report

	2019	2018	2017
Physical Item Circulation	27,940	31,680	36,966
Downloaded e-circulation	7,015	4,926	4,697
Library Card Holders	6,486	6,232	6,022
Patrons Records Added	239	224	249
Library Holdings	25,874	27,218	27,400
Materials added	2288	1,492	1,396
Materials deleted	2040	429	429
Inter-Library Loans Borrowed	936	780	1,200
Inter-Library Loans Lent	665	540	480
Program attendees	10,091	10,856	8,125
Computer Usage	2,034	2,536	2,716
Patrons using the building	39,840	20,739	

2019 Financial Report

Income

357,532

Appropriation

Copier 2,862

Total Income: 360,394

Expenses

Administration 12,773

Copier/Fax 2,862

Contracted 7,930

Services

Electronic 9,583

Resources

Patron Materials 22,168

Personnel 243,307

Programs 9,051

Utilities 20,050

Total Expense: 327,724

2020 Encumbered funds: 12,197

Total Expense: 339,921

Remaining Funds (est.): 20,473 Funds Returned to the Town General Fund (est.)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On behalf of the men and women of the Kingston Police Department, it is my distinct pleasure to present to you the 2019 Annual Report of the Kingston Police Department.

This year was very busy for the Kingston Police Department. We had a number of calls for service and special events within the community. In June we assisted the Kingston Fire Association with the fireworks/bonfire/beer fest. We were also very busy with the planning and participating in the 325th anniversary events. Lastly, it is always a pleasure to work with the committee and participate in the annual Kingston Days events. We also saw large crowds on the Kingston Plains while working with the sponsor of the Vintage Bazaar Craft Fair in October.

In the 2010 Town Report, I reported to the citizens of the town of Kingston that employee retention continued to be problematic for our small department. It is very difficult to compete with larger departments who can afford to offer a more comprehensive benefits package with attractive wages. That year, we experienced a high turnover in our full-time staff.

Today, unfortunately, I inform you that we continue to have the same issues with retention of police employees. The good news is that the budget committee and selectmen voted to increase the hourly wages of entry-level police officers to help prevent employees from leaving the employment of the town. The cost of hiring, training, and outfitting an entry level police officer is very expensive. Retaining our officers will result in a large savings to the town.

In October of 2019, Officer Christopher Iacozzi moved on to serve the Plaistow Police Department after serving us for two years. We wish him good luck and welcomed Officer Andrew Person to his new profession as a Police Officer, leaving his previous employment as a paramedic.

We continue to initiate new changes within the department. We reorganize our structure, continue to improve efficiencies, implement new technology, and we always focus on community policing. These initiatives are implemented to continue to maintain the level of service to our community.

In 2020, the police department will continue to provide excellence in service through positive and proactive community involvement. As a partnership, the community and the department will continue to strive for and accomplish a positive, healthy, and safe environment for our future. Together we are making a difference. I thank you for your continued support of the Kingston Police Department.

Respectfully submitted:

Donald W. Briggs, Jr.

Donald W. Briggs, Jr.
Chief of Police

POLICE DEPARTMENT 2019 CALLS FOR SERVICE

911 Hang-up/Abandoned	44	Mental Health/Social	621
Abandoned MV	8	Substance Abuse	413
Animal Control Call	347	Intoxicated Subject	7
Administrative Duty Assignment	1821	Investigations	112
Alarm, Hold-up	9	Juvenile Offenses	216
Alarm, Burglar	274	Larceny/Forgery/Fraud	7
Arrest	218	Liquor Law Violation	3
Arson & Bombing	0	Loud Noise Complaint	38
Assault	3	Medical Emergency	497
Assist Citizen	95	Missing Person	11
Assist Other KPD Officer	266	Motor Vehicle Accident	146
Assist Other Agency	218	Motor Vehicle Stop	2716
Bomb Scare	0	Name & Number	922
Burglary	17	OHRV Complaint	30
Building Check	2612	Open Door	8
Civil Matter	144	Other Complaints	52
Community Relations Event	14	Found / Lost Property	21
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	6	Paperwork Service	136
Civil Complaint	21	Radar Enforcement	766
Criminal Mischief	8	Reckless Operation Complaint	196
Criminal Trespass	3	Recovered Stolen MV	0
Criminal Threatening	9	Sex Offenses	6
Directed Patrol	295	Shots Fired Complaint	29
Disorderly Conduct	13	Auto Theft	1
Disturbance	51	Soliciting	10
Disabled MV	21	Suspicious Activity	130
Domestic Disturbance	79	Traffic Control	20
Escort/Transport	35	Traffic Hazard	13
Fatal Automobile Accidents	1	Theft	14
Fire Department Assist	622	Untimely Death	2
Follow Up	152	Vandalism	9
Funeral Detail	8	VIN Check	108
Harassment	41	Wanted Person/PD info	31
		Well Being Check	117

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Kingston Recreation had another fantastic year!

To start the year we had over 20 young people who enjoyed a vacation activity at Launch Trampoline Park and the Rec Center over February vacation.

We also had a wonderful, well attended Easter activity at the Rec Center with many children enjoying arts and crafts activities, treats, and drinks as well as a visit from the Easter Bunny, who arrived on a truck from the Kingston Fire Department. The Easter egg hunt was a huge success as well!



Our summer recreation program had another record number of children, over 150 children attending at some point over the summer, enjoying our recreation area at 24 Main St. We again would like to thank Rich St Hilaire and his crew for all the hard work on our buildings. Campers enjoyed a variety of activities at the camp as well as weekly trips to places such as Launch Trampoline Park and a Fisher Cats baseball game. We had guests from the Kingston Fire Department and the Kingston Police Department.

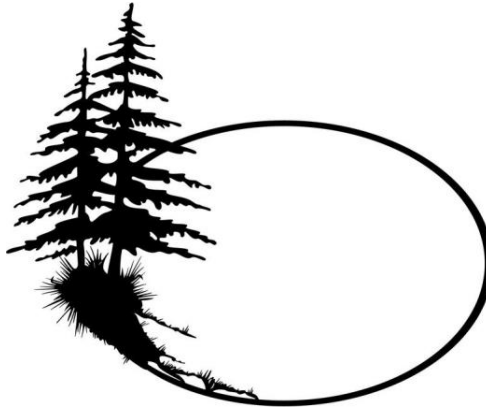
We celebrated Halloween with a variety of activities at the Rec Center, including a Trunk or Treat with local businesses decorating a vehicle and donating treats. The Kingston Girl Scouts made a Haunted Walk and it was a huge hit again!! Supporters included the All Creatures Great and Small, Girl Scout Troop 51315, Salem Signs, Bone Eater, Girl Scout Troop 13963, Camp Lincoln, Stranger Things, Kingston Library, Catacombs, Sandy's Grooming, Memories Ice Cream, The Callouettes, Kingston Fire Department, Kingston Days Committee, Sonato/ Hayes family, Shelly's Cobwebs, Rick's Food and Spirits and the Broohy's. Students from SRHS's Key Club were a huge help with activities and the Police Department kept everyone safe outside the Rec Center. We would also thank Bolton's Restaurant for letting us use their parking lot and everyone who contributed the over 100 canned goods that we were able to donate to the Kingston Food Pantry.

For our tree lighting activity we continued the tradition of having a tree at the Gazebo on the Plains, while moving the party to the Recreation Center. The Kingston Fire Department drove Santa to the Rec Center. The SRHS Key Club was a huge help again. Everyone enjoyed treats, a visit from Santa Claus, and arts and crafts to celebrate the holiday season!

We had a Kids/Parents night out at the Rec Center that was well attended and lots of fun!

Seniors enjoyed trips to Foster's Clam Bake, Nubble Light house and an ice cream at York Beach, and a boat trip tour in Boston Harbor with a buffet lunch.

In closing, I would like to thank the Fire Department, the Police Department, Camp Lincoln, the Selectmen and the Highway Department for their support throughout the year. I would especially like to thank the Recreation Commission members, Beth Scanlon, Patricia Guevin, Monique Sands, Roger Clark, Trish Derickson, Bonnie Bliadeau, Scott Harlow, who have worked hard all year to provide these events.



Respectfully submitted,

Paul Butler

Paul Butler, Director
Kingston Recreation Department

TOWN CLERK-TAX COLLECTOR

Even though we know most of our customers...per state law...a current, government issued, photo identification must be presented to the town clerk to obtain a registration permit.

We participate in many training opportunities and conferences to keep up with the ever changing laws and regulations from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Vital Records Administration, Secretary of State's Office, NH Fish and Game, and the NH legislature.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE COMPARISON

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	1,419,154	1,406,549
BOAT FEES	7,289	6,722
DECAL FEES	29,508	29,221
DOG LICENSES	14,766	12,482
VITALS/MARRIAGE LIC	1,701	1,658
MISC LICENSES/FEES	3,845	4,186
TITLE FEES	3,595	3,886
DOG FINES	325	125
NH FISH & GAME FEES	395	355
REGISTRATION HOLDERS	188	224
BOAT LAUNCH KEYS	700	660
<u>E-REG FEES</u>	<u>855</u>	<u>807</u>
TOTAL	1,482,320	1,466,874

TAX REVENUE COLLECTED COMPARISON

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
PRINCIPAL	18,072,084.65	17,703,238.09
INTEREST	72,253.12	87,874.58

I would like to thank Officer Harvey for his assistance in contacting dog owners regarding licensing their dog(s). All 2019 licenses were issued by September. To avoid fines and late penalties please license your pet(s) before April 30th. Tags are available in January.

Holly, Gail and I would like to thank all of our residents and look forward to serving you in 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L. Bakie

Tammy L. Bakie
Town Clerk-Tax Collector

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To begin our annual report for 2019 I thought I'd crunch some numbers:

- KCC members, together with agency land stewards, monitored 1,002 acres of conserved property
- 16 miles of recreational trails were maintained
- Three new maps and three QR codes were generated, including one of our newest town forests. All three are now listed on UNH's *Trailfinder* website
- 112 hours of workshops and training were attended by seven KCC members
- 21 public events were held, engaging 433 people
- Our KCC Facebook page has a 1,010 person reach with 740 followers

We jumped some notable hurdles this year. Together with the help of the Trailblazers Snowmobile Club, a trail that had led into a beaver-submerged area of Frye Town Forest was successfully rerouted. Eagle Scout James Merritt and the young men of troop 93 built 11 bog bridges in areas prone to be muddy in spring.

In a successful warrant article, Acorn and West Kingston Forests were added to our impressive roster of town forests. These new forests will benefit from professionally drawn management plans, from the hands-on stewardship of our Trails Subcommittee, and from improvements funded by the Forest Fund.

Notable events and achievements:

- Five of our Town Forests were re-certified by the NH Tree Farm Association
- Pollinator Pathways, a fledgling project in 2018, spearheaded by Commission member Marghi Bean, has grown exponentially. With the notable addition of core member Vicki Brown (East Kingston CC) Pollinator Pathways now includes eight Conservation Commissions, with Brentwood and Exeter poised to join. The goal is to link pollinator-friendly yards and farms throughout Rockingham County "one yard at a time". Eight events were held in 2019.
- 325th Events: the Trails Subcommittee organized a successful Powwow River Paddle with 30 paddlers participating. The Trails Committee also hosted a steward-led walk in the Tucker French Forest. The Commission held a geology walk at Valley Lane Town Forest led by Keene State's Dr. Charles Kerwin
- KCC information tables were available at the Library Plant Sale and at Kingston Days
- Annual reports were submitted to the state Office of Energy and Planning for five Land Conservation and Investment Program properties
- As always, money allocated to our budget finances water testing, and part of the lake hosting fees, for all three of our great ponds
- Informational bulletin boards are updated weekly in the Town Hall
- The KCC offers comments and guidance on environmental issues to the Planning Board, and responds to citizen concerns throughout the year

The Kingston Conservation Commission stands at full membership with seven members and two alternates. Richard Wilson is our Select Board ex officio. The Commission meets on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 at the Kingston Community Library. The public is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Nathan

Evelyn Nathan, Chair
Conservation Commission



Acorn Town Forest Map



Frye Town Forest Map



Valley Lane Town Forest Map



HERITAGE COMMISSION

The Kingston Heritage Commission had an eventful year in celebration of Kingston's 325th Anniversary. The celebration started with the Heritage Commission sponsoring a NH Cemeteries and Gravestones Presentation by renowned historian, Glenn Knoblock. The presentation, funded by a grant from NH Humanities, was held at the Plains Cemetery on June 8th. Glenn's presentation emphasized the uniqueness and history of the Plains Cemetery with stories about famous people interred, explanations of headstone marker designs and events such as the 1735 Throat distemper outbreak. Although difficult to obtain, his presentation helped The Heritage Commission determine that the Plains Cemetery had the qualifications to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, the Heritage Commission in 2020 is pursuing a fully funded grant from NH's Certified Local Government program (CLG) to support its nomination to the National Registry. Registry listings have been recommended in the 2016 Envision Kingston Charette, The Historical Resources Chapter of Kingston's Master Plan and numerous conversations with the NH Division of Historical Resources as steps towards the branding of Kingston as a Historic destination and maintaining Kingston's natural and historic beauty to the benefit of the taxpayers.

The next 325th event sponsored by the Heritage Commission was a play entitled "Josiah Bartlett: An Extraordinary Man" held on July 27th and August 4th. Carol Misenheimer, playwright and director, lead her actors in their performance on the Kingston Town Hall's stage. Both showings were extremely well attended and enjoyed – it even included a sing-along of "You're a Grand Old Flag" (1906 George M. Cohan) and other patriotic favorites. The Heritage Commission is planning on working with the ensemble for a 2020 Kingston Days performance on the Town Hall stage.

The final 325th Heritage Commission event was a presentation by Steve Taylor entitled "Poor Houses and Town Farms: The Hard Row for Paupers" (NH Humanities Grant). The topic was of special interest to Kingstonians as the Town of Kingston had such a farm for the poverty-stricken. In 2020, the Heritage Commission will again petition NH Humanities for the funds for other educational events of interest to Kingston.

The Heritage Commission's fund raising included a Spring 2019 Raffle all proceeds were contributed to the Heritage Fund – more fundraising expected in 2020.

In 2019, The Heritage Commission's Envision Kingston II subcommittee studied the implications of enactment of RSA 79E – Community Revitalization Tax Incentive, a property tax incentive to encourage investment in Kingston's Historic District I with the aim of promoting a strong local community with smart, sustainable growth. The subcommittee (including Kingston's Town Planner) met numerous times with Kingston's Board of Selectmen demonstrating the benefits of 79E and resulting in an 79E Selectmen's Warrant Article. We hope the voters agree to support this warrant article as it is designed to give a small benefit to

rehabilitators of historic properties as compared to the future benefit to tax revenues for Kingston.

The Heritage Commission's Heritage Fund as of 12/31/19 had a balance of \$18,595.39. This fund has grown by voter's acceptance of Heritage Fund Warrant Articles, a Heritage Commission Fundraiser and private donations. In 2019, funds were spent on an Archaeological dig at the Kingston Recreation property based on recommendations by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources per their site evaluation and DOT project files. The dig project was initiated before the Town made improvements to its Recreation property. The concern was that ground disruptions could destroy a potential Native American site and the archaeologist contracted performed systematic subsurface testing. The dig did not uncover any significant artifacts and the Recreation project was quickly given the green light to proceed continued. The Heritage Commission greatly appreciated the Recreation Department's cooperation on delaying their project for the testing. Although no significant artifacts were found, Kingston once again proved its commitment to preservation, and this should benefit Kingston in future grant applications. The voters' continued support of the Heritage Fund warrant article helps stabilize Kingston's tax base by setting aside funds that may be used for new opportunities that have a longer project life than the one-year budget cycle or opportunities presented during a year that were not confirmed and thereby not funded at the time the general operating budget was determined. We would greatly appreciate the voters support of the Heritage Fund Warrant article in 2020.

The Heritage Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the Kingston residents, town officials, town employees and volunteers for their continued efforts to preserve the historic properties of Kingston and support the Heritage Commission's mission: ***to recognize, promote, protect and preserve the historic and cultural resources within the Town of Kingston for the education, pleasure, and enrichment of the residents of the Town, County and State.***

In closing, please consider volunteering and join one of the Kingston organizations dedicated to preserving our history. Any amount of time you would be willing to commit would be greatly appreciated. The Heritage Commission meetings occur monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month (7:00 pm at the Kingston Community Library). We welcome the public to our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra F. Powers

Chairman

Kingston Heritage Commission

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The members of the Historic District Commission are entrusted with the responsibility of "safeguarding the heritage of the town as it is represented in structures of historical and architectural value located in the Historic Districts" and proceed all good intentions of fairly executing the ordinances and regulations as applications are presented. As the town grows and increased pressure is put on developing land within both HD1 and HD2, this job of preservation becomes more challenging and more important than ever.

In 2019, the Commission reviewed and acted on 11 applications, predominantly for changes or additions to buildings/homes and for signs. No demolitions were approved. As construction innovations continue to be available to homeowners, members work hard to balance energy-efficient applications for synthetic sidings and metal roofing with historical preservation decisions, using the Ordinances, Regulations and Design Guidelines to keep our decisions fair, reasonable, and legal.

The Historic District Commission is a land use board that works closely with the Heritage Commission and the Planning Board. Members of the HDC participate in numerous activities and events throughout the year. All members attended a New Hampshire Municipal Association training on "Effective Meetings & The Right-to-Know Law" conducted by Stephen Buckley.

The HDC is grateful to the Selectmen's office for making sure that every new homeowner in HD 1 and 2 is given a letter of introduction to the historic districts, pointing out the advantages and the responsibilities of home ownership in these designated areas. The goal is to be sure new homeowners understand the need to submit an application to the HDC for renovations and other changes to their home and property. This year the Commission initiated an informational newsletter to all HD1 and HD2 households featuring key ordinances and historical highlights.

The Historic District Commission is continuing its work on improving its definition and requirements for signs within the 2 historic districts. Although the town has quite a complete Sign Ordinance, applicants for the historic districts need guidance about appropriate appearance and materials for their business signs.

The HDC chair also regularly attends the Envision Kingston II Subcommittee meetings of the Heritage Commission which is proposing that the Town adopt RSA 79E, the Community Revitalization Tax Incentive for the downtown Historic District 1.

The HDC has been invited to participate with the planning committee for the design of the new fire station.

The Town is looking at the possibility of applying to have either the Plains Cemetery or all of Historic District 1 listed on the National Register of Historic Places. HDC will be involved in this process.

All books, pamphlets, and resource material pertaining to historic preservation are housed in the Kingston community Library so that they are available for easy access to the public.

HDC meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the upstairs of the Town Hall and are noticed in the Town Hall, the Post Office and on the town's website. The public is always welcome. Minutes of all meetings are on record in the Town Clerk's office and on the town website; application approvals and denials are recorded with the Selectmen. Applications may be obtained from the Selectmen's office, the Chair, or on-line, and must be submitted to the HDC for review 30 days before a meeting. The Ordinances and Regulations governing the Historic District, as well as Design Guidelines, are available on-line at the Town of Kingston website.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Morse
Chairman

Members of the Historic District Commission:

Virginia Morse, Chair
Susan Prescott, Vice-Chair
Ralph Murphy
Madelynn Ouellette
Stanley Shalett
Glenn Coppelman, Planning Board Representative
Richard Wilson, Selectmen's Representative
George Korn, alternate



HISTORICAL MUSEUM

2019 was a special year for Kingston as we celebrated our 325th Anniversary. The Museum was pleased to sponsor a number of events such as an 1860s vintage baseball game, the Sons of the American Revolution rededication of the Josiah Bartlett grave ceremony, 19th century artisan faire, and participate in the celebration week and parade. We would like to offer our congratulations and thanks to the 325th Committee for the wonderful celebration that they organized and for their support for the Museum's efforts.

Governor Chris Sununu along with the Governor's Council had a lively tour of the Museum during the 325th Celebration. They had many questions about the Town's history and were amazed to see the original Town Charter from 1694 on display at the Museum.

The 2019 Museum exhibits celebrated our 1694 founding, Josiah Bartlett, Native Americans, Kingston's family farms such as the Bakie Farm (1853) as well as the Christie and Nichols Poultry Farms, the worldwide leaders of the poultry industry. Special thanks to the following people who lent materials for our 2019 exhibits: Jane and Andrew Christie for sharing family mementos from the Christie Poultry Farm and their mother Carolyn's hat collection, Betty Bakie Flanagan for items from the Bakie Farm, Gladys King Ray's family items including home crafts, art and farm tools, Valarie Geary for the beautiful fashion accessories, David Welch, who kindly provided reproduction colonial era uniforms used by the colonists and British soldiers during the American Revolution, Bob Griffith for loaning an enormous sawblade from the Cheney mill, and Bob Bean for arranging for the loan of a collection of firearms from the 18th and 19th century. Cindi Bakie Lewandowski and Halcyon Hobbs Springer for contributing various family items for the homemaker and ladies fashion exhibits. Ruth Bartlett Albert for allowing us to exhibit a wonderful collection of Josiah Bartlett's medical equipment, his desk and portrait. Thank you everyone for sharing your personal items and so many extraordinary stories.

The Museum volunteers have focused their efforts on inventorying, cataloging and digitizing the thousands of objects, photographs and papers that have been donated in recent years. All of these items provide the Museum with the ability to share new stories and expand our understanding of so many aspects of our community. We are extremely grateful to each and every donor, without whom the Museum would not be possible. Thank you to the 2019 donors: Muriel Cronk Andernacht, Clint Arnold, Jane Christie, Wendy Irvine Baker, Betty Bakie Flanagan, Cindi Bakie Lewandowski, Valarie Geary, Halcyon Hobbs Springer and Gladys King Ray, Norma Kemp, Dan Luparello, Julie Parker Schena and Hope Parker Rowell, Wendy Pirsig, Larry and Judy Smith, Dale and Donna Winslow.

The Oral History Project Team had a very busy year gathering more Kingston stories. The Committee has conducted 60 interviews since it was formed. These interviews will become part of the Museum's permanent collection. Thank you to the following 2019 interviewees for the wonderful stories they have shared: Muriel Cronk Andernacht (St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in South Kingston), Wendy Irvine Baker (Rev. Wendell Irvine and the Congregational Church), Martha Modlich Durling (Great Pond Ice), Sandra Conant Herrick and Brenda Bragdon Samoisette, Halcyon Hobbs Springer and Gladys King Ray (childhoods), Charlie and Joan Hutchins (Christie Poultry Farm), George Korn (Selectmen term), Holly Ouellette (Lion's club and Order of the Eastern Star organization), Ken Weyler (Masons) and Selma Jackson Gould, Mary Fiddler and Susan Lemaire (Kingston Community Thrift Store), and Officers of the Kingston Veteran's Club.

The Oral History Committee has also expanded the focus to include special topics and community group histories. For example, we've conducted a panel discussion with Lorraine Merrill, the former Commissioner of Agriculture for the State of New Hampshire, John Dodge of Dodge's Agway and Andrew

Christie, Jr. son of Andrew Christie of Christie's poultry business. Together, they provided a perspective on the developing agricultural businesses in the Kingston region of southern New Hampshire over the last 100 years. Steve Taylor, a former commissioner of agriculture talked to us about the dairy industry in the area. We hope you will sign up to be interviewed or encourage someone you know to schedule an interview. Please contact Steve Sousa at Steve-Sousa@comcast.net or leave a message at 642-5792 to schedule an interview.

The Museum hosted Bakie School 2nd grade students for their annual visit in June. We had a great time and hope the students did too. The Museum met with Sanborn School District principals and staff to discuss how the schools could participate in Kingston's 325th celebration. Mrs. Marianne Klemarczyk, Enrichment Coordinator, Daniel J. Bakie School working with art teacher Amy Tilton and local artist Lizz Van Saun of Kast Hill Studios decided to use an artist in residency project to create four (4) murals to show both Kingston today and elements of Kingston's place in history. We hope you had a chance to see these wonderful murals when they were displayed during Kingston's 325th Celebration at the Kingston Community Library.

The 2020 Pentucket Bank Calendar includes an image of the Josiah Bartlett house taken from our collection.

Unfortunately, two of the Museum's computers were breached by a ransomware attack in September. Because we did not pay the ransom, the Museum's data was forever locked out beyond our use. Using our back-ups and files from our volunteers we seem to have recovered most of the lost files. We did lose several oral history interviews that we are attempting to recover. We are replacing our damaged systems and restructuring our network to protect against a future attack. Our thanks go to the Board of Selectmen and Mark Furlong at Botnay Bay Computers for working with us to address this issue.

The Museum Committee would like to thank the residents of Kingston for your continued financial support and encouragement. We are always looking to expand our volunteer ranks. If you enjoy living in Kingston and have a few free hours a month please consider joining us. The Kingston Historical Museum is headquartered in the Nichols Memorial Library at 169 Main St. and is open weekly on Wednesday mornings from 9 A.M. until noon. For additional information, to volunteer or to schedule a visit contact [Ruth Albert at 642-5508](tel:642-5508), or email us at museuminfo@kingstonnh.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Albert, Chairman

Committee Members:

Cindi Bakie Lewandowski

Kathy Clark Chase

Walt Roy

Christine Hume

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board is an elected body of seven townspeople who volunteer their time to review development applications, determine compliance with local ordinances & regulations, gather public input & comment and vote on each submittal. The Board meets twice a month (first and third Tuesdays) in the Kingston Town Hall, and is also responsible for maintaining an updated Master Plan for the town per State statute. Meetings are open to the public, and can consist of Hearings and discussion on a wide variety of issues including:

- Commercial/Industrial Site Plans
- Residential Subdivisions
- Lot Line Adjustments
- Zoning Ordinance/Regulation Review
- Master Plan/Capital Improvement Plan Development & Updating

In 2019, the Planning Board completed its annual update of the Town's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). The CIP is an advisory document for the Budget Committee and Selectmen. Based on input from Town Departments, it distributes major capital projects over a six-year horizon in an effort to minimize year-to-year spikes in capital expenses. The result is a more even, and predictable, tax burden for property owners.

2019 saw the completion and opening of All American Assisted Living, a 58-unit (112-bed) assisted living facility (with integrated Memory Care Unit) at the intersection of Route 125 and Main Street. This project will help to address a critical need for such services, as well as to create a number of jobs for area residents. Another commercial development started taking shape in 2019 that will bring a self-storage facility to the intersection of Marshall Road and Route 125. Commercial developments such as these help to diversify the town's tax base, in addition to providing desired services.



The long-awaited safety improvements on Route 125 from the Plaistow line to the Hunt Rd./Newton Jct. Rd. intersection are nearer to reality. During 2019 the Planning Board participated in a NH Department of Transportation Working Group to help define the scope and timing of the improvements. When buildout is complete in the next few years,

Route 125 will be a safer road to travel, with adequate turning and access points for the numerous businesses that occupy Commercial Zone III.

A number of commercial and residential development proposals are in various stages of review. The Planning Board anticipates a busy 2020 as it evaluates and holds Hearings on these pending applications. Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings to be informed, as well as to provide input and feedback to the Board. Meeting notices are posted on the Town's web site and bulletin boards. Legal Notices are published in the Carriage Towne News.

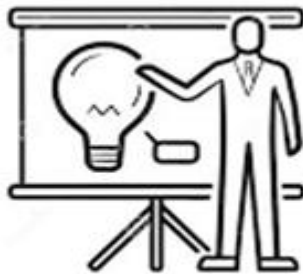
The Planning Board also recognizes the need for personal assistance when dealing with Planning related issues. In response to this need, the Planning Board has authorized the Town Planner to schedule more in-office time for face-to-face interaction with residents and applicants.

The Planning Board is grateful for the guidance, dedication and hard work of Glenn Greenwood (Town Planner) and Ellen Faulconer (Administrative Assistant); and for the countless volunteer

hours contributed by Planning Board Members. We also offer our sincere thanks to Kingston residents and all town departments, committees and commissions for their invaluable help in the planning process. The Planning Board office is located upstairs in the Town Hall and can be reached at 642-3342, extension 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Coppelman
Chairman



REPORT OF THE ROCKINGHAM PLANNING COMMISSION

The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is a public regional planning agency established under state law (RSA 36) which is created by, sustained by and connected directly to the local governments it serves. It exists to provide professional planning assistance to local governments and to coordinate local and regional planning in the areas of land use, transportation, natural resources protection, housing and economic development and operates in an advisory capacity to its member communities. The Commission serves a planning region consisting of 27 municipalities in southeastern New Hampshire with a population of approximately 180,000. Commission membership is voluntary on the part of a municipality, and is maintained through the payment of annual dues, based on town population.

The RPC is controlled by a Board of Commissioners, who set policy, oversee the budget and decide what work the Commission will undertake. Each member town appoints at least two Commissioners to the RPC Board. The current Commissioners representing Kingston are Glenn Coppelman and Peter Coffin.

The local technical services provided by the Commission include the preparation and updating of Master Plans, Capital Improvement Plans, open space plans, natural resource inventories Hazard Mitigation Plans and a variety of other planning activities; providing 'circuit rider' (shared) planners for smaller towns; assistance with the review of major development plans; developing GIS maps for town planning; assisting in grant applications for federal and state funds; drafting & updating zoning ordinances and subdivision & site plan regulations. In 2019, Kingston signed on to an RPC-developed "electricity aggregation" (or group buying) program. The RPC underwrote the costs for establishing the program, and the Town of Kingston will save approximately \$6,000 in electricity costs over the next three years.

Regional planning services include area wide transportation planning and project development, regional housing needs, regional conservation & greenway planning, economic development strategies, promoting regional cooperation and advising towns on proposed developments that could have regional impact.

Membership in the Commission enables communities to interact with each other and to be aware of the latest opportunities for local planning assistance, grant opportunities, direct assistance from RPC staff, and regional activities in which the Town should be involved. More importantly, being part of the Commission means our community has a voice (and a vote!) at the table where decisions are made about regional plans for transportation, land conservation, economic development, housing and many other issues. Please feel free to contact your Commissioners for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Coppelman and Peter Coffin
RPC Commissioners

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

It has been a busy year for the Selectmen and for the Town as a whole. Kingston celebrated its 325th birthday with fireworks, a parade, a laser light show, a visit from the Governor and two weeks of food, music, rides and exhibits. Kingston Days volunteers are to be commended for the many hours put in to the planning and successful outcome of this year's festival. Earlier in the summer, the Volunteer Fire Association sponsored a beer tasting event topped off by a bonfire on the Plains, a return of the popular spectacle of years past.

In March, Richard Wilson was elected to the Select Board, replacing George Korn, who retired after many years of service to the Town. Donald Briggs, Jr. was also elected to a full 3-year position, joining Richard, Mark Heitz, Phillip Coombs and Kevin St. James on the Board. Meetings continue to be held on Monday nights at the Town Hall; they are televised live on local channel 21 and also available on YouTube by searching for "Kingston NH".

Participation by the Selectmen as representatives to the various other Town boards and committees increased in 2019. Time is set aside on each week's agenda for Committee liaison reports. For the first time, a Selectman has attended meetings of the town's building inspectors. In addition, the Selectmen have begun asking all new or re-appointed volunteers to come in for a brief interview at a meeting. The Town of Kingston is fortunate to have so many dedicated residents willing to give their time and talent to these vital committees; however, there are always openings to be filled.



New or revised policies adopted in 2019 include Selectmen's Rules of Procedure, Public Participation at Board Meetings, Cable Channel General Policy, Records Retention, and Purchasing. As the Board and the Town continue to meet new challenges, our focus is on organization and improved communication, with the goal of a more effective and cohesive government overall.

As always, the Board appreciates the opportunity to have been of service to the Town of Kingston and its residents. Attendance and participation at regular meetings is encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A. Heitz

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Kingston Board of Selectmen

VITAL STATISTICS

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BIRTHS

Child's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Father's/Partner's Name	Mother's Name
NEEDHAM, CADEN CHASE	01/12/2019	Dover, NH	Needham, Shaun	Needham, Mariah
ROBINSON, NOAH JAMES	03/06/2019	Nashua, NH	Robinson IV, Harry	Thompson, Adela
SOMMER, Lyla ROSE	03/30/2019	Derry, NH	Sommer, Matthew	Copello, Alicia
VATER, RUBY MARIE	08/16/2019	Dover, NH	Vater, Derek	Vater, Nicole
VATER, MILA RAMEY	08/16/2019	Dover, NH	Vater, Derek	Vater, Nicole
PETIT, ALEXANDRA KAES	11/07/2019	Exeter, NH	Petit, Michael	Petit, Jessica
DAVIS, EMMA PORTIA	12/16/2019	Portsmouth, NH	Davis, Jonathan	Tenedios, Christina

MARRIAGES

Person A	Residence	Person B	Residence	Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage
Miller, Wesley	Exeter, NH	Mccarthy, Deborah	Kingston, NH	01/02/2019	Exeter
Pratt, Nancy	Kingston, NH	Fredette, William	Kingston, NH	01/12/2019	Bedford
Speranza, John	Kingston, NH	Carreiro, Adelaide	Kingston, NH	01/18/2019	Kingston
Boisvert, Destini	Kingston, NH	Mulkhey, Joseph	Loudon, NH	02/24/2019	Kingston
Higgins, Timothy	Kingston, NH	Matulis, Karen	Kingston, NH	05/04/2019	Kingston
Scharn, Hayley	Kingston, NH	Tammany, Benjamin	Kingston, NH	05/04/2019	Sandown
Papulis, Matthew	Kingston, NH	Johnson, Lola	Kingston, NH	05/19/2019	Rye Beach
Monette, Melissa	Kingston, NH	Falls Jr., Vincent	Kingston, NH	06/08/2019	Portsmouth
Ekendahl, Frans	Kingston, NH	Britton, Stephanie	Kingston, NH	06/20/2019	Kingston
Blanchette, Tammy	Kingston, NH	Giorgi, Martin	Kingston, NH	06/22/2019	Kingston
Dew, Patricia	Kingston, NH	Homan Jr., Richard	Kingston, NH	07/20/2019	Kingston

Marino III, Robert	Kingston, NH	Moran, Nancy	Kingston, NH	07/27/2019	Hampton
Swadel, Joseph	Hillsborough, NH	Knowles, Tammi	Kingston, NH	07/31/2019	North Hampton
Carson, Brett	Kingston, NH	Moreno, Jennifer	Salem, NH	08/04/2019	Hampstead
Dolan, Abigail	Newton, NH	Carlson, Adam	Kingston, NH	08/17/2019	Kingston
Geraghty, Erin	Kingston, NH	Contino, Russell	Kingston, NH	08/17/2019	Rye
George, Mark	Kingston, NH	Thurnquist, Teri	Kingston, NH	08/28/2019	Exeter
Ward, Coady	Kingston, NH	Preston, Stephanie	Kingston, NH	09/14/2019	Kingston
Chevette, Ashley	Kingston, NH	Tibbetts, Joseph	Kingston, NH	09/14/2019	Kingston
Hubbard, Andrew	Kingston, NH	Medeiros, Julie	Derry, NH	09/21/2019	Auburn
Libby, Matthew	Kingston, NH	Billings, Diana	Kingston, NH	09/22/2019	Tamworth
Theobald, Brent	Kingston, NH	Millett, Samantha	Kingston, NH	10/11/2019	North Conway
Small, William	Kingston, NH	Lamothe, Tamara	Kingston, NH	10/12/2019	Kingston
Silva, Justin	Kingston, NH	Quigley, Heather	Haverhill, MA	10/17/2019	Newton
Vengren, Cheryl	Kingston, NH	George, Michael	Kingston, NH	10/19/2019	Kingston
Edwards, Brittany	Haverhill, MA	Thibault, Kevin	Kingston, NH	10/25/2019	Bedford
Kirchoff, Matthew	Berwick, ME	Duggan, Jill	Kingston, NH	11/18/2019	Kingston

DEATHS

Decedent	Date of Death	Place of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name	Military
Caillouette, Edmund	01/13/2019	Fremont	Caillouette, Levi	Tremblay, Lena	Y
Thibeault, Joyce	01/14/2019	Kingston	Wentworth, Proctor	Eastman, Ruth	N
Normand, Eugene	01/15/2019	Kingston	Normand, Edward	Vincent, Emma	Y
Mooers, Joan	01/24/2019	Kingston	Lavallee, Joseph	Bouchard, Marie	N
Fuller, Stephen	01/28/2019	Kingston	Fuller, Frank	Mcnamara, Helen	N
Monty, Michelle	02/05/2019	Exeter	Deschenes, Raymond	Vigeant, Dolores	N
Costello, Lucas	02/06/2019	Kingston	Costello, Matthew	Cahill, Margaret	N
Hess, Linda	03/30/2019	Kingston	Hess, John	Flintoff, Jeanne	N
Anderson II, John	03/30/2019	Kingston	Anderson, John	Lanoue, Marjorie	N
Brindamour Jr., Robert	04/11/2019	North Hampton	Brindamour Sr., Robert	Sullivan, Norma	N
Silva, Scott	04/29/2019	Kingston	Silva, George	Maffie, Blanche	N
Pynn, Eldora	04/29/2019	Kingston	Walsh, John	Lavigne, Eldora	N

Doncaster Sr., George	05/03/2019	Exeter	Doncaster, George	Stalker, Mildred	N
Gonet, Alan	05/23/2019	Brentwood	Gonet, Frank	Goldsmith, Mary	N
Laprell, Shirley	06/18/2019	Kingston	Clark, Maurice	Bean, Angie	N
Lavoie, Berthier	06/20/2019	Kingston	Lavoie, Louis	Blanchette, Aldea	N
Labritz, Anna	07/04/2019	Kingston	Unknown, Unknown	Dziob, Aniela	N
Daly, Muriel	07/12/2019	Kingston	Mcneill, Frank	Mae, Jessie	N
Whitby, Philip	07/13/2019	Kingston	Whitby, Thomas	Darrow, Mary	N
Trafton, Regina	07/22/2019	Exeter	Verville, Theodore	Hartford, Mildred	N
Murphy, William	07/28/2019	Newton	Murphy, John	Carton, Helen	Y
Cushman, Daniel	07/29/2019	Kingston	Cushman, Michael	Rowe, Doreen	N
Shepard, Nancy	08/02/2019	Exeter	Boyden, Thomas	Condon, Myrabel	N
Radford, Laurence	08/26/2019	Kingston	Radford, Horace	Johnson, Melva	N
Earnshaw, Edward	09/17/2019	Manchester	Earnshaw, Unknown	Unknown, Martha	Y
Bradley, Ada	10/02/2019	Durham	Lee, Howard	Krump, Lila	N
Bartlett, Pamela	10/12/2019	Portsmouth	Grieco, Peter	Toowey, Theresa	N
Burnside, Jeanette	10/17/2019	Manchester	Smyth, John	Walther, Emma	N
Kent, Lulie	10/31/2019	Exeter	Jones, Sam	Engalls, Dora	N
Pelletier, Wallace	11/03/2019	Kingston	Pelletier, Wilfred	Hamel, Florida	Y
Hart, Wallace	11/05/2019	Kingston	Hart, Clyde	Maillouz, Evelyn	N
Twombly, Mary-Jane	11/12/2019	Kingston	Blanchette, Ralph	Cook, Ermis	N
O'Conner, Lillian	11/14/2019	Kingston	Russell, William	Galloway, Agnes	N
Anketell, Florence	11/21/2019	Dover	Cappotto, Saverino	Donahue, Phyllis	N
Stanford, Herbert	12/04/2019	Exeter	Stanford, Ronald	Hounsell, Ethel	Y
Hudson, Pamela	12/12/2019	Kingston	Winchell, Fred	Christie, Elizabeth	N
Tarbox, Denise	12/15/2019	Exeter	Couturier, Joseph	Eisan, Theresa	U
Kezar, Amory	12/24/2019	Kingston	Kezar, Randall	Paine, Lucy	Y
Wezesa, Michael	12/26/2019	Exeter	Wezesa, John	Germinara, Theresa	N